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Ordination



Fr. Peter Paul with his parents.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Bernard Moras, Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Bangalore, ordained Deacon Peter Paul to the priesthood at Infant Jesus Church on February 4. About 1,000 family members, Marianist Brothers, friends, and parishioners participated in the ordination ceremony, which was done in a solemn way. The Archbishop Emeritus reminded the newly ordained Peter about the significance of the priesthood and its deeper meaning in serving the people of God. The celebration concluded with a festive meal for all the guests. Congratulations to Fr. Peter on his ordination. You may have a look at this link for [the ordination ceremony](#).

St. Joseph Chaminade Academy Annual Day

On February 5, St. Joseph Chaminade Academy celebrated its Annual Day. The theme of this year's Annual Day was "My India, My Pride," where students from all classes performed dances to exhibit the rich diversity of Indian culture. The energy and excitement of the students at the school was palpable, as they fully embraced the opportunity to display their



Huge applause for these talented youngsters who put on a flawless show.

talents and celebrate the Annual Day. Dr. Manohar C, the Senior Director of ISBR, was the chief guest; Shri. Prasad Deshpande, the Global Head of Supply Chain Management of Biocon Limited, was the guest of honor; and Shri. Sunil Koshy, Music Director cum Singer of Kannada & Malayalam film industry, was the special invitee for the occasion.



Fr. Sudhir Kujur and Bro. Saju Chittadiyil.

Fr. Sudhir Kujur presided over the function, which was well-prepared and well-executed. During the event, the classes' top-ranked



students were awarded trophies and certificates. The dignitaries of the day and the parents appreciated the students' performances and their talents. It was encouraging to see so many parents at the school's Annual Day celebration, fully engaged in the festivities and cheering on their children and the school community. Their deep involvement was a testament to the strength and spirit of the school community. Bro. Saju Chittadiyil and the teachers were fully involved in the event, pouring their hearts and souls into every performance and activity. You may check out these links to view the annual day event: [Part1](#), [Part 2](#), and [Part3](#).

Presentation of the Lord



Brothers make their way to the community chapel for a special Mass.

On February 2, the scholasticate celebrated the feast of the Presentation of the Lord and the Day of the Consecrated Life in a prayerful way. At 6:30 in the evening, the community began with a candlelight procession from the shrine of our Lady Velankanni to the chapel, singing hymns. Following the procession, the community gathered in the chapel for a special Mass to commemorate the feast. During the Mass, readings and prayers related to the Presentation of the Lord were highlighted, the community reflected on the significance of this event in the life of Jesus and Mary, then renewed their baptismal commitment and venerated the gospel. After Mass, the community gathered for a festive meal, where they shared food and enjoyed fellowship with one another.

REDS Ranchi



REDS Ranchi students.

On February 16, St. Albert College, Ranchi, organized a day's program on their campus for the REDS non-formal students; three hundred and seventy-five students participated. Fr. Aajy Kumar Xalxo, the Rector of the college, welcomed the REDS students and applauded their happiness and their involvement with the REDS Program. The students were given an opportunity to display their talents at singing and dancing, then the college students organized various competitions and entertainment for them. The college served the students breakfast and lunch and gave all of them gifts and sweets.

St. Joseph's School, Budakata



These young hockey players show off their skills in a fierce game at the annual sports meet.

Fr. Joseph Barla reports that St. Joseph's School held its Annual Sports Days from February 13-15. Annual Sports Days are a special event organized by the school to promote physical activity and sports among students. The event involved a variety of sporting activities, including races, team games, and individual

competitions. The guests of honour were Bro. Lucian Tigga and Bro. Sukirt Tirkey, along with some local representatives. The winners were given prizes and certificates, and all the participants were encouraged to continue their interest in sports. Overall, annual sporting events are an important part of the school calendar and have a positive impact on both student well-being and academic achievement.

Vocation Promotions

On February 4, Fr. Rajmohan participated in a



vocation camp conducted by the Chennai Maylappur diocese. One hundred and fifty-five boys and girls participated in the camp, where Fr. Rajmohan made a presentation about

the Family of Mary, and shared with them the vocation contact information of the Society of Mary. From February 25-26, he travelled to Trichy to participate in a vocation promoters' meeting.



On February 12, Bro. Rayappan attended a similar vocation camp and explained the Society of Mary to camp participants from the vicariates of Chingleput, Cheyyur, Covelong,

Guduvancherry, Kanchipuram, Madurantagam and Palliagaram. About one hundred boys and girls participated in the camp.

Jacob Gapp School.

On February 24, Jacob Gapp School organized a farewell program for the tenth standard students. The farewell program was emotional, yet it was also a celebratory event that marked the end of their journey in school. The program started with a welcoming address from Fr. Mariandu, the headmaster, who acknowledged



A group picture of the 10th std. students.

the achievements of the 10th std. students during their time in school. The principal also expressed his gratitude towards the parents and teachers for their support and guidance throughout the academic year. After the speeches, there were various cultural programs and performances by the students, including songs, dances, and skits. These performances were a chance for the students to showcase their talents and to entertain their peers and teachers. Overall, the farewell program for the 10th std. students was a memorable event that celebrated their achievements and bade them a fond farewell as they prepared to embark on a new chapter in their lives.

Thanksgiving Celebration

On February 18, Bro. Pulkit Minj's parents



organized a special thanksgiving celebration in their home to mark the perpetual vows that he made on January 8, 2022. The Brothers nearby communities travelled to his village where they celebrated with his family members. The

celebration begun with a holy Mass intending to thank God for the vocation of Bro. Pulkit and the generosity of his family for letting him grow into his Marianist vocation.

REDS Bangalore

On February 25, REDS-Bangalore organized a workshop for the computer students at Infant Nilaya. The theme of the workshop was "Computer Education for a Bright Future." Mrs.



A group picture of the workshop participants with Frs. Santhosh Savarimuthu and Arulraj.

Shanthy D'Souza from the Vihaan Organization was the resource person. About twenty students participated and benefited from this workshop. REDS-Bangalore sincerely thanks and appreciates Mrs. D'Souza for her generosity in conducting the workshop for the REDS students.

REDS Patna



Trainees receive invaluable advice and guidance from Fr. Rajesh Kandulna and a REDS staff.

On February 25, REDS Patna organized painting sessions for trainees. Painting sessions for trainees has been an excellent way to help individuals develop their creativity, artistic skills, and relaxation techniques. During this painting session, Chaminade Training Institute and the REDS Patna staff gave a talk to the trainees about developing new skills, expressing themselves creatively, and reducing stress through paintings.

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.

Kindly pray for Bro. Julius Tete's mother who is ill.

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

- 01 G., Darwin Joseph
- 09 R., Josephraj
- 10 M., Arul Raj
- 12 Naresh, Andugala
- 18 Kujur, Basant
- 21 Bilung, Marianus

