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AWAKENED SPIRITUALITY MAKES THE COMMUNITY HOPE FOR THE NEW YEAR.

The new year, which will start under the ongoing influence of COVID-19, holds the MDA District Chapter. We shall check the goals and methods, integrate with each other, and move forward to COMMUNITY OF TRUST. In all this agenda, the first priority is to maintain 'UNITY WITH GOD', that is the basic framework of Community life.

In relation to our mission in MDA, we shall aim for 'the warm MDA' in order to exist as 'Light and Salt' in a society that is becoming more polarized. Because 'the true evangelization' means that we first live faithfully to God's words and become the Light and Salt in the world. And the second is to 'Be under the guidance of Jesus Christ. Remembering the Lord, as well as remembering our founder, is not looking at religious pictures hanging on the wall. What really matters is to be under his influence every day. Rather than show off our own influence and rely on, I wish all of us a year of being influenced and guided by Jesus Christ, so that each of us be the Light and Salt in order to manifest 'the warm MDA'.



Today, as I am writing this editorial, I reflect on these words,

'Christ has indeed come down to the lowest'. He was born on the outskirts of the countryside, and the circumstances forced him to be born in a stable. Truly, no one can go any lower than him. So, we don't have to go up high to see God. Zacchaeus climbed up a tree to see Jesus, but Jesus said: 'Zacchaeus, come down quickly' (Lk 19,5).

I hope this year will be a year for all of us to meet Jesus in a lower place, welcome Him in a more marginalized area, and communicate with Him in a more unfamiliar place.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Bro. KIM





Visitors to the community where I stay in Bom Princípio:
Two General Councillors
(Brothers Oscar and Sylvain)
and the new provincial Br.
Deivis.

Thanks for the visit and support!



Christmas Celebration in community with the presence of **Br. Lécio** who is working as missionary in East Timor.



Taking time to look after my mother **Maria Lourdes**.

Thanks for the prayers for the recovery of her health.

Br. Canisio J Willrich

Cu Chi Community – Viet Nam

Final profession of Br. Anton Nguyen Tien Cong



Within the theme “Love to the end” (John 13:1), the Marist District of Asia (MDA) celebrated Br. Cong's final profession on December 8th, the feast day of Immaculate Conception, at My Khanh Parish, in the Phu Cuong diocese. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Fr. Joseph Albert Nguyen Mai Thanh, of the Missionary Society of Viet Nam (SMV).

Br. Kim Dong Ryeol (Anselmo), received Cong's vows and gave the perpetual profession crucifix on behalf of the Superior General, Br. Ernesto Sánchez Barba.



Due to the pandemic and government restrictions, only 50 people were able to present including brothers, but it was broadcast online with live streaming, so that all the brothers who knew Br. Cong participated online in various places and at different times, praying, celebrating, and sharing joy together.

Br. Cong expressed his gratitude to his family, friends, brothers, and all his former formators who accompanied him at different stages of his formation.

Br. Cong who made his final profession in Vietnam, MDA, joined Marist in 2010 and started formation with help of several brothers including Br. Canisio, the current MDA leader. His first profession was made in Tamontaka Novitiate, the Philippines, in 2015. By the leading of the Holy Spirit and the MDA Council's support, he joined the formation program in May 2018. He lives in the Cu Chi community, Vietnam and serves as a formator and the Vietnam Country Coordinator.



Bro. Kim Anselmo

Pailin Community – Cambodia

2021 was in many ways a complicated year, but for our new project in Pailin it was a very good year. We had enough time to accommodate the new hostel buildings and prepare them for the students and the 23rd of December we received 18 girls and 11 boys. They will assist classes in the nearby High School.

We call our new project: "Marist Center of Hope". With this name we want to express that the spirit of Marcellin Champagnat is guiding our work and we want to be a sign of HOPE for our students. To facilitate a good formation gives them the opportunity to have a better future. For this we have a clear preference for young people from poor families. This is our Marist way to show compassion.

After many years of planning and building, thanks to the generous support of many donors we are able to start our own Marist project. We continue to be responsible for the Marist Education Center (MEC) in the parish. There is a lot of work to do and we are happy to receive two new brothers to share our mission in Pailin: Br Hoang Anh and Br Le Danh Hai from Vietnam will reinforce the Marist presence among the youth of Pailin.





Bro. Max Meier

Sai Gon Community – Viet Nam



Vows Renewal

Bros. Bao, Hung, Thuan had their Renewal of Vows and received the new Constitutions and Statutes and Rule of Life, with the presence of Bro. Thuong - a moment of grace. The Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Fabio, from the Society of Divine Vocations.



The community was pleased to have a Eucharistic celebration with Fr. Lam, a priest from Diocese of Bui Chu.

Birthday Celebration of Br. Thuan.



*Birthday Celebration of Trung –
Candidate*



*Christmas and New Year
Celebration*

Blood Donation – Br. Bao



Time to time, we had some visitors, brothers, laymen and women, friends.





Once a week, the young brothers, formandees, and friends gather together to play soccer.

Bro. John Hung

Talit Community – West Bengal, India

November 4th in India we celebrate the festival of Deepavali. As we celebrated last year in our hostel with all the boys. In the evening we had a celebration of light as well we had dinner together with our hostel boys.



In India we celebrate Teacher's day on September 5th. As we remember the birth anniversary of its second president Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. As we remember in our hostel we too celebrated the hostel Teachers day for all the teachers and brothers. As we celebrated the day with all the teachers with our hostel boys. It was a wonderful celebration and memorable day for all the brothers and boys of the hostel.



November 27th, we had a Teacher's meeting with all the hostel Teacher's and community college teachers. During the meeting Bro. Malangmei presented to all the teachers about the Child protection policy as well how to teach the boys of the hostel. Bro. Jose Maria presented to all the teachers important of the community college as well how we need to help the children in their education. Bro. Jiji presented to all the teachers about the rules and regulations of the hostel. How we need to encourage the children in their education as well as follow the rules of the hostel as well follow the child protection policy. At the end of the meeting we had lunch together with all the brothers.



December 21st, we had a Christmas celebration with our hostel boys as well as all the neighbouring religious communities. During the Christmas celebration we had the Holy Eucharist celebration followed by a cultural program given by our hostel boys as well as hostel teachers. At the end of the celebration we had a family meal together with everyone.



December 28th our teachers organized a one-day outing to Shantiniketan. It was a wonderful experience to be with the teachers.



On 12th December Bro. Jose Maria organised the youth activities in our community. Around our community most of the young people joined the meeting. It was a wonderful meeting. At the end of the meeting all the young people had lunch with our community



On 26th December we had a Christmas celebration with our young people around our community. We share our birth of Jesus with the young people sharing the joy and love with each other. At the end we cut the Christmas cake and we shared it as one family with the young people.



On 4th January 2022 all the hostel boys came back to the hostel. Still new boys are getting admission to join the hostel. Even though we are facing the parcel lockdown in India still with the hope and trust in God We open the hostel for the boys. As well we open the community college for the young people and children. At the moment everything is going well with God's blessing.



On January 2nd we celebrated our foundation day. We had a Holy eucharist celebration with the neighbouring religious community. At the end of the celebration we had a family meal together with our community.



From November we have started our food project helping the poor people. We received the project from AMS. From November 2021 to November 2022. Our community is thankful to all the AMS staff, benefactors and students.



New land in India. Fencing work is going on. As a community we are visiting the land and looking after all the work. We thank our MDA leader and His councils as well our superior general and his councils. Supporting financially to do the work.



Bro. Jiji



Mymensingh Community – Bangladesh

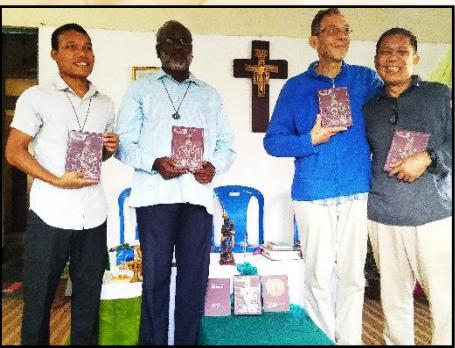
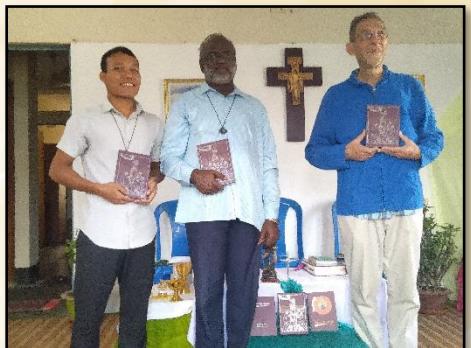
During the Month of October – November, our Two postulants Shovo and Shohel went for a month-long special course with the Jesuit's formation house in Dhaka. mid November they finished their experience and they were participating in a special English course, Spiritual discernment and youth gathering. it was a rich experience according to them. The Jesuits helped us a lot and their support in the spiritual part was very much appreciated.



After that, Br. Robert and I went to visit our incoming Aspirant Mr. Timash Howee's family. It's three hours by local transport. We were happy for his old parents and some of his brothers and sister's family members too. While we were returning we visited Br. Robert's house; his parents, sister, brother in law and their children. simple and remote area. At the end of November, Timash came to the formation Program here in Mymensingh.



Third week of November, we had a special eucharistic Celebration in the community celebrated by our Cathedral Parish priest Fr. Bailen and the Deacon Prodeep. it's for two purposes... giving thanks to God and Br. George who transferred to Giasnogor Community and also, we received our New updated Constitutions. Thank you, Br. George, for your contribution to this community for the last 7 years with different Community leaders. Also, we welcomed Br. Cesar to our community from Giasnogor replacement of Br. George here in Mymensingh community. Welcome Brother Cesar.



December 1st, we celebrated Br. Roberts' Birthday. We had a special prayer service and meal as a community. It's great to have a young brother in the community especially in the Formation house.



on 22nd December, we had a Christmas Celebration with Brothers from Giasnogor, SMSM Sisters from Dhaka and Giasnogor, our young men in the Formation with our community. supposed to be a country

gathering but due to some reasons, some of the brothers are not able to join and dropped at the last minute. We had a Eucharistic Celebration with our Parish Priest and Deacon.



on 2nd of January we celebrated in a simple way our 205th Foundation day. prayer service and a special meal.



on 4th Bro. Robert left the community to go to his University for his higher studies in Dhaka. His classes began on 8th January and he is staying with the Holy Cross Fathers in the campus itself which is a gift for him to be in the religious atmosphere.

on 11th January, Bro. Robert's youngest Sister got married. The brothers and two young men from the formation house showed our brotherly support by joining the celebration. It was a blessed time to be with them.



Bro. Alex, fms

Postulancy House – Davao, Philippines

On October 24, Brothers Ted and Paco came to the community from Tamontaka novitiate. Br. Ted stayed in the community for two days while visiting a cardiovascular professional for his health. Moreover, the community gave farewell to Br. Paco and he left for Spain three days later, on October 27.



Four MDA novices Manoj, Augustine (Indian), and Mai, Cuong (Vietnamese), stayed in the community from November 12 to 17. With the help of Br. Walter, they have got their missionary visa extended for one year. Meanwhile, they also helped to do some manual work in the community.



Br. Dominador visited the community on December 13. We had a nice sharing, and he also updated us about some of the happenings in the East-Asia province. Thanks a million for your visit Br. Ador.



Br. Walter's virtual Spanish lessons with the Vietnamese postulants Cuong and Ky continue. Now they are in the Christmas break, and the classes will resume on January 3 and eventually terminate on January 13. Thank Br. Walter and the postulants for the effort.

On December 23, we were invited to participate in the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Br. Rosendo took place in General Santos City. Many brothers and laity were able to be present in the celebration. We continue to pray for Br. Rosendo, and may God bless his faithful brotherhood in the years to come!





Towards the end of the year, the community made several purchases. One of those purchases was to replace all the filters inside the water purifier. We were able to find the alternative ones which facilitate the process better. Another purchase was roof plastic to protect the roof of the bamboo house from the damage of rain.



Bro. Joseph, fms

Wish this New Year brings for you
lots of joy,happiness, good health
and indeed wealth.
Have a rocking year,

Wish You A
Happy New Year



Stay HOME
STAY *Safe*

Birthdays

January 2022

2nd Salvador Salinas
26th Francis Atta

February 2022

12th Le Danh Hai
17th Canisio Willrich
22nd George Valle
26th Alexander Arokiasamy

**Good wishes and
Prayers Brothers**

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