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Oh! Give thanks to the Lord for He is Good

As we begin this New Year 2018 words of Rabindranath Tagore in his Nobel award winning book Gitanjali come to my mind:

Thou hast made me endless, such is Thy pleasure.

This frail vessel thou emptiest again and again,
And fillest it with ever with fresh life.

This little flute of reed thou hast carried over hills and dales,
And hast breathed through it melodies eternally new.

At the immortal touch of thy hands my heart loses
Its limits in joy and gives birth to utterance ineffable.

Thy infinite gifts come to me only on these small hands of mine.
Ages pass, and still thou pourest, and there is room to fill.

The Lord has been very good to us during 2017. Faith journey of our people has been strengthened. He has blessed us all with good health and good cheer. Our pilgrimage to Vellankanni and 5 days retreat at the feet of Our Lady of good health has strengthened our resolve to work for Christ and his church in Baruipur. During 2017 we have been able to bless three new parish churches and a village church. This was to accompany our people in their faith journey. To enhance our accompaniment in the faith journey of our people, we shall keep in mind four aspects of ministry and that will enhance our pastoral effectivity:

Our Collective Responsibility in building the Church in Baruipur Diocese: We must concentrate in building the body of Christ in Baruipur diocese. For this we need first and foremost to be aware of our strengths, weakness, opportunities and challenges. We need also a proper understanding of socio-cultural, religious, political, economic situations prevailing at present in our diocese. Only by doing so, we can play our respective roles with genuine interest and commitment and effectively promote development of our people. For this we must have a collaborative approach in all our pastoral initiatives. It is not possible unless we all co-operate.

Faith Formation: It is a beautiful and meaningful task of building

the body of Christ in our diocese, we cannot forget that it is of paramount importance to bring our people, especially children, the youth, and adults in solid faith, ardent fervour and genuine fellowship. We often say today's children and youth are tomorrow's church. One of the best and effective ways of faith formation is through building up Small Christian Communities. Faith formation of children and youth in our parishes is of paramount importance.

Family Apostolate: From what I said just now, it is clear that it is important to strengthen our families in faith, fervour and fellowship. This is also because the family is the basic nucleus of the domestic church. Family is the foundation of the society and important unit of the church. We need to ensure its stability through solid marriage preparation courses, accompaniment programmes counselling and family visits. We have to make our families harbinger of peace, joy, love and unity. Families are primary means of evangelization.

Joyful Celebration and Participation in the Sacred Liturgy: Liturgy being the highest point in the life of the church, when, gathered together in the name of the Lord as a people of God, we praise and worship the Lord and receive abundant graces and blessings from him for our daily life as Christians. We must make it joyful event where all participate with enthusiasm. We must prepare the liturgy well. There must be attitude of reverence, decorum and dignity. The altar must be well decorated, Vestment must be decent, symbolism of the colours must be kept up. Altar servers must have a uniform dress. Roman missal must be used and Readings to be done from the lectionary or a Bible.

At the beginning of this New Year, 2018, I wish everyone a happy New Year and invite all of you to extend your hand, even if it is weak, to build the body of Christ in the church.

+ Salvadore Lobo

Nanna Munna Fest at Thakurpukur

Sacred Heart Youth Group of Thakurpukur parish celebrated Children's Day on 12th November 2017 for the children of the parish. The programme began with a prayer led by Fr. Sarajit Das followed by inaugural address by Fr. Himangshu Poti. The Drawing and Dance Competition started with a inaugural dance by youth group. A good number of children participated for these two events. Soon after the programme the youth members distributed gifts and refreshments to all the children. The most awaited prize distribution ceremony held on 19th November where our beloved Bp. Salvatore Lobo awarded the winners with medals, certificates and prizes. Total 12 children from all the group events received the prizes. Thanks to all youth members, fathers, sisters, well wishers and benefactors for making the programme a successful one.

- Mr. Aritra Sen

Christmas Gathering



A family get-together for the priests, sisters and religious working in Baruiপুর Diocese was held on 27th December 2017 at Dishari Pastoral Centre Baruiপুর. From the parishes, institutions and convents have taken the active part in the programme. The day began with the concelebrated Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m. presided over by Bishop Salvatore Lobo and Emeritus Bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes S.J. in Cathedral Church. Bishop reminded the priests and religious about the responsibility to create an environment of peace and harmony among people.

After the mass a short entertainment programme was organized by Fr. Saumen Malik with the help of brothers and sisters. Bishop Salvatore Lobo welcomed every one and Bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes S.J. led the house in prayer. Bro. Rajen Singh with the help of Bro. Sarojit Mondal conducted the programme beautifully. Seminarians of Minor Seminary, M.C. Sisters of Kacharibazar and Kirtankhola, Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes and many others made the day joyful with music, singing and dancing. A special thanks to Bro. Rajen Singh for conducting the programme efficiently and Fr. Saumen Malik for providing delicious lunch for the day and Fr. Faustine Brank for arranging beautiful Christmas gifts for each and everyone. Finally Fr. Jonas Singha delivered the vote of thanks. The celebration ended with a delicious lunch. Thanks to each and everyone for making the day joyful.

- Fr. Jonas Singha

Dishari at a Glance

In the Month of December, 2017 there were many programmes held in Dishari. Namely Retreat for the Parishioners, CRI meeting, Diocesan Youth Election, Priests and Catechists Recollection Christmas gathering for the Priests and religious and Christmas gathering for the Sunday School and Altar servers and Bible seminar for Pastor Joy Ghughu.

Apart from its own activities, Dishari has taken initiative to protect and enhance the faith of newly converted people and celebrates Christmas with the villagers, namely I-plot, Bokhali, Nataji More and Dhakshin Gobindopur. This is the first time they had Christmas celebration meaningfully and prayerfully with proper liturgy. After the Eucharistic celebration they showed their unity and love for each other by dancing and sharing a common meal. Not only Catholics but also people of other faith expressed their joy and happiness on the birth of our saviour Lord Jesus Christ by joining hands with them.

- Fr. Saumen Malik

Diocesan Youth Commission Election



Diocesan Youth Commission elected 15 new faces for Diocesan Executive Committee at Dishari, Baruiপুর on 9th and 10th December 2017. Our DYD Fr. Ramen Pailan divided two days for different purpose. The first day was the day of orientation where Fr. DYD welcome everyone present there. In the beginning of the programme Fr. Indrajit Sardar former DYD of Baruiপুর Diocesan Youth Commission oriented the Youth Commission members for the election. Then Fr. Ramen took a session on

leadership followed by Holy Mass. There was a panel discussion moderated by Fr. Soumen Malik where the outgoing DEXCO members namely Aritra Sen – President, Archana Corraya - Secretary, Hrittick Hazra – Treasurer, Achinta Sardar & Akash Dhar shared their experiences. The day ended with a short cultural programme. The second day started with a morning prayer. After the breakfast the committee elected 15 new faces namely Sarbeshwar Chakraborty - President, Puja Pailan & Pue Mondal - Vice-President, Debosmita Mondal - Secretary, Tanmoy Sardar, Richard Sarkar & Debraj Panja - Jt. Secretary, Remo Rozario – Treasurer, shyamali Dolui, Sheuli Bhuiya & Tanaya Baidya – Jt. Treasurer, Susmita Bag – Spokesperson, Premangshu Sardar – Spokesperson II; Alex Tirkey Male representative & Aparna Makhali – Female Representative. After the election, our DYD made a working committee namely Aritra Sen, Hrittick Hazra, Achintya Sardar, Akash Dhar, Archana Corraya & Mili Mondal. Then we all gather for the Eucharistic Celebration where the New DEXCO members took the oath for next two years & the outgoing DEXCO handed over the change with Candle, Flag and other Documents. May our Lord bless all the new DEXCOs and wish them all the best for the youth ministry.

- Mr. Aritra Sen

Annual Function: St. Mary's School, Kalyanpur

The Annual function of St. Mary's School for the academic year 2017-2018 was celebrated on 21st December 2017 with much fanfare. The children were all decked up in various hues fitting for the performances. All the students, starting from the tiny tots of nursery to children of class IV, held the audience captive for almost three hours with their various presentations. While Sr. Kiran, RNDM, Headmistress gave a welcome speech, Fr. John Britto, Secretary and Manager of the school presented a brief report about the recent developments of the school and how the school, after its change of Medium, is fast growing. He mentioned that the school lays stress on the integral development of the children.

The main item of the day was a dance drama, presented by the children of Classes UKG to IV called *Sat Bhai Champa*, which highlights the "Triumph of Truth". Bishop Salvatore Lobo who was the chief guest for the day's event was very appreciative of the school's effort to fulfill its motto of Knowledge, Truth and Freedom. Sr. Joicy, RNDM, Provincial of Kolkata Province of the Congregation of Our Lady of the Missions who was the Guest of Honour spoke on the importance of encouraging the children and called upon the parents to be active collaborators for the growth of the school. The presence of four principals and many other distinguished guests gave a big fillip to the event. Certificates of merit were awarded to the deserving students in the categories of Regular Attendance, Good Conduct, Neatness and Smartness and Academic Performance. The school management acknowledges the great effort and hard work put up by Sr. Kiran, Sr. Pushpa, RNDM, Fr. Uttam Naskar, all the teaching and non-teaching staff and the volunteers for making the event a memorable one for everyone.



Events at Palli Unnayan Samiti, Baruipur



Joy of Having a Shed for DCC: A shed for DCC children and mothers at Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur inaugurated on 28th November 2017 in its office premises. Inauguration ceremony started with a prayer song "Aguner Porosh Moni Chuyao Prane" in the presence of DCC children and mothers. Fr. Parimal Kanji, the Director of PUS Baruipur shared with the gathering that it is Good Fellas, Italy through FADV extended their support to have this shed for DCC.

The DCC children and mothers used to sit in an open space during DCC clinic Days. It was very difficult for the DCC mothers and children to sit in an open place during DCC clinic day, especially during winter, summer and monsoon seasons. They had been pledging to have a shed for them on DCC clinic day. So now they have a shed which would protect them from rain, sunbeams and the cold. It was a very joyful and happy day for DCC children and mothers to have shed for them. PUS Baruipur and DCC children and mothers are grateful to FADV and **Good Fellas**, Italy and FADV for their loving support of shed. The inauguration ceremony was concluded in sharing chocolates among the DCC Mothers and children.



The special event of cutting the ribbon by the mothers and children of DCC along with Rev Sr. Victoria DSA, the Assistant Director of PUS Baruipur to enter in the DCC shed.

World Disabled Day Observation 2017: Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur observed World Disabled Day on 3rd December 2017 in its office premises. Altogether 185 mothers & children and 20 Guests & Dignitaries participated in this programme. Beginning of the programme, Mrs. Soma Chakraborty one of DCC mothers felicitated to all our honorable guests and participants mothers & children with Chandan Tika and flowers. Fr.

Parimal Kanji, Director PUS welcomed all the guests and DCC children and their mothers.

The programme was inaugurated by lighting the lamp of "Pancha Prodeep" at 10.00 a.m. as a symbol of divine power by Fr. Parimal Kanji, Miss. Nairita Banerjee, Program manager FADV, Mrs. Purabi Mandal, Member, South 24 Parganas Zila Parishad and other 2 guest & dignitaries.

Fr. Parimal Kanji delivers inaugural speech and the objectives of the World Disabled Day observation He convey his heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all the guests and parents to attend this programme.

All the speakers shared the feature and importance of World Disabled Day, Rights of Children with Disabilities in the fields of Health, Education, Economic and Sport & Culture. Mrs. Prubi Mandal, member of South 24 Parganas Zila Parishad shared about the Government Schemes available for the special children and the process of accessing them.

The **second half of the programme** started with sports. All the disabled children participated in sports. 1st, 2nd and 3rd rank holder of each game awarded prizes. The consolation prizes were given to all participants. Thanks to all the participants. At the end of the programme all were served meals.



Christmas Celebration 2017: Christmas in every year take us back to be the channel of peace, love and hope to others, especially to those who are unloved, uncared and in despair! Keeping this sacred invitation in mind Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur celebrated Christmas 2017 on 3 different levels.



St. Savio Boys' Hostel Panchamkhanda celebrated the Christmas on 18th December 2017 with 43 students and 6 staffs in the presence of Parish Priest of Panchamkhanda and guests. The day began with lighting the lamp and a student cut the birthday cake in the name of Jesus which was followed by a Christmas Carole "Ei Subhodin Elo Borodin". All the students of St. Savio Boys' Hostel participated in

sports. At the end of the programme Fr. Sirnus Toppno distributed Towel and Muffler as Christmas gifts to all children. 1st, 2nd & 3rd rank winners of each sports awarded prizes. The celebration was ended with a delicious meal.

On 19th December 2017, Christmas tree was celebrated with 428 children and 27 staffs at Kamlat village under Sonarpur Block. The children exhibited their talents in dancing, drawing pictures, drama, quiz and exhibiting art gallery with much pleasure and cheerfulness.



About thousand people witnessed the day by surveillance programme. Mr. Tapan Karmakar, Headmaster of local primary school, Mr. Joydev Naru, Ex-Upo Prodhan, Mr. Hari Charan Shuli, Guardian representative and Fr. Parimal Kanji were present to grace the occasion. In the presence of all, gifts were presented to each of the 428 children. 1st, 2nd & 3rd rank winners of each sport awarded with prizes. The programme came to an end with cutting of Christmas cake.

PUS Baruipur also shared the happiness of Christmas with its neighbouring children on December 21, 2017. The programme was open with a Christmas message "Be compassionate as your Heavenly Father is lenient" by Rt. Rev. Bishop Salvadore Lobo, the president of PUS. Fr. Jonas Singha Vicar General of Baruipur diocese, Fr. Prodeep Ray the director of Paribar Jyoti, Fr. Faustine Brank, Fr. John Britto and other Sisters & Brothers were also present as guest to elegance the celebration. All the guests were welcomed with flower & chandan tika. The participants neighbouring children were divided as their age groups and they took part in the different sports. At end of the sports, blankets were distributed to 100 poor people. 1st, 2nd & 3rd. rank winners of each sport awarded with prizes. A food packet was served to all the participants' mothers and children to share the joy of Christmas.



- Mr. Sanjib Mandal and Mr. Shankar Makhal



03	Fr. Arup Bor
04	Fr. Sajeev Painunkal S.J.
06	Fr. Jose K.C., C.M.
15	Br. Satyajit Naskar
16	Fr. Jonas Singha
17	Fr. Ramen Pailan
20	Fr. Jude S. Sahaya S.J.
26	Fr. Johnson Padiyara S.J.
26	Fr. Shiriyakuse Ekka, C.M.
27	Br. Sarojit Mondal
28	Fr. Remy D'Sa SFX
28	Br. Nayan Bor

Priestly Ordination Anniversary



05	Fr. Shyamal Kumar Das, C.M.
06	Fr. Johnson Padiyara S.J.
07	Fr. Dany Mathew OIC
11	Fr. Shiriyakuse Ekka C.M.
16	Fr. Sarajit Das
19	Fr. N. Jinesh Sebastian S.J.
22	Fr. Deepak Ekka

Episcopal Ordination Anniversary

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Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of January 2018

Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia.

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

Notice Board

- Deputy Secretary of BRBC Fr. Panneer Selvam has been appointed as the New Treasurer of Morning Star Regional Seminary, Barrackpore.
- Fr. Surojit Mitra has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of Catholic Church Baidyapur from January 01, 2018.
- Fr. Sylvester Xavier has been appointed curate of Catholic Church at R.B. Nagar in Baruipur from December 06, 2017
- **Finals of the Mobile Video Competition**, organised by the Youth Commission, the Commission for Social Communication and the Family Commission, will be held on January 7, 2018 at 2.30 p.m. followed by a Quiz Contest for Youth from the parishes at Dishari, Baruipur.
- **Paribar Jyoti: Marriage Preparation Course** (for the unmarried) – January 12-13, 2018.

I, sincerely, thank all the Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and lay people who wished me through their visits, cards, gifts, phone calls and messages for Christmas and the New Year 2018. I prayed for you all at the midnight Mass.

+ *Salvadore Lobo*

Bishop Lobo's Programme for the Month of January 2018

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
001	Mon	07.00 a.m. 02.30 p.m.	Sajnaberia Sajnaberia	New Year mass at St. Joseph's Church, Sajnaberia Inauguration of the New Year Mela
02-03	Tue- Wed		Beltanr, Jharkhand	Visits a sick Sister
05	Fri	09.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Baruipur Canning	Meets with Holy Cross Provincial Blessing of pre-primary School at the church campus
06	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Carol Competition, BCC at Dishari
07	Sun	08.00 a.m. 02.30 p.m.	Noorpur Baruipur	Mass on the feast of Epiphany Quiz Competition at Dishari
10	Wed	04.00 p.m.	Krishnagar	BRBC Meeting
11	Thu		Amghata	G. B. Meeting of Amghata Seminary
12	Fri	09.30 a.m.	Barrackpore	G. B. Meeting of Barrackpore Seminary
13	Sat	06.30 a.m.	Baruipur	Goes to Sundarbans for G. B. Meeting of PUS
14	Sun	12.00 Noon	Baruipur	Regional Youth - SCC at Dishari
15	Mon	09.00 a.m.		Goes to Delhi
16	Tue	10.00 a.m.	Delhi	Meeting on re-organizing CBCI finances
17	Wed	10.30 a.m.	Baruipur	Priestly Ordination of Dn. Pradip Dari at Cathedral
19	Fri	01.00 p.m.	Kolkata	Prayer rally for Christian Unity
20	Sat	10.30 a.m.	Kalyanpur	Golden Jubilee - RNDM convent
22	Mon	09.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	SKC- Kolkata Kolkata	Regional Prison Ministry Meeting at SKC Offers mass for Church-in-Need group at the grave of St. Theresa of Kolkata
23	Tue		SKC- Kolkata	Regional Prison Ministry Meeting at SKC
23	Tue	10.30 a.m.	Kolkata	Silver Jubilee Mass of Richard and Margaret - Prabhu Jisur Girja
24	Wed	10.30 a.m.	Amtala	Land Registration - Boys Town
25	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Dishari	G. B. Meeting of Dishari
27	Fri	10.00 a.m.	Dishari	Meeting of the Laity Commission
28	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Kalyanpur	Mass and Confirmation
30	Tue			Goes to Bangalore
31	Wed		Bangalore	CBCI Meeting