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The Good Pope – Saint Pope John XXIII

The 16th Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops is going on in Vatican from October 02 till October 27, 2024. At this outset, it is quite befitting to speak about Pope John XXIII as he was the one instrumental in initiating the most important synod of the bishops i.e. Vatican II. Pope John XXIII (November 25, 1881, to June 3, 1963) was known as "the Good Pope" because of his humble, kind, and active papacy. He visited the sick and imprisoned, and instinctively appealed directly to human values that everyone could understand. He was beatified in the year 2000 by Pope John Paul II and was canonized by Pope Francis along with Pope John Paul II in April 27, 2014, on the same day. Pope John XXIII issued eight encyclicals, including *Mater et Magistra* (Mother and Teacher) and *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth). His most momentous act during his papacy was calling the Second Vatican Council, known as "Vatican II" on October 11, 1962, with the purpose of "updating" the Church. The mother Church celebrates his feast day every year on this very day, in commemoration of the first session of this great event. The results of the Council fully encapsulated Pope John XXIII's goal of unifying and caring for the faithful of the Church in the midst of a changing world.

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, who later became Pope John XXIII, after completion of his degree, served as secretary to the new Bishop of Bergamo, Giacomo Radini-Tedeschi while furthering his studies in Canon Law. After serving and teaching for nine years, he once again entered military

service, this time as a chaplain. When he returned from the military three years later, he served as spiritual director of the seminary and opened a youth hostel in Bergamo.

During the 1920s, Fr. Roncalli was appointed to reorganize the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Rome. When he assumed the role of titular archbishop of Areopolis and Apostolic Visitor to Bulgaria, he grew deeply interested in the wellbeing of Eastern Churches. In 1934, he became the Apostolic Delegate to Turkey and Greece, where he helped to locate prisoners of war and made various efforts to save refugees during World War II. 11 years later he served in Paris as Apostolic Nuncio to help with the Church's post-war operations. During this time, he was the first permanent observer of the Holy See at UNESCO, addressing the assemblies in 1951 and 1952. He took what he expected to be his last post in 1953, as cardinal-patriarch of Venice. However, God had bigger plans for him, and in 1958, he returned to Rome as a member of the conclave that would elect him as pope.

From the beginning of his papacy, Pope John XXIII emphasized Christian unity and world peace. His approach to the papacy focused on spiritual care over diplomacy. John traveled around Rome freely, breaking with the tradition that the pope, deprived of his former temporal power, was a "prisoner of the Vatican." In an attempt to depoliticize the church, he played down his position as ruler of the Vatican and emphasized his role as "servant of the servants of God," a traditional title of the Pope.

Being a saintly man, the Pope focused on finding God and striving for sanctity in the present, never worrying about the future. St. John XXIII wrote in his journal, during the retreat in preparation for the completion of his 80th year, that his aim was "not to try to predict the future, indeed, not to count on any future at all: that is my rule of conduct." Instead, he sought to live in a spirit of tranquility and contentment by simply accepting the demands of the present day.

He hailed poverty as a virtue. After becoming Pope he wrote to his brother Xaverio "The world is only interested in making money...". "A great honour has come to our family," he acknowledged, but he urged Xaverio and the others to remain humble, seek no honours or preferments, and take no material advantage of their relationship to the pope. "At my own death," he concluded, "I shall not be denied the praise which did so much honour to the holiness of Pius X: born poor, he died poor." In his last will he bequeathed each of the living members of the family a legacy of less than \$20 his total personal fortune.

John saw himself as a reconciler. In statement after statement he emphasized the church's significance as a supra political spiritual force in the world. His greatest claim on the world's affection, however, rested on the warmth of his personality rather than on any of his formal statements. Gradually, he became a kind of father figure for the world. When he died on June 3, 1963, it was generally recognized that he had become one of the best-loved men in the world.

+ Shyamal Bose

Dishari at a Glance

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ" Galatians 6:2.

Dishari organized three BEC follow-up meetings at Morapai, Mograhat and Cathedral Baruipur on September 25, 27 and 29, 2024. Altogether 89 BEC members, hailing from different parishes of the Diocese, participated in those meetings. Fr. Goutam Naskar and Mr. Dipankar Sardar, the two resource persons, animated the meetings. Members were guided to live in communion with

Triune God, with one another and with their pastors. They were also enabled to become more effective leaders of BEC in their respective places with active participation in Christ's Prophetic mission by listening to God's Word, proclaiming it and giving witness to it. This is inevitable for fostering a sense of community, spiritual growth and a deeper relationship with God through the transformative power of the Scriptures.

- Fr. Goutam Naskar



Diocese of Baruipur Holds Priests' Annual Retreat 2024



The Diocese of Baruipur organized its annual retreat for priests in two batches at the Basilica of the Holy Rosary, Bandel. A week's retreat; for the first batch was from September 15 to 20, 2024, and the second batch was from September 22 to 27, 2024. Almost 45 priests and Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese spent time in silence and prayer. This year's retreat was a deeply enriching experience, with a focus on the theme "Renewing our Priesthood".

Fr. Regi Mani, MSFS a well-known preacher from Holy Redeemer Renewal Centre, Umroi, Shillong, facilitated the retreat. Preacher's insightful reflections and guidance deeply rooted in the Word of God helped retreatants to disconnect from their regular routines and find inner peace. His sessions were profound and thought-provoking, offering deep insights into the challenges and joys of priestly life. It was an opportunity for introspection, prayer, and contemplation, enabling all priests to listen to their inner voice and discern their spiritual journey. Each day of the retreat was marked by a structured schedule that included the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, spiritual conferences, Personal prayer, and time for Reflection. The peaceful surroundings of Bandel provided the perfect setting for this spiritual renewal, away from the busyness of everyday pastoral duties.

The daily conferences touched on various aspects of Priesthood, such as the call to holiness, the role of the priest as a shepherd, and the importance of spiritual and pastoral renewal. Fr. Regi emphasized the need for priests to cultivate a deep personal relationship with Christ, which in turn would empower them to serve their communities with renewed zeal and compassion. He also addressed contemporary challenges faced by priests and offered practical advice on how to remain faithful to their vocation in a rapidly changing world.

The retreat yielded a profound sense of spiritual rejuvenation among the clergy. The priests returned to their ministries with renewed energy, commitment and a deeper connection with God.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Regi Mani, MSFS for his tireless efforts and edifying reflections. His presence and guidance made the retreat a truly transformative experience. We also acknowledge in gratitude the hospitality of Fr. P. A. John, the Prior of the Basilica of the Holy Rosary, Bandel and the kitchen staff.

May the graces received during this retreat continue to bear fruit in the lives and ministry of the priests and the entire Diocese of Baruipur.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

Cross Border Exposure visit



On September 09 -14, 2024, Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur organized a Cross Border Exposure visit in Gosaba Block of Sundarbans Inland. This exposure visit was supported jointly by Caritas India and Caritas Bangladesh.

The intention of the visit was to capture the present living scenario of the people in Sundarban. The visiting team from Bangladesh has a communicative exposure to capture the living condition of the people in Sundarban.

The Focus Group Discussion and interaction with the community, tiger widows and farmers groups witnessing struggling of people due to frequent flood and cyclone. The global warming is big threat to Sundarban. Therefore, the Sustainable Agriculture, Migration and Displacement of people due to disaster is burning survival issue of the people of Sundarban.

Free Learning Centre Food Distribution and Medical Camp

On September 09, 16 & 20, 2024, PUS Baruipur Distributed Nutritional Dry Food Packet and Medical check up to 175 children at 5 Free Learning Centers located at Unchipara, Keoratala,

Purbajata, Charavidya and Hotar villages in the District of South 24 Parganas.

Each food packet contained 2 Kg Lentils, 2 kg Sooji, 2 kg Sugar, 1 kg Sayabin, 48 Packet Biscuit, 2 Kg Bengal Gram and 1 KG Satto.

All the children gone through medical checkup received medicines as per doctor's prescription.



Vegetable Seeds and Saplings Distribution



On September 12 & 13, 2024, a twelve varieties of vegetable seeds and 5 varieties of fruit saplings were distributed among 315 marginal families in Gosaba and Basanti Blocks. The fruits saplings consisted of Mango, Coconut, Lemon, Jamrul and Sapeta.

The Aim of the program was to promote Nutrition Garden towards accessing the vegetables and fruits by their own and also Surplus can be sold out to add some earning for their better survival.

- Fr. Soosaiappan.Y

RIP



Mr. I. Manickam



Mrs. Ribika Pramanik



Mrs. Delfina Boila

Mr. I. Manickam, the maternal uncle of Fr. John Britto, passed away on September 11, 2024 at the age of 78 after a prolonged diabetes related illnesses. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Mrs. Ribika Pramanik, the wife of Mr. Sukriti Pramanik, fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 50 on September 14, 2024. She had been suffering from cancer for past few years. She was laid buried in Kalipur Cemetery.

Mrs. Delfina Boila, the former secretary of the Parish Council of Sacred Heart Church, Thakurpukur and an eminent educationist

who received the National Presidential Award of India for the contribution in education from the then President of India Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, left for her eternal abode on September 17, 2024. She also served Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur as a member of Governing Body.

While expressing our condolences to the grieved family members, let us pray for the repose of their soul. May God grant them eternal bliss.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October

06	Fr. Surojit Mitra
09	Fr. Subrata Kanji
18	Fr. Ujjwal Mondal
26	Fr. Durlov Bor
28	Fr. Sunil Lakra, SDB

Happy Birthday Dear Fathers



11th October	Fr. Pierre Jacob, SJ
24th October	Fr. Indrajit Sardar
25th October	Fr. Pradeep Roy

Congratulations Dear Fathers

Memorable & Admirable

Month of October

07	Fr. Lestienne Louis, SJ
20	Fr. Gabric Ante, SJ
21	Fr. Cukale Jozef, SJ
27	Fr. Rosomoy Kanji

NOTICE BOARD

- # Marriage Preparation Course from 4th October to 5th October 2024.
- # Young Couples Programme from 25th October to 26th October 2024.

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

For a shared mission : We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Paribar Jyoti

The family is considered the cell of the society and Paribar Jyoti had a family ministry aimed at supporting families in a number of ways such as training, seminars, meetings and orientations. To mention a few like - Child Mental Health Seminar at Choukitala, organized by the ICDS health worker for the parents of the children under the centre. The participants, mostly young couples attended the seminar with full attention and shared their concerns in upbringing their children. The programme's presentation touched their hearts as they have requested for more such programmes. The active Family Cells with their activities in the Parishes are also worth mentioning, as no matter what may be the weather and situation seem, they are always ready to step forward and be beside the families. However, there were 33 participants including 2 males and 31 females. They participated with great enthusiasm in the healthy upbringing of their children.



- Fr. Uttam Naskar

Transfers and New Arrivals of Religious in the Diocese

Place	Arrival	Outgoing
Daughters of the Cross, Sacred Heart Convent, Baidyapur	Sr. Meera Kujur FC (Superior) Sr. Priya Ekka FC Sr. Anne Joseph FC	Sr. Maxima Bara FC Sr. Lalita Lucy Tudu FC Sr. Rita Perumaden FC

Congratulation to Very Rev. Fr. Victor Rebello, sfx new Provincial Superior of Society of the Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier of Kolkata Province.

Bishop Shyamal Bose's Programme for the Month of October 2024

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
02	Wed	10.00 a.m.	Sajnaberia	Mass for the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Fr. Ujjwal Mondal
05	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Dishari - Baruipur	Meeting of Synodal Committee
12	Sat		Pandua	Celebration of Golden Jubilee and Perpetual Profession
14	Mon	03.30 p.m.	Keorapurkur	Mass followed by the Diocesan Youth Convention
15	Tue	06.00 p.m.	St. Teresa's Church, Moulali	Feast Day Mass of St. Teresa of Avila
16	Wed	10.00 a.m.	R. B. Nagar, Baruipur	Blessing of the Renovated Parish Church of R.B. Nagar, Baruipur
21	Mon	10.00 a.m.	Bishop's House, Baruipur	Visit of Rev. Fr. Baiju CMF - Provincial
25-27	Fri-Sun		Baidyapur	Pastoral Visit & Confirmation
30	Wed	10.00 a.m.	Dishari - Baruipur	Mass and Meeting with Catechists

Bishop Salvadore Lobo's Programme for the Month of October 2024

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
02	Wed	10.00 a.m.	Sajnaberia	Attends Silver Jubilee Celebration of Fr. Ujjwal Mondal
11	Fri			Accompanies Bishop Stephen Lepcha of Darjeeling to Rome and other places in Europe