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St. Paul, the Fire Brand of Christ

On June 29, We celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. St. Paul is a great missionary who inspires many of us. It is worth reflecting on him once in a way.

Saul was a fire brand burning with zeal for the Lord. Before conversion, he was burning with zeal for Yahweh, the one Lord and God and after his conversion he was burning with zeal for Jesus, the Son of God. He is a contemplative, theologian, a writer with clear vision, missionary, architect of the church and a lover of mankind. His zeal took him all over the known world of that time. His life and his writings give us a glimpse of his personality.

He was born of Jewish parents at Tarsus (part of a Roman colony), and so he was both a Jew and Roman citizen. He studied in Jerusalem under Gamaliel, a famous Pharisee who was also member of Jewish Council (AA 5:34). Saul was full of religious zeal for the one God who had chosen Jewish people and made a covenant with them. He considered all other people pagans. To teach these blasphemers a lesson, he ravaged the church and breathed threats and murder against them, and dragged off both men and women to prison cells (AA 8:3; 9:1). He also obtained letters of authority from the high priest to the synagogues of Damascus, to enable him to bring Jewish Christians back to Jerusalem, bound in chains (AA 9:2).

But on that journey to Damascus, his life was turned up side down. "A light from heaven flashed about him and he fell to the ground.. He cried out 'Who are you Lord?' The reply was I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." (AA 9:3-9) In that answer Saul received a special insight which marked him for life that the church he was persecuting was in fact the body of Christ, one with and inseparable from Jesus.

This experience of Jesus inseparable from the church "became the foundation for all the great teachings of St. Paul. Henceforth whatever concrete issues he had to treat in his letters, his preoccupation would be always for the good of the body of Christ: "Now you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it." (1

Cor 12:27) Christ is the head of the body, the Church" (Col 1:18) "We are to grow up in every way into him who is the head."

Anyone who knows St. Paul and his teachings cannot but admire and love him. He was dynamic, resourceful and creative apostle who made himself all things to all in order to gain at least some for Christ (1 Cor 9:22). For him, to live was Christ and to die was gain (Phil 1:21). Christ was all for him, and everything else he counted as loss (Phil 3:8).

St. Paul was a man of faith and prayer (Rom 1:8-12; Eph 1:15-19) Conquered by Christ, he lived in constant union with Him. His prayer was a prayer of an apostle for the mission, for the spread of the Gospel and for Christians. Sanctity and fruitfulness in apostolate are beautifully blended in St. Paul.

St. Paul is an ideal missionary who laboured tirelessly to accomplish the mission of Jesus (2 Cor 11:22-29). Amid the hard work and suffering he kept his balance (Phil 4:10-13). He knew how to be strict yet kind. He could live in abundance as well as in poverty.

St. Paul was a great builder of the Church (1 Cor: 3:5-12; Rom 15:16-20; Eph 3:17 Col 1:23), and had a high degree of organizational skill. He founded many and flourishing communities in Asia Minor and Macedonia and strengthened those which were already existing.

St. Paul is a fascinating and many faceted personality. His teaching is rich, profound and practical because he explains the meaning and story of Christ and applies it to life. In him we find conviction, commitment, consolation, leadership, guidance in faith and urge to sanctity. As apostle and preacher is second to none. St. Paul lives in the spirit, teaches with authority and suffers for his teachings. His zeal and initiative for every form of apostolate is a practical lesson for all those who dedicate themselves to evangelization.

+ Salvadore Lobo

A New Pastor for Cathedral Church: Pro-Vicar - Fr. Faustine Brank



The parishioners of Cathedral Church Baruipur whole heartedly thanked the Lord in the Eucharist concelebrated on Sunday 13th May 2018. The Parishioners thanked God for they have a new shepherd in the person of Fr. Faustine Brank an experienced Parish Priest to lead them onward on their journey of faith.

Bishop Salvadore Lobo concelebrated the Holy Eucharist along with 11 priests. After the homily the rite of Induction of the new Pro-Vicar - Fr. Faustine Brank took place. Mr. Biswajit Mukherjee and Mrs. Susoma Patro were the witnesses. Fr. Faustine Brank as the new Pro-Vicar professed his faith in Triune God thereby, promising to be faithful to his task of shepherding his flock.

There were some symbolic gestures to remind Fr. Faustine for his ministries. (1) Opening and closing of the Main door: reminded of his duty to welcome his flock to pray and to safeguard all that is entrusted to his care. (2) Sitting in the Confessional: reminded of his duty to dispense the healing touch of our Merciful God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (3) Ringing of the Church Bell: reminding his flock of their Christian calling and the need to pray. (4) Touching

the Baptismal font: reminded of his duty to confer the sacrament of Baptism by which a person is redeemed from original sin. (5) Kissing the four corners of the Altar: to celebrate the Eucharist and feed his flock with the Body and Blood of Jesus. (7) Handing over of the Keys: given the charge of the Tabernacles and made the custodian of the church and parish. (8) Ascends the Pulpit: reminded of his responsibility to break the word of God to his flock.

There was a short felicitation programme for Fr. Faustine Brank the New Pro-Vicar after the Mass. On behalf of the parishioners Mr. Kalyan Gomes assured their full support to Fr. Faustine and in return Fr. Faustine Brank also thanked the faithful for wholehearted cooperation.

- Fr. Jonas Singha

Youth Camp at Infant Jesus Church - Gangarampur

The Youth camp was organized by Sr. Lucella MC and Sr. Neressa MC who had gathered the people from different substations to participate for the "Summer Youth Camp" at Gangarampur Parish. Fr. Joy Mondal and Fr. Sudhir Burua SDB were the resource persons who had prepared the programme for 45-50 participants both boys and girls. The people had come from different places i.e. Kulpi, Pathor Pratima, Dianond Harbour and Boys Town Youth to attend the 'Summer Youth Camp'. The programme started with a prayer and talk at 9.00 a.m. and continued till 12.00 noon then followed by Holy Eucharistic celebration. Fr. Joy Mondal concelebrated the Mass with Fr. Sudhir. His homily was very much touching for the Youth to come in spiritual life with vocation for future priests or nuns that God entrusted to you all in your future life.

After the Mass the lunch was serviced by MC sisters and a short break was given. At 2.45 p.m. again the participants gathered in groups for Bible quiz and got the feedback of the groups, then the programme ended with a short prayer at 4.30 p.m. Then, the tea and biscuits were served to all and then they return to their respective places with great joy and happiness and thanked the Fathers and the Sisters of Gangarampur for their hospitality.

- Mr. Freddy Marcus

A New Chapel at Kalahrdaya

The dream of a priest Fr. Saju George SJ belongs to Kolkata Province a well known figure in music and classical dance all over India and abroad has built a beautiful chapel at Kalahrdaya with Indian religious background. It is highly appreciated by everybody. On 6th May 2018 it was inaugurated and blessed by Bishop Salvadore Lobo with a concelebrated Holy Eucharist. Many sisters and a large number of laity were present. After the mass there was a *Christio Padabali Kirton* performed by Smt. Chopola Mondal and her team from Gosaba. Congratulation Fr. Saju S.J.

- Fr. Jonas Singha



Inauguration of the New Premises for the Differently-abled



On 6th of May, Marriapally Missionaries of Charity took a step ahead for the uplift-meant of the poor and needy through the inauguration of the new premises for the differently-abled people. The new building was blessed by Rt. Rev Bishop Salvadore Lobo and inaugurated by Rev. Sr. Prema MC, the Superior General of Missionaries of Charity. The day was blessed by the presences

of Rev. Sr. Deepam MC, the Regional Superior along with many other Sisters and dignitaries. The celebration began with the blessing and inauguration of the new building, followed by the solemn holy Eucharistic celebration, where Bishop in his homily pointed out how the human dignity of the infirm and disabled uplifted by the Sisters of Missionaries of Charity. The community expressed their gratefulness to the people who had contributed for the new building in various ways by giving them a handcrafted bouquet made by disabled.

- Fr. Padip Dari

Diocesan Pastoral Planning Process – Meeting of Parish Priests

A meeting of the Parish Priests was held on May 10, 2018 in Dishari Pastoral Centre presided by Bishop Salvadore Lobo. The Commission Secretaries also were invited to the meeting, attended by 20 Priests and one lay person. Seven others send SMS excusing themselves for not attending due to unavoidable reasons. Some commission secretaries who attended the previous meeting did not come thinking that it was a repetition of the same discussion. Many suggestions came up from the discussion on May 10 and they advised Fr. Pradeep Roy to prepare a draft of the plan incorporating all the suggestions into the outline he had presented at the meeting.

The next in the process is a meeting of the superiors of religious houses and heads of other institutions.

Fr. Tapan Gomes SJ - A Life Lived Gracefully

Fr. Tapan Gomes SJ a priest of Kolkata Province went to his eternal reward on 22nd May 2018 at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata at the age of 77 years. Fr. Tapan Gomes S.J. was born on 29th November 1941 in Kolkata to Lt. Francis and Evylyn Gomes. Of their six children he was the youngest child in the family. He did his graduation from St. Xavier's College Kolkata and joined for Society of Jesus and became a priest. He successfully did his priestly ministry as Prefect, Parish Priest in different schools and parish. His funeral was conducted in St. Joseph's Church, Raghobpur and he was laid to rest in the Dhyana Ashram cemetery. Fr. Raphael Hyde SJ was the main celebrant. A large number of priests, sisters and lay people attended his funeral was a proof of his popularity.

- Fr. Jonas Singha



A Venture At Hogalkuria

On the 5th of May, the community at Hogalkuria of the Sisters of the Cross (Holy Cross) was blessed by Rt. Rev. Bishop Salvadore Lobo in the presence of the provincial Sr. Cessy, sisters, priests and the people of the place. The house was inaugurated by Sr. Cessy. There were 15 priests from the Diocese and other congregations, and many religious sisters also were present to grace this occasion. The people of Hogalkuria witnessed the great event with joy and enthusiasm.

"God blessed Hogalkuria, the old catholic community which is 124 years old with the presence of Holy Cross sisters." God has called the sisters in a special way to be with his people here in Hogalkuria, to preach Christ's message to everyone in a unique way, through the pastoral ministry.

From the month of March during the season of lent 2015 Srs. Paulina and Kiran started to visit Hogalkuria. On weekends staying with different families, was an occasion to get familiarized with the people, children and young mothers. On 2nd October 2015, the Sisters of the Cross (Holy Cross) pitched the tent at Hogalkuria Church of Mother Teresa. Though place was not ready, yet began their stay happily. From then on there was a steady growth in the faith of the people.

Words of Bishop Salvadore Lobo: I am happy that now sisters have pitched their tent here in Hogalkuria. Their presence will increase your faith. Though Hogalkuria is known for your faith but still with the help of the sisters you will deepen your faith. Bishop thanked the Sisters of the Cross and the provincial Sr. Cessy for the availability of the sisters of the Cross in Hogalkuria.

Sr. Cessy the provincial of Sisters of the Cross (Holy Cross) thanked Rt. Rev. Bishop Salvadore Lobo for accepting the sisters in the diocese of Baruipur and making it possible to have a second community in the midst of the people to serve them. She expressed her joy and gratitude on this occasion and thanked the people for their love and care for the sisters and accepting them gracefully in Hogalkuria. She also thanked the society of Jesus for the good work which was begun by them at Hogalkuria especially Fr. Amulya SJ who had taken a lot of trouble to sow the seed of faith. She is also grateful to C.M fathers for their support and encouragement to the sisters and people.

- Sr. Paulina Mardi SCC



ICSE Results (Class-X)

Name of the School	Board	Appeared	Passed	Distinction	1st Division	2nd Division	Highest
Holy Cross School, Baruipur	ICSE	152	152	85	149	03	98.20%
Carmel School, Budge Budge	ICSE	65	65	52	65	--	97%
K.E. Carmel School, Amtala	ICSE	114	114	29	114	--	97.40%

ISC Results (Class-XII)

Name of the School	Board	Appeared	Passed	Distinction	1st Division	2nd Division	Highest
Holy Cross School, Baruipur	ISC	75	75	51	75	--	96.75%
Carmel School, Budge Budge	ISC	53	53	39	53	--	94%
K.E. Carmel School, Amtala	ISC	95	95	19	95	--	97%

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02	Fr. Himangshu Poti
02	Fr. Sandip Mondal
10	Fr. N. Jinesh Sebastian S.J.
11	Fr. Chalers M. Kanji
14	Fr. Henry Crasta
19	Fr. Aloysius Carvalho S.J.
20	Fr. Saumen Malik
21	Fr. Sunil Ray
26	Fr. William Zenith S.J.

Rabindra Jyanti celebration

The youth group of St. Anthony's Church, Lalpole celebrated a cultural evening in commemoration of 157th Rabindranath Tagor's birthday on 13th May, 2018, Sunday at 5.30 p.m. in Carmel English Medium School hall. The theme was 'Kobi Pronum' (salute to the Poet). Rev. Fr. Saju sj was the chief guest of the day. The program began with the lighting of the lamp and garlanding the portrait of Rabindranath Tagor. There were around 70 participants who performed songs, dances, poems and dramas on Rabindranath Tagor. It was a great attempt to keep up the Bengal Culture alive among children. The chief guest encouraged the participants and asked to grow fully with the local customs and culture. A special thanks to the youth group of the parish.

- Ms. Polina Gomes

Bishop Lobo's Programme for June 2018

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Fri			Goes to Rome
02	Sat		Rome	
03	Sun		Rome	
04	Mon			Goes to Freiburg
06	Wed			Goes to Ingenbohl, Switzerland
10	Sun			Goes to Konigstein, Germany
14	Thu	08.15 a.m.		Returns to Baruipur
15	Fri	09.00 a.m.	Dishari	Meeting of Vocation Commission
16	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Dishari	Meeting of laity Commission
17	Sun	11.15 a.m.	Raghabpur	Mass for youth camp
18	Mon		Samarpan	Interview for new candidates
21	Thu	04.00 p.m.	Kolkata	G. B. Meeting of Boys Town at Archbishop's House
22	Fri	10.00 a.m.	Bamangachi	A.G. Meeting of Paribar Jyoti
23	Sat			Goes to Moodbidri, Mangalore
24	Sun			Silver Jubilee of Leena & Ivan D'Souza
26	Tue			Returns to Baruipur
28	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Kolkata	A.G.M of ABCD at Archbishop's House
28	Thu	04.00 p.m.	Kolkata	BRBC meeting at Archbishop's House
29	Fri	09.00 a.m.	Barrackpore	G. B. - Staff with Joint meeting of MSRS
29	Fri	04.00 p.m.	Barrackpore	G. B. meeting of MSRS
30	Sat	06.30 a.m.	Barrackpor	Inaugural Mass of Morning Star Regional Seminary
30	Sat	08.30 a.m.	Barrackpore	BRBC meets to the seminarians at MSRS
30	Sat	06.00 p.m.	Thakupukur	Mass (in English) for Sacred Heart of Jesus

NOTICE BOARD

- Fr. Deepak Ekka has been appointed as the Judicial Vicar of the Marriage Tribunal of Catholic Diocese of Baruipur and Secretary to Bishop. His Mobile Number is : 8777489446
- Process of Diocesan Pastoral Planning: There will be a meeting of the superiors of religious houses and heads of other institutions in Dishari Pastoral Centre at 10.00 AM on June 14, 2018.

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of June 2018**Universal – Social Networks**

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects other for their differences.