



The Way of the Cross

Last year, I wrote the editorial specifically on the Ash Wednesday whereas this year, I would like to reflect on the promises attached to the Way of the Cross. The sign of the Cross traced on our forehead with the ashes, and the call to repentance, once again, makes us enter the season of lent; a period of 40 days, which is a liturgical time filled with a double measure of grace. During this period, the way of the cross is one of the most important methods of prayer. Every Friday of lent, we meditate on the passion of Christ, together in a Church community. Many of the saints have derived great benefit from accompanying Jesus on his Way to Calvary.

According to an ancient tradition, Mother Mary visited the sites of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection on a daily basis after His ascension into Heaven. It is around the 17th century, Franciscans began to develop a "Way of the Cross" in local churches whereby the faithful could walk through the passion narrative without having to go to Jerusalem.

The Stations are a great devotion to unite us to Christ's suffering and death and allow us the opportunity to accompany Him. We watch as He suffers under the weight of the cross and realize it was our sins that crucified Him.

The Stations are not meant to only be prayed during Lent, but can be devoutly made every day of the year.

The following 14 promises regarding the Way of the Cross were given to Bro. Estanislao (1903-1927), a member of the Brothers of the Christian Schools at Buggedo.

1. I will grant everything that is asked of Me with faith when making the Way of the Cross.
2. I promise eternal life to those who from time to time pray the Way of the Cross.
3. I will follow them everywhere in life, and I will help them especially at the hour of death.
4. Even if they have more sins than blades of grass in the fields and grains of sand in the sea, all of these sins will be erased by the Way of the Cross. (This promise does not eliminate the obligation to confess all mortal sins, and this before receiving Holy Communion.)

5. Those who pray the Way of the Cross often will have a special glory in Heaven.
6. I will deliver them from Purgatory indeed, if they go there at all the first Tuesday or Friday after their death.
7. I will bless them at each Way of the Cross, and My blessing will follow them everywhere on earth and, after death, in Heaven for all eternity.
8. At the hour of death. I will not permit the devil to tempt them; I will lift all power from him in order that they will repose tranquilly in My arms.
9. If they pray with true love, I will make each one of them a living ciborium in which it will please Me to pour My grace.
10. I will fix My eyes on those who pray the Way of the Cross often; My hands will always be open to protect them.
11. As I am nailed to the Cross, so also will I always be with those who honour Me in making the Way of the Cross frequently.
12. They will never be able to separate themselves from Me, for I will give them the grace never again to commit a mortal sin.
13. At the hour of death I will console them with My presence, and we will go together to Heaven. Death will be sweet to all those who have honoured Me during their lives by praying the Way of the Cross.
14. My soul will be a protective shield for them, and will always help them whenever they have recourse to it.

We can gain plenary indulgence by making the Stations, meditating on the sufferings of Our Lord. Indulgences can always be applied to the Souls in Purgatory. However, it is necessary to fulfill three conditions, namely, Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and Prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff (e.g., one 'Our Father' and one 'Hail Mary'). It is further required that all attachment to sin, even to venial sin, be absent.

Let us remember the benefits attached to the Stations of the Cross; to pray and meditate devoutly in the time of lent. Wish you all a fruitful lent. May we deeply share in the Passion Death and Resurrection of Christ to make our lives beautiful unto the heart of Him who sacrificed himself for us.

+ Shyamal Bose

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

Major Activities for the Month of February 2022

Inauguration of Free Learning Centre



The 4 Learning Centers have been Inaugurated successively on 31st of January, 1st & 2nd of February 2022 for the educational establishment of 140 children belonging to poor and migrant families in the operational area of PUS Baruipur at Charavidya, PurboJata, Keoratala and Unchi Para in the District of South 24 Parganas.

Local Panchayet Prodhan, Civil society, ASHA, Teaches, were invited as guests to grace the occasions and all of them appreciated this kind of educational initiative for the most backward community.



Fr. Saumen Malik the Director of PUS Baruipur and other staff members were present in those inaugural ceremony and shared about necessities of the Free Learning Canter for the educational betterment of the poor children in the locality especially during the post COVID-19 Situation. The main purpose of the project is to provide holistic formation to become a complete person.

All the parents were motivated and very much enthusiastic to send their children to the Free Learning Centers for the educational enhancement of their children. At the end of the inaugural ceremony, 140 selected



children from the local schools of the locality have been provided School bags and educational materials.

International Day of Women and Girls in Science

The International day of women and girls in science was observed on 11th February, 2022 in four SAD Education Centers at Kamlat, Talpukur, Bamongachhi and Gangadharpur villages in Langalbaria GP of Sonarpur Block in the District of South 24 Parganas. The International day of woman and girls in science is declared by UNESCO and UN women on 11th February, 1915. The purpose of observing such a day is to promote full and equal access to participation of women and girls in science and technology.



Local SSK, ASHA workers and School teachers were invited as guests for the program who shared their message which enlightened the girls about the participation of women in science and technology. All the invited guests were welcomed with flower bouquet and sandal tilak.



The Project teachers encouraged the girl students about their participation in the field of science and technology. The teachers mentioned example of many women who have become popular Icon in science and Technology. Mrs. Janaki Aman, the first Indian woman scientist who received PADMASHREE award in 1977. Dr. Purnima Sinha, Kamala Sohini and Ashima Chatterjee were the women scientists who were awarded the degree of Doctorate in Science.

The Participant Girls made their commitments to study well with heart and soul. All of them were inspired and stimulated with high ambition to shape their future.

Mass Awareness Campaigns

PUS Baruipur opened a stall in "Krishi O Shilpo Mela" on 16th February 2022 at JelerhatGhola village of Belegachhi Gram Panchayet under Baruipur Block in the district of South 24 Parganas for Mass awareness



campaigns on Protection of Adolescent Girls from Under Age Marriage, Anti Human Trafficking, Woman and Child abuse and violence. The project personnels were present in this mass awareness campaign. Around 3000 people visited our stall, most of them were school students, adolescent boys and girls who came to know about the violation issue and its alleviation. The project personals made them aware about the safety measures of COVID-19 and also distributed the face mask.

Rallies and Street Corners on Social Violence against Women

On 8th February 2022, rallies and street corners on social violation issue like Underage Marriage, Anti Human Trafficking, Abuse and Violence against women and children were conducted at Netra village and Uttar Belegachhi village under Canning II Block in the District of South 24 Parganas.



Altogether 155 people participated in these rallies & street corners and raised their voice on different social issues on women and children. The Banners, Posters, Placards against Under Age Marriage, Human Trafficking, Child Labour and other social violence against women were displayed during the procession so as to sensitize the whole community.

There were gathering as street corners at the end of the rally. The Local PRI member, ASHA worker, ICDS and Teacher were invited to participate in this program. The guests and resource persons shared their experiences on the issues and the ways to overcome. Mr. Chandrika Yadav, In-charge of Belegachhi Police Camp was present as resource person and showed his hand holding support and cooperation for the migration of the Issue and contact toll free helpline child line phone number 1098 or 100 for police helpline.

নব-কিরণে “হোলী ক্রস ধর্মপল্লী” (Holy Cross Church), সোনারপুর



কবিগুরু যেমন তাঁর কবিতায় বোঝাতে চেয়েছিলেন যে ইট-পাথরের কঠিন বলয়ের বাইরে ঈশ্বরের স্থান রয়েছে, তেমনি দৈনন্দিন বাহ্যিকতা ত্যাগ করে ঈশ্বরের সাথে সমবেত ভাবে মনঃসংযোগ স্থাপনের জন্য একটি আদর্শ উপাসনার যথাযথ স্থানের প্রয়োজন আছে বৈকি।

“হোলী ক্রস ধর্মপল্লী”, সোনারপুর এমনই একটি মনোজ্ঞ পরিবেশ যেখানে ধর্মপরায়ণ সার্বজনীন মানুষের আশ্রয়স্থল, সুন্দর থেকে অনিন্দ্য সুন্দর রূপে পুনঃনির্মিত হল। এই ধর্মপল্লীর সদস্যগণের উদার ও অপরিসীম সহযোগিতা এবং সুদূর দক্ষিণ ভারতের শ্রী উলফ্রেড ডি'সুজা এবং তাঁর পরিবারের অকৃত্রিম মহৎ অনুদানে পুনর্নির্মাণ সংগঠিত হয়। পাশাপাশি ঈশ্বরের পরম অনুগ্রহে সকলের সম্মিলিত প্রয়াস সার্থক ও সফল হয়েছে। এই দক্ষিণ ভারতের পরিবারটি হলেন সদা হাস্যময় ফাঃ ফাউস্টিন ব্রাঙ্কের বোনের পরিবার।

২৭শে ফেব্রুয়ারী দিনটি বারুইপুর ধর্মপ্রদেশের কাছে এক অবিস্মরণীয় দিন, এই বিশেষ দিনে গত বছর আমাদের প্রিয় ও ধর্মপ্রদেশের প্রথম ধর্মপাল চিরতলে ঈশ্বরের নগরীতে পদার্পণ করেন। এই পবিত্র দিনে উপস্থিত আনুমানিক দুশো জন সাধারণ খ্রীষ্টভক্ত ও বেশ কিছু আমন্ত্রিত পুরোহিতের উপস্থিতির মধ্যে এই উপাসনা গৃহটি ধর্মপাল শ্যামল বোস মহোদয় আশীষ দান করেন। এরপরেই উপস্থিত সকলের নৈবেদ্য দানে মহাখ্রীষ্টিয়াগ উৎসর্গ করেন ধর্মপাল শ্যামল বোস মহোদয়। ধর্মপল্লীর সঙ্গীত সংঘের সমবেত মধুর ঝংকারে মহাখ্রীষ্টিয়াগ আরও প্রাণবন্ত হয়ে উঠে। মহাখ্রীষ্টিয়াগের শেষে হোলী ক্রস ধর্ম-পল্লীবাসীগণ শ্রী উলফ্রে ডি'সুজার পরিবারবর্গকে এবং ধর্মপালসহ সকল

পুরোহিতবর্গ ও সিস্টারগণকে অভিনন্দন জ্ঞাপন করেন।

অনুষ্ঠানের বাইরে কিছু বিষয় যেমন হৃদয়ে দোলা লাগিয়েছে এবং মনে প্রশ্ন তোলে, যেমন - (১) মা সহ একটি শিশু সম্ভবত অস্বীকৃতি, ভক্তি সহকারে উপাসনায় অংশগ্রহণ করেন। (২) সিস্টার মামুনি (এম.সি.) একজন বয়স্ক মহিলার জন্য নিজের বসার আসনটি তাঁকে প্রদান করেন। (৩) ধর্মপাল মহোদয় উপাসনালয়ে প্রবেশ করা মাত্রই তিনি নতজানু সহকারে প্রার্থনায় রত হয়েছিলেন এবং তাঁর পাশেই কিছু বিশিষ্ট ব্যক্তিগণ নিজেদের মধ্যে আলাপচারিতায় ব্যস্ত ছিলেন।

পাল-পুরোহিত ফাঃ চার্লস মন্টু কাজি ও গির্জা সমিতির সুনৈতৃত্বে অনুষ্ঠানটি সার্থক ও সুন্দর হয়ে ওঠে।

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Dishari at a Glance

SCC Seminar at Kochpukur



On the 2nd of February 2022 one day seminar on SCC was held at Kochpukur, a substation of Cathedral Parish. Altogether 49 participants were there for the Seminar. The seminar began with the Bible Enthronement. Fr. Goutam Naskar and Mr. Dipankar Sardar were the resource persons for the seminar. People showed great interest in promoting SCC in their respective villages. The seminar concluded with the blessing from the Word of God.

SCC Seminar at Gangarampur

On the 6th of February, 2022 a SCC seminar was held at Gangarampur Parish. A total of 42 people were present for the seminar. Rev. Fr. Martin D'suza, the Parish Priest welcomed everyone for their enthusiasm in spreading the Good News through SCC. Rev. Fr. Pradeep Roy was the resource person for the seminar. Through his talk he encouraged faithful about the value of Word of God in our daily lives. The seminar concluded through the blessing from the Word of God.



SCC Seminar at Salika



A SCC Seminar was held at Salika substation under Kalyanpur Parish on 7th February, 2022. Altogether 52 people were present for the seminar. The seminar began with Bible enthronement. Fr. Goutam Naskar and Mr. Dipankar Sardar were the resource persons for the seminar. In his talk, Fr. Goutam Naskar encouraged the faithful to continue the SCC in their villages.

SCC Seminar at Bibirchak

A SCC follow up animation program was held at Bibirchak Substation under Cathedral parish on 9th of February, 2022 organized by Dishari Pastoral Centre with the co-operation of Rev. Fr. Edward Arockia HFF and Dn. Shanthi Raj HFF and SCC animators Mrs. Lipika Das and Mrs. Aroti Das. Overall, 51 SCC members were present there. The meeting began with the Seven Steps of Gospel sharing. In his talk, Fr. Goutam Naskar explained the purpose of S.C.C. and method of spreading it in the families. The meeting ended through the Bible Blessing.



SCC Meeting at Hotar

On 12th of February, 2022 a SCC meeting was held at Hotar Substation with the Sunday School Children, Altar Servers and SCC members. Altogether 49 faithful participated in this meeting. The meeting began with the Bible veneration. Mr. Dipankar Sardar was the resource person for this meeting. In the meeting they have decided to continue Bible sharing in their respective villages.

Christmas Get-together for SCC Members



On the 19th of February 2022 Dishari Pastoral Centre organized Christmas get-together for the members of SCC. Altogether 241 SCC members attended the same from different parishes and Substations like Cathedral, Kalyanpur, Sajnaberia, Thakurpukur, Canning, Ranigarh, R. B. Nagar, Morapai, Gangarampur, Sonarpur, Nazat, Panchamkhanda, Raghobpur, Hogolkuria and Hotar. The get-together began with the Holy Eucharistic Celebration Presided by Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Sarajit Mondal, Rev. Fr. Saumen Malik, Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan., Rev. Fr.

Deepak Ekka, Rev. Fr. Pradeep Roy, Rev. Fr. Uttam Naskar, Rev. Fr. Subir Sabhapati Singh and Rev. Fr. Goutam, Naskar. In his homily, Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose encouraged everyone to be the doer and bearer of the Word of God through their exemplary Christian life. After the Mass, there was a Carol Competition for the SCC members in which everyone took part with great efficiency. Rev. Fr. Pradeep Roy, Rev. Fr. Saumen Malik and Rev. Sr. Victoria D.S.A. were the judges for the competition. There were various responsibilities carried out by different persons for the success of the day, such as Decoration by Holy Cross Sisters, Bible Procession by Sajnaberia Parish, Choir by Mr. Pranab Bor and team. All the SCC members were extremely happy and they shared this joy and happiness with each other. Everyone was given a Christmas gift as well as prize for the winners. The programme ended with a sumptuous meal.

Christmas Get-together for Sunday School Children and Altar Servers



The Christmas Get-together for Sunday School Children and Altar Servers was organized by Dishari Pastoral Centre on the 20th February, 2022. Altogether 224 Children participated from different parishes and Substations such as Cathedral, Keorapukur, Canning, Morapai, Gangarampur, Rishi Bankim Nagar, Bibirchak, Raghobpur, Khari, Magrahat, Hotar, Jalashi, Salika and Kochpukur. The Get-together began with the Holy Eucharistic Celebration offered by Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, the V.G. and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Saumen Malik, Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan., Rev. Fr. Deepak Ekka, Rev. Fr. Pradeep Roy, Rev. Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes, Rev. Fr. Panneer Selvam and Fr. Goutam Naskar. In his homily Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy encouraged the children to keep Jesus in their hearts by being obedient to the parents, teachers, elders and participating in the activities of the Church. After the Mass, there was a Carol Competition for the Sunday School Children and Altar Servers. Rev. Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes, Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan and Miss Jayesha Doloi were the judges for the competition. Everyone was given a Christmas gift as well as prize for the winners. The programme ended with a sumptuous meal.

Ordination to the Priesthood: Deacon Sarojit Mandal



Deacon Sarojit Mandal received his Priestly Ordination on the 11th of February 2022 in the Church of Our Lady of Fatima, Gosaba. For the ordination, he was led in procession with entrance dance accompanied by bishops and priests. The Holy Mass was presided over by his Lordship Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, the bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Baruipur. Fr. Sarojit Mandal is the second vocation from the Parish. There were many priests, few sisters and a good number of faithful present for the occasion along with the family of the newly ordained to witness the joyous event. The rite of ordination began after the homily consisted of Election of the Candidate, Promise of the Elect, Litany of Supplication, Laying On of Hands, Prayer of Ordination, Vesting of the Newly Ordained, The Anointing of the Hands, Handing over of the Bread and Wine and Fraternal Kiss.

Then the liturgy of the Eucharist proceeded as usual. At the end of the ceremony the newly ordained priest gratefully acknowledged the contribution of his parents, teachers, bishops, formators, priests and religious for making him what he is. Meanwhile he was congratulated for having received the sacerdotal ordination and was greeted with garland and bouquet. All the nitty-gritty of the ceremony was well planned and executed by Rev. Fr. John Britto, the liturgy incharge and Rev. Fr. Rajesh Bag, the MC of the day. The choir rose up to the occasion in the leadership of Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan. The whole ceremony ended with community meal.

Fr. Sarojit Mandal was born of Mr. Prodip Mandal and Mrs. Chapala Mandal in 27th January 1993 at Gosaba, 4 No. Arampur. He passed out his primary education from Arampur Balika Bidyalaya, Gosaba; Madhyamik and Higher Secondary from Gosaba Rural Reconstruction Government Sponsored Institution and B.A. from Morning Star College. He completed his Minor Seminary formation from Samarpan, Kalikanan, Baruipur in 2012. In the same year he was promoted to Regional Propadeutic Seminary, Amghata, Krishnanagar for Spirituality Course which he completed in 2013. He pursued his philosophical studies from Morning Star Regional Seminary, Barrackpore in 2016. Two years later after his regency in Sacred Heart Church, Morapi and St. Joseph's Church, Sajnaberia he was sent to St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur for his theological studies in 2018. It is there he was ordained deacon on 17th of April, 2021 by His Grace Most Reverend Elias Gonsalves, Arch-Bishop of Nagpur. He had his diaconate ministry in Ascension Church, Khari & St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur respectively.

We wish Fr. Sarojit Mandal all the best as he starts his new journey as a Priest. May God Bless him with His Love, Peace and Strength.

Priestly Ordination of Deacon Rajen Simon Singh



The catholic diocese of Baruipur had yet another beautiful moment on Thursday, 24th February 2022 when Dn. Rajen Simon Singh was ordained a priest. With his Motto, "By the grace of God I am what I am" (1 Cor 15:10) he was ordained by His Lordship Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, the bishop of the same diocese. The glittering grand ceremony began at 10.30 a.m. with a solemn procession of the ordinand with bishop, priests and religious in a beautifully decorated pandal adjacent to the chapel at Kumirmari village, one of the substations of catholic church, Basanti. The solemn Holy Eucharist was presided over by the bishop and concelebrated by several priests including Rev. Fr. Aquin Noronha, Rector of St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur. Beside his parents and relatives the ceremony was also attended by other brothers and sisters, friends and well-wishers from the village and locality. The celebration was meticulously planned and orderly conducted by Fr. John Britto, the liturgy Incharge and Fr. Uttam Naskar who anchored the ordination ceremony. The melodious singing led by Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan added solemnity to the occasion.

The deacon was presented by the parents for ordination symbolizing that he is being set apart for God's work. The rites of ordination included the examination of the candidate; invocation of the Holy Spirit through the intercession of Mary, the mother of Jesus and the saints; laying on of hands by the bishop and all the concelebrating priests; prayer of consecration, investiture, anointing with holy chrism; presentation of gift and the kiss of peace.

After the final blessing Rev. Fr. Rajen Simon Singh, the newly ordained priest acknowledged with great humility the contribution of his family and all others especially during the years of his formation till the moment of his priestly ordination. He also thanked Bishop Shyamal Bose, Fr. Aquin Noronha, Rector of St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur and all the priests, sisters, friends and well wishers who stood with him to this day. Large number of villagers and neighbours came out to see and greet the newly ordained.

Rev. Fr. Rajen Simon Singh was born on March 08, 1989 in 2 No. Shibganj Paschim Para. His parents are Francis Singh and Jhorna Singh. He is the

second son in the family. He has two brothers and one sister. He did his Primary Schooling in Shibganj Avaythonic Prathomic Vidyaloy and higher secondary in Sundarban Adarsha Vidyaniketan. After completing his higher secondary he joined the Minor Seminary in Samarpan, Kalikanan Road, Baruipur in the year 2010. After two years of Minor Seminary he was sent for Spirituality course in The Regional Propadeutic Seminary Tantipara, Amghata in the year 2012. Then he was promoted to Major Seminary, Morning Star Regional Seminary, Barrackpore where he studied B.A and Philosophy from 2013-2015. The two years of regency was in Ascension Church Khari and Sacred heart Church, Morapai. It was then a time for Theological studies which he pursued from St. Charles seminary, Nagpur during the year 2017-2022. Subsequently he was ordained deacon at St. Charles Seminary on 17th of April, 2021 by His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur. It was followed with diaconate ministry in St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur and Sacred Heart church, Thakurpukur.

Hearty congratulations and prayerful wishes to Fr. Rajen Simon Singh as he ascends the altar of God. May the Lord help him to be a faithful and effective Priest at the service of the people.

In memory of the 1st Death Anniversary of Late Bp. Linus Nirmal Gomes



The first death anniversary of Late Bishop, Linus Nirmal Gomes, s.j. was marked with a prayer service in the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Teresa of Calcutta, Baruipur on February 27, 2022 at 4 p.m. There were about 130 people present for the prayer. Among those present were Bishop, priests, sisters, brothers and the faithful of cathedral parish. The prayer service evoked the ethos of gratitude and respect before the magnanimity of Late bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes. The two contemporaries of his time, Rev. Fr. Pradeep Roy and Mrs. Alpana Gomes, shed some lights on the life and mission of bishop which was for many inspirational as well as informative. Listening about his personalities generated reverence towards him. The book, "In memories of Most Rev. Bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes SJ" written by Rev. Fr. Jeyaraj Veluswamy S.J. was released by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose. Subsequently Fr. Jeyaraj presented a copy of the book to the bishop and then bishop presented the copy to Fr. Francis Makhali, Sr. Daisy Rani, Mr. Chinmay Mohanti and Miss Sudipta Malita. He then in a nut shell briefed about the book. Thereafter, all went in procession to the bishop's house cemetery for the blessing of the grave by the bishop. At the end of the prayer all were served tea and snacks.

From the Proclamation Desk

Seminar on Faith Formation for Catechumens



Dishari Pastoral Centre organized a two days seminar on Faith Formation for the Catechumens from 9th and 10th February, 2022. Altogether 49 Catechumens from different places such as Kakdwip, Namkhana, Kulpi, Fultala etc have come for the seminar. Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan was the resource person for the seminar. Through his sessions, Fr. Ramen Pailan enlightened them with the basic Catechism of the Catholic Church as well as he explained about 'Apostle's Creed'. Apart from the sessions, there were Adoration, praise and worship. At the end of the seminar, they went home with new zeal and full of life.

Sharing of Word of God with the Catechumens at Haripur, Namkhana



On the 21st of February, 2022 Fr. Goutam Naskar along with Sr. Binoy MC and some members of Proclamation Commission went to share the Word of God among the Catechumens at Haripur (near Namkhana). Altogether 34 Catechumens have gathered there to listen the Good News. These people have weekly prayer and fasting. Some of them came forward with the testimonies about the abundant blessings of Christ working among them. The Gospel sharing lasted for two hours and ended with the praise and worship by Sr. Binoy MC.

Celebration of the Foundation or Birth Day of Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM)



“O Give Thanks To The Lord, For He Is Good, Yes, Eternal Is His Love.”

It was a day of joy and thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessings throughout the year to celebrate the birth day or foundation day of **INDIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH MOVEMENT (ICYM)**. On 6th February 2022, Youth Commission of Baruipur celebrated the auspicious day at Catholic Church Bamanpukur. From three parishes namely, Ranigarh, Kumrakhal and Bamanpukur around 95 (Ninety five) youth gathered together to celebrate the day. The beautiful celebration began with the Holy Eucharist which was offered by Fr. Ramen Pailan, Director of Youth Commission. After the mass there was ICYM flag hosting program, Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabarty, Diocesan Youth President gave an introduction where he mainly spoke about the day and the Patron Saint of ICYM **St. Gonsalo Garcia**. He described his life and his work and journey of a blessed life he had. He invited Fr. Soosaippan Y., the Parish Priest of Bamanpukur to host the ICYM Flag. Thereafter there was welcome ceremony by Miss. Rosy Naskar and Mr. Mrinmoy Sardar. They welcomed Fr. Ramen, Fr. Soosaippan Y., Mr. Sarbeswar, Mr. Arup Magol, Parish former President and Fr. Indrajit Sardar, Parish Priest of Kumrakhal and former youth director of Baruipur. Fr. Soosai officially welcomed the entire youth and gave short message to the youth that they should learn to take good decision and use the opportunities of life. Fr. Indrajit, in his message said, that in this present age youth are mostly taking wrong decision, they are in hurry to do anything and in the process making mistake. He encouraged them to study well to stand on their feet and lead a good life.

Thereafter there was a beautiful action song and then Fr. Ramen and Mr. Sarbeswar took them in a session on **Mission and Vision of ICYM**. They explained it and guided them on the way to lead the youth and the Church. The beautiful celebration ended with cutting the ICYM Birth Day Cake and a delicious Lunch.



YOUTH ORIENTATION and SYNOD at Khari Parish

On 27th of February 2022 there was a youth orientation at Khari Parish on the theme, **Youth and Synod**. On that day 65 young people from the Parish including substations participated in the orientation. The day began with the Holy Eucharist offered by Fr. Ramen Pailan, the Diocesan Youth Director of Baruipur. He prayed for the youth and their parents. In his homily he said that they should help each other instead of judging. The orientation began with welcome ceremony led by Mr. Sastik Kanji and Megha Kanji, the parish youth members. They welcomed Fr. Ramen Pailan, the Director, Fr. Panneer Selvam, Parish Priest, Fr. Sarojit Mandal, newly ordained priest of Baruipur, Fr. Pradip Dari, assistant parish priest of Khari, Sr. Martha DSA, Superior of Khari and Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabarty, Diocesan Youth President of Baruipur, with flowers and performed a beautiful prayer dance. Fr. Saorjit Mandal was invited to give message for the young, and in his message he said that this is the time when youth can setup their goal, they have to study well and work hard to get a good achievement. Fr. Raman Pailan started his session on **Youth and Synod**. He divided the youth in eight groups and beautifully explained the meaning and the mission of Synod. He encouraged them to know the present situation of the society and how the youth are losing themselves. They had a workshop and were given few questions to discuss. The youth discussed and answered the questions. They have also discussed and described the difficulties they are facing in their youth ministry. According to the questions they expressed how they helped the church to build a Synodal Church. Mr. Sarbeswar and Fr. Ramen helped them to solve the problems and the difficulties they are facing in the youth ministry. Mr. Sarbeswar quoted few points of Holy Father Pope Francis and gave them three points from where they can get most of the solutions and can help to build a community. He said **Learn to Forgive and Love, Share and Care and Guide and Lead**. He Clearly explained them how they can forgive and love each other as well as how they can share their experience and take care of their family, friends and the Church member and also to the non Christians. He also mentioned how they can guide the children and youth and how they can lead them in a good way. The orientation ended with the vote of thanks by Fr. Pradip Dari.



- Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabarty

News from Paribar Jyoti

Animators Workshop, 8th-9th February 2022:

The Animators monthly workshop was very prolific by their presentation of monthly reports and plans. The Animators Workshop is the time where every month we get the chance to correct and improve ourselves by checking on our activities. The Animators and Staff presented their reports and activities of last month. This is a great learning session for us as we learn from each other by sharing and receiving comments, suggestions and practical situational examples. However, monthly workshops are helpful for us to broaden our knowledge and imply them in our respective zones. Towards the end of the workshop, we set up our own targets and accordingly plan our activities for the next month. -Gurupada Dolui



In-laws Workshop at Barelia under Morapai Parish, 10th February 2022:

In-law's programme was organized by Barelia, the Substation of Morapai Parish on 10th of February 2022 for the well-being of relationships in the family between mother in laws, daughter in laws and son in-laws. The programme began with a small prayer by Fr. Uttam Naskar. There were various questions related to their issues and they responded with relevant answers. They realised the necessity of the behaviour and language they should use with their daughter in-laws, son in-laws so that a healthy and joyful relationship grows up between them. 45 participants were present. Lastly in groups they presented their role and responsibility towards the family. -Joya Doloi



Marriage Preparation Course, 11th-12th February 2022:

A total number of 28 participants participated in this training. Though at the beginning some were shy to open up but others were very attentive and co-operative and encouraged the others. We were

really moved as after one session they became so spontaneous in going on with the activities that we had for them. They also did not step back from clearing their doubts by asking questions which we answered by giving examples from our practical lives. Having given training to these would-be couples was a great time for us as we enjoyed their company here at Paribar Jyoti. - John Francis Lobo



Husband-Wife Relationship Workshop at Hot-Nagar, 20th February 2022:

It's a great joy to have such a programme for the people of Hot-Nagar just beyond Joy-Nagar. They shared few memories beside happy moments which were very expensive. They expressed that they will try to get rid of their problems in the family as a wife/husband. Participants were so decent to respond and asked for a few clarifications regarding their lives. Clarifications were given by themselves as we encourage them to speak. They were very happy to listen to us as we explained through practical examples. Lastly, they were divided into groups for discussion on their marital life and tiff life. They promised that no more self-centred behaviour rather cooperation and understanding with everyone in the family as well as with the neighbours. - Joya Doloi



Family Cell Follow-Up Meeting at Basanti Parish, 21st February 2022:

Keeping the Corona pandemic in mind we had to pause the physical meeting and activities for almost two years. But now as everything has become alive again the Family cell members are now eager to start the meetings and continue their activities. The members present in the meeting shared their good and bad experiences of the lockdown situation and also how they stood beside the families by giving their support and help. They are now all ready to continue their

regular activities like; house visits, contacts, organizing programmes and seminars, sending participants for training at Paribar Jyoti and also making arrangements for counselling for the needy families. The Parish Priest is in full support and always encouraging the members.

- John Francis Lobo

Family Cell Follow-Up Meeting at Ranigarh Parish, 22 February 2022:

The Family Cell members were really very happy to attend the meeting almost after two years due to the pandemic. In the meeting they stated that it is very important to guide the families as the families have suffered a lot due to covid and the natural calamities. The members giving their consent added that they should take in active members to reach out to the families and also that they can organize retreats and seminars. The Parish Priest is very impressed by their motivation and promised all possible cooperation from his part. -John Francis Lobo

Young Couples Workshop, 25th- 26th February 2022:

The already married couples who attended this workshop were eager to know the different challenges of married life as some were newly married while others for a few years. We could feel their reactions while going along with the topics as they reflected on their present married life. Overall, they attended the training with full mind and soul as in the evaluation they shared that the training touched their hearts and so are willing to do everything possible to lead a happy married life. -Gurupada Dolui



Family Cell Follow-Up Meeting at Ranigarh Parish, 28th February 2022:

The Family Cell Meeting was organised by the Parish Priest at Kumrakhali Parish on 28th February 2022. The main discussion of the meeting was the beautiful relationship and responsibility of husband and wife in the family which creates a loving and responsible family. Family cell members were very eager to have a one-day programme as they are facing several problems in the family. Ms. Joya Doloi nicely explained to them about the importance of loving relationships between husband and wife. She described the programme of Paribar Jyoti and said these are very significant for family life.

-Joya Doloi Staff



MARCH

- 05 Br. Anshu Ghoroi
- 08 Br. Rajen Simon Singh
- 24 Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose
- 25 Fr. Kanauj Roy

Late Miss. Sunita Sattler - A Woman for others



On 08.02.2022, Ms. Sunita Sattler left for her eternal life. Heartfelt condolence to Dr. Erich Sattler - Dornbacher and her relatives.

Ms. Sunita touched the hearts and minds of Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo, Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose, many Priests and people of Baruipur diocese by her love.

She loved the people so much that she used to visit the diocese once in a year.

She devoted and dedicated herself to the service of suffering and distress people in Baruipur Diocese. People too loved her so dearly. She will live in the hearts of many people here in Baruipur Diocese. She helped to the poor student for their education.

She was a great German Police. Her inspiration and spirit will guide us to contribute to the people who need our loving service.

May her Soul Rest in Peace!

Ordination

MARCH

- 22 Fr. Kuruvilla Thottam, SJ
- 31 Fr. Uttam Naskar

Priestly Ord. of Bp.

- 19 Bp. Salvadore Lobo

Memorable and Admirable

- 01 Fr. Le Jeune Jean Pierre S.J.
- 05 Fr. Van Hove Joseph S.J.
- 15 Fr. Ernst Albert S.J.

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of March 2022

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges: We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

NOTICE BOARD

March 2022:

- # Priests' recollection on 8th March evening till 9th March lunch at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruipur.
- # There will be a meeting of the members of the Proclamation Commission on 16th March, 2022, time 10:30 am, at Dishari.
- # Chrism Mass on April 12, 2022 in Cathedral Church, Baruipur at 2.30 p.m.

Paribar Jyoti: Programme for the Month of March 2022

- # Marriage Preparation Course from 4th and 5th
- # Personality Development Seminar for Class IX & X from 20th and 21st
- # Young Couples programme from 25th and 26th

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

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Tue		Kolkata	
02	Wed	06.00 p.m.	Baruipur Cathedral	Ash Wednesday Mass
03	Thu	11.00 p.m.	Thakurpukur	Visit
04	Fri	02.30 p.m.	Kochpukur	Way of Cross and Mass
06	Sun	07.30 a.m.	Bonmogra	Mass & Confirmation
07	Mon	09.00 a.m.	Noorpur	Visit
08	Tue	09.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Dishari, Baruipur	Meeting with Women Commission Mass
11	Fri	02.30 p.m.	Kalipur	Way of Cross and Mass
12	Sat	Evening		Departure for Bamanpukur
13	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Bamanpukur	Mass
14	Mon	04.00 p.m.	Archbishop House, Kol.	G. B. Meeting of Boys Town
15	Tue	10.30 a.m.	Paribar Jyoti	G. B. Meeting of Paribar Jyoti
16	Wed	10.30 a.m. 03.30 p.m.	Dishari, Baruipur Bishop's House, Baruipur	Meeting of the Proclamation Commission
17	Thu	10.00 a.m. 03.30 p.m.	Bishop's House, Baruipur PUS, Baruipur	Meeting of the Board of Consultors of CDB G. B. Meeting of PUS
18	Fri	01.00 p.m.	Panchamkhanda	Way of Cross and Mass
19	Sat	03.30 p.m.	Dishari, Baruipur	G.B. Meeting of Gyan Deep
20	Sun	09.30 a.m.	Budge Budge	Mass
22	Tue	10.00 a.m.		Diocesan Synod Synthesis
23	Wed	10.00 a.m.		Diocesan Synod Synthesis
24	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Dishari, Baruipur	G. B. Meeting of Dishari
27	Sun	08.00 a.m.	Chuprijhara	Mass and Confirmation