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The Regional Updates

REDS Ranchi' 27th Annual and Children's Day



REDS' 27th Annual and Children's Day celebration took place on November 17th at St. Mary's English Medium School in Saraitoli. The event was a vibrant occasion, filled with immense joy and happiness, as it recognized the remarkable achievements of the children while honouring their dedication, hard

work, and progress. This day was also dedicated to celebrating the inspiring journey of the REDS Alumni, who were applauded for their successful career paths and the significant milestones they have reached since their time at REDS.

The celebration was inclusive, with participation from both formal and non-formal students, as well as the REDS pass-out alumni. In total, around 1,100 students took part in the festivities, creating a lively atmosphere that echoed with energy and enthusiasm. The event also saw the presence of Religious Brothers and Sisters from various congregations, who attended as



esteemed guests of honour, further adding to the significance of the day. The program began with a captivating welcome dance, setting the tone for the celebration. This was followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing the welcoming of Christ, the Light of the World, into the hearts of all present. This sacred moment was a reminder of the guiding light of faith that illuminates the path forward.



The chief guest for the day was Bro. Prakash Kujur S.M., the Regional Superior of the Society of Mary, India. In his address, he shared an inspiring story about Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, India's former President and renowned scientist, who overcame significant challenges in his life. Bro. Prakash Kujur spoke about Dr. Kalam's early struggles, including his days of selling

newspapers to support his family and education. His resilience, hard work, and determination ultimately led him to achieve greatness, becoming a beloved scientist and the President of India. He used this example to encourage the students to persevere, work hard, and remain dedicated in the pursuit of their own goals, no matter the obstacles they may face.

The celebration was a reminder of the power of perseverance and the importance of nurturing the potential of every child, empowering them to reach new heights. It was a day of honor, joy, and inspiration, as the students and alumni came together to celebrate their collective achievements and look forward to the bright future ahead. The Marianist Trust thanks Bro. Marianus Bilung and other brothers who worked hard to make this possible for the happiness of the children.



Children's Day - REDS Bangalore



REDS Bangalore hosted a delightful and vibrant Children's Day celebration on 17 November 2024 at the school grounds of Bon Secours in Ashok Nagar, Bangalore. The event was carefully planned and executed by the dedicated staff and the Brothers of REDS, with the goal of bringing joy and excitement into the lives of young minds, making it a truly memorable occasion. The day was brimming with happiness, laughter, and energy that resonated throughout the school.

The celebrations were graced by a distinguished panel of guests, including Most Rev. Joseph Susainathan, the Auxiliary Bishop of Bangalore, Dr. N.A. Haris, the Honorable MLA of Shantinagar Constituency, Fr. Ignase Arulappen, the Executive Director of REDS and the Deputy Regional Superior of the Marianists, Bro. Basant Kujur, the Assistant for the Office of Education for the Region of India, along with numerous other respected dignitaries. Their presence added a sense of importance and reverence to the occasion.



The event was filled with a variety of exciting programs, including inspiring speeches, captivating cultural dances, and a host of entertaining activities that highlighted the talents of the children. These performances were not only a source of amusement but also a showcase of the vibrant culture and creativity of the young participants. The children, as well as all the attendees, were treated to a sumptuous spread throughout the day, including a hearty breakfast, a delicious lunch, and delightful

snacks in the evening, ensuring everyone stayed energized and satisfied.

The success of the day was made possible through the hard work and coordination of the teaching staff, volunteers, and the tireless efforts of those behind the scenes. Special thanks are due to Fr. Arulraj, the Program Director for REDS Bangalore, Fr.



Peter Paul, the administrator, and many others whose dedication and teamwork ensured the smooth flow of the event and made this Children's Day celebration truly exceptional. The day was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of childhood, nurture young talents, and build lasting memories for all the children involved. It was a day of togetherness, community spirit, and unwavering support for the next generation.

Community Director's Meeting

The Region of India organized a highly insightful and enriching three-day workshop for all community directors at Nirmal Deep, Ranchi, from November 28th to 30th, 2024. The workshop aimed to strengthen leadership within the Marianist community and



provided an opportunity for reflection, discussion, and professional development. The resource person for the gathering was Rev. Fr. Herman Minj, OFM Cap., the Provincial of the Capuchins for the Lucknow Province. Fr. Minj delivered a profound presentation centered on the theme, "Jesus the True Leader." His reflection on this topic highlighted the qualities that make Christ the ultimate model of leadership. He encouraged the community directors to emulate these qualities, striving to lead with humility, compassion, and a servant-hearted approach, just as Jesus did.



On the third day of the workshop, Bro. Prakash Kujur and Fr. Ignase Arulappen addressed the community directors, focusing on important aspects of the "Directory for Community Life," particularly its second part. They engaged in an in-depth discussion

about the practical challenges and difficulties that directors might encounter while managing multifaceted Marianist ministries under one community. They emphasized the need for balance, clear communication, and effective management in order to foster unity and strengthen the community's mission. The workshop was not only an opportunity for spiritual reflection and professional growth but also a time of fun and joy. The participants were able to learn from each other's experiences, share insights, and discuss ways to better serve their communities. The event was a truly valuable experience, enriching the lives of the community directors and equipping them with practical tools and spiritual inspiration for bettering community life and ministry work in the future.

Education Tour!!!



Prabhat Tara High School organized a memorable 3-day educational tour to Puri, Bhubaneswar, and Chilika Lake from November 19th to 21st, 2024. This enriching trip provided the students with a unique opportunity to explore the cultural and historical landmarks of these iconic locations while also learning about their significance. The students visited various educational and historical sites, gaining valuable insights that complemented their academic learning. A special thanks to Bro. Sanjay for sharing this wonderful news with us, and for his contributions in making this educational experience possible for the students. The tour not only enhanced their knowledge but also provided them with lasting memories and a deeper appreciation for the rich heritage of these remarkable places.

Festival at Blessed Chaminade Parish:



Blessed Chaminade Parish celebrated the Feast of Christ the King on November 24, 2024, with great devotion and enthusiasm. The day was marked by a vibrant gathering of the faithful, a solemn procession, and the beautiful hymns and prayers offered in praise of Christ, the King of the Universe. One of the highlights of the celebration was the reenactment of Biblical scenes at various stations along the procession route. These dramatizations were truly remarkable, deeply engaging the congregation and helping them enter into a more profound prayerful experience. The faithful were able to reflect on the life and teachings of Christ through these powerful enactments, which enhanced the spiritual atmosphere of the day.

A heartfelt thanks goes to all the participants for their dedication and effort in bringing these scenes to life, enriching the liturgical experience for everyone. Special appreciation is extended to Fr. James Dungdung, the Parish Priest, for his leadership in conducting such a vibrant and meaningful liturgical celebration. His guidance and commitment ensured that the Feast of Christ the King was a spiritually uplifting and memorable occasion for all who attended.



Updates with Regional Calendar

- Council Meeting is post-poned to 10,11 & 12 December 2024
- Bro. Sanjay Ekka's family has organized Silver Jubilee celebration for him at home on 3 January 2025
- Dn. Showriah's Priestly Ordination is on 11 January 2025 and his first thanksgiving mass is on 13 January 2025

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 Dn. Showry as he prepares for his Priestly Ordination
- Let us pray for Bro. Ashok Dundung, Fr. Sebastian Bara and other brothers who are recovering from their illness.
- Let us pray for Bro. Sukrit Tirkey's eldest sister Gertrude Ekka who died this month at the age 87.

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

December

02 Dungdung, Suman*

Melwin Britto, B

03 Dhanwar, Lalit

07 Minj, Sushil

08 Kerketta, Binod

14 Ekka, Sanjay

20 Surin, Augustus

December 2024

1	1 st Sunday of Advent
3	St. Francis Xavier, Patron of India.
8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10-12	Regional Council Meeting
12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
12	Bro. Darwin returns back to Bangalore after Sabbatical
20	Preliminary Budget due in the Regional Office
25	Christmas
26	St. Stephen, the first Martyr
27	St. John, Apostle, Evangelist
28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
30	The Holy Family

Thank You!
