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What Are You Willing To Live For?

Matthew Kelly, an American author, in 'Rediscover Catholicism' tells a story about Abraham Lincoln, during American Civil War. He had called for one of the men under his command who had an excellent reputation. Lincoln needed the soldier to deliver a message to another battalion that was dangerously positioned on the other side of the enemy. If the both battalions could be coordinated to attack the opposition at the same time, their position would become a strategic advantage.

When the young man arrived, without disclosing the nature of the assignment, Lincoln explained that he had a very dangerous mission and asked the soldier if he would be willing to on such commission.

The soldier said, "I am willing to die for our cause."

Lincoln replied, "I have twenty five thousand men who are willing to die for the cause. What I need is one who is willing to live for it."

Throughout the history of Christianity men and women have died for their faith. Even today there are many parts of the world where members of our faithful are politically persecuted, physically tortured and sometimes killed because of their faith. Many of us are not called to die. We are called to live for it. We need desperately men and women who are willing to live for the faith.

What are we willing to live for?

Just before her death Joan of Arc wrote, "I know this now. Every man gives his life for what he believes. Every woman gives her life for what she believes. Sometimes people believe in little or nothing. One life is all we have, we live it as we believe in living it, and then it is gone. But to surrender what you are and live without belief is more terrible than dying, even more terrible than dying young."

What are we willing to give our life for? I am wondering what we are willing to live for. What are we willing to give our life for? Not in

death, but in life. What great cause are we willing to support with the moments of our life.

Life is wonderful but brief. Each day is filled with unimaginable potential. The life God invites us to allows us to live each moment consciously and with vibrant enthusiasm.

On Easter Sunday, a group of suicide bombers were ready to die for a cause in Sri Lanka. They were ready to give anything for completing their mission. In every age, on both sides of the fence of good and evil, the most powerful agents of change are those people willing to give up their time, effort, and energy without reserve to the cause they deem worthy of their lives. We saw this in the lives of suicide bombers. But we also see it in the life of Francis Assisi, Maximilian Kolbe, Mother Teresa and Mahatma Gandhi; mothers who selflessly raise their children and in fathers who work tirelessly each day to support their family and priests and religious who have given their lives to the service of God, humanity and to the Gospel. Again I ask, "What are you willing to give your life for?"

Within each one of us there is a light. It is the light of God, and when it shines it reflects not only the wonder of God but also greatness of the human spirit. We live in difficult times. We should never be afraid, but we turn our focus on nurturing the light within us. I hope we allow that light within us to be nourished and to grow. Darkness has one enemy that it can never defeat, and that is light. Let your light shine.

As we reflect on the brief and precious lives, let us also remember that they are but a transition to a long and blissful eternity. Teresa of Avila reminds us, "Remember you have only one soul; that you have only one death to die; that you have only one life which is short and has to be lived by you alone; and there is only one glory, which is eternal. If you do this, there will be a great many things about which you care nothing."

+ Salvadore Lobo

Free Medical Assistance Programme at Panchamkhanda Parish

June 12, 2019 was a day of great joy to the people of Panchamkhanda irrespective of cast, creed and cultures. On this auspicious day the Missionary of Charity Sisters of Kacharibazar, Baruiपुर opened a monthly free medical assistance programme as well as the concrete centre for proclamation and evangelization through their humble service to the poor and the downtrodden people of the locality. The 1st day itself more than 150 people came to the centre with a lot of physical ailments and returned with joyful hearts at ease of their body. We the people of Panchamkhanda expresses our gratitude and thankfulness to the Missionaries of Charity Sisters of Kacharibazar, Baruiपुर for their genuine service and special thanks to Rev. Sr. Binoy M.C., Superior of the house for giving ear to the cry of Christ in disguise of poor people and taking necessary action. We thank the Lord for his wonderful deeds and wish you all the best.

- Fr. Abonindro Das.

The Sacrament of Confirmation at Morapai Parish



June 09, 2019 was a memorable day for the faithful of Morapai Parish when Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation upon 95 children. The Eucharistic Celebration began at 6.30 a.m. with a colourful entrance dance through which Bishop, Fr. Soosaiappan Y. and Fr. Goutam Naskar were led to the Altar. Being on the Feast of Pentecost, in his homily Bishop emphasized the vital role of Holy Spirit in the lives of the Church. The melodious singing by the parish choir helped in creating a prayerful ambience. Towards the end of the Eucharistic celebration Parish Priest proposed the vote of thanks.

- Fr. Goutam Naskar

First Communion at Basanti Parish

The feast of Ascension of our Lord was celebrated meaningfully on Sunday, June 02, 2019 in Basanti. On this day 80 children (boys and girls) from all over the Parish received the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The entrance procession was led by the flowering girls followed by the candidates for communion, brothers and priests. The melodious and prayerful hymns sung by the choir drew their hearts and minds sinking into the worship. Fr. Rajesh took the initiative to prepare the children through teaching catechism and procedure to have true repentance through the sacrament of reconciliation. Fr. Prolay Boidya, Parish Priest of Kumrokhali was the main celebrant for the day, who stoned in his homily, 'Christ is the strength and source of our life'. Bread and wine are the signs through which Christ himself lives and reigns in our hearts. The church was packed up to witness this joyful event. There is no better gift that we can give to our children. After the Mass, the Parish Priest of Basanti, Fr. Arup Bor with deep sentiment extended heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Fr. Prolay and all the fathers, catechists, teachers and people who made the day a memorable one. At the end, new communicants were given some religious articles, a certificate each and food packets, to make the day auspicious.



- Fr. Rajesh Bag

Silver Jubilee of Sr. Jayanti SCC

Hearty congratulations to dear Sr. Jayanti Tigga.
"Lord I will sing forever of your steadfast love and care."

The silver dusk had brought the wind of joy and celebration on 4th June 2019 as we had the Holy Eucharistic celebration in Holy Cross Convent, Baruiपुर. The Mass of thanksgiving was officiated by our dear Bishop Salvadore Lobo, Fr. Shyamol Bose the Bishop elect, Frs. Meghnad, Deepak and Sarojit concelebrated. Bishop in his homily highlighted God's love for the jubilarian.

Fathers and sisters were present to join our silver jubilarian in thanking the Lord for His faithfulness specially during the past 25 years of her committed life in the service of God's people.

Sr. Jayanti had rendered her selfless service through different ministries in Asam, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and in West Bengal. In simple ways she shared God's love and compassion with others. God often uses small matches to light up the great torches. May the Lord continue to be the anchor of her religious life. Soon after the Eucharistic meal the candidates sang a beautiful jubilee song. It was followed by agape. I take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Bishop Lobo for making the day a memorable one for Sr. Jayanti. We thank the fathers and sisters who graced this occasion with their presence.



- Sr. Daisy Rani SCC

Events at Hogalkuria St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church

Immediately after Easter, the house blessing went on area wise. In the evening the area leaders would come to the parish to take the priest for the blessing of the house. All the families were well prepared and ready with a Bible, candles and crucifix. It was a good occasion for the faithful to renew their faith as all the family members were present for the prayer. On the 25th of May, the youth of the parish were taken to Darjeeling for three days tour. It was organised by Raghobpur parish. Around 15 of them joined the tour under the guidance of the Parish Priest Fr. Joseph K.C. It was a fruitful enjoyable outing for the youth as most of them went out for the first time.

On the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of June, the C.L.C group participated in the S.C.C programme at Kalyanpur. They were enriched and spiritually renewed by the programme. On the 16th of June, seventeen children received first Holy communion. Rev. Fr. Jonas Singha the V.G of the diocese was invited for the auspicious occasion. The children took active part in the liturgy. At the entrance they came in through procession along with their parents and sat along with them, which made them feel comfortable and happy. The children led the Bible procession, read the scripture, took part in intercessory prayer and offertory. Since it was the feast of the Holy Trinity, Fr. Jonas gave a deep reflection on Holy Trinity in understandable language for children and those present for the celebration. The children were very happy and grateful to the teachers, parents and the Parish Priest who worked hard to make this day a memorable one. God bless you all.

- Fr. Joseph K.C.

Episcopal Ordination of Coadjutor Bishop of Baruipur Most Rev. Shyamal Bose



Monsignor, Shyamal Bose was ordained Coadjutor Bishop of the diocese of Baruipur during a solemn and joyful liturgical ordination ceremony at Holy Cross School Ground, Baruipur on June 24, 2019. Presiding bishop Most Rev. Thomas D'Souza, the archbishop of Calcutta was the chief consecrator and was joined by Most Rev. Linus Nirmal Gomes S.J., the bishop emeritus of Baruipur and Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo, the bishop of Baruipur as co-consecrators. Rev. Monsignor, Patrick Saw Zay Han, the first Secretary to the Apostolic Nunciature to India and Nepal along with Rev. Fr. Laurentiu (Lawrence) Dancuja, the future Vatican diplomat from the Pontifical Academy, were also present. There were 12 bishops in attendance as well as about 200 priests, 200 religious and 5000 faithful to witness the singular Episcopal Consecration service.

The rite of Ordination took place after the liturgy of the word. There were some symbolic gestures such as Presentation of the Bishop-Elect, Reading of the Apostolic Letter, Questioning the Bishop-Elect, Litany of saints, Laying on of hands, Prayer of Ordination, Anointing the Head with chrism, Handing over the Book of the Gospels, Presentation of Rings, Mitre and Staff, Occupying the Chair, Kiss of peace and Felicitation.

Coadjutor bishop, Shyamal Bose was born of Mr. Martin Bose and late Gita Bose on March 24, 1961, in Gosaba in Baruipur diocese. He is the fourth child of seven children. He joined St. John Mary Vianney's Minor Seminary, Barasat in 1981 and studied philosophy at Morning Star Regional Seminary, Barrackpore and theology at St. Albert's College, Ranchi.

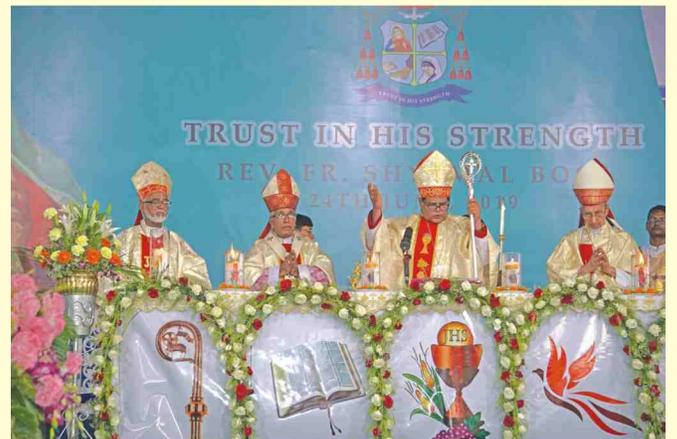
He was ordained priest for Baruipur diocese on May 5, 1991. As a priest of Baruipur, he served the Diocese at various capacities such as assistant parish priest, Keorapukur (1991-1994); Khari (1994-1996) and Parish Priest, Khari (1996-1998). He was the director of Palli Unnayan Samiti, the Diocesan Social Service Centre for eight years from 1998 -2006. He was the vicar general of the diocese during 2000-2008. He was parish priest of Sacred Heart Church, Thakurpukur from 2006-2008. He obtained Licentiate in Biblical Theology from St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore in 2010. He was appointed director of the Regional Social Centre, Association of Bengal Collaborators for Development in 2011. He was then Parish priest of Kumrokhali parish from 2012-2016. At the time of his appointment announced on May 17, 2019 as the coadjutor bishop of Baruipur he was diocese's financial administrator, chancellor and Secretary of finance Committee.

The consecration ceremony was followed by a short felicitation program in honour of newly ordained coadjutor bishop of which a brief documentary presented based on the life journey of coadjutor bishop Shyamal Bose drew the attention of all and was appreciated by all. The newly ordained coadjutor bishop addressed the congregation, acknowledging and thanking all those who had contributed their part in any way for making the day a memorable one. At the end sumptuous meal was served to all.

The diocese congratulates and wishes Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Coadjutor Bishop of Baruipur all the best for his apostolic ministry.

We gratefully thank and appreciate all the efforts made by the heads of various committees and their members towards the successful Episcopal Consecration of Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Coadjutor Bishop of Baruipur Diocese.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka



New Appointments of Religious in the Diocese

Sr. Daisy Rani - Superior of Holy Cross Convent, Baruiipur

Sr. Lincy Joseph - Holy Cross Convent, Baruiipur

Fr. Janasingh (Subir) Sobhapati, CM - Assistant Parish Priest of Canning

Sr. Maria Laura MC - Superior of MC - Nirmal Hriday, Baruiipur, Kirtonkhola

Sr. Ann Savio M.C. - Shishu Bhavan, Baruiipur - Kacharibazar



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10 Fr. J. Pathinathan

14 Fr. Sisir Khan

23 Fr. Meghnad Singha

23 Fr. J. A. Santhanam

28 Fr. Sirnus Topno



10 Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of July 2019

The Integrity of Justice:

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

Feast of St. Anthony at Keorapukur Parish

Following the tradition, this year too, St. Anthony's Church, Keorapukur celebrated the feast of its patron saint with a great pomp and show. As part of preparation for the feast, a novena was organized in the church from 4th June to 12th June, preached by different priests each day. Each day of the novena was beautifully and successfully organized by different groups of the parish. On the feast day 13th June the main celebrant of the Holy Mass was Rt. Rev. Bishop Salvadore Lobo, who preached a meaningful and significant homily for the day. He was assisted at the altar by Fr. Kanauj Roy, the Parish Priest and Fr. Alope Kanji, the Assistant Parish Priest. The Parish Priest, at the end, thanked everyone for the success of the day. After the mass, the bread brought by the parishioners were blessed by the Bishop and were distributed among the faithful. May St. Anthony of Padua intercede for us.



- Ms. Archana Corraya

Notice Board

Diocesan Pastoral Planning:

- 1) July 09, 2019 Meeting of Religious Superiors, Heads of Institutions and CRI Members
- 2) July 11, 2019 Meeting of Commission Secretaries.

Both meetings will be in Dishari Pastoral Centre

Bishop Lobo's Programme for July 2019

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01-07	Mon-Sun		Jowai (Meghalaya)	Preaches a retreat to the diocesan priests
08	Mon	04.25 p.m.		Returns to Baruiipur
09	Tue			Inauguration of the scholastic year of Samarpan Meeting of religious superiors, Heads of Institutions and CRI Members for Diocesan pastoral planning at Dishari
11	Thu			Meeting of secretaries of commissions for Diocesan pastoral planning at Dishari
16	Tue	11.00 a.m.	Budge Budge	Carmel Feast Day
24	Wed			Meets Bishop Dominic of Belfort-Montebelliard in France
25-30	Thu-Tue		Mumbai	Spends 4 days with his brother and sister

Coadjutor Bishop S. Bose's Programme for July 2019

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
07	Sun	06.00 a.m.	Gosaba	Mass
09	Tue	06.00 a.m.	Samarpan	Mass
27	Sat	05.00 p.m.	Thakurpukur	English Mass
28	Sun	06.00 a.m.	Thakurpukur	Bengali Mass