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Blessed are the peace makers, for they will be called children of God

Pope Francis in his message for 52nd World Peace Day, celebrated all over the world on January 01, and in India on January 30th, says, "In sending his disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them: "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you" (Lk 10:5-6). Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The house of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our common home: the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate. So, let this be my greeting at the beginning of the New Year: "Peace be to this house!"

".....When animated by charity, commitment to the common good has greater worth than a merely secular and political stand would have... Man's earthly activity, when inspired and sustained by charity, contributes to the building of the universal city of God, which is the goal of the history of the human family". This is a programme on which all politicians, whatever their culture or religion, can agree, if they wish to work together for the good of the human family and to practice those human virtues that sustain all sound political activity: justice, equality, mutual respect, sincerity, honesty, fidelity. In this regard, it may be helpful to recall the "Beatitudes of the Politician", proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, who died in 2002:

Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role.

Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility.

Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest.

Blessed be the politician who remains consistent.

Blessed be the politician who works for unity.

Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change.

Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.

Blessed be the politician who is without fear.

Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law. One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.

Political vices sadly, together with its virtues, politics also has its share of vices, whether due to personal incompetence or to flaws in the system and its institutions. Clearly, these vices detract from the credibility of political life overall, as well as the authority, decisions and actions of those engaged in it. These vices, which undermine the ideal of an authentic democracy, bring disgrace to public life and threaten social harmony. We think of corruption in its varied forms: the misappropriation of public resources, the exploitation of individuals, the denial of rights, the flouting of community rules, dishonest gain,.....

A hundred years after the end of the First World War, as we remember the young people killed in those battles and the civilian populations torn apart, we are more conscious than ever of the terrible lesson taught by fratricidal wars: peace can never be reduced solely to a balance between power and fear.

Peace, in effect, is the fruit of a great political project grounded in the mutual responsibility and interdependence of human beings. The politics of peace, conscious of and deeply concerned for every situation of human vulnerability, can always draw inspiration from the Magnificat, the hymn that Mary, the Mother of Christ the Saviour and Queen of Peace, sang in the name of all mankind: "He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly; ...for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever" (Lk 1:50-55).

"Blessed are the peace makers, for they will be called children of God." (Mtt:9) Be always an angel of peace in 2019.

+ Salvadore Lobo

CRI-NEWS

The CRI meeting of Baruipur unit was held on 16th December 2018. We began with a prayer led by Bishop Rt. Rev. Salvatore Lobo invoking God's blessings on all the members. Sr. Leena the president of the unit welcomed all the participants for the meeting. We were 42 members present for the meeting. It was an urgent need to have a secretary for the CRI Unit Baruipur. After some discussions Fr. Patrick Walsh S.J volunteered to be the Secretary for the CRI. Bishop Lobo introduced the theme of the day "God experience going beyond our structures focusing on the youth." as a follow up of the BRBC-CRI-CDPB- Sikkim Regional Annual meeting which was held on November 5th to 7th 2018 at Seva Kendra, Kolkata. Bishop Lobo appreciated and thanked all the Religious of the Diocese for the good works done by us. He led the group forward explaining the theme. He emphasized on the point that the priests and religious of the Diocese should have deep God experience to engage in fruitful youth Ministry. To create youth friendly atmosphere and welcoming attitude in every parish and institution. He suggested to have a youth coordinator for every Parish. We had a group discussion and the findings were brought to the larger group. Sr. Leena proposed vote of thanks to Bishop Lobo and the participants for their presence and active participation. We had the Holy Eucharistic concelebrated by Bishop Lobo and few priests. During lunch we wished each other Merry Christmas and thereafter we departed.

- Sr. Leena Joseph SCC

'St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, Hogalkuria 24th Parish in Baruipur Diocese'

Hogalkuria, a 123 year old catholic community, was erected as a parish on December 19th 2018. Bishop Salvatore Lobo during the Eucharistic celebration announced the St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, Hogalkuria as the 24th Parish in Baruipur Diocese, Calcutta. Three Provincials, 64 priests and religious from various congregations along with faithful of Hogalkuria joyfully participated in the auspicious celebration.



Bishop Salvatore Lobo was welcomed at Mother Teresa Mor, Mandirbil, with flower girls, colourful umbrellas, singing and dancing by the faithful. Fr. Jonas Singh the V.G. garlanded the statue of Mother Teresa. Fr. Vijay Kumar Nayak C M, the Provincial, lit the lamp and Sr. Cessy Scaria SCC the Provincial offered the flowers to Mother Teresa. After the short Kirtan singing the faithful in Procession with dancing and singing led the Bishop, Provincials, priests and religious to the, 'to be Erected Parish' Church.

After announcing the erection of the Parish, Fr. K.C. Joseph C.M. was installed as the first Parish Priest, with all the rituals. The Jesuits, who looked after the Mission for 123 years, handed over to the care of the Congregation of Mission. Three Provincials: The Jesuit Provincial, Fr. Joseph Raphael Hyde S.J., The Provincial of the Congregation of Mission Fr. Vijay Kumar Nayak C.M., Provincial of the Sisters of the Cross of the Chavanod Sr. Cessy Scaria SCC were present to witness the Solemn event. The Parish Choir led by Catechist Lucas Singh and gorgeous decoration by the Holy Cross Sisters hiked the festive mood. Ashit Sushmita Mal put the entire celebration in to order by being MC. Sr. Paulina SCC with community looked into the entire nitty-gritty of the liturgy minutely.

The New Parish 'St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, Hogalkuria' now has 210 catholic families (1,206 faithful), De Paul School (English Medium) run by the CM fathers, Holy Cross Convent and Hostel for tribal girls.

It was a joyous and grace filled day for the faithful of Hogalkuria. Soon after the Mass there was a small felicitation programme for the New Parish Priest and a well prepared cultural programme by the parishioners. The Bishop, Priests and religious and people of all the faith of Hogalkuria joined in the fellowship meal prepared by the faithful themselves.

- Fr. Amulya Kannanaikal S.J.

Golden Jubilee celebrations of Carmel Convent and School, Keorapukur

On 14th December 2018, Carmel Convent and School celebrated Golden Jubilee. The Eucharistic celebration of thanksgiving was held for the Catholic staff, students and parents. Rt. Rev. Bishop Salvatore Lobo was the main celebrant and other fathers con-celebrated with him. Sr. Susheela A.C. the Superior General, other A.C. sisters, sisters of other congregations were present for the celebration.

15th December 2018, Golden Jubilee closing celebration was held in the school ground. Students presented a varied colourful programme like song, dance, English skit., recitations in English and Bengali and dance drama on Ganga pollution. Sri Sovan Chatterjee, M.L.A. was the Chief Guest for the day and Guest of Honour were Sr. Susheela A.C. Superior General, Sr. Marcella A.C. Provincial Superior, Rt. Rev. Bishop Salvatore Lobo, Mr. Raghunath Patra Councilor of ward no 142. The Provincial team, A.C. Sisters, other sisters from various congregations, fathers and brothers from the Diocese of Baruipur were present on this great occasion. Dinner was served to the guests and the staff members and dinner packets were given to all the students.



- Sr. Cheryl

Notice Board

Programmes in Paribar Jyoti:

January 18-19, 2019 Marriage Preparation (For the unmarried)

(As far as possible **both partners** should attend even if one is non-Christian;

The XXXI Plenary Assembly of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) will take place from January 07-14, 2019 at Chingleput in Chennai. The theme for the plenary assembly is "Joy of the Gospel". Kindly pray for the success of the plenary assembly.

Most Rev. Salvatore Lobo, in consultation with Priests' council, the board of consultors, CRI and other bodies has declared the year 2019 as the Year of Youth on December 27, 2018 on the occasion of the Christmas get-together of priests, sisters and brothers.

A couples' workshop in Myanmar

Conducting a couples' workshop for the people of another country without knowing their language, culture, customs and traditions was something I could not even think of. When the Pathein diocese of Myanmar asked me to conduct a programme in their diocese I had thought of having programme on family apostolate for the priests and nuns who would know English. But finally it was a couples' workshop



about their family life and the language was Burmese. A priest who had worked in the United States for many years was my interpreter who proved very efficient. There were 118 participants from 15 parishes. I was edified to see the emphasis they placed on family spirituality and the role of the family in the church which showed that they were well instructed on these topics. Though the number was large for the type of workshops I conduct they enjoyed it immensely and benefitted very much as was evident when they spoke about what they would do after the seminar. It was mutually enriching and encouraging when the women were listening to the men speaking about what they would do as responsible husbands and men listening to women speaking in similar lines. This was like a public promise to the spouse which was sealed with a promise and prayer for God's help.

The evaluation conducted by a priest of the diocese also was very revealing. Almost everyone spoke. For 15 minutes they went on enumerating briefly the things they learned. It was amazing to see that they remembered even the minute points discussed.

What I learned from this seminar was that the methodology (followed in Paribar Jyoti) can be used anywhere irrespective of cultural differences because it helps them to reflect on their own experience and finally arrive at their own conclusions on what change they would make in their lives. Interestingly, they tell us much more than what we would like to tell them and what they say is related to their own lives. Some of the fathers who were present throughout the seminar said it was more effective than a retreat.

Pre-marriage Counselling and Orientation

The course this time had 54 participants ranging from school teachers and other highly educated persons to those who could not read and write. This is a programme where all come to the same level and so, all participated equally well. The brain storming sessions were very lively with everybody eagerly responding which showed that they were really enjoying the programme. At the end they said that they could get rid of many misconceptions and assumptions besides learning many things they did not know. Some said that they came with one mindset and were going back with a new outlook.

When both partners come to this programme it is an opportunity for them to know each other as the sharings and group sessions help them to get an idea of the partner's views and attitudes. They become immensely happy when they learn that God seals their mutual love with his own infinite love for ever in the sacrament of marriage as it reinforces their desire to live happily for ever after.

- Pradeep Roy

Christmas get-together

The Diocesan annual Christmas get-together was held on a cold December 27, 2018 at Dishari, with approximately 120 members including Bishop, priests, sisters and brothers attending. The day began with the Eucharistic celebration presided over by Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo and concelebrated by the priests. Bishop in his homily congratulated and thanked all for having celebrated Christmas peacefully in all parishes and emphasized the need to pay more attention to youth in the coming year. After the Mass a short cultural programme began with a prayer led by Rev. Fr. Charles Montu Kanji. Bro. Sanjay Minj, the M.C. made the gathering lively by coordinating various items. The candidates of Holy Cross captivated the attention of all by their dance and the minor seminarians of Samarpan put up an inspirational short skit on the meaningful celebration of Christmas. Thereafter, Fr. Uttam Naskar entertained the gathering with a party game followed by a solo carol singing by Rev. Fr. Parimal Kanji. All the participants were given the gifts. A joyous short programme concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Rev Fr. Jonas Singha where he thanked the Bishop, Fr. Saumen Mallik all the priests, sisters, brothers and the M.C. of the programme Bro. Sanjay Minj. The celebration ended with a sumptuous familial meal.



- Fr. Jonas Singha

Dishari at a Glance



The two days recollection for the priests working in the diocese was held at Dishari from 11-12 December 2018. Rev. Fr. Reginald Fernandes, the preacher reminded that we are not to be 'as if priests' but a real priests taking initiatives and risks keeping the proper priorities in our ministries. There were 30 priests who came for the recollection. They were all spiritually rejuvenated to carry forward their various pastoral ministries in their respective parishes and institutions.

Dishari organized a retreat for youth of the diocese from 14-16 December 2018. A total of 35 youth from different parishes of the diocese turned out for this spiritual enrichment. The different themes for their retreat such as love of God, prophetic role of the youth and the power of the holy Eucharist in their daily lives were preached by Rev. Fr. Gautam, Ramen and Deepak respectively. They all went back to their homes spiritually renewed in their God's experience.

On 17 December 2018 there was a meeting of the members of SCC (DST, DRT) at Pastoral Centre Dishari. There were 20 of them for the meeting. The meeting was about making the plan for the forthcoming three months as well Christmas gathering. Besides, they shared their experiences of success and failure in conducting SCC in their respective places.

From 17-19 December 2018 there was a retreat for parishioners of the diocese at Dishari. There were 70 participants from different parishes. The three preachers namely, Rev. Fr. Ramen, Saumen and Gautam preached on the themes: love of God, prayer and forgiveness. The outcome of the retreat was that all were spiritually deepened in their love of God, strengthened in prayer and took home the attitude of forgiveness.

- Fr. Soumen Malik





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- 03 Fr. Arup Bor
- 04 Fr. Sajeew Painunkal S.J.
- 06 Fr. Jose K.C., C.M.
- 15 Br. Satyajit Naskar
- 16 Fr. Jonas Singha
- 17 Fr. Ramen Pailan
- 20 Fr. Jude S. Sahaya S.J.
- 26 Fr. Johnson Padiyara S.J.
- 26 Fr. Shiryakuse Ekka, C.M.
- 27 Br. Sarojit Mondal
- 28 Fr. Remy D'Sa SFX
- 28 Br. Nayan Bor

Priestly Ordination Anniversary

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- 05 Fr. Shyamal Kumar Das, C.M.
- 06 Fr. Johnson Padiyara S.J.
- 11 Fr. Shiryakuse Ekka C.M.
- 16 Fr. Sarajit Das
- 19 Fr. N. Jinesh Sebastian S.J.
- 22 Fr. Deepak Ekka

Episcopal Ordination Anniversary

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Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of January 2019

Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Christmas Gathering for Youth

Over 150 youth from different parishes of the diocese turned up for this year's Youth Christmas gathering at Dishari, Pastoral Centre, on December 29, 2018. The day began with the Mass, offered by Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Ramen, the youth director and Rev. Fr. Saumen Malik, the director of Dishari. Bishop in his homily encouraged the youth to inculcate the spirit of St. John, the evangelist in being the messengers and witnesses of God's love to all. After the Mass a short cultural program started with the lighting of the lamps followed by welcoming the bishop, fathers and guests with bouquet. Bishop in his message spoke about the importance of dedicating the year 2019 as the "year of the youth" 4 following up of the Synod of Youth. Thereafter, parish-wise carol singing competition was held where Kumrokhali, Cathedral and Ranigarh parishes emerged victorious with first, second and third place respectively. All the youth were happy to receive the Christmas gifts. The youth director, Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan thanked the Bishop, fathers, guests and all the youth for their active participation and co-operation in being present for the gathering. The day ended with a delicious meal enjoyed by all.



- Mr. Tanmoy Sardar

I, sincerely, thank all the Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and lay people who wished me through their visits, cards, gifts, phone calls and messages for Christmas and the New Year 2019. I prayed for you all at the midnight Mass.

+ Salvadore Lobo

Bishop Lobo's Programme for the Month of January 2019

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Tue	07.00 a.m.	Sajnaberia	New Year mass at St. Joseph's Church, Sajnaberia
02	Wed	07.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Mass at Missionaries of Charity, Kirtankhola
05	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Baruipur	SCC programme at Dishari, Baruipur
06	Sun	04.15 p.m.		Goes to Chennai
07	Mon		Pondichari	Visits Fr. Augustine E in his home
08-14	Tue-Mon		Chennai	Attends CCBI meeting
15	Tue	09.20 a.m.		Returns to Baruipur
16	Wed	04.00 p.m.	Krishnagar	BRBC Meeting
17	Thu	06.30 a.m. 08.00 a.m.	Amghata Amghata	Mass at Regional Propaedeutic Seminary Amghata G. B. Meeting of Regional Propaedeutic Seminary Amghata
18	Fri	08.00 a.m.	Barrackpore	G. B. Meeting of Morning Star Regional Seminary
20	Sat	08.00 a.m. 02.00 p.m.	Kulpi Kalyanpur	Mass & Confirmations Annual School programme at St. Mary's School, Kalyanpur
23	Wed	10.30 a.m.	Thakurpukur	Mass for the first profession of Loreto sisters
24	Thu	04.00 p.m.	Kolkata	G.B. Meeting of Boys Town
28	Mon	09.30 a.m.		Goes to Namchi, Sikkim
29	Tue		Namchi	SCC diocesan convention of Darjeeling
30	Wed		Namchi	SCC diocesan convention of Darjeeling
31	Thu	03.35 p.m.		Returns to Baruipur