



SPES NON CONFUNDIT, "Hope does not disappoint"

Proclaiming Hope as the central message of the coming Jubilee 2025, The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has written a Bull of Indiction, named *SPES NON CONFUNDIT*, "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5: 5). In the very first paragraph, our Holy Father turns his thoughts towards the 'Pilgrims of Hope' who would visit Rome and to those who celebrate it in their local Churches. He says, "For everyone, may the jubilee be a moment of genuine encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" (cf. Jn 10: 7.9) of our salvation whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as "our hope" (1 Tim 1: 1).

According to the Holy Father, "In the heart of every person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring". However, at times, the uncertainty about the future gives rise to conflicting feelings, pessimism and cynicism. This Jubilee is an opportunity to return to the reason of hope, i.e., the Word of God.

The Bull is divided into five subheadings as follows (a) A Word of Hope (# 2-4), (b) A Journey of Hope (# 5-6), (c) Signs of Hope (# 7-15), (d) Appeals for Hope (# 16-17) and (e) Anchored in Hope (# 18-25).

(a) **A Word of Hope (# 2-4)** In this section the Holy Father justifies the title of the Bull. He says that hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us (cf. Rom 5: 1-2.5). The source of hope is love which springs from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross. "Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love" (# 3). Life with its own joys and sorrows, may put the love to test and hope may falter. However, by seeing the light beyond the darkness, we practice, cultivate and increase in the virtue of patience. The

Pope appreciates the value of patience in the age of internet and suggests to enter the 'eternal now' through contemplation of the visible realities of creation. He asks us to pray for patience, which is the daughter and foundation of hope.

(b) **A Journey of Hope (# 5-6)** In this section the Holy Father describes that the interplay of hope and patience becomes our constant companion to make us see clearly that Christian life is a journey "towards the goal of our encounter with the Lord" (Cf. # 5). Like all other Jubilees, pilgrimage is given importance in this one too. The pilgrimages in Rome and the local Churches can serve as an oasis of spirituality and places of rest by approaching the sacrament of Reconciliation, which is the starting point of any true journey of conversion. The Holy Father decrees that the Jubilee year would begin on Sunday, 29 December, 2024 and conclude on January 6, 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

(c) **Signs of Hope (# 7-15)** - The Bull mentions that in order to find out hope in God's grace one needs to discover hope in the signs of times that the Lord gives. The document mentions a few signs of hope, the first among which is the desire for peace in the world immersed in tragic war. Referring to the alarming decline in the birthrate the Pope speaks of enthusiasm for life and readiness to share it. In this "year of the Lord's favor", special concern is to be shown to the people in hardship, especially in prison and to those that are sick and disabled. The document expresses that due to the insensitivity of humankind, the poor face a culture of exclusion and indifference to frequently remain at the bottom of the pile. The signs of hope are also needed by those who are young, the migrants and the elderly.

(d) **Appeals of Hope (# 16-17)** In this section, the Holy Father puts forward his fervent appeal to the rich to be generous and to alleviate hunger which is a scandal and an open wound to the body of humanity. He appeals to the affluent nations to forgive the debts of the nations that would never be able to repay them. With the exorbitant amount of money spent in weapons and other military, a global fund may be established to put an end to hunger and make development in the impoverished countries. Gratuitously remembering the Council of Nicea (325 AD), which will celebrate the 1700th year in the year of Jubilee, the Pope appeals for giving concrete expression to Synodality and path of visible unity.

(e) **Anchored in Hope (#18-25)** In their inseparable unity of the three theological virtues, hope gives inward direction and purpose, which enables us to bear credible and attractive witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts. In this section the Bull offers the reasons of our hope which forms its basis. The death and resurrection of Jesus and the faith in life everlasting forms the reason of our hope. The Holy Father talks about the martyrs who have renounced their life here below for faith in the life everlasting, offered through the death and resurrection of Christ. The Bull expresses solidarity with those who have ended their earthly pilgrimage. Besides, the importance of indulgence and Sacrament of Reconciliation is spoken about to obtain the grace of Jubilee and strengthen our hope. The bull ends with a detailed mention of our Blessed Mother, who was deeply anchored in hope with ever renewed fiat to bear a supreme witness to it. In the final paragraph, the Bull urges us to return to Scripture to be grounded in hope.

+ Shyamal Bose

Recollection of Priests

The priests of the Diocese of Baruipur and those in pastoral ministry in the Diocese gathered together on July 08 & 09, 2024 for recollection. Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, the Vicar General of the Diocese welcomed all the priests present and introduced the animator of the recollection, Rev. Fr. George Ponodath, SJ from Dhyan Ashram.

The animator began the reflection with a hymn of Rabindranath Tagore: "*kholo kholo dwar rakhiyo na ar bahire amay danriye ...*"; asking to draw its relevance in our life and ministry. He reminded that often we close ourselves to the Lord and to the others. We need to be opened to God to be enabled to understand with compassion our wounded parishioners from their point of view rather than from our point of view. This is what it means to be opened said the preacher and we are called for this. He encouraged us not to let ourselves discouraged by the desert experiences we encounter in our mission by quoting the Holy Father, Pope Francis, who while addressing to the consecrated people said, "look at the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm and embrace the future with hope."

It was a happy coincident to celebrate 58th birthday of Fr. J. Pathinathan and the 10th priestly ordination anniversary of Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes. They were felicitated and congratulated with prayer, gratuitous words, songs and cutting of the cake.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka

PARIBAR JYOTI

Apart from the activities scheduled for this month we would like to place on record Family Cell Orientation at Gangarampur on July 20, 2024. It was impressive to note that the newly appointed Parish Priest Fr. Habil Minj was overwhelmed to hear the various activities performed by 10 Family Cell members. He assured to keep up the spirit of collaboration for the service of humanity.

On the occasion of Grandparent's Day on July 28, 2024 there was a program in Ranigrath Parish on parenting for 116 parents. Parents shared that the program was very effective and helpful as it would help them to give proper guidance to their children.

The most satisfying program of the month was the husband-wife relationship seminar on July 29, 2024 at Nafarganj. The 46 couples were enhanced with the tenets of establishing happy and peaceful spousal relationship. It was a great learning experience for all of us as the couples of different age groups shared their practical life situations and immersed themselves fully in the program.

- Fr. Uttam Naskar

Installation of Fr. Habil Minj, SFX as Parish Priest of Infant Jesus Church, Gangarampur



The date of July 14, 2024 will hold a special significance in the history of Infant Jesus Church, Gangarampur, as it marked the installation day of the new Parish Priest, Fr. Habil Minj SFX. He is widely revered by the residents of Boys' Town, known for his previous service and magnificent leadership at the Parish from 2003 to 2006.

The installation ceremony was meticulously organized by the Parish youth group and was attended by a large number of parishioners. The guest of honour and main celebrant for the Mass was Bishop Shyamal Bose, who delivered a moving sermon and shared valuable advice during the service.

Following the Mass, a brief cultural program was held in honour of the Bishop and Fr. Habil Minj. The event featured performances of songs and dances by members of the Parish youth and catechism children.

The event brought the Parish community together in a spirit of joy and unity, setting a positive tone for Fr. Habil Minj's tenure.

- Fr. Alexcius Kindo, SFX

Dishari at a Glance

Dishari organized BEC follow-up programmes for different groups of people at Surjapur, a substation of Rishi Bankim Nagar Parish on 14 July, 2024 and at Basanti Parish on 28 July, 2024. Altogether 83 parishioners participated in both the programmes from various villages. Fr. Goutam Naskar and Mr. Ajay Naskar, the resource persons of the programmes enlightened the people with the Word of God to live a good life.

Further, there was a catechism training on July 28, 2024 at Dishari for the

children of Cathedral Parish. Fr. Goutam Naskar, MC Sisters, Mrs. Susmita Katwar and Mr. Mithun Das taught the children the basic Catechism of the Church. Altogether 72 children attended the training.

BEC Regional Council Meeting of Bengal Sikkim region was held at Jeevan Dhara, Raigunj from July 17-19, 2024. Four BEC Leaders from the Diocese of Baruipur participated in the meeting. It was an enriching experience for the participants.

- Fr. Goutam Naskar

RIP



Robert D'Souza



Marceline D'Souza



Borun Kanji

Mr. Robert D'Souza, the elder brother of Sr. Shanthy D'Souza, AC, Superior of Anandapally, expired on July 13, 2024, at the age of 57. Before his death he was suffering from cancer. He left behind his two beloved children and a legacy of love and cherished memories. His burial took place on July 14, 2024.

Mrs. Marceline D'Souza, the beloved sister of Fr. Faustine Brank, went to her eternal abode in the morning of July 19, 2024. She was 77 years old. The funeral cortege left her residence on Sunday, July 21, 2024 at 3 p.m. followed by Funeral Mass in the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Derebail, Mangalore.

Mr. Borun Kanji, the younger brother of Fr. Subrata Kanji, fell asleep in the Lord on July 28, 2024 at the age of 69. He left behind three children. He was admitted in the hospital where he breathed his last after the operation of Cancer. The funeral Mass in Ascension Church, Khari was presided over by Fr.

Charles Montu Kanji with 9 concelebrants and a large number of relatives and neighbours.

While expressing our condolence to Sr. Shanthy D'Souza, AC, Fr. Faustine Brank and Fr. Subrata Kanji and their respective family members let us continue to pray for the repose of their souls. May God grant them eternal peace.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

Palli Unnayan Samiti took up various current issues in its endeavours. The first among them was school sensitization program in a series from July 02-05, 2024 for 330 adolescents in 4 schools of Basanti Block. Its motive was to conscientize them about the awful effect of different social violence like Gender Discrimination, Trafficking, Underage Marriage, Domestic Violence, Child labour and adolescent Health & Hygiene.

As always it stood by the side of 907 victim families of cyclone Remal in its operational area of Gosaba and Basanti. The relief operation programs were executed in association with Local PRI and Local Volunteers from July 11-29, 2024. The beneficiary families were very happy to receive dry food and hygiene kits consisting of Cooking Oil, Dal, Soyabean, Sooji, Sugar, Rice, Detergent Powder, Bathing Soap, Phynale, Coconut oil, Tooth Paste and Ration Bag.

Capacity building trainings on children's parliament were held on July 15 & 16, 2024 in its campus wherein 35 selected adolescent boys and girls participated. Mr. Pralay Bayen and Mr. Rajesh Shaw, the two resource

persons facilitated the training. Its impact in the community could be noticed in the sphere of health, education, sports, climate change and environment.

Agriculture being one of the main sources of income generation demands proper guidance. Thus, on July 18 & 19, 2024 a workshop on climate change adoptive sustainable agriculture and organic farming was conducted for 30 farmers of Basanti and Gosaba Block. The Resource Persons, Mr. Pralay Bayen and Mr. Sukdeb Samanta, discussed the processes like Vermin Compost, growing saline-tolerant crops and seasonal crops calendar.

The Adolescent Girls Group (AGG) training was conducted on July 23 & 24, 2024 for 73 AGG leaders and the project Coordinators, Supervisors and Social Educators. Mr. Pralay Bayen and Mr. Rajesh Shaw, resource persons of the training discussed about the protection of women and children from abuse and violence, gender discriminations and awful effect of underage marriage. Mrs. Sujata Mandal deliberated about the adolescent health & hygiene and the physical & mental changes during the adolescent period.

- Fr. Saumen Malik

Seminar on Synodal Synthesis Report and Ordinary Jubilee 2025

The Seminar on July 25, 2024 commenced with a hymn *Eksathe jodi thak ajay bhai* followed by Gospel reading (Matthew 5:15-16) and a short reflection by Mr. Joachim Ashim Campoo. There were 71 members including the Bishop, Parish Priests, Asst. Parish Priests, Religious Superiors and Lay Persons. In his introductory address Most Rev. Shyamal Bose after saying an opening prayer set the tone of the seminar's discussion to be followed on Synodal Synthesis Report and Ordinary Jubilee 2025. While welcoming the members he applauded the painstaking effort of Fr. Pradeep Roy and number of persons who put in a lot of hard work to translate the document into Bengali. Though it was not a big document yet it was a very difficult task due to the language of the English version. Finding suitable words to express in Bengali what the original document wanted to convey was a challenge. Fr. Ujjwal Mondal paved the way for a tremendous team work by allocating 20 chapters to the 4 zones. The zonal coordinators of each zone tried to involve a number of persons. Thus, it had been an exercise of marvellous collaboration. A few among them deserve special mention: Mr. Joachim Ashim Campoo, Mr. Rupchand Baidya, Fr. Kanauj Roy, Mr. Aritra Sen, Mr. Soumyadeep Lobwo, Fr. Ujjwal Mondal, Fr. Himangshu Poti, Fr. Durlav Bar and Fr. Prolay Boidya.

The impetus given by Fr. Pradeep Roy by way of the overview of the Synodal Process served as capsules before the group discussion into 4 zones that proceeded and thereafter its report on the questioners of the 20 chapters of the Synthesis Report.

The preceding deliberation set the stage to enter into the next session for the upcoming Jubilee 2025, which was inaugurated in the Diocese on Sunday, 26 November, 2023 on the auspicious occasion of the Solemnity of Christ the King. Fr. Kanauj Roy elucidated in brief its significance and Mr. Joachim Ashim Campoo shed light on *spes non confundit* and presented the future prospective of its preparations and celebration. As preparation there is a need to delve into a continuous journey of the exploration and reflection of the four constitutions of Vatican Council II and discern actionable pastoral priorities for the diocese. Thus, making it an opportune moment for the widespread participation in both the preparatory phase and the ensuing celebration, fostering a spirit of communal engagement and renewal.

The vote of thanks proposed by Fr. Himangshu Poti marked the conclusion of the seminar.

- Fr. Ujjwal Mondal



Zonal Youth Orientation - Thakurpukur Zone



On July 28, 2024, there was a zonal youth orientation at Carmel High School for Girls, Keorapukur to bring together young people and provide them with valuable guidance and mentorship. The inclusion of a Holy Eucharistic celebration offered by Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo, added a meaningful spiritual dimension to the event. Being the Grandparents' Day Bishop spoke on the value of obeying, loving, caring and spending time with grandparents and elderly people.

Thereafter, a very effective session was led by Fr. Kanauj Roy, on the concept "6G power" which stands for God, Gratitude, Generosity, Greatness, Growth and Glow. It is a clever way to remember key values to live by.

The event included some fun indoor games to keep the participants engaged and entertained.

- Sarbeswar Chakrabarty

The Celebration of IV World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

July 28, 2024 being the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, the Diocese of Baruipur did not miss the occasion to celebrate it in a befitting manner in different parishes. The theme chosen for this year by The Holy Father, Pope Francis "Do not cast me off in my old age (Psalm 71:9) is meant to call attention to the fact that loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many grandparents and elderly persons so often the victims of throw-away culture.

Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, the Bishop of the Diocese, travelled all the way from Baruipur to Nazat, St. Claret Catholic Church to be with the grandparents and the elderly. Around 180 faithful from all the substations gathered there gave a floral welcome with garland and washing of the feet as a sign of love and respect to the Bishop.

The Holy Mass began with an entrance dance along with the procession of grandparents. During the homily, His Lordship emphasized the importance of the presence of Grandparents and their significant role in caring for the grandchildren in the family and the need to care for the elderly grandparents. After the Holy Communion, the Bishop led the entire congregation to take oath and promise to look after the grandparents and the elderly in our families. Thereafter, a beautiful traditional cultural programme was organized to felicitate the Bishop and honour the grandparents during which Bishop gifted to the Grandparents the healthy and nutritious food products and Holy Rosaries as the token of his love. The Celebration came to an end by cutting of cake and sharing of fellowship meal.

- Fr. Jaswant Nayak CMF



Happy Birthday!

August

03	Br. Kenedi Kabi Ghughu
14	Br. David Panja
18	Br. Soumik Mondal
19	Fr. Pradip Dari
21	Fr. Soosaiappan Y.
25	Fr. Alexcius Kindo, S.F.X
27	Fr. Joseph Toppo, S.J.

Oath Taking Ceremony of CLC Members

The oath taking ceremony of CLC mothers of Cathedral Parish, Baruipur was held on July 07, 2024 during the Holy Eucharist presided over by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose. Among the 64 CLC members of the parish including the three substations, 27 of them took oath for the first time and received the CLC ribbon with medal whereas 37 of them renewed their oath.

It was followed by a short orientation led by Fr. Alope Kanji, Sr. Letha Joseph SCC, Mrs. Kalpana D'Cruz and Mrs. Ratana Gomes. The crux of the orientation was to exemplify the three pillars of CLC such as spiritual, human and social. It was a day of rejuvenation for them to be part of Church's mission through CLC.

- Korobi Bose



Memorable & Admirable

Month of August

05	Fr. S. Chinnappan
29	Fr. Jean Henrichs, S.J.

NOTICE BOARD

Paribar Jyoti

- # Marriage Preparation Course from August 09-10, 2024
- # Young Couples Programme from August 30-31, 2024

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer - Month of Aug. 2024

For political leaders : We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Bishop Shyamal Bose's Programme for the Month of August 2024

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Baruipur Cathedral	Celebration of Feast of St. John Marie Vianney
02	Fri		Basanti	Registration of land
12	Mon		Bishop's House, Baruipur	G. B. meeting and A.G.M. of the Boys' Towns of W.B.
14	Wed	04.00 p.m.	Bishop's House, Baruipur	Meeting with Mr. Antonio along with a Group of People from FADV Milan, Italy
18	Sun	10.30 a.m.	Shibpur	Inauguration of the Chapel at Shibpur, Diamond Harbour Parish.

Bishop Salvadore Lobo's Programme for the Month of August 2024

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Dishari Baruipur	Program for St. John Marie Vianney
02	Fri	03.00 p.m.		Goes to Mangalore
03	Sat	06.30 a.m.	Mudubelle	Mass for 1st death anniversary of Mrs. Agnes Lobo
04	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Kuntalnagar	Sunday Mass
05	Mon	03.45 p.m.		Returns to Keorapukur
10	Sat	07.00 p.m.	Ballygunge	Attends Feast of St. Lawrence
15	Thu	08.30 a.m.	Keorapukur	Independence Day program at Carmel School
18-20	Sun-Tue		Green Park, Dum Dum	Triduum for M.C. Feast