



COMMUNION OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honoring and praying for those who have gone to the Lord. According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, who are still in the need of purification must go, before they see the beatific vision. In his GENERAL AUDIENCE on Wednesday, August 4, 1999, Pope St. John Paul II said that human beings have definitive option for or against God.

The Church formulated its doctrine of faith on Purgatory at the Council of Florence and Trent. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines purgatory as a "purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven," which is experienced by those "who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified," (CCC 1030). It notes that this final purification of the elect is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. (cf. CCC 1031).

Purgatory is like a purifying fire burning inside a person, a painful experience of regret for one's sins, Pope Benedict XVI said. "A soul stained by sin cannot present itself to God," the pope said on January 12, 2011, at his weekly general audience. He spoke about the life and mystical writings of St. Catherine of Genoa, a 15th-century married woman who ran Genoa's largest hospital. She lived a worldly life. However, in the later stage of her life, when she became aware of the length, breadth, height and depth of God's love, the craving for union

pushed her to perform sacrifices and penances for purification. In order to have perfect communion with God of love the purgation already began on earth.

Many saints and holy persons have given witness to visits of men and women from Purgatory in want of prayer. An excerpt from the diary of St. Faustina Kowalska reveals, "One night, a sister who had died two months previously came to me. She was a sister of the first choir. I saw her in a terrible condition, all in flames with her face painfully distorted. This lasted only for a short time, and then she disappeared. A shudder went through my soul because I did not know whether she was suffering in PURGATORY or in hell. Nevertheless, I redoubled my prayers for her. The next night she came again, but I saw her in an even more horrible state, in the midst of flames which were even more intense, and despair was written all over her face. I was astonished to see her in a worse condition after the prayers I had offered for her, and I asked, "Haven't my prayers helped you?" She answered that my prayers had not helped her and that nothing would help her. I said to her, "And the prayers which the whole community has offered for you, have they not been any help to you?" She said no, that these prayers had helped some other souls. I replied, "If my prayers are not helping you, Sister, please stop coming to me." She disappeared at once. Despite this, I kept on praying. After some time she came back again to me during the night, but already her appearance had changed. There were no longer any flames, as there had been before, and her face was radiant, her eyes beaming with joy. She told me that I had a true love for my neighbor and that many other souls

had profited from my prayers. She urged me not to cease praying for the souls in PURGATORY, and she added that she herself would not remain there much longer. How astounding are the decrees of God!" (Diary, 58)

On Sunday, November 2, 2003, on the occasion of the commemoration of All Souls, Pope John Paul II said, "The Church has always urged us to pray for the dead. She invites her believers to regard the mystery of death not as the last word on human fate but as a journey toward eternal life." Explaining a key element of the doctrine of Purgatory, the Pontiff said, "It is an important duty of ours to pray for the dead because although they may have died in grace and in friendship with God, they may still be in need of a last purification in order to enter into the joy of heaven." The Pontiff added, "Prayer for the souls of the dead can be expressed in various ways, including a visit to the cemetery. Going to these sacred places provides an auspicious occasion to reflect on the meaning of earthly life and to nourish, at the same time, hope in the blessed eternity of paradise".

The Catechism states that the "Eucharist is celebrated in communion with the whole Church in heaven and on earth, the living and the dead." The worthy reception of Holy Communion at Mass unites us to Jesus Christ, and by doing so, unites us to everyone who is in union with him. This includes all the saints in heaven, not only the "canonized" ones recognized by the Church, but also the deceased individuals who have been and are being purified by Christ's love. In this way we pray for them and they pray for us to strengthen the communion of the living and the dead.

+ Shyamal Bose

GLIMPSE FROM DISHARI

Retreat for Catechists

A four-day retreat for catechists was organized in Dishari from 17th to 20th October 2022. All together 55 catechists joined in the journey towards the refreshment, recollection and enlightenment of the minds and hearts.

Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy welcomed the catechists to have a fruitful retreat. Rev. Fr. Ashish Das S.D.B. shepherded them in green pasture of God's word. 'To know oneself in Christ' was the subject of the retreat. He illuminated the hearts of all the catechists with the word of God. He has expounded the meaning of vocation.

He further discoursed that the confession is the only means to be united with God. They shared the experience of God with their fellow brethren through SCC meetings. The outcome of the day was displayed in the notice board daily. They used to prepare themselves well to have creative Eucharistic Celebration daily. Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, Fr. Henry Crasta and Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes offered the Holy Eucharist for all the catechists and their family members. They were refreshed to continue to serve in building-up the Lord's Kingdom. The retreat ended with a thanks-giving programme.

Holy Childhood Faith Formation programme

"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things for the greater glory of God". - St. Dominic Savio.

Early childhood is the phase when a child's learning rate is at its peak. This is the ideal time to plant and provide with appropriate guidance. Therefore, Dishari, the pastoral Centre of Barupur Diocese, under the wings of Fr. Goutam Naskar, the director of Dishari organized a faith formation programme for the children from 10th to 12th October 2022. Altogether 68 Children participated in the programme. They were very eager to learn catechism and sacraments. Rev. Fr. Pradeep Roy and Br. Uday Mondal guided them to build a good Christian life with Christian values. Fr. Pradeep Roy facilitated them with amazing action-song based on Bible. Brother also inspired them to attend the Sunday school and Holy Mass daily. The programme came to an end in the evening.

VSCR-CDPI Bengal-Sikkim Regional Seminar



VSCR-CDPI Bengal-Sikkim Regional Seminar was held from 17th to 20th of October, 2022 at Jeevan Dhara, Raiganj. The theme of the Seminar was "Walking with Jesus in the spirit of Pope Francis. The seminar began with the Holy Eucharist presided over by Rt. Rev. Clement Tirkey and concelebrated by Rt. Rev. Nirmal Vincent Gomes, SDB, Rt. Rev. Vincent Aind, Rt. Rev. Stephen Lepcha, Rt. Rev. Fulgence Tigga and seventy three priests from different dioceses. Main topics of the seminar were 'Celibacy for the Kingdom of God, Inter-personal relationship, Commitment and Service and Pastoral Strategies". Rt. Rev. Stephen Lepcha, Rev. Fr. Jeyeraj Velusamy SJ, Rev. Fr. Thomas Kujhively SJ and Rev. Fr. Henry Jose MSFS were the resource persons. Rev. Fr. Charles Leon CCBI Executive Secretary was also present for the seminar and elaborately expounded about CDPI and its effects.

NEWS FROM PARIBAR JYOTI

Marriage Preparation Course at P. J. - 7th to 8th October, 2022:



extraordinary as the participants coming from different parishes and places mingled easily with each other and created a friendly atmosphere which made this course smooth for the staff to facilitate the course. It could be helpful for their married life. Their active participation contributed us strength to add more knowledge and experience. - Gurupada Dolui

Awareness Programme at Jalasi - 19th October, 2022:

An awareness programme was held at Jalasi, the Sub-station of



Kalyanpur Parish. The programme was organized with the help of our staff Jaya Doloi. The participants participated with great interest to know their children's mental health. There were young mothers and fathers who participated. The catechist of Jalasi said that we want to have a seminar for young people. - Joya Doloi

Husband-wife Relationship Seminar at Nagendrapur GP. - 22th October, 2022:



participants responded to the discussion between husband-and-wife relationships. In this seminar Gram-Panchayat's Secretary, Pradhan, all ANMs and ICDS workers were present. They expressed that we have benefited lot from this seminar. They wished to have a one-day seminar on domestic violence and alcohol addiction. - Gurupada Dolui

Orientation Programme: Child Mental Health at Basanti GP. (Basanti Block) for Health Supervisors - 22nd October, 2022:



With the initiative of Mrs. Pravati Bag, the Animator of Paribar Jyoti and the staff, Mr. Francis Lobo organized an Orientation Programme on Child Mental Health at Basanti Block. In this orientation programme participated Health Supervisors, ANM's, ICDS, AMP; ASHA Workers of Basanti Block, Panchayat, the Panchayat Pradhan along with all the members, supervisors and workers took to interest that the health workers dealing with health and nutrition of mother and child should also know, learn and update themselves with the mental needs of a child and the parent's role in upbringing their children. As a result, they have proposed a half-day programme on Parenting for parents in different ICDS centres of Basanti GP. in the months coming ahead.

Awareness Programme at Kalipur 26th October, 2022:

Kalipur, the Sub-station of Cathedral Parish, Barupur held an



awareness programme for people of this area on 26th October, 2022. The discussion was related to Drinking and Domestic Violence. The Participants were very supportive and spontaneous answers to the discussion. They understood its necessities and

finally, they wanted to send Paribar Jyoti some of the families who are really suffering from drinking and burden for the family.

Family Cell Follow-Up Meeting at Keorapukur - 27th October, 2022:

The meeting started with a song and prayer following which the members shared their monthly activities and discussed problems which they had faced during their family visits. Mr. Francis Lobo, the staff had accompanied them during one of their family visits where it was found that the family cell members are continuing their activities very well. During the visit it was found where in some of the families the children are not regular to the church and its activities. Some of the families, also husband and wife are not on good terms. It was discussed in the meeting that such families need to be dealt well enough so that the families can be back at peace. - John Francis Lobo

Young Couples Workshop - 28th to 29th October, 2022:

This workshop was indeed a wonderful one as the couple's responses were vibrant, open and co-operative right from the



beginning and created an atmosphere of open sharing and discussion. The participants promised to make a peaceful and understanding family.

Youth Seminar at Bharu - 29th October, 2022: The youth orientation program was held at Bharu, the sub-station of Kalyanpur Parish with songs, prayers and Bible reading. Youth were very



eager to learn and articulated the interest to do something for the church, society and for the family. They were looking at their ambitions, opportunities etc. They expressed their responsibilities towards parents and friends. Our staff displayed the challenge of the media in this contemporary world and its positive and negative effects. Lastly, our staff exhibited the qualities that God has given them to nurture in their life-time for the glory of God which will show their commitment to a true life, the life in Christ.

CAREER COUNSELLING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

A career counselling program was organised for the youth of Barupur diocese on 9th and 10th of September 2022. The session began with the welcoming of the speaker and audience. A brief introduction about Mr. Richard was given by Fr. Ramen Pailan, DYD.

Then Mr. Richard shared how research, guidance and encouragement for placements at the university led him to achieve his position. He also shared that the guidance from his research helped him to grow as a researcher and made him capable of presenting papers in various workshops and conferences during his masters tenure. The participants were one by one asked about what they are doing and what is their aim in life. He then guided each one with his master plans for their better future.

Many questions were asked by the youth which Mr.

Richard answered very skilfully. He motivated the youth to be self managed and to manage time effectively so as to participate in extracurricular activities while keeping their grades on the higher side. He inspired the youth to stay focused on their goals and to never stop learning. Above everything, he shared his own experience so that our youth can gain most from it.

About 60 participants attended the session. Overall, the session was very informative and the youth were very eager to listen to him. The session concluded with the vote of thanks given by Mr. Raj Bagh, DYP.



PALLI UNNAYAN SAMITI BARUIPUR

Major Activities of PUS Baruipur for the Month of October 2022

PUS Foundation Day Celebration

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur celebrated its 44th Foundation Day on 1st October 2022. Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, the Vicar General of Catholic Diocese of Baruipur, Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and Governing Body Members were present to grace the occasion.

Ms. Asha Ekka & Mr. Mukul Gomes, representatives from CARITAS India, Mr. Abdul Rashid Fakir, BDMO Namkhana, Mr. Balai Barik, Member of Zilla Parishad, Well-wishers and all 127 PUS staff participated in this Foundation Day Celebration to strengthen as witness of PUS contribution in the Developmental works in District of whole South and also part of North 24 Parganas.

Fr. Kanauj Roy, the Vicar General was the main celebrant for the Eucharist. Altogether 17 priests concelebrated in the Eucharist. The presentation of each project has been offered to Almighty God to witness the spirit of sharing 'His' love, Peace and Equality to the needy and poor during the Eucharistic Celebration.

Fr. Saumen Malik, the Director of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur briefly shared the glorious 44 years journey of PUS Baruipur. He expressed his heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all the former Directors, Donors, Diocesan Community, former and present staff to be with the Journey directly & indirectly for strengthening the organization. It is a continuous journey of PUS Baruipur committed for the Development of poorest and marginalized people.

Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy shared about the 44 years journey of PUS Baruipur which has been successfully implemented through its thematic area of Education, Health, Livelihood, Environment and Relief & Rehabilitation etc. A Cultural programme was conducted soon after the Eucharistic Celebration. The celebration concluded with thanks and gratitude to all the guests and participants followed by delicious Lunch.



Strengthening of Children Parliament



Children Parliament Training was conducted on 10th and 11th October, 2022 at PUS Baruipur. Altogether 35 representatives from different Children Parliaments were present for continuing capacity building process to be performed as Children Parliament & Basic Human Community.

Fr. Saumen Malik, the Director of PUS Baruipur, delivered his enthusiastic message about the Role & Objectives of the Children Parliament as preparedness of Young Generation towards the prosperity of their community.

The session started with Self-introduction and ice breaking session. Mr. Rama Biswas, the project Coordinator, Mr. Pralay Bayen and Mr. Rajesh Shaw

facilitated the Role and Responsibilities of Ministers of the Children Parliaments, Writing Meeting Resolution, Plan of Action of Children Parliament, Writing the reports of the Activity of Children Parliament. The training was concluded with thanks and gratitude to the participants.

Distribution of Vegetable Seed to Promote Homestead Nutrition Garden

On 10th October 2022, Vegetable Seeds Packet consisting of nine varieties of seasonal vegetables was distributed among 200 marginal farmers in Pathankhali and Bpradaspur Gram Panchayet and Uttar Mokamberia Gram Panchayet of Gosaba and Basanti Block in project operational area Uttoran III and Global Programme India in the District of South 24 Parganas.



The Aim of the program is to promote Nutrition Garden as post cyclone rehabilitation towards accessing the vegetable and fruits by their own and also Surplus can be sold out to add few earning for better survival.

Distribution of Dry Ration Kits

On 11th October 2022, PUS Baruipur distributed Nutritious Food Packet and Toiletries to 50 children with disability of Day Care Centre Project. The families of the beneficiaries were very happy to receive Cooking oil, Mosoor Dal, Sugar, Detergent Powder, Bathing Soap, Toothpaste and Coconut oil as to meet their essential commodities.



Motivational Events for the Students of St. Savio Boy's Hostel, Panchamkhanda

A three days Motivational Event was conducted for the students of our St. Savio Boy's Hostel, Panchamkhanda from 12th to 14th October, 2022 for the development of their Potentiality towards preparedness to aim of their life.

Altogether 22 Students and 4 Teachers participated in this Motivational Meeting. The program started with a Motivational Session by Fr. Saumen Malik, the director of PUS Baruipur.

Rev. Fr. Prodip Roy, Mr. Sanatan Bagh, Mr. Sanjib Mandal, Mr. Pralay Bayen, Mr. Sudip Sardar and Mrs. Sujata Mondal facilitated the Programme as resource Persons and cover the following topic given below.

- ◆ Sharing of programme's objectives & follow-up session of last training.
- ◆ Addressing barriers for study (Group exercise & presentation).
- ◆ Importance of Digital Learning,
- ◆ Child Safeguard Policy of PUS Baruipur
- ◆ Social Service throughout various social and environmental issues (Discussion & Group work)
- ◆ Personality Development, Practical guidelines for learning. Interactive class room activities Guidelines for Physical & Psychosocial care, Empathy & Sympathy
- ◆ Best practices for designing a project preparation (Subject specific)
- ◆ Safe migration (Discussion, Presentation & Group work)
- ◆ Personal and Adolescents Health & Hygiene (Discussion & Presentation)



An exposure visit was organized for the students at nearby 4 Learning centres of PUS Baruipur namely Talpukur, Bargachhia, Kamlat and Baruli to gather the experience from other educational Project.

Rallies and Street corners on Social Violence against Women and Children

On 13th and 18th October 2022, Rallies and Street Corners were conducted on social violation issues like Underage Marriage, Anti Human Trafficking, Abuse and Violence against women and children at Pathankhali, Boria, Dhosa, Purba Chandaneswar, Paschim Chandaneswar villages under Goasba, Basanti and Joynagar I Block in PUS Project operational area.

Altogether 231 people participated in these Rallies & street corners. They raised their voice through displaying the Banners, Posters and Placards against above mentioned issue during the procession towards sensitizing the whole community.

At the end of the Rallies, there were gatherings where the Local PRI member, ASHA worker, ICDS and Teacher were invited as guests and resource persons to share their experiences on the issues and the ways to overcome.

Sub Inspectors of **Dhosa Police Camp** showed his wholehearted cooperation and shared the Toll-Free Child Helpline Number 1098 and Police Helpline Number 100 for further contact towards having access to Government Help to overcome the issue.



Training of Trainers on Health & Hygiene

On 20th October 2022, PUS Baruipur conducted the Trainings of Trainers on Health & Hygiene for the selected members of Kishori Suraksha

Bahini under the Protection of Girls from Underage Marriage Project. Sr. Victoria Minz, the Assistant Director of PUS Baruipur shared the objective of the **Training of Trainers** program on Adolescents Health & Hygiene.

Mrs. Tapasi Majumdar and Ms. Shushila Kujur were the Resource persons of the training. They used the flipcharts on Adolescents Health and Hygiene and discussed about the physical & mental changes during the adolescent period. How to maintain Adolescent Health and Hygiene during Menstrual Cycle, Preparation Balance Diet from locally available low cost fruits and vegetables, Prevention of Malnutrition, Vitamin, Iron and other minerals deficiency disorder; specially the reason for anaemia due to Iron deficiency during adolescent period.

Education Materials Distribution

On 22nd October 2022, Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur distributed the educational materials among the 140 members from different Children Parliament at Halderpara, Majhipara under Charavidya, Battala, Midyapara and Amjhara Gram Panchayet under WCP Project.

The main purpose of the distribution of educational material is to encourage the school children towards reducing the school dropout.



ANNUAL RETREAT OF PRIESTS

This year the annual retreat of priests of the diocese of Baruipur was held in Sanjivani, pastoral centre Krishnagar in two batches. First batch began on Sunday evening, October 16, 2022 and ended on October 21, 2022. Second batch commenced on Sunday evening 23, 2022 and concluded on October 28, 2022. We had in the person of Rev. Fr. Naveen Saldanah OP to direct both retreats. We were fortunate to have him as he discreetly guided us to have God's experience with his edifying concise and precise talks. He enlightened us to introspect our life and ministry through relevant themes so as to make us lead a purposeful life as a priest. Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, bishop of the diocese and all the priests gratefully acknowledge and thank him for sparing his precious time to direct the retreat.





NOVEMBER

04	Fr. Francis Makhal
04	Fr. Lewis Tirkey SDB
16	Fr. Amrit Ekka
20	Fr. Sushad Baidya
22	Fr. KuruvillaThottam, SJ
27	Fr. Sylvester Xavier

*Happy Birthday
Dear Fathers & Brothers*

In Memorial Month of November

08	Fr. Abani Luis Das
11	Fr. Nicaise Edouard, S.J.
11	Fr. Chandan Gupta, S.J.
21	Fr. Bruylants Andre, S.J.
30	Most Rev. Lawrence Picachy

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer: Month of November 2022

Children Who Suffer:

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Ordination Anniversary

NOVEMBER

04	Fr. HimangshuPoti	19	Fr. SirnusTopno
09	Fr. Durlov Bar	24	Fr. UjjwalMondal
14	Fr. I. Vincent Patrick S.J	26	Fr. Bablu Sardar
18	Fr. James Vivekananda, S.J.		

CONGRATULATION DEAR FATHER

NOTICE BOARD

Paribar Jyoti:

- # Marriage Preparation Course from 4th November to 5th November 2022
- # Young Couples Programme from 25th November to 26th December 2022

Bishop Shyamal Bose's Programme for the Month of November 2022

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Tue			Visit to Kumrakhali Parish
02	Wed	07.00 a.m. 02.30 p.m.	Baruipur Khari	Mass for the Faithful Departed in the Cathedral on the All Souls Day Mass for the Faithful Departed in Khari Parish and Blessing of the Tomb of Fr. W. de Besterfeld E., S.J. on the All Souls Day
04	Fri	09.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Thakurpukur Khari	Last Visit to Late George Kumbanaden Visit to Khari Parish
05	Sat	06.00 p.m.	Baruipur Cathedral	Mass and Confirmation
06	Sun	08.30 a.m. 04.15 p.m.	Picnic Garden, Kol.	Mass & Confirmation at Vellankini Church, Picnic Garden Departure for CBCI & CCBI Meeting at Bangalore
07-13	Mon-Sun		Bangalore	CBCI & CCBI Meeting at Bangalore
14	Mon			Returns to Baruipur
15	Tue	10.00 a.m.	Bamangachi	Meeting of Paribar Jyoti
16	Wed	10.30 a.m. 03.30 p.m.	Dishari, Baruipur Bishop's House, Baruipur	Meeting of Proclamation Commission Meeting of Finance Committee
17	Thu	10.00 a.m. 03.00 p.m.	Bishop's House, Baruipur Baruipur	Meeting of the Board of Consultors G. B. Meeting of PUS Baruipur
18	Fri	10.00 a.m.	Boitakhana Ch., Kolkata	AGM of Bangiya Christiya Pariseba
19	Sat	10.30 a.m.	Nazat	Mass and Confirmation
20	Sun	02.30 p.m.	Baruipur	'The Solemnity of the Christ the King' and Release of 2nd Edition – 'Catholic Dharma Shikhar Sarol Bakhya'
21	Mon	10.30 a.m. 03.30 p.m.	Dishari, Baruipur Kolkata	G. B. Meeting of Dishari G. B. Meeting of Boys' Town
23	Wed	11.00 a.m.	Basanti	Visit to Basanti St. Xavier's High & Primary School
24	Thu		Kolkata	
25	Fri	04.00 p.m.	Kalyanpur	Pastoral Visit
26	Sat		Kalyanpur	Pastoral Visit
27	Sun		Kalyanpur	Mass and Confirmation