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Mother of God: A Model for the Jubilee Year 2025

As the Church begins the Jubilee Year 2025, all Christians are invited to experience a time of renewal, reconciliation and grace. This special year encourages us to reflect on God's mercy, turn away from sin, and share in His healing work. Among all the examples of faith, one stands out as a perfect model for living in extraordinary ways through everyday life: the Blessed Mother. Her life of humility, faith, and service shows us how to live during the Jubilee.

The Divine Mother's life teaches us how ordinary moments can be filled with extraordinary grace. Her journey started not with something grand, but with simply saying "yes" to God's plan. When the angel Gabriel appeared to her and asked her to become the mother of His Son, she agreed without seeking fame or honour. Instead, she chose a life of obedience, trust, and service. Her quiet faith in God's plan marked every moment of her life.

The Blessed Virgin Mary's example shows that holiness isn't about doing big, dramatic things. It's about living faithfully in the everyday moments. As we prepare for the Jubilee, we are reminded that holiness is found in small acts of love and humility. Like the Our Lady, we can open our hearts to God's will, trusting that He will turn our ordinary moments into opportunities for grace.

The Jubilee Year also invites us to experience personal conversion turning

away from sin and renewing our commitment to God. The Most Holy Virgin's life shows us the way of continual conversion. From the moment she agreed to God's plan at the Annunciation to her words at the wedding in Cana, "Do whatever he tells you," the Divine Mother teaches us to always be open to God's guidance. Her life shows that conversion is a lifelong journey, made up of daily choices to follow God's will, even when it's difficult.

The Church invites us to reflect on God's mercy during this Jubilee and experience reconciliation with God and with one another. Our Lady, the Mother of Mercy, is a perfect model of reconciliation. At the foot of the cross, she saw her Son suffer and became part of God's work of reconciliation. In her suffering, united with Jesus', she offered herself as an intercessor for all people. Through her love, the Divine Mother leads us to experience God's mercy.

At Pentecost, the Blessed Mother's presence with the apostles shows her role in God's plan of reconciliation. She prayed for them as the Holy Spirit came down. She teaches us that reconciliation is not just about words, but about being willing to suffer for others, forgive, and work for peace. The Jubilee calls us to be instruments of peace in our families, communities, and the world, just as the Divine Mother was.

Peace is another important theme of the Jubilee Year 2025. The Blessed Mother, the

Queen of Peace, shows us that true peace isn't just the absence of conflict; it's the presence of God's love. Her life teaches us that real peace comes from trusting God's plan. At the Annunciation, she accepted the unknown with faith, believing God would bring peace. Even in tough times, her peace came from trusting God. During the Jubilee, we are called to embrace peace in our hearts, knowing that God is in control, even when life feels uncertain.

The Blessed Mother also teaches us the importance of silence and prayer. In a world full of noise, her life of quiet reflection is a powerful example. After Jesus was born, she "pondered all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:19). Her life of prayer helped her stay faithful, even in difficult moments. The Jubilee reminds us of the power of silence and stillness, allowing God to shape our hearts. Silence can be a tool for reconciliation, conversion, and peace.

Finally, the Queen of Heaven's life was marked by humble service. She never sought recognition but always served others. Whether helping her cousin Elizabeth or supporting the early Church, the Immaculate Mother showed that true greatness is found in serving others. During this Jubilee, we are called to follow her example of service. Every act of kindness, no matter how small, shows God's love in the world. We can imitate her example by helping others, caring for the poor, and advocating for justice.

+ Shyamal Bose

News from Paribar Jyoti

December, the final month of 2024, is also a time for celebrating Christmas. Amidst the holiday preparations and festivities, the month was filled with various training programs focusing on family relationships, including marriage preparation course, young couples' workshop, animator workshops, team-building sessions, and a get-together. In addition to these activities, the staff felt a strong desire to bond with others and share the joy and blessings of the Child Jesus. As a result, we took the initiative to visit nearby communities and spread our Christmas greetings.



- Fr. Uttam Naskar

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

Major Activities for December 2024

World Disability Day (3rd December 2024): 204 children with disabilities and their mothers attended this programme, with guests Ms. Alexia, Ms. Sarah, and Ms. Georgia from FADV, Italy. Activities included a drawing competition, dance, and recitation. Fr. Saumen Malik spoke on mainstreaming disabled children. The event ended with tiffin packets for participants.

Certificate Awards Ceremony (6th, 11th, 13th December 2024): 70 students were awarded certificates for completing Spoken English and Computer courses under the CREAM project, supported by various organizations. Fr. Saumen Malik congratulated the students.

Stakeholder Meeting (17th December 2024): 188 children with disabilities and their mothers participated in this meeting. Local ANM & ASHA shared information on government welfare schemes and children's rights. Mothers were encouraged to support their children's well-being.

Christmas with Neighbouring Children (20th December 2024): Rev. Kanauj Roy lit the lamp and shared a Christmas message. Children participated in sports contests, with prizes for top performers, and food packets were given to all.



Christmas Gifts for Needy Families (21st December 2024): 125 blankets were distributed to poor families as Christmas gifts.

Annual Staff Get-Together (23rd December 2024): 121 staff members exchanged gifts, performed songs, recitations, and a nativity play. Fr. Saumen Malik appreciated their dedication and wished continued support for 2025. The event concluded with diaries, calendars, cake, and a festive lunch.

A Joyous Jubilee Celebration at Panchamkhanda Parish: Honoring Faith and Service



On December 30, 2024, Panchamkhanda Parish celebrated the jubilees of five women and one man for their lifelong service to God: Sr. Minati (Golden Jubilee), Sr. Suprabha (Ruby Jubilee), Sr. Theola (Coral Jubilee), Sr. Babita (Tin Jubilee), and Fr. Saumen Malik (Tin Jubilee). Sr. Rinku, SCC, was also

congratulated for her recent Perpetual Profession. Rev. Fr. Sarajit Das welcomed everyone, and the Eucharistic celebration, led by Bishop Shyamal Bose and 12 concelebrants, was the highlight. In his homily, Bishop Bose emphasized the importance of trusting and courageously answering God's call. The celebration featured a cultural program with dances and a powerful testimony from Sr. Theola about her life-threatening experience. Bishop Bose encouraged prayers for vocations and commended the jubilarians. The day concluded with a community meal, fostering fellowship and gratitude.

- Fr. Sarajit Das

Inaugural Event of Ordinary Jubilee 2025 – A Celebration of Faith, Unity, and Hope

The Diocese of Baruipur marked a monumental moment in its spiritual journey as it officially inaugurated the Ordinary Jubilee 2025, on the 29th of December, 2024, in line with the Holy See's decree. This extraordinary event began with a vibrant and sacred ceremony that united hearts, minds, and souls in prayer, reverence, and joyful celebration.



On the afternoon of the inauguration, the Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur's premises became the sacred ground for the grand beginning of this momentous occasion. The event was marked by the presence of around 600 faithful, many religious women and men, about 40 priests, and Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose, the Bishop of Baruipur, along with Bishop Emeritus Savadore Lobo. Under the graceful leadership of Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes, who served as the master of ceremonies, the atmosphere was charged with fervent faith.

The opening ceremony commenced with a grand procession of the Priests, Bishops and the altar servers who proceeded towards the altar with the Jubilee Cross, a powerful symbol of Christ's love and sacrifice. This cross was placed at the heart of the altar, setting the tone for the spiritual journey ahead.

Bishop Shyamal Bose, with a voice full of blessing and love, led the congregation in a prayer of unity. To mark the inauguration of the Jubilee year, the release of a dove displayed a beautiful representation of peace, soaring high as a sign of hope for the world. Mr. Ashim Campoo read a portion of the *Spes Non-Confundit*, the Bull of Indiction, in Bengali, connecting the faithful to the heart of the Jubilee's theme. The Gospel was then read by Fr. Ujjwal Mondal, the Diocesan Coordinator of the Jubilee.

With hearts full of reverence, the Jubilee Cross was carried in a palanquin by four dedicated pallbearers. The pilgrimage of the Pilgrims of Hope began with the Presbyterium and Faithful, walking together chanting the litany of the Saints. This journey from the Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur to the courtyard of Baruipur Cathedral was a testimony to the unity and spiritual strength of the Diocese. The procession became a beautiful witness to the hundreds of people of other faiths as it passed through the main road.

As the procession neared its destination, some key events of the celebration followed. Firstly, the Jubilee Cross was venerated by Bishop Shyamal Bose, followed by the hoisting of the Jubilee flag. The congregation witnessed a beautiful rite of the commemoration of Baptism, following which the Holy Eucharist continued with the singing of the gloria.

Before the Holy Mass concluded, Fr. Ujjwal Mondal shared an inspiring overview of the upcoming Jubilee 2025 program, offering a glimpse into the spiritual journey that lies ahead. To help all believers stay connected to the vision of the Jubilee, a special booklet detailing the Synodal process and key aspects of Jubilee 2025, Fr. Pradeep Roy, after a short introduction, called upon the Bishop

to release the booklet, the first copy of which was presented to Mr. Rupchand Baidya, a Core Committee member of the Jubilee.

The celebration concluded with words of appreciation from Fr. Kanauj Roy VG, acknowledging the dedicated participation and cooperation of everyone involved in making this event a resounding success.

This grand inaugural event of 2025 years of the birth of Christ was not just a ceremony; it was the start of an extraordinary journey that will deepen the faith of the Diocese of Baruipur. As we step together into this year of grace, renewal, and spiritual growth, may this Jubilee be a beacon of peace, love, reconciliation and hope for all.

- Mr. Ashim Campoo



The Regional Council of Basic Ecclesial Communities for West Bengal / Sikkim



The Regional Council of Basic Ecclesial Communities for West Bengal / Sikkim took place from December 4th to 6th, 2024, at Dishari. The event began with a solemn Bible Veneration led by the Baruiপুর DST members. The entire program was thoughtfully organized by Rev. Fr. I. P. Sarto,

the Regional BEC Secretary and NST member Rev. Sr. Christine HC.

The occasion was honored by the presence of Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose, whose presence added to the significance of the gathering. To offer participants a glimpse of the local culture, Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar the Diocesan BEC Animator and his team presented a well-curated cultural program, showcasing the history and culture of Baruiপুর Diocese and the region as a whole.

The council concluded with a Thanksgiving Mass presided over by Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo, marking a spiritually enriching end to the three-day event.

- Fr. Goutam Naskar

Inauguration of the New Church at Balarampur: A Day of Joy and Blessings



On December 15, 2024, the community of Balarampur, under St. Joseph's Catholic Church Raghbapur, witnessed a significant milestone with the inauguration of the newly built Church there. The ceremony was graced by Rt. Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose, who led a meaningful Eucharistic celebration, marking a new chapter for the growing substation.

The day began with a warm welcome at Balarampur High School, where the faithful gathered to greet the Bishop. After a brief welcome ceremony, the Bishop was escorted to the new church in a beautiful procession, accompanied by local kirtan songs. The devotion of the faithful filled the air as they joyously sang in unison, leading the Bishop to the Church.

The inauguration was a moment of profound significance for the entire community. The faithful came together to witness this blessed occasion, reflecting their unity, dedication, and strength of faith. After the Eucharistic celebration, a sumptuous meal prepared by the community was shared, symbolizing their love and hospitality.

This joyful day not only celebrated the completion of a Church but also the deep faith and spirit of the Balarampur community. As Bishop Shyamal Bose offered his blessings, it was clear that this Church would be a beacon of hope and spiritual growth for many years to come.

We extend our gratitude to the faithful of Balarampur for their warm hospitality, making this day so special. May the new Church continue to bring unity, joy, and spiritual growth to all who enter its doors.

- Fr. Joseph Toppo

Christmas Program and Exhibition of Holy Cross School

The Christmas program and exhibition of Holy Cross School Baruiপুর held on the 20th of December 2024 was remarkable and amazing.

The day commenced with a short Christmas program followed by the cutting of the ribbon and declaring the exhibition open by Rev. Fr. Arjen Tete, S. J. the Provincial of the Jesuits of the Kolkata Province. The occasion was also graced by Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose, the Bishop of Baruiপুর and Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo, the Bishop Emeritus.

The exhibition was well organized, prepared and designed well by the teachers and students, manifesting high standards. The subjects were well displayed with models, charts and a grand exposition of knowledge. Both the teachers and students shared their responsibilities to display their best abilities in Science and all the other subjects.

- Sr. Letha Joseph, SCC



St. Mary's Kindergarten Diamond Park Christmas Celebration Emmanuel, God With Us: A Celebration of Joy and Unity

The Christmas and annual celebrations at St. Mary's Kindergarten, Diamond Park, took place on December 21, 2024, at 10 a.m., despite rainy weather. Guided by the blessings of Mother Mary and baby Jesus, the event was filled with grace and joy, ensuring the safe arrival of students and guests.

Sister Ninet, the KG in-charge, welcomed the Chief Guest, Right Reverend Bishop Shyamal Bose, and the Guest of Honor, Mr. Suvajit Biswas. The event was further blessed by the presence of Father J. A. Santhanam, Bro. Nayan Bar, and the Fathers and Sisters from Bethany Ashram and Sisters from St. Mary's School - Sankharipota Branch, with the support of the Principal, Sister Graceline.

The program was led by the little ones, who displayed remarkable confidence in anchoring and performing. They presented various acts, including a prayer dance, regional dances, and a nativity play. Their enthusiasm and flawless delivery were truly commendable. The program showcased the talent and dedication of SMKG students from Playgroup to UKG.

Bishop Shyamal Bose praised the students' performances and emphasized the importance of nurturing both academic and moral growth in schools. The event concluded with the national anthem, leaving everyone proud of the children's accomplishments and the festive spirit.

The celebration at St. Mary's Kindergarten was a joyful reminder of the true essence of Christmas Emmanuel, God with us.

- Sr. Ninet SABS

Blessing of the new Regional House - Haridevapur Sisters of St. Anne's of Chennai

"You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out" - Deuteronomy 28:6

The 7th of December 2024 was a day of immense joy and divine grace for the Society of the Sisters of St. Anne, Chennai. The occasion marked the Blessing and inauguration of the newly constructed Regional House, Gnana Nibhas, located at Haridevapur under the Parish of St. Anthony's Church, Keorapukur. This significant milestone coincided with the 150th death anniversary of the congregation's Founder, Servant of God Thatipatri Gnanamma, to whose loving memory this house is dedicated.



The Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruiপুর, solemnly blessed the house, emphasizing in his homily that the Lord's presence would dwell here continuously, making it a beacon of Christian faith for all who enter. He warmly and happily welcomed the Sisters into his Diocese, assuring them of his unwavering support.

The inauguration was graced by Rev. Mother Clara Vasanthi SSAM, the Superior General, who presided over the ceremonial opening, and Rev. Sr. Celine Fatima, the Regional Superior who unveiled the commemorative plaque.

It was indeed a great occasion with the presence of great people like Most. Rev. Salvadore Lobo, Bishop Emeritus, Many Priests, General Councillors, Provincials, Religious Sisters, Parishioners, well-wishes, neighbours, Mr. Bobby, Mrs. Christina, building workers, and the Sisters from our North and Northeast Region.

The Regional House stands as a testament to the Congregation's commitment to God's mission in the North and Northeast Region. Now they are entering into the Baruiপুর Diocese as the 7th Diocese of the Region. Baruiপুর Diocese now become a part of this legacy. May this house serve as a sacred space and the mission of Christ for the years to come.

- Sr. Celine Fatima SSAM

A New Dawn for St. Mary's: Inauguration of New School Building

On 17th December 2024, St. Mary's School, Kalyanpur, celebrated the inauguration of its new school building. The ceremony was led by Most Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruiপুর, and Bishop Salvadore Lobo, Bishop Emeritus of Baruiপুর, with dignitaries, faculty, students, and parents in attendance. The Bishops cut the ribbon and unveiled a plaque,



followed by a prayer service to bless the institution's future. The event included inspiring addresses from the Bishops and cultural performances by students. Fr. John Britto, Secretary of the Managing Committee, thanked the key donors, including the Episcopal Conference of Italy and Mr. and Miss Sattler. The event concluded with a tour of the new facilities, highlighting the school's growth and promising future. St. Mary's began as a Bengali medium primary school in 1980 and switched to English medium in 2015, now reaching up to class VIII. Phase one of the new building is complete, with more floors planned.

- Riya Das

Happy Birthday

JANUARY

03	Rev. Fr. Arup Bor
15	Rev. Br. Satyajit Naskar
16	Rev. Fr. Jonas Singha
17	Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan
26	Rev. Fr. Johnson Padiyara, S.J.
26	Rev. Fr. Nirmaldo Fernandes, S.F.X.
27	Rev. Fr. Sarojit Mandal
28	Rev. Br. Nayan Bar

Ordination

JANUARY

04	Rev. Fr. Bijendra Raita, CM
05	Rev. Fr. Amrit Ekka
06	Rev. Fr. Johnson Padiyara, S.J.
15	Rev. Fr. Sanjay Minj
16	Rev. Fr. Sarajit Das
16	Rev. Fr. Cornelius Lima, C.M.
17	Rev. Fr. Pradip Dari
19	Rev. Fr. Telesphor Aind, C.M.F.
19	Rev. Fr. Jinesh Sebastian, S.J.
22	Rev. Fr. Deepak Ekka

Congratulations Dear Fathers

Episcopal Ordination

29th January: **Most Rev. Bishop Salvatore Lobo**

Catholic Diocese of Baruiपुर Congratulates His Lordship Bishop Salvatore Lobo as he commemorates 27th Anniversary of his Episcopal Consecration on January 29, 2025.

Memorable & Admirable

7th Jan. - Rev. Fr. Polgar Stephen, S.J.

NOTICE BOARD

Paribar Jyoti

- # Marriage Preparation Course from 3rd January to 4th January 2025.
- # Young Couples Programme from 24th January to 25th January 2025.

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer - Month of January 2025

For the right to an education : Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Bro. Joseph Regis on December 22, 2024, marked 60 years of his dedicated service in the Society of Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel. Held at St. Montfort's School, Baruiपुर, the event began with a procession by teachers and students, creating a prayerful atmosphere. Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruiपुर, presided over the Eucharist, offering a meaningful message. The school staff led the choir during the Mass and felicitation. Bro. Regis, instrumental in the school's foundation, has served in various capacities across India for six decades, remaining faithful to his vocation. The event was attended by Priests, Religious, and School staff.



Transfers and New Arrivals of Religious in the Diocese

Place	Arrival	Outgoing
Maria Teresa Health Centre, Gosaba		Sr. Julita Kujur FC
St. Joseph's School, Gosaba	Basanti Lakra FC	

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

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Wed	07.00 a.m. 09.00 a.m.	Sajnaberia	Mass Inauguration of Mela
02	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Dishari, Baruiपुर	Mass and Christmas get-together for Priests, Brothers and the Religious
03	Fri	10.00 a.m.	Dishari, Baruiपुर	Mass and Christmas get-together for Youth
04	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Dishari, Baruiपुर	Mass and Christmas get-together for BEC
05	Sun	10.00 a.m.	Dishari, Baruiपुर	Mass and Christmas get-together for Children
08	Wed	05.00 p.m.	Krishnagar	BRBC Meeting
09	Thu	06.30 a.m. 09.00 a.m. 06.00 p.m.	Amghata Amghata Barrackpore	Mass Meeting of Regional Propaedeutic Seminary Joint meeting of the Staff and G.B. of MSRS
10	Fri	06.30 a.m. 09.00 a.m.	Barrackpore Barrackpore	Mass for the community G.B. Meeting of MSRS
11	Sat	06.15 p.m.	Holy Cross Convent	Mass of Opening of Golden Jubilee of Sr. Rosina SCC
14	Tue	10.30 a.m.	Dishari, Baruiपुर	G. B. Meeting of Dishari
18	Sat	11.00 a.m.	Basanti	Silver Jubilee of Sr. Sheena FC and Sr. Anita FC
22	Wed	03.30 p.m.	Prabhu Jisur Girja, Kol.	Marriage of Gregory Shusobhan Gomes
23	Thu	06.30 a.m.	Dhyan Ashram	Mass for Conferring Ministry of Acolyte and Leader
27	Mon	10.15 a.m. 05.00 p.m.		Departure to Bhubaneswar for CCBI Meeting Returns to Baruiपुर on 07th February 2025

Bishop Salvatore Lobo's Programme for the Month of January 2025

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Wed	07.00 a.m.	Ranigarh	Mass - New Year & Solemnity of Mother of God.
02	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Dishari, Baruiपुर	Christmas get-together for Priests, Brothers and the Religious
04	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Kolkata	Golden Jubilee of 2 AC Sisters
05	Sun	08.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Kolkata Dishari, Baruiपुर	Mass and Confirmation at Christ the King Church, Park Circus Christmas get-together for Children
07	Tue	09.25 a.m.		Goes to Agartala
09-15	Thu-Wed		Agartala	Preaches a retreat for Holy Cross Fathers
17	Fri	06.45 p.m.		Returns to Keorapukur
18	Sat	11.00 a.m.	Basanti	Joins for mass in Basanti Convent
25	Sat	11.00 a.m.	Chandannagar	1st Profession of Cluny Sisters
26	Sun	11.45 a.m.		Goes to Mangalore
30	Thu		Karkala (Udupi Dio)	Festal Mass at St. Lawrence Shrine

Bishop Shyamal Bose and all the Fathers at Bishop's House

wish all the readers of Baruiपुर Newsletter

a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2025.

May the New Year hold new hopes, dreams and life's best for one and all.