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The Marianist Updates

St. Chaminade School Bids Farewell to Grade 10 Students:



St. Chaminade School organized a heartfelt farewell program for the Grade 10 students as they prepare to appear for their Board Examinations beginning on March 18, 2026. The occasion was marked by joy, gratitude, and best wishes for the students stepping into an important phase of their academic journey. The farewell celebration featured a vibrant cultural program presented by students, filling the atmosphere with enthusiasm and happiness. Songs, dances, and special performances added color and warmth to the memorable event.

Teachers and students also took the opportunity to share their cherished memories, experiences, and words of encouragement. The emotional moments reflected the strong bond shared within the school community and inspired the outgoing students to move forward with confidence and determination. The program concluded with a delightful farewell lunch, where students and staff gathered together in celebration and fellowship. The entire school community extended their sincere prayers and best wishes to the Grade 10 students for success in their Board Examinations and future endeavors.

Workshop on Marianist Characteristics of Education:



St. Chaminade School organized an enriching workshop on the *Marianist Characteristics of Education* on 7 March. The session was conducted by Bro. Basant Kujur and provided valuable insights into the Marianist approach to education and community life. The workshop was filled with meaningful discussions, reflections, and interactive group activities that encouraged active participation among the teaching staff. The sessions helped strengthen collaboration, deepen understanding of Marianist values, and bring the teaching community closer together.

Adding to the joy of the occasion, the school also celebrated International Women's Day in a special way. The day concluded with refreshments and gifts as a token of appreciation and gratitude to the wonderful women members of the school community for their dedication and contribution. The entire program was both inspiring and memorable, leaving participants motivated to continue fostering Marianist values in education and daily life.

Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony 2026:



St. Chaminade School celebrated a joyful and memorable Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony for its Pre-primary students on March 17. The occasion marked an important milestone in the academic journey of the young graduates and was filled with excitement, pride, and celebration.

The school was honored to welcome Bro. John Paul Raj, SM as the Chief Guest for the ceremony. He graciously presided over the event and presented graduation certificates to the young achievers, encouraging them as they move forward to the next stage of learning. The event was meticulously organized by the Pre-primary faculty, ensuring a smooth and meaningful experience for students, parents, and guests. One of the most heartwarming aspects of the celebration was the full participation of the UKG parents, whose presence added warmth and significance to the occasion.

The ceremony was further enlivened by colorful cultural performances presented by the Nursery, LKG, and Grade 1 students. Their energetic dances, songs, and performances showcased remarkable talent, confidence, and enthusiasm, bringing joy to everyone gathered. The celebration concluded on a delightful note with snacks and tea shared among the guests, parents, and staff, fostering a spirit of togetherness and gratitude. The event will remain a cherished memory for the students and their families as they celebrate this special achievement.

News from the Asian Zonal Center for Marianist Studies, Bengaluru:



Fr. Jinu and Bro. Ashok donning the Asian Zonal Center's T-shirts.

The Asian Zonal Center for Marianist Studies, Bengaluru, felicitated the Marianists who contributed to the Center's activities through their research and write-ups in the Center's newsletter. Fr. Jinu and Bro. Ashok were the first to receive customized T-shirts from the Center as mementoes in recognition of their contributions to the Center's efforts to spread the knowledge of the Marianist Charism. Both of them wrote articles for the Center's newsletter

for the October and November 2025 issues, respectively. Mementoes for all the other Marianists who have contributed to the Center's newsletter will be sent soon. Thank you for your interest in spreading our Marianist heritage. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Asian Center for Marianist Studies through their research may contact the director at dirascms@gmail.com.

TEACHERS' WORKSHOP ON UNITY, FORGIVENESS, AND GROWTH



Jacob Gapp School organized a meaningful and enriching Teachers' Workshop on Unity, Forgiveness, and Growth on 9 April. The session was conducted by Fr. Rajmohan, SM, who guided the teachers through inspiring reflections and interactive discussions focused on building a healthy and collaborative school community. The workshop highlighted the importance of unity among educators and encouraged the practice of forgiveness to strengthen relationships, understanding, and harmony within the workplace. Teachers were also motivated to pursue continuous personal and professional growth in their mission as educators.

A special feature of the program was a therapeutic session that provided participants with a supportive space for reflection and emotional healing. This session helped teachers address personal concerns, promoting inner peace, renewed confidence, and overall well-being. The workshop proved to be interactive, insightful, and deeply inspiring, leaving the teachers refreshed, empowered, and motivated to continue their educational journey with greater positivity and dedication.

SAFE VILLAGE PROGRAM:



Jacob Gapp School successfully organized a *Safe Village Program* to create awareness among students on important social and safety issues. The initiative aimed to educate and empower students with essential knowledge related to personal safety, child rights, and human trafficking.

Through informative presentations and interactive sessions, students learned how to identify unsafe situations, protect themselves, and seek help from trusted adults and authorities whenever necessary. The sessions encouraged students to remain alert, confident, and responsible in their daily lives.

The resource persons effectively explained the importance of child rights and helped students understand their fundamental protections and entitlements. Special emphasis was also given to the issue of human trafficking, where students were made aware of its dangers, warning signs, and preventive measures in an age-appropriate and sensitive manner.

The program proved to be highly engaging and impactful, leaving students more informed and aware about personal and social safety. The school community expressed sincere appreciation to the organizers and speakers for conducting such a meaningful and valuable initiative for the well-being of the students.

GRADUATION CEREMONY:



The month of April at Jacob Gapp School was marked by various academic activities, examinations, result declarations, and a memorable Graduation Ceremony. Students participated actively in their examinations, which were conducted smoothly and followed by timely evaluation and announcement of results. This process provided students with valuable insight into their academic growth and progress.

One of the major highlights of the month was the Grand Graduation Ceremony organized for the UKG and Grade 5 students. The event was celebrated with great enthusiasm, joy, and pride by students, parents, and staff members. The school was honored to welcome Sr. Nirmala FMI as the Chief Guest for the occasion. Her inspiring presence and encouraging message added special significance to the

celebration and motivated the graduating students as they prepared for the next stage of their educational journey.



The graduates were felicitated for their achievements and successful completion of their respective levels. The programme featured vibrant cultural performances, motivational speeches, and heartfelt moments shared among students, teachers, and parents, making the celebration both joyful and emotional.

The event reflected the school's commitment to nurturing, guiding, and preparing students for future success. It created lasting memories for everyone present and marked an important milestone in the lives of the young graduates.

The school extends its heartfelt congratulations to all the graduates and wishes them continued success and bright opportunities in the years ahead.

Finally Professed Retreat at CRI, Ulsoor:

The annual retreat for the Finally Professed Religious was held at the CRI Centre, Ulsoor, Bengaluru, from 25 April to 2 May 2026. The retreat brought together religious men and women for a week of prayer, reflection, renewal, and spiritual enrichment. The retreat was preached by Fr. A. P. Rajan, CSsR, a Redemptorist priest and renowned retreat preacher. Through his inspiring conferences and reflections, he invited the participants to revisit the fundamental call of every Christian and to deepen their understanding of their religious vocation. He emphasized the importance of remaining faithful to Christ in contemporary society and encouraged

the participants to undertake a sincere examination of their commitment to religious life.



A significant focus of the retreat was the challenge of living the evangelical vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in today's rapidly changing world. Fr. Rajan thoughtfully addressed the practical and spiritual struggles faced by the religious and offered valuable insights for living a joyful,

authentic, and prophetic consecrated life. His reflections inspired participants to renew their dedication to God's call and to embrace their mission with renewed zeal and enthusiasm. The retreat concluded on a joyful and celebratory note with the announcement of the jubilarians of the 2001 Vow Group, who will be commemorating twenty-five years of religious profession. Special recognition was also given to Fr. Santosh Tudu, SM, who celebrates the Silver Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination, marking twenty-five years of faithful service to the Church. We express gratitude to Fr. Ignase, SM, and Fr. Renny Markose, SM whose dedicated efforts and meticulous organization ensured the smooth conduct of the retreat. The week proved to be a grace-filled experience, offering opportunities for spiritual renewal, fraternity, and a deeper appreciation of God's enduring call to consecrated life.

Temporary Professed Brothers' Retreat and Renewal of Vows:

The annual retreat for the Temporary Professed Brothers was held at Jharna Retreat Centre, Ranchi, from 23 May to 30 May 2026. The week-long retreat provided a valuable opportunity for prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal for the young religious as they continued their journey of formation and commitment to consecrated life. The retreat was preached by Fr. Birendra Kullu, SM, who guided the participants through a series of conferences, meditations, and personal reflections. His inspiring inputs encouraged the brothers to deepen their relationship with Christ, strengthen their commitment to the Marianist vocation, and grow in fidelity to the evangelical counsels. Through prayerful reflection and

sharing, the participants were invited to discern God's presence in their lives and to renew their dedication to the mission entrusted to them.



A total of eight Temporary Professed Brothers participated in the retreat. The days were marked by moments of silence, Eucharistic celebrations, personal prayer, and spiritual accompaniment, helping the brothers to renew their zeal and enthusiasm for religious life. The retreat concluded with a solemn and grace-filled celebration during which all eight brothers renewed their temporary vows, reaffirming their commitment to live the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in the Marianist spirit. The vows were received by Bro. Prakash Kujur, SM, Regional Superior and encouraged the brothers to persevere faithfully in their vocation and mission.

The renewal ceremony was a profound expression of the brothers' continued response to God's call and their desire to dedicate themselves wholeheartedly to the service of God and the Church. The retreat proved to be a spiritually enriching experience, strengthening the participants in their vocation and preparing them to continue their formation journey with renewed faith, hope, and commitment.

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 our sick brothers and sisters for their healing!
- ❖ May the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary be blessed for ever and ever!
- ❖ We remember all the brothers who will be moving to new missions for their openness and dedication.

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

05 B. Rayappan
12 John Gracious Minz
14 P. Antony Xavier
17 Paulus Lakra (Late)
26 Sukrit Tirkey

Regional Calendar:

June 2026	
7	Newly Professed travel to Bangalore
10	UD Classes Begin
15	Final date for brothers to be in the assigned communities
15	1 st year novice report to Novitiate
15	Finance Commission to meet Via Zoom (Prakash, Pratap, John Paul and Marianus Bilung)
17-19	Regional Council Meeting
25	Pre-novices report to Faustino community
27-31 July	Horizon Program at Bilbao, Spain (John Paul, Balaswamy, Goerge Hans and Pratap Guria)
30	Aspirants arrive in Faustino Community

Thank you!