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St. Joseph Chaminade Academy



The recognition award plaque.

On January 6, St. Joseph Chaminade Academy was recognized by Edlet Publications as the Most Inspiring School of 2022. Edlet Publications' services and products aim to impart knowledge in its true essence. Every year, Edlet publications conduct a National Coloring Competition and National Scholarship Exams. This year, thirteen students at St. Joseph's participated in Edlet publications' national-level competitions where they won medals, prizes, certificates, and this very special recognition. Congratulations to the Bro. Saju Chittadiyil, the headmaster, and teachers for attaining this honor.

Ordination

His Excellency, Most Rev. Bishop Felix Toppo ordained Deacon George Majhi to the priesthood at Blessed Chaminade Marianist Parish on January 20. The ordination ceremony was conducted with the greatest veneration and devotion. The Singhpur Marianist



Fr. George Majhi (in middle) with his mother and Most Rev. Bishop Felix Toppo.

Community, Fidel Nilaya Community, Nazareth Nilaya (FMI Novitiate), and Blessed Chaminade parishioners assisted in every way to make the celebration a successful and prayerful event. About 1,200 participants witnessed the ordination, including members from the Marianist family, local faithful, and George's own family members. The solemn celebration ended with a dance and festive meal. On January 23, Fr. George celebrated a thanksgiving Mass at his home, accompanied by Brothers from the nearby communities.

Blessings of the New School Building

On January 28, the District Administration organized a prayer service to bless the new school building at St. Joseph Chaminade Academy that is finally complete and ready for use. The prayer service gave thanks for the safe completion of the construction, and asked for God's continuing guidance and blessings for the school.





The District Council members with the engineer and his term members.

After the prayer service, the engineer, contractor, and the other laborers who built the school were thanked by the District Administration for their commitment and faithfulness in completing the work. The Marianists from the Bangalore area participated in the prayer service which was followed by dinner at St. Joseph's community.

Retreat



Bro. Peterpaul, Fr. Ignase Arulappen, and Fr. George Majhi.

From January 6-7, Fr. Ignase Arulappen directed a retreat for Deacons George Majhi and Peterpaul in order to prepare them for their ordinations.

Pongal



A group picture of the Pongal celebration participants.

Pongal is a festival celebrated in the Southern part of India to thank Mother Nature for a plentiful harvest. It is usually celebrated from January 14-17. This harvest festival is known as Makara Sankranti in both Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, and as Sukarat in central India. This year the staff from REDS Bangalore, Chaminade School, and the Skill Training Centre in Deepahalli came together to celebrate the festival in a spirit of unity and joy.

Singhpur Marianist Community



Fr. James Dungdung (in middle) receives certificate and prize from the local government officials.

On January 13, the Agriculture Animal Husbandry and Cooperative (Agriculture Division) hosted a Farmers Seminar and Garden Exhibition in Nagdi, Ranchi. During this seminar, Fr. James Dungdung was awarded a certificate and prize for his outstanding performance in growing papaya in the Singhpur community garden (the community won the first prize, 2022-23, for growing the best papayas in the area). Congratulations to Fr. James and the community members for their success.

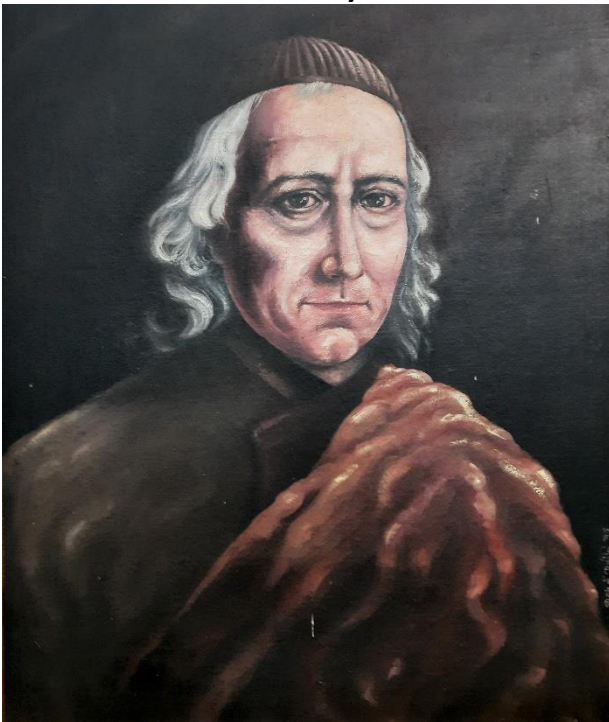
Post-Scholasticate Workshop



The workshop participants with Frs. Suman Dungdung and Rajmohan.

From January 27-28, Frs. Rajmohan and Suman Dungdung conducted a two-day workshop for the four post-scholastic Brothers in Nirmal Deep, Ranchi. The workshop aimed at providing some spiritual input to the young Brothers who are busy with various ministries in the District. During the workshop, the participants deeply reflected about their perpetual vows in the Society of Mary and their desire to serve the people of God. The District Administration is grateful to Fr. Rajmohan and Fr. Suman for accompanying the post-scholastic Brothers as mentors throughout the year, and a special thanks to the Nirmal Deep community for hosting the workshop with hospitality and joy.

Blessed Fr. Chaminade Day



Dutta, Deb J'. *Fr. William Joseph Chaminade*. 1995. Gyan Deep.

On January 22, The Marianist communities across the District celebrated the feast day of Blessed Fr. William Joseph Chaminade, Founder of the Society of Mary and the Marianist Family. The Marianist communities highlighted the day in their liturgical celebrations. The formation communities organized some sports and cultural activities to mark the joyous occasion.

Asha Deep



The participants gathered in the community chapel for the Eucharistic celebration.

On January 21, the Asha Deep Community highlighted the Eucharist celebration in honor of Fr. Chaminade. The community hosted the local parish community and a religious Sisters community along with the CRDP, Binda, students.

REDS Patna



Bro. Victor Sahayaraj with the participants.

On January 24 every year, National Girl Child's Day is observed in India. The day is dedicated to raising awareness about the rights and welfare of girl children and to promote gender equality. REDS Patna highlighted the National Girl Child's Day with a celebration and cultural program for the girl children who regularly come to the REDS center. Bro. Victor Sahayaraj and the staff encouraged the girl children to grow up with confidence, and to study well so

that they may be successful women in the future.

Republic Day



Jacob Gapp School conducted special assembly and cultural activities to celebrate the day.

On January 26, India celebrated its Republic Day with much enthusiasm and joy because it honors the day on which the Constitution of India came into effect 74 years ago. The Marianist educational institutions across the District celebrated Republic Day with flag hoistings and various cultural programs.

REDS Ranchi



A group picture REDS Ranchi staff, Brothers and children.

REDS Ranchi organized Republic Day celebrations in Gyan Deep and the REDS centres. Fr. Birendra Kullu hosted the flag in Gyan Deep and shared his wisdom about the Republic Day's significance and its implication for our day-to-day lives.

St. Mary's English Medium School



The students took part in cultural activities to commemorate the Republic Day.

Scholastic Community



The Scholastic community staff and the Brothers with a workshop presenter.

From January 28-29, the scholastic community staff along with the second- and third-year scholastics attended a two-day workshop at Sanayasa. The topic of the workshop was "The Gift of Fidelity and the Joy of Perseverance." The workshop elaborated important issues regarding religious life in India: the importance of discernment, accompaniment, fidelity, why one might leave or remain in their congregation, and commitment. This workshop was educational and fruitful for the participants.

Prabhat Tara High/Middle School

Bro. Sanjay Ekka, the headmaster of Prabhat Tara High School, informed us that the school successfully completed its annual sports day on January 29. The children enthusiastically participated in various sports activities with the winners receiving awards for their performance.

Prayer Requests

Kindly pray for our Brothers and Sisters who are in the process of healing and for their speedy recovery from physical or psychological illness.

Please kindly remember Fr. Xavier Raj's mother, who is very ill, in your prayers.

Komal Topno, cousin of Fr. Marianus Lugun, who entered into eternal life at the age of 50 on January 31. Kindly keep Fr. Marianus and his family in your prayers during this time of sadness.

Please pray for the Brothers who celebrate their birthdays during the month of February:

06 Tirkey, Pitar

18 Xalxo, Kerobim

23 Gallelli, Bhaskar

