



The Region of India

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The Regional Updates

Marianist Brothers in India receive General Councilors

The Marianist Brothers of the Region of India were honored to receive General Councilors Fr. Pablo and Bro. Dennis in Bangalore and Ranchi in February 2025. The General Councilors' visit provided an opportunity for the brothers to share Marianist life and our growth in Marianist ministries. The visit consisted of two common addresses: one to all the brothers in Bangalore and one to all the brothers in and around Ranchi. The common conferences were centered on introducing the "Spiritual Conversation" method in the Synodal process towards stabilizing the community life and the Marianist ministries especially with the youth. They also visited several Marianist ministries, including the Marianist Schools in Bangalore and Ranchi.



The brothers in the Region of India were excited to receive the General Councilors in their respective places and met them personally for a short interview. The General Council members tried the Spiritual Conversation method to dialogue with the brothers about strengthening community life. They also commended the Brothers for their innovative approaches to ministry and their collaborative spirit. In their meetings with the Brothers, the General Councilors exhorted them to continue their commendable work and to remain steadfast in their Marianist charism. The General Councilors' visit was a source of great joy and inspiration for the Marianist Brothers of the Region of India. It also served as an occasion for the Brothers to reaffirm their commitment to their mission of education, social justice, and forming the people of God.

Silver Jubilee Celebration of Bro. Marianus Bilung SM



On 15 February 2025 the Marianist Brothers of the Region of India celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Bro. Marianus Bilung SM at Nirmal Deep in Ranchi. The occasion was graced by the presence of General Councilors Fr. Pablo and Bro. Dennis, Bro. Prakash Kujur, SM the Regional Superior, as well as friends and family of Bro. Marianus Bilung. The celebration commenced with a Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr. Birendra Kullu, with Fr. Santosh Tudu delivering the sermon. In his homily, Fr. Santosh Tudu highlighted the significant milestones and achievements of Bro. Marianus Bilung's 25 years of religious profession. He commended Bro. Marianus for his unwavering commitment to his Marianist vocation and for his dedication to serving the people of God.



Following the Holy Eucharist, a reception was held in the community, where guests were treated to a delicious meal and entertainment. Bro. Marianus Bilung expressed his gratitude to everyone who had supported him throughout his journey, and he shared some of his fondest memories from his time as a Marianist Brother. The Silver Jubilee Celebration was a joyful and meaningful occasion for the Marianist Brothers of the Region of India. It was an opportunity to celebrate the life and ministry of Bro. Marianus Bilung and to give thanks for his many years of service.

The Region of India congratulates Bro. Marianus Bilung for his 25 wonderful years of service to the Society of Mary and God's people. We continue to pray for him and wish him all the best in his future ministry. May God bless him and guard him in all his steps.

Prabhat Tara High School Celebrates the Class of 2024-25 with Heartfelt Farewell



On 13 February, 2025, Prabhat Tara High School bid a fond farewell to its graduating class of 2024-25 with an official ceremony that celebrated their accomplishments and marked the beginning of a new chapter in their lives. The event, filled with nostalgia and anticipation, commenced with a welcome address by Principal Bro. Sanjay Ekka. He congratulated the students for their hard work to complete their studies and wished them all the best for their forthcoming exams. He also acknowledged the dedication and help of the teachers, staff, and parents who played a pivotal role in shaping the students' success.



The graduating class took center stage, showcasing their diverse talents through heartfelt speeches, captivating dances, and melodious songs. The performances reflected their creativity, passion, and the strong bonds they forged during their time at Prabhat Tara High School. The students delivered emotional speeches, expressing

gratitude to the teachers, staff, and parents for their guidance and support. They shared cherished memories and highlighted the invaluable lessons they learned during their time at Prabhat Tara High School. The farewell ceremony concluded with a sense of optimism and excitement for the future. Prabhat Tara High School extends its warmest wishes to the Class of 2024-25 as they embark on their new adventures. The school is confident that they will continue to shine brightly and make a positive impact on the world. The Region of India wishes them all the best for their exams and we continue to pray for their bright future.

Digital AI for Pastoral Care seminar at NBCLC



From 10 February to 17 February 2025 NBCLC had organized a course on digital tools and AI to enhance pastoral care and office organization for secretaries of Bishops and Provincials. Fr. Santhosh Savarimuthu, SM had participated in this course. It delved into the innovative use of AI and language models, particularly prompt engineering, for improving pastoral care practices. Additionally, it offered guidance on utilizing Google Workspace tools, Canva, and Google Meet to foster collaboration and productivity. The course also explored the integration of mobile apps and AI to support and enrich religious education. Furthermore, it provided insights into establishing a strong online presence for Catholic organizations through effective digital branding. Through hands-on exercises for Google tools and sample quizzes and forms, users could develop practical skills. Overall, this course equipped participants with the knowledge and tools to modernize and enhance various aspects of pastoral care, education, and Catholic organizational outreach through digital innovation.

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 Regional Council who will be making their canonical visitation to the Region of India.
- We continue to pray for all the students from our schools who are writing their final exams.

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

March

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

Regional Calendar for the Month of March 2025

1	First Vow requests are due in the Regional Office
3-7	Second Interim Audit in the North
5	Ash Wednesday
10-13	Regional Council Meetings (Approving Budget)
17 March -6 April	Regional Council Visit
19	The feast of St. Joseph Husband of Mary
23	Marianist Family - Day of Recollection

Regional Council Visitation – March 2025 (17 March to 6 April)

Date	Community	Councilor Members
17-18	Aspirancy	Ignase and Basant
17-18	Scholasticate	Prakash and Pratap
19-20	St. Joseph	Prakash, Ignase, Basant and Pratap
21-22	Infant Nilaya	Prakash, Ignase, Basant and Pratap
24-26	Patna	Ignase and Basant
24-26	Khammam	Prakash and Pratap
28-29	Gyan Deep	Prakash and Pratap
26-27	Binda	Basant and Ignase
28-29	Nirmal Deep	Basant and Ignase
30-1 April	Singhpur	Prakash, Ignase, Basant and Pratap
2-3 April	Fidel Nilaya	Prakash, Ignase, Basant and Pratap
4-6 April	Budakata	Prakash, Ignase, Basant and Pratap

**Thank
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