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Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church

In 1972 Missionaries of Charity Brothers settled down in Noorpur on the banks of Hoogly river to take care of mentally retarded children, differently abled children and T.B. patients. Living a simple life, they have been spreading the charity of Christ in the villages they surround.

In 2002 Montfort Brothers arrived in the diocese to start a school for the hearing and speech impaired children of the locality. They have started an English medium school. Hence we have two congregations of Brothers in the diocese. There are 8 M.C. brothers from our diocese giving service to the poorest of the poor now.

In 2015 Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated life and Societies of Apostolic Life brought out a document named 'Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church'. For better understanding of the vocation and work of the Brothers I make a summary of the document here.

Brother is the name traditionally given to the male lay religious in the Church since the beginnings of consecrated life. From the first centuries of Christianity even to this day, consecrated life has been predominantly lay members. It is an expression of the desire of lay men and women to live the Gospel explicitly and radically stems from their Baptism.

Encouraged by the Spirit, the Church today deepens its awareness of being the People of God, where all have equal dignity received in Baptism. All have a common vocation to holiness, and share responsibility for the mission of evangelization. Religious life is born and inserted into this baptized people, and as such always develops and deepens baptismal consecration.

The vocation of the Brother is part of the answer that God gives us to the absence of brotherhood which wounds the world today. The ministry of Brothers as religious in the Church is "to remind the baptized of the fundamental values of the Gospel." The Brother

presents those fundamental values within the context of fraternal relationships. He stands against inequality and the temptation to dominate. He stands in solidarity with all people, especially with those weakest and most vulnerable. Brothers are gathered together in community before being sent out in mission. Their Brotherhood is a source of strength for the mission, but it relies upon another force: The Holy Spirit. From the Spirit comes the cultivation of brotherhood creating a greater sense of mission, and the mission itself produces brotherhood.

These communities of Brothers are fraternities of service. The ecclesial ministry assumed by the community of Brothers gives it its distinctive identity in the Church. The community stresses the fraternal relationships between its members, with those who participate in its mission, and those who are served... The ministry is not carried out by an individual but by the community. The members of a ministerial community can perform many different functions; some may even be unable to carry out any outside task due to illness or age. The ministry of the community is not identified with any particular task. It is the whole community which embodies the mission through the various services of its members, including that of prayer, the offering of their sufferings by the sick, and solidarity with each other. The entire community is responsible for the mission that the Church has entrusted to it.

The community of Brothers lives its prophetic mission counter-culturally, because its lifestyle, according to the Gospel, is opposed to what the world promotes. It should not be forgotten, however, that community is a fragile sign that needs constant renewal. It must be lived on the path to holiness and with an evangelical dynamism that enlivens and constantly remakes the structures. Brothers offer themselves as guides in the search for God, aware of their own inconsistencies, but able to accompany all people on their faith journey. In the community, the Brothers invite people to prayer and share the experience of God. And the

Brothers facilitate widespread reading of Scripture and to deepen the dialogue between faith and culture.

Contemplative communities of Brothers are a powerful sign which witness to our society that is often alienated from God. They are meeting places for young people and adults in search of the deeper meaning of their lives. Where are the frontiers of mission today? These frontiers coincide with the dramatic reality that so many men and women experience marked by migration, hunger, injustice, indifference and lack of sensitivity to the pain of others, superficiality and the loss of religious and human values. The vocation of the Brother, authentically lived and embodied in this reality, acquires a wonderful meaning. Many Brothers carry out their mission often in secular professions: health service, education, assistance to immigrants, the accompaniment of children and adolescents at risk etc.

The prophecy of hospitality is an openness and acceptance of the other, the stranger, the foreigner, the one from a different religion, race or culture. Hospitality is an essential element of human coexistence in the face today of intolerance, exclusion or the lack of dialogue. The prophecy of the meaning of life is the service of dialogue and gentle listening. Many Brothers devote much of their time to helping people discover the essential meaning of life in the face of the vacuum of meaning that exists in the society. The prophecy of the wise use of new technologies serves the mission to communicate well, to democratize information, even for the most disadvantaged. They contribute to make these technologies useful instruments in the task of evangelization.

The Religious Brothers today often live their vocation as members of a larger ecclesial family. Lay and religious, men and women, and clergy are often united together in a larger charismatic family to serve together in the same ecclesial mission.

+ Salvadore Lobo

Protivar Adda

'Be Pearls of Great Value'



For the 1st time in the chapter of St Joseph's Catholic Church, Parish Youth Group Organized a programme called "Protivar Adda" on 2nd July at 5p.m where we felicitated 20 boys and girls (R.C) of our parish community by presenting them Flowers, Certificates, Dictionaries, Pen and a Refreshment as a token of love. A good number of people gathered for this programme. This programme graced by Fr Augustine E, Sr. Mukta A.C, Br. Surajit, Mr. Umesh Patra (catechist) Mr. Tapan Ghorui (Secretary). The programme was inaugurated by lightening of the lamp followed by a Prayer and welcoming dance. In middle of the felicitation there was some dance, songs performed by parish youths, Mr. Pinaki Patra and Mr. Umesh Patra. Parish-Priest and Mr Subhrajit Poti (youth animator) had given a motivational speech to the passed students for their future, followed by a slide show presentation on various activities of our parish youth in different levels of our catholic community. At last vote of thanks given by Mr. Hrittick Hazra. I hope this type of programme from the church spur our catholic students and they became imbibe the best value of life which makes their parents, teachers and society to be proud of them. We wish them all the bright future ahead.

- Mr. Hrittick Hazra

Inauguration of the New Academic Year 2017-18 at M.S.C.

The fog-clad morning where the grace and glory of God commenced together to greet us, the very best on the occasion of the New Academic Year 2017-18 in Morning Star Regional Seminary, Barrackpore on 1st July-2017.

On this propitious day, Most Rev. Thomas D'Souza Archbishop of Calcutta cum Chairperson of the Governing Board of MSC, Presided over the Holy Eucharist, concelebrated by the Bishops of the Bengal Region, Rev Fr. S. Santhappan, Administrator of Raiganj, Rev. Fr. J. A. Santhanam Rector of MSC and the professors of Morning Star College.



Rt. Rev. Stephen Lepcha, Bishop of Darjeeling enchanted one and all through his thought provoking homily, underlining that each seminarian must have a clear vision for the service of the church. M.S.C choir extensively rendered melodious hymns to generate an atmosphere of prayer and joyful celebration. The extreme presence of the neighbouring community added more joy to this inaugural celebration. Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo, Bishop of Baruipur also delivered an inaugural address stressed on Popo Francis's message emphasizing that the good communication hope, trust and the best expression of charity.

- Bro. Sanjay Dhara

Inauguration of Samarpan



On the 3rd of July, 2017, feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle to India, the academic session 2017-18 of Samarpan was inaugurated. The Bishop presided over the Eucharistic celebration. Fr. Jonas Singha, the Vicar General, Fr. Francis Makhhal, the Vice Rector, Fr. Charles Montu Kanji, the Spiritual Director, and Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes, the to-be Rector joined him in concelebration.

The Eucharist was followed by a short cultural programme. The children staying in the DSA hostel, Kalinanan, performed two beautiful dances. In his speech, the Bishop welcomed the Brothers and

congratulated them for the noble decision they have taken.

Samarpan is happy to get 8 first-year minor seminarians this year. Thanks to the hard work of Fr. Proloy Boidya, the former Rector and Vocation Promoter. Besides, thanks to Fr. Francis Makhhal for preparing the whole programme meticulously.

Political Scenario and Christians



On 9th July 2017, Sunday at 5.00 pm a contemplative and needful seminar was organized by Catholic Association of Bengal on the topic "Current Political Scenario Affecting Christianity in India" at St. Xavier's Auditorium, Kolkata. The programme commenced with an opening prayer by Mr. Charles Sassoon, president of CAB. The speakers of the seminar were Dr. John Dayal (Civil Right Activist), Mr. Derek O'Brien (MP of Rajya Sabha), Rt. Rev. Thomas D'Souza (Archbishop of Calcutta). The 1st speaker Mr. John Dayal stated nicely on the moral and ethical values of Christian life. The 2nd speaker Mr. Derek O'Brien took the session on Christian leadership in Indian politics where he explained the issues regarding minorities for whom the Christian leaders often raise their voice in Parliament. He told us to suggest some strong issues of our Christian communities with that they might raise their voice in Parliament. He directed us to be united always instead of being polarized by the fake news. At last, Arch Bishop in his keynote address narrated on the response on the church to the present developments affecting the Christian community in India from the prospective of CBCI. There was

also open floor questions that were answered by the respective speakers. 380 people together with different congregations of priests, sisters and brothers attended the programme. From North Zone of Baruipur represented by Br. Sarojit Mandal with Mr. Aritra Sen and Mr. Hrittick Hazra. At this unpleasant political situation this type of seminar is really needed for our area to increase the concernment of unity among our Christian community. It was a good, positive and fruitful seminar to all.

Mr. Hrittick Hazra

Installation of Fr. Salvatore Murmu S.J as Raghampur Parish Priest



Fr. Salvatore Murmu S.J was installed as the parish priest of St. Joseph's Church, Raghampur during the Eucharistic celebration led by Rt. Rev. Bishop Salvatore Lobo on 9th July, 2017. The Holy Eucharist began with an Entrance dance performed by the Parish youth. Rev. Bishop Salvatore Lobo, in his sermon, through a story highlighted the mission of a parish priest. He exhorted that a parish priest to be a leader and be a shepherd like Jesus.

The symbolic gestures used for the installation of a parish priest like ringing the church bell, opening and closing of the main door of the church, sitting in the confessional and listening to the confession, kissing the four corners of the altar, opening and closing of the tabernacle were solemnly done to remind Fr Salvatore the mission entrusted to him.

Fr. Patrick Walsh SJ, the outgoing parish priest and the superior of the Jesuit community Raghampur, thanked the Bishop and all those present for the solemn occasion. He was grateful for the way he was supported in his mission as the Parish priest.

The presence of Bishop Salvatore Lobo, Fr. Jeyaraj Veluswamy, S.J, the Provincial of Kolkata Jesuit Province, Jesuit priests and parishioners from 9 sub stations added much to the celebrations. Kudos to the Parish Youth, who under the fatherly care of Fr Patrick Walsh. S.J. organized the celebration impressively.

- Dn. Sahaya Jude SJ

Block Level Stakeholders Meeting of Day Care Centre

As per Census 2011, India has 121 crores populations, of which 2.68 crores people are 'disabled' which is 2.21% of the total population. Inclusive development is being stressed upon which is considered as the right path for sustainable development. Therefore it is essential to take initiative for the wellbeing of all, including disabled people.

PUS Baruiapur organized stakeholders meeting for the special children and parents under its care at 9.30 a.m. on July 18, 2017. Mr. Provakar Bar was the M.C. of programme. Fr. Parimal Kanji extended a warm welcome to the resource persons, parents and special children of Day Care Centre of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiapur. Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiapur has been providing Physiotherapy, Nutritional diet, Medication, travelling and referral services to 70 Cerebral Palsy children for educational and health support to 121 physically challenged people under JVS programme.

He requested parents to bring their children to DCC regularly for the betterment of their children. Mr. Sanjib Mandal shared the objectives of meeting i.e. 1. To link the special children with Government Departments and NGOs so that they may access schemes and benefits available for them. 2. Identification and early detection of disability; 3. To enroll special children in the school. Altogether 134 children and parents participated in the said meeting. Resource Persons were Mrs. Sangita Ray, Special Educator; China Guha, Ex- Supervisor ICDS ; Mrs. Sathi Guha, Special Educator; Mr. Sailendranath Hazra, South 24 Pgs. Protibandhi Kalyan Sanastha; Mrs. Rupali Sardar, ASHA Health Workers - Mrs. Doly Ghosh and Mrs. Rita Mandal ICDS Worker ; Mrs. Mahamaya Ghosh and Mrs. Ashima Mandal .



They gave input on the importance of ICDS on Health and Educational Support offers to the children with Disabilities; Details welfare schemes under different Government departments; Protocols to apply and access different Schemes for PWDs; Follow Pre and Postnatal Care for prevention of birth rate of disable children. They emphasized that the birth rate of disable children is preventable through awareness. Therefore expectant mothers should be explained and they should know the possible reason for the birth of a Handicap baby. Most of the cases it happens due to lack of care during pregnancy and

delivery of the baby by an untrained person. Therefore institution delivery is very important for a healthy baby to be born and mother as well. Husbands and guardians should give mental and psychological support to the expectant mothers and they should be linked with nearby health department.

Mr. Sailendranath Hazra, the Secretary of South 24 Parganas Protibandhi Kalyan Sanastha shared about the facilities available in his organization. They provide educational and health support to the physically challenged children. He also shared about the earning opportunity available in his organization for the mothers of special children through Garland and Rakhi making programme. Mrs. Sujata Mandal, Coordinator of DCC proposed the vote of thanks to all the parents, children and guardians for the initiative taken to attend the meeting and a special thanks to all the resource persons for the valuable sharing with parents and guardians for the well being of their children. Tiffin packed was served to all the participants. With this the programme ended at 12.45 p.m.

- Mr. Sanjib Mandal

Felicitation to the Students



On 2nd July, 2017, the youth group of St. Anthony's Church, Keorapukur had organized a felicitation programme for the successful students of Madhyamik, H.S, ICSE, ISC of 2017. The programme was held in Carmel High School from 5.30 p.m. onwards, where the youth group staged a meaningful programme for the students. All together 48 students were felicitated on that day and two best students among them respectively class X and XII were felicitated with the trophies. Dr. Sadhana Karali, teacher-in-charge of St. Paul's Higher Secondary School, Raghampur was present as the Chief Guest of the day along with Fr. Kanauj Roy, the Parish Priest, Fr. Aloke Kanji, the sisters from Lalpole and Anandapally convent. The chief guest was honoured with *uttariya* and *bouquet*.

On this occasion, the chief guest was overwhelmed and gave an enlightening speech encouraging the students to work hard to achieve good marks and to go ahead with the studies and further to research to the field they are interested. Fr. Kanauj also inspired them to achieve their goal and stressed that the sacrifice and contribution of their parents cannot be forgotten.

At the end, the youth group thanked the chief guest and other guests for their valuable time and encouragement. They specially thanked the Headmistress of Carmel High School for availing the place for the programme. Finally, all students, parents and well wishers joined for get together arranged for them.

- Ms. Polina Goms

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

15 Fr. Jojo Thuruthayil, CMI

19 Dr. Pradip Dari

21 Fr. Soosaiappan Y.

A Pastoral Visit to Nazat Parish

Bishop Salvatore Lobo made a pastoral visit to the new parish of Nazat entrusted to the Claretian Missionaries in 2015. On July 23, 2017 Bishop offered mass with Fr. Christu Das at 09.15 a.m. for the people assembled, spent some time with the people and shared a cup of tea with the people. The parish has 227 Catholics who are tribal migrants. Most of the families had come with rice, fruits, eggs and vegetables to be offered at the offertory. Later on Bishop shared a lunch prepared by Fr. Christu Das himself.

As the visit was during the depression in the Bay of Bengal, it rained heavily whole day. As the people live away from the church, only a few people could attend the church. Fr. Christu Das CMF has been the parish priest since July 2015. Brother Alex Marandi has been helping the parish priest since May this year. All the three substations, Tushkhali, Dhaknamari and Balirkhal are on the boarder of Bangladesh in North 24 Paraganas.

Notice Board

» Patron of the Priests St. John Mary Vianney's feast day will be celebrated on 3rd August 2017 with a combined recollection for our Diocesan Priests.

» **Paribar Jyoti:** The three days Marriage Preparation Course will be reduced to two days intensive course. Next Course: August 24-25;

» **A booklet by Paribar Jyoti:** Paribar Jyoti has published a booklet, 'Sukhee Dampatya Jeebon,' to help married couples. Kindly encourage people to get a copy and use this to live a happier life.

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of August 2017

Artists

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

A Peaceful Death

Smt. Hiran Makhal, the mother of Fr. Satish Makhal CSsR of Basanti Parish surrendered her soul into the hands of our Heavenly Father on 19th July at the age of 96 years leaving behind 5 children (two sons and 3 daughters) one of them is our beloved Fr. Satish Makhal CSsR. Her funeral Concelebrated Mass was conducted by her son Fr. Satish along with other priests in the parish church followed by burial in Basanti cemetery. She lived a holy life and died gracefully. May her soul rest in peace.

Baruipur Seminarians 2017-2018

Sl. No.	Name		Place
01.	Dn. Paul Pradip Dari	Diaconate Ministry	OTC, Shillong
02.	Br. Amrit Ekka	1st Year Theology	OTC, Shillong
03.	Br. Sanjay Minj	1st Year Theology	OTC, Shillong
04.	Br. Rajen Simon Singh	2nd Year Regency	Morapai
05.	Br. Sarojit Mandal	2nd Year Regency	Sajnaberia
06.	Br. Biswajit Naskar	1st Year Regency	Gosaba
07.	Br. Johon Anup Pore	3rd Year Phio.	AC, Gopalpur
08.	Br. Saptarshi Biswas	3rd Year Phio.	AC, Gopalpur
09.	Br. Sanjoy Dhara	2nd Year Phio.	MSC, Barrackpore
10.	Br. Mrinmoy Sardar	1st Year Phio.	AC, Gopalpur
11.	Br. Sourav Kayal	1st Year Phio.	AC, Gopalpur
12.	Br. Arghya Panda	Int. Spi. Course	Amghata
13.	Br. Prosenjit Ghanta	Int. Spi. Course	Amghata
14.	Br. Kishor Naiya	Int. Spi. Course	Amghata
15.	Br. Satyajit Naskar	Int. Spi. Course	Amghata
16.	Br. Swarup Pore	Int. Spi. Course	Amghata
17.	Br. Uday Mondal	Int. Spi. Course	Amghata
18.	Br. Sajol Malik	1st Year M. Seminary	Samarpan
19.	Br. Babla Naskar	1st Year M. Seminary	Samarpan
20.	Br. David Panja	1st Year M. Seminary	Samarpan
21.	Br. Pritam Mondal	1st Year M. Seminary	Samarpan
22.	Br. Souharda Sardar	1st Year M. Seminary	Samarpan
23.	Br. Soumik Mondal	1st Year M. Seminary	Samarpan
24.	Br. Animesh Dalui	1st Year M. Seminary	Samarpan
25.	Br. Nayan Bor	1st Year M. Seminary	Samarpan

Bishop Lobo's Programme for August 2017

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Tue	06.00 p.m.	Kolkata	Mass for the feast of St. Alphonsus Ligouri
02	Wed		Baruipur	Priests Recollection
03	Thu		Baruipur	Priests Recollection, Mass and celebration of St. John Mary Vianney feast day at Dishari
05	Sat	11.00 a.m.	Cathedral	Holy Mass for Youth Gathering
06	Sun	10.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Balarampur Balarampur	Meets with Gabriel Brothers of Ranchi Province Mass at Montfort School
10	Thu	06.20 a.m.	Dhyan Ashram	Mass and a talk to Jesuit Juniors and Novices
18	Fri	06.00 a.m.		Goes to Varanasi
19-20	Sat-Sun		Varanasi	National meeting "Communication and Public Relationship in Present Scenario of India"
22	Tue	03.30 p.m.	Baruipur	G.B. meeting of PUS
23	Wed	04.00 p.m.	Kolkata	G.B. Meeting of Boys' Town
24	Thu	09.30 a.m.	Baruipur	Meeting of the Board of Consultors
25	Fri	03.30 p.m.	Baruipur	Finance committee meeting
26	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Baruipur	AGM of Baruipur Gyan Deep
27	Sun	01.35 p.m.		Goes to Shillong
28-30	Mon - Wed		Shillong	Meets Baruipur seminarians
31	Thu			Returns to Baruipur