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**April 2023** 

## Transformation through Resurrection

He is risen indeed!
When Jesus rose, a new creation began
for all who believe and trust in God's plans.
Through his power, our darkness is rolled away
"Jesus is the light," his resurrection proclaims!

(Jamie Trunnel, He is Risen)

Once again, we have almost completed the season of Lent and are awaiting Easter when we celebrate and rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead. Christianity celebrates this final destiny of the mortal flesh of human beings and believes makes us to believe it as the central truth of faith. Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord are inherent and inevitable happenings of Christian life when the same is seen through the eyes of faith. It was the body in which Jesus died, and yet the same body was not only restored to life but transformed. He was still human, but now glorified. "What is sown perishable, what is raised is imperishable" (1 Corinthians 15:42).

After His resurrection, Jesus met the Apostles and Disciples. The scars on His body were the main way he confirmed to his disciples that it was truly Him, in the same body, now risen and transformed. When Jesus first appeared to them, according to Luke, "they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit" (Luke 24:37). Then he showed them the scars. Luke and John testify so plainly to the scars of resurrected Jesus, which must mean that they are not defect but glory. What treasure awaits us for all eternity in the visible, glorious scars of Christ! The Father could have very well removed the scars in the glorious Christ. However, God follows His unique ways to dialogue with humanity in their pain and suffering. There is a promise of rising and glorification, if we walk in the way of the Cross with faith in resurrection. The scars, as healed wounds, in the risen Lord proclaim that if we are ready to fight the spiritual war of faith our final victory is in him. As the book of Revelation unfolds to us that ultimate triumph, it is "the Lamb who was slain" who stands at the center of heaven and sits, with his Father, on the very throne of the universe (Revelation 7:910, 17; 22:1, 3).

The Lord said, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." (Lk 24:44) Though he repeatedly spoke about passion, crucifixion, death and resurrection during His lifetime, the disciples were slow to understand. When Peter and John first looked into the empty tomb, they were unable to associate the present reality with the fact of resurrection. The brutal, gruesome and devastating killing of Jesus, that took place just two days ago, was fresh in their mind. They still were coming to terms with his death, and assumed with Mary that he was dead and "they" some undefined group had moved the body. Having seen the empty tomb, John reports, "the disciples

went back to their homes" (John 20:10). However slow his disciples had been to understand His suffering and rising, they soon became convinced of the fact that the Lord has truly risen. Death could not hold him, restrain him, keep him. It was not possible. Christ, the Son, had to rise.

Just fifty days later, when the feast of Pentecost came, Peter would preach this in public, "This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him (Acts 2: 23-24). The disciples gradually penetrated the paschal mystery of Christ. Resurrection is the New Exodus; the passing suffering and death to resurrection. Death no more has its sting over us. They received the vocation of not remaining in despair anymore; but break forth in joy and proclaim the Savior whom death could not hold back.

The broken world seen through naked eyes may bring shivering in us. It is so full of suffering, corruption, exploitation, poverty, war, hopelessness, etc. However, the invitation of God is to look at life through the paradigm of resurrection. Being in Calvary, we are called to sing the alleluia song. St. Pope John Paul II said, 'We are Easter People and Alleluia is our song!'

Every year the mother Church gives (us) a call to commemorate the season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. The days of Lent and Holy Week are spent in prayer, almsgiving and fasting. The Churches are full for the Way of the Cross on Friday. Through participation in the passion and death of the Lord, we prepare to rise with Him. However, I would like to point out to one fact that the zeal with which we begin and spend the lent, is found missing during the season of Easter. With the Easter Vigil, there may be a decrease in the time given for prayer and union with the risen Lord. We have seen in the lives of the disciples that unless they experienced and understood the mystery of resurrection, their Christian life lacked zeal. They were afraid of crucifixion and suffering. There was a sea change in the lives of the disciples when they were convinced of the fact that the Lord has risen. They started to believe that they too will rise from suffering and death. They could overcome all kinds of inhibitions and apprehensions; deny themselves and joyfully take up their cross and follow their master.

Although the event of crucifixion was a public one, but no one saw the Lord in the act of resurrection. It is Jesus who took the initiative to appear to small groups of people and give them a unique vocation to live and go out in His name. We too, in our respective way of life to which we are called for, need to meet this risen Lord. It is a personal experience that the Lord grants to us. Have a Happy Easter. May the risen Christ appear to each one of us and fill us with His life and grace to be renewed in spiritual zeal and look at life through the perspective of resurrection.

+ Shyamal Bose

## PARIBAR JYOTI NEWS

#### **Husband-wife Relationship Seminar**



Three seminars were organized on husband-wife relationship on 2, 15 and 22 march 2023 at Khari, Canning and Moapai parishes. The Role-play was shown on

conflict both positive and negative and asked questions for a better relationship between the husband-wife. They pointed out the positive one which will create a healthy, joyful relationship between husband and wife. Some case studies were also discussed by the staff of Paribar Jyoti. The participants answered spontaneously and also questioned their various issues. The seminar was very fruitful as the participants responded freely to the discussion on the husband-wife relationship.

- Mrs. Jaya Doloi

#### **Marriage Preparation Course**

The would-be couples who attended the seminar on 10 & 11 March

2023 were quite impressive as we observed them by their spontaneous responses to the subjects that they were interested in knowing about their future married life, which we considered



and also raised many questions and clarifications in their minds in different sessions. They were spontaneous, and receptive and raised questions whenever there was any doubt. At the end the participants shared that they gained a lot of knowledge and that their lives were incomplete without this training. -Mr. Francis Lobo

## Parenting Programme for Mothers at ICDS Centre - Simultata, Basanti



It was a wonderful programme organized by Mrs. Prabhati Bag, Animator of Paribar Jyoti, for the patents of ICDS workers of Simultala and Palpara Basanti on 14 and 26 March 2023. The

parents attending this programme were very concerned about their children which we could make out by their questions and sharing. After discussion on the various points and topics, the parents shared that they need to rectify and change some of the parenting techniques they had been applying for these many years. The health -Supervisor of Basanti Block is impressed to know more about the relevant topic and requested Paribar Jyoti to facilitate such seminars in all the ICDS centers of Basanti Block in the future. - Mrs. Prabhati Bag

#### Personality Development Training for Youth at Paribar Jyoti



One of the most awaited training programs of Paribar Jyoti is 'Personality Development' for youth. The young boys and girls who attended the training program on 17 & 18

March 2023 were very active, spontaneous and eager to know how to brush up their minds and personality. We the staff had a great time training them as they were so bold and enthusiastic. They were very cooperative and adjustable; it made us easy to train them well. We found that most of them are very ambitious and serious about life and studies. At the end, they shared that the sessions had really helped them to focus on their dreams and future.

## Child Mental Health Awareness Programe at Khari, Mondalparaon 19 March 2023

Under the initiative of Mrs. Ila Mondal, Animator of Paribar Jyoti organized an awareness program on Child Mental Health. The

awareness program was attended by ANM, ICDS, and ASHA workers, who took a pledge to sensitize other mothers about the mental health of their children and update themselves about the emotional



needs of a child and the role of parents in upbringing their children. - IIa  $\mathbf{Mondal}$ 

#### Family Cell Follow-Up Meeting

The members gathered at Gostomathon on 22 March 2023 and at Keorapukur Parish on 23 March 2023 for the meeting to review their responsibilities in the "Husband-Wife Seminar" program organized by them in the previous month. They have brought out many errors on their part and noted them down so that they are not repeated next time. It shows their devotion to their work and responsibilities. Moreover, they are now planning to increase home visits and look forward to organizing many more events in the future.

#### Young Couples Training



This group was a mixed group as some of the couples who attended the training on 24 & 25 March 2023 were newly married and some had been married for several years. So, there was an exchange of experiences at different

levels which made the training lively. Moreover, the couple shared that even though they have been married and living together for so many years they had no idea that there was still a lot to learn that would strengthen their relationship. - Gurupada Dolui

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### **All Churches' Prayer Assembly**







Bangiya Christiya Pariseba, Canning Zone Committee had organized a prayer assembly of all denominations on 28 March 2023 at Canning Baptist Mission Campus. It was to show our unity as Christians in solidarity with the Baptist Church's fight to safeguard their land from being encroached. Besides two bishops, Rt. Rev. Subrata Chakrabarty, Bishop of Barrackpore diocese, CNI and Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Baruipur, there were 40 priests and pastors of various denominations and about 1000 faithful who took part in this movement. The meeting started with a payer at 11 a.m. followed by a peace rally. Before starting peace rally with placards a plaque was laid in the encroached land. After that there were addresses of Mr. Herod Mullick, state working president of BCP, Samasar Nayek, Odisha Baptist Union, Anjan Singh, Secretary of Bengal Baptist Union, Timothy Das, Vice President, Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose and Rt. Rev. Subrata Chakrabarty in which all of them resonated the need of unity as Christians in times of any untoward happenings to the churches and religious institutions. While meeting a delegation went to the SDO office and submitted the memorandum concerning the same matter. Meeting ended with vote of thanks by Rev. Suranjan Mondal.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka

# Blessing and Inauguration of Presbytery of St. Anthony's Church, Keorapukur



It was an auspicious day for the faithful of St. Anthony's Church, Keorapukur to witness the inauguration and blessing of the newly built presbytery. It is built by the contribution from Church In Need, Germany and the faithful of St. Anthony's Church, Keorapukur. The blessing and inauguration of the presbytery was held on 16 March 2023 at 5.00 p.m. Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruipur, Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo, Bishop Emeritus of Baruipur, Ms. Barbara Rettig, Head of Asian Section III, ACN International, Germany, Mr. Jose F. Crespo from Church in Need, Spain, Mr. Raghunath Patra, Councilor Ward No 142, and Mr. Suvojit Biswas, contractor were present along with other 16 priests, 21 sisters and about 450 faithful of the parish for the program. The blessing ceremony started with the cutting of the ribbon and the unveiling of the plaque by Bishop Shyamal Bose and Ms. Barbara Rettig. After the blessing of the presbytery, a short cultural program was

organized for all. All the eminent guests were felicitated with a bouquet, shawl and gifts. The donors were extremely happy, which was expressed by Ms. Barbara Rettig in her speech. Bishop Shyamal Bose in his speech thanked the donors and the faithful of the parish for their generous contribution towards the building of the presbytery.





## Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

### **Major Activities for the Month of March 2023**

Beautician Course Evaluation & Follow up: On 6 March 2023,



Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur organized the Evaluation cum follow upprogram for Beautician Course at Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur. In 2021 and 2022, Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur had given beautician

training to 517 youth and young women. The aim of the programme is to evaluate the achievement of the Beautician Course, analyze the scope of present job opportunity and to establish their carrier.

Women Day Celebration: Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur celebrated



International Women's Day on 8 March 2023 at Harbhangi in Basanti B I o c k a n d Nagendrapur in Block Mathurapur II in the District of South 24 Parganas under the project Global Programme India.

Altogether 50 Community women participated in this celebration. The Project Personnel shared about gender discrimination, which still exists in our society and suggested to dispel it through the practice of equal rights.

Exposure Visit & Farmers Orientation: On 9 & 10 March 2023 an



exposure visit for selected farmers was conducted at Arapanch Sasya Shamala Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sonarpur (Narendrapur Ramkrishna Mission). Altogether 46 selected framers participated from Namkhana &

Patharpratima Block under Agro-based Livelihood Project. Objective of the exposure visit was to provide better understanding and learning of climate change adoptive Sustainable agriculture and organic farming. The farmers are encouraged to practice in their own cultivation for their better livelihood.

#### **NGO Coordination Meeting**



Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur conducted Block wise NGO Coordination Meeting in four Places namely, Mathurapur II, Kultali, Basanti and Gosaba Block on 9th, 16th, 21st and 22nd, March 2023 respectively. The aim of

the meeting is to exchange the idea and share their working experience on

DRR issue in Sundarban. Altogether 106 representatives from 31 NGOs actively participated in these coordination Meetings. All the participants shared the activities of their organization special emphasis to identify the local DRR issue and DRR resilience model in the field of Agriculture, Housing, Safe Drinking water during disaster etc.

Pesticide & Vitamin Distribution: On 11 March 2023 PUS Baruipur



in collaboration with Agriculture Department of Mathurapur II Block distributed two types of vitamin, Neem oil and fungicide to 11 marginal Farmers to control funguses of trees in Nagendrapur Gram

Panchayet under Global Programme India Projects.

## Awareness on Social Violence, Educational Aid & vocational Training



With the support of Adeline Pharma Pvt. Ltd there was a seminar on social discriminations and violence on women and children at Charavidya, Namkhana, Battali and PUS Baruipur office on 6th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 24th & 25th March,

2023 respectively. Altogether 158 selected community adolescent girls participated in these awareness programmes. Mr. Sudip Sardar, Mr. Sanjib Mandal, Mrs. Rama Biswas and Mrs. Sujata Mondal facilitated the program as resource persons and shared the prevention strategy on Underage Marriage, Trafficking, Domestic Violence, Child Labour, School Dropout & adolescent health among the adolescent girls. Besides, on 28 March 2023, 200 hundred Poor children at Sonatikary and Chuprijharathe project operational area of PUS Baruipur in the District of South 24 Parganas were given Educational Materials consisting of School Bags, Exercise Books, Drawing Books, Pens, Pencils, Pencil Cutters, Erasers, Pestle Colour

There was Inauguration of the Tailoring Training Unit on 24 March 2023 at



PUS Baruipur. The objective is to provide Vocational Skill to the poor rural women belonging to the most backward community as creating better earning opportunity to add some income to their families towards better livelihood. This

program is supported by Adeline Pharma Pvt. Ltd as their Corporate Social Responsibilities. Altogether 30 poor rural women are enrolled in this Tailoring Training Course. The duration of the Tailoring Training is for 6 Months. All the participants who successfully complete the course will be awarded with certificate.

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## **International Women's Day**





Women's Commission of Baruipur Diocese celebrated it's International Women's Day on 8 March 2023. Around 113 participants were present from various parishes. The day began with Holy Eucharistic celebration offered by Most Rev. Shaymal Bose along with Fr. Kanauj Roy, Fr. Himangshu Poti, Fr. Deepak Ekka, Fr. Ujjawal Mondol, Fr. Goutum Naskar and Fr. Joseph S.J. The Mass was followed by welcoming of Bishop and fathers. After the inaugural ceremony each parish presented their individual report before bishop. The day's message was delivered by women commission's secretary Ms. Babli Das. She conveyed her message through two videos; one about relationship and sharing responsibilities between a husband and wife; next about giving importance to our parents specially during their old age. After lunch break cultural program was performed by every parish. A special thanks to all the fathers and participants for making time to come to celebrate the day with us. The women commission would like to thank the Almighty, Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Fr. Tushar A. Gomes and Fr. Goutam Naskar for their constant help and support.

- Ms. Babli Das



## In Ever Loving Memory of Bro. Kuriakose Chettiah

Rev. Bro. Kuriakose Chettiah, SG, one of the pioneer missionaries of Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel to Baruipur Diocese passed away on 31 March 2023. He was born on 12.10.1941 at koodallor, Kottayam, Kerala. He entered the novitiate on 8.12.1958 and made the first vow in 9.4.1960. subsequently made his final vow in 19.5.1966. Thereafter served the congregation in various capacities until he expired on 31 March 2023. While expressing our condolences to the Provincial and every member of the Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel let us continue to pray for the repose of his soul.

### **Forever in our Hearts**



Rev. Sr. Seetha K., AC was born in a Hindu Orthodox Brahmin family on 14 November 1935 in Tripunithura, Kerela. It is during her college study that she was inspired by the conversion of St. Paul and decided to embrace Christianity. She then joined the Congregation in 1961 and made her final vow in 1971. Since then she served the congregation at various levels in different places including Keorapukur Parish in the diocese of Baruipur. Before leaving for eternity she wrote an autobiography in which her conversion to Christianity remains as inspiration. Then due to her sudden ill health she passed away on 21 March 2023 at Carmel Convent Deshapriya Park Kolkata. We express our condolences to the provincial and the congregation on the demise of beloved Sr. Seetha and thank the Lord for all that she had done for the Congregation and the Diocese of Baruipur.

## **In Loving Memory**



Death of our beloved parents is always a difficult time for everyone. Mr. V. S. Varkey Vellankal, father of Rev. Sr. Dency passed away on March 10, 2023 at the age of 88 years leaving behind nine children. Sr. Dency being the last among the siblings. Before breathing his last he patiently endured the pain due to sickness and old-age. He was a God fearing person. Sr. Dency was in Canning for seven months. We express deepest condolences to her and the entire family members and assure our prayers for the repose of his soul.

### **Eternal Abode**



Mrs. Florence D'Souza, mother of Rev. Sr. Jessy, RNDM went to heavenly abode on 27 February 2023. She was a virtuous mother who left no stone unturned to the better upbringing of the children. Sr. Jessy's vocation is one of the vivid examples of her devout life to God. Rev. Sr. Jessy is the fourth child of ten children who offered her life to the service of God's people. She rendered her selfless service to our diocese as a member of Holy Angel's Convent, Kalyanpur for twelve years. We convey our hearty condolences to Sr. Jessy and her family members at the demise of their mother and pray that the Lord may bless her with eternal peace.

## Glimpses from Dishari

#### Altar Servers Animation at Ranigarh

Dishari Pastoral Centre has organized a one-day animation for the Sunday school children and altar servers on 5 March 2023 at Ranigarh Parish. Altogether 95 children participated for the same. Rev. Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes and Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar were the resource persons. In their sessions, they enlightened the participants about the Basic Catechism of the Catholic Church as well as the norms of the altar servers. The participants were very much happy to attend the animation. The day ended with the Holy Eucharistic Celebration.

#### **BEC Meeting at Gangarampur**

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (Hebrews 13:16). It was an immense privilege for the people of Gangarampur to participate in BEC meeting held on 12 March 2023. There was a great multitude of people from different BEC units of Gangarampur Parish who assembled to share their experience. Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar encouraged the people through his self- experiences; he further articulated in this way, we must fan out the love of God through BEC. Eventually, the meeting came to an end through a short thanksgiving prayer.

#### **Benefactors visit Dishari**



"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done (Proverbs 19:17)". A felicitation programme was organized to welcome the visitors from the donor

agency, Church In Need, namely Ms. Barbara Rettig and Mr. Jose F. Crespo at Dishari on 16 March 2023. Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo and Rev. Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes were present in the programme. The programme began with a welcome speech by Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar, followed by a prayer dance performed by the youth of Kalipur. Most Rev. Shyamal Bose expressed his hearty welcome and presented a brief history of Baruipur Diocese.

Ms. Barbara Rettig, in her address, said that the ultimate aim of Church In Need is to fulfill the pastoral needs of the Church. A dance was performed by the youth of Morapai. Fr. Goutam Naskar proposed the vote of thanks to conclude the program.

#### **Retreat for Parents at Dishari**



A two-day retreat for the Parents was organized in Dishari from 19 - 20 March 2023. All together 44 Parents actively participated to encounter the passion of Christ. Rev. Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes guided them to walk with Jesus on

Calvary, the way to salvation. Mrs. Sumita Lobo helped them to contemplate the Word of God with devotional hymns. The most significant part of the retreat was the adoration. They experienced the presence of Jesus amidst them in the presence of Blessed Sacrament. Rev. Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes brought the Word of God alive through his talks. The retreat concluded with the Holy Eucharist.

#### Recollection for Catechists at Dishari



A two-days recollection for Catechists was organized in Dishari Pastoral Centre on 21 & 22 March 2023. All together 45 Catechists participated for the same. Rev. Fr. Goutam

Naskar the Catechist's in-charge welcomed the Catechists and encouraged them for their tireless service. Rev. Fr. Julian Das S.J. guided the Catechists in the green pasture of God's Word. All the Catechists were spiritually enriched by his talks. Most Rev. Shyamal Bose offered the Holy Eucharist for them and prayed for them. They were refreshed to continue to serve in the vineyard of the Lord.

- Fr. Goutam Naskar

## **Celebration of Annual CLC Day**

The Annual World CLC day was celebrated in the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Teresa of Calcutta Baruipur on the feast of the Annunciation of our Lord on 25 March 2023. The 19 CLC mothers of Cathedral Parish joined together for the thanksgiving Mass presided over by His Lordship Most Rev. Shyamal Bose and concelebrated by Fr. Deepak Ekka, the Pro-Vicar. They renewed their commitment during the Mass. It was a day wherein we recognize and acknowledge the importance of their service and applaud all of them for their selfless contributions in the church's activities. After the Mass they spent sometimes with the Bishop while sharing tea and snacks. It was a memorable evening, all members were filled with great enthusiasm and spirit.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka



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#### Baruipur Zonal Youth Orientation, 2023



Baruipur Zonal Youth Orientation was held in Dishari on 19 March 2023. There were 60 youth from Cathedral, Kalyanpur, Sonarpur and Rishibankim Nagar parishes. Fr. Gautam Naskar, the director of Dishari, began the orientation with a Eucharistic celebration.

The theme of "Green Awareness" was the focus of the orientation wherein young people were inspired to take action to protect the environment and create a sustainable way of life for future generations.

Fr. Kanuj Roy, further explained the topic based on "Laudato Si" and urged the youth to be concerned about the environment. He made us concious about our approach to restore the earth's natural vegetation and the significance of it as stated in Laudato Si. Mr. Raj Bagh also discussed the "G-India" concept, which ICYM is using as a platform to bring awareness about the environmental causes. He further discussed the objective, vision and urged them to join this MEGA Movement (Make Earth Green Again). The day ended with a lovely meal after which all departed with a gorgeous smile.

#### Youth Orientation at Rajarampur



On 26 March 2023 Youth orientation and one day Lenten recollection was held at Rajarampur, a substation of Thakurpukur parish.

Mr. Sarbeswar Chakraborty (Diocesan Youth Advisor), Mr. Raj Bagh (DYP) along with four other DEXCO members were felicitated with a bouquet by the youth of Thakurpukur parish.

The inaugural program consisted of a devotional hymn and a welcome dance by the parish youth. Fr. Rajen Singh, the Assistant priest of Thakurpukur parish was requested to deliver the welcome address. He warmly welcomed the guests and all the youth with his cordial words. The youth were then animated by the DEXCO with action song.

Thereafter, Mr. Sarbeswar Chakraborty took the session explaining about the essence of prayer in the Lenten season. He called lent as the perfect time to build a healthy relationship with God as it gives the opportunity to return to him with a repentant heart. It was followed by Eucharistic celebration offered by Fr. Rajen.

After the delicious lunch, Mr. Raj Bagh chaired the session in which he shed light upon the youth ministry. He clarified about CCBI, CBCI & ICYM. As we too are under a catholic youth movement, it is important to know about our mission and Vision.

The day ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Fr. Rajen Singh and Soumyadeep Lobwo, Youth President of Thakurpukur Parish.

- Mr. Soumojit D'Costa

#### Career Counselling, 2023



A Career Counselling Programme was held for the youth of Baruipur Diocese from 28 - 30 March 2023. This counselling programme drew about 60 attendees from across the diocese. After the inaugural address by Fr. Rajesh Bag, Assistant DYD Mr. Sujit Paul, a Chartered Accountant, led the session on career guidance wherein he highlighted the various career opportunities. Throughout his presentation, he inspired the youth and helped them to understand the reality. He also concentrated on various competitive tests to help the students find the career path that would be best for them. It was followed by a session on Media – As a carrier and Digital Evangelization by Mr. Raj Bagh. He discussed how the media shapes young people's thinking and leads them to make mostly bad decisions. He went on to describe how to control communication, transform negativity into positivity, and develop good communication habits. He described the various media platforms' scopes and suggested some possible future carriers. We concluded the day with a Taizé prayer and confession.

Mr. Abhijit Ghosh, a counsellor for skill development and employment took the session on the next day. Subsequently Mr. Raj Bagh extended a warm greeting to Mr. Remo Fernandez, WBCS Acc. Treasurer of Alipore, Mr. Sanjit Saini, Sub-Inspector of Police, Mrs. Jawa Mondal, IB West Bengal, Ms. Shila Majhi, Teacher, and Ms. Bani Swami, Nurse. Each of them inspired the youth with their profession through an interactive session.

Fr. Rajesh Bag conducted the next session on the importance of faith for young people. It was the turn of Fr. Mani, the principal of Don Bosco, Liluah who described the various courses that Don Bosco Institution offers. The program ended with a vote of thanks by Raj Bagh.

- Mr. Raj Bagh

# Happy Birthday

### APRIL

02	Fr. Deepak Ekka
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Fr. J. R. Dejus 09

15 Fr. Sarajit Das

17 Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes

29 Fr. Daniel Makhal

**Bp. Salvadore Lobo** 30

## **Ordination** APRIL

Fr. Sushad Baidya 11

15 Fr. Faustine Brank

Fr. Jaswant Nayak, CMF 16

Fr. Rabert R., CMF 16

Fr. J. A. Santhanam

Fr. Irineu Diniz, SFX 23

26 Fr. Sunil Ray

Fr. Surojit Mitra 26

27 Fr. Daniel Makhal

27 Fr. Jonas Singha

Fr. Prolay Boidya

## **MEMORABLE & ADMIRABLE**

13th April: Fr. Abani Sardar

## NOTICE BOARD

- All the Priests working in the Catholic Diocese of Baruipur shall attend the morning meeting on April 04, 2023 at 10.30 a.m. in Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruipur and Chrism Mass in Cathedral Church, Baruipur at 2.30 p.m.
- Paribar Jyoti: (1) Personality Development for Class X and XII from 10th April to 11th April 2023. (2) Marriage Preparation Course from 21st April to 22nd April 2023.

## Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of April 2023

For a culture of peace and non-violence We pray for the spread of peace and nonviolence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

## Transfers and New Arrivals of Religious in the Diocese

Place	Arrival	Outgoing				
St. Anne's Convent, Morapai (From Month of July)	Sr. Sulekha DSA - Superior	Sr. Binita DSA				
St. Anne's Convent, Morapai	Sr. Ricta DSA					
St. Anne's Convent, Raghabpur	Sr. Mary DSA	Sr. Mary Joice DSA				
St. Anne' Convent, Gobrachowk	Sr. Suchitra DSA	Sr. Archana DSA				
St. Anne's Convent, Kalikanan	Sr. Helen DSA	Sr. Victoria DSA				
Missionaries of Charity, Maria Dan, Kacharibazar, Baruipur	Sr. Archangella MC	Sr. Anjali MC				
Missionaries of Charity, Nirmal Hriday, Kirtonkhola, Baruipur	Sr. John Paul MC - Superior	Sr. Maria Laura MC				
Missionaries of Charity, Kumrakhali	Sr. Anita Paul MC Sr. Maria Shanta MC	Sr. Audrica MC				
	Sr. Freedolin MC					
Missionaries of Charity, Ashadan, Gangarampur	Sr. Clarisse Marie MC	Sr. Ambika MC				
Holy Cross Convent, Baruipur	Sr. Rinku Malik	Sr. Mary Tete				

### **Bishop S. Bose's Programme for the Month of April 2023**

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
02	Sunday	07.00 a.m.	Baruipur Cathedral	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
04	Tuesday	10.30 a.m.	Dishari, Baruipur	Meeting of the Priests
		02.30 p.m.	Baruipur Cathedral	Chrism Mass
06	Maundy Thursday	06.30 p.m.	Kalyanpur	Maundy Thursday of the Lord's Supper
07	Good Friday	02.30 p.m.	Morapai	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
08	Easter Vigil	11.00 p.m.	Baruipur Cathedral	Easter Vigil Mass
09	Easter Sunday	07.00 a.m.	Gangarampur	Easter Sunday Mass
16	Sunday	07.00 a.m.	Baruipur Cathedral	Mass & Holy Communion
19	Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Dishari, Baruipur	Ecumenical Meeting
24	Monday	10.00 a.m.	Noorpur	Mass for Silver Jubilee of Bro. Tarcius Lepcha MC

## Bishop Lobo's Programme for the Month of April 2023

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
02	Sunday	06.00 a.m.	Keorapukur	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
04	Tuesday	10.30 a.m.	Dishari, Baruipur	Meeting of the Priests
		02.30 p.m.	Baruipur Cathedral	Chrism Mass
06	Maundy Thursday	06.00 p.m.	Bibirchak	Maundy Thursday of the Lord's Supper
07	Good Friday	03.00 p.m.	Bibirchak	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
08	Easter Vigil	10.00 p.m.	Hogalkuria	Easter Vigil Mass
09	Easter Sunday	06.00 a.m.	Keorapukur	Easter Sunday Mass
10-15	Monday-Saturday		Chennai	Retreat to SDB Fathers
17-22	Monday-Satturday		Chennai	Retreat to SDB Fathers
28	Friday			Goes to Rome

## Easter and Bengali New Year wish

Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruipur,

Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo, Bishop Emeritus of Baruipur and all the Fathers at Bishop's House wish all the readers the joy of Easter.

May the new life that Jesus offers us through His resurrection be the continuous source of

sharing and caring for one another.

Happy Easter!