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Walking with Mary in Family Life

The month of May, dedicated to Virgin Mary, offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the life of the family in today's world. It is a time marked by simple but profound expressions of faith—praying the Rosary, honoring Mary with devotion, and gathering as families. It also coincides with Mother's Day, drawing attention to the dignity of motherhood and the importance of family life. In this setting, Mary stands before us not as a distant ideal, but as a living presence who continues to guide families in a changing world.

Sacred Scripture presents Mary as the woman who listened and responded to God with faith. At the Annunciation, she said her humble "yes" (cf. Luke 1:38), opening the way for God's plan of salvation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that Mary's obedience is a model for all believers, as she "cooperated through free faith and obedience in human salvation" (CCC 511). In this light, every Christian family is called to reflect that same openness to God's will, even when life is uncertain.

Family life today is undergoing rapid change. Many households experience the pressures of modern living long working hours, financial uncertainty, and the constant influence of technology. While these bring certain comforts, they also create distance. Families often struggle to find time for one another. Communication becomes limited, and relationships can weaken under stress. At the same time, many families carry deeper wounds separation, loneliness, misunderstanding, and emotional strain. These realities call for a renewed reflection on what truly sustains family life.

In this context, Mary's life becomes especially meaningful. She was not removed from hardship or uncertainty. She journeyed in faith, from Bethlehem to Calvary, trusting God even in suffering. Scripture tells us that she "kept all these

things, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). Her life reminds us that family love is not built in perfect conditions, but in everyday faithfulness. Because of this, Mary speaks to modern families not from a distance, but from lived experience.

A powerful example of Mary's role in family life is seen in the Wedding at Cana (John 2:1–11). At a moment of need, when the joy of a family celebration was at risk, Mary noticed the situation and brought it to Jesus. She then said, "Do whatever He tells you." This simple instruction remains a guiding word for every Christian family. The Catechism teaches that by her intercession, Mary continues to bring our needs to her Son (cf. CCC 969). When Mary is welcomed, she leads us to Jesus, and His presence transforms our lives.

The story of Cana offers a clear invitation: families are called to welcome both Jesus and Mary into their homes. The Church teaches that the family is the "domestic Church" (CCC 1656), a place where faith is first lived and shared. A family that prays together, listens to God's Word, and seeks His guidance is strengthened from within. In times of difficulty, such a family is not alone, for Christ Himself is present among them (cf. Matthew 18:20).

Mary also teaches the importance of attentiveness. In a world filled with noise and distraction, her quiet reflection challenges us to rediscover the value of presence. Many families today live together but remain disconnected. Mary calls us back to listening, understanding, and being truly present to one another. These simple acts of love reflect the command of Christ to "love one another" (John 13:34) and form the foundation of strong relationships.

Along with this, Mary represents a quiet and enduring strength. She stood at the foot of the Cross (cf. John 19:25), remaining faithful even in suffering. This strength is especially meaningful

for parents who carry daily responsibilities with little recognition. Much of their love is hidden, yet it shapes the life of the family. Church teaching reminds us that the vocation of the family is a path to holiness (cf. Familiaris Consortio). In this, Mary stands as a model of faithful love lived in ordinary life.

One of the deeper challenges today is the risk of losing the spiritual foundation of family life. When everything becomes focused on work, success, and daily responsibilities, families may continue to function, but without a deeper sense of purpose. Mary gently leads us back to what is essential. She shows that family life is not just about living together, but about growing together in love and faith. Simple practices prayer, shared meals, reading Scripture can renew unity and bring peace into the home.

The relevance of Mary today lies in her ability to guide families toward what truly matters. She does not offer quick solutions, but she points to a path rooted in trust, patience, and faithfulness. As the Church reflects in documents like *Amoris Laetitia*, families are called to grow in love step by step, supported by grace.

As the Church observes this month of May, the invitation is clear: to rediscover the place of Mary within the family. Like the family at Cana, we are called to welcome her into our homes and allow her to lead us to Jesus. In doing so, families can find renewed strength, deeper unity, and lasting peace.

Mary always leads to her Son, Jesus Christ, who is the source of love and healing. Where He is present, families find not only support, but true renewal. In this way, Mary remains a guiding presence helping families not only to face the challenges of modern life, but to grow in faith, love, and hope.

+ Shyamal Bose

First Holy Communion Celebration at, Gosaba



On April 12, 2026, the faithful community of Church of Our Lady of Fatima, Gosaba, came together in a spirit of deep joy and reverence to celebrate a special milestone in the lives of 14 children who received their First Holy Communion. Providentially held on Divine Mercy Sunday, the occasion highlighted God's boundless love and mercy. The Holy Mass was presided over by Fr. Surojit Mitra, with Fr. Pradip Dari as the concelebrant. Centered on the theme of God's infinite love, Fr. Mitra encouraged the children to treasure their unique and personal bond with Christ, established through their first reception of the Holy Eucharist. Dressed in white, symbolizing purity and their fuller participation in the life of the Church, the children approached the altar with devotion and reverence to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time, an unforgettable moment of grace in their spiritual journey.

Following the Eucharistic celebration, a felicitation program was organized to appreciate the children's sincere preparation and commitment. To commemorate the significance of the day, each child was presented with a picture of Divine Mercy and a Holy Rosary. These meaningful gifts serve as reminders of trust in Jesus and the loving protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, encouraging the children to deepen their life of prayer. This memorable event stands as a beautiful witness to the growing faith and devotion of the young members of the Church in Gosaba.

- Fr. Pradip Dari

Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation was solemnly conferred on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at St. Paul's Church, Bibirchawk by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose. This sacred occasion marked an important milestone in the spiritual journey of 36 children who had been diligently prepared through catechesis under the guidance of Sr. Anne Rose MC and the catechist, Mrs. Aroti Das. The celebration took place during the Holy Mass, where the candidates received the Sacrament with reverence and devotion. In his homily, Bishop highlighted the significance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, encouraging the newly confirmed to embrace their role as "Soldiers of Christ" and to live out their faith with courage and commitment. The ceremony was both prayerful and joyous, witnessed by families, parishioners and well-wishers. At the conclusion of the Mass, the newly confirmed were presented with certificates and Divine Mercy souvenirs as a remembrance of this special day.



Mr. Mithun Das

Golden Jubilee Celebration of Br. Julius Tirkey MC



On April 15, 2026, Noorpur community of the Missionaries of Charity Brothers joyfully celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Br. Julius Tirkey MC, marking 50 years of his dedicated religious life and selfless service to the poor, the sick and the suffering in India and beyond. Br. Julius Tirkey has been a pillar of the Kolkata Region, generously serving in various important roles such as Local Servant, Novice Master and Regional Servant. His vast experience, deep commitment and humble spirit have greatly enriched the life and mission of the congregation over the decades.

The celebration was centered on a solemn Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist, presided over by His Lordship, Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruipur. The Eucharistic celebration was concelebrated by priests and attended by brothers, sisters and numerous faithful, making it a deeply meaningful and grace-filled occasion. The liturgy was beautifully animated by the Missionaries of Charity Novices under the guidance of Novice Master Br. Bipin Kishor Tuduar, whose heartfelt singing added to the spiritual depth and joy of the celebration. This significant milestone stands as a testimony to Br. Julius Tirkey's unwavering faith, tireless service and enduring commitment to the Gospel values. The day will be fondly remembered as a moment of gratitude, inspiration and renewed dedication for all who were present.

- Br. Barnabas Xalxo MC

A Joyful Coming Together: Ecumenical Easter Gathering at Baruipur

An Ecumenical Easter Gathering was held on April 21, 2026 at Palli Unnayan Samiti, Baruipur, bringing together church leaders and pastors from diverse denominations in a spirit of unity and fellowship. The programme commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the light of Christ and the shared hope of the Easter message. Among those present were Bishop Subrato Chakraborty (CNI) and Bishop Shyamal Bose (Roman Catholic), whose presence reflected the inclusive and collaborative nature of the gathering.

Following a time of self-introduction, participants engaged in a meaningful session of praise and worship, creating an atmosphere of reverence and gratitude. The keynote message was delivered by Rev. P. Goswamy, President of the Bengal Baptist Union, who emphasized the significance of Easter as a message of renewal, unity and mission in today's world.

A key segment of the gathering focused on sharing and discussing current issues affecting the life of the Church. Leaders and pastors openly exchanged perspectives, highlighting both challenges and opportunities for collective action and mutual support across denominations. In total, 67 pastors participated in the event, representing a wide range of traditions including CNI, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Assemblies of God and Methodist churches. The gathering stood as a testament to the growing spirit of ecumenism and cooperation among Christian communities in the region.



- Fr. Faustine Brank

Strengthening Families, Nurturing Hope

April 2026 was a month of committed outreach and compassionate engagement as our institution continued its mission of strengthening families and fostering healthier communities. Throughout the month, the animators actively reached out to villages through field visits, seminars and small group meetings. Regular house visits enabled them to connect personally with families, identify concerns such as marital discord and extend timely support. Follow-up visits were arranged to provide counseling, along with emotional and mental care, ensuring that families did not feel alone in their struggles.

Family Cell meetings were conducted on key themes including effective communication, responsible parenting and financial planning. These sessions encouraged open dialogue and practical learning. In addition, the staff offered individual and couple counseling, along with pre-marriage guidance, helping couples build strong foundations for lasting relationships. Two major training programmes were organized during the month. The Marriage Preparation Course for engaged couples focused on conjugal life, communication skills and relationships within extended families. The Young Couples Workshop, designed for those married for less than five years, emphasized conflict resolution, mutual understanding and shared family responsibilities, encouraging couples to grow as supportive and responsible partners.

A total of 281 participants attended these programmes, including 47 men and 234 women, reflecting a strong interest in family enrichment initiatives. While the team faced challenges such as reduced attendance during the harvest season and transportation difficulties for field animators, the outcomes remained encouraging. Notably, one couple, after receiving counseling support, chose to withdraw their divorce case and became part of the support group, a powerful testament to the impact of timely guidance and care. It was concluded with renewed hope and commitment, as families experienced healing, deeper understanding and a strengthened sense of togetherness.

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- Fr. Uttam Naskar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

04	Fr. Saju George, S.J.
06	Fr. Rajesh Bag
08	Fr. Panneer Selvam
19	Fr. Sanjay Minj
21	Fr. Parimal Kanji
25	Fr. Junesh Gomango, C.M.

Priestly Ordination Anniversary

MAY

03	Fr. Sylvester Xavier
04	Fr. Subrata Kanji
04	Fr. J. R. Dejus
05	Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose
07	Fr. J. Pathinathan
10	Fr. Sisir Khan
12	Fr. Saju George, S.J.
14	Fr. Shishir Indwar, S.F.X.
15	Fr. Saumen Malik
17	Fr. Habil Minj, S.F.X.
18	Fr. Meghnad Singha
19	Fr. Abonindro Das
19	Fr. Charles Montu Kanji
19	Fr. Kanauj Roy
20	Fr. Augustine E.
21	Fr. Ramen Pailan
22	Fr. Rajesh Bag
23	Fr. Alexcius Kindo, S.F.X.
24	Fr. Alope Anthony Kanji
25	Fr. Molloy Mondal
25	Fr. Soosaiappan Y.
26	Fr. Panneer Selvam
26	Fr. Leonray C. A. D'Melo, S.F.X.
28	Fr. Francis Makhal

Memorable & Admirable

Month of May

01	Fr. Bronckers Pierre, S.J.
22	Fr. Tapan Gomes, S.J.
27	Fr. Mario Shivaji d'Aquino Henriques, S.F.X.
29	Fr. George D'Campo, S.J.

Support for a Special Child: Donation of an Automatic Wheelchair

We are pleased to share a meaningful development at Palli Unnayan Samiti, Baruipur. On April 24, 2026, our organization received an automatic wheelchair from the Inner Wheel Club in collaboration with Rotary Clubs, for one of our young beneficiaries, Tahir Peada, aged 5.5 years from Mallickpur, who has been attending our Day Care Centre for the past three years. The provision of this automatic wheelchair will be a great help for the family. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Inner Wheel Club and all those who contributed to make this support possible. This initiative reflects our continued commitment to improve the lives of children with special needs and supporting their families.

- Fr. Kanauj Roy



Transfers and New Arrivals of Religious in the Diocese

Place	Arrival	Outgoing
Holy Cross Convent, Baruipur	Sr. Liza Thomas SCC (Superior)	Sr. Manjusha Thomas SCC
	Sr. Christy Amala SCC	Sr. Rosina Mundadan SCC
	Sr. Prafulla Minz SCC	Sr. Leelabati Kisan SCC
Holy Cross Convent, Hogalkuria	Sr. Crescentia Kerketta SCC (Superior)	Sr. Mary Tete SCC
	Sr. Vimala Kumari SCC	Sr. Manisha Dungdung SCC
	Sr. Albina Hembrom SCC	
Women Welfare Centre, Anandapally (Asha Deep)	Sr. Pricilla Bilung AC (Superior, w.e.f. June 7, 2026)	Sr. Shanthi D'Souza AC

NOTICE BOARD

Paribar Jyoti : # Marriage Preparation Course from 8th May to 9th May 2026
Young Couples Workshop from 22nd May to 23rd May 2026

Congratulation

We extend heartfelt congratulations to Most Rev. Shyamal Bose on the anniversaries of significant milestones in his ministry:

- Canonical Possession (May 04, 2020)
- Priestly Ordination Anniversary (May 05, 1991)

- Election as Coadjutor Bishop (May 17, 2019)
May his dedication and service continue to inspire and guide the faithful.

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer - Month of May 2026

That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.