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The Regional Updates

Completion of Academic Year at REDS Patna



On the 25th of March REDS Patna completed the academic year 2024-2025. Eighty-seven students had been enrolled in the nearby schools and colleges. The literacy group attended the classes on and off, due to their working schedules. Student

volunteers from Patna Women's College and St. Xavier's College taught them along with the other Volunteers. These volunteers conducted motivation classes and entertained the beneficiaries. The Regional Councillors on their visit to the Maria Nilaya Community, interacted with the REDS Beneficiaries and joined for the group photo. The beneficiaries welcomed the visitors and listened to them. Thirty-one couldn't present for the photo due to their other engagements. On that day, the visitors gifted school bags for the students, which was jointly donated by Fr. Norbert. SJ, Sr Celine, AC and her students and local pious associations.

Church Foundation Laid at Maria Nilaya Community, Patna

On 25th March 2025, the foundation stone for a new church at the Maria Nilaya Community in Patna was solemnly laid by His Excellency, Bishop Sebastian Kallupura, the Bishop of Patna. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Fr. Ignase Arulappen, Bro. Basant Kujur, the brothers of the Maria Nilaya community and some faithful from the local church. It marked a significant spiritual and historical moment for the community, symbolizing growth, unity, and renewed commitment to faith.



Graduation Ceremony at REDS Bangalore – A Joyous Celebration of Achievement



On 14th April 2025, REDS Bangalore proudly celebrated the graduation ceremony for the academic year 2024-25. The event marked a significant milestone for around 150 students who successfully completed training in Tailoring and Computer Education. The celebration was vibrant and festive, featuring colorful decorations, the presence of esteemed chief guests, certificate distribution, lively

cultural performances, and a delicious meal to conclude the day. The atmosphere was filled with pride and joy as students, staff, and guests came together to honor the achievements of the graduates.

The program began with an introduction and welcome address by Fr. Peter Paul, setting a warm and enthusiastic tone for the day. Fr. Arul Raj, SM, expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the guests and contributors, highlighting the collaborative effort that made the day so special. The chief guests included Fr. Ignase Arulappen, SM, Executive Director of REDS, Bro. Basant Kujur, SM, Assistant for the Office of Education, Mr. Joshua, a well-known social worker from Bosco, along with many other dignitaries and well-wishers.



It was truly an auspicious day, celebrating not only academic success but also the empowerment and growth of the students through skill-based education. The event stood as a testament to REDS' continued commitment to community upliftment and holistic development.

Teachers' Workshop Conducted for Marianist Schools in Ranchi

A special teachers' workshop was held for the staff of Prabhat Tara School Singhpur, St. Mary's School Saraitoli, and Marianist Sisters School Lowadih. The session was both enriching and inspiring, aimed at empowering teachers with tools and techniques to better engage with students and enhance the teaching-learning experience.



The resource person for the workshop was the esteemed Dr. Kumar Sanjay, a well-known motivational speaker, and a soft skills trainer. Dr. Sanjay is also the founder of SPENIN, an initiative dedicated to personal and professional development in education. Currently serving as a faculty member at Ursuline Inter College, Ranchi, he brings with him a wealth of experience and deep insight into the world of education and student psychology. Dr. Sanjay has authored 18 books focused on soft skills and student-related issues, and his dynamic, interactive style left a lasting impact on all participants. The workshop covered a range of topics including communication strategies, motivation in the classroom, creative teaching methods, and student engagement through soft skills.



Teachers found the session highly engaging, practical, and thought-provoking. It was a valuable opportunity for educators from the three institutions to come together, share ideas, and grow both personally and professionally. The Regional Council thanks all the brothers who have organized the meetings and helped the teachers equip themselves.

Holy Week Celebrations at Blessed Chaminade Parish

The Blessed Chaminade Parish joyfully and reverently celebrated the sacred days of Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday, followed by the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, the Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, and culminating in the glorious Easter Vigil. Each liturgy was conducted with deep devotion and spiritual fervor, allowing the faithful to journey through the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in a profoundly moving way.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. James, our Parish Priest, for his tireless dedication and inspiring leadership throughout the Holy Week. Special thanks also go to the brothers from Singhpur, whose presence and

assistance greatly enriched the celebrations. We also acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of all the volunteers, choir members, altar servers, decorators, liturgical ministers, and parishioners who gave their time, talents, and hearts to ensure that every detail of these sacred liturgies reflected the reverence and glory due to our Lord. May the spirit of the Risen Christ continue to fill our hearts with joy, hope, and renewed faith as we journey forward in this Easter season.

Asian Zonal Conference for Marianist Leadership Held in Tokyo, Japan

The Asian Zonal Conference for Marianist leadership was held in Tokyo, Japan from April 23 to 24, 2025, bringing together key leaders including Frs. Pablo, Ignase Arulappen, Dominic Park, Joseph Koichi, and Bro. Prakash Kujur. Over the two-day meeting, the leaders discussed the growth and strengthening of Marianist regions in Asia. The conference fostered a spirit of unity and shared mission, reaffirming the Marianist commitment to service, education, and community life.



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 the repose of the soul of our Holy Father Pope Francis.
- ❖ We continue to pray for Bro. Ashok Dungdung and Fr. Sebastian Bara for their healing!
- ❖ Let us pray for our successful final audit both in the South and in the North.
- ❖ Remember and pray for two of our Novices Wilfred and Rahul as they prepare for their first profession on 12 May 2025.

Let us pray for the following brothers who celebrate their birthdays in the Month of May:

May

01 Manooparampil, Varghese*

A., Balaswamy

03 Murmu, Britto

06 Majhi, George Stifen*

10 Guria, Pratap

12 Dungdung, Ashok Kumar

20 Lucas, Dulare Lal

Muthukattil, Jinu*

25 Tirkey, Dillip Kumar

28 Dungdung, James*

29 Kerketta, Praween

30 Bara, Sebastian*

Updated Regional Calendar: May-June 2025

May 2025

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| 1 | St. Joseph the Worker |
| 2&5-6 | Final Audit in the South |
| 4-7 | Marianist Ongoing formation for 2003-2006 batches at CRI Ulsoor |
| 8 | Bro. Prakash and Fr. Ignase leave for Ranchi |
| 9 | Bro. Steve leaves for USA |
| 12 | First Profession at Nirmal Deep |
| 13-17 | Final Audit in the North |
| 15 | Aspirants and Pre-Novices leave for Home-Visit |
| 19-21 | Temporary Professed Workshop at Deepahalli |
| 20 | Bro. Prakash and Fr. Ignase arrive in Bangalore |
| 26-28 | Regional Council Meeting |
| 24-31 | Temporary Professed Annual retreat at CRI Ulsoor |
| 29 | Jerin Leaves for Rome |

June 2025

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| 1 | Newly Professed travel to Bangalore |
| 13 | Fr. Renny returns to India |
| 15 | 15 th - Final date for brothers to be in the assigned communities (assigned brothers expected to be in the respective communities) |
| 15 | 1 st year novices report to Novitiate |
| 16-01 July | Fr. Ignase guides Marianist studies for FMI Sisters at Deepahalli |
| 25 | Pre-novice reports to Faustino community |
| 30 | Aspirants arrive in Faustino Community |

**Thank
You!**