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The Marianist Updates

Silver Jubilee Celebration at Nirmal Deep, Ranchi



On 7 February 2026, the Marianist family, along with the family members of our jubilarians and friends from in and around Ranchi, gathered joyfully at Nirmal Deep to celebrate a memorable Silver Jubilee milestone in the lives of our brothers.

On this grace-filled occasion, Fr. Ignase Arulappen, SM celebrated 25 years of his priestly ordination, while Bro. Dilip Tirkey, Fr. Joseph Barla, and Fr. S. Xavier Raj marked 25 years of their religious profession in the Society of Mary. It was truly a day filled with joy, gratitude, and thanksgiving as the gathered community praised God for His unconditional love and faithful guidance throughout these 25 years of dedicated service.



The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Ignase Arulappen, SM, and the homily was delivered by Fr. Joseph Barla, SM, who reflected meaningfully on the grace of vocation, perseverance in mission, and God's abiding faithfulness in the Marianist journey. The liturgy provided a deeply prayerful space to remember God's action in the lives of the jubilarians and to renew the call to serve with zeal and humility.

The celebration was graced by the presence of the Regional Council of the Marianists and the District Council of the Marianist Sisters, whose participation added to the solemnity and communal spirit of the occasion. Bro. Prakash Kujur, SM, and Sr. Usha Vichatt, along with their respective councils, were present to witness and rejoice in this significant milestone. The entire programme was thoughtfully and efficiently organized by Fr. Jinu Muthukattil, Fr. Birendra Kullu, and Bro. Ajay Soreng, with the generous support and cooperation of the Marianist Family in Ranchi. Their dedicated efforts ensured that the celebration was both meaningful and well-coordinated.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed their time, presence, prayers, and resources to make this Silver Jubilee celebration a truly memorable and grace-filled event. May the Lord continue to bless our jubilarians as they journey forward in faith, service, and Marianist spirit.

Inauguration of St. Mary's English Medium School, Saraitoli

On 8 February 2026, the Marianist family joyfully gathered at St. Mary's English Medium School, Saraitoli, for the inauguration and blessing of the newly constructed school building. The occasion marked an important milestone in the mission of Marianist education in the region.



The programme was thoughtfully organized by the Saraitoli Marianist community and brought together members of the Marianist Family, the teaching and non-teaching staff, students of St. Mary's English Medium School, and parishioners from Blessed Chaminade Parish. The gathering reflected a strong spirit of communion, gratitude, and shared mission.

The celebration began with the Holy Eucharist, which was presided over by Fr. Ignase Arulappen, SM. In his homily, he encouraged the faithful to see education as a sacred mission of forming young minds and hearts, rooted in faith, values, and service to society. Following the Eucharistic celebration, Bro. Prakash Kujur, SM expressed heartfelt gratitude to the constructors and all those who contributed to



the completion of the new building. He also extended his best wishes to the management, staff, and students of St. Mary's English Medium School and formally inaugurated the newly constructed facility.

The event was graced by the presence of nearly 1,500 people, making it a truly vibrant and faith-filled celebration. Lunch was served to all those present, adding to the warmth and hospitality of the occasion. Special appreciation and thanks are due to Bro. Sanjay Ekka, SM, the Principal of St. Mary's English Medium School, Fr. Santosh Tudu, SM, and all the brothers of the Saraitoli and Singhpur communities for their tireless efforts, dedication, and collaborative spirit in bringing this significant project to completion. We thank God for this blessing and pray that St. Mary's English Medium School may continue to be a centre of learning, formation, and hope for generations to come.

Farewell Program for the 10th Std Students at SJCA:



The Grade 10 Farewell Programme by SJCA was a memorable and heart-warming event at Gold Coin Club, beautifully celebrating the journey of our outgoing students. The programme began with a solemn procession, where the students walked in proudly accompanied by their parents, creating an atmosphere of gratitude and togetherness. It truly felt like a family gathering rather than a formal function.

The Chief Guest for the day was a renowned medical doctor, Mr. Ajoy Benedict Medonce, who delivered an inspiring message to the students. Reflecting on the word "FEAR," he reminded them with relevant examples that exams are not about "Forget Everything And Run," but rather "Face Everything And Rise." His practical

wisdom and life experiences deeply resonated with the students and parents alike. The other guests of honor were Fr. Santosh Savarimuthu, the regional secretary and Bro. John Paul, the former correspondent of SJCA.



The ceremony included a special blessing for the students, invoking God's guidance and protection as they prepare for their board examinations and future endeavours. Hall tickets were formally issued, marking an important milestone in their academic journey. The celebration continued with a joyful cake-cutting ceremony, symbolizing the sweet memories shared over the years.

Teachers, students, and parents shared heartfelt experiences, expressing gratitude and appreciation. Gifts were presented by the school and teachers as tokens of love and encouragement. The programme concluded with a sumptuous dinner, where everyone gathered in fellowship and joy, making the evening truly special and unforgettable.

Marianist Trust Board Visits Regional Projects

The Marianist Trust Board of Trustees recently undertook an important visitation of various projects within the Marianist Region of India as part of its regular governance and planning responsibilities. The trustees began their visit in Patna and Ranchi, where they visited several educational and social institutions administered by the Trust. During these visits, the members met with the personnel serving in different ministries and carefully reviewed the ongoing activities of the Trust.

These visitations provided the trustees with valuable firsthand insight into the functioning of the institutions, the needs on the ground, and the challenges faced

by the personnel. Such interactions help the Board to better understand the realities of each mission and to make informed decisions regarding the early budget planning and the appointment of personnel according to actual needs. The trustees will continue their visits to other Trust-run activities in the southern part of the Region in the coming days. We express our gratitude for their commitment, guidance, and concern for the growth and sustainability of Marianist ministries.



We wish the members of the Marianist Trust Board a fruitful continuation of their visits and assure them of our prayers as they support and strengthen the various educational and social projects entrusted to their care.

REDS Patna Celebrates Julie's Birthday



On the evening of 5 February 2026, REDS Patna joyfully celebrated Julie's birthday in a spirit of family and gratitude. The celebration was simple yet meaningful,

reflecting the close bonds nurtured within the REDS community. Chottu and Pinky, among the first contacts of REDS Patna, joined Julie for the occasion, making the gathering especially significant as it highlighted the journey of accompaniment and friendship that REDS shares with its young people.

The gathering was blessed by Fr. James, who invoked God's blessings upon Julie and all those present. Ms. Neha, Bishnuwasini, and Clement assisted in organizing and animating the celebration, ensuring that the evening was filled with warmth, care, and joy. Such moments of celebration strengthen relationships and remind us that REDS Patna is not merely a programme, but a family that walks together, celebrates life, and nurtures hope. We thank Bro. Victor Sahayaraj for this wonderful initiative to offer such memories for the children.

REDS Patna: First Contacts Appear for Class 10 Examinations



The first-contact students of REDS Patna will be appearing for their Class 10 examinations starting 17th February 2026 – a significant milestone in their educational journey. This year, six students are taking the examination: one boy and four girls are enrolled in formal schools, while one school dropout is appearing for the examination through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), Patna. Their participation itself stands as a testimony to perseverance, renewed hope, and the impact of consistent guidance and support.

The students are well motivated and deeply grateful for the encouragement and opportunities provided to them. Their determination reflects not only their personal commitment but also the quiet yet powerful work of accompaniment carried out by REDS Patna among young people at the margins. As they step into the examination halls, we keep them in our prayers, wishing them confidence, calmness, and

success. May this achievement open new doors for their future and inspire many others to believe that education can truly transform lives.

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 pray for Bro. Ashok, Bro. Antony Nesam and Fr. Sebastian Bara for their healing!
- ❖ We wish you a Blessed Lent!

Let us pray for the following brothers who celebrate their birthdays in March

01 G. Darwin Joseph
09 R. Josephraj*
10 M. Arul Raj*
12 Naresh Andugala
18 Basant Kujur
21 Marianus Bilung

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7 Request for Pre-novitiate/ Novitiate with staff evaluation due in the Regional Office
7 Temporary professed request for renewal of vows with staff evaluation are due in the Regional office
7 First Vow Request is due at the Regional Office
10-14 Regional Council Meetings – approval of the budgets
19 St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
29 Palm Sunday

Thank you!