



The Solemnity of Assumption

"There was silence in heaven as Mary entered in,
For even Gabriel had not foreseen
The glory of a soul immune from sin
Throned in the body of the angels' Queen.

Blessed be God and Mary in whose womb
Was woven God's incredible disguise.
She gave Our Lord His Body. In the tomb
He gave her hers again and bade her rise."

(Two stanzas from the poem, 'Mary's Assumption' by Alfred Barrett)

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The Pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. What the Pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

The doctrine's development is closely related to a feast devoted to Mary that passed from a general celebration in her honour to the one celebrated on August 15, commemorating her dormition, or falling asleep. The feast, which originated in the Byzantine Empire, was brought to the West, where the term *Assumption* replaced the earlier title to reflect increased emphasis on the glorification of Mary's body as well as her soul.

With the assumption of Mary, body and soul, into heaven, she is "like a mother who waits for her children to come back home." Knowing that she is there with God in heaven "gives us comfort and hope during our pilgrimage" on earth, said the Holy Father, Pope Francis, after reciting the Angelus prayer on the feast of the Assumption in 2019. "Let us look on high," he said, where Mary awaits. "She loves us, she smiles at us and she comes to our aid with haste." Just as every mother wants what is best for her children, "she tells us, 'You are precious in God's eyes; you were not made for measly worldly gratifications, but for the great joys of heaven,'" the Pope said.

"When man set foot on the moon, he said a phrase that became famous: 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.' In essence, humanity had reached a historic milestone. But today, in Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we celebrate an infinitely greater achievement. Our Lady set foot in Heaven," Pope Francis said on the feast of assumption in the year 2020. "This step of the little Virgin of Nazareth was

the giant leap forward of mankind." "Our Lady set foot in Heaven: she went there not only in spirit, but with her body as well, with all of herself," he said. "That one of us dwells in the flesh in Heaven gives us hope: we understand that we are precious, destined to rise again. God does not allow our bodies to vanish into nothing. With God, nothing is lost." The life of the Virgin Mary is an example of how "the Lord works wonders with the little ones," the Pope explained.

The assumption of our blessed mother teaches us many valuable lessons as follows.

- 1) The first one is that we all are called to heaven. St. Paul says, "Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. (Col 3: 2-4)"
- 2) When we meditate on Mary lovingly carried into the arms of her Son in heaven, we are strengthened to continue our fight against sin for the sake of the glory awaiting us in heaven.
- 3) Mary's assumption reminds us that salvation is holistic. God does not just save half of us. He doesn't just pluck the soul out of the husk of a sinful body. We are saved in the fullness of our humanity, body and soul. (Pope Pius XII makes this argument in his definition of the dogma.)
- 4) To be human is to live in relation to another. This is one of the first things Scripture teaches about man. Christ, who was perfectly human, 'needs' the perfect companionship of another human, especially in paradise.
- 5) There is no dichotomy between the body and the soul. Human beings are one whole with the body and soul. We are called to a life of holiness, which involves keeping our bodies chaste and pure. St. Paul says, "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Cor 6:19-20)"

I wish you all a happy feast of assumption. May our blessed Mother fill us with heavenly wisdom and grace to live our lives worthy of the calling we have received (cf. Eph 4:1) with a ready heart of joining the Mother and the Son in heaven.

+ Shyamal Bose

Observance of II World Day for Grandparents and Elderly, Cathedral Church Baruipur

Grandparents are a little bit parents, a little bit teachers and a little bit best friends. Sometimes we forget just how important and special they are; the second celebration of the world day for grandparents and the elderly instituted by pope Francis was held at Cathedral Church Baruipur on Sunday, July 24, 2022 close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. We were glad to have amidst us Most Rev. Slavadore Lobo, Bishop Emeritus and two elderly priests, Fr. Henry Crasta and Fr. Francis Makhal for the Mass. All the grandparents were welcomed with a flower and chandan tika before the Sunday liturgy. The short felicitation program hosted soon after the Mass comprised of two action songs by the catechism children and the youth of the parish wherein these grandchildren manifested their love and affection for their grandparents. Besides, they also had made the greetings cards depicting their bonds with grandparents. The well prepared felicitation speech presented by Ms. Ankita Mondal, one of our youth created awareness among the grandchildren and adult alike acknowledging the important contribution made by grandparents to the well-being and education of children within their family and a note of appreciation to them. On behalf of the grandparents Mr. Pannalal Bag while his grateful acknowledgment said that they were happy to be a part of this wonderful celebration and applauded all for going out of the way to make them feel so special. All the grandparents were presented a Rosary as a token of appreciation and love. Thereafter, parish priest, sisters, brother and few church committee members visited all those grandparents and elderly persons who were unable to come to the church due to old age and sickness. It was to show our solidarity with them. They spent few moments together with them in prayer followed by giving of Holy Communion to them. They greeted them with a flower and gifts.



2nd world Day for Grandparents and Elderly People



It was a joyful occasion to celebrate 2nd world day for Grandparents and Elderly people by people of God of panchamkhanda parish.

The day began with Holy Eucharist presided by Fr. Abonindro Das, Parish priest. At the very outset of the liturgy he stressed on the role and importance of the Elderly people in building and molding up our family and society. Hence need to acknowledge their contributions and has to be taken care well with due respect and reverence.

After liturgical celebration as one family there was a fellowship refreshments with them. Then three groups of the parish namely, Youth Group, SCC Units and Parish Council led by Br. Satyajit Naskar, Catechist Purnendu Ghughu and Fr. Abonindro Das respectively reached out to 19 elderly people who due to their old age and sickness cannot come to church at all. There they prayed over them and offered a flower and a bag of fruits and biscuits as a sign of love and reverence towards them.

Thanks be to God for such a wonderful gifts of Grandparents and Elderly people in our lives.

News from Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kumrakhali

2nd World Day for Grandparents' & Elderly 2022



"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15)

With this meaningful theme by the Holy Father Pope Francis, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Kumrakhali celebrated 2nd world day for Grandparents & Elderly people on 24th July 2022. Parish Priest & Parish Youth Group planned and invited all the Grandparents and Elderly people for the Holy Mass.

On that very special day 40 Grandparents and Elderly people came for the Mass. The Eucharist began by the beautiful introduction by Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabarty, where he explained about the day and the Pope's message. During the Eucharist Fr. Indrajit Sardar prayed for them and offered the Mass especially for them. After the Holy Mass there was a cultural program for them. Fr. Indrajit the Parish Priest was asked to give a message for the Grandparents, where he welcomed everyone who were present there and also wished them for their good health. After him superior, Sr. Priya M.C. & Sr. Marlin M.C. shared their joy for the day. After the speech the Youth & parishioners performed dance, song etc. On behalf of the Grandparents Mrs. Maya Naskar

spoke and expressed their gratitude for the special day and the moment, they all were very happy. The day was celebrated according to the instruction given by the Holy Father Pope Francis.

In the same way the village people of Sambhunagar sub-station of kumrakhali Parish celebrated the joyful day with the Grandparents and Elderly people with the presence of Fr. Bablu Sardar, the assistant Parish Priest of Kumrakhali Parish. He also offered the Mass for the same occasion, where he prayed for their healthy and joyful life.

- Subhro Prakash Sardar

গত ইংরেজি ২৪শে জুলাই ২০২২ রবিবার সকাল ৭ ঘটিকায় বারুইপুর ধর্মপ্রদেশের পরম শ্রদ্ধেয় বিশপ শ্যামল বোস, কুমড়াখালি প্যারিশের অধীনে ১০নং সেন্ট থমাস চার্চে ৬৫+ প্রবীণদের উদ্দেশ্যে খ্রীষ্টিয়াগ উৎসর্গ করার জন্য উপস্থিত হন। এই উপলক্ষে প্রায় ৪৫০ জন খ্রীষ্টভক্ত কীর্তন দলের মাধ্যমে ও বিভিন্ন অনুষ্ঠানের মধ্যে দিয়ে বিশপ মহোদয়কে স্বাগত জানান। এরপর তিনি খ্রীষ্টিয়াগ উৎসর্গ করেন। খ্রীষ্টিয়াগের পর তিনি ৩৪ জন বাবা-মাকে গোলাপ ফুল, রোজারী মালা ও অন্যান্য উপহার দিয়ে সম্বর্ধনা জানান ও বাচ্চাদের যীশুর মেডেল প্রদান করেন। উল্লেখযোগ্য ঘটনা বৃষ্টির মধ্যে একটি অসুস্থ বাড়ি গিয়ে অসুস্থ বাবাকে খ্রীষ্ট-প্রসাদ প্রদান করেন। আমরা বিশপ মহোদয়কে ধন্যবাদ ও কৃতজ্ঞতা জানাই ও তাঁর দীর্ঘায়ু কামনা করি।

- অজয় নস্কর

Grandparents' Day Celebration at Budge Budge and Bata Church

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Honor your father and mother, "which is the first commandment with a promise." (Ephesians 6:1-2)

On 24th July, 2022 our Parish Priest, Fr. Surojit Mitra organised an event for Grandparents. The programme started with Holy Mass, so we all prayed for all parents. Then there was a song and dance performance by youth. Then our Parish Priest gave flowers to the parents with the help of children. The programme ended with a beautiful song by our Parish Priest.



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Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

Major Activities for the Month of July 2022

Distribution of Education Materials, Toiletries and Nutritious Food Packet to 372 Students:



On 1st July 2022, PUS Baruipur distributed Education materials, Toiletries and Nutritious Food Packet to 372 students of SAD Langalberia Project. All the family of our selected children were very happy to receive Soyabean, Cooking oil, Mosoor Dal, Biscuit, Sattoo, Sugar, Detergent Powder, Toothpaste, Coconut oil, Sanitary Napkin, Exercise Book, Drawing Book, Pen, Pencil, Pastel Colour and Ration Bag in this crucial time of Post Pandemic situation. Most of the families are in crisis of earning as to meet the high raising price of their essential commodities.

Training on Individual Child Care Plan for Better Education:



Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur organized a three days workshop on individual Child Care Plan as pedagogy for the teachers of Education Project Langalberia from 6th to 8th July 2022 at HRDC Hall. Mr. Avijit Sinha from FADV was the Resource Person in this workshop.

In the beginning Fr. Saumen Malik, the Director of PUS Baruipur delivered the welcome address to the participants sharing a brief introduction of the workshop.

Mr. Avijit Sinha explained in details about the data analysis for Individual Child Care Plan and its implementation followed by Power Point Presentation, Group Discussion, Audio-Visual, Preparation of Teaching Learning Materials, Story telling, Sound Consciousness and Alphabets Recognition.

Teachers also came to know some educational tips like strategies of good writing and reading, "word without vowel" and "with vowel sign. The teachers actively participated in this workshop and were enlightened to follow the same for the

educational up-liftment of Individual children.

The workshop concluded with thanks and gratitude to all the participants.

Dr. Anirban Maitra from - UK, array of hope for the educational support to the children of Sundarban:



On 7th July 2022, Dr. Anirban Maitra and his Team from Centre for Social Change and Development, Manchester- UK visited PUS Baruipur to have a field exposé to Ranigarh Parish for a new project of Digital learning for disadvantage children in Sundarban.

At morning 9:30 a.m., there was Reception and felicitation to Dr. Anirban Maitra and his Team with flowers and shawl. All projects Coordinators had their self-introduction.

The song "Tomake Bhalobasa Jay Na Probhu" was presented by PUS Family as an opening song which exposed the Vision & Mission of our organization that touched the heart of the Visitors. Fr. Saumen Malik the director of PUS Baruipur presented a brief Introduction of our projects.

Dr. Anirban Maitra shared the possibilities and scope of Digital Learning for the children of Sundarban.

After the end of the session, Dr. Anirban Maitra and his Team visited to Ranigarh Parish to have a view of the geographical location and present situation of the proposed area.

Stakeholder Meeting of DCC Project:



On 8th July 2022, the stakeholder meeting of PUS Day Care Center was conducted at our HRDC Hall. Altogether 100 disable children and their mothers were present in the meeting.

After the inaugural ceremony, Fr. Saumen Malik, Director of PUS Baruipur shared the objective of the stakeholders meeting. Its objective is to build up linkage among the families of the disabled children and Government welfare schemes.

Local Panchayet Prodhan and the members of the Panchayet Samity, School Teachers shared about the Government schemes related to differently able children. Local ICDS, ANM, ASHA worker were also present as resource persons who shared about Immunization, Nutrition, Basic Health & Hygiene and possible reason for the birth of a disabled children.

Mrs. Samprita Sengupta the senior project managers of FADV Asia shared a message about the welfare of special children, which was very enthusiastic to the mothers. Mrs. Sujata Mondal, the coordinator of the DCC project concluded the meeting with thanks and gratitude to all the participant.

School Sensitization Programme on Women and Child Protection against Abuse and Violence:

School Sensitization Programme on Women and Child Protection against abuse and violence was conducted on 20th July 2022 at Sikaripara Junior High School under Basanti Block. Altogether 82 adolescent Girls and Boys sensitized about the bad effect of different social violence issues on Gender Discrimination, Trafficking, underage marriage, Domestic Violence, Child labour and adolescent health and Hygiene.



The students are motivated about moral values, respect to senior citizen and also their role and responsibility for the protection of women and child. They also inspired to act as peer educator to bring the school dropout children to the main stream.

Opportunity for Overseas Student to have Exposer Visit at PUS Baruipur:



On 22nd July 2022, a Team Consist of four Students namely, Mr. Riccardo, Ms. Micol, Ms. Sofia and Ms. Valeria from Italy under the leadership of FADV visited the disabled children of our Day Care Centre.

The objective of the visit was to have exposé of service provided to disabled children and difficulties faced by the families of the children etc.

After a short Introduction and felicitation, the team members had interaction session with the parents and children with disability. They discussed about the benefit received from the Day Care Centre. Mr. Tapas Halder, Physiotherapy of the DCC demonstrated different exercise along with the use of orthopaedic appliances.

All the team Members were very happy to have mingled with the parents and their Children with disabilities.

State Level Consultation Workshop on Disaster Resilience in Sundarban:

On 28th July 2022, A State Level Consultation Workshop was conducted at the Hotel Stadel of Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata. The program was supported by Caritas Germany through Caritas India and jointly organized by Palli Unnayan



Samiti Baruipur and SPADE, the operating partners of Global Program India, in West Bengal.

On behalf of Government of West Bengal, Mr. Shamanjit Sengupta, Jt. Secretary, the State Level Administrative Government Officer for Panchayet and Rural Development, shared about the livelihood and income Generation, social inclusion and social protection.

Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, Sub Divisional Disaster Management Officer shared beautiful message on safe shelter for the community and individual housing for vulnerable population.

Mr. Milon Kanti Mandal the Divisional Forest Officer, Sundarban discussed about Impacts of Mangrove Diminution and Plantation. Md. Abdul Gani Retire Jt. Secretary of Sundarban affairs, Government of West Bengal, spoke about the

livelihood and income Generation, social inclusion and social protection.

Professor Ashok Sarkar, a research scholar briefed about Development Dynamic in Sundarban. Mr. Simachal the representative of UNICEF shared about the protection of Children in DRR context. Mr. Basab Sarkar from Oxfam India, explained in a nut shell about safe drinking water and sanitation in Rural Areas and in a Post-Disaster situation.

Mr. Anurudhya Day consultant of West Bengal state IAG and sphere India and Caritas India Team Jointly presented Recommendations and the way forward on DRR context in Sundarban.



Fr. Saumen Malik, the director of PUS Baruipur concluded the workshop with Vote of thanks to all the participants.

Paribar Jyoti News

Children Mental Health July, 3rd 2022:

A program was organized in Bakultala village under Canning police station in collaboration with our animator Mr. Tapas Mondal on children's mental health. He started the discussion with the mothers in groups and the mothers spontaneously participated by answering various questions. Through this group



discussion, he taught them how to care for children and better understanding the little ones. The mothers all pledged to take care of the children and necessary measures.

In-Laws Programme July, 5th 2022: Our animator Baby Bar organized a one-day In-Laws program in Morapai Parish. She managed this program beautifully with her team. The main



theme of this program was how we Mothers-in-law try to understand the Daughters-in-law and try to help and correct, if necessary, with love and respect. They were divided into groups for discussion and they came out with many guidelines as they really discussed in the group seriously. Probably, these would form a very good foundation for the sweet relationship between mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law. They realized themselves that there is a big component in the family and they should be able to understand the situation that their daughter-in-law's going through. It is a big duty of the mother-in-law. They vowed to treat their daughter-in-law with deep concern as a daughter and correct with due respect.

Children Mental Health July, 11th 2022: Our animator Mrs. Madhabi Pramanik conducted a seminar on child mental health at Belegachi in



North Para of Belgachi village. She announced a few times for this seminar and conducted the program with them. Many mothers attended this seminar with heart and mind. The animator divided them into groups and had discussions. Everyone shared in the group their own experiences and contributed a great opinion and wisdom that it is absolutely not worth hurting a child's little mind. We will try to understand them as they are and teach them diligently with a touch of love.

Regional Family Commission Meeting

July, 13th 2022: A one-day Regional Family Commission Meeting organized by Regional Family Commissions' Secretary Rev. Father Joseph Biswas at Sanjeevani Pastoral Center of Krishnagar Diocese on the Thirteenth of July, 2022, in the presence of Regional Family Commissions' Chairman Most Rev. Bishop



Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Catholic Diocese of Baruiপুর, Rev. Fr. Nirmal Gomes, Bishop-Elect, Krishnagar Diocese, Fr. Joseph, Regional Secretary, Family Commissions' Directors of all Regional Dioceses, two Sisters and Eight Lay Persons of the Regional Dioceses. The MC. of the meeting was Mrs. Kakoli Mondal and she did a splendid duty. The main topic of this meeting was how we can prevent domestic violence, killings, abortion and suicides etc. The Chairman Most Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose beautifully explained the various families and their duties through Amoris Laetitia. Rev. Father Nirmal Gomes said that we should not only commit ourselves to school-based education but should make more efforts through our priestly life and various parish activities and catechism should be emphasized in every parish. After a mesmerizing Talk, Secretary Rev. Fr. Joseph requested everyone to get ready for the Holy Eucharistic celebration and Most Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose was the main celebrant. He emphasized in his homily a deep sense of self-sacrifice as God Himself made for us. This heart-touching thought refreshes us to lead our daily life as a precious gift of God. The program ended after sumptuous lunch.

In-Laws' Seminar July, 15th 2022: An In-



Law's half-day seminar was conducted in Mohamaya by the efforts of our animator Mrs. Ila Mandal, at Substation, belonging to Khari Parish. This seminar was held with several mothers. After having discussed a few vigorous points, Mrs. Ila divided everyone into groups and instructed them to discuss how to adjust and

teach Daughter In-Laws in a loving way. After the group discussion, it was revealed that they had nicely brainstormed a number of ideas. As a result, they need to develop a harmonious relationship with their Daughter In-Laws and make a peaceful atmosphere in the family. Lastly, they took a vow that they will look at Daughter In-Laws with the eyes of respect and correct them as their own daughters.

Children Mental Health July, 18th 2022:



A one-day program was organized for children's mental health by the efforts of our Animator Mr. Tapas Mondal at Canning Nagartala. A prominent Panchayat and other dignitaries were present there. The main question of this program was how we can recognize or understand the child's mind as much as possible, especially as a mother. The animator divided them into groups. However, through group discussion arguments and questions arose from the mothers' sides which were really from mothers' heartfelt thoughts and very significant. Through this programme, many mothers vowed to take better care of their children and try to understand their children more carefully.

In-Laws Workshop July, 19th 2022: With



the help of our animator Mrs. Alorani Sardar, a one-day In-Laws Workshop was made possible in Hotnagar. The workshop was well organized by her. She first gave valuable dialogue about In-Laws, then she divided them into groups and

gave them a topic for discussion. They discussed it very nicely and emanated up each group with different opinions. They learned many things through group discussions as they shared different ideas. They took a vow that they would adjust, understand and take care of their Daughter In-Laws. They promised to love and show concern toward Daughter In-Laws.

Children Mental Health July, 19th 2022:

Animator Mrs. Bijali Jana of Paribar Jyoti



organized a one-day children's mental health program at ModhusudhanChack, Raidighi G.P. Right from the beginning, she shared her experience and then she divided into a few groups and gave them a chance to share their experience. All of them tried to share something from their own experience. After sharing their own experience, Mrs. Bijali divided them into groups. However, after the group discussion, every group presented marvelous ideas and sharing as they had in the group. Finally, they have taken an oath to observe their children with care and love. Everyone is happy to attend such a seminar as they learned a lot.

Children Mental Health July, 21st 2022:



Our Animator Mrs. Prabhati Bag of Basanti Parish conducted a seminar on Children's Mental Health. At first, she discussed Marital relationship because it affects a child's mind. Tereafter, she asked the mothers how to take care of the child as a mother and divided them into groups. They went into groups and discussed very actively and came out with various heart-warming opinions. The animator asked each group to present and each group did so. At the end of this seminar, the mothers said that we want to attend this kind of seminar once again. As a result of the seminar, mothers vowed to be more caring and loving mothers.

Glimpses from Dishari Pastoral Centre

SCC Seminar at Baidyapur on 3rd July

"He replied, 'blessed rather are those who hear the Word of God and obey it' (Luke 11:28). The Word of God is the only principle of Christian life. A Oneday SCC seminar, for the first time since the pandemic was arranged in coordination with Rev. Fr. Molloy Mondal at Baidyapur Parish on 3rd of July 2022 for the faithful to acknowledge the Word of God. Altogether 54 participants from near and far took part in the seminar to take part in the glorification of Word of God. Rev. Fr. Molloy Mondal, Rev. Fr. Sarojit Mandal and Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar resourced them with the enlightenment of God's Word. Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar explained reasons of holding the SCC meeting in the villages. Further, he made them aware of the importance and the fruitfulness of SCC to keep peace, harmony and unity in the family. People were fascinated to form SCC units in the name of different patrons. The seminar came to an end with the celebration of Holy Eucharist presided by Rev. Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar and Rev. Fr. Sarojit Mandal. In his homily, Rev. Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes explained them the effect of Word of God in our lives. The seminar successfully ended with the words of gratitude delivered by Rev. Fr. Molloy Mondal.



SCC Seminar at Panchamkhanda on 10th July

"Every Word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him" (Proverbs 30:5). The Word of God has the power to protect our lives from evil. A one-day SCC seminar was held at Panchamkhanda to be compassionate to others by the Word of God. Altogether 67 people including youths and elders participated in the seminar. Rev. Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes was the resource person of the day. He enlightened them with his enriched talk about the importance of Word of God and people were deeply touched by the talk. They have taken a special interest to share the joy of having the Word of God in their hearts with others. The seminar ended with the celebration of Holy Eucharist. At the end of the seminar, Rev. Fr. Abonindro Das extended his words of thanks to Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar and Rev. Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes, as well as he thanked the people for their interest in spreading the word of God through SCC.



SCC Seminar at Hogalkuria on 24th July

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). Our faith must not depend on the worldly things rather on God's Word. It was an experiential opportunity for the people of Hogalkuria to acknowledge the word of God through a SCC seminar. A huddled crowd flocked together in the parish church to participate in the seminar. Rev. Fr. Subir Sabhapati CM, the parish priest of Hogalkuria welcomed the gathering.

Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar availed himself for the event as resourceful person. The entire people were inspired and enlightened through the Word of God presented by him. He explained all about the SCC and its richness in order to motivate them to live a spiritual life. People showed their devotion towards the Word of God and undertaken the responsibility to spread the Word of God through SCC.

Confirmation at Bibirchawk

It was the great occasion for the people of Bibirchawk, because Bishop Most Rev. Shyamal Bose conferred the sacrament of Holy Confirmation to fifty four children on 3rd July 2022. Coinciding the feasts of St. Paul and St. Thomas added colour to the ceremony. The holy statue of St. Paul was carried in procession. All the children were in white cloth and they rightly responded to the questions of Bishop.

After the Mass, there was a short cultural program. Everything was well arranged by the people of Bibirchawk, MC sisters and Fr. Edward, 'Holy Family Father'.



Basanti Parish Youth Orientation



On 3rd July, 2022 an Orientation for Basanti Parish Youth was organised. Since the program was organised after quiet a few years, the youth of the parish participated with a zeal. The day began with Eucharistic celebration, offered by Fr. Ramen Pailan (DYD) & Fr. Sylvester Xavier. Mr. Sarbeshwar Chakraborty, DEXCO Advisor then introduced the DEXCO members & greeted everyone. The DEXCO then animated the Youth with their energetic action song. After which Fr. Ramen Pailan through his session helped us to figure out who we are? How can we change ourselves, our behaviour, our actions. How can we become children of God? Some essential topic to build ourselves as we grow. Mr. Soumojit D'costa & Mr. Andrewdeep Gomes, members of DEXCO then shared their youth journey to encourage their young friends. The DEXCO then animated the youth once again, everyone enjoyed. Mr. Sarbeshwar Chakraborty then explained us about the importance of attending Sunday Mass & adoration. What ICYM is? Shared his journey with Youth Ministry.

After his session Fr. Ramen Pailan delivered the vote of thanks. Fr. Arup Bor, Parish

Priest of Basanti too thanked our Director & his team. Everyone departed with a smile.

Training of Trainers: The youth commission of the diocese of Baruipur organized a two days TOT (Training of Trainers) program for the diocese executive committee members and the parish executive members, from 9th July 2022 to 11th July 2022. The day started with a session by the Vicar General of Baruipur diocese, Fr. Kanauj Roy. The session was on 'Youth and Counselling'. A general psychoanalysis was conducted, followed by an informative session on counselling, symptoms of stress and depression. We were also given a talk on 'LIFE Relationships'.

The second session was on 'Leadership' which was conducted by Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes, treasurer of Baruipur diocese. We were showed a video on five rules of strategic leadership and later it was explained to us. The qualities of a good leader were briefly explained to us. We were divided into five groups and were given activities to work on.

After this we had adoration conducted by diocese assistant youth animator, Fr. Rajesh Bag, followed by confession. Then we had a sumptuous dinner. Then we had to present the activities given to us by Fr. Tushar, which was then followed by a small cultural program.

The second day of the TOT program started with Holy Eucharist at the Baruipur Cathedral. The Mass was offered by Diocesan Youth Director, Fr. Ramen Pailan. After the Mass we had a photo session and we headed for breakfast. Soon after this there was an energetic animation by Dexco. This was followed by a session on 'It's okay not to be okay' by Fr. Ramen Pailan.

After the session there was a general body meeting in which there was discussion about what improvement and what work we would like to do in the diocese. Then we had the first official Dexco meeting. The meeting agendas were about celebrating Nation Youth Sunday, forming a youth musical band in the diocese etc.

After the successful end of the meeting, we had a hearty lunch and bid goodbye.

ICSE & CBSE Results (Class-X) : 2022

Name of the School	Board	Appeared	Passed	1st Div / AA	2nd Div / A+	3rd Div / A	B+	B	C	Unsuccessful
Holy Cross School, Baruipur	ICSE	196	196	194	02	—	—	—	—	—
Carmel School, Budge Budge	ICSE	75	75	17	37	21	—	—	—	—
St. Monfort's Sr. Sec. School, Baruipur	CBSE	36	36	35	01	—	—	—	—	—

ISC Results (Class-XII) : 2022

Name of the School	Board	Appeared	Passed	1st Div / AA	2nd Div / A+	3rd Div / A	B+	B	C	Unsuccessful
Holy Cross School, Baruipur	ISC	86	86	86	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carmel School, Budge Budge	ISC	75	75	14	23	26	—	—	—	—

Madhyamik Results (Class - X) : 2022

Name of the School	Board	Appeared	Passed	AA	A+	A	B+	B	C	Unsuccessful
St. Xavier's H. School, Basanti	WBBSE	78	60	01	01	01	09	09	39	18
St. Teresa's G. H. School, Basanti	WBBSE	63	63	—	—	02	10	21	30	—
Carmel G. H. School, Keorapukur	WBBSE	88	87	—	02	06	23	41	15	01 Absent
St. Paul's H. School, Raghobpur	WBBSE	179	174	—	—	09	26	55	84	05
Loreto Girl's H. School, Morapai	WBBSE	37	30	—	—	01	02	04	23	02 (Comp), 05

Higher Secondary Results (Class - XII) : 2022

Name of the School	Board	Appeared	Passed	AA	A+	A	B+	B	C	Unsuccessful
St. Teresa's G. H. School, Basanti	WBCHSE	26	26	02	03	10	05	06	—	—
St. Paul's H. School, Raghobpur	WBCHSE	Arts - 72	57	—	11	7	15	18	6	15
		Comm.-55	55	—	10	18	11	14	—	02

Congratulations to: The Principal, Headmaster, Headmistress, Secretary, Teaching & Non-Teaching Staff of all the Schools.

Celebration of 145 years of Raghampur St. Paul's High School and 500 years of Cannonball Moment of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Raghampur St. Paul's High School (H.S.) is a school of historic importance in the district of South 24 Parganas. Starting the journey in 1877 in a small village chapel, the school that taught to write 'history' in palm leaves with pen made of bamboo twig dipped in ink, is now writing the 'present' with modern equipments and teaching aids in this digital age. This journey has indeed been a revolution in itself and proved to be an icon of Jesuit Missionary education in entire South 24 Parganas.

This institution, being founded and run by the 'Jesuit' Fathers of the Society of Jesus completes a landmark of 145 glorious years. This year also marks the 500 years of the Cannonball Moment, the great spiritual transformation of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus. To commemorate these two events in a befitting manner, Raghampur St. Paul's High school had organized different cultural competitions, sports and events throughout the year. This year long celebration was concluded on 28th July, 2022 with an eventful day of cultural programmes and activities. The occasion was graced by many honorable dignitaries and was made successful by the active participation of the students, teachers and staff of the school.

The whole programme comprised of different phases that collectively contributed to the main theme and objective of the august occasion.

In the first phase, the honorable guests were felicitated. The esteemed guests lighted the *saptapradeep* and garlanded the images of St. Paul and St. Ignatius. After the inaugural prayers, a chorus prayer song was sung by the school choir. The headmistress of the school gave her welcome address. The guests were presented flower bouquets, *uttariyas* and Mementos.

In the second phase, the Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Dr. Felix Raj, S.J., Vice Chancellor of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata released the school magazine '*Dishar*'. Thereafter the prizes were distributed to the students for Games, Yoga, Quiz and different cultural events conducted throughout the year.

The third phase was graced by valuable speeches by the Honorable Guests Most Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose (Bishop of Baruipur Diocese), Mr Dilip Mondal (Honorable Minister of State, Transport Dept., Govt. of West Bengal) and Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Dr. Felix Raj, S.J. (Vice Chancellor of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata)

A dance presentation by *Kalahridaya Kalakendra The Universal Home of Art and Culture* was staged in the fourth phase. The concluding cultural presentation was the dance drama '*Dharmabir Sadhu Ignas*' which was very graciously executed by the students, teachers, staff and the youth group of Raghampur St. Joseph's Church Parish. The melodious concluding song by the St. Paul's School Choir was noteworthy.

The celebration was enlightened by the presence of many dignitaries, priests, retired teachers of the school, ex-students and others. A gathering of about 1600 people including 1300 students of the school took place on that day. A delicious lunch was served for all and everyone wholeheartedly participated for the fulfillment of the programme.



Inauguration of the New Academic: Year 2022-2023

Morning star rejoices over having the inauguration of the new academic year 2022-23 on 1st July 2022.

The day began with the holy Mass of the Holy Spirit at 6:30 a.m. presided over by His Grace Archbishop Thomas D'Souza, concelebrated with the College of bishops of West Bengal Region along with Rev. Fr. George Panthanmackel MSFS, rector of the seminary and the staff members. Bishop in his homily invited all the seminarians to be men of prayer through constant openness and docility to the Holy Spirit. He also exhorted the seminarians to set themselves on a journey of self-discovery. The inaugural ceremony commenced in the auditorium at 09.00 a.m. with the lighting of the lamp. The programme was followed by a cordial and vibrant welcome speech by father Rector. He welcomed all the distinguished dignitaries, respected guests, loving staff and the students. Through his impressive speech he briefly outlined the phenomenal progress in academic and holistic formation in MSRC. He also rightly pointed out that the day of inauguration would be more properly an inauguration of formative year rather than merely academic year. With this he joyfully declared that MSRC has made a history with 228 students for the first time in MSRC 2022-23 that

was not ever before. The presidential address was delivered by Rt. Rev. Salvatore Lobo, emeritus bishop of Baruipur. The relevant advice of his address was "*Be a person of listening rather than being a person of advising*". After this the chairman of MSRC Rt. Rev. Vincent Aind, Bishop of Bagdogra announced the academic year 2022-23 opened.

This was followed by the '*Lectio Brevis*' session by Rev. Dr. Patrick Jayraj MSFS, a resident staff and Treasurer. He presented an enlightening and enriching paper on "the People of the Land", in the light of the Old Testament, especially the book of Kings. At the conclusion of his presentation, a few minutes were allotted for some clarifications. In the end Fr. Niraj the MC of the day offered the vote of thanks to all the guests, staff, students for gracing the occasion by their august presence, and the ceremony was concluded with the Seminary anthem. Despite their busy schedules, the board of bishops offered an open forum with the seminarians for an open discussion to know the life of the brothers and that was something really significant. This was followed by a sumptuous meal which added extra flavour to the occasion.

Br. Hrittick Hazra

NOTICE BOARD

- # Marriage Preparation Course from 9th September to 10th September 2022.
- # Young Couples Programme from 23rd September to 24th September 2022.



AUGUST

03	Br. Kenedi Kabi Ghughu
14	Br. David Panja
18	Br. Soumik Mondal
19	Fr. Pradip Dari
21	Fr. Soosaiappan Y.
24	Br. Rittik Kanji
27	Fr. Joseph Topno, S.J.

Happy Birthday
Dear Fathers & Brothers

Memorable & Admirable Month of August

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



Felicitation

A congratulatory ceremony was celebrated at Basanti St. Xavier's High School on July 12. All the staff and management of the said school were present with most of the students. Shawan Mondal got 668 out of 700 in the Madhyamik exam and because he was first at Basanti Circle, the respected SI of the school was also present at the school to congratulate him. Shawan belongs to a very poor family. He overcame the difficulties he faced. There, each and every speaker praised Shawan for the effort and will he had made. This is the second time that a student from Basanti St. Xavier's High School has made the achievement. The school is proud of their student, Shawan Mondal.

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer - August 2022

Small Businesses: We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Bp. Shyamal Bose's Programme for the Month of August 2022

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
02	Tue	05.00 p.m.	Dishari - Baruipur	Recollection for the diocesan priests
03	Wed	10.00 a.m.	Dishari - Baruipur	Meeting with the all Priests, Superiors and Secretaries of the Diocesan Commissions.
10	Wed	10.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Giving the Certificates Award Ceremony for Beautician Course at PUS Baruipur
14	Sun	10.30 a.m.	Nazat	Installation the new Parish Priest at Catholic Church, Nazat
22	Mon	10.30 a.m.	Gangarampur	Society Feast of Missionaries of Charity at Gangarampur
23	Tue	04.00 p.m.	Kolkata	G.B. and A.G.M. meetings of the Boys Town