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Johar!!!! Johar!!!!

Singhpur Marianists community wishes all the friends and readers of the Singhpur News a very meaningful Lent.

Colourful Season

Turning of the green leaves into yellow and purple, followed by new and tender leaves, the fragrance of the blooming trees and the celebration of the Sarahol here in Jharkhand are the indications of the advancing summer heat.

The sweaters, shawls, quilts and blankets are back to trunks. Shorts and briefs are ready to cover our modesty while we beat the heat. Watermelon and mash melon are out on the roadside attracting the commuters and vehicles of Ranchi dwellers. Skull-caps and cool cotton readymade garments are exhibited all over welcoming the summer as unwanted guest.

The summer brought us also the season of penance and Joyful Easter season!!

Introducing a telephone connection!!



Prabhat Tara Middle School, Singhpur has got a new phone facility with internet facility. The service began from 16th March. The TATA indicom WLL phone number is 0651-6451360.

Peculiar New Year

New year 2007 begun with a low key, no bathing of the community members, no lunch until 4.30 P.m. with a cheap meal picked up roadside restaurants from. The community struggled to get the water pump (submersible) fixed. The pump was pulled out of the tube-well, 160 feet, six times, between 26th December and 2nd January. One other solar pump had been broken prior to that. Therefore no other alternative means to get water. The hand pump at the school premise, down the hill was about to break then. Imagine, the community was supposedly to have accommodated about 65 people, families and friends of two of our newly (P.V.) professed brothers during those days. That's how the New Year was for the community. Thanks to Bro. Dennis Lobo, S.M., had been a helpful instrument in all the above struggles. The community is grateful to him who worked hard while he spent his Xmas holidays.

Visitors & Guests

Singhpur Marianists had opportunity to serve a whole range of guests and visitors in the first quarter of the year_ Bros. Prasad and Chinnai's family members and friends visited the community after their Final Vows, while they were in Ranchi. Marianists who visited us are Joe Lackner, Tony Nesam, Arulanandam, Prasad, Nicky, Sylvarius, Peter Samad, Raju. Other religious Bros. Alex Chinna, S.J., Bro. George, P.T., the novice master of the Montfort Brothers, Hazaribagh, Marianist Sisters and also Sr. Saleth, SCN; Lay people who graced us with are Mrs. Patti, USA, Elias Tigga, a former Marianist, Mr. Sebi's family, Subhas's brother and mother. Fr.

Alphonse's nephew who is mentally ill stayed with us for few days disturbed George our cook a couple of nights waking him at midnight calling him to assist him to get Fr. Alphonse to bid him goodbye. All of them honoured the community by their valuable presence. We really believe Christ visited us in the form of our guests and friends often when we least expected. We believe hospitality more as a Marianist identity.

Special events & Celebrations

On 22nd January the school community celebrated Chaminade Day with gaiety. Fr. Nicky was the main celebrant at the Eucharist in the tent made in the school ground. Regardless of their creed all students and staff attended the Eucharistic celebration followed by a colourful variety of cultural events like dancing and singing. Skit on Fr. Chaminade was excellent. Snacks and tea was shared with all who were present. The expenses were shared by the community with the school. Chaminade Day, perhaps, was celebrated twelve years ago in the school. Now the community committed to continue in the coming years.

Three phases (Classes I-IV, Classes V-VIII, and the Kindergarten) of school picnic was a successful one due to the large number. With the bigger students we enjoyed the picnic at Hundru falls.

New Solar power System installed in the community premise makes it easier for the community to operate and switch over. Earlier it was operated in the first floor of the school building at the end of the corridor. The system is of 3 KV sufficient for the community rooms to be lighted, fans to run and to iron clothes with electric iron and to run the water pump in day time. The community is grateful to the well wishers and the benefactors contributed to them.

Annual exams were held between 14th and 22nd March in our school. The papers are evaluated these days. The results are to be out on 2nd April.

New Admissions were on in March. Over 126 applications were sold, the Entrance test is over and the results are out already. Thirteen students to High School and 123 to Middle School (K.G.-VI) are likely to get admitted this year. We add Class IX this year as it planned. Hunting for new teachers is on. Job contract is made with one teacher for 'Sanskrit', still need at least three more qualified (B. Ed.) teachers for the High School.

Congratulations to Marcus and John on their completion of Intermediate College. Now they are confident about their educational qualification to speak about.

As a Lenten penance every member of the community made efforts to be in time for church daily. The community abstained from Non-vegetarian meal on Fridays during lent.

Our Tempo Trax, the vehicle gives us trouble very often these days, perhaps reminding us to replace with new one.

Farm house



Our farm house enrolled with dogs, cats and poultry.

Now the community is comfortable with three watch dogs after got rid of two bitches and four puppies. It was a larger community of dogs cost quiet a big amount. They consumed a lot of expensive rice and gas for the cooking. Now the dog food is cooked with firewood outside in the backyard.

The cat began hunting for rats and keeping the number of them reduced at the residence, but still rats cut-eat the vehicle tubes (Mobil tube of the Trax) in the parking slot where the cat doesn't enter since the dogs were out at night, might kill the cat. We are exploring other possibilities to entertain the cat in there. Caneli, the other cat disappeared on the night of 12th Feb. suspected to have eaten by the dogs.

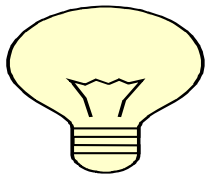
Our poultry section is with four chickens-one is a country chicken and the rest are highbred. They are growing healthy. Soon we will collect eggs for Sunday breakfast. No golden eggs!!?! Of course!

Fencing with columns and barbed wire in the other property is coming well though seems to be slow. The new school building



is coming up steadily. The second floor roofing was on 23rd March. Our immediate neighbour was troublesome recently blocking the drainage our kitchen water runs. Negotiation with them to keep our relationship in tact yet we are exploring ways to solve the problem.

Our resident has a different outlook with



proper electrical wiring and electricity (solar power) in full swing.

Of concern

Fr. Alphonse more often than before has 'falls' while riding motorcycle. Of late and currently has got injury in his elbow and some scratches in thigh. He does not seem to be willing to give up driving his motorcycle. He claims he will drive one more year.

Travels

First round-John had his home visit in December-January. Rajesh returned from his home after his P.V. Marcus returned safely from voyage, Charism program, Africa. Vijay returned from Atmadharshan program, Patna.



Second round-John is to leave for Bangalore on Easter day, 8th April for his Visa application to the USA trip. Vijay will be traveling to Bangalore on 10th April for his two weeks renewal program. Doss is planning to go for his home visit on 5th May, will return after the annual retreat in Vailankanni. Vijay, Rajesh and John will again travel to South for the annual retreat. Marcus will travel also to Bangalore for the retreat in Mysore. Subash's travel plan is not known.

We wish everyone a safe and cool trip in the hot summer.

Marcus' birthday once was celebrated



grandly in anticipation. Again commemorated the day combined with 'Fat Tuesday' before the Lent.

Singhpur special



Are you salivating?!?!?

Yes, the community enjoys curry with 'saag' (green leaves) and 'futkal' chutney for lunch mostly. This variety is supposedly rare in other communities of the Region. This is an indigenous item. Altogether eight rats were killed one day from the barn and were cooked for tea time. Everybody except Doss and Alphonse enjoyed the feast. Sweet curd tickled our taste buds on a 'happy hour' gathering. Fruit juice and snacks and soft drinks keep our community going happily.

The Singhpur community once again wishes all the readers of the news bulletin in anticipation a ***Happy Easter!!Alleluia!!***