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Fruitful Witness of Proclamation

Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus, is the entire process of witnessing to and sharing with others the salvation wrought by Jesus of Nazareth. Whenever persons who have never heard the Good News of Jesus, or those who have been baptized but alienated from the Christian community, or those who have newly come to the faith and joined the community, benefit from the witness of dedicated Christians, evangelization takes place. Thus they are introduced to the saving power and value of Jesus and led to respond positively to his call. This response involves conviction and a change of heart.

Every Christian is a prophet. A prophet is not only one who predicts the future; he is first of all a herald, a word-bearer. A prophet is one who takes the word in the name of God, sees everything in the light of God and communicates God's message to the people. Every Christian, at Baptism, receives an anointing which will be strengthened at Confirmation. Thanks to this anointing, he or she becomes a member of the priestly people, and has to continue the prophetic role of Christ. Thus, the Christian is called and sent to be a witness of Christ and a prophet of God, wherever he or she goes and whatever be his or her profession.

The dynamics of the Christian proclamation include daily Christian witness, pastoral outreach, preaching of the Gospel, life of prayer and worship, community building and service to society. That is to say, no aspect of life or activity of the Christian is alien to witnessing.

Karl Rahner has some very relevant words in this context: "The lot of those about whom the text of Matthew 10:27 speaks, falls on us Christians: 'What I am telling you in the dark you must repeat in broad daylight, and what you have heard in private, you must announce from the house-tops.' What one can hear only

where the light of this world has been engulfed by the darkness of God, which does not speak in the uproar of many human words, must be said by us from the roofs and from the pulpits, from the benches of the school and the office, in the bar during the break of work, and after the cinema in the afternoons of feast-days ... so that God reaches also there and man may be invited to listen where God expresses Himself in silence."

On September 5, 1997, Mother Teresa passed away at the age of 87. Jacques Chirac, then French Prime Minister, declared when she died, "Tonight there is less love, less compassion, less light in the world." Her popularity was seen at her death and on September 13, 1997, her funeral day. She was given a state funeral and many dignitaries of the world were present to pay her respects. Hindustan Times dated 14, 1997 reported, "The world was literally at her feet as the August assemblage of Queens, Presidents, Prime Ministers and Ambassadors of at least 42 countries including the USA, UK, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Australia" Saint Pope John Paul II said, "Mother Teresa has lit a flame of love which must now be carried forward. Do not stop where she left off. The poor are still with us." Her life was a fitting response for the call of Jesus she had received on September 10, 1946 on the way to Darjeeling.

Just as only a burning candle can give light, and also light up another candle, so also only a genuine Christian can give fruitful witness to Christ and lead another to Christ. Only faith can help kindle faith. The best way to bear witness to Christ is, as he himself has said, to let our light shine that others may see our good works and give glory to the Father rather than merely telling others how bright we are! In other words, genuine Christian spirituality is genuine Christian witnessing, and no authentic witnessing takes place where there is no authentic spiritual life.

+ **Salvadore Lobo**

Vianney Day Celebration



The feast of St. John Mary Vianney, The Patron of Priests, was celebrated on August 08, 2019 at Dishari pastoral Centre, Baruipur although it falls on August 04. As a preparation for the celebration of this feast there was a recollection of priests of the diocese preached by Rev. Fr. Sunil Rozario. Thirty priests have come for the recollection followed by the Vianney day celebration. To make a day more joyous few fathers namely, Pradeep Roy, Ujjwal Mondal, Henry Crasta and Parimal Knaji stepped forward with action songs and solo singing respectively. Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo and Shyamal Bose added meaning to the celebration by their edifying words. The blissful day ended with a fellowship meal.

Joyful Events at St. Teresa's Church, Hogalkuria

The month of August brought in great joy as there were few eventful occasions at Hogalkuria. The first was on 11th of August when our newly appointed Coadjutor Bishop Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose visited the parish. The faithful welcomed him at Mandirbil (half kilometre away from church). As a symbolic sign of blessing, people handed over a dove to him, which he let it fly in the air. As the dove flew towards the sky, there was a great applause of rejoicing among the faithful. With music (Kirtan) and dance we proceeded in procession to the church. Coadjutor Bishop gave a meaningful homily during the Holy Eucharist, which challenged and enriched the faithful. It was a good occasion for the faithful to meet newly ordained Coadjutor Bishop and to receive his blessings. At the end of the Mass, there was a short felicitation program by the catechism children and youth. The parish priest Fr. Joseph KC honoured Coadjutor bishop with a memento.

Another event was the feast of Assumption of Mother Mary and the Independence Day. Although it rained heavily at night and in the morning, many faithful attended the Holy Mass and the flag hoisting ceremony thereafter. Immediately after that the club boys had their special hoisting of the flag and all of us were invited for the same. They celebrated the day with sweets and breakfast for all those who were present. It was a day of rejoicing and celebration. Let us praise and thank God our father for all His blessings.

- Sr. Prasanna Jose, S.C.C

Seminar On Marriage For Pastoral Clergy

There have been a lot of discussions on *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus*, the Roman Decree by which the procedure for marriage declarations of nullity has been simplified: mandatory appeal to the Second Instance Tribunal has been dropped and a shorter process has been introduced by which the Bishop grants the nullity. There has not been sufficient clarity about the process and hence the latter has not yet been used in India. At the express request



of the Holy Father, the Rotal Official came to India to bring about awareness of this new procedure which can bring relief to so many people in difficult marriage situations. They conducted one day seminar on the aforesaid Decree in three places in India: Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai.

The Rotal Judge, Msgr. Leo Arokiaraj was the resource person for the much awaited seminar held in Calcutta on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at Seva Kendra for the dioceses of West Bengal, North East, Jharkhand and Orissa regions. This one-day Seminar was tailored to meet the needs of Parish Priests and not just canonists since Parish Priests are the first to come in contact with people in difficult marriage situations. Its importance in the pastoral field drew 150 priests from various dioceses. A total of 19 priests including bishops from the diocese of Baruipur participated for the said seminar. It was very informative and enlightening so as to be of great assistance in providing proper guidance to people who are in difficult marriage situations in the parishes.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka

Felicitation of Coadjutor Bishop at Keorapukur

The 4th August 2019 was a memorable day for Keorapukur Parish. On this auspicious occasion of the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney, the patron Saint of Priests, the parishioners of Keorapukur warmly welcomed and felicitated Coadjutor Bishop Rev. Shyamal Bose. A beautiful, heart touching sermon was delivered by him during the Holy Mass. After the Mass a short felicitation program was arranged for newly ordained Bishop.



As it was the Feast day of priests, Fr. Alope Kanji and Brothers Sanjay Kisku and Zacharious Nayak of Morning Star College, too were felicitated. Most Rev. Coadjutor Bishop Shyamal Bose shared a few words during the felicitation ceremony. Fr. Alope Kanji at the end, proposed a vote of thanks to everyone. He expressed his gratitude to Coadjutor Bishop Shyamal Bose for his gracious presence. At the end of the program everyone was served with cake and tea.

- Ms. Archana Corraya

A Couples' Retreat in Bandel Church, Facilitated by Fr. Pradeep Roy and the Paribar Jyoti Team

It was organised by Fr. T. L. Francis, SBD, Prior of Bandel Church and Sr. Gulab of Auxilium Convent, Bandel. There was no preaching. There was only reflection and sharing by the participants. There were 120 of them, all couples except four. Everybody appreciated the methodology. Unlike the traditional retreats which are based on preaching, this retreat was very personal and touching. The frankness of the couples added to impact of the retreat which culminated in the assertion of what they would do hereafter as husbands and wives to make their homes more peaceful and joyful. They experienced immense joy when they heard their partners say what they would do. It was like a public promise. This was sealed by a promise during the concluding Mass that they would respect and appreciate each other, listen attentively, forgive each other, correct any mistake lovingly etc. All felt that the retreat would really make a difference in their lives.



- Fr. Pradeep Roy

National Youth Sunday Celebration at Kumrakhali Parish



On 18th of August 2019 the youth of Kumrakhali "Our Lady of Lourdes Church" celebrated the "National Youth Sunday" where 62 youth participated with joy. The program started with welcoming the chief guest, Fr. Gautam Naskar, assistant Parish Priest and the Head Master of St. Patrick Primary School Morapai Parish. Besides him, Fr. Prolay Baidya, Parish Priest, Fr. Sylvester Xavier, Assistant Parish Priest, Sr. Tara MC superior, Sr. Marcian MC, Sr. Milgret MC, were

present for the celebration. Mr. Sarbeswar Bapi Chakrabarty introduced and welcomed them by bouquet of flower. Fr. Prolay when requested to inspire the youth, said that according to the theme of NYS youth Sunday, the youth should do their duties in the Family, Church and Society. They have to show to others with their behaviour that Christ is alive in them. Sr. Tara said to the youth that youth has to be united and ready to work for Christ. Soon after the welcoming ceremony there was ice breaking session and they were divided into different groups. Then Fr. Gautam took a beautiful session on the theme of 'Church leadership & The Responsibilities of the youth'. He began his session with the question 'Who am I? Then he explained them that they are the 'Image of God, the Child of God and the temple of the Holy Spirit'. He made them understood their responsibilities towards themselves, in the family, in the Church and in the society. He also exhorted them saying, 'You all are a leader, so you have to be united and help each other.

Mr. Sarbeswar took a session on "Body of Christ", he said, "Christ is alive in us all, and you are the Body of Christ, you are the Church". He continued explaining seven ways to be the Body of Christ; they are the Hands, Feet, Eyes, Nourishing, Clothing and Praying with the Body, from which Jesus Christ seeks to reach out to the sick, helpless and needy through you, the youth".

There was a Holy Eucharist offered by Fr. Gautam, where he prayed for the youth and inspired the youth by his homily. After the lunch there was a Bible quiz for the youth led by Fr. Gautam. At the end of the program there was a short evaluation where the youth expressed their satisfaction and happiness to have the program. Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabarty on behalf of the youth thanked Fr. Gautam, Parish Priest, Sisters and the youth for their sacrifice, love and helping hands. With thanks giving prayer led by Fr. Gautam the NYS celebration was successfully concluded.

- Mr. Ratneshwar Chakrabarty

Youth Sunday at Cathedral



On 11th August 2019, we the youth members of Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Baruipur, celebrated Youth Sunday.

There were 25 members including substations. We started the day with a Holy Eucharist following up with a short session by Fr. Ramen Palian, DYD, Baruipur.

We conducted Bible Quiz, games and other activities. We had lunch together and ended up our short program.

All were filled with thrills and they promised to work for the church. All the members were happy and joyful to be part of this memorable day.

- Ms. Stella Tirkey

Dishari at a Glance

On 4th August 2019 Dishari organized a SCC follow up meeting at Gangarampur Parish. Altogether 37 SCC members were present for the meeting. Fr. Remmy D'Sa SFX, Parish Priest, Mr. Dipankar Sardar and Mr. Swapon Roy were the resource persons for the meeting. The meeting began with Gospel sharing. During the meeting all the members planed out to strengthen SCC in their parishes. The meeting was concluded with the Bible blessing and prayer by the Parish Priest.



On 7th August 2019 there was a SCC core team meeting at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruipur. Altogether 37 members along with 9 Nuns and 4 Priests were present for the meeting from 15 parishes. The main topics to discuss in the meeting were Promotion of SCC, Celebration of extraordinary mission month and year of youth for upcoming three months. The meeting started with Bible veneration and prayer. The meeting concluded with Bible blessing and short prayer by Rev. Fr. Gautam Naskar.

On 23rd August 2019 Friday, Dishari organized a SCC seminar at Rosopunjo village under Thakurpurkur parish. Altogether 62 SCC members had come from four units from two substations, Rajarampur and Rosopunjo. The resource persons for the seminar were Fr. Saumen Malik, Fr. Prodip Dari, Mr. Dipankar Sardar and Mr. Swanpan Roy. Theme of the seminar was prophetic role of SCC and New way of being church. The seminar commenced with Bible Procession. At the end of the seminar all the members promised that they would continue and begin new units. The seminar was concluded with Holy Eucharist, presided by Fr. Saumen Malik and Fr. Prodip Dari.

On 24th and 25th August 2019 a two days SCC seminar was held at Dishari Pastoral centre. There were 64 SCC members coming from 14 parishes, namely Morapai, kalyanpur, Rishi Bankim Nagar, Cathedral, Sajneberia, Sonarpur, Hokolkuria, Gangarampur, Ranigarh, Panchamkhanda, Baidyapur, Nazat, Bamanpukur and Canning. The seminar began through Bible Procession. Fr. Gautam Naskar and Fr. Saumen Malik were the resource persons for this seminar. The main topic for the seminar was Evangelization through SCC and save the Mother Earth. All the members were enlightened by the seminar and took oaths to promote SCC and keep clean their respective places.

Celebration of National Youth Sunday



11th August 2019 was a great and joyful day for the youth of Morapai parish. As on this day the nation celebrates youth Sunday. The day began with a beautiful Bible Quiz followed by different sports and games.

At 11.30 am the Holy Mass was celebrated especially for the young people by Fr. Goutam Naskar. In his homily he emphasized the role of the youth in the lives of the church. After the Mass a delicious lunch was served. Altogether 87 youth from parish as well as substations took part in the event. After the lunch the program came to an end.

- Susmita Bagh



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01	Dn. Bablu Sardar
05	Br. Uday Mondal
07	Bp. L. N. Gomes SJ
10	Fr. Salvatore Murmu, SJ
10	Br. Saptarshi Lawrence Biswas
14	Fr. Francis Colaco, SFX
22	Fr. Alope Anthony Kanji
23	Fr. Pradeep Roy
26	Fr. Augustine E.



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NOTICE BOARD

Annual Seminar cum Retreat for the Catechists of Baruiপুর Diocese will be held at Dishri Pastoral Centre, Baruiপুর from September 30, 2019, Monday at 4.30 p.m. to October 3, 2019, Thursday at 2.00 p.m.

Diocesan Pastoral Planning:

Two meetings are planned as decided in the last meeting of the commission secretaries:

- 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.

Meeting of Family Cell Members :

The meeting of Family Cell Members, which was postponed due to bad weather, will be held in Dishari on September 15, 2019.

Dishari

12th SCC core team (DST) meeting
15th SCC Seminar at 10 no Village under Kumrokhali Parish
21st to 23rd Retreat for the Catechumens
27th to 29th Retreat for the Parishioners

Proclamation Commission

There was a meeting of Proclamation Commission on August 23, 2019 at Dishari. "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to all creation (Mk 16:15) is Jesus' perennial command. Obeying this command is not an option for the Church but it is her "essential task". The Church exists to proclaim the Gospel. Without the proclamation of the Gospel the Church will cease to exist.

In order to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter Maximum Illud, Pope Francis has announced that this coming October will be an Extraordinary Mission month.

We the committee of Proclamation Commission has made an action plan for our Diocese for the meaningful Celebration of Extraordinary Mission Month.

1. Motivating the parish priests about the meaningful celebration of extraordinary mission month.

2. Forming small committee in every parish comprised of parish council, C.L.C., youth and other active members of the parish.
3. House visiting with the priests
4. Encouraging the Scripture Reading in every house during the prayer
5. Conducting adoration in each parish
6. Conducting retreat and recollection for the faithful
7. Conducting seminar on proclamation
8. Organizing different melas and program for Mission month collection
9. Explaining everyone about the purpose and meaning of mission month envelope
10. We will have an inaugural mass on 29 September in each parish.
11. A prayer will be circulated to each parish and house.

- Fr. Gouttam Naskar

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of September 2019

Universal – Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Bishop Lobo's Programme for September 2019

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
02	Mon	09:00am 03.00pm	Baruiপুর Baruiপুর	Meets 1st year minor seminarians AGM of PUS at the Training Centre
05	Thu	07.00 a.m. 04.00 pm	Kirtankola Ranigarh	Mass for the feast of St. Teresa of Kolkata Celebration of St. Teresa of Kolkata
07	Sat	10.00 am	Baruiপুর	G.B. Meeting of Gyan Deep
08	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Hogolkuria	Mass for the birthday of Our Lady
11	Wed	10.00 am 06.05 pm	Baruiপুর	G.B. Meeting of Paribar Jyothi Goes to Nagpur
12	Thu		Nagpur	Meets our Seminarians
14	Sat			Returns from Nagpur
15	Sun	10.00 a.m.	Baruiপুর	Meeting of diocesan family cells
18	Wed	09.45 a.m.		Goes to Rome
19-26	Thu-Thu		Rome	Ad Limina visit
27	Fri			Goes to Belfort
28	Sat		Belfort	Mass at Fr. Sisir's Parish
29	Sun		Belfort	Mass at Fr. Sisir's Parish
30	Mon		Belfort	Meets the bishop of Belfort-Montebeliard

Returns to Baruiপুর on October 13

Coadjutor Bishop's Programme for the month of September 2019

Date	Day	Place	Programme
06	Friday	Gangarampur	Mass MC Boys Town
08	Sunday	Kalyanpur	Mass
10	Tuesday	Krishnagar	Mass
11	Wednesday	Baruiপুর	GB Paribar Jyoti
14	Saturday	Kolkata	Mass at Mother's tomb
15	Sunday	Baruiপুর	Meeting of Family Commission
18	Wednesday	Rome	Ad Limina visit

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