



The Region of India

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The Regional Updates

XXXVI General Chapter in Rome



XXXVI General Chapter of the Society of Mary was held at Via Latina 22 in Rome for the third consecutive time at our General house of the Society of Mary. Bro. Prakash Kujur, SM and Fr. Sudhir Kujur, SM participated in the General Chapter from India. The organizing committee were posting news and events time to time to keep the members of the SM updated. Thanks to the capitulants and all other personnel who assisted in having fruitful and successful chapter. We were informed by the committee that the final documents will be available for us in the near future. We are invited to read the chapter document and practice the same in our lives to make the document alive in our communities and ministries. We congratulate the new General Council team for their service to the Society of Mary in the years to come. The new General Council consists of: Fr. André-Joseph Fétis, Fr. Pablo Rambaud, Bro. Dennis Bautista, and Bro. A. Jérôme Balakiyema. Let us continue pray for them! The General Secretary has shared the new email address of the newly elected general council members:

Bro. Dennis Bautista : geneduc@smcuria.it,

Bro. A. Jérôme Balakiyema : gentemp@smcuria.it

First Staff meeting and Workshop for REDS Bangalore Staff at Austin Town



On Saturday, 29th June, REDS Bangalore organized a Workshop/Training for the Staff. Theme of the Workshop was "Sharing Time and Skills". Prof. Lilly Albert from Bon Secures Degree College was the resource person. The purpose of the Workshop was to enlighten, motivate and encourage the Staff as we have begun the new academic year 2024-25. The Staff expressed that the Workshop was very helpful

for the better service in their respective Centres in different Slums of Bangalore and Hosur, Tamil Nadu. The Workshop ended with the birthday celebrations and delicious lunch. Fr. Arul Raj thanked and appreciated the resource person and all the Staff for participating in the Workshop, continued hard work and commitment and being part of the REDS ministry in serving all God's people.

Beginning of Academic Year at Faustino Community

Today officially we began the Aspirancy program by lighting the lamp by the Assistant Regional Superior Fr. Ignace SM, Mr. Solomon, Bro. Subodh (2nd year student) and Bro. Prem Rohit (1st year student). Fr. Marianus SM the Director of the program led the opening ceremony with a prayer and read the gospel passage Jn 8:12 where Jesus says, "I am the light of the world.



Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Fr. Ignase welcomed all the aspirants on behalf of the Regional Council and encouraged them to study well and to enjoy the program by happy living. Mr. Solomon is happy to be part of the programme and he encouraged the aspirants by becoming humble so that they will be exalted.

Novices officially enter into the Novitiate: Two novices officially entered the novitiate on 11 July 2024 at Nirmal Deep, Ranchi. July 11 is the feast of St. Benedict, the Patriarch of the Society of Mary. On this special day, two novices entered novitiate after a retreat. The novitiate community had invited nearby Marianist family for witnessing this joyful occasion. The event took place amidst many members of the Marianist Family and during a prayer service



conducted by the second year novices and other invitees. Thanks to Fr. Jinu, Novice Master for organizing this beautiful and meaningful service to welcome the young novices to discern their call to live Marianist life and to serve the Lord. Bro. Pratap Guria was present for the occasion representing the council and witnessing this event. We wish our novices a wonderful year to come!

Congratulations!

Bro. Saju Chittadiyil, SM was conferred with the National Excellence Award along with another 49 principals by the National Education & Human Resource Development Organization. It was conferred to Bro. Saju for encouraging maximum number of students from St. Josph Chaminade Academy to participate in Swatch Bharat Art Competition. Many of our students had performed well and secured prizes in the competition and have brought good name to the school at the national level. The award was handed over in Mumbai on 25 May 2024. Thanks to Bro. Saju, the principal of the school, other Marianist brothers and the staff for their hard work in reaching these milestones and establishing the standard of the school.



Parents Meeting at Prabhat Tara High School:



Bro. Sanjay Ekka along with other brothers and staff had organized on 13 July 2024, a day to meet the Parents of our students and to honor the students who have secured commending results in their 10th Grade Board exams. The day was highlighted with awards, encouraging speeches and

instructions to parents to assist the students in their education. The day reminded that the family spirit of the Marianists not only extends to the students but also to the parents of the students who are enrolled with us. Thanks to Bro. Sanjay Ekka for sharing this with us and also to other brothers for their hard work in making the day a memorable one for the students.

Training on Home-Link DIGI

Staff from REDS Bangalore attend a workshop on Home link DIGI from 24 July 2024 to 26 July 2024. The Director of REDS-Bangalore, Fr. Arulraj, SM, Sr. Sudha AMS, the documents in-charge for REDS Bangalore and Mrs. Vina, computer instructor attended a three-day long workshop on "Training on Home Link DIGI (Data Intelligence for Global Interface)." The Workshop was organized by the Salesian priests of Don Bosco at their Provincial House in Bangalore. The Home link



DIGI is a digital platform that streamlines micro-studies, data driven decision-making and research; promotes network for proficiency for social work.



Some Objectives of Home link DIGI are, systematically documenting the information, processes and workflow of the organizations; Data-led intervention planning in organizations; Developing a data-driven childcare system through documentation,

research and networking; Data-driven advocacy and engagement with stakeholders and government on issues of children, young adults; and Harnessing current advances in digital technologies in the service of the work with Young at Risks.

We strongly believe that the information provided by the workshop presenters and the group activities at BOSCO would help our brothers and the staff to effectively participate in building a better society for the future. We specially thank Fr. Arulraj and the staff for making use of these kind of opportunities to equip themselves for better service.

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.

- Let us pray for our new General Council.
- Let us also pray for Fr. Sudhir Kujur, Bro. Darwin Joseph and Fr. Renny Markose who are outside the unit for their various ministries and studies.

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

AUGUST

04 Anuranjan Lakra

05 Mathew Mullangi

08 S. Xavier Raj*

10 Prakash Kujur

Santosh Tudu*

Oscar Kerketta (Late)

18 L. John Paul

21 Rajesh Kandulna*

27 Sudhir Kujur

29 A. Santhosh Savarimuthu*

30 Pulkit Minj

Regional Calendar - August 2024

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| 1 | Fr. Sudhir begins sabbatical in the USA |
| 3 | Memorial Mass for Bro. Oscar Kerketta, SM at Nirmal Deep |
| 6 | Transfiguration of the Lord |
| 7-9 | Regional Council Meeting |
| 13 | Blessed Jakob Gapp Feast |
| 15 | Independence Day / The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary |
| 17 – Sep 2 | Basic Skills in Counselling and Spiritual direction course in Mumbai for Fr. Peter Paul and Fr. George Majhi |
| 20 | Community Director's Meeting through Zoom |
| 22 | Our Lady, Mother and Queen |

Thank You!
