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THE DISTRICT UPDATES

### Blessed Chaminade Parish



Joyful steps towards faith! These children celebrate their First Holy Communion with a lively dance procession, led by the parishioners.

Fr. James Dungdung reports that the parish was bustling with various activities throughout the month of April. In particular, the Holy Week services were conducted with great devotion and saw a significant turnout of parishioners. On April 16, the parish organized a first Holy Communion celebration for thirty-three children who had been preparing for a year. The children attended classes every ordinary Sunday and learned all the prayers by heart. Regular teaching sessions were conducted, and parents' and children's input sessions were organized. When the children had learned all the prayers, they were given the opportunity to say them in front of their parents. Moreover, Confession was demonstrated, which the children practiced at least three times, mainly with the help of PowerPoint presentations. During the First Communion Eucharist, the children took care of all the readings and intentions and performed a thanksgiving dance at the end. The main celebrant was Rev. Fr. Swarn Tigga, SJ, from Prabhat Tara English Medium School, Dhurwa, and the event saw a turnout of around 1500 faithful.

### STC Deepahalli



Bro. Balaswamy shares his knowledge and expertise in computer science with the STC students.

Fr. Xavier Raj reports that the Skill Training Centre (STC) students received specialized computer classes throughout the entire month of April. During these classes, Bro. Balaswamy instructed the students on the fundamental concepts of typing and using Microsoft Word. Bro. Balaswamy noted that the students exhibited a strong desire to learn computer skills and were attentive listeners.

### REDS Ranchi



The REDS students showcase their unique talents and imagination through their beautiful artwork.

On April 14, REDS Ranchi organized a special event to celebrate the memory of Dr. B.R.



Ambedkar Jayanti. The event aimed to promote the values of social justice and equality that Dr. Ambedkar stood for. The REDS centres held a variety of activities such as a quiz, drawing, and singing competitions for the children, which were all based on the principles that Dr. Ambedkar espoused. The participants in the competitions were given certificates, and received words of encouragement from the organizers.

### REDS Bangalore



Fr. Sudhir Kujur (middle) stands with the newly graduated tailoring students, who are ready to embark on a journey of entrepreneurship and self-sufficiency.

On April 29, REDS Bangalore held its annual graduation ceremony to mark the end of the Academic Year 2022-23. The ceremony was held at the REDS Bangalore office at Infant Nilaya Community, where 275 students received certificates for completing their training in tailoring and computer education. The chief guest, Fr. Sudhir Kujur, and guests of honor Bros. Darwin Joseph, John Paul, and Fr. Xavier Raj delivered inspiring messages. The ceremony included cultural programs by the graduates, all of whom expressed their appreciation for the REDS Bangalore programs. Fr. Arul Raj, REDS Bangalore Director, thanked the guests, the Infant Nilaya Community, graduates, and the staff, and encouraged the graduates to continue their pursuit of knowledge. Approximately 300 people attended the ceremony, including guests, graduates, children, and staff.

### REDS Patna



A volunteer assists a young girl in her homework.

On April 29, a group of 130 children visited the Maria Nilaya Community to engage in recreational activities. Prior to their departure, all of them were provided with snacks as a gesture of hospitality. Additionally, a subset of 35 students attend the Maria Nilaya Community on a regular basis, from Monday to Friday afternoons, to work on their school assignments, where they are supported by local volunteers who assist them with their homework.

### 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 Fr. Sebastian Bara who is recuperating after surgery.

Please keep Fr. Xavier Raj in your prayers as he undergoes treatment for his eye condition.

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

- 01 Manooparampil, Varghese  
A., Balaswamy
- 03 Murmu, Britto
- 06 Majhi, George Stifen
- 10 Guria, Pratap
- 12 Dungdung, Ashok Kumar  
Kerketta, Praween
- 20 Lucas, Dulare Lal  
Muthukattil, Jinu

25 Tirkey, Dillp Kumar  
28 Dungdung, James  
30 Bara, Sebastian

