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Glory to God in the Highest



As we are preparing for Christmas, I am reminded of an experience in the life of Fr. Pedro Arrupe S.J., former Superior General of the Jesuits.

In 1942 he spent a month of solitary confinement in the prison of Yamaguchi, Japan. He was accused of by the enemies of Christianity of espionage and many other charges. He was interrogated for thirty six hours at a stretch.

On Christmas day he was feeling like it was Good Friday! Suddenly he heard many muffled, soft voices outside the prison window. While some voices continued talking as to deceive the guards, others sang a Christmas Carol which he had himself taught his Christians. His people, heedless of the danger if they were caught, had come to console him, to tell him that they were with him. Fr. Arrupe burst into tears.

It lasted only a few minutes. Then all were silent again. But the prince of peace had filled the heart with incredible joy and peace. He later recalled that was his happiest Christmas. He learnt what it meant to be powerless; it also taught him what joy and love can bring to the powerless.

The best Christmas sermon for me has been the sermon preached by the angels at the first Christmas. "Don't be afraid, I am here to give you good news; great joy for all the people. Today a saviour has been born to you in David's town; He is the messiah and the Lord. Let this be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in the swaddling clothes and lying in the manger."

"Suddenly the angel was surrounded by many more angles, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest; peace on earth for God is blessing the humankind.'" Lk. 2.10-13

Glory to God is a brief but powerful prayer of adoration. 'Peace on Earth' is the mission statement of Jesus for the world filled with violence, hatred and mutual mistrust.

May Jesus make you an angel of peace, joy and love! During this Christmas make your home and your neighbour-hood a little better place to live in by being an agent of peace, joy, love and harmony. Happy Christmas to you.

+ Salvadore Lobo

BRBC, CRI, CDP BENGAL – SIKKIM ANNUAL REGIONAL MEET



BRBC, CRI, CDP Bengal – Sikkim annual regional meeting was held from October 17 – 19, 2017 at Asansol. The theme was “God experience: as joy to be shared with others in our multi-faith context” for the meeting. Swami Vedatitananda of Ramakrishna Mission and Fr. Michael Amaladoss S.J were the resource persons who presented the theme very well to the audience. Fr. Kanauj Roy, Fr. Surojit Mitra and Fr. Gautam Naskar attended the meeting along with Bishop from the diocese of Baruipur. It was a very good experience for all of them.

- Fr. Kanauj Roy

St. Joseph's Training Centre, Baruipur

It has been always a mission of Catholic Diocese of Baruipur to enhance social equality and well being of the under privileged beings. On the basis of this aspect, Fr. Arup continued to serve the youth of South 24 Parganas. With the help from Don Bosco Tech Society and Axis Bank Foundation, he is emerging the awareness of skill among the youth.

The total aware students are 84 till date, who have undergone training from St. Joseph's Training centre on Electrical and Hospitality sector and also been placed in various organizations. The first batch of Hospitality has been a success by placing students in reputed organizations in Pune, Maharashtra with free food and accommodation and in hand salary of Rs 14,000. We strive for more excellence in future by awaking more youths of our locality.



Youth Regional Election

The meeting of Regional Executive Committee was held at Dishari pastoral centre Baruipur from 3 November to 5 November 2017. Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan youth director of Baruipur Diocese welcomed Bishops, Priests, Sisters and the participants with a prayer dance by Kalyanpur youth. Rev. Fr. Michael Singh, regional youth director led the session on REXCO. In the session he emphasized on leadership by posing a question “Who am I” which was very apt for the occasion. Following day, there was a discussion of Regional convention, how shall we go about. It was followed by the election of new office bearers of REXCO. The newly elected members of REXCO are: President: Mr. Alex Hembram, Raiganj; Vice President: Miss Joyita, Asansol;

Secretary: Mr. Efi, Kolkata; Assistant Secretary: Miss Claudia, Sikkim; Treasurer: Miss Aparna Makhal, Baruipur; Male Representative: Mr. Emmanuel Thapa, Sikkim;

Female Representative: Miss Mary Margaret, Kolkata; Spokesperson: Priyanka Biswas, Krishnagar. The newly elected members of REXCO took oath on Sunday during mass in Cathedral, which was celebrated by Most Rev. Bishop Cyprian Monis, Bishop of Asansol diocese and concelebrated by other priests on 5 November 2017. We gratefully acknowledge the selfless services of outgoing office bearers and at the same time congratulate and wish all the best to newly elected members. We remember with gratitude Rev. Fr. Michael Singh for his enriching message as well as all the priests for their encouraging support and all the participants for putting their valuable efforts for the successful completion of the meeting.

- Ms. Aparna Makhal

St. Mother Teresa's Statue Blessing



It was a memorable day for the people of Fulbari, a substation of Kumrokhali Parish. The whole village came together for the blessing of a statue of St. Teresa of Kolkata. This unique occasion began with a Holy Eucharist concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Jonas Singha, V.G., and Fr. Prolay Boidya, Parish Priest and Fr. Ramen Pailan. After the mass there was a procession in the village with the life size statue of Mother and brought to the place for blessing. The ceremony started by lighting the lamp and Mr. Ajoy Biswas welcomed the gathering. Then the blessing was done by Fr. Jonas Singha, followed by a felicitation programme by the people and honour the Priests, Pastors and Sisters with a memento of St. Teresa of Kolkata. After the programme there was a fellowship meal for all the people. Also a blood donation camp was organized on this occasion in the afternoon and in the evening there was a cultural programme by baul singer Mr. Sanajit Mondal. We thanked all the people of Fulbari for their great support and cooperation.

- Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabarty

DISHARI AT A GLANCE



It is an appropriate time to thank God for His abundant graces and blessings throughout the year on Dishari. We had two retreats for the Youth and Adults respectively in the month of October. Altogether 90 youth and 140 adults attended the programmes from five parishes and its substations for this spiritual enrichment programmes. Among them 8 mothers were Hindus. They expressed their experience of our Lord within these three days and appreciated our prayers and spiritual activity. It was very much enriching for the participants to experience the mighty power and mercy of God and grace filled achievement in their lives and they would like to have many more such retreats for their spiritual growth.

Wishing you all the blessings of infant Jesus, our Savior to guide, inspire and lead you all with new vision in the coming year - 2018.

- Fr. Saumen Malik

BGD : Inter-school Debate Competition

Baruipur Gyan Deep conducted an interschool debate competition on 3rd November 2018. The Topic of the debate was: Pass / Fails System is Necessary in Education. And the medium of the debate was in Bengali. Eight participants from four schools participated in it that was held in Palli Unnayan Samiti, Baruipur. Titli Mistry of Basanti St. Teresa Girls High School was awarded the First Prize while Purnima Adhikari and Jui Biswas Carmel Girls High School, Keorapukur were given second and third prizes respectively. Fr. John Britto, the Director of Baruipur Gyan Deep was very appreciative of the effort all the participants put in to make the debate lively and hoped that the next time the debate competition would be a spectacular event.



First Holy Communion and Confirmation in Bamanpukur

29.10.17 is a memorable day for the 16 children who received the first Holy Communion during the concelebrated mass. Rev. Fr. Jonas Singha V.G, the main celebrant, in his homily highlighted the recent Eucharistic miracles and said that Christ is present and fully alive in the Eucharist. He urged the children to be more close to Jesus and be always eager to receive Him in the Eucharist.

On 5th November 2017, 26 children and adults received the sacrament of Confirmation. Rt. Rev. Bp. Salvadore Lobo in his homily, highlighted the courage and faith of the recently beatified "Blessed Sr. Rani Maria" of Indore in India, said that it was the Holy Spirit who gave her the courage to bear witness to Christ. He called upon the children to allow themselves to be lead by the holy Spirit in their lives. He urged the parents to be an example of faith to their children.

- Mr. Victor Naskar



Belgium Sponsorship



Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiapur organized one day workshop on importance of education for Sponsored children of Belgium Sponsorship Project on November 18, 2017 supported by Belgium Sponsor Committee.

The workshop started at 09:30 a.m. at Human Resource Centre of PUS Baruiapur. Fr. Parimal Kanji, the Director of PUS Baruiapur welcomed all the sponsored children and their parents and shared about the role, responsibility of parents and objective of *Belgium Sponsorship Project* to shape the bright future of the children through these educational supports.

Mr. Sanatan Bagh, Mr. Provakar Bor & Mr. Shankar Makhhal assisted the director to conduct the said workshop. Total number of sponsored children were 22, of which 17 students and their parents were present at

this workshop. 5 children were absent due to their final examination who will receive their educational support soon after their examination is over. It was a Joyful day for all the children being together from different communities and schools of project operational area. All the sponsored students communicated their love and gratefulness to Mrs. Marie Paul of Belgium Sponsor Committee by drawing Christmas greetings cards and writing letters which will be sent to *Belgium Sponsor Committee* before Christmas.

PUS Baruiapur provided toiletries and education materials for their daily use and fund was given to them to meet their examination fees, books and uniform etc. The students and parents were served a food packet each.

All the parents and students expressed a sincere thanks and gratitude to Mrs.

Marie Paul and team of *Belgium Sponsor Committee* through Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiapur for their generous support. The workshop was ended with a photo session at 1:30 p.m.



- Mr. Sanatan Bagh



Confirmation at St. Anthony's Church, Keorapukur

November 12, 2017 was the memorable day for 51 children of our parish, who received the Holy Spirit in and through the sacrament of Confirmation. Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo, Bishop of Baruiapur who conferred the sacrament to the children, instructed them on the previous day about the sacrament they would be receiving. During the homily Bishop emphasized on prayer life and how we can use the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Children were happy and grateful to Bishop. They also expressed their gratitude to Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, Teachers for their hard work in preparing them for the day. Children were given little refreshment, gift and certificate after the mass.

- Fr. Kanauj Roy

Milan Mela at St. Anthony Church, Keorapukur



The youth group of St. Anthony Church, Keorapukur had organized a wonderful and joyous day for all, called *Milan Mela* on 12th November, Sunday, 2017, in anticipation of Children's day celebration. The day began with the Drawing Competition for the children at 10 a.m. inaugurated by Fr. Kanauj Roy, where 80 children participated from Nursery to class XII of our parish. In the evening, at 4.30 p.m., Mr. Raghunath Patra, 142 ward counsellor was present for the *Mela*. Fr. Kanauj Roy, Fr. Alok Kanji and Sr. Cheryl Ac lighted the lamp along with Mr. Raghunath Patra to mark the celebration. The counsellor in his speech expressed his happiness and promised to support us in every aspect possible.

There were many stalls of different types of games and eatables. Many people had come and enjoyed. We hope and pray to God that every year we may be able to put up like this

Mela in order to share our joy to others and have deeper relationship among the people.

- Ms. Polina Gomes

Inauguration of the new Church at Panchamkhanda



December 8th 2017, a day in the history as one of the most Joyous day. The feeling of the people of Panchamkhanda was very similar to that of the Jews on the day of the Inauguration of the Temple in Jerusalem after 46 years of hard work. People of Panchamkhanda have a splendid church, almost after two years of hard work and supervision of Rev. Fr. Sirnus Topno the parish priest. The newly built church was blessed by Rt. Rev. Saladore Lobo Bishop of Baruiapur. Bishop Salvadore Lobo, Fr. Jonas Singha (VG) and Fr. Sirnus Topno (PP) along with 23 other priests, brothers, sisters and few other dignitaries were solemnly welcomed by garlanding and *Chandon Tika*. Then Bishop cut the Ribbon and Parish Priest opened the new church door. The holy Eucharistic procession began with Sadari dance "*sewa ker jivan prem heke*" (Liturgical dance) then there was a blessing of Altar, Tabernacle, Lectern etc. Bishop in his homily pointed out more of worship and *aradhona* for which a beautiful house of God was needed. He encouraged the people to pray more for God's abundant grace. At the end of the Eucharist bishop thanked Fr. Sirnus Topno(PP) for his hard work and thanked all the donors especially to Propaganda Fidei Rome, Church in Need- Germany and

Missio Aachen - Germany and other people who supported to build this new church. At the end of the Eucharistic celebration Fr. Sirnus Topno thanked in a special way to Almighty God for his abundant blessings and to Propaganda Fidei, Church in Need, and Missio for funding. He also thanked Bishop Salvadore Lobo for his full support. Special thanks to Frs Britto Liturgy Incharge, Kananuj Roy M.C of the day and guiding choir Fr. Himangshu Poti, Fr Goutam Naskar and Mr Purnendu Ghughu the Catechist for beautiful arrangement and melodious singing of the day. There after the delicious lunch was provided to all.

- Fr. Sirnus Topno

Annual meeting of Diocesan Women's Commission



The annual meeting of our Women's Commission was composed of four Parishes where the committees were already formed – Keorapukur, Thakurpukur, Sajnaberia, and Raghampur; a gathering of around fifty participants. The day started with the holy Eucharistic celebration.

The programme began with an enlightening speech of our honourable guest Bishop Salvadore Lobo addressing to the women about the present circumstances and encouraging them regarding their future duties. We were also glad to have two Parish Priests Fr. Himangshu Poti of Thakurpukur Parish elaborated emphasizing on the role of a woman in Catholic religious life and to do the needful. Next we had Fr Kanauj Roy Parish Priest of Keorapukur Parish demonstrated about the spiritual life through peace and harmony. We were also happy to have Fr Alope Kanji - App. of Keorapukur. As every year four parishes had little collections, given to Bishop.

After Lunch the Carmel Sisters of Annadapally respected superior Sr. Mukta A.C along with Sr Asha A.C and Br. Sorojit Mondal of Sajnaberia Parish had presented a short power point presentation on the life of Mother Veronica foundress of the Apostolic Carmel congregation. Then the secretary of the commission presented the annual report followed by group discussion and future plan of the commission.

On behalf of the commission of secretary thanked Bishop, priests, sisters and others for their help and support.

- Ms. Babli Das

1st Death Anniversary of Lt. Fr. Rosomoy Kanji



On 27th October 2017, the parishioners of St. Anthony's Church, Keorapukur observed the day as the 1st Death Anniversary of late Fr Rosomoy Kanji. The Holy Eucharist began with garlanding of his portrait by the parish priest. People recounted his contributions for the parish. The main celebrant was Fr. Kanauj Roy, the parish priest. After the mass, all offered flowers to his portrait to show their respect and love towards him. May God give him eternal rest.

- Ms. Archana Corraya

Celebration of the Feast of Christ the King

It was a great joy for the people of Cathedral and neighbouring parishes to celebrate the feast of Christ the King on 26th November 2017 by a solemn Eucharistic Procession from Cathedral Church Baruipur to Holy Cross School Khasmallick. Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo offered mass together with his priests and faithful. People from Canning, Sonarpur, Gangarampur, R. B. Nagar – Baruipur, Cathedral Parish, i.e. Kalipur, Kochpukur, Bibirchak nearly two thousands of people praising and dancing in the name of Christ Jesus. Flower girls placards, flexes and melodious chanting of the Christo Kirtans added a special spark to this procession. Procession ended at Holy Cross School Khasmallick with a worship and adoration. Thanks to the people of Cathedral and neighbouring parishes for their active participation and zeal for proclaiming Jesus as their king. Thanks to the police department for their cooperation in every way.

Confirmation at Sacred Heart Church

On November 19, 2017, Sunday, Sacred Heart Church, Thakurpukur experienced a graceful Eucharistic celebration by Bishop in which 69 Children received their Sacrament of Confirmation. The main celebrant Rev. Bishop Salvadore Lobo, Bishop of Baruipur ably assisted by the Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Himangshu Poti, the assistant, Rev. Fr. Sarajit Das and Rev. Fr. Lawrence Kulas, a priest friend of Fr. Himangshu Poti.

In the homily the Bishop lauded the children "that every good work is an enterprise of the Holy Spirit," Also inviting the people especially the parents to bring up their children in faith. He mentioned one of the examples of the work of the Holy Spirit was Sister Rani Maria of Indore.

This was followed by offertory procession by the children a symbol of their offering to the Lord. The packed church, beautifully decorated Altar, the melodious singing of the Bengali and English choirs added up to the solemnity of the Eucharist.

The parish priest thanked the Bishop, the congregation and especially the catechism teachers for their hard work, in preparing the children. The youth group of the parish distributed prizes to the children who participated in the drawing and dancing competition on the occasion of Children's day.

Bishop and the children were invited to the parish hall for receiving certificate, gifts, refreshments and taking of the group photo in front of the Grotto.

- Fr. Himangshu Poti

NOTICE BOARD

- ❖ Recollection for all the Parishioners will be held on 1st to 3rd December 2017 at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruipur. All the parish priests/priests-in-charge are requested to send the Parishioners for the recollection.
- ❖ Election of the Diocesan Youth will be held on 9th to 10th December at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruipur. All the parish priests/priests-in-charge are requested to send the Youth for the Diocesan Youth Election.
- ❖ Recollection for all the catechists will be held on 18th to 19th December 2017 at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruipur. All the parish priests/priests-in-charge are requested to send all the catechists for the recollection.
- ❖ The Christmas Gathering for the Priests, Brothers and Religious working in the Diocese will be on 27th December 2017 at 10.00 a.m. at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruipur.
- ❖ The Christmas Gathering for the Sunday School Children and Altar Servers in the Diocese will be on 29th December 2017 at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruipur.
- ❖ The monthly recollection of the diocesan priests from 12th evening to 13th December 2017 lunch in Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruipur.

Programmes at Paribar Jyoti:

- ❖ Marriage rectification Course (for those already married) – December 08-09, 2017.
- ❖ Personality Development Course for students of Class IX and X – December 18-20. (topics to be discussed: value-based sex education as God's plan revealed in their body and mind, eloping and early marriage, suicidal tendency among teens, relationship with parents and siblings, friendship, media, other topics relevant to their age).
- ❖ Marriage Preparation Course (for unmarried) : December 15-16, 2017

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of December 2017

The Elderly: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Celebration of Ruby Jubilee



On the 19th of November, 2017, the Ruby Jubilee of the Catholic diocese of Baruiapur and its first Bishop, Rt. Rev. Linus Nirmal Gomes S.J. was gloriously celebrated in the Cathedral Church at 2.30 p.m. The Cathedral was packed to its capacity with priests, sisters, brothers and laities, who gathered to express their gratitude to God and their first Bishop. The day began with a Holy Eucharist, celebrated by the former Bishop Linus, present Bishop, Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo, and about 50 priests. The Bishops and the priests were welcomed to the altar by an entrance dance. Following this, Rev. Fr. Molloy Mondal briefly presented the 40-year long journey of the diocese. In his homily, the nonagenarian Bishop spoke about the humble beginning of the diocese and its faith journey. In a grateful tone, he said that the growth of the diocese can be best measured by looking at the all-round growth of the families living in the diocese. The Holy Eucharist paved the way to the felicitation programme, which began with the presentation of a beautiful 10-minute video show prepared by Fr. Julian, SJ, the Rector of Dhyan Ashram and Fr. John Britto, the parish priest

of Kalyanpur. After the melodious song of felicitation by the candidates of the Holy Cross, Rev. Fr. Prolay Boidya, the parish priest of Kumrokhali, offered words of felicitation for indefatigable Bishop Linus. The diocese honoured the latter with a bouquet and a gift. Rev. Fr. Himangshu Poti recounted the contribution of the present Bishop, Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo. The programme was brought to an apt conclusion through a splendid dance by Rev. Fr. Saju, SJ, and his team from Kalahrdaya, which depicted the joyful mood of the celebration. Rev. Fr. Jonas Singha proposed the vote of thanks. After the program, hundreds of people flocked around their beloved Bishop to wish him present flowers and gifts.

The diocese looks back with gratitude and thanks all the Fathers, Sisters, Brothers, Missionaries, Catechists, Benefactors and Laities who have generously contributed to growth of the diocese for forty years. It also looks forward to a meaning Golden jubilee celebration in 10 years time from now.

BISHOP LOBO'S PROGRAMME FOR DECEMBER, 2017

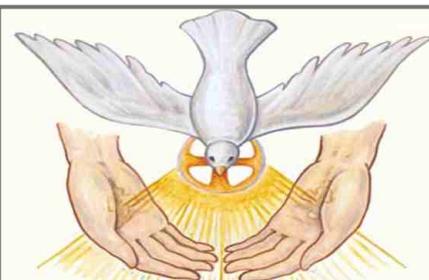
Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Fri		Vaishali	Work at NISCORT
02	Sat	10.30 a.m.		Returns to Baruiapur
03	Sun	10.00 a.m.	Nazat	Mass and Blessing of a new parish Church
05	Tue	06.45 p.m.		Goes to Gopalpur in Odisha
06	Wed		Gopalpur	Meets our seminarians
07	Thu	11.00 a.m.		Returns to Baruiapur
08	Fri	10.30 a.m.	Barrackpore	Final vows of Providence Sisters
09	Sat	02.30 p.m.		School programme of Montfort School
10	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Sajnaberia	Mass for 2nd Sunday of Advent
12	Tue	03.00 p.m. 06.00 p.m.	Baruiapur Baruiapur	G. B. Meeting of PUS Priests' recollection at Dishari
13	Wed		Baruiapur	Priests' recollection at Dishari
14	Thu	09.00 a.m.	Baruiapur	Holy Cross School programme
15-20	Fri-Wed		Mumbai	Blessing of a wedding
21	Thu	09.00 a.m. 02.30 p.m.	Baruiapur Kalyanpur	Christmas programme at Holy Cross School Christmas Programme at St. Mary's School
22	Fri	09.30 a.m.	Baruiapur	Christmas programme for poor children at PUS
24	Sun	07.00 a.m. 06.30 p.m. 11.30 p.m.	R. B. Nagar, Baruiapur Narendrapur Baruiapur	Mass at R. B. Nagar, Baruiapur Speaks at the temple of Ramakrishna Ashram for Holy Christmas Eve Christmas Midnight mass at Cathedral
25	Mon	08.00 a.m.	Radhanagar	Christmas mass at Radhanagar
27	Wed	10.00 a.m.	Baruiapur	Christmas gathering for Fathers, Brothers and Sisters
30	Sat	04.00 p.m.	Chennai	Blessing of a wedding



December

09 Fr. Indrajit Sardar

15 Fr. Faustine Brank



ORDINATION Anniversary

06 Fr. Arup Bor

07 Fr. Henry Crasta

27 Fr. Sandip Mondal

29 Fr. Parimal Kanji

Wishing for Christmas

Bishop Salvadore Lobo

and all the Priests, Religious and People of Baruipur Diocese
wishes all the readers

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A HAPPY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2018.**



“ ওরে আর ভয় নাই, ভয় নাই, প্রভু এসেছেন ধরণীতলে,
তাঁর কাছে চল্ সবে ছুটে যাই -
আনন্দ আনন্দ মহানন্দ ভাই। ”

শিশু যীশু ও মা মারীয়ার আশীর্বাদ আপনার / আপনাদের উপর বর্ষিত হোক।
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