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DEI VERBUM: WORD OF GOD

On the occasion of the Ordinary Jubilee, Marking the 2025 years of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus, we have a lot of preparations to undertake. The Holy Father wishes that the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council be studied by all the members of the People of God so that we may draw inspiration and guidance for our day-to-day life.

Therefore, I wish to dedicate this editorial on *Dei Verbum*, one of the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council. It is a Latin phrase, which when translated into English means the Word of God. It is the dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation promulgated by Pope Paul VI on November 18, 1965. It is one of the principal documents approved by the assembled bishops by a vote of 2344 out of 2500.

There are Four Constitutions promulgated by Vatican II, i.e., 1) **Sacrosanctum Concilium** - Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 2) **Lumen Gentium** - Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 3) **Dei Verbum** - Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation and **Gaudium et spes** - Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. Besides, there are also other documents, i.e., three declarations and nine decrees. These **Three Declarations** are: 1) **Gravissimum Educationis** - Declaration on Christian Education; 2) **Nostra Aetate** - Declaration on the Relation on the Church to Non-Christian Religions and 3) **Dignitatis Humanae** - Declaration on Religious Freedom and the **Nine Decrees**, which are: 1) **Inter Mirifica** - Decree on Media of Social Communication, 2) **Orientalium Ecclesiarum** - Decree on the Catholic Churches of the Eastern Rite, 3) **Unitatis Redintegratio** - Decree on Ecumenism, 4) **Christus Dominus** - Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishop in the Church, 5) **Perfectae Caritatis** - Decree on the Adaptation and Renewal of Religious Life, 6) **Optatam Totius** - Decree on Priestly Training, 7) **Apostolicam Actuositatem** - Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, 8) **Ad gentes** - Decree on the Mission Activity of the Church and 9) **Prebyterorum Ordinis** - Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests.

Dei Verbum is a beautiful document on Scripture in the history of Christianity. It is the teaching about the Bible by the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council. It has six chapters as follows 1) **Revelation**, 2) **Tradition**, 3) **Inspiration**, 4) **The Old Testament**, 5) **The New Testament** and 6) **The Use of Scripture in The Church**.

First Chapter is on Revelation which teaches us that God has revealed himself in many ways-through nature, historical acts, prophets,

Scripture, Tradition and at last Incarnation of Christ himself. The Council fathers assert, through divine revelation, God Chose to share with (men) those Divine treasures which totally transcend the understanding of the human mind".

Second Chapter teaches us about Tradition, i.e., God's revelation is handed down to us. The Council taught us clearly that Scripture and Tradition were two means by which the one Word of God is transmitted to us. Therefore, both Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition are to be accepted and venerated with the same sense of Loyalty and Reverence. The Bible is actually a part of Tradition because it is through the Tradition that we know the list of books included in the Bible and that these books are inspired Words of God.

Sacred Tradition includes all the aspects of liturgy, spirituality, theology and discipline of the Church expressed in the patristic writings, magisterial teachings, history of the Church, iconography, hagiography, living customs and practices of the Church.

Third Chapter teaches about the inspiration of Scripture. The Bible is truly God's Word, since God used men to compose everything and only those things which he wanted.

Fourth Chapter teaches us about the Old Testament. It is in carefully planning and preparing the salvation of the whole human race the God of infinite love by a special dispensation chose for himself a people to whom he would entrust the promises. He manifested Himself through words and deeds as the one true and living God. The plan of Salvation foretold by the sacred authors, recounted and explained by them is found as the true Word of God in the books of the Old Testament.

Fifth Chapter teaches that the Word of God, which is the power of God for the Salvation of all who believe (cf. Rom 1:16) is set forth and shows its power in a most excellent way in the writings of the New Testament. For when the fullness of time arrived (Gal 4:4) the word was made flesh and dwelt among us in His fullness of graces and truth (Jn 1:14).

Sixth and Last chapter teaches us on the role of scripture in the life of the Church. The Council reminds us that the Word of God is the soul of Sacred Liturgy which rests on the written Word of God. Sacred Synod earnestly urges all the Christian faithful to learn by frequent reading of the divine scriptures "excellent Knowledge of Jesus Christ (Phil 3:8). "For ignorance of the Scripture is the ignorance of Christ."

+ Shyamal Bose

National Youth Sunday 2024: A Day of Inspiration and Growth



In adherence to the call of the Youth Commission of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India, National Youth Sunday was meaningfully celebrated in the parishes of the Diocese on August 11, 2024. It was a day on which the contribution of the youth to the church was recognized and applauded. They were felicitated with gratuitous and encouraging words. Keeping before them the theme of this year, "Those who hope in the Lord walk without becoming weary!" (Isaiah 40:31), they organized community programmes, recreations and competitions to celebrate their youthfulness and fellowship.

In St. Stephen's Church, Kalyanpur, the event, which was an orientation for young people, attracted 60 participants. The day began with a prayer led by Fr. Rajen Singh, the Diocesan Youth Director. Fr. Himangshu Poti and Fr. John Britto welcomed the attendees and introduced the theme of the event. Fr. Rajen Singh emphasized the importance of hope and courage in transforming lives.

Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes, Procurator of the Diocese, conducted a session on "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen R. Covey. He highlighted the significance of being proactive and reactive and emphasized the role of emotions in behavioural changes. He encouraged the youth to respond to situations with determination and to maintain mental and physical balance through meditation.

After lunch, Mr. Raj Bagh, the National Youth President of the Indian Catholic Youth Movement, conducted a session on activity-based learning. He shared his leadership experiences and emphasized the role of hope in creating new opportunities.

The day concluded with a Eucharistic Celebration offered by Fr. Rajen Singh and concelebrated by Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes.

- Mr. Raj Bagh

Seminar on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences

On August 14, 2024, St. Paul's High School organized a seminar on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The seminar featured two distinguished resource persons: Fr. Faustine Brank, an advocate, and Mr. Arindam Acharya, a former inspector of Police West Bengal. All the male and female staff members of St. Paul's High School attended the seminar.

Fr. Faustine Brank provided an insightful overview of various laws and acts, focusing on the legal framework and guiding the staff on how to act in accordance with the law. Mr. Arindam Acharya shared his experiences in combating human trafficking, recounting his past efforts in rescuing women and apprehending criminals responsible for such heinous crimes. He also shared about women harassment at workplaces. His stories of bravery and dedication deeply inspired the staff to pursue truth and justice in their own lives.

The seminar successfully raised awareness about the POCSO Act among the staff, ensuring they understood its implications and the importance of adherence to legal standards. Overall, the event was a significant step in promoting legal awareness and social responsibility within the school community.



- Br. Alister, SJ

Dishari at a glance



"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. Two BEC follow-up Seminars were held in Budge-Budge and Rakhaskhali dated August 11 and 17, 2024. A good number of people including old and young participated in the seminars. Fr. Pradeep Roy, Fr. Goutam Naskar and Fr. Sarojit Mondal, as the resource persons, enlightened the participants. They also helped the participants to understand and personalize the Word of God.

Dishari also organized a programme for the children of Baidyapur Parish on August 18, 2024. All together 73 children took part in the programme. Fr. Goutam Naskar and Fr. Sarojit Mondal taught children Basic Catechism of our Church and encouraged them to grow as good Christians.

Further, there was a day to train the trainers on August 26, 2024 at Dishari. Around 170 participants were present from different parishes of the Diocese. Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes and Fr. Goutam Naskar facilitated the gathering with their insights. People encountered the love of resurrected Christ and the power of prayer. They learnt the needs of BEC in their family and church.

- Fr. Goutam Naskar

Inauguration and Blessing of the New Chapel at Shibpur



The new Chapel dedicated to St. John Bosco at Shibpur Junction near Bakkhali was blessed by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose DD, on August 18, 2024. The Bishop was received with floral welcome on his arrival by Fr. Sunil Lakra, Parish Priest, Fr. K. K. Sebastian, Asst. Parish Priest and the parishioners at the entrance of the Chapel followed by the inauguration ceremony of the Chapel with cutting of the ribbon by the Bishop. There were present Fr. Parimal Kanji, MC Sisters of Boys Town, Sisters of the Daughters of the Cross, Baidyapur, MC Brothers from Nurpur, Catechists and a number of parishioners from different substations. Bishop during the homily highlighted the meaning of faith and of Church.

Before starting the Mass Fr. K. K. Sebastian, SDB shared a brief history of Shibpur Junction, narrating how they started to believe in Jesus Christ. The local catechist, Mrs. Parbati Patra, also shared a humble and steady growth of the Church. In the final speech Bishop complimented the parish priest and people of the parish, especially the Church members for their tireless efforts in erecting such a beautiful Chapel within a short period of time. He said that the people of Shibpur Junction have poured their love, sacrifice and labour into the construction of the new Chapel. It was their dream which has become a reality.

On behalf of Diamond Harbour Parish Fr. Sunil Lakra was felicitated for the great work at Shibpur Junction. Former parish priests, sponsors, donors too were felicitated on the occasion. Finally, Mr. Tapas Kumar Ray, catechist of Diamond Harbour Parish, proposed the vote of thanks. At the end of the program all were served fellowship meal.

- Fr. Sunil Lakra, SDB

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

Donor's Visit - Mr. Antonio Bancora, FADV Italy

Mr. Antonio Bancora, distinguished guest from FADV Italy along with 10 volunteers, Mr. Biplab Chakraborty, FADV Kolkata visited PUS on August 14, 2024 for monitoring SAD Langalberia, SAD Sundarban and Day Care Centre project supported by them.

Fr. Saumen Malik, the Director of PUS Baruipur, welcomed the guests and shared a brief introduction about present activities of PUS. Students of Beautician training Centre and SAD Langalberia performed dance and students of Computer Training Centre and Tailoring Centre shared the usefulness of training in shaping their better future.

After the projection of project activities and its achievements the volunteers from Italy shared their learnings and key observations from SAD Langalberia Evening Tuition Centre, DCC and Vocational Training Centre. They also visited SAD Langalberia Tuition Centres.



Certificate Awards Ceremony for Beautician Training Course

The conclusion of Beautician Training Course was marked with the ceremony of the presentation of certificate to the trainees on August 21&23, 2024. The objective of the programme was to provide an opportunity to sharpen their vocational skills for the income generation towards better livelihood.

Altogether 282 adolescent girls and young women from following 7 Beautician Centres, Charavidya, Phulmalancha, Biprodaspur, Dayanganj, Belegachiya and Jogibottala and Namkhana, completed the 4 months beautician training course and were awarded with certificates and Practice Tool Kits.

- Fr. Saumen Malik

PARIBAR JYOTI



There were multiple programmes spearheaded by Paribary Jyoti. To mention a few: a Youth Personality Development Seminar for 36 youth of Gangarampur Parish on August 11, 2024, a Husband-Wife Relationship Seminar for 38 couples of Pathankhali on August 18, 2024 and a Seminar for the 50 Elders of Thakurpukur Parish on August 24, 2024. Although the participants of three different seminars in three different places were of three different age groups yet there were a lot of things in common among them as they were very cooperative, enthusiastic, always ready to learn and encourage others.

- Fr. Uttam Naskar

Happy Birthday!

September

01	Fr. Bablu Sardar
05	Br. Rohit Sharma
05	Br. Uday Mondal
21	Fr. Telesphor Aind, CMF
22	Fr. Alope Anthony Kanji
23	Fr. Pradeep Roy
26	Fr. Augustine E.

Ordination

29th September
Fr. John Britto

Memorable & Admirable

Month of September

15	Fr. Joseph Mani, S.J.
20	Fr. Fallon Pierre, S.J.
27	Fr. Alphonse Crasta, S. J.
28	Fr. Anil Mitra, S.J.

NOTICE BOARD

Priests Annual Retreat 2024

This year the Annual Retreat of the Priests will be held in two batches in Bandel.
Batch -1: September 15 -21, 2024 and
Batch -2: September 22 -28, 2024.
This annual retreat is mandatory for all the diocesan priests of our diocese.

Paribar Jyoti

Marriage Preparation Course from
September 07 -08, 2024
Young couple workshop from September
27 -28, 2024

Holy Childhood Faith Formation Programme

The Catholic Diocese of Baruipur with a view of nurturing the faith of young people conducted the Holy Childhood program in a number of parishes namely, Kalyanpur, Morapi, Panchamkhanda and Kumrokhali on August 25, 2024. There were 555 children who became part of this program. The core celebration included a meaningful liturgy, gatherings, action songs and games for the children. The importance of the Holy Childhood Association was stressed upon. The children were conscientized of their important role in collecting the fund from the little they have. Moreover, with the impetus given by resource persons they were led to understand the need of other underprivileged children around the world and go forth in expressing unity and solidarity and strengthen communion. The children were told that they are the protagonist and foundation of the mission of the Church. They can be instrumental in bringing communion through their participation in the mission.



- Fr. Deepak Ekka

Bishop Shyamal Bose's Programme: September 2024

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
05	Thu	06.30 a.m.	M.C. Convent, Kacharibazar, Baruipur	Feast Day Mass of St. Teresa of Calcutta
08	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Baruipur Cathedral	Feast Day Mass of Our Lady of Velankanni
09	Mon	10.30 a.m.	Bishop's House, Baruipur	Meeting with the Priests
10	Tue	10.30 a.m. 03.00 p.m.	Dishari, Baruipur PUS, Baruipur	GB Meeting of Dishari Pastoral Commission GB and AGM of PUS Baruipur
11	Wed	10.00 a.m. 03.30 p.m.	Bishop's House, Baruipur Bishop's House, Baruipur	Meeting of the Board of Consultors Meeting of the Finance Committee of CDB
12	Thu	10.30 a.m. 03.30 p.m.	Paribar Jyoti Dishari, Baruipur	GB Meeting of Paribar Jyoti Meeting of Proclamation Commission
13	Fri	10.30 a.m.	Baruipur	Meeting of the Core Committee of Basanti St. Xavier's F. P. School.
14	Sat	11.30 a.m.	Holy Cross Convent, Baruipur	Feast Day Mass of Triumph of the Holy Cross
15-21	Sun-Sat		Bandel	Annual Retreat for the Priests – 1st Batch
22-28	Sun-Sat		Bandel	Annual Retreat for the Priests – 2nd Batch
28	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Don Bosco School, Park Circus, Kolkata	Meeting of WBA of Christian Schools
29	Sun	06.00 a.m.	Basanti	Feast Day Mass of St. Theresa of Child Jesus
30	Mon	10.30 a.m.	Kolkata	RVA Meeting

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer - Month of Sept. 2024

For the cry of the Earth : We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Bishop Salvadore Lobo's Programme : September 2024

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Sun	11.00 a.m.	CIT Road Kolkata	Holy Mass for Silver Jubilee of Sr. Sobha ScCG
05	Thu	02.30 p.m.	Mother House, Kolkata	Holy Mass for the Solemnity of St. Teresa of Kolkata
08	Sun	05.30 p.m.	St. Joseph's Ch. Raghobpur	Holy Mass for the Feast of Vellankani
15-20	Sun-Fri		Bandel	Joins Priests' Retreat at Bandel