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The Significance of the Presentation of the Lord in the Year of Ordinary Jubilee 2025

The Presentation of the Lord, celebrated on February 02, is a momentous occasion in the Christian liturgical calendar. Traditionally, this feast commemorates the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem, as recounted in the Gospel of Luke (2:22-40). On this day, Mary and Joseph bring the newborn Jesus to the Temple to fulfill the Jewish law, offering Him as a consecrated firstborn to the Lord. The significance of this event lies in its rich theological meaning, representing the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy and foreshadowing the ultimate mission of Christ as the light to the nations.

In 2025, the Presentation of the Lord will carry even greater significance, as it falls within the context of the Year of Ordinary Jubilee. The Jubilee year is a time of renewal, grace and reconciliation in the Catholic Church, marked by the Pope's invitation for the faithful to deepen our relationship with God, turn away from sin and experience the joy of divine mercy. While Jubilee years are typically extraordinary occasions, the Year of Ordinary Jubilee, like the one designated for 2025, offers a more regular but still profound call for spiritual reflection and transformation.

The Year of Ordinary Jubilee reminds the Church and its members that God's mercy is always available to those who seek it. It's a time for every individual and community to pause and reflect, turning back to the core messages of the Christian faith: repentance, forgiveness and renewal of the Covenant with God. The Presentation of the Lord, occurring within this context, takes on new depth, reinforcing key themes of light and

redemption that are central to both the Gospel and the Jubilee tradition.

At the heart of this feast is the figure of Simeon, an elderly man who had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before seeing the Messiah. When Simeon encounters the child Jesus in the Temple, he exclaims, "My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel" (Luke 2:30-32). These words encapsulate the essence of Jesus' mission to be the light of the world and to bring salvation not only to Israel but to all humanity.

In the context of the Year of Ordinary Jubilee, this passage serves as a call to each believer to rediscover the light of Christ in their own lives. It is a time to allow that light to shine through in acts of mercy, charity and reconciliation, drawing closer to the message of the Gospel. As the Church reflects on the Presentation, it reminds the faithful that Christ is the true source of light in the world, capable of dispelling the darkness of sin and division. The light of Christ, symbolized by the candles often carried during the Feast of the Presentation, invites every believer to reflect His goodness and grace in their daily lives.

The year-long emphasis on mercy and reconciliation provides an opportunity to deepen the call to holiness, reconciliation and the mission of bringing Christ's light to the world. For Christians around the globe, the Jubilee year offers a unique opportunity to reflect on our faith, to renew our commitment to God and to build a more compassionate and just society. It challenges the Church to not

only celebrate the light of Christ but to actively be that light in the world.

Moreover, the Presentation of the Lord marks a crucial turning point in the liturgical year, signaling the shift from the Advent and Christmas seasons into the Ordinary Time of the Church's calendar. It offers a moment for believers to pause and reflect on the journey from the Incarnation of Christ the miraculous birth of God's Son to the mission He will embark upon in His life, ministry and death. It is a symbolic beginning, a time when the Church reorients its focus toward following Christ in the ordinary course of daily life.

In 2025, the Presentation of the Lord, as part of the Ordinary Jubilee, becomes an invitation for every Christian to join Simeon and Anna in recognizing Christ as the fulfillment of God's promise, the light that illuminates the way to salvation. It challenges us to open our hearts anew, allowing the light of Christ to shine through us, leading us toward greater peace, healing and reconciliation in a world desperately in need of all three.

Ultimately, this celebration is not only a moment of reflection but also a call to action. The Presentation reminds us that the light of Christ is given to the world, not to be hidden, but to be shared, inviting all to witness His glory and salvation. The Year of Ordinary Jubilee, with the feast as its focal point, calls the Church to embrace the light of Christ more deeply and spread it far and wide, carrying His message of peace and hope to every corner of the earth.

+ Shyamal Bose

Christmas Get-together of Priests and Religious

A Christmas celebration for priests and religious working in the Catholic Diocese of Baruipur was held on January 02, 2025, at Dishari. The event commenced with a Holy Eucharist, presided over by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose. This was followed by a short cultural program, expertly anchored by Br. Rajesh Naskar.

It was a wonderful celebration where everyone came together. The atmosphere was filled with laughter and cheer. To make the occasion even more special, all the guests were given gifts. It was a true sharing of joy and happiness with all.

- Fr. Deeap Ekka

Diocesan Youth Christmas Gathering

On January 03, 2025, over 160 youth from across Baruipur Diocese attended Christmas gathering. The event began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration, offered by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, along with diocesan youth directors and other priests.

Following the celebration, various competitions took place, with Sajnaberiya Parish, Khari Parish and Keorapukur Parish securing the top three spots in the carol singing competition.

Most Rev. Shyamal Bose delivered a heartfelt message on Christmas. The gathering concluded with a delicious meal, filling the hearts of all attendees with joy and festive cheer.

- Mr. Mirthunjay Mondal



Paribar Jyoti Expands Services



Paribar Jyoti has enthusiastically expanded its services across the Diocese through training, seminars and meetings. Building on this momentum, the organization hosted several notable events during the month.

Seminars on 'Husband-Wife Relationship' at Pakhirala and 'Parenting' at Sobnamaskar, both under Gosaba Parish, drew 187 participants. These events were organized by family cell members eager to engage more volunteers.

To further empower family cell members, two area-wise seminars were convened. The first, held on January 31, brought together 81 members to discuss family peace and God's plan. A second seminar followed on February 02, 2025.

- Fr. Uttam Naskar

Silver Jubilee Celebration of Sr. Sheena Paulose FC and Sr. Anita Tirkey FC

January 18, 2025, marked a milestone in the lives of Sr. Sheena Paulose FC and Sr. Anita Tirkey FC as they celebrated 25 years of dedicated service to the Lord.

The joyous occasion was attended by fellow sisters, priests, family and friends, who gathered to honour their remarkable journey. The celebration featured a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose in the chapel of Little Flower Convent, Basanti. It was followed by felicitations and heartfelt testimonials.

Sr. Sheena Paulose FC and Sr. Anita Tirkey FC were praised for their unwavering commitment, selfless love and tireless efforts in serving the humanity.

- Sr. Stephy Albin FC



Conferring of Ministry of Acolyte and Leader

February 23, 2025, marked a significant day at Dhyam Ashram as 12 deserving candidates were conferred the Ministry of Acolyte and Leader.

His Lordship Most Rev. Shyamal Bose presided over the ceremony, imparting blessings and words of encouragement to the newly appointed ministers.

The conferring of these ministries marked a significant milestone in the spiritual journey of the candidates, empowering them to serve the Lord and the community with renewed dedication and purpose.

- Fr. Masillamani SJ

Inauguration of the Golden Jubilee of Sr. Rosina Mundadan SCC



On the occasion of the inauguration of the golden Jubilee of the religious life of Sr. Rosina Mundadan SCC, a solemn Holy Mass was celebrated at the Holy Cross Convent, Baruipur, with the theme "Glorious 50 Years of Grace." The Mass, officiated by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, was graced by neighbouring priests, brothers and sisters, making the event a truly spiritual and communal celebration.

The occasion marked a significant milestone in Sr. Rosina's religious life, and the gathering reflected deep gratitude and faith. The Holy Mass was an opportunity to thank God for her unwavering dedication, prayerful life and the service she has offered over the 50 years. It was a moment to recognize the graces that have shaped her vocation and the many lives she has touched. Prayers were offered for Sr. Rosina's future, asking for continued blessings, strength, and peace as she continues her life in the Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross.

Following the Mass, a short felicitation program was held, during which Sr. Rosina was warmly congratulated by all those present. The community expressed their love and appreciation for her, celebrating her journey of faith and service. In her heartfelt response, Sr. Rosina thanked God, the Bishop and everyone who attended the celebration, particularly the community, for making the day a memorable and joyous occasion.

- Sr. Sasmita Parichha SCC.

Palli Unnayan Samiti (PUS) Baruipur

Visit of Belgian Sponsors

On January 21, 2025, Mr. Astere and Mrs. Marie Paul from Belgium visited PUS Baruipur. They met 21 sponsored children and 24 students from Morapai Computer Training Centre. Fr. Saumen Malik, Director of PUS, shared the impact of their educational sponsorship.



FADV Sporters Visit

On January 23-24, 2025, FADV supporters from Italy visited the SAD Langalberia Education and Day Care Center project. They attended cultural programs, met sponsored students and visited the Day Care Centre, Tailoring, Beautician and Computer Training Centres run by PUS.

Certificate Awards Ceremony

On January 30, 2025, PUS Baruipur awarded certificates to 23 students who completed the 6-month Tailoring Training Course. Fr. Saumen Malik, presented the certificates, wishing the students a bright future in pursuit of becoming self dependent.

- Fr. Saumen Malik

Missionary Childhood Association Awareness Program at St. Peter's Church, Kalipur



On February 03, 2025, the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity, Kacharibazar, conducted an awareness program at St. Peter's Church, Kalipur, based on the Missionary Childhood Association motto: "Children helping children, praying for children and evangelizing children." 40 children from Kochpukkur and Kalipur participated in the event, which featured action songs, moral value activities and a presentation on St. John Bosco's life. Fr. Prodeep Roy, Sr. Pio John M.C., Mrs. Jaya and Miss. Sucheta Dey shared valuable insights on childcare. The program concluded with games and enthusiastic feedback from the children.

- Sr. Jean Baptist

Republic Day Celebration

De Paul School, Canning celebrated India's Republic Day with great fervour on January 26, 2025. The event began with a flag hoisting ceremony, followed by patriotic songs that filled the air. A colourful parade showcasing India's diverse traditions added to the festive atmosphere.

The celebration brought together students, parents and staff to honour the nation's rich heritage and spirit of unity. It served as a poignant reminder of the values enshrined in the Constitution and the importance of upholding them.

- Mr Saurav Naskar



Annual Sports Day 2025 St. Patrick's Boys' Primary School

On February 01, 2025, St. Patrick's Boys' Primary School, Morapai, hosted its Annual Sports Day with great enthusiasm. Fr. Amrit Ekka, Curate of Thakurpukur Parish, was the chief guest.



The event featured a march-past, dance performances and various sports competitions, showcasing the students' athletic skills and dedication. Over 150 students participated, demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship.

Fr. Sanjay Minj, Head Master, thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication. Trophies and prizes were awarded to winners and participants. The day concluded with a cultural program in the evening.

- Fr. Sanjay Minj

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

02	Br. Sudip Chakraborty
06	Fr. Uttam Naskar
08	Fr. John Britto
13	Fr. Abonindro Das
14	Fr. Prolay Boidya
15	Fr. Jackson Lawrence, S.F.X.
17	Br. Pritam Mondal
18	Fr. Molloy Mondal
24	Br. Hrittick Hazra

Happy Birthday Dear Fathers & Brothers

Priestly Ordination Anniversary

FEBRUARY

11	Fr. Sarojit Mandal
13	Fr. Goutam Naskar
24	Fr. Rajen Singh

Congratulations Dear Fathers

Memorable & Admirable

Month of February

05	Fr. Siluvai Francis S.J.
22	Fr. Abani Bagh
27	Bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes, S.J.

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer - Month of February 2025

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life : Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Glimpse from Dishari Pastoral Centre

Dishari Pastoral Centre successfully organized a series of enriching programs throughout January 2025, focusing on community engagement, spiritual growth and faith formation.

The month began with two Christmas get-togethers, held on January 04 & 05, for

BEC members and Sunday School children. These joyous events were graced by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, who presided over the Holy Eucharistic celebrations and delivered inspiring messages to the attendees. Most Rev. Salvadore Lobe, Bishop Emeritus, also honoured the gatherings with his presence. In addition to the Holy Eucharist, the events featured a skit and carol competition, which added to the festive atmosphere. A total of 767 participants actively took part in these celebrations and the joy and happiness of Christmas was evident on every face.



Following the Christmas events, Dishari continued its commitment to faith formation by organizing two seminars on BEC. The first seminar was held on January 19, 2025 at Dosh Nombor and the second took place on January 27, 2025 at Lakhikantapur. Additionally, a faith formation program was held on January 30, 2025 at Bibirchak. These seminars and programs attracted 356 participants, all eager to learn and deepen their understanding of the faith. Fr. Goutam Naskar, Fr. Bablu Sardar, Fr. Deepak Ekka, and Fr. Aloke Kanji served as resource persons for these events, providing valuable insights and guidance.

The participants displayed a strong interest in promoting BEC in their local communities and expressed a deep commitment to actively spreading the Good News to others. Their enthusiasm and dedication were a testament to the growing spirit of faith and collaboration within Dishari Pastoral Centre.

- Fr. Goutam Naskar

NOTICE BOARD

Priests' recollection will be held at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruipur on February 19-20, 2025.

Bishop Shyamal Bose's Programme for the Month of February 2025

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
07	Fri	05.00 p.m.		Returns from CCBI Meeting in Bhubaneswar
09	Sun	07.30 a.m.	Morapai	Mass and Confirmation
10	Mon	03.30 p.m.	Bishop's House, Baruipur	Meeting of St. Mary's Educational Trust
15	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Diamond Harbour	Meeting of CRI
16	Sun	10.00 a.m.	Dishari, Baruipur	Holy Childhood Programme
19-20	Wed-Thu		Dishari, Baruipur	Priests' Recollection
24	Mon			Departure for Raigunj
28	Fri			Returns from Raigunj

Bishop Salvadore Lobo's Programme for the Month of February 2025

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
11	Tue	05.30 a.m.		Arrives from Mangalore
23	Sun	10.30 a.m.	Serampore	Mass for Jubilee Celebration of Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary at Serampore, Kolkata Archdiocese.