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BROTHERS' GET-TOGETHER- 2023

*"Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success." - Henry Ford*



The Brother's get-together was organized in St. Joseph's School, Konbir Noatoli on 29th and 30th July. There were 46 Brothers gathered for two days of get-together. Not only was the gathering together enjoyable, but it also nurtured the brotherly affection and a sense of belonging and unity. It made the Brothers incredibly inspired, rejuvenated and connected.



Message

Taking responsibility is a commitment to own your life, to self-leadership, growth, and freedom. - Christopher Avery

In today's world Self-Leadership is the essence of leadership in education field. This consists of personal purpose, values, vision, and courage. Without understanding the purpose that ignites them, the vision that motivates them to lead, the values that empower them, leaders cannot make courageous choices. Leaders must look within themselves to decide what they want, what they value, and where they stand. Because, leadership is the process of guiding or influencing others. And to be able to lead oneself is a great help for finding purpose and satisfaction in life.

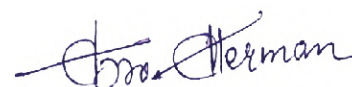
Self-leadership is an on-going process of self-reflection. It is the process of directing oneself. It is continually maturing self-understanding. It ensures long term success, leaving a legacy of a superior performance. Self-leadership is important because it enables us to decide where we want to go and what we want to achieve in our life and then take the steps necessary for that. We Brothers as leaders must encourage self-leadership among the staff as well as among the students.

Student self-leaders become competent, empathetic future leaders. We need to encourage self-leadership. In this way we form students who are proactive, accountable and know how to get what they need to achieve their goals. We cater students who are self-confident because they understand their strengths and are not held back by negative thinking. We can train young people who are able to overcome barriers and persevere against life's inevitable challenges. And then we will feel proud of the youth becoming competent leaders with servant hearts leading families, communities and organizations.

Self-leadership is important for teachers, because it provides more motivation and passion for actions that they choose to take. Then they will perform their duties because they want to rather than someone told them to. Similarly, they will more likely to always act consistently and to the best of their ability. The skills needed for the teachers to acquire self-leadership are self-awareness, discerning what they really want, goal setting and planning, constructive thinking, optimizing motivation, embracing failure and cultivating grit.

The seven important areas of Self-Leadership are self-discovery, self-identity, self-development, self-direction, self-awareness, self-talk, and self-mastery. Thus, it allows us to make our thoughts, feelings, energies and actions serve our values and pursue goals that are relevant for us. It enables us to be motivated, creative and productive.

Mahatma Gandhi and Don Bosco were good at self-leadership even when they were young. Jesus was very good at self-leadership. St. Luke tells us that "Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and all the people" (Lk. 2:52). He knew clearly what he wanted to do and stuck to his mission despite all difficulties (Lk. 2:49, 22:42). Jesus invites us to self-leadership, "first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye" (Lk.6:42). Let us follow the example of Jesus our brother and true leader.



Bro. Herman B. Lakra S.G.
Provincial Superior

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MONTFORT ARULUDHAYAM



The Inaugural Function:

On 1st of June, we had a special inauguration followed reviewing all the rules. Rev. Bro. Binu Mathew conducted all the prayers and activities, and our community Brothers, along with the Rev. Bro. Provincials (Rev. Bro. Irudayam, Rev. Bro. Johnson & Rev. Bro. George) participated. The Provincials distributed study materials for our spiritual growth, and we received blessings from them individually. It's important to cherish happy moments in life, but at the same time, we should not be discouraged in our pursuit of small things for our growth.



We are a group of 26 pre-novices from 7 different provinces. Living together as a family, we are grateful for the opportunities, we have to improve ourselves and become better, more obedient brothers every day. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the Brothers who have encouraged and motivated us with their words and actions. Most of all, with consideration and success, we have learned many more from them and a humble enough for our progressive and better future.

The prayer classes:

We attended the first class on June 8th, led by our Director Bro. Binu Mathew. The classes were truly inspiring, highlighting how we can overcome difficulties and problems through prayer. Every topic covered was interesting and encouraging. During breaks, we made a conscious effort to prioritize the most important concepts related to our work. The key take away from the classes were that placing our faith in God is crucial, especially during times of illness or when we are unable to fulfill our duties. Connecting and communicating with the divine almighty is our best bet in such situations.

The yoga classes:

Initially, we prioritized attending 'Yoga classes' with our Director leading the practical sessions. The classes offered us a wealth of



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knowledge regarding yoga, including various postures and techniques for building physical strength. This discipline is essential for human well-being, as it can alleviate physical pain and difficulties. Through rigorous practical in each topic during the classes, we further expanded our understanding of yoga. We are delighted to have gained inspiration from these sessions, and now we have made a habit of practicing yoga every morning.

The Community Meeting:

On the last day of June, we had our first community meeting on Friday from morning to afternoon; where we discussed the past month's experiences and upcoming programs too. We shared our problems and difficulties in front of the Brothers and among the pre-novices, and then we tried to bring out some changes and decided to do better than last month by following the rules and regulation. Perhaps, most of the pre-novices attended the community meeting for the first time. By sharing and talking we came closer and enjoyed the process.

Birthday of Rev. Bro. Binu Mathew:



Our Director, Rev. Bro. Binu Mathew's birthday was celebrated on July 28th in Montfort Aruludhayam community. We started with a special birthday prayer conducted by one of the pre-novices, Ajit, followed by an amazing cultural program where we got to showcase our talents. It was a wonderful program, and everyone appreciated it, including Parish Priest, Sisters, Brothers and well wishers. Our Director gave a valuable birthday message and good wishes to all of us for our future life. Later, we had a delicious dinner and watched a Malayalam movie, making it a perfect end to a great day.

Thank you all.

- Yukab & Sunny
(Pre-novices)

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MONTFORT HOME, PATNA

Loyola ITI Programme

On 23th June, 2023 the entrance test was conducted for the new comers of ITI students at ITI campus, Patna. There were around 38 students appeared in the entrance test. After that there was a short interview for each student. After fifteen days the result was published and from 10th July onwards the admission was opened for the new batch of 1st year students. Now the admission is going on.

We are continuing with three trades in Loyola ITI;

1. Electrician 2. Fitter 3. MRAC. From 15th of August, 2023, we have planned to start new session for both batches 1st & 2nd year students.

There was board exam in the month of July for both batches, where 30 students from 2nd year and 15 students from 1st year appeared in the exam. Now we have 15 students in 2nd year.





Birthday celebration

On 20th of July, 2023, we had a birthday celebration of Bro. John Herman Ekka, the Superior of our community. As a community, all the members were very much glad to celebrate the Birthday of our dear Bro. John Herman Ekka. We prayed for him and wished him very best in his future life ahead.

The celebration was followed by cake cutting and wishing him with flower bouquet and birthday song by the community members. The teachers and the students of Montessori were also very much delighted to wish him on his Birthday. They put up a special short programme on his birthday.

School activities



This year we have Sports Academy in Loyola High school Patna. Many games are being organized for the students such as football, basketball, cricket, table tennis and badminton. For each game the students have been given training to form a good team in that particular game. The students are also very much enthusiastic and having full interest to learn the games. The days are allotted for each game that they may have better training. Apart from these the regular classes from all the sections are at the full swing.

“Mango Day” Celebration

In Montessori we had 'Mango Day' celebration on 7th of July, this month. A very beautiful event was organized for little children of Montessori with a colourful background.



Some mangoes were provided by school at the same time children also brought some mangoes along with them. Children were taught how to cut mangoes into slices in different ways. There was variety of mango slices displayed and given the demo about design cutting of mango into pieces. It was a very enriching experience and enjoyable moment for the children.

- Bro. Barnabas Peter Minj S.G.

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MONTFORT SADAN, KOLKATA

Greetings from Montfort Sadan, Kolkata

" There is no path to happiness. Happiness is the path."

" One who acts on truth is happy in this world and beyond"- Gautama Buddha

On 4th of July drawing and poster making competition was held for the students from I- XII, students enthusiastically participated on this event with composition skills, creativity and discovering inner potential too.

On 7th of July, we had a Community Dialogue. We had discussion on various agendas. The sufficient time and opportunity were provided to each one of us to articulate on different points of view.

On 9th of July Bro. Johnson left for Ranchi to attend the Principals' Meeting and returned safely to our community on 10th of July along with Bro. Manoj Lakra in the morning.

On 10th of July Bro. Manoj joined the Kolkata community after his study in Hyderabad. He was given a warm welcome with flower bouquet.

On 13th of July was the day of farewell to Bro. Avijit as he was leaving this Community, we all prayed for him and for his new mission. To mark the day there was special program organized for him in the evening. On 15th of July in the morning Bro. Avijit left the Baruipur Community and went to Ranchi for his higher study, we wished him all the best.



The PTM for the FMT exam was held on 15th of July for I - XII class. Parents and teachers actively participated on this meeting and discussed on academic achievement of students, improvement and performance on previous exam as well as for their inputs.





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On 22nd of July the teachers' workshop was held based on the topic NEP. And the presentation was given by Saubhagya Lakshmi Dutt from Kolkata.

On 22nd of July Bro. Manoj left for Ranchi to attend the Bursars' meeting and returned to Community on 25th of July in the morning.



Skating classes introduced in the School campus. There are twenty students registered for the training programme. Now we have regular coachings for football, basketball and skating in the campus. Very soon we will be adding table tennis coaching and also cricket coaching.

On 27th of July Bro. Gabriel and Bro. Manoj went to Ranchi to attend the Get-together program. It was held at Konbir Noatoli for two days with good atmosphere. The resource person was Fr. V.M. Thomas (S.V.D.) from Bangalore.

At present the painting and plastering work of block-B building is in the progress and is about to get over by next month. Above all everybody is keeping well in our community. We thank you for your valuable time and energy on reading our news.

- Bro. Gabriel Pradhan S.G.

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ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL, NAWATANR

Our School playground compound wall construction is under completion. There was objection to construct the boundary wall in the beginning. We have got all the papers of ownership. Bro. Subodh had to go to the Court several times and the hearing was in favour of us. Construction work is given to a contractor.

Bros. Rajesh Barla and Subodh jointly celebrated their birthday on 22nd of July. Brothers from Ranchi sector were invited for the celebration. Celebration began with short prayer service led by Bro. Calep.

St. Anne Sisters celebrated their feast day on 26th of July. Brothers and Fathers were invited to join the celebration. All of us did enjoy the celebration very much.





St. John's High School had the Investiture ceremony on 31st of July, 2023. Mr. Santosh Kispotta, Mukhiya of Mahuajadi was the Chief Guest. All the students of school cabinet took oath to perform their responsibilities faithfully. Master Rajkumar Thakur was elected as S.P.L and the Asst. was Asmani Oraon. The Chief Guest has given drinking water facilities to the school. He has promised to give 100 desks and benches to the students. Institution is very grateful to him for his generosity.

After many years, High School assembly ground is paved with chain blocks. Now it looks descent, neat and clean. New hostel building is being renovated by welfare department. To get the work done Bro. Subodh had to visit several time to the welfare office.

This year the strength of new students have increased in the Intermediate section. One new stage is constructed in front of the intermediate building. It is built under the supervision of the Principal Bro. Sylvester Surin.

English Medium campus has been given new look. Educative painting is drawn on the campus walls and courtyard is paved with chain blocks. Appearance has attracted many parents and the numbers of students have gone up.

- Bro. Calep Topno S.G.

NEWS MONTFORT HOME, HAZARIBAG

Bro. Principal had the first official meeting with the staff to discuss on various matters regarding academics, teaching assessment and students' overall holistic development.



English Elocution for higher classes was conducted on 8th July. Bro. Vincent attended the Bursars' Meet at Montfort Niwas, Kanke on 23rd July. Bro. Satheesh and Bro. Vincent went to for the Brothers' Get-together at Konbir. It was well organized by the host communities.



Montfort Technical Center inaugurated in the new session with a short orientation day. Bro. Placy, The Director welcomed the trainees and instructed to abide by the rules of the institutions. The spoken English classes are on full swing.

Bro. Vincent joined the football club with Novitiate to play against the Jesuit Novices on their feast day. Jesuit Novices outshone the game and won by 1-0 goal.

- Bro. Vincent Madhanu S.G.

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ST. ALOYSIUS' COMMUNITY, RANCHI

Community:

On 21st June campus dug two new bore-well on account of shortage of water as one of the bore-wells got dried up.

24th June onwards community had reading and sharing of re-writing of the Rule of Life, constitution and Statutes. We had fruitful sharing over a week.

From 10th July onwards community had the reading and sharing session on the Montfortian Prophetic Presence in the 21st Century, the 33rd General Chapter preparatory documents. We sat for the same almost for two week and had healthy sharing of insights and reflections.

Four guest rooms of the community are under renovation for the better accommodation of the guests.

On 1st August we had birthday celebration of Bro. Manoj Lugun. We had birthday prayer service led by Bro. Clement at community and also had celebration with the high school staff.

Community had 1st Monthly recollection on 5th July, animated by Bro. Mike.



Montessori:

During summer vacation under the supervision of Bro. Alphonse and Bro. Mike there was complete renovation of Montessori section, laying tiles for four class rooms, office, activity hall, washrooms and painting of pictures on the wall.

After summer vacation Montessori resumed its classes on 21st June. One of the first activities of Montessori was the Mango Day, one of its first kind in Ranchi, held on 6th & 7th June. Along with that Montessori is conducting parents teachers meet on every Saturday for the better learning of the students.



Middle School:

During summer vacation lots of renovation works were done in the Middle school. Parking shed for vehicles and bicycle, urinary and mid-day meals. Class rooms renovation with white wash and also new desk and benches were purchased for two class rooms.

For better learning of the students one interactive panel and four smart boards were installed in the class rooms.

After summer vacation school re-opened on 5th June, with morning class. As the number of the students In English Section has increased to accommodate them the English Section is shifted from SDC campus to St. Aloysius' campus and Hindi Section is shifted to SDC campus from this academic session 2023-24.

On 13th July investiture ceremony was organised for Middle School. Where leaders were given the various responsibilities.

High School:

After summer vacation school resumed on 12th June. On 22nd July parents teachers meeting were organised for the parents of class 7th, in order to improve the academic performance of the students.

On 26th July School had the investiture ceremony where students were given various responsibilities to prepare them to be the future leaders.

On 31st July Management and school bid farewell to one of the high school teachers Mr. Rajeshwer Ohdar; who served the institution for 37 long years. We thank him whole heartedly.



Intermediate College:

After summer vacation, classes resumed on 12th June. New academic session for class 11th began on 3rd July and had the refreshers



day on 15th July, Bro. Mike was the Chief Guest for the event where the toppers of class 12th Board Exam were honoured with mementos. This academic year number of students have increased and it has gone up to 1400. Under the supervision of Bro. Clement new campus gate is being erected.

- Bro. Abraham Toppo S.G

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MONTFORT NIKETAN, KONBIR

“An unhealthy mind, even in a healthy body, will ultimately destroy health.” - Manly Hall

Seminar on health and hygiene was organized for girls of classes 6th to 9th on 4th and 7th of July. Dr. Sr. Jasinth was a resource person. School had pot painting competition for classes 6th to 10th and for classes 1 to 5 painting competition on 14th. Each class was given different theme on which they had to paint.



There was a parents' meeting for class 10th students of hostel on 15th. Hostel management and parents are very much concern about the study and discipline of the students, as they are going to appear board exam very soon.

“A Birthday is a time to reflect on the year gone by, but to also set your goals for the upcoming year.”

Birthday of Bro. Amar was celebrated on 28th evening many Brothers were present on this day from different sectors as following day was province get-together.

- Bro. Xavier Tete S.G.

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ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY, KANKE

Dear Brothers greetings from St. Joseph's school community Kanke. This is my pleasure to high light the programs organized in our school and community.

Bro. Thomas Thanikal arrived on 7th July to St. Joseph's community to give input season to Head of the institution.

Bro. Mathew Montfort of Delhi Province paid a short visit on his way to Dhanbad. While returning Bro. Regis accompanied him to Ambikapur.

Apart from our regular activities in the class room, Bro. Albinus took an initiative of a day outing for teachers and students to Wild Wadi Water Park on 17th July. They spent there from 10am to 4pm. It was an enjoyable day for each one of us.

On 12th July Community celebrated the birthday of our dear Brother Bipin Barla. Celebration began with meaningful

Morning Prayer conducted by Bro. Regis, Superior of the community and in the evening we had Holy Mass for the intention of Bro. Bipin Barla. Celebration was simple and meaningful, followed by Birthday meal.

In order to have smooth running and maintaining discipline in the school Bro. John Berchmans Kullu, the Headmaster of the high school organized investiture ceremony on 17th July. There after he instructed the student leaders how to carry on their responsibilities.

On 21st and 22nd of July the block level Subroto Mukharjee football tournament was held in Kanke, with the leadership of BEO of Kanke block. In the tournament St. Joseph's High school Junior and senior team won the final and qualified for District level.

- Bro. Albinus Tete S.G.

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MONTFORT BHAWAN, KONBIR NOATOLI

This year the monsoon seems very poor. We got a few sporadic rains. Now it has taken a u turn. These days we are getting good showers. The farmers are active to take advantage of the irregular rain. The rain water harvesting pond is still empty. We suffer from water shortage in the compound. We have nearly two thousand children in the campus. We need plenty of water for drinking as well as for cooking midday meal. We have around two hundred and fifty hostlers, both of High school and Inter College. If we do not get sufficient rain during the monsoon we will face a very difficult time for water.

We had football matches both in Middle school and High school to select the players for the season. The selected players without much practice participated in the Subroto Mukherji Football game in the district level. It was held in our school playground. We went to the district level competition at Gumla but we were forced to bow before other teams.

We had annual event of selecting School Children's Parliamentarians. We honoured the newly elected Children's Parliamentarians with badges and Name plates. The new team took oath in the presence of the assembly and the Headmaster pronounced the Oath formula. Bro. Prakash Purty HM. explained their role and duties and all the students are bound to follow their instructions for the betterment of the School. The Office bearers felt proud of their positions.

St. Joseph's Middle School and High School look elegant after the through maintenance works. We have changed light yellow colour to blue colour. It captivates the attention of the people from far.



We had a solidarity demonstration for the victims of Manipur. The Schools of Ursula, Montfort Niketan- English Medium, St. Joseph's Middle School, High School, Inter College and the hostlers and the Parishners of Konbir-Noatoli participated in it.

St. Joseph's Inter College Fresher's Day was celebrated. It was an exciting day for both the groups. The seniors welcomed them in the traditional style of Chotanagpur. It was followed by befitting cultural programme to accommodate the Fresher's into the fold.

The Brother's get-together was the mega event of the month. There were 46 participants. This time it was different. We had a resource person who gave us very apt insights to quarry by ourselves - 'QOADIS' (where are you going) Ranchi Province. In order to high light the sense of purpose/ Orientation he showered a song and its main message was,

a, ' **Dreamer b, Planter c, A Seed in me** ' (to see the Fruits one has to Dream, take the courage to plant it, the **SEED** in me. It also throws light in us - ' **Madness is doing the same thing and expecting Different results** '.

The thrust of the resource person was to introspect, analyze, discover, question and apply. It were realised by group discussions and in common session assisted by him. The feedback was encouraging.

There was no provision in the timetable to express the various concerns of the Province that affects the very life of Brothers and the Effectiveness of Education Mission. We are indebted to all the Brothers present and absent.

- Bro. Jacob Panjikan S.G.

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LACHRAGARH COMMUNITY, SIMDEGA

Dear Brothers, warm and prayerful greeting from Lachragarh Community.

On 21 July, we had an investiture ceremony program at St. Vianney's High School. Bro. P.T. George was the Chief Guest of the program. He motivated the students with his message how to be a good leader in society.



On 25th July held the International cultural exchange program at Montfort School, Lachragarh.



St. Vianney's High School Celebrated the School Day.

On 4th August, we celebrated the school day. All the teachers and students co-operated to organize the program in a very systematic and disciplined way. The function began with a Holy Eucharistic celebration followed by cultural programs and delicious lunch. Rev. Fr. Aerik Kullu was the Chief Guest and the Parish Priest. He motivated the students with his inspiring words and encouraged them to be good disciplined students to become successful people in life.



We also awarded the school topper with Cash awards and Mementos.



Our beloved teachers enjoyed the distributing of the food items in the community, Veranda.



When we come together, we share different ideas and knowledge to build our relationship stronger and stronger to walk and to work in collaboration with our friends.



- Bro. Stephen Jaria S.G.

Programme of the Province 2023 (September and October)

September 2023

- 03 : Provincial Council Meeting
- 10 : Ongoing formation of Junior Brothers online / offline
- 17 : Provincial Council Meeting
- 30 Sept. to 2nd Oct.: Provincial Chapter, Montfort Niwas, Kanke.**

October 2023

- 15 : Provincial Council Meeting
- 20 to 25 Oct: 1st Annual Retreat of the Province**

Happy Birthdays

September 2023

"Count not the candles.....
see the lights they give.
Count not the years,
but the life you live.
Wishing you a wonderful time
ahead. Happy birthday."



BRO. SUJIT MAJHI
6th September



BRO. AROGYAIAH K.
8th September



BRO. BENJAMIN SAMAD
22nd September