



Poet of the World

I would like to dedicate the editorial of the month of May 2023 as a homage to the great soul of Bengal, who is none other than the greatest poet of Bengal, Rabindranath Tagore. To start with I would like to mention about a popular and beautiful Bengali lyric written by him. The lyric goes like this: "*Esho hey Boishakh esho esho*". The English translation of the poem goes as follows -

O Boishakh, I call on you
Dust away all that's dying with your ascetic breath
Let the year's dross go.
Let go old memories, let go forgotten melodies,
Let mists of the eye thin far away into dissolution.
Let weariness be erased, infirmity cease,
Hallowed be the Earth to bathe in your fire
Come and dry all the sap of slush,
Bring forth and sound your conch of annihilation.
Let the foggy mesh of illusion be gone.

This is popularly known as Rabindra Sangeet or Song of Tagore. The poet has personified *Boishakh* and raised it to the level of deity to offer prayer of wellbeing for the entire creation. It is a welcome song to the Bengali New Year, which starts with the month of *Baishakh*. Like all other writings, this too is a deeply spiritual poem. The first day of the Bengali year is celebrated as "*Poila Boishakh*" or "*Bangla Noboborsho*". It is a festive day for the Bengalis. The song of Tagore explicitly expresses the hopeful mind of the people for whom the first day is the gateway to the entire year. It marks a new beginning; a new exodus, new expectation, new hope, new dreams, blessed by the Divine with all the healing gifts we aspire to have. The lyric was first published on 20th of *Falgun* (*Phalgun*) 1333 corresponding to 4th of March 1927 in the English Calendar. *Phalgun* is the 11th month of the Bengali Calendar. The year 2023 in the English calendar corresponds to the year 1430 of the Bengali calendar.

However, another reason for welcoming *Boishakh* is the birth month of Rabindranath Tagore, composer of this lyric and the composer of varied literary works, including thousands of songs. The Bengalis celebrate his birthday in a fitting manner to pay him the tribute he deserves.

He was born on 25th of *Boishakh* 1268 of the Bengali Calendar which corresponds to 7th May 1861 AD, in the English calendar. His last birthday poem which he composed was named *Pochishe Boishakh*, seems to be one of the last songs written by Tagore in the first week of May 1941. Jorasanko Thakurbari was the house in Kolkata where Rabindranath Tagore was born and had spent the early and last five years of his life. His Parents' names were Debendranath Tagore and Sarada Devi. He was the youngest of the 13 surviving children.

He came to *Shantiniketan* in 1901 to found an ashram with a marble-floored prayer hall - an experimental school with groves of trees, gardens and a library. He spent the latter half of his life in *Shantiniketan*, literally meaning "an abode of peace" and established a renowned institution "*Visva-Bharati University*". *Shantiniketan* is a neighbourhood of Bolpur town in Birbhum District of West Bengal, approximately 152 km north of Kolkata. The last five years of his life were marked by chronic pain and two long periods of illness. These began when Tagore lost consciousness in late 1937. He remained comatose and near death for a time. This was followed in late 1940 by a similar illness from which he never recovered. A period of prolonged agony ended with his death on 7th August 1941, aged 80, when he was in an upstairs room of the Jorasanko mansion in which he grew up.

He was known as a poet, writer of short stories, dramas, dance-dramas, novels, song composer, essayist, philosopher, social reformer and painter. His famous work *Geetanjali*, the collection of poems awarded him with the Nobel Prize in Literature. He became in 1913 the first non-European and the first lyricist to win the award. His poetic songs were viewed as spiritual. *Geetanjali* was translated into 14 languages. Initially in Bengali there was a collection of 157 poems. However, the English version of *Geetanjali* is a collection of 103 English poems. *Geetanjali* is the combination of two Bengali words, i.e. *Geet* and *Anjali*. *Geet* means song and *Anjali* means offering; thus the meaning of *Geetanjali* is 'offering of songs'. He was also awarded a Knighthood by King George V in 1915 but Tagore renounced it against the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in 1919. Rabindranath Tagore was known as "*Gurudev*" (the teacher as God), "*Kobiguru*"

(the teacher of poets) or "*Biswakabi*" (poet of the world). Two of his compositions were chosen by two nations as national anthems, i.e. "*Jana Gana Mana*" by India and "*Amar Sonar Bangla*" by Bangladesh.

More than fifty works of Tagore have been made into films between 1927 to 2020 in Bengali, Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Marathi, Assamese languages by some renowned film directors of the country including Satyajit Ray (winner of the awards of Bharat Ratna, Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan), Rituparno Ghosh and so on.

He started writing poems at the age of eight. The first poem was "*Abhilas*" meaning "desire" which was published in the *Tattvabodhini*

Patrika in 1874, when he was thirteen years old. His last composition was a dictation from his death bed on 30 July 1941, a day before the scheduled operation. He composed "To Be is to Be towards Death"; in which he writes, "I'm lost in the middle of my birthday. I want my friends, their touch, with the earth's last love. I will take life's final offering; I will take the human's last blessing. Today my sack is empty. I have given completely whatever I had to give. In return if I receive anything - some love, some forgiveness - then I will take it with me when I step on the boat that crosses to the festival of the wordless end."

+ Shyamal Bose

Paribar Jyoti

Children Mental Health Orientation and Seminar

Children mental health orientation was organized for ICDS Mothers at Radhabaloppur, Basanti on 2nd April 2023. Mrs. Prabhati Bag spearheaded the orientation wherein it was observed that acceptance and understanding in the family are very weak, especially on the husband-wife relationship.

Following this there was a wonderful seminar for the mothers of Malpara, Khari on 7th April 2023. Mothers who participated in the seminar were very much concerned about their children which could be seen as they were questioning and were eager to learn. After discussing various topics and issues, the mothers shared that they need to revise and change some of the strategies they have been applying on their children for many years.



- Gurupada Dolui

Animators Workshop

The monthly animator's meeting held on 8th and 9th April 2023 proved to be very useful as the director shared his insights on the activities and responsibilities undertaken by the staff and animators. After presenting and sharing previous month's activities, the director emphasized and pointed out some issues and problems which could be worked out immediately. His thoughts and guidance helped animator to think differently and made their plans suitable for the people in different villages. - Joya Doloi

Personality Development Training

The training was hosted on 10th and 11th April 2023 for the students of class XI and XII. Right from the beginning they were very attentive and cooperative and maintained a peaceful environment which helped facilitators to conduct the training smoothly. During the training, it was found



that they were very ambitious and eager to achieve their goals but there are many obstacles that they need to overcome. Accordingly, the topics presented to them have helped a lot in focusing on their life, goal and career. - Joya Doloi

Family Cell Meeting

There were two meetings at Keorapukur Parish on 20th April 2023 and at Gostomath on 28th April 2023. Members present in the meeting shared their experience of house



visiting. They said that the discussion they had in the previous meeting was really helpful about the "methodology" during house visits. They have become more accepted by the public and parishioners. As the members wanted to know the reason of people's addiction to excessive drinking. It was explained to them through Power Point presentation by our staff. After the discussion, the members admitted that until now they had blamed men for the drinking but now they have a different view.

- John Francis Lobo

Marriage Preparation Course

There is a saying "All that starts well, ends well!" and we witnessed this to be true as the participants attended this training on 21st and 22nd April 2023 were very attentive, cooperative, disciplined, adjustable and at the same time raised questions whenever they had any doubt. Their active participation and spontaneous answers overwhelmed us. At the end, they shared that they had no idea about marriage. Marriage is a commitment where efforts are supreme and people need to have a better understanding and dedication. - Gurupada Dolui



Silver Jubilee Celebration



Missionaries of Charity brothers at Noorpur, West Bengal, hosted the Silver Jubilee celebration of Brother Tarsicius Lepcha on 24th April 2023. Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruipur Diocese offered the thanksgiving Holy Eucharist wherein during the homily he inspired the jubilarian and the faithful, saying that "25 years of religious life is not an easy comfortable life but life full of great demands, challenges and sacrifices". The beautifully decked chapel, angelic choir and special prayers made the Eucharistic celebration meaningful and awe inspiring. Among the dignitaries the presence of Superior General, fathers, sisters, brothers and relatives from far and near brought great joy to all. After the Holy Mass there was a felicitation program followed by sumptuous meal. The day ended with an hour-long cultural program hosted by the parishioners in

which the relatives of jubilarian were felicitated with shawl by the community members. The occasion of coming together did not remain a mere meeting and parting but it gave ample time to know about the jubilarian.

Glimpse of Dishari

BEC Meetings with special Intentions during Lent

Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts - 2:38)". Lent was the time for us as Christians to realize our iniquities and ask pardon from God. Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar the coordinator of BEC motivated the faithful to spend more time with Jesus and share the love of God through BEC meetings during the lent. A huge number of BEC units from every corner of the diocese responded to the call of Fr. Goutam Naskar. All together 176 BEC meetings were held all over the diocese during the Lent. People were motivated and encouraged to know Jesus Christ and His sacrifice of life to give us new life. They spent more time with the Word of God. Fr. Goutam Naskar expressed his heartfelt thanks to all the BEC members for their hard work.



BEC Regional Meeting at Chetana, Burdwan

There was an orientation for the Diocesan Service Team members (DST) from 2nd April to 28th April, 2023 at Chetana, Burdwan. The main topic of the orientation was "Extending your Synodal Tent". Rev. Fr. Sarto I.P. and Rev. Sr. Christin were the resource persons for the orientation. They shed light on the subject well and the participants took interest to go deeper into the subject. Rev. Fr. Sarto I.P. encouraged everyone for their enthusiasm and co-operation for the spread of BEC. There were eight DST members from the Diocese of Baruipur for the orientation. The seminar came to the conclusion with the Holy Eucharist.

The First Holy Communion

17 children received Jesus for the first time in the form of Holy Communion at Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Teresa of Calcutta, Baruipur on Divine Mercy Sunday, 16th April, 2023. The Mass was presided over by His Lordship Most Rev. Shyamal Bose. The reception of Holy Communion was preceded with the reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation on the previous day. Watching the children clad in pure white clothing to receive their first Holy Communion was indeed captivating to the eye and a source of joy for all. They were well prepared by our catechism teachers Sr. Satinisset MC, Sr. Mary Tete SCC and Mrs. Susmita Katwar. After the Eucharist, all the children were presented a rosary, divine mercy picture and a certificate as a remembrance of their first holy communion Day.



Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

Major Activities of PUS Baruipur for the Month of April 2023

Inauguration of Beautician Course



Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur Inaugurated Beautician Course in 6 villages, namely; 7 Mile under Namkhana Block, 10 No. & Charavidya under Basanti Block Shambhunagar,

Pathankhali and Gosaba under Gosaba Block in the district of South 24 Parganas. Fr. Saumen Malik, the Director of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur shared the objective of the course to provide the platform to exercise their skills and promote earning opportunity among young women to add some income to their family. Altogether 213 adolescent girls and young women enrolled for the Beautician Training Course. The participants who will successfully complete the course for next 3 months will be awarded with certificate.

Nutritional Food and Educational Aid

On 4th & 5th April 2023, Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur distributed School Bags, Educational Materials and Nutritional food among



the 175 children of 5 Free Learning Centres namely; Charavidya, Hotar, PurbaJata, Keoratala and Unchipara. It was a big support for the educational development of the targeted children. The children and their parents were very happy to receive School Bags, Educational Materials and Food packet consisting of Soyabean, Cooking Oil, Mosoor Dal, Biscuit, Sattoo, Sugar and Ration Bag.

Disability Detection and Issue of Certificate Camp



On 12th April 2023, a Disability Detection and Certification Camp was organized by Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur at Sandeshkhali Rural Hospital. DRR project

personnel motivated the persons with disabilities to bring them into the camp. Altogether 55 candidates were detected as persons with disabilities and received the Disability Card by which they can have access to government benefits. Furthermore, 12 candidates who were referred for further medical check-up also received Disabled card.

Drawing Exhibition

On 16th April 2023, a Drawing Exhibition was conducted by FADV at Birla Academy of Art and Culture, Kolkata. The aim of the Drawing Exhibition was to raise social awareness on children's rights, Child

Labour and impacts of Climate Change as drawings are powerful medium to reach the people. Around 105 Children from FADV partners organization in West Bengal and Assam participated in the drawing Exhibition.



Workshop on Strategic Plan Development- Empower Asia

On 18th and 19th April 2023, a two days' workshop on Self Evaluation Scoring System was conducted with the support of Caritas India. The aim of



workshop was to learn scoring system as self-evaluation tools by the staff of the organization, so that we can identify the strength and weakness of PUS Baruipur as Social Work Organization. Through this scoring system, we find the necessity of existing documents and legal aspect where our organization stands. An improvement plan has been developed with set up deadline to complete the task within the project span in the month of September 2023. The Whole evaluation process was facilitated by Dr. Jhon Arokiaraj and Mr. Armstrong as Caritas India representatives under Empower Asia Project.

We Ring the Bell Activities

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur conducted we Ring the Bell campaign on 26th, 27th and 28th April 2023 at 5 schools in Baruipur Block in the District of South 24 Parganas. The aim of "WE RING THE BELL" campaign is to make aware the school officials, community and the school children; specially the children with disabilities who ought to be enrolled in local school as per RTE act.

Altogether 913 Children, Teachers, Guardians and PRI members and village leaders participated in we Ring the Bell campaign and became aware of the rights to education acts for the children with Disabilities.



Sr. Freeda Toppo Passed Away



In the early morning of 20th April, 2023 Rev. Sr. Freeda Toppo bid farewell to us and went to meet her Beloved Master. Sister Freeda Toppo was born on 08.11.1955 in Gumla, Jharkhand and entered the Novitiate in 1988 and made her first profession in 1990 in Bangalore. Since then she has served in different places including in our diocese particularly in Holy Angles Convent, Kalyanpur. Her funeral took place on the same day at 3.30 p.m. Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruipur along with other four priests concelebrated the Funeral Mass in St. Stephan Church, Kalyanpur. Many RNDM Sisters from the neighboring communities and a good number of parishioners were present at the Eucharist. Her mortal remains were then taken to Entally burial ground, in Convent Road, Kolkata and were interned with our sisters there. Fr. Himangshu Poti, parish priest of Kalyanpur, conducted the service at the graveyard in the presence of all the sisters, family members and some friends. As we thank the Lord for her life and for the contribution she has made in building up the reign of God including in the diocese of Baruipur. We pray that she may rest in the arms of the Triune God whom she loved and served dearly.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS OF THE PRIESTS

Sl.	Name	Place From	Former Designation	To Place	New Designation
1	Fr. Arup Bor	Basanti	Parish Priest	Ranigarh	Parish Priest
2	Fr. Sirnus Topno	Ranigarh	Parish Priest	Budge Budge	Parish Priest
3	Fr. Charles M. Kanji	Sonarpur	Parish Priest	Sajnaberia	Curate
4	Fr. Surojit Mitra	Budge Budge	Parish Priest	Basanti	Parish Priest
5	Fr. Sandip Mondal	Keorapukur	Curate	Sonarpur	Priest In-Charge
6	Fr. Rajesh Bag	Samarpan, Baruipur	Curate of R. B. Nagar, Assistant Youth Director	Basanti	Teacher In-Charge of St. Xavier's F. P. School, In-Charge of St. Xavier's Boys' Home, Basanti, Curate of Basanti Parish
7	Fr. Rajen Singh	Thakurpukur	Curate	Bishop's House, Baruipur	Youth Director, Minister of Bishop's House, Residence at St. Joseph's Training Centre, Padmapukur
8	Fr. Sarajit Das	Basanti	Teacher In-Charge of St. Xavier's F. P. School, Curate of Basanti Parish, In-Charge of St. Xavier's Boys' Home, Basanti	Thakurpukur	Curate
9	Fr. Alope Kanji	Kalyanpur	Curate	Samarpan, Baruipur	Curate of Cathedral Church and In-Charge of Bibirchak Sub-station
10	Fr. Ramen Pailan	Bishop's House, Baruipur	Youth Director, Minister of Bishop's House, Residence at St. Joseph's Training Centre, Padmapukur	Morning Star Regional Seminary, Barrackpore	Minister
11	Fr. John Britto	Kalyanpur Presbytery	Manager of St. Mary's School, Collecting Funds & Establishing the School, Secretary of Dio. Liturgy Team	Kalyanpur Presbytery	Manager of St. Mary's School, Collecting Funds & Establishing the School, Secretary of Dio. Liturgy Team, Curate of Kalyanpur Parish

- ❖ Fr. Ramen Pailan has taken over the responsibility of Minister of Morning Star Regional Seminary, Barrackpore on April 18, 2023.
- ❖ Fr. Uttam Naskar will help for the Kalyanpur Parish for Sundays, Feast Days, Christmas and Holy Week.
- ❖ The above transfers for the priests will take place by May 31, 2023, by the mutual agreement of the outgoing and incoming priests / In-charges with due intimation to the Bishop and in presence of his delegate.
- ❖ Please follow the Guidelines (Circular dated 11.02.2002, Page No. 113 in the Directory 2021 of Catholic Diocese of Baruipur) for Handover.


MAY

04	Fr. Saju George, S.J.
06	Fr. Rajesh Bag
08	Fr. Panneer Selvam
18	Fr. Rajeeb Singh, C.M.
18	Fr. Jansingh Sobhapati, C.M.
19	Fr. Sanjay Minj
21	Fr. Parimal Kanji
26	Fr. Robert R., C.M.F.

TRANSFERS AND NEW ARRIVALS OF RELIGIOUS IN THE DIOCESE

Place	Arrival	Outgoing
Holy Cross Convent, Baruipur	Sr. Rinku Malik SCC	
Holy Cross Convent, Hogalkuria	Sr. Mary Tete SCC Sr. Martha Soren SCC	Sr. Selvi Jones Rayer SCC Sr. Sanjeeta Dung Dung SCC
St. Mary's Adoration Convent, Diamond Park	Sr. Rose Poovathany, SABS (Sister In-Charge)	Sr. Theodocius SABS
Maria Sadhan Adoration Convent, Sankharipota	Sr. Alphin Pakrath, SABS	Sr. Elsit Champapilly SABS

NOTICE BOARD

Paribar Jyoti : # Marriage Preparation Course from 5th May to 6th May 2023
Young Couples Programme from 26th May to 27th May 2023

Rev. Sr. M. Marina M.C. - New Regional Superior of Missionaries of Charity for "Baruipur-Kacharibazar, Baruipur - Kirtankhola, Mariapally and Gangarampur" of Baruipur Diocese.

Ordination

MAY

01	Fr. Jackson Lawrence, sfx
02	Fr. Agnelo Nirmaldo Fernandes, sfx
03	Fr. Silvester 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.
15	Fr. Saumen Malik
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, sfx
24	Fr. Alope Anthony Kanji
25	Fr. Molloy Mondal
25	Fr. Soosaiappan Y.
26	Fr. Panneer Selvam
28	Fr. Francis Makhal

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer: Month of May 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Memorable & Admirable

May 1	Fr. Bronckers Pierre, S.J.
May 22	Fr. Tapan Gomes, S.J.
May 27	Fr. Mario Shivaji d'Aquino Henriques, S.F.X.
May 29	Fr. George D'Campo, S.J.

Congratulation to
RT. REV. SHYAMAL BOSE
for Elected the Coadjutor Bishop Anniversary on May 17
and Congratulation for the Canonical Possession on May 04

Bishop S. Bose's Programme for the Month of May 2023

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
05	Fri	04.30 p.m.	Bp's House, Baruipur	Meeting with Pilgrim of Charity
06	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Diamond Harbour	Meeting of CRI
27	Sat	10.30 a.m.	Kidderpore	Final Vow of F.C Sisters
29	Mon	11.00 a.m.	Gangarampur	G. B. Meeting of the Boys' Town