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### Prabhat Tara High School



A group picture of the workshop participants.

On June 10, a one-day workshop was organized for the teachers at Prabhat Tara School, Singhpur. The workshop aimed to enhance the professional development of the teachers and provide them with valuable insights and skills to improve their teaching methods. The resource person for this workshop was Fr. James Toppo, SJ, who engaged the teachers with sessions on various topics related to effective teaching strategies, student-centered learning, and classroom management techniques. The workshop provided a platform for interactive discussions and hands-on activities, allowing the teachers to actively participate and apply the concepts learned. Fr. Toppo utilized real-life examples and case studies to illustrate his points, ensuring a practical understanding of the topics covered. Overall, the one-day workshop proved to be a valuable learning experience for the teachers at Prabhat Tara, enabling them to further excel in their teaching practices and positively impact their students' education.

### Temporary Professed Annual Retreat

From May 31 to June 7, Fr. George Majhi served as director for the annual retreat held in Bengaluru for thirteen temporary professed and two perpetually professed Brothers.



The retreat participants with Frs. George Majhi, Sudhir Kujur, Nittamaria Varaprasad and the scholastic community staff.

The retreat focused upon the overarching theme of "Marianist Religious Life." Throughout the retreat, the preacher guided the participants in contemplation and reflection upon the topic's various aspects. He structured the retreat by delving into several issues, helping the participants gain a deeper understanding of their calling and the fruits that arise from responding to Jesus' call. These topics included exploring the significance of following Jesus, understanding the blessings and virtues of community life, reflecting upon the power of prayer, discerning the charism, mission, and ministries within the Marianist religious context, contemplating the meaning and importance of religious vows, emphasizing the value of forgiveness, experiencing the mercy of God, and finally, discussing the virtue of perseverance. Throughout the retreat, Fr. George incorporated his own experiences while living religious life, thus enhancing the participants' understanding of the theme. The retreat reached its culmination on June 7 with the renewal of vows, received by Fr. Sudhir Kujur.



## UD Deepahalli Program



A group picture of the UD Deepahalli Program staff and the students.

On June 12, the UD Deepahalli Program joyfully reopened its doors for the new academic year, marking the beginning of a fresh chapter in its educational journey. The day commenced with a solemn prayer service, led by the Marianist scholastics, seeking the blessings and guidance of the Holy Spirit for the upcoming year. During the prayer service, the Marianist Scholasticate created a sacred atmosphere, invoking spiritual reflections and encouraging a sense of unity among the students and faculty. Following the prayer service, Dr. Rani Thanickachalam, the Dean of the program, addressed the students, offering valuable advice and encouragement for their academic pursuits. Dr. Rani emphasized the importance of dedicating oneself to study with enthusiasm, urging the students to make the most of their time at the program by embracing their educational journey with passion. Then, Fr. Varghese Manooparampil motivated the students by sharing the key elements of the educational aim of the University of Dayton. To conclude the prayer service and inaugurate the new academic year, Fr. Ignase Arulappen blessed both the faculty members and the students with a prayer. This year, the UD Deepahalli Program welcomed thirteen second- and third-year students, while not having any new enrollments. As they embark upon their academic journey, let us extend our heartfelt wishes to the students and the staff, praying for the blessings of success in the year ahead. May their time in the program be filled with growth, learning, and meaningful experiences that shape their futures.

## Scholasticate Community



The scholasticate community members offer their blessings to Bros. Andugala Naresh and Vickey Kumar during the farewell prayer service as they depart from the formation community for their ministry assignments.

On June 8, the Scholasticate community organized a program to bid farewell to Bros. Andugala Naresh and Vickey Kumar, who had completed their scholasticate formation program and successfully finished their studies at the UD Deepahalli Program. The program was arranged to celebrate their accomplishments and express gratitude for their contributions during their stay at the scholasticate. The farewell program commenced with heartfelt speeches, wherein community members highlighted the significant contributions made by Bros. Andugala and Vickey. They acknowledged their hard work, dedication, and positive influence upon the community, sharing personal anecdotes and memories that exemplified their impact.

On June 16, another farewell program was organized by the community, this time bidding farewell to Fr. Rajmonhan. The program followed a structure similar to the previous event, encompassing farewell speeches, the exchange of gifts or mementos, and the sharing of memories.

## REDS Patna

On June 14, REDS Patna organized a laundry-day event, aimed at ensuring that the students had clean and well-maintained school uniforms. Ms. Pratima, along with a few other volunteers, assisted in collecting the school

uniforms from the students, which were carefully washed and cleaned to remove any dirt or stains, ensuring that the students would appear fresh and presentable.



The volunteers assist in mending the school uniforms of the students and keep records of their maintenance.

Following the laundry, any necessary mending or other repairs were done. This step was crucial to ensure that the uniforms were in good condition and would last longer, saving the students and their families any unnecessary expenses. Through the collective efforts of Ms. Pratima, the volunteers, and the neighborhood of Dhobhi, the event played a significant role in supporting the students' education and promoting a sense of pride and belonging among them.

### Directors' Meeting



On June 24, Fr. Sudhir Kujur organized a zoom meeting for all community directors in the District. The meeting covered a wide range of topics like organizing regular spiritual activities in their community, financial management in communities and ministries, preparation for

the upcoming General Chapter, and issues that had been discussed during the directors' meeting in Bangalore.

### 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 his second surgery.

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

05 Lakra, Sunil

06 Gunja, Chittibabu

11 Arulappen, Ignase

16 Soreng, Ajay

19 Nesam, Antony

