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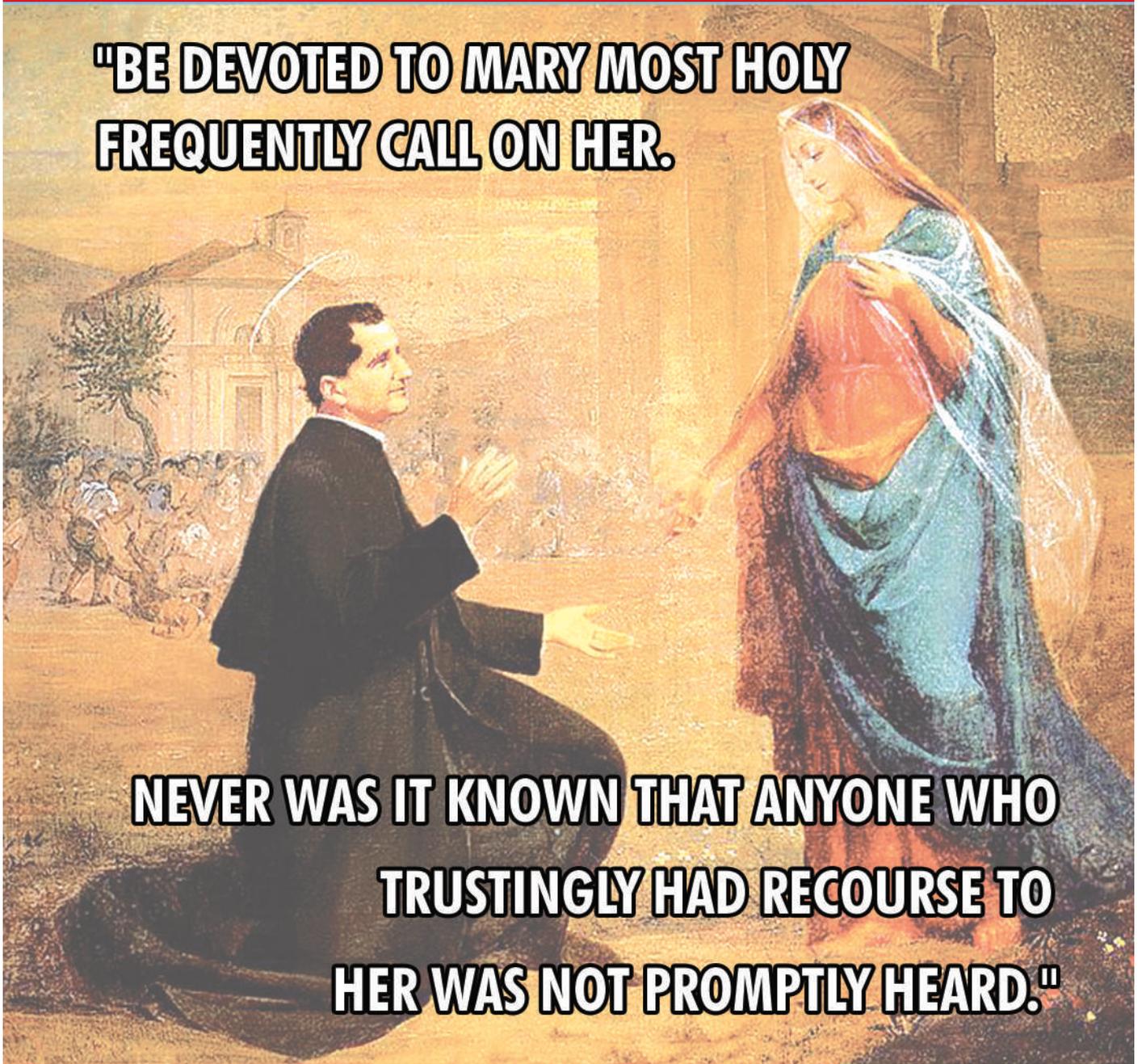
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**"BE DEVOTED TO MARY MOST HOLY
FREQUENTLY CALL ON HER.**



**NEVER WAS IT KNOWN THAT ANYONE WHO
TRUSTINGLY HAD RECOURSE TO
HER WAS NOT PROMPTLY HEARD."**

Editorial

'Don't be afraid to start over. It's a chance to build something better this time.' are the words which gave us the impetus to start over again. They gave us courage to learn from our failures and begin again.

I believe most of us would have savored the mouth watering taste of Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC as we popularly know it). Colonel Sanders, the man behind this mouth watering recipe and this multi-billion dollar fast food restaurant chain, was never wealthy or famous. At the age of 65 he was still living in an old apartment and living on government welfare in Kentucky, USA. He decided to start his business with the only thing he knew, his recipe for fried chicken. So at the age of 65, he attempted marketing his recipe. He had to go through 1008 failed attempts at starting his fast food restaurant. He never gave up. On the 1009th attempt he succeeded in starting this fast food restaurant and hence change the eating habit of the whole world.

He is just one example of this human spirit, to never give up and always strive forward. You would remember Lincoln, Edison, Gandhi, the woman selling vegetables at the street corner and the driver of the school bus, all with this innate power to start again, to rise and shine above every failure and trouble. This is the spirit with which we present this edition of Kaburulu.

The last edition if you remember was in November 2016, after which our province news magazine has been hibernating. There have been occasions where, concerned confreres have written to me asking about the Kaburulu. I thank these confreres for their constant support and encouragement.

The Joy that we share always multiplies. Hence, with joy, we present to you, this edition of Kaburulu. We pray that God sustains us in this new beginning.



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ANNUAL MEETINGS AT THE PROVINCIAL HOUSE

Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderabad, 2 to 6 June 2017: Ancient wisdom reminds us that, tomorrow belongs to those who prepare and plan for it today. Keeping this in mind, from 2 to 6 June, there were a series of planning and evaluation meetings at Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderabad for all the confreres of the Province.

These meetings started off with the administrators' meet on 2 June 2017. The administrators of the various houses discussed various topics ranging from the new accounting software, ACME ERP, to annual budgeting. They also had an input session by Mr Rosario from the M. Thomas and Co. auditors. Fr Androth Jose, the Economist ably coordinated the meeting.

On 3 June and on 5-6 June we had the Perpetually Professed confreres meet and the Leaders' Meet respectively. Both these groups were animated by Mr Conrad Saldanha. He presented to them the results of the Strategic evaluation of the Province. This presentation gave an impetus for the confreres to come

up with four priorities for this scholastic year: 1. God centred life, 2. Communion in communities, 3. Standardization of our institutions, 4. Self sustainability.



We also had the Head Masters' Meet on June 4, where the Heads of the Educational Institutions discussed the implementation of the XSeed syllabus in all our schools and other pertinent issues.

These meetings at the beginning of the year are a true experience of fraternity. It was edifying to see that there was great eagerness and willingness on the part of the confreres to plan and move towards a brighter future.

We thank the vice provincial Fr Yeruva Joji and the communities of the provincial house and BIRDY for their care in organizing these fruitful and meaningful meetings.

- BIS Correspondent





Innauguration of New Academic Year at Karunapuram



Karunapuram, 19 June 2017: 19 June turned out to be a significant day for Vishwa Jyothi Don Bosco College Karunapuram as it ventured into another year of philosophical research and learning with the inauguration of the academic year.

Holding close to their hearts and minds the prayer “Flood our minds with your light O Lord”, the students of the college participated in the inaugural Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Rev. Fr Thathireddy Vijayabhaskar in the provincial.

Fr Provincial gave a thought provoking homily and encouraged the students to be committed in their philosophical research. During the inaugural function, Fr Garlapati Kishore (Rector) reminded the students that, “We must be constant learners in the journey of our lives.”

Rev. Fr Tom Parecattil (Principal) presented in brief the academic programme of the year 2017-2018. He initiated his presentation quoting various heroic personalities who had the guts to stand up for worthy causes. During his presentation the principal gave a report of the performance of the previous academic year.

Sr Alphonsa Vattoly SCCG, the resource

person in her Key-note address spoke of “Growing in Spirituality and in Academic learning. She enriched our minds with her vast experience in education and she was able to keep the attention of all by sharing life examples of her own students. She narrowed down her long reflections to just two points : i) that we need to find God in everything and everyone and, ii) that we need to let God have his way in our own lives. Regarding academic excellence she assured us told that everyone is capable of achieving the great purpose for which one is uniquely chosen. To make this grand purpose of each student a reality, she said that the student has to be focused and determined, and instead of plodding one has to sprint.

Rev. Fr Thathireddy Vijaybhaskar, the president of the day’s programme gave a brief message. He summarized his speech in four points: He thanked the teaching staff who served the college in the previous year and





welcomed the new academic staff; he wished the teaching staff and the students 'all the best' as they together began another year of journey into finding out and gaining knowledge; taking the example of Don Bosco, he insisted that we need to be courageous enough to become someone great in the

future; and he advised the students to be focused in their philosophical studies and to gain as much knowledge as possible so that everyone may experience and learn the maximum from this academic year. The inaugural ceremony closed with the singing of the college anthem.- *BIS Correspondent*

DB MOTINAGAR SHINES AT THE 34 YOUTH NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

DB Motinagar, 1 July 2017: The hoopsters of Don Bosco School – Motinagar, aged 6 – 14 yrs, presented a visual treat and a mind blowing performance at the Inaugural ceremony of the 34th Youth National Championships for boys and girls at the Gachi-bowli Indoor Stadium, Hyderabad.



The National Championships, currently 26 states of India are participating, is being organized by the Hyderabad District Basketball Association under the aegis of the Telangana Basketball Association and the Basketball Federation of India. During this National event, the little cagers from Don Bosco School – Motinagar, made us proud by

showcasing their skills of ball control and prowess. These young students left the whole crowd at Gachibowli Indoor Stadium, mesmerized and speechless.

The Don Bosco Basketball Academy at Don Bosco Motinagar, has been growing by leaps and bounds during the last few years. Our Don Bosco School is proud to be the number one school team in the whole of Hyderabad, City. We congratulate the community for the efforts they put in towards the holistic education and growth of the Children at Don Bosco School, Motinagar. - *BIS Correspondent*



'Marginalization and the Birth of Deconstruction' Annual Philosophical Symposium

Karunapuram, 1 July 2017: Vishwa Jyothi, Don Bosco College organized the Annual Philosophical Symposium on 1st July 2017, on the theme 'Marginalization and the Birth of Deconstruction' at Don Bosco Philosophate, Karunapuram. It was Moderated by Rev. Fr. G. Suman Showry Sdb.

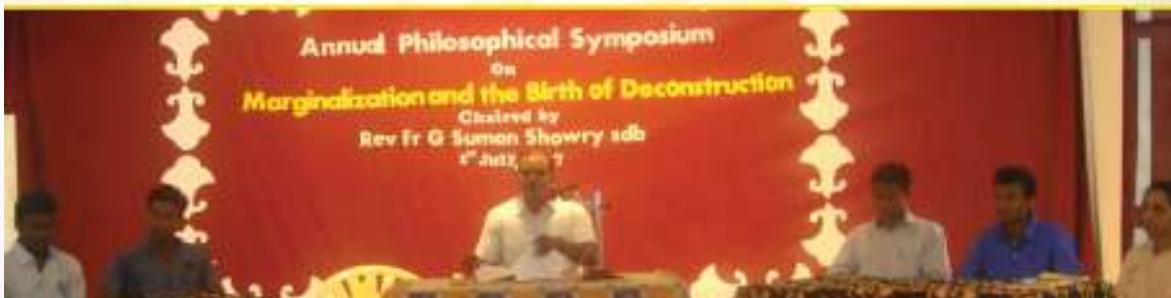
Fr. Anil Sdb introduced the 'what and why of the Symposium on 'Marginalization and the Birth of Deconstruction.' The main aim of the symposium was to apply the idea of deconstruction to contemporary India wherein we see injustice, inequality, discrimination, racism as the norms of the day. The theme was presented in six papers which gave us a broad understanding of the meaning of Deconstruction. It brings to our notice the world we live in. After each presentation there was a discussion, to enhance our idea far and wide. First paper was presented by Br. Cornelius on 'Jacques Derrida: Life and History'. Br. Mark presented the second paper on 'The Story

and History of Deconstruction.' Br. Bapuji presented the third paper on 'Origin and Meaning of Deconstruction'. The Fourth paper was presented by Br. Dominic on 'Responsibilities of Deconstruction'. The fifth paper was presented by Br. Jagan on 'The Operations of Deconstruction'. Sr Metilda presented the sixth paper on 'Appraisal of Deconstruction'. Finally the concluding comments were presented by Fr. Mallavarapu Anil sdb.

He stressed on the preamble of the Indian constitutions that India is a democratic country with the principles of equality, liberty and fraternity...a land of rich diversification of languages, cultures etc.

It was a great learning experience, through raising questions and through interaction. Above all we learnt how we could apply this theory of Deconstruction in society. The whole symposium invited all present to bring about changes in society and to make it a better place.

- BISS Correspondent



Seminar on Facts and Myths about Charismatic Ministry

Karunapuram, 4to5 July 2017: Vishwa Jyothi Don Bosco Philosophate, Karunapuram organized the seminar on Facts and Myths about Charismatic Ministry. The resource person for the seminar was Rev. Fr Benny Svd, a well known charismatic preacher and presently he is the director of Divine Word Centre at Muthangi. Brother Patrick, a layman, one of the team members of Fr Benny animated two sessions. It was a very appropriate topic for this generation of 21st century to revive the spirit of charismatic ministry in the Church.



We are living in an era wherein many people see charismatic ministry in the Church as an emotional blackmail and are very critical about it. They see it as nothing more than cheating. Moreover, many priests, religious and candidates to consecrated life too have wrong notions about Charismatic Ministry. Hence, they do not appreciate the unique gift of the Holy Spirit to such ministry. To clarify such wrong conceptions the seminar in consideration was organized.

The sessions started with the invocation of the Holy Spirit imploring him to overshadow the attendants with his presence and enthuse them with zeal for Christ. In the that presentations followed on the two days Fr Benny dealt with the origin of the charismatic mission and went on to explain the history of the charismatic ministry and then ended his session encouraging the brothers to get involved in the ministry of the Holy Spirit. With biblical evidences he showed that it was God the Father who originated the charismatic mission as a salvific plan for the entire human race, and it was in and through Jesus the plan was accomplished. He noted sadly that most of the priests and religious have forgotten such a mission of the Holy Spirit. Every disciple of Jesus is called to get involved in the charismatic ministry which entails preaching the good news, praying, healing, prophesying, performing miracles; in short doing all types of activities that Jesus did. However, today many priests and religious have turned towards worldly things like money, power, position, internet, sex, etc. and due to this the Church ministers fail to perform the miraculous works that are endowed on them by the Father. In the charismatic ministry it is the Holy Spirit who works through the ministers and does wondrous things. It is the power that comes from above. The power does not come from the world, from human beings but from the Holy Spirit. It is the same spirit who gives different gifts to





different people. The Bible says that without faith we cannot please God. There are different types of faith, those that are doctrinal, thematic and expectant faith. Through faith in Jesus we can heal a person who is physically, mentally and spiritually ill. Faith does miracles. At the end of two days of animations he posed a question: whether we have received the Holy Spirit. If so why are there no miracles, healings in their ministry? The seminar ended with the

message inviting everyone to be a model like Jesus to the faithful and to carry on their life in fidelity as charismatic disciples till the end for Jesus. Through the seminar we came to understand the facts and myths about the charismatic ministry and its importance. The seminar was effective and the fruits of it can be judged from the positive feedbacks. It enlarged our hearts and broadened our minds.

- BIS Correspondent

Blood Donation Camp at Karunapuram

Karunapuram, 19 July 2017: Blood is meant to Circulate, Pass it Around' and 'You don't need to be a doctor to save lives, Just Donate Blood' were the vibes at Viswa Jyothi College, Don Bosco Philosphate, Karunapuram on 19th July 2017. The students of Vishwa Jyothi College donated blood to the Indian Red Cross Society, Warangal with the due permission and exhortation of Rev. Fr Tom Parecattil, the Principal of Don Bosco Philosophate. Like in other years a team from Indian Red Cross Society came to collect blood from the college students which will be stored in the blood bank for the poor and needy.

Doing charity to the poor and needy either directly or indirectly brings a lasting sense of joy and satisfaction. The mere fact of feeling for humanity fills one's life with peace and serenity, and enthuses one with hope for the Kingdom of God. Quite many students volunteered to donate blood with the sole feeling of sharing with the needy. Moreover, some of them followed the example of Jesus who gave his blood to redeem humanity



from sin and thereby opened the gate to eternal life said that they were donating blood so that some poor people could live their earthly life a little longer.

A charitable act like blood donation is only a sign which speaks volumes about the inner state of the soul of all those volunteers. May this act of these students inspire many more people to enhance the life of others with the blessings they have received.

- BIS Correspondent





A Month Dedicated with Love for Mary at Karunapuram



Karunapuram, 15 July 2017: The Community of Don Bosco Philosophate Karunapuram inaugurated the Marian Month, a month dedicated in a specific way to express our love and devotion to the heavenly Mother and to seek her protection and guidance in our journey towards her Son Jesus. The community anticipated feast of Mt Carmel. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr Tom Parecattil and in the homily he highlighted our need to grow in her virtues. He put forth two very fundamental questions as a challenge for each one of us as we set out to commence the Marian Month. First, why at all do we dedicate an entire month and do so much in the name of Mary? Second, what are the strategies that we have planned to make this month fruitful and growing in the virtues of Mary? The above questions force one to have a vision, a purpose and mission for the month and also to plan out the strategies to achieve the intended goal. The

entire community was asked to do a good deed a day as individuals and to facilitate this venture each one of us was provided with a sheet of paper numbering the dates of the entire Marian month and a column each to keep record of the good deeds. In the evening the community inaugurated the Marian Tournament with a short prayer service and a the message from the Rector. Finally, a prayerful and meaningful Rosary Service was organized by the Marian group. To keep up the hythm of the Marian month the community also conducted a drawing competition in which the brothers took very active part. The Marian month will end on 14th August and this entire month is filled will so many activities, all in the name of Mary which will foster our love and devotion towards her. The community is very enthusiastic about the month and we pray that the fire continues to burn.

- *BIS Correspondent*



Local Youth Coordinators and Young Priests Meet

DBPH, Hyd, 17to18 July 2017: we had the Youth Animation Coordinators' and the Young Priests' Meet at Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderabad. The confreres in charge of the Youth Animation of the various communities and the young priests (quinquennium) gathered at the Provincial House, for these important days of renewal and planning.

On 17 July, Fr Anil D'za, the Regional Youth Director of the Karanataka Region of the Salesians of Don Bosco, Bangalore, ably animated and shared his experiences and challenges in youth animation. It was an enriching experience. In the post lunch session all the local Youth animation coordinators of the Province, created an action plan for the year 2017-2018. It was inspiring to see all the confreres actively involved and motivated in this most important area of Salesian Life – Youth Animation. Fr K.T. Jose the Province Youth Director and Fr Yeruva Joji the Youth Pastoral Delegate of the Province took the lead to organize and coordinate this meeting. On 18 July, the young priests (quinquennium) from the Province had their animation at the Provincial House. The whole day was dedicated to interaction



with Fr Thathireddy Vijaya Bhaskar, the Provincial, Fr Yeruva Joji, the Vice-Provincial and Fr Andhroth Jose, the Economer. The young priests frankly and without hesitation in a spirit of 'Salesian Family,' expressed their dreams and plans, the concerns and issues that they are facing in the various communities. This was also a great opportunity for these priests in their quinquennium to come to understand and interiorize the province priorities and plans. These two days of renewal and planning were organized well by Fr Joji Yeruva, the Vice Provincial. A word of thanks also to the Provincial House community for their efforts in making these meetings and all other successful. *- BIS Correspondent*

My Children, Jump, Run and Play and make all the Noise you want but avoid sin like the plague and you will surely gain Heaven





From Schools to Panchayats Growth of Child Rights Clubs in Andhra and Telangana - Ravulapalem

Ravulapalem: On a scorching summer morning PARA office at Ravulapalem woke up to the buzz of over 70 young adolescent boys and girls running, playing and chatting. They were Human Rights club members from 6 districts. They are part of over 1000 Human Rights Clubs in over 600 government schools in the Telugu States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The camp was inaugurated at PARA in Andhra Pradesh by Fr. Ignatius, Director of PARA, in the presence of Fr. Neelam Ratna Kumar from Navajeevan, Visakhapatnam and Mr. Solomon Paul, Director of LAMP, Guntur. A similar camp was held at Ramanthapur, Hyderabad. Children had interface with office bearers of ICPS, CWC, JJB and Childline. Ms. Khatija from Amnesty International was a special invitee at Ramanthapur. The Camp at Ramanthapur was concluded by the Telangana State Women Development and Child Welfare Secretary, Mr. M. Jagadishwar

IAS. The occasion was also the launching a new year for the HR Clubs as they seek to move beyond the schools to the communities at the village panchayat and Mandal or sub-district levels of local self-governance.

Human Rights Clubs (HRCs) are a voluntary groups of High School students who want to know and practice Human rights in their schools and develop a culture of Human Rights there. Each club is guided by a trained teacher from the school. Mr Ramesh Taritla and team organise the clubs in Andhra Pradesh and Mr Ambedkar Sodabatini in Telangana.

Summer camps and HUMAN RIGHTS together sound an incredible combination. This is what PARA offered to the students. The club members were thrilled with the 3-day camp that promised to be exciting. Half the participants were girls even though parents are generally afraid to send them





fearing for their safety.

This year HRC summer camps were open only to the Human Rights Club leaders at Mandal or sub-district level. They were offered 3 days of joyful “out of home” life: filled with fun, games, songs and good food. Human Rights Education and skills were integrated into their games and activities, without losing the fun in them.

The camps had all the regular teenager friendly items like aerobic exercises, music, party games and camp fires; participants could be care free, crack jokes, join various competitions, dance to popular tunes and have all the fun and frolic. The participants remained fresh, energetic and alert in spite of almost 17 hour days from 6.00 AM to 11.00 PM daily.

Children are creative and are looking for something new. Learning “New skills” trigger the toggle button in the student’s mind. The “Human Rights” element too has an “originality” knocking on the young person’s urge to respond to the blatant injustices in society. This year the focus was on taking the HR clubs from the school to the community to promote Human Rights practice and prevent HR violations there. A Human Rights Club functions through 6 sub

groups. The HR Study group focuses on knowing more about Human Rights. The Monitoring Group looks out for various ways of practising Human Rights and preventing their violations in the school. There is the HR Media Group that tracks national and international HR developments and keeps the club informed. The HR Culture Group spreads HR awareness in the school and beyond. HR Gender Group works for gender equality the in school. And finally there is HR Child Rights Group that focuses on Child Rights and their implementation in the school.

Among the Child Rights, the Right to Participation is the basis for the working of these clubs. The “Right to Participation” arises from 3 Articles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Article 12 speaks of the 'Right to be heard.' Article 13 speaks of the 'Freedom of Expression' and Article speaks of the 'Freedom of Association.'

The club conducts monthly meetings and the most urgent report of one of the six groups is communicated to the school authorities as a petition from the club. These monthly petitions and their implementation develop a HR culture in the school. They make the



school, a better school. In this way the HR club Participates in the “Governance” of the school by expressing its opinion on the HR status in the school.

PARA has established over 1000 HR clubs in 600 schools of Andhra and Telengana with over 30,000 students as members. Recently PARA has initiated steps to connect the activities of the HR clubs beyond the school premises to the communities where the members live. These Panchayat HR groups have gathered at the Mandal or sub-district level and formed the Mandal HR club. Similarly District and state level HR clubs have been formed. The summer camp was intended to train the Mandal Office bearers of the HR Clubs to initiate HR activities in the selected Panchayats/Mandals through the exercise of the Right to “Participation”.

72 Mandal office bearers attended the summer camp organised at Ravulapalem for Andhra region in the first week of June and another 68 at Ramanthapur for the Telengana region in the fourth week. The participants attended sessions on Human Rights, Child rights, and on leadership. They were given inputs on different committees and their activities in the Panchayats.

The summer camp made the participants aware of the many HR/CRC violations in the Panchayat like deficient water supply, sanitation, child-malnutrition, school drop outs, child labour, child marriage, lack of health facilities for children, child mortality, migration, trafficking and so on. These are clichéd topics and the local authorities may not listen to the petitions of children. So the summer camp devoted special sessions to explore different opportunities available to make the authorities listen to the opinions of children. They wanted to do this through the exercise of the “Right to Participation”. The HR club members would get their opinions registered in the legally established



committees of the Panchayat. Resource persons gave a deeper understanding of this Right to Participation and the functioning of panchayats.

The HR Club members residing in the Panchayat would find ways to be accepted as members in the various committees functioning at the Panchayats or Mandals. The child protection committees at the Panchayats and Mandals are often dormant. The HR members will enter these committees, revive them and carry their opinions through resolutions passed in these committees to the Village Sarpanch or the Mandal President. Similarly the HR club girls try to be members of the “adolescent girls’ committee” or in the Anganwadi committee. All can participate in Grama Sabhas and express their opinions on Human Rights or Child Rights violations. This will increase the Human Rights and Child Rights awareness in the Panchayat or Mandal. In this way the HR members participate in the “Governance” of the Panchayats and Mandals. The aim of the current exercise is to make the Panchayats and Mandals more child-friendly. If the Panchayat or Mandal board members are willing to listen to children’s opinions and implement some of them the HR clubs will have succeeded to some degree in making these democratic bodies more CHILD FRIENDLY and more democratic.

- BIS Correspondent





Congrats

We are proud of You:

— Fr Pallithanam Thomas – Salesian Representative to the UN —

It is indeed a proud moment in the history of the Province, as Fr Thomas Pallithanam, Salesian of the Province of St. Joseph, Hyderabad, is the next representative of the Rector Major and the General Council at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Originally from Kottayam, Kerala, India, where he was born on January 11, 1950. He has been part of the Salesian Province of Hyderabad since its inception. He has been actively involved in advocating and lobbying at the national and international level in favor of the most needy for over 25 years, as the Director and the Brain behind, People's Action for Rural Awakening (PARA) an NGO based at Ravulapalem, Andhra Pradesh. Fr

Pallithanam is currently National Coordinator of "Wada Na Todo Abhiyan", a large federation of Indian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) engaged in monitoring the activities of the federal and state governments, and promoting dialogue between civil society and public authorities; he is also the Indian representative of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty, a worldwide alliance between numerous platforms and organizations for combating poverty. We as a Province wish Fr Pallithanam Thomas the very best and promise him our prayerful support as he shoulders this great responsibility starting September 2017.

- BIS Correspondent



Fr Maliekal Jose

Standstill Utopias

Dr. Fr Jose Maliekal, who is serving the province and the church in the two Telugu States at St. John's Regional Seminary, Vizag, has successfully published his doctoral thesis: Standstill Utopias: Dalits Encountering Christianity. This has been a long journey of patient reflection, of intellectual durability and of divine inspiration. This singular book explores the socio-political and religious life-world of the marginalized of Konaseema and their predicament in the attempt to promote dignity and freedom vis-a-vis the domination and destruction. It presents to the reader pathways of a primordial theology of engagements which also challenges us to explore further how a new political economy,

moral economy and spiritual impulse can come together for the creation of a life of wholeness in the midst of broken fragments of society. This scholarly and well documented research speaks volumes about the interest of Fr Maliekal, his intellectual acumen and at the same time his engagement with the marginalized people. We congratulate and appreciate Dr. Fr. Jose Maliekal for this publication and above all for his interest in exploring areas where very few venture. We are sure that he will continue to contribute a lot towards the growth and formation of the young clerics entrusted to his care.

- BIS Correspondent



Fr Putti Anthaiah and Fr Prakash Maramreddy obtain their M.Th Degrees



Rome, 13 June 2017: Our dear confreres Fr Putti Anthaiah and Fr Prakash Maramreddy have defended successfully their theses at the Salesian Pontifical University in Rome.

Fr Anthaiah wrote his thesis on the theme of “Community Life and its Relevance in the Formation to Religious Life, with Special Reference to Fraternal Life in Community and the GC XXV Documents of the Salesians of DB.” Here is a gist of the main arguments of the thesis in Fr Anthaiah’s own words: “Man is a social being. He lives in community. The Church is essentially a faith community; its members are called to live in communion. The religious are called to live this communion radically in following the teaching of Jesus. In this present time community life is facing challenges. So the formation of the candidates to be religious in a community is important. The two documents I studied express the fact that community life is formative in itself. A good formation takes place both for initial and ongoing formation in the community”. The title of Fr Prakash Maramreddy’s thesis was “The Integral Spiritual Formation of the Young with a Special Reference to the Catholic Institutes of Learning in Telugu

Speaking Regions of South India.” Fr Prakash summarises the thesis well in his own words below: “The situation today poses many spiritual and moral dangers for the young people in choosing the right path for their future and to have a commitment in following Christ. One of the main focuses of Don Bosco’s teachings and formation of the young people was spiritual formation, which is testified by his statement ‘to be responsible citizens and good Christians’. The present situation in the Telugu speaking regions of South India or rather in the whole of India is to produce ‘academic giants and spiritual nothings’. The newness of my study consists in exploring the possibilities of adapting the current trends and renewing formation methods in such a way as to bring back the lost spirit and reach out to more youth in their spiritual formation, thus encouraging them to work towards social and national integrity in India.” The examination board was headed by Prof. Francisco Sanchez from Mexico and was comprised of Prof. Varghese Kalluvachel and Prof. Shaji Joseph Puykunnel from India. We congratulate our confreres wholeheartedly on reaching this important milestone in their lives and rejoice with them.



FR GOPU ANAND (RIP) - AN INTUITIVE VISIONARY AND A COURAGEOUS PIONEER

“I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in me though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die” (Jn 11:17-27).

At 2:27 a.m. on 7 April, 2017, Fr Gopu Anand breathed his last at Don Bosco Academy, Nalgonda. He was laid to rest on 8 April 2017 at Don Bosco Philosophate, Karunapuram. The Salesian Province of Hyderabad will always feel the absence of this great soul.

Fr Gopu Anand was born on 12 June 1967 the fifth of the eight children that Mr Joji Reddy and Mrs Veronickamma had. He made his perpetual profession at St. Michael’s Boys Home Guntur on 30 May 1992 and was ordained priest on 5 August 1996 by Bishop Thumma Bala.



Fr Anand – A man of undaunted faith

Where most see problems, he saw possibilities, where most see difficulties he saw the Divine Plan. Fr Anand always put Christ Jesus at the centre of his life and it is from this unwavering and unflinching trust in Him, that his optimism arose.

Fr Anand – a Charismatic Son of Don Bosco

The love that Fr Anand nurtured for Don Bosco and the Salesian Spirit was singular. He also imparted and communicated this same love to all those who came into contact with him.

Don Rua when he took up as the first successor of Don Bosco, made as his plan of life, these three points:

1) To maintain and develop the work begun by Don Bosco

2) To follow diligently the methods taught and practised by Don Bosco

3) To Study and imitate in speech and in action the model offered by Don Bosco.

These three points could also be spoken of the life, mission and action plan of Fr Anand. He spoke of Don Bosco on every occasion that arose and never missed a chance to make known. He knew the Salesian traditions well and insisted that they be practiced in the houses where he lived.

Fr Anand – a courageous pioneer and an intuitive visionary.

During his 20 years of Salesian Priestly life, he demonstrated time and again, his intuitive sense of having a vision for the mission that was entrusted to him. His dynamic personality, hardworking nature and optimism in times of adversity

and challenge have left an indelible mark wherever he worked.

He pioneered two major works in our province, Don Bosco Navajeevan, Ramanthapur and Don Bosco Academy, Nalgonda. At the inception these two places were deserted, arid and barren landscapes. Fr Anand could see already in these places an oases filled with life for the poor and abandoned young, surrounded by beautiful edifices and lush green ambience and joyful cries of the young and their future.

Fr Anand - A man of Tireless Hard work

Don Bosco’s mandate to his sons from his death bed was: Work Work Work. Fr Anand took this mandate to heart. He never looked



at work as a burden but as a sweet yoke of. He reminded us of Don Bosco who said, 'for you I study, for you I work, for you I live and for you I am ready even to give my life.' He understood and presented also to us the redemptive dignity of work. His twenty years of tireless zeal wore him out as it did, Don Bosco. He breathed his last like Don Bosco, in peace, surrounded by his boys and his confreres.

The Ordination Motto of Fr Anand was: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of God, my spirit rejoices in God, my savior' (Lk 1, 46) We strongly believe that the spirit of Fr Anand now truly rejoices in God, our savior. His life was a proclamation of the greatness of God. As we thank God for the gift of Fr Anand to our Province we also invite you to pray for his eternal repose. - *BIS Correspondent*

ADHYAYAN SCHOOL EVALUATION

One of the priorities of that the Province has chosen is the objective evaluation of all our institutions. To this end, from 4 July, we have the team from Adhyayan for the School Self Review and Evaluation (SSRE). They have been visiting and evaluating each one of our Educational Institutions.

This System of Adhyayan's School Self-Review and Evaluation Diagnostic (SSRE), was designed by Roy Blatchford and Spokey Wheeler. It is informed by internationally recognised standards of schooling, and is rooted in years of experience of conducting over 1,000 school audits globally. This Evaluation, guides school communities in undertaking their own structured reviews so that they can evaluate their current effectiveness against international best practice. The SSRE process enables accurate judgments about the school's performance in six Key Performance Areas (KPA) of school operation:

- Leadership and Management,
- Teaching and Learning,
- The Child,
- The Curriculum,
- Community and Partnerships,
- Infrastructure and Resources.





*We Fondly
Remember you
Fr Gopu Anand*

*We thank you
Dear Fr Anand*



*for your life for
scores of
young people and
for the Province*



*May you enjoy
the beatific vision*





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