



Ad Limina With Stress on Personal Witness for Proclamation

44 Bishops of Bengal, North East, Delhi, Maharastra, Goa and Gujarat had their Ad Limina visit from September 19-26, 2019. All the bishops arrived at Rome on September 18, 2019 and were put up at Domus Sanctae Marthae at Vatican and Domus Romana Sacerdotalis .

Despite his heavy schedule Holy Father received the bishops in a group on September 26, and shared his concern for the Church and let the bishops share their concerns for two hours. The bishops appreciated very much this extreme kindness and his intense eagerness that he always manifested to be close to them and to their people. Bishops greatly admired the solicitude with which his pastoral heart follows up the work of each one of the bishops. The bishops were touched with his affection to each one of them and with singular way that he radiates holiness and peace. When asked what he had in mind while declaring the whole of the month of October 2019 as the month of mission, he said that the need of personal witnessing the Church. Since the whole People of God is sent forth to preach the Gospel, evangelization is never an individual and isolated act; it is always an ecclesial task which has to be carried out in communion with the whole community of faithful (AG 2, 35).

Bishops as a group offered Mass at the tomb of St. Peter and at the Basilica of St. Paul, outside the walls, and in the spirit of pilgrims also celebrated Mass in the Basilicas of Maria Maggiore and San Giovanni Laterano. It is in this Basilica the Pope has his cathedra the seat of authority.

As a part of Ad Limina visit the Bishops visited 10 dicasteries, congregations and Councils, The dicasteries visited were: for Divine Worship & Sacraments, for Doctrine of Faith, for clergy, Pontifical council for inter religious dialogue, for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and societies of Apostolic Life, Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, Dicastery for Integral Human Development, Pontifical council for Legislative Texts, Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life and Congregation for Catholic Education.

Six months prior to the Ad Limina visit each of the diocesan bishop is to submit a report on the diocese on all aspects of life since last Ad Limina visit which was eight years back.

+ Salvadore Lobo
Bishop of Baruipur

The Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary

It was my privilege to attend the feast day of Morning Star College, Barackpore on 8th of September 2019. I also got an opportunity to celebrate the feast day of Nativity of Mother Mary at the seminary. The day began with a journey from JVS to Morning star with all my brother companions. We were accompanied by Fr. Vanatu Raja the vice rector of JVS. We participated in the Mass presided over by his Lordship Rt. Rev. Fulgence Aloysius Tigga, Bishop of Raiganj & con-celebrated by Fr. Shanthanam, the Rector of MSC, Fr. Henry Crasta and Fr. Raju. Bishop in his homily spoke on how we can gain strength through the love of God and through the intercession of Mother Mary so as to be able to say yes to Jesus as Mother Mary said yes. On this auspicious day the students of Theology at MSC received ministries of Lector, Acolyte & Candidacy to Priesthood. Thereafter there was a short felicitation programme where bishop Fulgence was felicitated. Br. Arun Raj, a seminarian of Calcutta as well as beadle of the house was the M.C. The programme was meticulously arranged. To add festivity to this day there was a sumptuous meal for every one present for the occasion.

- Br. Hrittick Hazra

Diocesan Youth Convention Cross at Kumrakhali



On 20th September 2019, Friday, 5th Diocesan Youth Convention Cross was brought to Kumrakhali Parish. On this day the youth of Kumrakhali organized adoration of the Holy Cross and invited the parishioners to attend into the adoration and Holy Eucharist. The adoration was led by the parish youth with the Vajan, prayers, Scriptural quotations and Hymns. Fr. Prolay Boidya, Parish Priest of Kumrakhali gave a reflection highlighting the importance of the Cross in the life of everyone. Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabarty encouraged and guided the faithful to make confession and to pray for their family, Church and especially for the success of upcoming Youth Convention. The event came to end with the Holy Eucharist and kissing of the Cross.

- Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabarty



Novena of our Lady of Vailankanni

Following the tradition, this year too the Novena of our Lady of Vailankanni was organised in St. Anthony's Church, Keorapukur from 30th August to 8th September 2019. The Novena was inaugurated with a solemn procession with the statue of our Lady from the Carmel School ground to the Church followed by hoisting of the flag. The Novena was organised and carried out successfully by different groups of the Parish. Priests from different Parishes came each day and preached during the Novena in turn on various themes which made a deep spiritual impact on the faithful. On 8th September, the Feast day of our Lady of Vailankanni, the Novena ended with a solemn Mass, offered by Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, the Parish Priest, which was followed by cutting of cake and sharing among the faithful.

- Ms. Archana Corraya

Meeting of Family Cell Members



The Family Cell Members from 10 parishes and 2 sub-stations had a review and orientation meeting in Dishari on September 15, 2019. There were 57 participants. Besides Bishop Salvadore Lobo, Bishop Shyamal Bose and the Paribar Jyoti Team, present also were Fr. Himangshu Poti, Fr. Faustine Brank, Fr. Salvatore Murmu SJ and Fr. Saumen Malik. Bishop Salvadore Lobo initiated the meeting with a prayer and an inspiring motivational address. The sharing of the activities by the participants gave an idea of how active the cells of each place are, though most of them are in the initial stage.

The discussion on the purpose of their activities took a new turn with a role play by the animators of Paribar Jyoti and the question, if the family cells are meant only to dig out problems or if they have good news for the families. Fr Pradeep Roy took them one step further saying, if we look for worms we shall find only worms; The couples need to relish the memories of the joyful moments of their lives and redirect their journey towards attaining the immense joy of their glorious vocation as planned by God instead of harping on the failures and woes which may lead them to frustration. The participants further came out with the many reasons why their married life is really joyful and it can be still more joyful.

Bishop Shyamal Bose who said the Mass began with a very touching introduction highlighting the need to give priority to the apostolate. His simple, practical and down-to-earth sermon encouraged the cell members to recharge their enthusiasm strive harder to promote family peace and unity.

The group discussion in the afternoon brought up many practical ways to help the people to rediscover the joy of married life. The participants were happy to become messengers of joy and hope to the families which would make them more acceptable.

There are active family cells in 14 parishes and 6 substations. These function under the guidance of the parish clergy. In some parishes, the catechists also take an active role to promote the family cells. Paribar Jyoti gives moral support from the outside.

A Course in Morning Star Regional Seminary

Fr. Pradeep Roy and Mr. Francis Lobo of Paribar Jyoti conducted a 3-days course on social work and analysis for the IIIrd year philosophers. They were 24 brothers and one sister. After an analysis of the structure of injustice and the root causes of poverty underlying the usually cited causes, the discussion continued to highlight the different kinds of social activities and the classification of social work in terms of the impact on the individuals and the community. Through a methodology of participatory learning, the seminarians came to know how some types of social work which appear to be beneficial can be harmful in the long run while some works which seem to be trivial can have long term impact to promote unity and mutual support, thus helping the people to grow and develop as a community.

Reflecting on the social work seminarians do, they understood how to look at their work with a analytical mind and make it a learning experience. With this understanding they were able to enumerate the things they can learn from the people they are serving.

Some said that previously they thought that social work was only giving material help to people. But now they understood how social work can bring about social transformation and become instrumental to build up the kingdom of God.



Dishari at a Glance

A monthly SCC core team meeting was held at Dishari Pastoral Centre on 12th September 2019. Altogether 26 members were present for this meeting from different parishes. The main purpose of the meeting was to plan out to celebrate meaningfully "extraordinary mission month" through the SCC members.

On 15th of September 2019 SCC family of Kalyanpur parish had get-together. Altogether 58 SCC members had come from five SCC units including Parish Priest Fr. John Britto, Dn. Bablu Sardar and Sr. Helen. Fr. Ramen Pailan, Fr. Saumen Malik (Diocesan SCC coordinator), were present in the gathering. All the members present were extremely happy to be part of this gathering. They promised to promote SCC in their substations. Get-together began with Gospel sharing and concluded with agape.

On 19th of September 2019 Dishari organized one day SCC seminar at Morapai parish. Altogether 110 parishioners had come from different substations namely Banspalla, Laxmikantapur, Radhanagar, Mitani, Sadasipur including main parish. Fr. Goutam Naskar, Fr. Saumen Malik, Mr. Dipankar Sardar and Sr. Solomy DSA, were the resource persons for the seminar. The programme began with Bible Procession.

Rev. Fr. Soosaiappan Y., Parish priest welcomed wholeheartedly all the members and encouraged them to promote SCC in his parish. The seminar was concluded through the Holy Eucharist offered by Fr. Soosaiappan Y., the parish priest and concelebrated by Fr. Goutam Naskar and Fr. Saumen Malik.

From 21st to 23rd September 2019 Dishari organized a three days retreat for the catechumens of Diamond Harbour Parish. Altogether 76 participants had come from different places under Diamond Harbor Parish. Fr. Saumen Malik, Fr. Ramen Pailan, Sr. Rita FC were the preacher for the retreat. The main theme for this retreat was who am I? Love of God and meaning of Cross in our daily life. This retreat helped them to experience mighty power of Jesus. Some of them bore witness that they were healed by their simple faith. The retreat was concluded with Holy Eucharist offered by Rev. Fr. Saumen Malik.

- Fr. Saumen Malik.



Gleanings from Raghampur Diary

Thursday 5th September, Teachers' Day, was celebrated with the usual unbridled enthusiasm. The Eucharistic celebration for all our Catholic students and Parish teachers was presided over by Fr. Jothi, our Parish Assistant, and concelebrated by the entire Jesuit community. More than 50 teachers of the Parish were present with us. The Mass was assiduously prepared by our schoolchildren. Hymns were sung in melodious Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi, Santali, Bengali and English. This was followed by a memorable gathering in the school auditorium, a football game between our Teachers and Students, and a sumptuous noon agape provided by them. It was a truly wonderful day.

On Sunday, 15th September, the Christian Association of the parish organized a fervent procession to mark the birthday of St. Teresa of Kolkata from the market in Nepalganj to our school Assembly Hall. Fathers and Sisters from our neighbouring communities, as well as representatives of the Missionaries of Charity, along with nearly 1000 people joined the Procession and Function which followed.

A historic and watershed event took place in the premises of Raghampur St. Paul's High School from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd September. We hosted the Annual Inter-Jesuit Schools' Football tournament for the first time. Besides St. Paul's, three other Jesuit schools participated: St. Lawrence High School, St. Xavier's Collegiate school, and St. Xavier's Durgapur. The competition was strong, and the spirit of joy and camaraderie even stronger. St. Xavier's Calcutta won the tournament; St. Paul's was runners-up, and all the players, accompanying Staff, (in particular the entire Staff of the host team) the team coaches and managers, won the hearts of the multitude.

We have a special celebration of the feast of St. Vincent de Paul on September 27th. The SVP, led by our indefatigable Parish Priest Fr. Salvatore, who is also the Diocesan Promoter, are fully engaged with it.

A two-day Charismatic Contemplation Retreat conducted by Fr. George Arakal of Jalalkhali fame will be held on September 28th and 29th in the school premises.

- Fr. Patrick Walsh s.j

Teachers' Orientation

Women commission of Keorapukur parish had organized an orientation programme for teachers on September 22, 2019. It was third year since this initiative has been taken by women commission. 32 catholic teachers participated in this programme. Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan, the diocesan Youth director, was the chief guest for the programme. Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, the parish priest, sisters of Anandapally and Lal Pole convent were also present on that occasion.

At 10 a.m. the program began with prayer and lighting of the lamp. Chief guest Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan delivered an excellent speech on the role and responsibility of a good teacher and his or her impact on the lives of the students. Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy enlightened the participants on the 'Principle of 90/10'. He suggested few measurers by which we can solve many unwanted problems in our lives. Few games were organized for the teachers who were very happy while participating in those games. Small gifts were presented to the teachers along with delicious lunch.

We are thankful to Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy and Rev. Fr. Alok Kanji, for without their support it would have been impossible to conduct this event. We also thank the Headmistress of Carmel High School for Girls, Sr. Cheryl and all the other sisters. At last we wish all the best to all the teachers on behalf of women commission, Keorapukur.

- Ms. Polina Gomes



Appointment

Fr. Sunil Ray, Curate of Catholic Church, Baruipur, Rishi Bankim Nagar.

Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes, Rector of Samarpan Minor Seminary and Assistant Treasurer of Catholic Diocese of Baruipur.

Fr. Indrajit Sardar, Curate of St. Stephen's Church, Kalyanpur

Notice Board

5th Diocesan Youth Convention at Carmel Girl's High School, Keorapukur from 11th October to 14th October 2019.

Annual Retreat for Diocesan Priests will be held from the evening of October 06, 2019 to the morning of October 12, 2019 at Dhyam Ashram, Konchowki.

Blessing of the New Building of the Sick & Elderly Priests on October 22, 2019 at Bishop's House, Baruipur at 10.30 a.m.

Diocesan Pastoral Planning:

1) October 19, 2019: Meeting of all the commissions (five from each commission) to go through the strategies and activities

mentioned in the draft of the pastoral plan and the plan of the respective commission.

2) November 12, 2019: A big meeting of priests, religious, laity, with representatives from parishes, various commission, associations etc.

Programmes in Paribar Jyoti:

Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counselling: October 11-12, 2019

Life Skills (Personality Development) (Class IX-X): October 16-18, 2019

Personality Development (College Students): October 21-23, 2019



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- 06 Fr. Surojit Mitra
- 09 Fr. Subrata Kanji
- 18 Fr. Ujjwal Mondal
- 26 Fr. Durlov Bor
- 30 Fr. Patrick Walsh, SJ

Mr. Sunil Baidya - R.I.P.



Mr. Sunil Baidya, Catechist of Ranigarh parish, the son of late Nondi and Agnes Baidya has gone to his eternal abode at the age of 78 on 20th September 2019, leaving behind wife, two sons and grand Children. He worked as full time Catechist since the inception of the parish. He was humble and kind person. He loved and supported the priests and religious. His funeral Mass was conducted by Fr Sirnus Topno, Parish Priest on 21st September 2019. The Church was packed up by the faithful of Ranigarh for his funeral Mass. His body was laid to rest in the cemetery of Ranigarh parish. May God grant him eternal peace.

- Fr. Sirnus Topno



ORDINATION Anniversary

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- 11 Fr. Pierre Jacob, SJ
- 24 Fr. Indrajit Sardar
- 25 Fr. Pradeep Roy

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of October 2019

Evangelization: That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church

Bishop Lobo's Programme for October 2019

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
13	Sun	08.30 a.m. 06.00 p.m.	Keorapukur	Return from Rome Mass for the concluding ceremony of the Youth Convention
14	Mon		PUS Baruipur	
15	Tue	10.00 a.m.	Kalyanpur	Wedding Golden Jubilee of Mr.& Mrs. Patrick Roy
17	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Kumrokhali	Blessing of the New Building of Missionaries of Charity Convent
19	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Diocesan Pastoral Planning meeting of the Secretaries of the Commissions at Dishari
22	Tue	10.30 a.m.	Baruipur	Blessing of the New Building of the Sick & Elderly Priests.
24	Thu	10.00 a.m. p.m.	Barrackpore Kolkata	Feast of St. Clare at Claret Nivas Hindi All India SCC Convention
29	Tue	09.30 a.m.	Baruipur	A.G.M of Gyan Deep
30	Wed	03.00 p.m.	Baruipur	Finance Committee Meeting

Coadjutor Bishop S. Bose's Programme for October 2019

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
14	Mon	07.00 a.m.	Keorapukur	Youth Convention thanks giving Mass