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Final Profession and Ordination to the Diaconate in India

The Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary joyfully celebrated the Final Profession and Diaconate Ordination of Brother Dildhar Jatwar SS.CC. at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul Cathedral in Bhubaneswar on May 21st and 22nd. The ceremony was attended by family members, priests, religious sisters, well-wishers, and guests. During the event, Brother Dildhar solemnly committed to a life of poverty, chastity, and obedience. We are proud of Brother Dildhar's dedication and eagerly anticipate his contributions in his new role. Members of religious communities and individuals from the local community joined in the celebration of the Final Profession and Diaconate Ordination. The presence of Our beloved Provincial added to the atmosphere of excitement and reverence. The following day, on May 22nd, the Cathedral of St. Vincent de Paul in Bhubaneswar was the setting for Bro. Dildhar Jatwar's ordination as a deacon.

The ordination ceremony was held at the Cathedral and was graced by the solemn imposition of hands by Most Rev. John Barwa, the Archbishop of the Cuttack-Bhubaneswar Diocese. This act symbolized Bro. Dildhar Jatwar's readiness to serve with humility and dedication in the priestly ministry.



SS.CC. Easter gathering

We had a great and joyful celebration of Easter gathering on 18th May, on Saturday, to share our fellowship and love among the SS.CC. brothers and sisters in The Philippines. This gathering has united us more strongly, the two branches, as one family.

Our celebration was held in Novitiate community at Silang, Cavite. Our day began with the Holy Eucharistic celebration followed by some creative activities. Fr. Ross ss.cc. was the main celebrant, along with our three deacons: Jonnel, Demetrio (“Junjun”) and Agung (from Indonesia). Deacon Demetrio delivered a wonderful homily about “Following Jesus Christ” . The Holy Mass began at 9: 30 am, with the choir led by Bro. Harold and companions.



We conducted a short program after the mass. We started with the energetic dance led by Fr. Jov, and couple of games, including a quiz contest based on Saint Damien. There were three groups, they named themselves: “Holy Spirit” , “Energetics” and “Damien” . All these groups participated in the activities. There was a prize distribution as individuals and as groups. Prizes were contributed by all the communities. The second group (“energetics”) won the first prize. It was an exciting moment for the participants to receive the prizes. And also, the best dance performer was awarded. At the end we all performed together the famous congregational dance The very soul of Molokai, led by Sr. Anas ss.cc.

Now it was very precious moment for us to proceeds for the meal. The menu for that day was provided by all the communities, with different dishes and preparations. There was a Lechon Baboy (The whole roasted pork) sponsored by Bagbag community. No celebration goes without lechon baboy. It is one of the most famous recipes in The Philippines. There were also Vietnamese and Indonesian recipes. Every one enjoyed the delicious meal. It was a moment of sharing our joy and love with each and every one, because this gathering signifies the unity between brothers and sisters.

-By Novice Suman tudu ss.cc.

A brief reflection on the Heart of Jesus

Although many things can be said about the Heart of Jesus, I would just like to give a short reflection on it. After all, we are approaching to the celebration of the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on 7th June of this year. This solemnity always falls on Friday following the second Sunday after the Pentecost. And, since the Congregation is so closely connected to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, it will be the best occasion for me to give my reflection on it.



From my novitiate year of reflection and learning on the Heart of Jesus, I have come to a personal belief or a sort of conviction that once we are committed to the Heart of Jesus in the Congregation, the Heart of Jesus becomes for us, as ss.cc religious, an unending source of strength for consecrated life and, also as whole, for any walks of life. The charism of the Congregation has been inspired by the same Heart. We, as ss.cc members, are the adorers of the Heart of Jesus, our religious consecration is to the Heart of Jesus.

When we sit in the Adoration, as much as possible, let us direct ourselves towards the Heart of Jesus where lies all the virtues, especially the love, the “Unconditional Love” of God for all of us.

But, above all, we have got a responsibility as Congregation: to bring a possible remedy to the wounds that the Heart of Jesus receives from the sins we, human beings, commit. Therefore, not forgetting the duty given to us out of the charism of the Reparative Adoration of the Congregation, let us remind ourselves that we are sons and daughters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and at the same time, we must take a loving care of it.



To all my dear brothers and sisters, my early wishing of solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and let's remember each other in our personal and community prayers.

-By Novice Sandeep Lugun

St. Damien's Parish Feast, Iudru

St. Damien Parish celebrated feast of its patron saint Damien of Molokai on May 10. It was a graceful celebration as we were blessed with the presence of priests, nuns and faithful from the neighborhood parishes. The weather was cool as it was a blessing so the scorching heat did not smite us. The jubilant faithful led the priest and religious in procession to the church amidst lots of jubilation with the accompaniment of drum and shouting of joy.



The parish community and faithful witnessed the gracious moment of 12 young boys and girls receiving of sacraments of Confession and First Holy Communion. Indeed, it was a faith proclamation as they received their author of life. The homily touched the hearts of all knowing the person Damien as a priest for others who sacrificed his life for the lepers. He became a servant for the abandoned ones. He embraced Christ caring for the suffering multitude. The feast ended with a festive meal and a cultural program organized our parish youth. The parishioners were very happy as they witnessed a graceful moment in their live.



by-Fr. Golak Bihari ss.cc.

FEAST OF ST. DAMIEN IN BANGALORE

On 10th May 2024, we joyously celebrated the feast of St. Damien at the St. Damien Seminary in Bangalore. St. Damien, a compassionate priest of the congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, dedicated his life to serving the lepers quarantined on the Island of Molokai in Hawaii. His selfless actions brought immense happiness to the lives of those afflicted with leprosy, and he eventually succumbed to the disease himself. The day commenced with a vibrant procession dance, joined by the sisters of various communities and our neighbors. The evening mass, presided over by Fr. Prem and concelebrated by Fr. Arockia and Fr. Arul, was a deeply moving and spiritual experience. During the mass, Fr. Arul delivered an inspiring sermon on the life of St. Damien, and the service concluded with a beautiful recessional hymn.



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Following the mass, we transitioned to the next part of the celebration. The program was skillfully led by Brothers Fresh and Ajay, and it began with a soulful prayer song to set the tone for the evening. Brother Kartik then warmly welcomed our guests, setting the stage for an unforgettable celebration. The evening's entertainment commenced with a captivating performance of William Shakespeare's renowned play, "The Merchant of Venice," focusing on the theme of mercy. The cultural segment of the evening was equally enthralling, featuring a traditional dance from the Chota Nagpur region, celebrating the significance of the saal tree in local culture. This was followed by a high-energy dance performance to a Malayalam song, showcasing the vibrant spirit of our community.



A poignant skit depicting St. Damien's life story from birth to his selfless service and eventual passing deeply inspired the audience. Father Prem, the superior of St. Damien Seminary, concluded the evening with a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all guests and the Almighty. The program culminated in a rousing rendition of the seminary anthem, filling the air with passion and vigor.



The festivities continued with a delectable dinner, featuring an array of scrumptious dishes that filled our hearts and nourished our souls. The feast of St. Damien was a truly remarkable and joyous occasion, made possible by the hard work, dedication, and guidance of our mentors, and it left an indelible mark on all who were present.



*by- Br. Ashis Kujur.
Second-year Candidate.*

Celebration of St. Damien of Molokai Feast Day in DSDI

On the 10th of May 2024, the Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) joyously celebrated the feast day of St. Damien of Molokai. This significant event brought together the close-knit community of the brothers and Sisters of the Sacred Hearts family and the devoted DSDI co-workers in a heartfelt commemoration of the enduring legacy of St. Damien. Known for his unparalleled dedication to serving humanity without discrimination, St. Damien is revered as "the shining witness of love" for all people, reflecting the selfless and boundless love exemplified by his master, Jesus.

As a faith community, we gathered to honor St. Damien's unwavering faith through the solemn celebration of the holy Eucharist, reflecting on the profound impact of his spiritual devotion. Additionally, as a community deeply committed to serving the needs of the poor and marginalized, we came together with our co-workers to pay tribute to the "Great Soul of Molokai." We recounted the inspiring tale of his selfless love and service to humanity, reflecting on the profound influence of his compassionate actions and unwavering dedication to those in need.

In honor of St. Damien of Molokai, we seek inspiration from his faith, love, and service to continue his legacy in our ministries. Our mission is to serve the poor and marginalized and to create an inclusive human community without discrimination or boundaries, especially in today's divided and exclusionary world. We strive for the spirit of the "Great Soul of Molokai" to be alive in our lives and mission.!



by- Robert joshi ss.cc.

"Planned event featuring a plastic-free day with cultural activities and dinner program." (D.s.d.i. tuition center)

Mankind has suffered greatly from the first and second waves of COVID-19, and experts predict an inevitable third wave. Waste management and reducing plastic usage are moral values that require political will. Virtually every piece of plastic ever made will exist on Earth in some form for the next hundreds of years. Although Bangladesh was the world's first country to ban plastic bags in 2002, and the Manipur government banned the use of polythene carry bags with a thickness of over 50 microns in 2018, real actions to enforce these bans are yet to be accomplished. As a result, many water bodies like the Nambur river have become littered with discarded plastics. The campaign for a plastic bag-free environment should start at an individual level, from me and family to our neighbors, and then to our community and ultimately the state. The name 'plastic' comes from the Greek word *plastikos*, meaning capable of being molded. Alexander Parkes was the first to invent plastic in 1856, and the real plastic, Bakelite, was invented by Leo Baekeland in 1907. Before this invention, pottery clays and glass were the most commonly used substances. Plastic is omnipresent, used in everything from food packaging to supercomputers, educational equipment, life-saving medical innovations, housing, and clothing. Nowadays, we use plastic products 24/7. We have initiated plastic-free days with the help of students. First, we clean our houses and gather all plastic in one place. This serves as a reminder that every action we take and every bag we dispose of affects the lives of everyone on Earth, including marine life, animal life, nature, and future generations. It's all about promoting environmental conservation and encouraging the use of more biodegradable and eco-friendly alternatives.



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by Bro. Nahashon ss.cc.

The Feast of St. Damien of Molokai

Like every year, St. Damien of Molokai Church, Dum Dum celebrated her patron's feast on May 12, 2024, with great festivities to commemorate the life and mission of St. Damien. The joy of the day was doubled with the inclusion of the celebration of the sacraments of confirmation and first holy communion. The children were well prepared for both sacraments. There were eight children who received their first holy communion, and twelve of them received their confirmation.



The Most Rev. Thomas D'Souza, the Archbishop of Kolkata, was the main celebrant, and many concelebrants were present. These triple celebrations reminded us of our call to be passionate Christians and soldiers for the Lord, just like St. Damien. This gave us the new hope of life with Christ and the Holy Spirit. The Archbishop, in his homily, gave a brief introduction to the life of St. Damien of Molokai. He said that "St. Damien was a man full of zeal and passion for God's mission. He is known as the man of action, not the words. Father Damien has been described as a "Martyr of Charity." He also emphasized the importance of the sacraments of confirmation and holy communion in the lives of Christians.

After the Holy Eucharistic celebration, all were served breakfast, followed by cultural programs from all the groups, especially youths, mothers, men of St. Damien, and children. Their presentation was well appreciated by all. The celebration came to an end with a fellowship meal together. The day ended with a traditional chain dance and music.



By- Fr. Umakant ss.cc.

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Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus



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