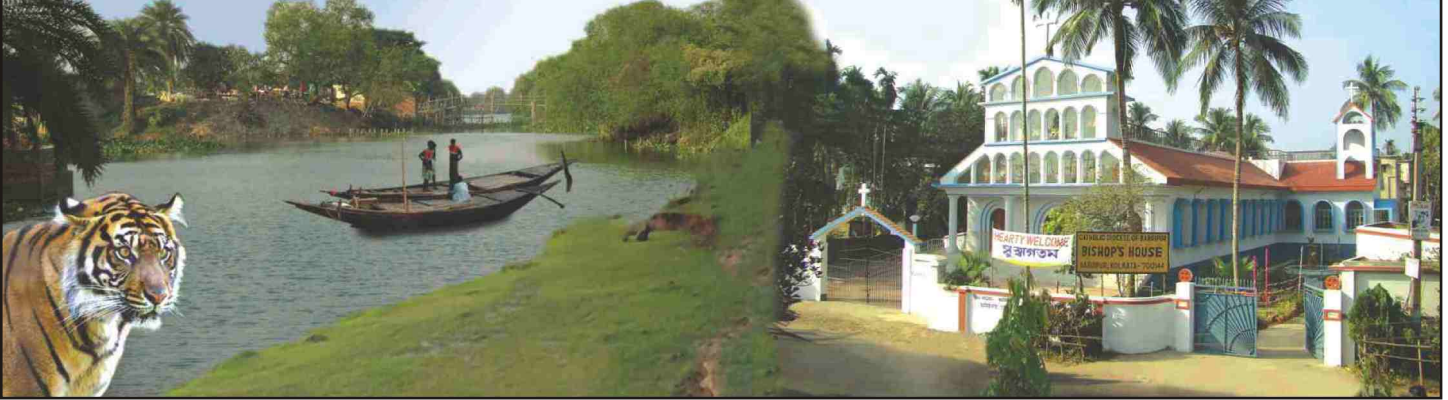


# Baruipur News

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## A Great Missionary of Modern Times (1506-1552)

**"When trying to evangelize, no tool is more effective, than that of personal witness. ...People can argue with points of doctrine but no-one can argue with a personal testimony!" (St. Francis Xavier).**

St. Francis Xavier, Spanish San Francisco Xavier or Xavier, was born on April 7, 1506, in Spain and entered his eternal destination on December 3, 1552, in China. He was ordained priest on June 24, 1537 but celebrated his First Mass after a rigorous 40 days fast and spiritual preparation. He is one of the greatest missionaries of modern times, who established Christianity in India, the Malay Archipelago and Japan. In 1534, he pronounced vows as the second of the first seven members of the Society of Jesus, under the valuable guidance of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

When Francis met Ignatius in Paris he was full of himself. He was very proud and ambitious. He lived to follow his desire of fulfilling his goal of becoming someone great in the eyes of the world. However, for three years Ignatius patiently encouraged Francis to look at his life differently. Ignatius asked Francis, "What profits a man, if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?" (Mk. 8:36). Gradually, Francis changed his mind and shifted his goal from an earthly one to a heavenly one to bring the world to Jesus Christ. The Bible and a book of meditations were the constant companions of Francis in his extensive journey of ministering to the poor and the sick. He spend his nights in prayer in imitation of his Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. As he moved on, Francis left behind the legacy of Churches that became the foundations for the Catholic faith in Asia.

In 1541 King John of Portugal asked Ignatius for priests to send to the missions in India. Despite knowing he would never see his beloved companion again, Ignatius chose Francis Xavier for the mission. Francis left for India, arriving at the city of Goa in 1542. For the next ten years the missionary Francis Xavier traveled from Goa to Cape Comorin in south India, then to the East Indies, Malacca, and the Moluccas, and onward to Japan. It was Francis Xavier's great ambition to get permission to enter China as a missionary. He died on December 3, 1552, at the age of 42 years after being exhausted from his labors and fasts, on a small island off the coast of China with only one companion at his side.

In the twentieth century, some scholarly studies claim the number of baptisms administered by Francis is about 30,000. Research has shown that he always provided for the continuing pastoral care of the communities he founded and did not abandon them after baptism, as some critics maintained. In fact, he took efforts in instructing those baptized hastily by others.

We draw some valuable lessons from the life of St. Francis as follows.

1) Francis responded to the call of the Gospel in renouncing the life of flesh, but living the life in the Spirit. Through the Spiritual Exercises guided by his

friend and companion Ignatius, he became aware of himself with his strengths and weaknesses. He realised that even though he was a sinner, yet he was called to follow Jesus Christ. He discerned and chose to be Christ's disciple in the service of God and humankind. We can imitate him by keeping our minds open to the transformation offered by the Word, despite our sinfulness.

2) Francis Xavier was a man of great adaptability. In the beginning, he started as an itinerant preacher. However, later when mission demanded, he could walk on a new path to run the College of St. Paul in Goa and transformed the institution into an excellent home of higher education and character building. On one occasion, when he realized that his poverty would not help him in his work with the Japanese, he used a prudent trick. He rented a carriage drawn by horses, dressed in silk robes, and when he arrived ceremoniously in Yamaguchi, this time he was welcomed at the Daimyo's Palace!

3) At the University of Paris, power, fame and wealth were within his easy reach. He renounced this life of riches and became a poor for the sake of Christ. He became an epitome of humility. He gave up everything for the sake of preaching the Gospel of love and mercy.

4) On April 7, 1541, the 35<sup>th</sup> birthday of Francis, the ship 'Santiago' sailed East with Xavier on board. He was a mission-focussed man and did not waste time. Soon after he arrived in Goa, he made himself available by visiting the sick, serving lepers, preaching to the Portuguese, and exploring new options for mission. Even though he did not know Asian languages, he worked diligently teaching and preaching in coastal South India, the Malay Archipelago, Moluccas, and even Japan. He inspires us to move on with the fire of God. He was a man fully given to the mission entrusted to him.

5) Those who knew him wrote that "he walked with joy" and he moved around "with laughter in his mouth." Finally, Xavier's life inspires us to move from mediocrity to joyful generosity for God's greater glory. From the Spiritual Exercises that he did under the guidance of his friend, Ignatius, he was driven to do "more" and "greater" things for God. The paramount question that always accompanied Xavier was: What more can I do for God and God's people?

All of us are called to spread the Good News of Christ. Perhaps, all of us are not called to preach to the distant land and shore. However, we are all called to be evangelists to the people with whom we stay in our families; with whoever we meet in our daily lives. Our preaching is credible and acceptable when we preach not only with words but with our actions oriented through the love of God for the good of the people. Through the denial of oneself and reaching out to others with the Gospel Ignatius gave us a great example. May we reflect and go out in imitation of him.

+ Shyamal Bose



## Celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King



It was an immense joy for the people of God in Pamchamkhanda to celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. The procession of Christ the king began at 3:30 p.m. by adoring Christ the king in the Blessed Sacrament in front of a small grotto of the village. With great zeal and enthusiasm around 200 people proclaimed Christ as their King in the midst of seven Christian denominations and people of other faiths. It was wonderful to see that the crowd and passersby were amazed and moved by singing, chanting and praising of the faithful. The procession ended in the main church with benediction. After the celebration there was refreshment for all.

## A Glance at St Cecilia Musical Evening

With praises and singing to God, Morning Star Seminary brought tranquil joys and delight in the evening of November 21, 2022, by organizing a short cultural programme, a day before the feast of St. Cecilia, the patron saint of all musicians and singers. More than three hundred fathers, sisters and brothers witnessed the programme. The programme commenced with a devotional song, Satyam Shivam Sundaram. Thereafter, the brothers displayed their cultural dances and songs. Rev. Fr. George Panthanmackel (MSFS), the Rector of Morning Star Seminary, was the chief guest of the day. He inspired the gathering by highlighting the positive role of music in our life. Music indicates and teaches the beauty and productivity of symphony and harmony in our life. "Music gives peace to the soul, and rest to the mind." Thus our praises and singing are for the glory of God. The programme ended with a fellowship meal.



- Br. David Panja

## Arrival of Sisters of St. Anne of Chennai (SSAM)



Fr. Jonas Singha blessed the site and dedicated the foundation stone for a new convent building of Sisters of St. Anne of Chennai on November 21, 2022 at 11.30 a.m. in Haridevpur, near Tollygunge, Kolkata under St. Anthony's Church, Keorapukur. Also present for the happy occasion were Sr. Clara Vasanthi, their Mother General and Sr. Celine Fathima, the provincial. The event was also witnessed by few priests, the neighbours, a few parishioners and a number of Sisters from their congregation. This was one of the most memorable days for the Sisters as this is the first house in the diocese of Baruipur.

The Sisters of St. Anne are involved in various ministries, such as education, health, social and evangelisation. The Generalate of Sisters of St. Anne is located in Chennai. The provincialate of North and North East Province is situated in Choto Jagulia, near Barasat, North 24 Parganas. They serve

in the dioceses of Kolkata, Asansol, Delhi, Dumka, Nongstine and Gulbarga. The Diocese welcomes them and wishes them all the best.

## News from Paribar Jyoti

**Family Cells Meeting, Kumrokhali:** With the help of Parish Priest and Assistant parish Priest Fr. Bablu Sardar we had a meeting with the family cells members at Kumrokhali Parish on November 3, 2022. Seeing the present situation of the local area the members have decided to organize a youth orientation programme.



**Marriage Preparation Course:** This particular training was a surprising one as the



participants were open minded and spontaneous right from the beginning on November 4th & 5th, 2022. However, we were more surprised to have in our midst Most Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose on the first day evening for a while and the next morning we had resource person of the day Most Rev. Bishop emeritus Salvadore Lobo. Both the Bishops inspired and motivated the participants through their valuable speech in addressing family life and its various challenges and their roles in the family as husband-wife to form a family like the holy family of Jesus.

**Children Mental Health:** A program for



parents on Children's Mental health was organized at 10. No. Baria, substation of Kumrokhali Parish with the help of family cell members on November 6, 2022. Many Issues related to the age group of 0-11 years were raised from the participants and those were discussed meaningfully with explanations by our staff. Lastly, parents realized their roles and responsibilities towards their children and how to behave in time.

**Family Cell Meeting:** Family cell meeting was held at R. B. Nagar parish regarding

family visits and various problems in the family on November 10, 2022. Our staff Mrs. Jaya Doloi has made them understand that the necessity of the family is happiness and then the family becomes happy and peaceful. Other programs were also discussed to which they wish to have an awareness program for youth.

### Family Cell Follow-up Meeting

**Gostomath:** Looking at the present scenario of the youth as getting involved in so many unwanted and awful activities like mobile phone, eloping and marrying at an early age, no religiosity, disinterest in studies and life without a goal; a programme was organized at Gostomath sub-station of Raghobpur parish with an initiative of Family Cell Members to motivate the youth to bring some changes in their character on November 15, 2022. They have fixed the date for youth programme on December 4, 2022.

### Regional Family Commission Meeting:

It was a pleasure for us to have the Regional Family Commission Meeting in our diocese for West Bengal-Sikkim Region on November 16th to 18th, 2022. A warm welcome was given to the Chairman of the Regional Family Commission, Most Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose, the Bishop of Baruipur Diocese. He inaugurated and prayed for the well-being of the members of the family commission and for all the families of the world. The Secretary, Rev. Fr. Joseph Biswas, explained to us on the topic "Domestic Violence" through power point presentation and discussion. The topic was further explained in more detail by the main resource person, Rev. Fr. Pradeep Roy, who through



his experience helped us to reflect on the burning scenario of the families in these present circumstances. We were fortunate enough to have amongst us two more resource persons, Advocate Rev. Fr. Faustine Brank and Retired Police Inspector Mr. Arindam Archarya, who shared with us their vast knowledge and experiences on the legal aspects of Marriage and Domestic Violence which was really very informative to us. Overall, the workshop was very beneficial for all.

### Child Mental Health at Basanti, Kalidanga Village:



child mental health was organized at village Kalidanga, Basanti, under the initiative of Mrs. Pravati Bag, animator of Paribar Jyoti on November 17, 2022. She made this programme for mothers of children because they may understand the minds of children. In this programme many mothers said that we knew very little about our children's minds and now we have learned a lot from this programme and have realized this kind of program is very beneficial for mothers.

### Animators Workshop - November

**22nd & 23rd, 2022:** Be it a staff or an animator, we all wait for this workshop as it gives us the feeling of being united as one family in "Paribar Jyoti". We all have got the opportunity to share our previous month's activities and experiences. All have shared ideas from their respective work zones which were really very useful for each of us to implement in our respective zones.





Subsequently there were a few sessions like; Parenting and In-laws to boost our knowledge and experiences. Lastly, having ourselves well refreshed, we planned out our activities for the coming month accordingly.

### Family Cell Follow-up Meeting, Keorapukur:

The family cell members



Family Cell Meeting

shared their activities, experiences and success stories which were remarkable on November 24, 2022. There are two such instances where members shared that a family was at the breaking point but with the help of family cell members that family could

unite again. After which Mr. Francis Lobo, staff of Paribar Jyoti, explained to them the Do's and Don'ts of house visits and also explained some necessary points through Power point presentation. The members expressed that



In-laws Awareness programme

they have benefitted a lot from the discussion.

**In-laws Awareness Programme:** A half-day In-laws' program was organized at Haripur by the initiative of Mrs. Alorani Sardar, animator of Paribar Jyoti on November 25, 2022. This awareness programme was held in a special way so that In-laws may understand their daughter's in-laws in the family. Many in-

laws have expressed that we need to cooperate with our daughter's in-laws in our family. This program was so meaningful to them that they expressed we have learned a lot from this program and have come to comprehend this type of program is very useful for in-laws.

### Young Couples Workshop - November 25th & 26th, 2022:

The young couples attending the course were a bit shy to open their ideas at the beginning but the ice-breaking and the friendly attitude of the staff made them so comfortable that they shared so many practical experiences from their life. We were fortunate enough to have amongst us Rev. Fr. Faustine Brank who extended his helping hands to share some vital information for knowledge and wellbeing of the couples in the marital life on the legal aspects of marriage. After this session participants were very happy that they have said to stay united in happiness.

## Bishop's Pastoral Visit and Confirmation in Kalyanpur

Eighty-eight children of Kalyanpur Parish received the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday November 27, 2022. Most Rev. Shyamal Bose conferred the sacrament in the well-attended Holy Mass celebrated at 7.30 a.m. along with the parish clergy. The two and half-hour liturgy was well prepared and went on very smoothly with the melodious accompaniment of the parish choir. The Bishop in his homily spoke on the duties of those who are confirmed and the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The children had been well prepared for the sacrament by the parish clergy over the weekends of almost three months. They were given certificates, gifts and food packets after the service.

Bishop Shyamal Bose came to Kalyanpur on Pastoral Visit from 25 to 27 November 2022. He met the parish Clergy individually, sisters in their convent, Parish council, youth and various pious associations and encouraged and appreciated them for their service and contribution to the church.



- Fr. John Britto

## Celebration of the Feast of Christ the King, Cathedral Baruipur



Catholics in and around the cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Teresa of Calcutta, Baruipur joined together on Sunday, November 20, 2022 to celebrate the feast of Christ the King. The feast which started with a Holy Mass presided over by His Lordship, Most Rev. Shyamal Bose was full of symbolic expressions of the royal status of Jesus Christ as the king of the Universe. The day became memorable as Bishop Shyamal Bose published the second edition of the Book titled "ক্যাথলিক ধর্মশিক্ষার সরল ব্যাখ্যা (catholic dhormoshikhar soral byakhya)" authored by himself. After the Mass the solemn procession started from Baruipur Cathedral to Holy Cross School, Khasmallik. The faithful, priests, sisters, bothers, flower girls and altar servers went on procession, singing praises and praying, while Bishop carried the Eucharistic Lord in a monstrance. It was an opportunity to bear witness to our neighbours that Jesus Christ is king of kings. The celebration ended with benediction in Holy Cross School.

## Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

### Major Activities of PUS Baruipur for the Month of November 2022

#### Educational Materials Distribution



On November 4, 2022, Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur distributed 875 Exercise Book as educational materials to 175 Children belonging to Children Parliament at Bipradaspur, Pathankhali, Chunakhali and Fulmalancha Gram Panchayet under WCP Project.

#### Mass Campaigning in Fair and Festivals



On November 9 & 14, 2022, PUS Baruipur organized Mass awareness campaigns on women and child protection against abuse and violence in local fair 'Rashmela' at Hedia and Nikharighata.

Around 7500 people have visited our stalls and came to know about the violence against women and children and its protection. Different posters & banners have been displayed and handbills have been distributed in these festivals. The project personnel replied to the queries raised by the visitors.

#### District Level Civil Society Network Meeting on Sundarban DRR Resilience

On November 10, 2022, Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur organized a workshop titled



'Creation and strengthening of a Civil Society at District Level on Sundarban Issues under the project Global Programme India. Altogether 53 representatives from 28 Civil Society Organization from Basanti, Gosaba, Kakdwip, Namkhana, Kultali and Mathurapur II Blocks under District of South 24 Parganas participated in this workshop.



Mr. Dibyendu Sarkar, IAS (Rtd.), Former Secretary in the Panchayet & Rural Dev. Dept., West Bengal and Mr. Samanjit Sengupta, WBCS Officer on Panchayet and Rural Development Department Government of West Bengal facilitated the workshop as resource persons.

Fr. Saumen Malik, Director of PUS Baruipur, welcomed all the participants and shared the objectives of the workshop that the Disaster resilient issues need to be addressed in order to establish "Sundarbans" as Disaster Resilient Zone. Mr. Shankar Joseph Makhal, project Coordinator of Global Programme India shared the activities and achievements of the project during 2021-2022.

The NGO representatives shared different DRR resilient model on Agriculture, Safe Drinking water, Housing, Storage of Food as recommendations which is needed to include with the DRR related Government Schemes as entitlements.

Mr. Dibyendu Sarkar discussed on disaster resilient issues need to be addressed in order to establish a Disaster Resilient village. Mr. Samanjit Sengupta, shared on Disaster Resilient model related to agro-based livelihood in context of climate change Adaptation in Sundarban and suggested some recommendation to sustain the agro based livelihood during disaster.

#### Dry Ration Kit and Green Net Distribution

On November 11 & 12, 2022, PUS Baruipur distributed Dry Ration Kit to 1000 children belonging to poor and marginalized families



for the prevention of Malnutrition in Namkhana and Patharpratima Block in the District of South 24 Parganas under the Agro-based Livelihood Project. The dry Ration kits consisted of Soyabean, Sugar, Cooking oil, Mosoor Dal, Sattoo, Detergent Powder and Ration Bag as to meet their essential commodities.

Green Net also distributed to 80 marginal Farmers for the repairing of their betel orchards whose betel vine were damaged by the cyclone "Yeas"

#### Distribution of Khesari Dal Seed



On November 14, 2022, PUS Baruipur in collaboration with Agriculture Department, Gosaba Block distributed 1500 kg "Khesari Karai seed" to 400 marginal Farmers in Pathankhali, Bipradaspur and Gosaba Gram Panchayet under Uttoran and Global Programme India Projects as to promote cultivation of local varieties cereals as climate change adoptive agricultural practice in Sundarbans Island.

#### Distribution of Educational Materials and Food Packets

On November 16, 2022, PUS Baruipur distributed Educational Materials, Toiletries and Nutritious Food Packet to 373 students of





SAD Langaberia Project. In the beginning of the distribution there was introductory meeting conducted with the students and their parents. The Director of PUS Baruipur shared that parents need to be more active and serious about the education of their children.

The beneficiaries were very happy to receive Soyabean, Bengal Gram, Mosoor Dal, Peanut, Sattoo, Sugar, Glycerine soap, Detergent Powder, Toothpaste, Coconut oil, Sanitary Napkin, Exercise Book, Drawing Book, Pen, Pencil, Pastel Colour and Ration Bag as to meet their essential commodities.

### Training for DCC Staff and Parents

On November 18, 2022, Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur organized a training programme on "Mental Health of Care Giver" for the DCC mothers and project staff.

Mr. Biswajit Mukherjee was the Resource Person of the Day. He discussed about Mild,



Moderate and Severe mental health of care giver mainly to the Mothers of Disabled children. He also discussed about Physical and Mental care of the Children and their daily living Activities including Medication, Communication and Counselling.

Mrs. Samprita Sengupta, the Senior Program Manager of FADV encouraged the mothers to maintain the Personnel Hygiene, Practice Meditation and also linkage to access government facilities for the betterment of their children.

### Medical Check up for the Children of Free Learning Centre

On November 18, 28 & 30, 2022, the medical check up was conducted for the children of 5 Free Learning Centres.

Altogether 175 children from Unchipara, Keoratala, Purbo Jata Charavidya and Hotar centre participated in this health check up camp.

Dr. Ashim Banerjee, child specialist physician visited the children and all of them were provided medicine as per doctor's prescription.



## Dishari at a Glance

### Regional Council of SCCs-West Bengal & Sikkim

The Regional Council meeting was organized from November 23-25, 2022 at DDC Pastoral Center, Raiganj. All together 80 participants including bishops, priests, nuns and laity took part in the regional council meeting. The theme was "Role of Laity in the Synodal Church". The meeting began with a welcome speech delivered by Fr. Paulus Hemrum. Fr. I.P Sarto, the secretary of Regional Council of SCC also extended his hearty welcome to all. Rt. Rev. Fulgance, Tigga, the bishop of Raiganj Diocese spoke about the unity and love which will help the laity to work in hand in hand in his introductory speech. Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo, the emeritus Bishop of Baruipur, Rt. Rev. Vincent Aind, the president of Regional Council of SCC, Rev. Fr. I. P Sarto, Rev. Fr. Ignatius Topno and Rev. Fr. Panneer Selvam were the resource persons of the meeting.



Rt. Rev. Vincent Aind explained the Synodality, saying that in church, we are in connection with each other in love. He further said that Synodality meant to be a communion of community.

Rev. Fr. Panneer Selvam discussed the 'Role of Laity in the Church from the point of Canon Law'. He explained the responsibility of laity in the participatory structures of the church. He emphasized to begin the Synodality at home because 'family ecclesia domestica' which means family is a small church. Rev. Fr. I. P Sarto, Rev. Fr. Ignatius Topno gave the guidelines of a good animator of BEC (Basic Ecclesia Community) and the aims of BEC.

In his session Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo elaborately explained the role of laity in the synodal church. He said "It's not enough to have a Synod, you must be a Synod".

### BEC Seminar at Radhanagar

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (Hebrews 13:16). It was an immense privilege for the people of Radhanagar to participate in BEC meeting on November 18, 2022. On that very day, there was a great multitude of people from different BEC units of Radhanagar who assembled together to share the Word of God with one another. Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar, the resource person of the day encouraged the people to bare witness to the word of God. "He energized the entire mind of our people, saying, "The significance of BEC units must be shared with all the people we deal with in our church". Eventually, this seminar came to an end through a short thanksgiving prayer.

## PORISHKARI-DI IS NO MORE



Miss Polina Mondal aka "Porishkari-di" aged 81 went to her eternal abode on Monday 28.11.2022. The funeral Mass was celebrated by Bishop Shyamal Bose and 19 priests and was participated by a big number of people on Tuesday 29.11.2022 at 10.00 a.m. in St. Stephen's Church, Kalyanpur. The funeral procession to the Chandipur cemetery was the longest in the memory of the people. The burial ceremony was conducted by Fr. John Britto, Fr. Himangshu Poti in the presence of Priests, Sisters and a multitude of people.

Porishkari-di, a name that was given to her because she was the fairest of all, was thus called by one and all from little children to old people. She was the catechist and sacristan of Kalyanpur Church until her fall in May 2022. She never wanted to leave Kalyanpur or the Church. Having been orphaned at a very early stage, she was brought up by the Sisters of St. Anne in Morapai. She had joined their Congregation but left it after a brief period. She was brought to Kalyanpur by Fr. Stephen, S.J. in 1976. From then on she has worked under 18 Parish Priests over a period of 46 years. In this long period priests never had worry about the management of sacristy or the decoration of the sanctuary. Faithfulness and diligence marked her work. When there was no choir she was the one-

woman choir. Even after her superannuation and retirement she was allowed to continue her work since she claimed she had no one. During the COVID time she was allowed to stay in the sacristy and share the food in the presbytery. Subsequent to her fall in May 2022 she was bedridden with partial paralysis from June onwards. Even during this time she used to ask about the sacristy. The MC Sisters of Kirtankhola and their staff took great care of her for more than six months.

A life well-lived in the service of the Lord. May her soul rest in peace.

- Fr. John Britto

## Solemnity of Christ the King, Sacred Heart Church, Thakurpukur

After two years of pandemic, the parishioners celebrated the Solemnity of Christ the King with much joy and enthusiasm on November 20, 2022. After the Solemn Mass at 2.00 p.m. about 1200 parishioners took part in the procession with much devotion, prayers, hymns, *kirtan* and *arati* at various points of the procession. This year, the procession took the following routes: M.G. Road, James Long Sarani on the left, Thakurpukur Station Road passing by Syro Malankara Church, Diamond Harbour Road on the left Diamond Park Crossing, James Long Sarani, M.G. Road. Faithful from all the sub-stations of the parish (Rajarampur, Rasapunja, Khariberia and Amgachia) also took part in the Mass and procession. Parishioners were able to give witness to their faith, especially their love for the Blessed Sacrament, in front of the people of other faiths who thronged both sides of the route. *kirtan*, dance along with a colorful and beautifully tableau with the Blessed Sacrament was the main attraction of this event. The procession ended with the Solemn Benediction in the Church. Fathers from Dhyana Ashram also took part in the Solemn Mass and the procession. Tea and biscuits were served to the Faithful after the Procession.

- Mr. Nikhil Naskar



## Anniversary of the Blessing of Cathedral Baruipur and Children's Day



The twin celebrations, the 14th anniversary of the blessing of the cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Teresa of Calcutta, Baruipur cum children's day, hosted on November 13, 2022 indeed evoked the sentiments of immense joy and gratitude. It was a day to remember the significant milestones in the journey of the cathedral since its blessing on November 12, 2009 with its patroness to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Teresa of Calcutta. The day began with the thanksgiving Eucharist presided over by Pro-Vicar, Fr. Deepak Ekka and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Pradeep Roy, Fr. Francis Makhal, Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes, Fr. Ramen Pailan, Fr. Saumen Malik and Fr. Goutam Naskar with a great number of parishioners. There was a short felicitation program after the Mass wherein Baruipur choir with their melodious songs, girls from Kalipur with their fascinating dance and a little girl from Kochpukur with her harmonious solo singing captivated the eyes and ears of all and thus made the day more joyous and meaningful. The celebration ended with a community breakfast to show the fellowship among all.

## Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation, Cathedral Church Baruipur

The sacrament of confirmation celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to those who are completing the sacraments of initiation in the church. November 05, 2022 was a joyful occasion for the 56 candidates receiving the sacrament, their parents, friends and the entire parish community. Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, the bishop of the diocese conferred the sacrament of confirmation to these candidates during the holy Eucharist. The rite of conferral of confirmation e.i. renewal of baptismal promises, laying on of hands and anointing with chrism started after the homily. The candidates were catechized well about the sacrament by our teachers Sr. Mary Tete, SCC and Mrs. Susmita Katwar.







## DECEMBER

- 02 Fr. Pierre Jacob, SJ  
 09 Fr. Indrajit Sardar  
 11 Br. Pabitra Sardar  
 15 Fr. Faustine Brank  
 15 Fr. Irineu Diniz, SFX

## Ordination

### DECEMBER

- 06 Fr. Arup Bor  
 07 Fr. Henry Crasta  
 27 Fr. Sandip Mondal  
 27 Fr. S. A. Edward, HF  
 28 Fr. Sunil Lakra SDB  
 29 Fr. Parimal Kanji  
 29 Fr. Peter Pradhan, CM  
 31 Fr. Joseph Toppo, SJ

## Memorable and Admirable

- 03 Fr. Mathew Jayanth S.J.  
 16 Br. Shanilal Kumar, HF  
 30 Fr. Ponkaj Kr. Poti

## NOTICE BOARD

- The Christmas Gathering for the Diocesan Youth will be held on 27th December 2022 at 09.45 a.m. at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruiapur
- The Christmas Gathering for the Priests, Brothers and Religious working in the Diocese will be held on 29th December 2022 at 10.00 a.m. at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruiapur

### Paribar Jyoti

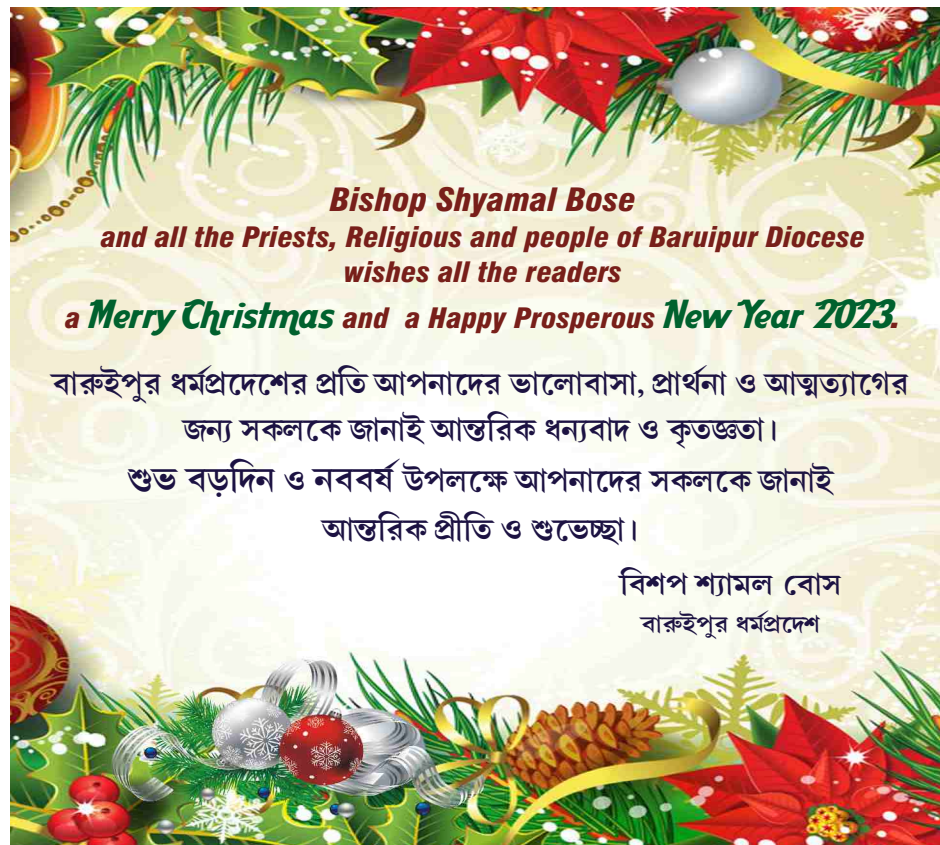
- Marriage Preparation Course from 2nd December to 3rd December 2022
- Young Couples Programme from 16th December to 17th December 2022

## Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer: Month of December 2022

**Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations:** We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

## Bishop S. Bose's Programme for the Month of December 2022

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
04	Sun	8.35 p.m.	Rasapunji	Mass Journey to Bagdogra
05-07	Mon-Wed		Bagdogra	Meeting of BRBC, CRI and CDPI
08	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Darjeeling	Mass for Jubilee of Darjeeling Diocese
10	Sat	10.30 a.m.	Dishari, Baruiapur	Meeting of Gyan Deep
11	Sun	06.50 a.m.		Departure for Mangalore
12	Mon		Mangalore	
13	Tue	04.10 p.m.		Returning from Mangalore
17	Sat	09.00 a.m. 04.00 p.m.	Thakurpukur Canning	Mass & Diamond Jubilee of St. Vincent the Paul Mass & Blessing of Canning Church
18	Sun	10.00 a.m.	Pahkiralala	Mass & Blessing of the Church at Pahkiralala
19	Mon	10.30 a.m.	Chunchura	Mass & Blessing of the Church at Chunchura
24	Sat	09.00 p.m.	Phulbari	Christmas Eve
25	Sun	07.30 a.m.	Jeliakhali	Christmas Mass
27	Tue	09.45 a.m. 04.00 p.m.	Dishari	Mass & Youth Christmas Get-together Christmass Get-together at Cathedral Parish
28	Wed	04.00 p.m.	Srijani, Thakurpukur	Bangiyo Sahitiyo Academy
29	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Dishari, Baruiapur	Mass & Christmas gathering for Priests, Brothers and the Religious



**Bishop Shyamal Bose**

**and all the Priests, Religious and people of Baruiapur Diocese**  
**wishes all the readers**

**a Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year 2023.**

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 জন্য সকলকে জানাই আন্তরিক ধন্যবাদ ও কৃতজ্ঞতা।  
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 আন্তরিক প্রীতি ও শুভেচ্ছা।

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