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## Stand up for Christ during this Lent

The church minus sacrifice, fast and penance coupled with prayer and discernment lacks faith and courage to stand up at the time of trials and tribulations. See if this story makes you to stand up for Christ and his church in this Lent and thereafter.

There is a little chapel on the border of Venezuela and Columbia in South America. One Sunday morning, when Mass was about to begin a group of guerrillas fully armed with machine guns, rushed from their hideouts in the jungle and stormed into the chapel. The people were accustomed to these interruptions during the services, and no one had been harmed so far. Yet the priest and congregation were totally horrified and afraid because anything could happen.

Some of the soldiers ran up to the altar, grabbed the priest, and dragged him outside to be executed. A hefty-looking guerilla, who was obviously the leader, challenged the congregation in a booming voice: "Those of you who are deeply convinced of your Christian creed, stand up."

There was long pause. The people were frozen with fear. No one stirred. Finally, one man stood up, turned to the guerilla chief and said simply, "I love and follow Jesus." Immediately, the soldiers pounced on him and took him out to be executed. Slowly, one by one, several others took courage, stood up and expressed their belief in God and the Church. They were all driven out. Then came the sound of machine-gun fire. When there were no more people who wanted to identify themselves as Christians, the Guerilla chieftain ordered the remaining congregation to leave the chapel. "You have no right to be here!" he shouted.

As the people filed out the door they were astonished to see their pastor and the others, assembled there. Strangely, the commander instructed the priest to lead his 'faithful' back into the chapel to continue the service. Once they were in, the commander turned to the 'unfaithful' who cowered in his presence and

admonished them in a piercing tone: "Stay out of this chapel until you have the courage to stand up to your beliefs and convictions." Then he turned and rushed back into the jungle, with his men.

Forty days of Lent are special days when we are invited to love Jesus and follow Him by additional prayer, fasting, acts of penance, daily attendance at mass and extra reading of the Bible. This is the time when we try to recognize the invisible hand of the Lord in works of darkness which are plenty in the world. Like the serpent the story of creation in the book of Genesis, lips of Satan often camouflaged with sweet words, deeds with noble cause. Salvation history is a story of light and darkness, holiness and sin, commitment and non commitment. The line between light and darkness, holiness and sin and commitment and non commitment is thin, it is very easy to make mistake. St. Paul reminds us, "It is not surprising, if Satan disguises himself as angel of light, his servants an easily disguise themselves as ministers of salvation. (1 Cor 11-14).

Daniel Defoe (1660-1731), the author of Robinson Crusoe tells us, "Where ever God erects a house of prayer, The Devil always builds a chapel there, And 'twill be found upon examination, The later has the largest congregation."

Let this season of Lent be a special season of conversion for us. Conversion helps us to love Jesus more dearly and follow him more clearly. A Lent that helps us to cast away sin and put on holiness. This does not happen automatically. It needs an effort. When we do not make a positive effort our religion gets mixed up with superstition, our commitment with lethargy. The church remains simply an organization, authority, a matter of domination, mission a matter of propaganda. Liturgy becomes only an empty memorial and Christian living a slave morality.

+ Salvadore Lobo

## Completed 2 Decades with Servant hood Leadership



Coming from a family with agricultural background and living in picturesque village, Mattar, Bishop Salvatore Lobo has developed a love for nature and concern for the poor. The literature of Bengali writers, particularly that of Rabindranath Tagore and Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay, attracted him to West Bengal where he served as a priest and gradually his spirituality and administrative capability saw him rise in diocesan hierarchy eventually being raised as the Bishop of Baruipur Diocese. In this Diocese, he has been doing excellent work since the last 45 years, 25 years as a priest and 20 years as a bishop.

The Laity Commission of Baruipur Diocese celebrated this outstanding occasion with the members on January 27, 2018 two days before in a solemn service during their General Meeting. Mrs. Doly Mondal one of the members from Maria Pally put a Stole with the long applauds from others. Payers song and Cake Cutting full filled the celebration.

- Joachim Ashim Campoo

## Joy of Traditional Mela 2018 at Sajnaberia

The age old tradition Mela of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Sajnaberia had reached the milestone of 72 years, which was held from 1st to 3rd Jan 2018. This year the theme of fair was "Sato Borser Rupokar Father Joseph Cukale, S.J." as the great pioneer celebrated his 100 years. The day started with a mass, presided by Rt. Rev. Salvatore Lobo; at the very first day of the year, his Lordship delivered a thoughtful provoking homily where he touched some documents of Vatican II related with the grass root level of Catholic



Congregation, also share his view on relationship between young generation with church & society in this present time. At 2.00 p.m. the mela was inaugurated by our dear Bishop Lobo, Mr. Roghunath Patra councilor of 142 ward, Kolkata -104, along with many others hon'ble guests followed by an opening prayer by Bp Lobo with releasing a white of Dove, which symbolizes peace and purity of the world. And from the chair all our respected guests delivered their Christmas message to all the audiences present there. The three days programmes packed up with different types of sports, cultural programme, and orchestra which added an extra flavour with the joy of New Year. People in large numbers and from all corners, flock to the mela. Throughout these three days there is din & bustle, laughter and merriment. There are hundreds of shops with articles of necessity and also arrangements of some forms of amusements are made with the mela. In the dull and monotonous lives of people, the mela is pleasant diversion. At last a very special thanks to our parish priest Fr. Augustine E., Br Sarajit Mondal, catechist, all the parish council members, parish Youth group, all the others commissions of the parish, KMC Members, Kolkata Police, Club Volunteers, for giving their great support and co-operation. Wish you all "novus annus" 2018.

- Mr. Hrittick Hazra

## A Word of Gratitude

"Give your hands to serve and heart to love" – St. Teresa of Kolkata

On behalf of Mr. Aritra Sen former DYP, Mr. Hrittick Hazra former DYT and from outgoing dexco, I want to give thanks to Fr. Ramen Pailan DYD, for arranging such a beautiful thanksgiving & felicitation programme on 21st Jan 2018, where he made us very honoured and proud. Here in 2018 from the bottom of our heart, we want to applaud the great Youth pioneer, our beloved chairman Rt. Rev. Salvatore Lobo, our dear Vicar General Fr. Jonas Singha, former DYDs - Fr. Ujjwal Mondal, Fr. Indrajit Sardar, Fr. Arup Bor, former advisors – Fr. Molloy Mondal, Fr. Augustine E, Fr. Pralay Baidya and all the former and present parish priests, youth animators along with Sr. Neha and all the former youth pioneers, well wishers & benefactors, for their continuous support and blessing during our youth journey in our Diocese.

Once again thank you all for your friendly nature and jovial attitude towards us, we extend our sincere gratitude and convey our heartfelt wishes to Fr. Ramen and his new Dexco team, may the Lord bless you all and for your future youth ministry.

- Mr. Hrittick Hazra



## Youth - Christmas Gathering



21st January, 2018, was a memorable day for all the youth of Baruipur Diocese. On this great day, we celebrated the Christmas and New Year Gathering. 140 youths, including boys and girls, from 14 parishes participated in it. The programme marked off with a beautiful welcome dance by the youth of Bamunpukur followed by the welcoming of the guests and the participants by Bapi Chakraborty, the new President of the Diocesan Youth Commission. A carol competition was organized in which the youth of Raghobpur parish bagged the first prize. Morapai and Bamunpukur got the second and the third place. This was followed by an interesting quiz competition on the Gospel of St. Luke and ICYM conducted by Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes. Thakurpukur parish got the first position in this competition. All had a joyful moment to finish the day with a cultural programme in which all exposed their talents excellently well.

The youth began the next day by receiving the Lord in the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Rt. Rev. Salvatore Lobo and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan, the Diocesan Youth Director and Rev. Fr. Saumen Malik, the Director of Dishari. After the breakfast, there was a neck-to-neck skit competition. Sonarpur, Gangarampur and Cathedral parish won the first, second and third position respectively. One of the main features of the programme was the thanking of the former DEXCO members by the present one for their selfless and dedicated service to the youth of the diocese.

The Diocesan Youth Commission gratefully acknowledges the cooperation of Rt. Rev. Salvatore Lobo - the Chairman, other Sisters, Fathers and youths.

- Ms. Debasmita Mondal



## Adieu Dino - Da



Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiapur rendered heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Dinonath Sha who worked at Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiapur as a Gardener-cum-Gatekeeper from January 01, 1985 to December 31, 2017. He had offered 33 years of humble, dedicated service to Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiapur. To mark the day and bid farewell to such a dedicated and faithful staff, PUS Baruiapur had arranged a whole day

programme for him on 10th January, 2018. Two notice boards of PUS were decorated with his photos which drew us back from his joining to retirement. He was escorted by the staff to HRDC hall by singing a song where farewell programme was organized. All the staff appreciated and acknowledged his service to PUS saying that he showed a very good example as how to be sincere and a responsible person. Fr. Parimal Kanji, the director said that Dino-da had been sincere, dedicated towards his duties and can be compared with himself alone and his contributions to PUS Baruiapur are certainly countless. As a token of love and appreciation PUS offered a shawl, blanket and umbrella whereas other PUS staff presented a sweater to him. On the same day he was handed over with his retirement benefits like provident fund, gratuity and leave encashment etc. Farewell lunch was shared with all the staff of PUS. He was then reached to his home Kalyanpur by PUS Office vehicle accompanied by director and few staff of PUS Baruiapur.



Farewell photos of Mr. Dinonath Sha were shared in the face book. Many have appreciated the way his service has been acknowledged and appreciated. Mr. Mukul Halder, a staff of Seva Kendra Kolkata has commented on it saying "This is great. When most of the old staffs are teared as burden in many organizations, PUS honored the committed staff in a very lovely manner. Salute to the director and staff of PUS."

## GB Meeting of PUS Held at Jharkhali-Sundarban



Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiapur had organized meeting-cum picnic for the members of Governing Board of PUS Baruiapur on 13th January, 2018 at Jharkhali-Sundarban under Basanti block. Governing Board Members gathered at Bishop's House and started for Jharkhali by two vehicles at 6.35 a.m. After arriving at Jharkhali they visited Tiger Rehabilitation Centre at Jharkhali. All the members then went to Sundarban by a reserved boat. The breakfast was

served in the boat and followed by board meeting. After the GB meeting Bishop Salvadore Lobo offered Holy Eucharist in the boat concelebrated by Fr. Jonas Singha and Fr. Parimal Kanji. All the members then went to Dobanki and Sudhanyakhali. They were lucky to have seen deers, crocodiles, wild cocks, pigs, monkeyes and birds of different species in the forest. Lunch was served at 1.35 p.m. in the boat. All the members were happy and enjoyed the beauty of Sundarban forest and expressed a sincere thanks to PUS staff for the arrangement of the said meeting of PUS and back to Baruiapur at 8.30 p.m.



- Mr .Pravakar Bor

## PRIESTLY ORDINATION AND FIRST MASS OF DEACON PRADIP DARI

The 17th of January, 2018, was a grace filled day for the Catholic Diocese of Baruiapur. On this auspicious day, Deacon Pradip Dari, by virtue of the Priestly Ordination conferred by Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo, transformed into Fr. Pradip Dari. The joyful day began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration at 10.30 am in the Cathedral Church, Baruiapur. A beautiful entrance dance



by the girls led the Deacon in procession followed by about 35 priests and the Bishop. After the parents of Deacon Pradip offered their son, the Vicar General Fr. Jonas Singha presented him and the Bishop did the election, which made the people erupt in joyful thanksgiving to the Lord. In his homily, the Bishop spoke on the duties of a priest in pasturing the sheep entrusted to him. Fr. Pradip Dari proposed the vote of thanks. After the Mass, the people gathered felicitated and congratulated the first fruit of the Cathedral to the altar of the Lord. The day concluded with a fellowship meal at Dishari.

The diocese thanks whole heartedly to Fr. Arup Bor, the Provicar and the emcee of the day, for taking up a lion's share of responsibility; Fr. John Britto for the beautiful liturgy; Mr. Chinmoy Mohanti and Mrs. Alpona Gomes for leading the melodious choir; the church committee for the hard work; Holy Cross Sisters for altar decoration and all the others who turned this day into a successful one.

The ordination paved the way for yet another red-letter day in the life of Fr. Pradip Dari. On the 18th of January, 2018, the newly ordained priest offered his first thanksgiving mass, concelebrated by 8 other priests, at 11.00 am in Keyapukur, the home village of Fr. Dari. The Holy Cross Sisters, MC Sisters and about 150 people participated in the Holy Eucharist. During the Mass, Fr. Pradip Dari prayed for all those who helped him and proposed the vote of thanks towards the end. The day ended with a sumptuous meal.

On the 19th of August 1987, the family of Philip and Bharati Dari was blessed to have a boy child whom they named Pradip. This graceful birth took place in a village called Keyapukur, which falls under one of the sub-stations of the Cathedral at Baruiapur. Later, the family was gifted with one more son and a daughter. After completing his primary education from Keyapukur Primary School, Fr. Pradip got admitted into Raghbapur Higher Secondary School. During his studies there, the Sower sowed the seed of vocation in this good soil, which sprouted and grew with time and inspired Fr. Pradip to join Samarpan Minor Seminary at the age of 21. Subsequently, he did his Philosophical studies from Morning Star Regional Seminary, Regency in Ranigarh and Gosaba and Theological studies from Oriens Theological College, Shillong, where he received his Diaconate Ordination.

The Diocese congratulates Fr. Pradip Dari and wishes him all the best in the forthcoming days when he will be sent to toil in the vineyard of the Lord.



02 Br. Johon Anup Pore

06 Fr. Uttam Naskar

08 Fr. John Britto

13 Fr. Abonindro Das

14 Fr. Prolay Boidya

17 Br. Pritam Mondal

18 Fr. Molloy Mondal

## Priestly Ordination Anniversary



13 Fr. Goutam Naskar

### Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of February 2018

#### Universal: Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

## Finals of the Mobile Video Competition

Organised by the Youth Commission, the Commission for Social Communication and the Family Commission, the finals of the mobile video competition held on January 7, 2018 was a grand success as mentioned by the invited guest and many others. Seven video films were screened. The emphasis was on the quality of the message rather than the technical excellence. All the six special guests said that it was a unique event and congratulated the youth for using the information technology to communicate an inspiring message while many others are becoming victims of the media. They also spoke of the need to use the modern media to restore the genuine values in the society and especially among the youth. Bishop Salvadore Lobo particularly congratulated the young boys and girls for choosing family as the theme for their mini films.



- Priests recollection on 12th February evening till 13th February 2018 lunch.
- 33rd General Body Meeting of the Catholic Bishops Conference of India at St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bangalore from 2nd to 9th February, 2018. Kindly pray for the success of the meeting.
- **Paribar Jyoti:**  
Marriage Preparation Course (for the unmarried) – February 02-03, 2018.  
Rectification Course (for those married without marriage preparation) - February 09-10, 2018.
- **Dishari:**  
SCC Seminar for new members will be held on February 9th - 11th, 2018  
Catechetical Seminar for parishioners will be held on February 14th - 17th, 2018.

## Bishop Lobo's Programme for the Month of February 2018

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01 - 09	Thu - Fri		Bangalore	CBCI Meeting
09	Fri			Goes to Mangalore
10 - 12	Sat - Mon		Udupi	Mass for 20th Episcopal Ministry
13	Tue	02.50 p.m.		Returns to Baruipur
14	Wed	07.00 a.m.	Baidyapur	Ash Wednesday mass
15	Thu	09.30 a.m.	Baruipur	Meeting of the Board of Consultors
18	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Raghbapur	Mass and Confirmation
19	Mon	06.00 a.m.	Kirtankhola	Mass for M.C. Juniorate Sisters
20	Tue			Goes to Siliguri
21 - 22	Wed-Thu		Matigara	Regional Pastoral Council Meeting
23	Fri			Returns to Baruipur
24	Sat		Burdwan	Regional SCC Meeting
26	Mon	10.00 a.m.	Dishari	Meeting for commission of Social Communications
		04.00 p.m.	Kolkata	Boys Town GB Meeting
27	Tue	03.00 p.m.	Baruipur	Finance Committee meeting
28	Wed			Goes to Agra