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Marianists Gather for a Day of Prayer, Sharing and Fellowship in Bengaluru

The Marianists from South India, along with members of the Marianist Lay Community, gathered on 11 October 2026 at the campus of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ulsoor, Bengaluru, for a day of prayer, reflection, sharing and fellowship. The programme began with a brief presentation on the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, Cuba, offering the participants an opportunity to learn about this significant Marian shrine and deepen their devotion to Our Lady.

This was followed by a sharing session in which participants reflected on the need to accompany and work with young people in today's changing world. They highlighted the important role of Marianist ministries in reaching out to the youth, caring for them, guiding them and helping them grow in faith and life. The sharing also provided an opportunity to exchange experiences and reflect on the continued relevance of the Marianist mission among young people.

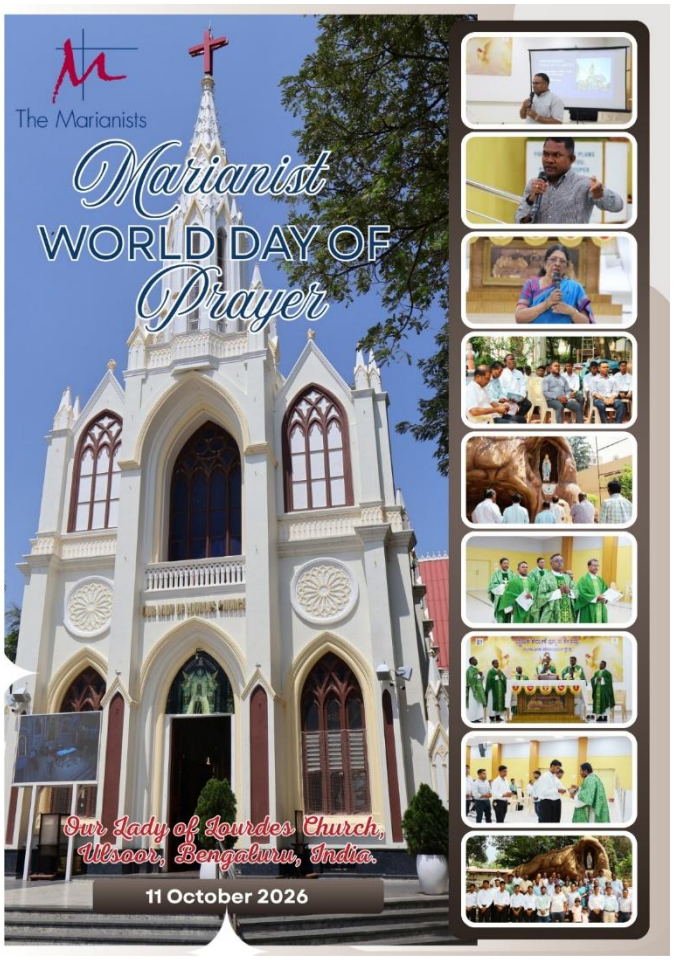

Figure 1 Marianists Gathered for Marianist World Day of Prayer at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ulsoor. Photo College made by SJCA Staff.

The spiritual dimension of the gathering continued with the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. These moments of prayer

brought everyone together in faith and strengthened their sense of belonging to the Marianist family. The day concluded with a shared meal, offering everyone a relaxed and joyful opportunity to interact and renew friendships. More than just a gathering, the day was a wonderful occasion to pray together, share our Marianist life, strengthen relationships and renew our commitment to the Marianist mission.

A special word of gratitude goes to Fr. Maria Louis, the Parish Priest, Fr. Kanikaidass, and all those who generously contributed their time and support to make this gathering meaningful and memorable. The celebration was a beautiful reminder that we are one Marianist family, united in prayer, strengthened by fellowship and committed to carrying forward Mary's mission in the Church and in the world.

Marianist World Day of Prayer at Nirmal Deep, Ranchi



Figure 2 Marianists Gathered at St. Mary's English Medium School, Sarai Toli, Ranchi for the Marianist World Day of Prayer in the North.

On 11 October 2026, the Marianist Family celebrated the 42nd Marianist World Day of Prayer**.** This year's celebration focused on Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, whose image is venerated at the National Shrine of El Cobre in Cuba. Marianist communities across the world united in prayer, reflecting on Mary's presence and inspiration in their lives and mission.

In the North India, the celebration was held at Fidel Nilaya Community, Saraitoli**,** bringing together members of all branches of the Marianist Family for a day of prayer, reflection and fellowship. The programme began with two enriching presentations. Fr. Sudhir Kujur spoke about Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre and the significance of her shrine in Cuba. This was followed by Bro. Prakash Kujur, Regional Superior, who shared his insights on the relevance and importance of Marianist Lay Communities in the Indian context.

The spiritual highlight of the day was the solemn Eucharistic celebration, presided over by Fr. Sudhir Kujur, who also delivered the homily. During the celebration, several new members made their promises to become part of the Marianist Lay Communities, marking an important milestone in their journey of faith and commitment to the Marianist charism.

Following the Eucharist, everyone gathered for a fellowship meal. In the afternoon, the Marianist Family came together for a Rosary procession, expressing their love and devotion to Mother Mary. The day concluded on a joyful note with tea, snacks and lively cultural dances.

The celebration was truly a grace-filled and joyful occasion, strengthening the bonds of unity among the different branches of the Marianist Family. It was an opportunity to renew our commitment to Mary's mission and to deepen our sense of belonging to one Marianist Family, united in prayer, faith and service.

Education Commission Visits St. Joseph Chaminade Academy



Figure 3 Fr. Renny the Correspondent welcoming the Education Commission. Thanks to Fr. Joseph Raj for sharing the picture.

On 1 October 2026, Bro. Basant Kujur, and Bro. Sukrit Tirkey visited St. Joseph Chaminade Academy (SJCA) as part of the Education Commission's ongoing efforts to strengthen and support Marianist educational institutions.

During the visit, they interacted fruitfully with the school administration and staff, sharing their insights and offering valuable suggestions for the continued improvement of the institution. The interaction provided an opportunity to discuss various aspects of school administration, educational quality and the overall development of the institution. The visit was a meaningful occasion for mutual learning, encouragement and collaboration, reaffirming the Marianist commitment to quality education and the holistic formation of young people.

Bathukamma Festival

Jacob Gapp School celebrated the vibrant festival of Bathukamma, the traditional floral festival of Telangana, with great joy and enthusiasm on 9 October. The school campus came alive with colourful seasonal flowers, traditional songs and a festive atmosphere.



Figure 4 The Students of Jacob Gapp School celebrating their flower festival.

Students and teachers participated enthusiastically, beautifully arranging Bathukamma flower stacks and celebrating the rich cultural heritage of Telangana. The celebration also featured traditional songs and dances, reflecting the values of unity, gratitude, togetherness and respect for nature.



Figure 5 The JGS Students preparing the flowers for the celebrations.

The occasion provided a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about and appreciate the traditions and cultural identity of Telangana. It was a colourful and memorable celebration filled with joy, cultural pride and harmony.

Three Aspirants Begin Their Formation Journey

On 2 October 2026, the Marianists in Bengaluru gathered at Deepahalli to celebrate a special and joyful occasion: the formal entry of three aspirants into the Marianist formation programme through their promise. The occasion marked an important milestone in the vocational journey of these three young men as they



Figure 6 The Marianists who gathered at Deepahalli Chapel for the Foundation Day celebration and for the Promise of the Aspirants.

took their first formal step towards discerning and embracing religious life in the Society of Mary. The gathering was filled with joy, gratitude and hope as the Marianist community came together to witness and support their commitment.

In the presence of Bro. Prakash Kujur, the Regional Superior, the Holy Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Ignase Arulappen, SM, Deputy Regional Superior, who also delivered the homily, offering spiritual insights and encouragement to the aspirants as they began this new chapter of their journey.

It was indeed a grace-filled occasion for the Marianist community, renewing our hope and commitment to accompanying young men in their vocational discernment and formation. We pray that the Lord may guide and strengthen the three aspirants as they continue their journey towards becoming committed members of the Society of Mary. We thank Fr. George Majhi and the Faustino Community for wonderfully organizing the day.

Awareness Programme on Digital Discipline and Healthy Mobile Habits



Figure 7 Fr. Rajmohan, SM is delivering his message on the Digital Discipline and Healthy Mobile Habits.

Jacob Gapp School organised an awareness programme on Digital Discipline and Healthy Mobile Phone Habits on 31 October. The session was conducted by Fr. Rajmohan, SM, with the aim of promoting responsible digital behaviour among students.

The programme addressed important concerns such as excessive screen time, social media addiction, online safety and the

need to maintain a healthy balance between digital technology and everyday life. Through practical examples and valuable



Figure 8 The Staff and Volunteers along with the REDS Children as they instruct before celebration at Maria Nilaya Campus, Patna. Thanks to Bro. Victor for sharing the image.

insights, students were encouraged to develop self-discipline, use technology wisely, avoid unnecessary mobile phone usage and give priority to studies, reading, physical activities and meaningful relationships. The session was a valuable initiative towards guiding students to become responsible, disciplined and mindful digital citizens.

Recognition and Appreciation of Academic Achievers

On 31 October, Jacob Gapp School recognised and honoured students who secured top ranks in their academic performance by presenting them with prizes and certificates of appreciation.

The initiative acknowledged their hard work, dedication, perseverance and commitment to academic excellence. The recognition ceremony also served as an encouragement to other students to set higher academic goals, work diligently and develop a spirit of healthy competition.



Figure 9 Figure 9 Bros. Balaswamy and Antony Xavier along with the achievers.

The school congratulated all the achievers and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence in their academic journey.

REDS Children Celebrate Dussehra – 20 October 2026

REDS Patna celebrated **Dussehra with the REDS children** on 20 October 2026 with great joy and enthusiasm. The celebration provided an opportunity for the children to experience the cultural and traditional significance of the festival.

Through the celebration, the children were reminded of the victory of good over evil and the importance of values such as truth, courage, goodness and righteousness. The gathering created a joyful atmosphere of togetherness, cultural learning and friendship. It was a memorable occasion that brought smiles to the children's faces

and strengthened the spirit of unity and fellowship among the REDS family.

Outreach Visit to REDS Beneficiaries



Figure 10 REDS Patna Volunteers along with the beneficiaries of REDS Patna.

REDS Patna organised outreach visits to various work areas to meet and interact with its beneficiaries, with the support of dedicated volunteers. These visits provided an opportunity to understand the beneficiaries' needs, assess their situations and strengthen personal connections with the families and communities.

The initiative reaffirmed REDS Patna's commitment to reaching out to those in need and ensuring continued support through its social development activities. The involvement of volunteers also strengthened community participation and collaboration in the mission of REDS.

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: Sebastian Bara and Bro. Ananias Tete. Let us also remember and pray for other brothers and sisters who are sick.
- ❖ Let us continue to pray for all our activities with the poor and the marginalized.

Birthdays:

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

12 RejeshkumarLakra *
21 Vickey Kumar
23 Marianus Lugun *
24 Sudhir Soreng

Regional Calendar: Nov, 2026

1	All Saints Day
2	All Souls Day
6	Marianist Martyrs of Madrid: Miguel, Joaquin, Sabino & Florencio
7	Regional Council Meeting
8	Diwali
14	Children's Day
15 - 12	General Council Visit to the Region of India
21	Presentation of Mary
22	Solemnity of Christ the King
29	1st Sunday of Advent

