



Mission Sunday – An Invitation To Give Jesus To Others

The famous Russian novelist Fedor Dostoyevsky was a young man when Russia was condemning peoples to prisons in Siberia. He was involved in a plot against the government. He was arrested and taken to the firing squad. However, at the last minute the emperor spared his life and condemned him to a four years prison term in Siberia.

At the prison gate he was met by the wives of exiles, one of whom placed a book in his hand and whispered to him to examine it carefully. On entering his cell he discovered that it was a Bible. He flipped the pages and soon discovered a currency note of 25 rubles hidden in them. This would bring him some relief.

But Dostoyevsky discovered more than money. Since Bible was the only book he had, he discovered God and His Son Jesus. And all the books he wrote are filled with the Good News. Yes, he found Jesus unintentionally and gave Jesus and His message to all his readers.

In the month of October we celebrate Mission Sunday and our duty to proclaim Jesus Christ to all we come in contact.

Pope Francis tells us, "Together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all. I would like to reflect with you on the mission that we have received from Christ. In speaking to you, I also address all Christians who live out in the Church the adventure of their life as children of God. What leads me to speak to everyone through this conversation with you is the certainty that the Christian faith remains ever young when it is open to the mission that Christ entrusts to us. "Mission revitalizes faith" (Redemptoris Missio, 2), in the words of Saint John Paul II, a

Pope who showed such great love and concern for young people.

The Synod to be held in Rome this coming October, the month of the missions, offers us an opportunity to understand more fully, in the light of faith, what the Lord Jesus wants to say to you young people, and, through you, to all Christian communities.

Life is a mission. Every man and woman is a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth. To be attracted and to be sent are two movements that our hearts, especially when we are young, feel as interior forces of love; they hold out promise for our future and they give direction to our lives. More than anyone else, young people feel the power of life breaking in upon us and attracting us. To live out joyfully our responsibility for the world is a great challenge. I am well aware of lights and shadows of youth; when I think back to my youth and my family, I remember the strength of my hope for a better future. The fact that we are not in this world by our own choice makes us sense that there is an initiative that precedes us and makes us exist. Each one of us is called to reflect on this fact: "I am a mission on this Earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world" (Evangelii Gaudium, 273).

We proclaim Jesus Christ. To proclaim Jesus we need committed people. It was Mahatma Gandhi who said, "A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history." Do you believe in this? I do believe. You and me can change the course of history.

+ Salvadore Lobo

Vailankanni Novena in Keorapukur



Like every year, this year too Novena of our Lady of Vailankanni was held in St. Anthony's Keorapukur parish from 30th August to 8th September. The Novena was initiated on 29th August through 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 organized and carried out successfully by the different groups of the parish. Priests from different places came and preached the Novena in turn on various themes which touched everyone's heart. On 8th September, the feast of Our Lady of Vailankanni the Novena ended with a solemn Mass in the church which was attended by a large number of parishioners. Rt. Rev. Salvatore Lobo, the main celebrant was assisted at the altar by the Parish Priest, Fr. Kanauj Roy and the Assistant Parish Priest, Fr. Alope Kanji. We express our heartfelt gratitude to our Bishop for offering the Holy Mass and preaching soul-elevating sermon. After the Holy Eucharist the offerings to Our Lady of Vailankanni was distributed to all who came for the celebration. Fr. Kanauj Roy, the Parish Priest thanked everyone for contributing directly or indirectly in leading the proceedings of Novena smoothly.

- Ms. Archana Corraya

Social Workers Take Interest to Learn Counselling

29 Social workers involved in promoting self-help groups attended a five days counsellor skill training course in Krishnanagar, West Bengal. They understood that most people have personal or family problems which they do not easily reveal; but the people can have a much more effective life if they can become free from the mental pain and suffering. The course was facilitated by Fr. Pradeep Roy and the counsellors' team of Baruiapur Paribar Jyoti.



The participants understood that counselling is not giving advice or solving people's problems, but helping people to attain a state of mind that enables them to solve their own problems. After acquiring fairly good knowledge of the psychological process, each of the participants was able to do practical counselling.

Couples' Retreat in Gangarampur

Fr. Remmy D'Sa, sfx Parish Priest and the Family Cell of Gangarampur organised a one-day couples' retreat which was attended by 40 persons and facilitated by the Paribar Jyoti team. It began with a reflection on marriage as the vocation to an immensely joyful life and the joyful experiences of the couples. After the whole day's reflection they came to the realisation of what each one will do to make their family life more joyful and fruitful. This was supplemented with a discussion on the seven habits of effective families. During the concluding Mass the couples made a promise to listen with respect to each other, appreciate each other, correct mistakes lovingly and so on. They said that it was a tremendous spiritual experience which they would have missed if they did not attend.



Gangarampur has a very active family cell which has many plans to help families to live happier lives. Encouraged by Fr. Remmy's whole-hearted support they are determined to bring new spirit into the parish.

Mother Teresa Catholic Church, Hogalkuria



The feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta, the patron Saint of Hogalkuria Catholic Church was celebrated spiritually and joyfully. The feast celebration was coincided with 7th day novena to Our Lady of Vailankanni. The church was packed with Faithfull. Fr. Amulya S.J., the main celebrant in his homily urged the faithful to be like Mother Teresa even in their deeds, without counting the cost. After the Mass there was a candle light procession with devotional songs and prayers to the 'Mother Teresa Mode', at Mandirbill. In front of Mother Teresa's statue the entire congregation participated in the prayer service, with people of other faith. The presence of Sr. Cessy SCC the provincial of Holy Cross, who lit the lamp and garlanded the Statue of Mother Teresa, added the joy to the celebration. Mr. Lucas Singh led the prayer service and explained the service of Mother Teresa to the humanity. 5th September has been an occasion for the people of other faith to come and pray together. The statue of Mother Teresa is installed at Mandirbill in the year 2000, by the villagers. Since then, on 5th September at Mandirbill - 'Mother Teresa Mode' without fail the interfaith prayer service takes place. The church of Hogalkuria is named after Mother Teresa by Bishop Salvatore Lobo in 2015.

- Sr. Paulina Marandi SCC

Teachers' Day in Keorapukur

We all know that 5th September is Teachers' day. On 9th September 2018, the women's Commission has organized an orientation and felicitation programme for the present and ex Catholic teachers' of the St. Anthony's Church, Lalpol. The programme began at 9.30 am with tea followed by a prayer service and welcoming of the teachers. The resource person, Mr. Francis Gomes, the principal of Park English School, was present along with parish priest, Fr. Kanauj Roy, assistant parish priest, Fr. Alope Kanji and the sisters of Ananda Pally and Lalpol Convent. Mr. Gomes explained the concept of model teacher, their responsibilities, duties and behaviour towards their students. He paid special emphasis on forming 'Teachers Association' which is also the dream of Fr. Kanauj. It will be actualized soon. On this occasion Miss Babli Das was also present. 14 teachers were members of the Teachers Association. Their aim is to help the parish in different educational programmes. We are all indebted to our Parish priest.



At 2.00 p.m. lunch was served and a gift was given to all. We are all indebted to Carmel High School for Girls' Headmistress Sr. M. Cheryl AC and other sisters to make this programme a grand success. We are also grateful to our parish priest and other members.

- Ms. Polina Gomes

Installation of Fr. Sisir Khan, Valentigney in France



On 9th September 2018, Sunday, Bishop Dominique Blanchet, the bishop of Belfort-Montbéliard, France, has installed Fr. Sisir Khan as the parish priest of "Our Lady of Beautiful Pasture", Valentigney. The church was full with large number of faithful. The ceremony began with the procession of bishop and priests from the entrance of the church. During the Eucharist, some symbolic gestures were performed which reminded the ministry of Fr. Sisir as parish priest. Firstly, bishop offered Fr. Sisir the Bible to preach the word of God.

Secondly, bishop guided Fr. Sisir to pronounce some promises of priest-hood and thirdly, bishop offered Fr. Sisir the chasuble as the symbol of wearing of Christ. On that day the Gospel spoke of "Ephata", to open. Bishop, in his homily, invited the faithful to open a new chapter of the parish. He also invited all to open the hearts, the minds and the thoughts for the betterment of the parish.

There are two towns under this parish and the population of these two towns is around 16,000. This parish has five churches, a convent and a primary school. There are two old sisters in the convent.

At the end Fr. Sisir, thanked Bp. Dominique Blanchet, all the priests, sisters, two mayors of two towns and all the faithful. He also thanked Bishop Salvatore Lobo for renewing his contract and for his prayer. Fr. Sisir has told the parishioners that the door of the presbytery is always wide opened "Ephata" to meet and to listen. The joyful spirit and the enthusiasm of the parishioners to organize the celebration and the meal were highly appreciated.

- Fr. Sisir Khan

Seminar on Youth Catechesis in Church in India

In Jalandhar (Punjab), there was a seminar on youth catechesis in church in India, organized by CCBI Commission for Catechesis from 11- 13th September 2018. From all over India 130 participants including Bishops, priests, sisters, youth and some lay people took active part in the conference.

Archbishop Thomas Macwan, chairman in his welcome address said that youth are the back bone of the church. As we are aware of the situation of youth in India we must strengthen youth. Bishop Franco Mulakal, Chairman of CCBI youth Commission and Bishop of Jalandhar said that we need to change and transform ourselves to see goodness in youth, to understand the youth problems and take up challenges to bring them back.

There were many resource persons who shared their different views from different angles, both positive and negative qualities of youth. They highlighted the present situation of youth in the church in India as well as in the society.

This conference was an eye opener for all the participants because in this present situation we are all facing the same type of problems in connection with youth like lack of faith formation of youth. It is a time for all of us to reflect that all are called to share the ministry of Jesus Christ by our holiness and witnessing of the faith.

- Fr. Sandip Mondal

Get Ready for RYC VII and Youth Synod



After being venerated by 6 dioceses of W.B. Sikkim Region the Regional Youth Convention (RYC) Cross finally reached to the Baruipur diocese. For the success of forth coming regional convention VII, the RYC Cross is passed on to every diocese for prayer, veneration and Mass. This promotes the theme of the convention which is going to be held at Krishnanagar diocese and Youth Synod in Rome this year. The youth commission Baruipur organized zonal proclamation program in different zone of the diocese which include Convention Rally, Adoration and Mass. So, on 17th September 2018 there was a RYC and youth Synod promotion programmes hosted by St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Sajnaberia in collaboration with Thakurpukur, Keorapukur and Raghobpur. The programme commenced by a Rally, followed by veneration and Holy Mass. The programme

was graced by Fr. Ramen Pailan, DYD and Fr. Aloke Kanji. Fr. Ramen also deliberated a beautiful reflection on the cross where he meaningfully said the importance of the cross in everyone's life. A good number of faithful and youth from different parishes attended for the said programme. The choir was led by Sajnaberia parish. It was a well planned programme with the help of parish council, youth commission, parish youth and many more.

Finally, the heartfelt greetings and thanks to all who made this programme a grand success especially to our dear Bishop, our DYD Fr. Ramen Pailan, all the youth members of the diocese, all the parish council members of the zone, DEXCO members, all the Parish Priests, the benefactors and police personals. May almighty God shower his blessings for the success of Regional Youth Convention VII of W.B. Sikkim Region and Youth Synod in Rome.

- Mr. Hrittick Hazra

Dishari at a Glance

On 22nd of August 2018, Dishari organized a meeting for the members of parish pastoral council. Altogether 56 members had come for the meeting for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Fr. Pradeep Roy was the main person who conducted the programme. All the members present, actively discussed and planed out for the better future for the people of our diocese.

From 24th to 28th of August 2018, Dishari organized five days retreat for the Catechumens. Altogether 68 people had come from different places. They were extremely happy to have such programme. Many of them are healed by their simple faith and by the touch of the almighty God. Some of them gave witness that they will follow Christ throughout their life.

On 12th September 2018, Dishari organized a day of SCC seminar at Ranigarh parish under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Sirmus Topno, the parish priest. Altogether 130 people had come for the SCC seminar. The resource persons for the programme were Mr. Ajoy Naskar, Mr. Bapi Chakrabarty, Mr. Anando Makhil and Fr. Saumen Malik. Fr. Sirmus Topno welcomed the congregation and shared his experience on the Gospel sharing. People were full of zeal and enthusiasm to attain the programme and promised to continue Gospel sharing in their respective places.



On 16th September 2018, Dishari organized a day of seminar for the Laity under the leadership of Mr. Ashim Campo, the Secretary of the Laity Commission. Altogether 73 lay people had come from different parishes. This was the first time that so many people had come for the laity meeting. The main purpose of the meeting was to encourage and motivate the laity to involve in the church activities and make parish pastoral council for the better functioning and holistic growth of the parish.

From 23rd to 28th September 2018, catechist annual retreat cum seminar was organized by the catechist's in-charge, Fr. Sandip Mondal at Dishari Pastoral Centre. This year 42 catechists have attended the retreat cum seminar from different parishes. The resource persons for the seminar were Fr. Deepak Ekka, Fr. Faustine Brank, Fr. Pradeep Roy, Fr. Kaunuj Roy and for the retreat Fr. Ruben Murmu from Krishnagar Diocese. All of them were renewed by the Word of God and power of the Holy Spirit.

- Fr. Saumen Malik



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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

Ordination Anniversary

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

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Programmes in Paribar Jyoti:

- October 05 - 06, Marriage Preparation.
- October 29 - 31, Personality Development for students of Class XI - XII

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of October 2018

Evangelization – The Mission of Religious: That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

Pilgrim Cross or Youth Cross

The pilgrim Cross passes from one place to another and young people everywhere come together to witness that Jesus Christ is the same for each one, and that his message is always same. To embrace the Cross and to pass it from one hand to another, is a very significant gesture. In the same way 7th Regional Youth Convention Cross was brought to three zones (each zone consist of five parish) namely, Morapai Parish, R. B. Nagar Parish and Kumrakhali Parish on 18th, 20th and 22nd September 2018. Around 3000 faithful including youth participated in veneration of the Holy Cross and receive blessing from it. People showed great reverence to the Holy Cross and prayed for the successes of 7th regional youth convention at Krishnanagar and youth Synod in Rome. Fr. Ramen Pailan, the Youth Director of Baruipur Diocese beautifully explained the meaning of the RYC Cross and Youth Synod. After veneration of the Cross, all joined for the Holy Eucharist and during homily Fr. Ramen said that "we all have Cross in our daily life and our duty is to carry the Cross by the help of our Lord Jesus Christ". All the people prayed for the youth and for their own self. People were excited to touch and kiss the Cross. Fr. Ramen Pailan specially thanked youth and faithful for praying for the diocese. He also thanked all the parish priests for their encouraging words for youth and people.

- Mr. Sarbeshwar Chakraborty

Environment and Climate Change

Environmental change is undeniable. It's time to expose the truth and bring it before the students and the youth of today who can possibly devise a reversal.

With this focus, a National Level Seminar was organized in St Xavier's College by the Dept. of Multimedia in collaboration with the Dept. of Environmental Studies. It was inaugurated on 25th September 2018, the Key Note Address being delivered by Dr. Ranjan K. Panda, Convenor of Combat Climate Change Network, India. Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ, Rector & Principal, delivered the Inaugural Address. Rev. Dr. S. Xavier SJ, Vice Principal & HOD of Environmental Studies introduced the conference theme. Vote of thanks was proposed by Fr. Dejus, the Convenor and HOD of Multimedia Dept.

Later "An inconvenient sequel: Truth to Power", was screened. It was followed by the very lively and enlightening Debate: "Is Climate Change a Myth or a Reality"? On the second day, on stage and off stage Events and Screening of Submission Events took place. Congratulations to Fr. Dejus and Fr. Xavier for organizing this excellent, fruitful and timely event.

Bishop Lobo's Programme for October 2018

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
02	Tue	11.00 a.m.	Kidderpore	Golden Jubilee celebration of Sr. Rita F.C. & Sr. Anne Joseph F.C.
03	Wed	10.00 a.m.	PUS Baruipur	Ruby Jubilee of the Foundation day of the PUS
05	Fri	02.00 p.m.	Kolkata	BRBC Office
06	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Sajnaberia	Meeting of the Women Commission
07	Sun	07.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Mass in the Cathedral G.B. Meeting of Gyan Deep A.G.M. of Gyan Deep
08	Mon	09.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Visitation of Dishari
11	Thu	04.00 p.m.	Kolkata	G.B. meeting & AGM of Boys Town at Archbishop's House, Kolkata
13	Sat	11.00 a.m.	Gosaba	Pastoral Visit
14	Sun	07.30 a.m.	Gosaba	Mass and Confirmation
15	Mon		Hyderabad	National Art Camp for the Youth by CBCI-OSC
16	Tue		Hyderabad	CBCI-OSC Meeting
17	Wed		Hyderabad	CBCI-OSC Meeting
18	Thu			Returns to Baruipur
19	Fri	10.00 a.m.	Keorapukur	Pastoral Visit
20	Sat		Keorapukur	Pastoral Visit
21	Sun		Keorapukur	Mass and Confirmation
25	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Raghabpur	Pastoral Visit
26	Fri		Raghabpur	Pastoral Visit
27	Sat		Raghabpur	Pastoral Visit
28	Sun		Raghabpur	Pastoral Visit
29	Mon			Goes to Delhi
30	Tue		New Delhi	G.B. Meeting of Caritas India
31	Wed		New Delhi	Returns to Baruipur