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## I Thirst – The Cry of my Dying Savior – St. Therese of Child Jesus

Therese of Lisieux, the Patron saint of missionaries, is one of only three women to have been made a Doctor of the Church. Her mother died when Therese was 4. One by one, her four older sisters left for the cloister. She became emotionally clingy. She mentioned that she was far from meriting the graces showered upon her by the Lord. Though she had the ardent desire to advance in virtue, her numerous imperfections became a block in her spiritual journey. She could not correct herself of her extreme sensitiveness. She knew that she needed a miracle, without which she couldn't dare to hope to be admitted into Carmel. This miracle took place on Christmas Day, 1886, just nine days before Therese's fourteenth birthday.

"On that blessed night the sweet Infant Jesus, scarce an hour old, filled the darkness of my soul with floods of light. By becoming weak and little, for love of me, He made me strong and brave; He put His own weapons into my hands, so that I went from victory to victory, beginning, if I may say so, "to run as a giant" (Cf. Psalm 18[19]:5). The fountain of my tears was dried up, and from that time they flowed neither easily nor often(The Story of a Soul)".That Christmas night, Therese received the grace of a complete conversion. Though she had labored for years to overcome her extreme sensitivity and her tendency to cry over everything. She could not change her nature. But God could, and He did. "On this night of grace, the third period of my life

began the most beautiful of all, the one most filled with heavenly favors. In an instant, Our Lord, satisfied with my good will, accomplished the work I had not been able to do during all these years (The Story of a Soul)."

After Therese's complete conversion, she entered her fourteenth year of life with a newfound love of sinners. "From that day the cry of my dying Savior – "I thirst!" – sounded incessantly in my heart, and kindled therein a burning zeal hitherto unknown to me. My one desire was to give my Beloved to drink; I felt myself consumed with thirst for souls, and I longed at any cost to snatch sinners from the everlasting flames of hell(The Story of a Soul)."

Shortly after discovering this new thirst for sinners, Therese became aware of a notorious criminal named Pranzini who was soon to be executed for his crimes and who had shown no sign of repentance. Therefore, this new little apostle for sinners used "all the spiritual means" she could think of to bring about the conversion of Pranzini's soul. Though she was fully confident God would answer her prayer, she asked for a sign of his repentance, since this was her "first sinner". "My God, I am quite sure that Thou wilt pardon this unhappy Pranzini. I should still think so if he did not confess his sins or give any sign of sorrow, because I have such confidence in Thy unbounded Mercy; but this is my first sinner, and therefore I beg for just one sign of repentance to reassure me(The Story of a

Soul)."Sure enough, Therese received her sign. Just before his execution, despite the fact that he refused to confess his sins and receive absolution, the newspaper recorded that Pranzini, moved by what seemed to be a sudden inspiration just before death, embraced a crucifix held out by the priest and kissed it three times. Therese's prayers were answered, and she had won her first sinner for Heaven.

It took Therese the remaining years of her life to understand all the meanings and challenges of her complete conversion, and to accept and appreciate all its fruits. But this 'day of graces among all days' revealed all the blessings that Therese needed to comprehend and live her Little Way of Spirituality. She knew with certainty that it was God's path for her.

Br. Joseph Schmidt, FSC, writes about seven fruits which Therese experienced from her conversion and which were foundational to her growth in the science of love and in the development of her Little Way. Some of these fruits were immediately obtained while others developed slowly over time. The seven fruits are (1) The grace of personal enlightenment or self-awareness, (2) Understanding that her conversion was a free gift of God and that she needed only 'good will' to receive it, (3) Freeing her from the path of violence to herself, (4) "Enabling her to respond to her father on her father's terms, (5) A new understanding of the path of authentic love, (6) A new understanding of the path of



authentic zeal, and (7) A new inner strength and courage.

One of the important sayings of Jesus towards humanity is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Mt 3: 2)." In this conversion becomes a call. On the other hand, it is a grace which is infused through divine intervention into a soul which desires and cooperates with the plan of God

revealed through the paschal mystery in His Son Jesus Christ. When Therese found difficult to come out of her own weaknesses and longed for a miracle, it truly happened. The foundation of Sainthood was laid in the work of conversion through His grace. As years went by, the fruits contained in the experience of conversion was fully realized. The soul which is touched by God cannot

but spread the light of God into other souls. Hence Therese took the life-long initiative of converting hardened sinners by immersing them into the passion and death of the Lord. As we celebrate the Feast of Therese on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, let us renew our trust in the Lord for the grace of conversion.

+ Shyamal Bose

## Dishari

Dishari Pastoral Centre has organized a number of faith formation programmes for the Parents and Children. Altogether 536 Parents and Children participated for the programmes. Fr. Goutam Naskar, Fr. Uttam Naskar, Fr. Sarojit Mondal, Mr. Sourav Naskar and Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabarty were the resource persons. An animation for the Altar Server's was held at Sonarpur



Parish on September 3, 2023. A one day catechism training for the children was held at Kalyanpur parish on September 10, 2023. An animation was held at Dishari Pastoral Centre for the Sunday school children on the same day. A Seminar on BEC was held at Jeliakhali on September 17, 2023. Resource persons made the sessions very interesting and outreaching through a series of video clips, Bible quiz and games. Participants were happy to participate in the programmes. They have learnt more about the Sacraments and its efficacy in daily life as well as the necessity of sharing the Word of God through BEC.

- Fr. Goutam Naskar

## Paribar Jyoti



Amidst the rainy season, Paribar Jyoti organized various meetings, orientations, seminars and training programmes in the month of September 2023 with the prime aim of upholding steadfastly the institution of Marriage, fostering the security and welfare of family life and responsible parenthood. We place on record some of the

programmes such as the young couple's seminar at Paribar Jyoti and the husband-wife seminar at Baidyapur Parish. The couples, who attended the programmes, shared to have undergone some kind of transformation from within being reflected in their personal lives. Thus, it is quite satisfactory that the programmes have left great impact in their minds. The modern couples were so excited and asking number of pertinent questions relating to married life and its sanctity, while using social media and various technologies.

- Fr. Uttam Naskar

## Mrs. Chaya Panja went to her Eternal Abode



Mrs. Chaya Panja, Sister of Rev. Fr. Jonas Singha, went to her eternal abode on September 28, 2023. She left behind four children. She was 80 years old. Before her eternal journey she was diagnosed with cancer. Then after battling with cancer for nine months she breathed her last. While expressing our condolences to the grieved family members let us continue to pray for the repose of her soul. May God grant her everlasting peace.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka



## Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

### Visit of Most Rev. Gebhard Furst from Germany



On September 1, 2023 Most Rev. Gebhard Furst paid a visit to the diocese of Baruipur. He along with Most Rev. Shyamal Bose and four other distinguished guests from the diocese of Rottenburg - Stuttgart, Germany went to Gosaba, one of the islands of Sundarban. The intention of the visit was to capture the present living scenario of the people of Sundarban. While visiting they interacted with the people and came to know that the adverse effect of global warming is an alarming threat to Sundarban and its inhabitants. They witnessed the struggle of the people to cope with frequent flood and cyclone practically every year. As a result, sustainable agriculture, migration and displacement of people have become burning survive issue in

Sundarban. The visiting team had a meaningful exposure to capture the living conditions of the people in Sundarban. On behalf of the people of Sundarban we express our thanks and gratitude to Most Rev. Gebhard Furst and his team for their concern for the people of Sundarban.

### NGO Coordination Meeting

There was consecutive NGO Coordination Meeting on September 15, 20 and 21, 2023 in Kakdwip, Basanti & Mathurapur Blocks under the banner of Global Programme India. The aim of the meeting was to exchange the idea and share the working experience on DRR resilience model in Sundarban region.

Altogether 76 representatives from 27 NGOs actively participated in the coordination Meetings. The NGO representatives prepared a Quarterly action plan, including maintenance of the multi purpose cyclone centre (MPCS). They also developed a DRR plan and submitted to Sundarban Development Authority.



### Nutritional Food Material and Toiletries Distribution

On September 18, 2023, Nutritional Food Materials and Toiletries were distributed among the 329 Students of SAD Langalberia to prevent malnutrition. The food kits contained Soybeans, Pulses (Lentils), Bengal Gram, Sugar, Sooji, Horlicks, Biscuit, Vivel soap, Sunlight Detergent Powder, Tooth Paste, Coconut oil and Shampoo as Toiletries.

### Vegetable Seeds and Sapling Distribution

On September 29 & 30, 2023, twelve varieties of vegetable seeds and saplings of Mango, Coconut and Lemon were distributed among 800 families belonging to marginal Farmers in Namkhana and Patharpratima Block in the District of South 24 Parganas. The Aim of the program was to promote Nutrition Garden and Horticulture towards accessing the vegetable and fruits by their own and also Surplus can be sold out to add some earning for their better survival.



### Inauguration of Beautician and Computer Training with Spoken English Course

On September 29, 2023, Computer Training Center for underprivileged Youth in Gosaba and Beautician Training course for Marginalized Girls and Young Women in Basanti was inaugurated.

The objective of the program intervention is to develop their vocational Skill and link them in the job market or Self-employment for earning opportunity as alternative income. The program is supported by Manos Unidas.

- Fr. Soumen Malik

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## October

06	Fr. Surojit Mitra
09	Fr. Subrata Kanji
18	Fr. Ujjwal Mondal
26	Fr. Durlov Bor
28	Fr. Ajay Kr. Lakra, CM
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 6<sup>th</sup> October to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- # Young Couples Programme from 27<sup>th</sup> October to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer - Month of Oct. 2023

**For the Synod :** We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

## Celebrating 25 Years of dedicated service to the Lord

There are many landmark anniversaries in the life of a priest. The first major one is Silver, celebrating 25 years of dedicated service on the journey of faith. The Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Panneer Selvam and Rev. Fr. John Britto was celebrated with a solemn thanksgiving Holy Eucharist at St. Stephen's Church, Kalyanpur on September 28, 2023.



Rev. Fr. John Britto      Rev. Fr. Panneer Selvam

The Jubilarians priests along with Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, the Bishop of Baruipur Diocese, Most Rev. Salvatore Lobo, the Bishop Emeritus of the diocese and more than 40 priests, thanked the Lord for the numerous blessings they have received during the last 25 years of their priesthood. Rev. Fr. R. Dejus preached a meaningful homily on the demands of priesthood.

The solemn Eucharistic celebration was followed by a short felicitation programme wherein the Jubilarians were greeted and felicitated by the bishops, their respective family members and well wishers. Both the bishops applauded and appreciated them for their selfless service to the church and society. Thereafter, they were amused with two dances from the little girls of St. Mary's School. While addressing on the joyous occasion both the jubilarians were grateful to all those persons who have been instrumental in making them what they are. They thanked all their well wishers who had come from far and near for the program to share their joy.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka

## Bishop Shyamal Bose's Programme for the Month of October 2023

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Sun		Basanti	Mass for the Feast day of Little Flower, Patroness of Basanti Parish
03	Tue	10.00 a.m.	PUS Baruipur	Mass for Foundation day Celebration of the PUS
04	Wed			Goes to Raiganj
05-07	Thu-Sat		Raiganj	Strategic Planning Workshop at Jeevan Dhara
08	Sun			Returns from Raiganj
09-14	Mon-Sat		Krishnagar	Annual Retreat with the Priests of the diocese
20	Fri	02.30 p.m.	Basanti	Mass for the Diocesan Youth Convention
22	Sun	05.00 p.m.	Basanti	Award Ceremony of the Diocesan Youth Convention
23	Mon	07.00 a.m.	Basanti	Thanksgiving Mass for the Diocesan Youth Convention

## Bishop Salvatore Lobo's Programme for the Month of October 2023

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Sun	08.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Sonarapur Midnapur	Mass for the Jubilee inauguration of the Parish Visit Fr. Henry Crasta
11	Wed	10.00 a.m.		Goes to Dumka
13-14	Fri-Sat		Dumka	BEC Synod
16	Mon	04.30 p.m.		Returns from Dumka
23	Mon	09.30 a.m.	Jalpaiguri	Thanksgiving Mass for Centenary celebration of the arrival of PIME Fathers in the diocese
28	Sat			Goes to Delhi
29-31	Sun-Tue		Delhi	