



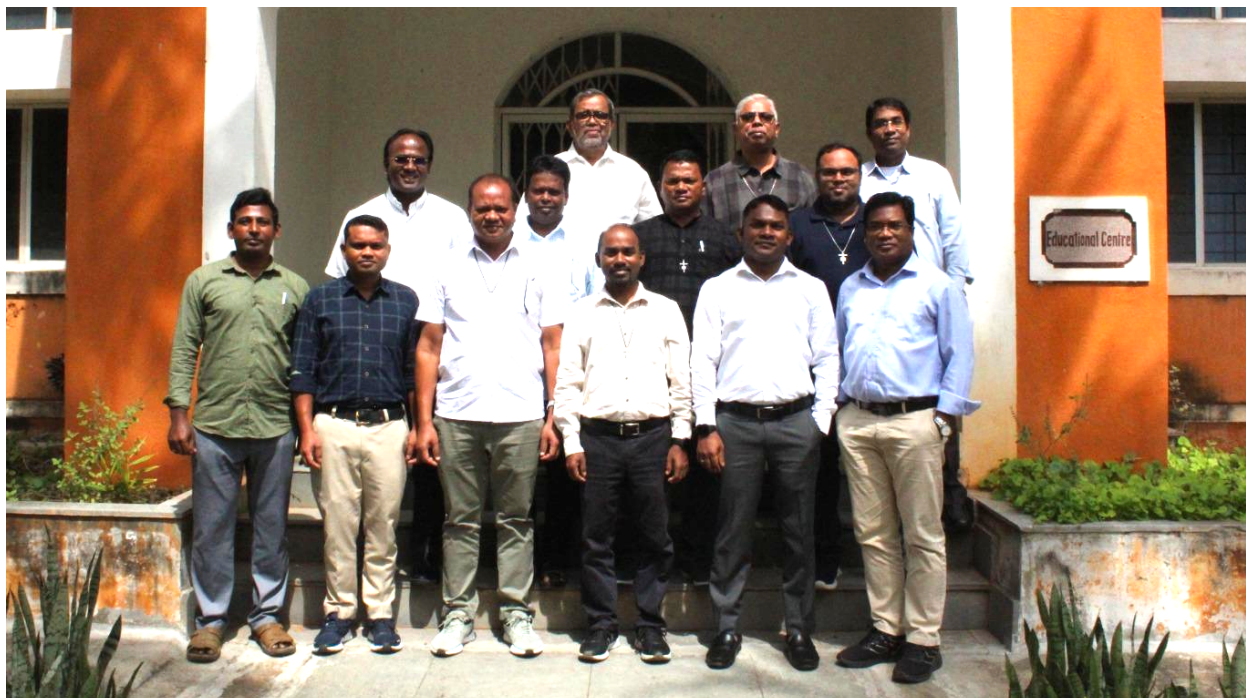
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The Marianist Updates

First Regional Chapter of the Marianist Region of India



The historic First Regional Chapter of the Marianist Region of India was held from 27-29 October 2025 at Deepahalli, Bangalore. This milestone gathering, organized by the Society of Mary, marked a significant moment in the life of the Region, celebrating its growth and identity as a Region within the Society. The Regional Council had envisioned and planned this important meeting from the beginning of the academic year. The Chapter opened in a deeply prayerful atmosphere, invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The members entered the sessions with openness and discernment as they reviewed the reports, materials, and propositions placed before them. Throughout the sessions, there was a palpable sense of unity in heart

and mind, as meaningful discussions and careful deliberations led to collective decisions for the good of the Region.



Fr. Xavier E. Manavath, CMF graciously served as the Observer for the Chapter. At the inaugural session, Bro. Prakash Kujur, SM, the Regional Superior, warmly welcomed all the capitulants and participants. At the conclusion, he expressed heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the event. On 26 October, prior to the formal opening, Fr. Ignase Arulappen, SM, Deputy Regional Superior, delivered an insightful presentation titled *“What a Chapter Is and What a Chapter Does.”* This session provided valuable context, especially for members participating in a Chapter for the first time.

The Vidyasagar Community graciously hosted the brothers, ensuring a comfortable and organized stay. Special thanks are due to Fr. Varghese and Bro. Darwin for their meticulous arrangements. Fr. Santhosh Savarimuthu, served efficiently as the Recording Secretary, assisted by Bro. Lucian Tigga. Bro. Darwin also coordinated the logistical details and practical arrangements throughout the Chapter, ensuring everything ran smoothly. The First Regional Chapter stands as a moment of grace and renewal, reaffirming the Marianist commitment to community, mission, and fidelity to the Spirit of Blessed Chaminade.

The annual medical screening at SJCA



The annual medical screening for students from Nursery to Grade X was successfully conducted at St. Joseph Chaminade Academy school from October 24 to 29. The week-long health camp aimed to promote the overall well-being of every child through a comprehensive physical and behavioral assessment. The screening covered various areas, including hearing efficiency, vision clarity, oral and dental hygiene, and vital parameters such as height, weight, temperature, pulse rate, and blood pressure. Additionally, skin check-ups were carried out to identify any common skin conditions or allergies. Students who required further attention were provided with detailed reports to share with their parents for necessary follow-up.

A special focus was placed on the Behavioral and Learning Difficulties Assessment, enabling teachers and parents to better understand each child's emotional, social, and learning needs. This initiative served as a preventive and early detection measure for potential health or developmental concerns. The school extends sincere appreciation to the SKIDS medical team for their dedicated service and to the parents for their continued cooperation. The health screening reaffirms our commitment to nurturing healthy, confident, and well-balanced learners.

Accountants' Workshop in Ranchi:



On 5th October 2025, the Accounts Team conducted an *Accountants' Workshop* at Gyan Deep for all the accountants from the activities in North India. Several members of our Trust and a few participants from the FMI also took part in this workshop. The workshop aimed to help participants uphold the standards required by the Income Tax and FCRA regulations. The brothers were encouraged to share their challenges in

accounting, and appropriate suggestions were provided by Bro. Pratap Guria, the Treasurer of the Trust.

Bro. Prakash Kujur, as the Chief Functionary of the Trust welcomed all the accountants and expressed interest in educating the accountants for proper accounting and compliance. Bro. Pratap Guria also conducted sessions on maintaining books of accounts, preparing ENEs for accounting, and other essential topics for accountants. Fr. Santhosh led a session on the handover process to be followed when a new accountant is appointed in an activity. The team believes that the workshop was very beneficial for all the accountants.

Message from Fr. Renny Markose, SM



I spent the year 2024-25 at the North American Center for Marianist Studies (NACMS) in Dayton, located on the beautiful Mount St. John Campus. One of the things that impressed me there was the love and passion the Staff at the NACMS (all of whom were Lay Marianists, except for Bro. Tim Phillips) had for our Founders and Marianist writings. That challenged me to reflect on the extent of my own interest in Marianist studies. It is an unfortunate reality

here in the Region that we do not take much interest in knowing our Founders; besides, taking an interest in such things is not much appreciated. So, when I received the call from Japan during the Asian Zonal Conference of the Marianists inquiring about my willingness to take on the Directorship of the Asian Center for Marianist Studies, I was unsure what I would do. I am grateful to Fr. Iggy, who had shouldered the responsibilities of the Center for almost a decade under not very favourable situations. The following is an account of what I have learnt so far about the Center.

The Asian Center for Marianist Studies, Bangalore, is a joint project of the Marianists in Asia under the guidance of the Asian Zonal Conference of the Marianists and the General Administration in Rome. Currently, it involves India, South Korea, Japan, and Vietnam. The purpose of this Center is to provide

resources for the Marianist Family in Asia on Marianist topics and to coordinate joint studies among the member units. The Center coordinates various programs such as short Marianist Studies courses, preparation for perpetual vows, and joint gatherings for the member units. The Center has an office located in the Chaminade Educational Center at Deepahalli, Bangalore. This Center aims to help those in the Marianist Family and Marianist Ministries to deepen their knowledge of the Marianist Charism and the vision and mission of the Marianist founders.



As the first project of the Center, I have been publishing monthly newsletters since July 2025. This was made possible with contributions from various Brothers in India. Each month, I request a Brother to contribute an article to the newsletter highlighting the Marianist Feast of the month. I am grateful to Fr. Varghese, Fr. George Majhi, Fr. Jinu, and Bro. Ashok Dungdung for their contributions to the

Center's monthly newsletter so far.

The second project of the Center will begin in January 2026 and will be called the "Read a Marianist Book Challenge." It is open to every Marianist (Brothers, Sisters, and Lay Marianists) from the Asian Zone, including the members from the Region of India. Any Marianist can send a three-page summary of any Marianist work/book they have read, along with their personal reflection, to the Asian Center email address dirascms@gmail.com. One summary each will be published in the monthly newsletter of the Center, and the author of the published summary will also receive a gift from the Asian Center, which will be presented at one of the Marianist events. I invite all of you to participate in this project. Let us read more Marianist texts and grow in our appreciation for our Founders and our Marianist Charism. May our Founders intercede for our Region and our Marianist Family.

Fr. Renny Markose SM

Workshop for Teachers on Professional Involvement and Well-being



St. Chaminade School organized a special workshop for teachers focusing on their involvement in work and the various challenges they encounter in their interactions with parents, students, and colleagues. The session aimed to promote a deeper understanding of

professional relationships and personal well-being within the school environment. The resource persons, Dr. Nancy and Mr. Dilip from St. John's Hospital, guided the teachers through insightful talks, group activities, and open sharing sessions.

The workshop provided an enriching platform for teachers to reflect on their experiences, strengthen collaboration, and gain practical strategies for managing classroom and workplace dynamics effectively. The school extends its sincere appreciation to the facilitators for their valuable input and to all the teachers for their enthusiastic participation. We also thank Fr. Mariandu, the principal, and Bro. Antony Nesam for organizing these programs for the teachers.

Diwali Celebration at REDS Patna

The spirit of Diwali — the festival of lights — was joyfully celebrated at REDS Patna with the participation of the beneficiaries and volunteers. A total of 41 beneficiaries took part in the celebration, supported by four dedicated volunteers who assisted in organizing the event. The day was filled with light, laughter, and togetherness, symbolizing the triumph of joy and hope in the lives of all participants. The celebration truly reflected the mission of REDS — to bring brightness and happiness into the lives of those we serve.



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.

- ❖ We continue to pray for Bro. Ashok and Fr. Sebastian Bara for their healing!
- ❖ We pray for forthcoming workshops for principals and for ordained brothers.

Let us pray for the following brothers who celebrate their birthdays in the Month of **November**

12 RejeshkumarLakra *

21 Vickey Kumar

23 Marianus Lugun *

24 Sudhir Soreng

Regional Calendar - November 2025

1	All Saints Day
2	All Souls Day
5-7	Regional Council Meeting
6	Marianist Martyrs of Madrid: Miguel, Joaquin, Sabino & Florencio
14	Children's Day
21	Presentation of Mary
22	REDS Bangalore - Annual Children's Day Celebration
23	Solemnity of Christ the King
27-29	Ministry Director's Workshop in Deepahalli
30	REDS Ranchi - Annual Children's Day Celebration
30	1 st Sunday of Advent

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