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## Peace as a Journey of Hope: Dialogue, Reconciliation and Ecological Conversion

In 2019, demonstrations around the world, both peaceful and violent, were set off by social unrest over economic instability, government corruption and inequality. The desire to be heard was felt by people from different nationalities, religions and political affiliations.

At a time like this Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of Peace. "We need to pursue a genuine fraternity based on our common origin from God and exercised in dialogue and mutual trust. The desire for peace lies deep within the human heart, and we should not resign ourselves to seeking anything less than this".

"Peace as a journey of hope: dialogue, reconciliation and ecological conversion" is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for his message for the 53rd World Day of Peace, which will be celebrated on 01 January 2020. In India we celebrate it on January 30, death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Peace is a "path", a "journey", an object of hope to be founded on the awareness that we are all brothers and sisters - for which every war is fratricide (Killing of one's brother or kin) - that destroys the human family's innate vocation to brotherhood.

Peace, is for Pope Francis, first of all a "journey of hope" for a humanity that "bears, in its memory and its flesh, the scars of ever more devastating wars and conflicts that affect especially the poor and the vulnerable". And even today, dignity, physical integrity, freedom, including religious freedom, communal solidarity and hope in the future are denied to great numbers of people.

"Mistrust and fear weaken relationships and increase the risk of violence, creating a vicious circle that can never lead to a relationship of peace", states the pope. "Even nuclear deterrence can only produce the illusion of security".

To break the currently prevalent dynamic of mistrust, then, "we

need to pursue a genuine fraternity based on our common origin from God and exercised in dialogue and mutual trust." "We must first appeal to people's moral conscience and to personal and political will. Peace emerges from the depths of the human heart and political will must always be renewed, so that new ways can be found to reconcile and unite individuals and communities".

"Divisions within a society, the increase of social inequalities and the refusal to employ the means of ensuring integral human development endanger the pursuit of the common good. Yet patient efforts based on the power of the word and of truth can help foster a greater capacity for compassion and creative solidarity."

"The Church shares fully in the search for a just social order; she continues to serve the common good and to nourish the hope for peace by transmitting Christian values and moral teaching, and by her social and educational works". And on the example of Jesus he indicates the path of reconciliation that "calls us to find in the depths of our hearts the strength of forgiveness and the capacity to recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters".

"The journey of reconciliation calls for patience and trust. Peace will not be obtained unless it is hoped for". "For the followers of Christ, this journey is likewise sustained by the sacrament of Reconciliation, given by the Lord for the remission of sins of the baptized. This sacrament of the Church, which renews individuals and communities, bids us keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, who reconciled "all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross" (Col 1:20). Day by day, the Holy Spirit prompts in us ways of thinking and speaking that can make us artisans of justice.

I wish all of you a very Happy New Year 2020.

+ Salvadore Lobo

## 50 years of Committed Service



December 5, 2019 was a golden day in the life of Rev. Sr. Ligouri MC as she celebrated the Golden Jubilee of God's Grace and faithfulness in living her Religious Profession. When we consider a commitment of fifty years to any unique lifestyle, that milestone is rare, if ever reached. It was a day to thank God for she has made it with the Lord's assistance. She joined the Congregation of the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity in 1965 and made her first vow in 1969. The jubilee spirit was heightened with the presence of two bishops, Most Rev. Salvatore Lobo who presided over the thanksgiving Eucharist and Most Rev. Coadjutor bishop Shyamal Bose who delivered an inspiring sermon. She was appreciated for her commitment and dedication for the past 50 beautiful years of vowed life in places like Jancy, Ambala, Premdan, Monsada and currently at Baruiapur where she is called affectionately Didima by all. After the Mass there was a short felicitation followed by festive meal.

- Sr. Vinay MC

## Formees Gathering, 19 Barasat



On the tranquil morning of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 the formators conducted a gathering for all the formees of Barasat-Barackpore region at Auxillium Aspiranted Barasat. There were the presence of 14 houses of different congregations, more than 200 seminarians and novices along with 20 formators. The day began with the Holy Eucharist presided over by Dr. Fr. Gilbert SDB and concelebrated by Fr. Vnatu Raja, Fr. Yasudas A and Fr. Vivian S.J; who delivered a vibrant sermon for the young minds who have been chosen to lead a religious life for a unique call. The homily based on Advent season, Advent means waiting, waiting with restlessness; we have to be alert & awake about ourselves; we must have the experience of God in ordinary things and to prepare our soul for the Christmas so that on the Christmas day we might be able to say that *we are alive, alert, awake & enthusiastic*. After the Mass Fr. Gilbert took a session on the topic "Word of God in Consecrated Life" based on 16 reasons for doing the Word and concluded by a strong message i.e. *'walking word is better than talking word'* followed by a group discussion. A sumptuous meal was given which added an extra energy to perform a cultural event by every house. Soon after the colourful cultural programme Animators conducted some fun games for the formees. The day concluded by Prize distribution & a warm vote of thanks by Sr. Priya, Bethany. All in all it was a programme much appreciated and added a different experience in my life... **wishing you all Merry Christmas and happy New Year.**

- Br. Hrittick Hazra

## Youth Annual Christmas get Together

Diocesan youth Commission of Baruiapur organized Annual Christmas Gathering for the diocesan youth on 29th December 2019 at Dishari Pastoral Centre Baruiapur. From 15 Parishes around 150 young people participated in the gathering. Rt. Rev. Bishop Salvatore Lobo, the Chairman of the Commission, Coadjutor Bishop Shyamal Bose, Fr. Ramen Pailan (DYD), Fr. Saumen Malik (Director of Dishari Pastoral Centre Baruiapur) and Fr. Bablu Sardar offered the Holy Eucharist for the youth. During the Mass Bishop Lobo said about the completion of the "Year of youth" which was declared last year. Thus, every youth has to evaluate personally the outcome drawn from this special year and continue the mission of ICYM. During the Mass Bishop Shyamal Bose said regarding the holy family with an example of Jesus and his parents, mother Mary and St.



Joseph. He continued saying, every youth should respect and obey their parents and elders. They need to draw lessons from Jesus for their lives. Youth should serve the needy, teach and help the children to become a good youth. After the Mass the inaugural programme was led by Mr. Tanmay Sardar (Dexco DYJC) and Miss Puja Pailan (Dexco DYVP). The chief guest for the day was Rt. Rev. Bishop Salvatore Lobo. Besides him, there were present Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose, Fr. Kanauj Roy (Diocesan Seminarian In-charge and PP of Keorapukur), Fr. Saumen Malik, Newly ordained Fr. Bablu Sardar and Mr. Narugopal Adhikari (Dance Teacher). They were warmly welcomed by Dexco members with bouquet. They also welcomed our newly elected Regional secretary and regional member Miss Trishita Gomes (Cathedral Parish) and Andrewdip Gomes (Sonarpur Parish). There was Dance Competition based on Christmas song. Among the 15 parishes, 12 parishes joyfully took part in it with much preparation. Mr. Narugopal Adhikari, Fr. Saumen Malik and Fr. Bablu Sardar were the judges for the competition. Kumrakhal Parish came up with first position whereas Keorapukur and Ranigarh Parish secured second and third places respectively. The winners were awarded with the trophy. On this joyous occasion, the Diocesan Youth commission brought out its 5th diocesan youth convention SOUVENIR which was released by Fr. Kanauj Roy. All the youth received a Diary which was given by the Dexco team members. Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabarty (DYP) proposed the vote of thanks. The day ended with the delicious lunch.

- Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabarty

## Christmas Eve at Cathedral



This year's Christmas eve was very special for the members of Cathedral Church, Baruipur. Mr. Rajiv Banerjee, Honourable Minister of Forest, graced the occasion with his presence in the midnight Christmas Mass. The holy Mass was offered by Rev. Salvadore Lobo, the Bishop of Baruipur Diocese and the Parish Priest of Cathedral Parish, Fr. Faustine Brank.

A crowd of around 12 to 15 thousand people visited the Cathedral Church, Baruipur on the evening of 25th December. The Cathedral compound was decorated by the department of

Tourism, Govt. of West Bengal.

A live Christmas carol performance was organised by the Church committee, where choir groups like Melody Choir, various individuals and children, show cased their talents which accelerated the spirit of Christmas and spread the joy to the people.

On 28th Dec, Feast of Holy Innocents was celebrated. Many Children with their parents attended the Mass. On the same day there was a special Mass for the sick people. There were special prayers for the sick people especially the bedridden people who could not attend the Mass for past three to four years.

On 30th Dec., The Youth of Cathedral Parish came together for a day to celebrate the Christmas joy. Nearly 80 youth participated in the programme.

- Ms. Trishita Gomes

## RIP



**Mr. Bhupal Sardar**, the father of **Rev. Fr. Indrajit Sardar**, passed away on 30 November 2019 due to old age. He was 98 years old. Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Coadjutor Bishop of Baruipur diocese presided over the requiem Mass with as many as 10 priests. The mortal remain of Mr. Bhupal Sardar was laid to rest in the cemetery of Rajarampur. While expressing our condolences to grieved family members let us continue to pray for the repose of his soul.

## Annual Youth Get-together and Children's Day Celebration



22nd December 2019 was a great day for the youth of Kumrakhali parish. On that day they organized annual youth get-together for the youth. Around 70 youth participated in the gathering. It began with inaugural program led by Mr. Babai Chakrabarty and Miss. Sampa Mondal. Chief Guest of the day was Fr. Proloy Boidya, PP Kumrakhali. Sr. Tara MC, Superior, Dr. Anamika Naskar, Sir Tapan, Baracpoore, and Rev. Br. Rahul MC were also present to encourage the youth and children.

Youth Members cordially welcomed them with bouquet. In his inaugural message Fr. Proloy

said that the youth are the treasure of future, they need to come forward to lead the Church. He also mentioned that they should obey their parents and help others to lead a good life. Mr. Anamika Naskar said, "Youth has to know the value of life and have to create leadership among them for the upcoming situation." Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabarty took a session on "Ministry of today's youth." In his session he said, "Youth is the opportunity to do something and to become somebody." He quoted Pope Francis and said, "You are not the future but the now of God." So do not wait for anything, any invitation for doing something, just go out and use yourself, see where you are required. As a follower of Christ we have to be ready to do whatever we can in the church, society, our families, and especially for the helpless. The senior youth of the parish namely, Mr. Ratneswar Bappa Chakrabarty (PYP), Mr. Rajesh Naskar and Mr. Raky Bogi shared their 10 years of experience in youth ministry. They said, "Youth group is a platform which gives an opportunity to every youth to form himself or herself." There was Holy Eucharist Celebrated by Fr. Sylvester, Assistant Parish Priest of Kumrakhali. In his homily he said, "Youth is a power, youth is strength to do lots of good things." There was Bible Quiz from Gospel of Matthew where youth of Kumrakhali came up as Champion and 10 No village and Jeliyakhali secured second and third position. Mr. Ratneswar Chakrabarty, Parish youth President proposed Vote of Thanks and with that the gathering came to an end.

On 28th of December 2019 the Parish members celebrated Children's day with the parish children. Around 50 children took part in the celebration. They had Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Proloy and Fr. Sylvester. After the Eucharist there was short cultural program by the children and then there were several games for the children. All the children joyfully took part in the games and enjoyed a lot. There was prize distribution by Saumen Naskar and with a delicious lunch the celebrations came to an end.

- Mr. Tanmay Sardar

I, sincerely, thank all the Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and lay people who wished me through their visits, cards, gifts, phone calls and messages for Christmas and the New Year 2020. I prayed for you all at the midnight Mass.

+ Salvadore Lobo



**Bishop Salvadore Lobo** congratulating **Cardinal Tagle**, the new President of **Propaganda Fidei in Vatican**



### JANUARY 2020

03	Fr. Arup Bor
04	Fr. Sajeew Painunkal S.J.
06	Fr. Jose K.C., C.M.
15	Br. Satyajit Naskar
16	Fr. Jonas Singha
17	Fr. Ramen Pailan
26	Fr. Johnson Padiyara S.J.
26	Fr. Shiriyakuse Ekka, C.M.
27	Br. Sarojit Mondal
28	Fr. Remy D'Sa SFX
28	Br. Nayan Bor

## Priestly Ordination Anniversary

### JANUARY 2020

06	Fr. Johnson Padiyara S.J.
11	Fr. Shiriyakuse Ekka C.M.
16	Fr. Sarajit Das
19	Fr. N. Jinesh Sebastian S.J.
22	Fr. Deepak Ekka

## Episcopal Ordination Anniversary

### JANUARY 2020

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### Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of January 2020

**Promotion of World Peace:** We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

## NOTICE BOARD

Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo, in consultation with Priests' council, the board of consultors, CRI and other bodies has declared the year 2020 as the **Year of Proclamation through Small Christian Community** on December 27, 2019 on the occasion of the Christmas get-together of priests, sisters and brothers.

### ASHA

Asha is the name given to the newly built house for the sick priests of the diocese which was blessed on 22 October 2019. Fr. Francis Makhal is currently residing there. There is a cook cum care taker and an Aaya (a home nurse) for the night. Fr. Deepak Ekka is appointed to be there to look after the affairs of the house.

### Diocesan SCC Convention

In preparation for the forthcoming Diocesan SCC Convention to be held at sacred Church, Morapai from June 1 - 4, 2020, there was a meeting of all the priests, superiors and SCC Core Committee on December 17, 2019. After much discussion

and deliberations the following committees are formed:

1. Finance Committee: Fr. Kanauj Roy
2. Liturgical Committee: Fr. Himangshu Poti
3. Food & Accommodation Committee: Fr. Gautam Naskar
4. Pandal, Light & Sound Committee: Fr. Soosaippan/Fr. Ramen Pailan
5. Cultural & Decoration Committee: Sr. Annwasha, DSA
6. Transport Committee: Fr. Durlov Bar
7. Reception & Welcome Committee: Fr. Sirmus Topno
8. Documentation: Fr. Deepak Ekka
9. First Aid: Sr. Annwasha, DSA
10. Security: Fr. Faustine Brank

### Appointment

Fr. Bablu Sardar is appointed as curate to St. Stephen's Church, Kalyanpur.

## Bishop Lobo's Programme for the Month of January 2020

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Wed	07.30 a.m.	R.B. Nagar, Baruiapur	New Year Mass
04	Sat	10.30 a.m.	Dishari, Baruiapur	Christmas meet of Diocesan SCC
05	Sun	10.00 a.m.	Rajarampur	Mass at Rajarampur for 40th day of death of Bhupal Sardar father of Fr. Indrajit Sardar
06	Mon	06.30 a.m.	Baruiapur	Mass for the staff and the seminarians at Samarpan
08	Wed	04.00 p.m.	Krishnagar	BRBC Meeting
09	Thu	07.00 a.m. 08.30 a.m.	Amghata Amghata	Mass at Propeuditic Seminary G. B. Meeting of Regional Propaedeutic Seminary
10	Fri	09.30 a.m.	Barrackpore	G. B. Meeting of Morning Star Regional Seminary
11	Sat	10.00 a.m.		Goes to Aizwal to preach a retreat to the diocesan Priests
20	Mon	04.10 p.m.		Returns to Baruiapur
23	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Keorapukur	Silver Jubilee of Sr. Asha Jyothi A.C.
25	Sat	07.30 a.m.	Canning	Mass for the Parish Patronal Feast
26	Sun	10.30 a.m.	Thakurpukur	1st Profession of IBVM Sisters
27	Mon	03.30 p.m.		Goes to Kochi, Kerala
28-30	Tue-Thu		Ernakulam	Signis Meeting and CBCI - OSC meeting

## Coadjutor Bishop Shyamal Bose's Programme for January 2020

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Wed	07.00 a.m.	Sajnaberia	New Year mass at St. Joseph's Church, Sajnaberia
04	Sat	10.30 a.m.	Dishari, Baruiapur	Christmas meet of Diocesan SCC
05	Sun	10.00 a.m.	Dishari, Baruiapur	Christmas Gathering for Sunday School Children
08	Wed	04.00 p.m.	Krishnagar	BRBC Meeting
09	Thu	07.00 a.m. 08.30 a.m.	Amghata Amghata	Mass at Propeuditic Seminary G. B. Meeting of Regional Propaedeutic Seminary
10	Fri	09.30 a.m.	Barrackpore	G. B. Meeting of Morning Star Regional Seminary
11	Sat	08.30 a.m.	Khasmallick	Mass at Holy Cross School, Baruiapur
23	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Keorapukur	Silver Jubilee of Sr. Asha Jyothi A.C.