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Marian Pilgrimage to Singaram @ Karunapuram

Karunapuram, 3 August 2017: The community of Don Bosco Philosophate, Karunapuram visited as pilgrims the chapel at Singaram in the Diocese of Warangal as it is witnessing miraculous signs in the statue of our Blessed Mother. The pilgrimage was organized as part of the Marian Month to foster devotion and veneration towards our Blessed Mother. Initially the community had decided to go to the parish of Fatima to commemorate the centenary year of the apparition of our Lady at Fatima. But later we decided to go to Singaram to have a look at the miraculous events happening there.

In the evening the entire community went to Singaram which at present is growing in popularity day by day due to the miraculous statue of Our Lady that started shedding tears of blood and water in the initial stages. Presently Marian devotees are continuously witnessing various miraculous signs being

manifested through the statue on a daily basis. With great devotion and love the community spent quality time in personal prayer and recited the Holy Rosary with fervour and devotion. Rev. Fr Marreddy, the parish priest, narrated in gist the entire incident and the miracles that have taken place in the recent past. The community was privileged to witness the shedding of tears with their own eyes. We saw the first drop rolling down the cheek as we reached the place and just before our departure we saw another drop running down the cheek. Each one was offered a taste of the holy tears of our Blessed Mother. The lady to whom the Blessed Mother appeared initially in a vision told us that our Blessed Lady is shedding tears because of our sins and she exhorted every one to make sincere confessions. The brothers then enjoyed their snacks and returned to the college. Though the pilgrimage was only one of the events of the Marian Month, the impact of it has been overwhelming because on the one hand it touched even the skeptical minds and on the other it increased our faith, love and devotion to our Blessed Mother. May each one of us continue to grow in devotion to our blessed Mother as we journey towards heaven.

- BIS Correspondent





Aaduthu...Paaduthu...
(Ooo..Balaa! Neeve Bhavishath Jvala...)
— at Kondadaba

Kondadaba, 6 August 2017: Aaduthu Paaduthu a programme for children of the neighbourhood was successfully organized at St John's Regional Seminary, Kondadaba. Besides the children, religious from the nearby communities too attended the programme and shared their joy and happiness with the children. It has been the tradition of the seminary to dedicate a day to bring all the children together for a cultural fest and this year seven hundred eighty (780) children from different ministry attended the programme. A two week preparation programme in their respective villages preceded the final celebrations. The programme of the day was meticulously planned and executed by the Mother Teresa group.

The programme began at 8.30 am and concluded by 4.30 pm, with lunch being provided by the Seminary. The campus resembled Valdocco where a good number of boys and girls engaged in many activities, games and spiritual exercises. Children came up with beautiful programmes which drew the attention of the viewers and conveyed the message that *'we too can challenge...'* The programme ended with the distribution of prizes for all the winners. In short, it was a day of entertainment and enrichment for all, especially the children. All through this endeavour, the Diocesan students were amply supported and encouraged by their Salesian staff.

- BIS Correspondent



MARIAN ACADEMY CUM INDEPENDENCE DAY Karunapuram

Karunapuram, 14 August 2017: The community of Don Bosco Philosophate Karunapuram concluded the Marian month with the Marian academy on 14th August 2017. A full month, from July 14th to August 15th, was specially dedicated to our Blessed Mother. There were many special activities during this



month that were centred on Mother Mary. Brothers showed their special love and devotion towards to our blessed Mother through well prepared Sermonettes, Rosary Services, thought-provoking notice boards and various competitions: quiz, dance, skit, treasure hunt, pilgrimage, and sports tournaments. Most of the sermons and good night talks were also based on Marian themes. As the saying goes, 'For every start there is also an end', so too the day came for us to conclude the Marian month. It was closed with a Marian academy. August 14th was an unforgettable day for the whole community. As a sign of love and respect towards our blessed mother and also to our

nation on the eve of its 71st Independence Day, the brothers put up a wonderful cultural programme for the people in and around Karunapuram. There were a good number of religious present to witness the awesome performance. Fr Sudhakar, the Parish Priest of Karunapuram was the chief guest for the day. The whole programme had as its focus our blessed Mother and our nation. There was a variety of colourful items depicting the glorious assumption of Mary and the boldness of Indian Patriotism. One of the most significant programmes of the academy was a salutation to Mary through the hymn 'Hail to the Virgin Mary' which was sung in unison by the entire gathering. The programme was well appreciated by all who came and 'congratulations' seemed to be the antiphon. The program was short but sweet. The hard work of the Brothers was much appreciated.

On 15th August the college community had a great celebration of the feast of Assumption and the Independence of our nation. The day began with the Holy Mass presided over by Fr Anil. The Mass was followed by the hoisting of the tri-colour national flag in the college with the entire student body. Fr G. Michael Kishore, the Rector of Vishwa Jyothi Don Bosco College was the chief guest for the day. Fr Suman, the administrator of Don Bosco Community, gave an inspiring message



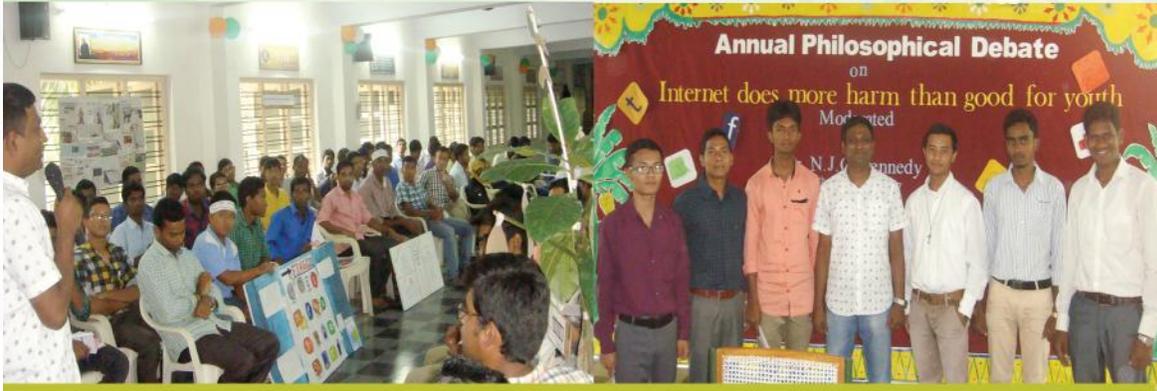
for the students on our nation. In his speech he highlighted three important qualities that every citizen has the obligation to possess and practice to make a better India. They were 1) a sense of appreciation 2) a sense of belonging and 3) a sense of commitment. It was very inspiring for all the students. There was also a short cultural programme held in the college to solemnize the event prepared by the students in collaboration with Fr Tom, the principal of the College. We also



celebrated the Independence Day, with a movieouting for the entire community.

Cl. Thumma Bala Rahul sdb

ANNUAL PHILOSOPHICAL DEBATE: INTERNET DOES MORE HARM THAN GOOD FOR YOUTH Karunapuram



Karunapuram, 26 August 2017: As part of the intellectual formation of the students, Vishwa Jyothi Don Bosco College, Karunapuram organized the annual philosophical debate on the theme "Internet does more harm than good to the youth." The moderator was Mr N.J.G. Kennedy and the three invited judges for the debate were Sr Fatima, Sr Sangeetha and Sr Nithya. The debate started at 9 am in the college auditorium and lasted till 12:45 pm.

Rev. Fr Tom, the principal of the college introduced the moderator Mr N.J.G. Kennedy and he in turn welcomed all the students, the judges and speakers for the day. The debate

then proceeded to the presentation of some well-researched speeches. The speakers for the motion were represented by John L, Hadrian R and Arogyaswami and those who spoke against the motion were Wallambok, Sudhakar and Abosalem. This was followed by rebuttals from both the groups. A lively and heated debate followed during which each group tried to justify their views. A lot of questions and counter questions were raised by the students during the floor discussion.

During the debate we came to realize that the anonymous contemporary world of today depends heavily upon computer, mobile



phones and internet to function effectively, efficiently and rapidly. With the invention and use of computer and mobile phone, life has become much faster and easier. However, their uninformative use has led to misuse, abuse and addiction too. It is leading people especially the youth in wrong paths like suicide, being away from the families, having no relationship with others, being lonely, depressed, etc. In the 21st century, technology speaks more than people people are we real in a that andcaught up in a rat race.

The debate ended with the rebuttal presentation from each of the groups. The moderator gave a valuable message on the theme. His core message was that we develop

a critical mind and strive to move beyond our comfort zones. He also warned that the students of philosophy should never be comfortable with anything and that they should always keep a stone in the shoe that will bother them all the time. The results were declared by Fr Michael Kishore, the Rector of the College and the team arguing for the motion were declared winners. This intellectual debate was an eye opener for many. The debate helped the students to be actively involved in thinking, reaching, reasoning, reflecting, judging and arguing, all of which are principal aspects of philosophy. The debate ended with the singing of the national anthem.

Cl. Vallamalla David sdb

TELANGANA STATE RURAL OLYMPIC SELECTIONS HELD AT DB ACADEMY NALGONDA

Nalgonda, 27 August 2017: Telangana State Level Rural Olympic meet was organized at the Don Bosco Academy, Nalgonda, on 27th August, 2017. About five hundred players and athletes from all over the state of Telangana assembled at the Academy for this event. Mr Nukala Narasimha Reddy, BJP District President, Allam Prabakarreddy, and ex-library chairman graced the occasion. They addressed the gathering, especially the players, and thanked the Salesians for the great service they render to the young through their different centres.



Fr Balashowreddy SDB was elected the District President of The Telangana Rural Olympics. Fr Balashowreddy took the opportunity to speak about Don Bosco and his life with the young. He talked about the playground spirituality and the success stories of past pupils and players.

The rigorous competitions and state selections came to a close at 5.00 pm. Mr Tharunreddy, the district secretary and other qualified physical education teachers were of great help in this whole enterprise. All the players appreciated the organization and accommodation provided. *Cl. M. I. Gupta Sdb*



St John's Regional Seminary, Kondadaba, Kothavalasa Annual Philosophical Symposium

Kondadaba, 28 August 2017: It was a great day at St. John's Regional Seminary, because it was long awaited. It came to fulfill our dream of knowing something about secularism. The annual symposium was on the topic "Revisiting Secularism in a changing India". The Moderator was Prof. Saileela from St. Joseph's College of Mangalapalem. The programme started at 9:15 am with a hymn to the Holy Spirit followed by Scripture Reading. Fr D. Jose Maliekal, the principal of the college, introduced the moderator of the day. He welcomed her and read out her Bio-data. Fr. Rector felicitated her with a shawl and Br. Vamsi, the college leader, with a bouquet.

Then six speakers of the day were invited to take their chairs. First Br Rajesh Pothuraju presented his topic: "Towards a Genealogy and Archaeology of Secularism". He presented the meaning and the evolution of the concept of secularism. The term secularism means the separation of state from Religion and its faith experiences. Along with that many other insights were presented to the pupils present there. Then it was a forum for clarifications and to raise questions. Secondly, Manohar Akhils: Difference in the Approach to Secularism in the West and in India". This topic dealt with people thinking about secularism in all its aspects and the way of approach to secularism in the West and in

the East. Thirdly, Kurapati David Raju presented "Specificity of Secularism in the Pluralistic and Democratic Constitutional Framework of India". Then Bonela Vinaykumar "Shifting Discourse of Secularism in the Changing Socio-Cultural and Politico-Economic Scenario of India". Kowju Bala Raju presented "New Awakening of Religion in the Public Sphere in the world and in India: Challenges for Secularism and Democracy". Komarapu Pratap presented "The Way forward: In Search of Alternative Narratives and Praxis"

Over all the brothers were happy that this relevant topic was conducted. They learnt that, "Sarvadharm Sambhavana, Dharma Neerbhekshitha and Bhandha Neerbhekshitha", are important elements in implementing and practising secularism. The concept of Secularism and religion should be implemented in India along with the state affairs like the two sides of a coin. We concluded this annual symposium by 1:00 pm.

- BIS Correspondent

"Remember,
God does not
pay as for
results, but for
effort"

- Don Bosco



DB Philosophate Inter-Seminary Volleyball Tournament at Karunapuram

Karunapuram, 31 August 2017: The community of Don Bosco Philosophate Karunapuram organized an Inter-Seminary Volleyball Tournament with the intention of bringing all the seminarians of the various institutions of Karunapuram together for a day's event and thereby to feel the vibration of youthfulness and celebrate the joy of living as brothers in spite of the differences in charisms in the vineyard of the Lord. The sporting event brought 10 different institutions of formation together. The occasion gave us an opportunity and a forum to interact with religious from other institutions and make new friends.

The matches started off with a short inaugural ceremony invoking the Lord to be with each and every one of the participants so that the event might

help the brothers to grow in the spirit and enable all to come closer to one another. Rev. Fr Michael Kishore, the rector, welcomed the gathering and highlighted the advantage of participating in competitive events.

The game was played on a knockout basis. The Holy Cross and the Franciscans reached the finals from among the ten teams. It was a fabulous final to watch: tough, energetic and well balanced. More than the players the entire crowd was excited and wildly cheered the teams with much enthusiasm. The whole atmosphere was filled with shouts of encouragement, and there was total involvement in the game from the part of the spectators too. Indeed one could witness and



reiterate the words of Don Bosco “Play, Jump and Shout but do not sin.” It was indeed a memorable tournament for all the players as the match went on upto 2:00 pm.

The Don Bosco Volleyball Tournament trophy was won by the Holy Cross Brothers and the Franciscans were the runners up. At the end Fr Kishore appreciated the service and hard work of the Salesian Brothers under the supervision and guidance of Br Biju and Fr Suman and for the entire organising team who put in their wholehearted effort to make the day a memorable one.

Cl. Pathuru Swaroop Surya Teja sdb



Past Pupils Meet
@
Don Bosco Provincial
House



Retreat Meet
@
Don Bosco Provincial
House



PARENTS' MEET at DB Academy, Nalgonda

Nalgonda, 1 September 2017: A parents' meet was organized at Don Bosco Academy Nalgonda on 1st September 2017. The participating parents of the school, junior college and degree students were divided into two groups. The first group of parents, of the day scholars, attended the meeting from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and the second group of parents of the boarders from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Fr Balashowreddy the Rector and Principal of the academy along with Fr Sandeep Innareddy, Fr Nikhil, Mr Kishor the coordinator of the academy and Mr Venkateswarlu AO coordinated the whole programme.

Fr Balashowreddy presented to the parents the Don Bosco services and presences around the world and about their tireless work with



the young and their commitment. Later he elaborated the rules and regulations for the parents of the students. He stressed on the role of parents in the life of the students and the paradigm changes envisioned in this area. Later the meeting was open for floor discussion, with the possibility for parents to clarify and discuss any of their concerns and doubts.



After the meeting all the parents had the opportunity to meet the class teachers of their respective wards and to collect their progress reports. All the parents thanked the Fathers and Brothers and members of the teaching staff for their vision and mission for their children. All the parents were positive and happy about the Salesian education being offered through the institution.

Cl. Mullangi Indrajit Gupta sdb





TEACHERS DAY Celebration at Don Bosco Academy Nalgonda

Nalgonda, 5 September 2017: Don Bosco Academy, Nalgonda celebrated the teacher's day on 5th September. Fr Balashowreddy, Fr Balaswamy, Fr Nikhil, Fr Sandeep and all the teachers of the institute were led to the stage by a sixty strong girl troupe. There was band and trumpet blasts and parade by all the students of the school, Intermediate as well as degree and PG. The whole morning was made lively through a beautiful cultural programme.

Fr Balashowreddy spoke of the important role of a teacher in a student's life and his/ her great value in the upbringing of a child as a responsible citizen and a god-fearing person. He referred to the teachers as gods whom one can see and touch. He referred again to the educators as parents of the soul. He acknowledged the great strengths of the teaching staff and appreciated

all the hard work put in by them. The students were not to be denied their golden opportunity to express their love and appreciation for their teachers and they did so whole-heartedly through speeches, essay competitions, creative notice board displays and through various craft works. They thanked the teachers for their great commitment, ability, aptitude and creativity in helping them grow up as well-educated individuals of society.

At noon the students conducted games and other activities. They lovingly handed a gift to each of the teachers as a token of their gratitude to all the teachers. Thus the day truly reflected the spirit of quality education and appreciation as envisaged by great educationists like Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrinan, APJ Kalam and Don Bosco.

Cl. Mullangi Indrajit Gupta sdb



DB Academy Celebrates BATHUKAMMA Nalgonda



Nalgonda, 19 September 2017: Don Bosco academy celebrated Bathukamma the official feast of the state of Telengana and gave witness of their love for the state and respect for women. This beautiful cultural event began with 200 girls dancing the typical bathukamma. Later the students of the school, Inter, Degree and PG brought bathukamma mounts to the forum and

placed them around a *tulasi* plant, with band blasts and shouts of joy. It was followed by the breaking of coconuts by Rev. Fr Balashowreddy, Fr Balaswamy, Fr Nikhil, Fr Sandeep and teachers and student representatives.

Of course the setting of *bathukamma* mounts around the *tulasi* plant was beautiful and further ushered in the festive mood. And there began a *bathukamma* dance with claps and song, with Fr Rector and Fr Balaswamy joining in.

Later on all *bathukamma* mounts were carried to the stage in a grand procession and accompanied by dances, music and drum beats. The whole drive was filled with 20 groups of children in dance batches. When all reached the stage Fr Balashowreddy gave a beautiful message to the gathering telling us about the importance of the girl-child in society, family and in our life. He also mentioned some of the great achievements of women in Indian history. He also recalled with sadness some of the ways in which women are illtreated in society today. He concluded saying that at Don Bosco we celebrate every individual as a special blessing. We live the family spirit, and never compromise on teaching values. We teach values and so we are unique.

The celebration ended with some rituals being performed by the senior teachers. All the children left for home very happy.

Cl. Mullangi Indrajit Gupta sdb



State Level Dance Competitions at DBNJ Ramanthapur



Ramanthapur,

2 September 2017: The Telangana State Level Dance Competition specially for school children, for the year 2017, was organized by DBNJ Youth Association at Ramanthapur in Hyderabad on 2nd September 2017. The theme of the competition was “Look in the mirror... that’s your competition” Fr Thathireddy Vijay Bashkar, the Provincial of Hyderabad and Fr Noel Maddichetty, the third Provincial of Hyderabad were the special guests at the event. About 200 students from the twin cities of Hyderabad and some from the neighboring districts participated in the competition.

Dance has now become an integral part of our community. It creates a creative identity in its visual art. For many the event offered an opportunity to showcase their talents, even though for a short while. The LFS school, with their amazing dancing skills won 12 prizes and rightly earned the longest round of applause. A well choreographed dance for the patriotic song *Vandemataram* won the Nalgonda School the first prize for the best

group dance.

There were also other patriotic as well as folk songs of Telangana which resounded in the hearts of the participants in the individual and group dances.

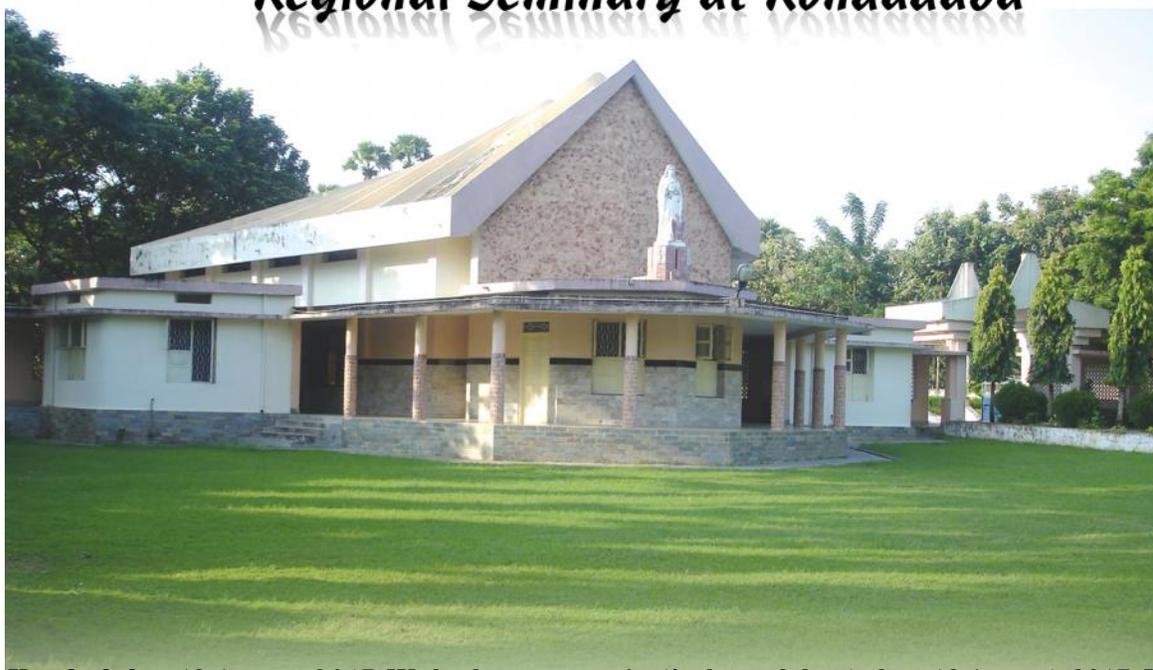
The participants also appreciated the encouraging words of the chief guests: Fr Thathireddy Vijay Baskar, and Fr Noel Maddichetty. Fr Sudhakar, the Director of DBNJ and Dr Krishna Murthy, who is currently working as Telugu teacher at GBHS, in Bowenpally, too were present for this event. Dr Murthy, a former teacher at Don Bosco School, praised all the participants for their effort and skill. He was happy to be invited to come and witness the talents of the budding artists.

The competition concluded with the distribution of prizes for the winners. The participants went home happy and eager to visit the campus again to attend various other competitions.

- BIS Correspondent



New Priest's Day St John's Regional Seminary at Kondadaba



Kondadaba, 18 August 2017: We had our new priest's day celebrated on 18 August, 2017. It was really our bounden duty to thank almighty God for making the day possible on a grand-scale. Newly ordained Priests from all the dioceses of Andhra and Telangana, who pursued their philosophy here at Kondadaba, were invited to offer a thanksgiving Mass and have a family gathering as a token of their love towards their alma mater St John's Regional Seminary, Kondadaba.

At 9:30 am, accompanied by well prepared music and joyful hymns, the whole community joined the 14 new priests in the solemn Eucharistic celebration. Later during their individual sharing, they narrated some of their memorable experiences while at Kondadaba. They did not hesitate to share with the young students some of the principles and values they learnt during their three year formation period at Kondadaba, that helped them grow in their vocation over the years: the importance of studies, making use of all available opportunities, striving to be more of ourselves, aspiring to be initially inspired by others before we expire... Spoken from the heart and gained through hard learnt experience, they left an impact upon the listeners. Fr Santhosh Alamanda, one of the newly ordained, proposed the vote of thanks highlighting and appreciating the formation given by the Salesians of Don Bosco and connecting it to "You are called to the Mission of Mercy and Compassion". At 4:00 pm, we had a friendly volleyball match between the new priests and the seminarians. It was a very friendly event, filled with lots of fun and laughter. The guests departed at 6:00 pm to their respective places. The seminarians felt happy about their hard work and the lessons learnt from their sharing with their seniors.

- BIS Correspondent



SEMINAR ON “SCIENCE AND RELIGION DIALOGUE” at Karunapuram



Karunapuram, 1 to 2 September 2017: Vishwa Jyothi Don Bosco College Karunapuram organized a two-day seminar on “Science and Religion Dialogue” on 1st and 2nd of September 2017. The resource person for the seminar was Dr Kuruvilla Pandikattu SJ, a well-known professor of Science and Religion.

We the Bosconians of Vishwa Jyothi College Karunapuram began the seminar with a hymn to the Holy Spirit and the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. The convener, Fr Tom the principal of the college welcomed the speaker Fr Kuruvilla Pandikattu SJ and introduced him to all the students as a prolific

writer who has authored several books and has written many articles in several magazines and continues to do so. During the first day of our seminar he stressed on the two pillars of our civilization: Religion and Science. If the material things of this world cannot make us happy, what can make us happy, was the central question leading to reflection.

On the second day he focused on the relationship between science and religion. He stressed that science and religion are not in conflict. Instead they offer us opportunities to discover meaning in life, and help us to live meaningfully. “Science does not need



religion. Religion does not need science. But we humans need both,” Fr Kuruvilla repeated constantly. To initiate the process of dialogue between Science and Religion, the speaker emphatically upheld the role of philosophy. The reason being that philosophy enables us to build bridges between science and religion by providing concepts, visions, possibilities, and initiating dialogue between science and

religion. The seminar was, over all, very enriching and enlightening to all the students leading to many questions being raised with regard to one’s own faith and beliefs. In turn Dr Kuruvilla answered and clarified all in a very simple manner. The seminar concluded with the words of appreciation from the students towards both Fr Kuruvilla and Fr Tom.
- *BIS Correspondent*



Group dynamics at Nuzvid

Nuzvid, 4 to 5 September 2017: A seminar on group dynamics was conducted by Fr Joji sdb, the vice provincial of St Joseph Hyderabad, for the students of St Paul’s Regional Seminary, Nuzvid. The community was thrilled to have him and were duly helped much during his two day animation programme.

The seminar began with the words of welcome by Fr Anil, the Rector. At the beginning of the animation Fr Joji spent time learning the names of the Brothers. The 36 students hail from the three states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Odisha and belong to ten dioceses, including the diocese of Rayagada, Odisha. Fr Joji then proceeded to enlighten the Brothers through various games and activities. This seminar was much appreciated by the brothers for its focus on personal growth, quality of leadership, sensitivity, sense of belonging, communication and the importance of the priestly life.

The two days of learning were fun-filled and highly enriching. The mode of learning was very active and alive. The input sessions were heart warming. It made the Brothers reflect deeper on their present state of life and its purpose. Creative ways of conducting the morning and evening prayers with power point presentation enlivened the moments of prayer too. At the end of the seminar, the Brothers and Fr Anil thanked Fr Joji for his loving presence, and for the educative programme.
- *BIS Correspondent*



LEARN TO SERVE @ NUZVID

Nuzvid, 5 September 2017: Tuesday, the brothers of St Paul's regional seminary, Nuzvid, celebrated teachers day and the feast day of Mother Teresa of Kolkota. Through the various activities of the day, we celebrated the fact that the teacher is the one who dispels darkness and the saint is the joyful giver of happiness to the needy.

The day began with a prayerful atmosphere. In the morning at 6:15 am we had a special morning prayer in the auditorium. We began the prayer, lighting the ceremonial lamp and offering flowers to Mother Teresa. There was a short sharing about the significance of Teacher's day and the life of Mother Teresa during the morning prayers. Each brother from his own experience shared what touched his heart about the twin celebrations of the day. They expressed that Jesus is the Sadguru, the dispeller of darkness. He is the teacher who leads them from ignorance to truth, from the darkness to light and from death to immortality (*asato maa sad gamya thamasoma Jothir gamaya, mruthyorma amrutham gamaya*). They also shared their views about the present day relations between teacher and student. Now a day often education and the relation between teacher and student are money-centered. Therefore there is no genuine relationship in the field of education. However they felt that education is for learning to live worthy lives not merely acquiring skills to earn money. They appreciated highly Mother Teresa for her teaching, preaching and serving the poor in very tangible ways. She was a true teacher who learned to serve not to earn. The students also took the opportunity to appreciate and thank those involved in teaching them on a daily basis: Fr Anil (Rector), Fr Sebastian (Administrator) and Br Ashish (regent). They were appreciative of their teaching and caring presence with them and guiding them in discerning and growing in their vocation.

The Brothers concluded their morning prayers taking a resolution to learn to serve the unserved and live for the unloved. We had the Eucharistic celebration at 7 am animated by Fr Sebastian who presided over the solemn Mass. His inspiring reflections on the reasons for the celebration were very much appreciated.

- BIS Correspondent

Cooperators' Office Inauguration at Nuzvid

Nuzvid, 6 September 2017: The Salesian Cooperators, Nuzvid unit inaugurated the cooperators' office at St Paul' Regional Seminary, Nuzvid. Fr Yeruva Joji, the vice provincial of the Salesian Province of St Joseph, Hyderabad, inaugurated the office. The blessing and inauguration ceremony of the office began at 8:30 am. Present for this occasion were Fr Joji, the vice provincial, Fr Gangarapu Anil (Rector), Fr Kuthanapallil Sebastian (administrator), the Salesian Cooperators of Nuzvid, Br Ashish (Regent) and the thirty six Brothers of St Paul's regional seminary, Nuzvid. First and foremost, Fr Anil spoke a few introductory words. After that the vice provincial cut the

ribbon and inaugurated the office. In his speech Fr Joji said that it was the first Salesian cooperators office in the province of Hyderabad. He appreciated the cooperators for their zeal, enthusiasm and tireless work for the poor and downtrodden young people in and through the Nuzvid unit.

At the end of the programme, one of the Cooperators, Mr Joseph thanked the vice provincial for his presence for the inauguration of the office. He also thanked Fr Anil and the community of St Paul's for all the arrangements for the programme. Fr Anil is also the Province delegate for the Salesian cooperators. - BIS Correspondent



Cycle Picnic to Edara Nuzvid

Nuzvid, 2 September 2017: The Brothers of St Paul's regional Seminary Nuzvid, organized a cycle picnic to Edara, a place known for its Marian shrine, honoured under the title 'Edara Matha'. It is located sixteen kilometers from Nuzvid town.

We gathered in front of the house at 9 in the morning and had a short prayer. Fr Anil, the Rector, gave a short message for the picnic and spoke of its purpose. Then we pedaled our way to Edara. We reached the place by 10.30 and Fr Anand, the parish priest of Edara, welcomed us joyfully. After that we celebrated the holy Eucharist at the parish church. After the Mass we climbed the hill to visit *Edara Matha* (Our Lady of Edara) reciting the Rosary. We spent an hour on the hill, singing and praying. We enjoyed the greenery and the beauty of Edara. Our hearts were filled with joy on seeing the Edara Matha. With joy filled-hearts we descended and went for lunch. After lunch around 2 O' clock we had party games in the lush green guava garden. They were conducted by Br Ashish, the regent, and the Don Bosco group. The rest of the afternoon was an entertaining mixture of singing, dancing, shouting and laughing. At four in the evening we wrapped up our activities, recited a short prayer and headed back home. For most, the day just flew by too quickly. The two hours of time spent in playing games in the orchard was like the icing on the cake! The Brothers remain grateful to God and the Salesian staff for organising and arranging the picnic... and look forward to many more!

The amazing joy of being instrument of Yoga at Nuzvid

Nuzvid, 17 September 2017: The Brothers of St Paul's Regional Seminary, Nuzvid were presented an opportunity to learn the importance of yoga, a meditation method from the 13th to 17th of September 2017. Animating this learning experience was Fr Sebastian John, the former novice-master of the Province.

The proposed meditation method was aimed at understanding oneself, especially through a greater awareness of the self. Fr Sebastian assured them that through this method they would learn to enjoy and better nourish prayer. He initiated them into this prayer mode through a contemplation of the Scriptures, a step-by-step guided meditation, a plan for self evaluation of one's own prayer life and through a variety of ways of praying the psalms during lauds and vespers.

Every morning began with physical exercise to prepare the body for the meditation. It was stressed that for a good meditation we need to prepare not only our body, but also the mind and spirit to concentrate on our inner self. For this Fr Sebastian proposed the simple but profound technique of focusing on one's breath. Through this one can gain control of one's mind and pay attention to what the conscience tells us. The meditation methods of Fr Sebastian John found great acceptance among the Brothers, as they help a person to look within and beyond oneself using simple techniques. Besides, he was much appreciated by the brothers for his simplicity, energy, enthusiasm, understanding, love and kindness.

" By means of affection, gain the heart of the youth."

St. John Bosco



Child Rights Protection Committees Meet @ DB Provincial House



If we don't stand up for Children, we don't stand for much – Marian W. Edelman.

The Province of Hyderabad has taken a bold step in setting up Child Rights Protection Committees in all our centers. These Committees focus on the protection of the rights of every child present in our institution. As part of this process, a training programme was organized for the members of the Child Protection Committees in two different regions. On 18 August, 2017, all the members of the CRPC's of the Andhra Region gathered together in Vijayawada and on 25 August, 2017 in Ramanthapur, Hyderabad.

During these days of training, they studied the Child Rights Protection Policy of the Salesians of India, the Juvenile Justice Act and the Child Rights Declaration by the UN. This training programme was aimed at helping these members function in a just and objective manner. We wish to congratulate Fr Yeruva Joji, our Vice Provincial and the various Principals and Rectors of all the Child Care Centers in our province for successfully forming the Child Rights Protection Committees (CPRCs) and for the training program.

- BIS Correspondent

Renovation of the Swimming Pool at st Pauls, Nuzvid

Nuzvid, 3 September 2017: Swimming pool in the premises of St Paul's Regional Seminary, Nuzvid was blessed and inaugurated. The renovated pool was beautifully painted by the Brothers themselves. Br Ashish, the regent gave the introductory words about the swimming pool and thanked Fr Anil (the Rector) and Fr K.M. Sebastian (the administrator) for their encouragement and support for the renovation of the swimming pool. Fr Rector then blessed and inaugurated the swimming pool, cutting a ribbon. In his speech he thanked Br Ashish for all the work and the initiative and also the Brothers who gave a

helping hand for cleaning, painting and washing in and around the pool. Fr Sebastian John was invited to be the chief guest of this special occasion. As the blessing and inauguration concluded, the excitement on the faces of the thirty six Brothers standing around the swimming pool defies description. And when they did get the affirmative nod, there was a loud splash as they all jumped in, with peals of joy and laughter. After a good hour of swimming and frolicking in the water, the Brothers headed for a wash and then commenced a seminar on various meditation methods, animated by Fr Sebastian John.

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LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR PRINCIPALS BY ADHYAYAN

The Educational Institutes of the Province have been blessed with the Adhyayan School Evaluation Process. As part of this evaluation process, the the Head Masters, Assistant Head Masters and Principals of Junior Colleges had the Don Bosco Leadership and Management Training Programme on 9 and 10 September, 2017 at Don Bosco Navajeevan, Ramanthapur.

The Adhyayan Team, uring this meeting had the presentation of the Report of the various



schools and colleges of the Province. They also animated the participants on leadership and management skills through their workshop. The participants also had a discussion on the standardization of our educational institutions. A word of appreciation to the Adhyayan Team for the able animation and the well planned workshop for our Principals.

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