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## Unity in Diversity for the Mission of Mercy

Indian Constitution is acclaimed as one of the best constitutions of a democratic country in the world as it upholds unity of the nation in spite of diversity of languages, religions, cultures and regions. It stands on four pillars of democracy viz. Justice, Liberty, equality and fraternity. 176 bishops gathered in St. John's Medical College Hospital, Bangalore, for the 33 biennial meeting discussed on "Unity in diversity for the Mission of Mercy". To Live in Unity in the midst of Diversity, both within the Church and in the country, the bishops proposed 20 points of which I place 13 of them before the readers of Baruipur News letter:

1. We shall deepen and intensify our Christian life of discipleship at all levels by being a ceaselessly praying community, always living our unity in diversity in accordance with our Trinitarian faith.
2. We shall promote and intensify Small Christian Communities (SCCs) and Family Units for the all-round integral formation of the faithful and for inter-religious cooperation, peace and harmony.
3. We shall accompany families in their evangelizing mission in the world and to make sure that they become the focal point of the pastoral ministry of the Church; to manifest special care and compassion to families in distress and to enlighten our families on responsible parenthood.
4. We shall imbue our youth with the vision of an authentic Christian Life to enable them to play their role in Church and society; to empower our youth to play an active role in the Church by equipping them with the knowledge of the Word of God and with the teachings of the Church through the Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM) and other Catholic Youth Movements; to help our youth to discern and choose the way of life which is the primary theme of the forthcoming Synod on Youth in Oct 2018.
5. We shall encourage and train our lay people and youth for nation-building through involvement in vitally important areas of our national life such as politics, civil services, defence, law and judiciary.
6. We shall ensure adequate representation of women in all Church bodies.
7. We shall make the Constitution of India more widely known in all sectors of Church and society, particularly highlighting some salient features such as the equality of all citizens, the freedom of religion, the freedom of conscience and the freedom of expression.
8. We shall encourage and motivate our laity to be actively involved in the secular world in order to effectively contribute to nation-building in fulfillment of their proper vocation.
9. We shall continue to make our service in the field of education a mission of mercy and to implement purposefully the "All India Catholic Education Policy 2007" of the CBCI in order to impart Gospel values.
10. We shall increase awareness of the importance of ecology as an integral part of our Christian commitment and spirituality and to take new initiatives to protect the environment and to promote love for Nature; to ensure that every diocese has formulated an environment policy to implement the teachings of Laudato Si, the Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis.
11. We shall create an awareness of the plight of our brothers and sisters in prison and to assist them in their rehabilitation and the care of their families.
12. We shall ensure transparency in all spheres of the Church's administration and to stand for the same in society.

+ Salvadore Lobo

During the biennial meeting of CBCI held in St. John's Medical College Hospital, Bangalore, our Bishop was re-elected as chairman for CBCI office for Social Communication and NISCORT for another period of 4 years. The commission consist of three members. The other two are **Most Rev. Sebastian Kallupura of Buxar** and **Most Rev. Anthony Poola of Kurnool**.



In the last Standing Committee of CBCI he is also appointed Chairman of a Ad Hoc Committee for revamping and strengthening the finances of CBCI. The other members of the commission are Archbishop Bernard Moras of Bangalore, Archbishop Albert D'Souza of Agra, Mr. Guilherme Vaz of Mumbai and Dr. N.J. Kurien of New Delhi.

## News from Raghampur

The Holy season of Lent commenced with the same intense fervor as every year. On February 14th Ash Wednesday the Church was packed, throngs of the faithful attended in the sub-stations as well.

In a moving and meticulously prepared ceremony, 140 of our children received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the hands of **Bishop Salvatore Lobo** on February 18th, the First Sunday of Lent. We began with a solemn Eucharistic procession. In his inspiring homily, the Bishop explained the significance of the Sacrament. The melodious singing enhanced the fervor of the gathering. The Bishop was flanked by all of us missioned to Raghampur, a testament to our love and solidarity with the people. The whole ceremony was superbly organized by **Fr Salvatore**, the Parish priest.

**Rubina Malik**, daughter of a van driver and member of our Catholic community living in the vicinity of the Parish, passed with First class and distinction her BA. Hons in Bengali. 80 of our students received their Degree Certificates this year, and many are now pursuing postgraduate studies. They are the living testimony of the progress we have achieved, the new environment of serious study and pursuit of academic excellence that our College has brought to Raghampur.

On Tuesday February 20th, the Auditorium on the top floor of the new College building was blessed by the Superior, in time for a celebration of *Bhasa Diwas*, International Language day to remember our mother tongue, which will be fittingly remembered later in the day.

- Fr. Patrick Walsh S.J.

## News from Paribar Jyoti

### An 'Inclusive' Marriage Preparation Course

It was a special programme conducted at the request of an organisation involved in 'Inclusive' development of the handicapped, which means including the handicapped together with others in their programmes so that they become part of the mainstream. In that spirit among the thirty participants brought by them two were blind. These two were staff of the organisation. Everybody made sure that they participated like everybody else without difficulty.



All the participants were non-Christians. But they had a very spiritual outlook. They were also very disciplined. They found the discussion on the plan of God particularly interesting. It was the first time they heard that it is God who unites them in marriage.

They had come with an open mind as someone convinced them about the need for such course and they paid the expenses of the course. They enjoyed the course thoroughly and found it very much essential for life. Happily they said that previously they did not realise that there was so much to learn about married life and they insisted that all should attend such course before marriage.

## Honouring Our Aged Parents

Parents are the best gifts of God. Keeping this in mind on 28th January 2018 by the youth group a beautiful programme was organized for the parents, above 60 years of age for the second time, at St. Anthony's Church, Keorapukur.



The day began at 8.00 am with the Eucharist celebrated by our chief guest Rev. Fr. Morris Biswas of Raigunj Diocese. After the breakfast at 10.30 am. the main function began by lighting the lamp followed by an inaugural dance. Chief guest, our parish priest and assistant Parish priest shared their sentiments for the day's celebration. Brother Edward Paul and Brother Anthony were also present on this occasion.

The patents were divided in six groups for the quiz competition from the Gospel of Matthew. Soon after the lunch, a skit competition was organized for the groups on the parables from the Gospel. In the evening few games were organized for the parents. Later prizes were given for the games and competitions. The programme came to an end at 4.45 pm. with the evening tea. The parents expressed their gratitude for organizing such a programme for them. A special thanks to the Youth Group and the priests of the parish.

- Ms. Polina Gomes

## Notice Board

- The following people are appointed to the "Baruipur Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service" from March 01, 2018.
  - Fr. Himanshu Poti - Spiritual Advisor
  - Fr. Faustine Brank
  - Fr. Tushar A. Gomes
  - Sr. Binoy M.C.
  - Mrs. Sumita Lobwo
  - Ms. Maria Munshi
  - Mr. George Kumbanaden
  - Mrs. Grace George
 This service team shall be introduced at this year's Lenten Charismatic Renewal Service to be held on March 13, 2018 in Sacred Heart Church, Thakurpukur.
- Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 27th March 2018 at 2.30 p.m. in Cathedral Church, Baruipur.
- Paribar Jyoti:**  
Rectification Course (for those married without marriage preparation) - March 16-17, 2018  
Marriage Preparation Course (for the unmarried) - March 23-24, 2018.

# Happenings at PUS Baruipur

## Belgium Educational Sponsorship Programme

On 10th February 2018, a one day workshop conducted on importance of education for sponsored children supported by Belgium Sponsor Committee (Calcutta Sponsor Aid).



The workshop started at 10.30 a.m. at Human Resource Centre of PUS Baruipur. Fr. Parimal Kanji, the Director of PUS Baruipur welcomed, all the sponsored children and their parents and shared about the role & responsibility of parents and objective of Belgium Sponsorship Program. He also explained about the way how the Sponsor Committee Belgium raise fund for educational support to shape the future of our children. He further said that the school children in Belgium sacrifice their one day tiffin and contribute the money for the educational upliftment of the children from most backward community in India.

A drawing session was conducted for the sponsor children. The children were asked to draw some colourful pictures as per their own imagination; so that it can be sent to the supporters in Belgium as Easter greetings. Altogether 19 sponsored children and their parents were present at this workshop. The children being together from different communities and schools enjoyed the day.



All sponsor children have been received toiletries and educational equipments along with funds for school admission fees, text books, examination fees and uniform etc. The participant children and parents convey their gratefulness, gratitude and HAPPY EASTER to Mrs. Marie Paul and Mr. Astere Allaert, Belgium Sponsor Committee for their generous support. The workshop was

concluded with thanks and gratitude followed by a tiffin packet to all the children and parents.

## Visit of Techno India Group University to Day Care Centre

Under the guidance of Prof. S. Dey Saha and other two faculty members a group of 20 engineering students of Techno India University visited PUS Day Care Centre (DCC) of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur on 13th February 2018. The objective of visit was to provide an exposure to the students about Institutional care & therapy of children with disability as part of their study social work. Fr. Parimal Kanji, director of PUS welcomed the students with an introduction of DCC programme.



Jesmina Khatun, one of the DCC children who was not even able to walk few years before; performed a dance on the song "Momer Putul momer deshe neche jay" which touched their hearts. The students and faculty members had an interactive session with DCC children and their parents about their family background, problems faced, the service provided by DCC and its impacts.

The Techno India student presented a set of pastels colour and chocolate to each child as a gift. They



also showed an audio visual about the struggle and success of children with disability to encourage the DCC children. Prof. S. Dey said that it is a good service PUS is offering to the special children and promised to keep in touch with PUS to do something for the children of DCC.

## Visit of Belgium Sponsor Committee (Calcutta Sponsor Aid)



Mrs. Marie Paul and Mr. Astere Allaert paid a visit to PUS Baruipur on 16th February 2018 on behalf of Belgium Sponsor Committee (Calcutta Sponsor Aid). The purpose of visit was to know the progress of 22 children supported by Belgium Sponsor committee (Calcutta Sponsor Aid) through Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur. They had a short meeting with Fr. Parimal Kanji and the staff involved in this project. A short progress report was presented to them. They then went to Bishop's House Baruipur to meet Rt. Rev. Bishop Salvadore Lobo. Under the guidance of Fr. Parimal Kanji they visited the houses of two sponsor children namely Suhana Khatun and Mehetab Sheikh at Bidasagar Palli under Baruipur block. They spent some times with their families and trying to know their family situation and plan they have for their



children. They also asked the children about the interest and aim they have in life. The individual and family photographs of each sponsor child were taken as to update sponsor documents. Suhana Khatun and Mehetab Sheikh and their parents were very happy and expressed heartfelt thanks and wished Mrs. Marie Paul and Mr. Astere Allaert and Belgium Sponsor Committee A Happy Easter in advance.

- Mr. Shankar and Mr. Sanjib



02 Fr. Stanley Cardoz, SFX

08 Br. Rajen Simon Singh

20 Fr. Johnson Kadamthod, CMI

23 Fr. Mathew V., SDB

24 Fr. Shyamal Bose

25 Fr. Kanauj Roy

## Priestly Ordination Anniversary



19 Fr. Aloysius Carvalho, S.J.

22 Fr. Kuruville Thottam, S.J.

31 Fr. Uttam Naskar

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

Formation in Spiritual Discernment  
That the Church may appreciate the  
urgency of formation in spiritual  
discernment, both on the personal and  
communitarian levels.

## We are one in the Lord

In this spirit of oneness to achieve greater good for the Christian Community, four denominations namely the Church of North India, Methodist Church, The Assembly of God Church, Marthoma and the Roman Catholic Church of Kalyanpur jointly organized a sports event on February 17th 2018 at St. Stephen's Parish Playground. The objective of the event was to promote:



- Greater bonding among the faithful who are all made in the image in one God
- Capacity-building of Christian leaders
- Grooming of new leaders
- Exposition of Christian uniqueness.

The day's proceedings began when Rev. Shyamal Mondal from Methodist Church said the opening prayer and invoked our Lord's blessing and His wisdom on the gathered congregation. Rev. Gayen from Marthoma Church highlighted from the scripture.

After this, children were divided into age-specific groups for various sports / games. They participated with full enthusiasm and pure joy.

After the sports event, all the members took part in a fellowship meal of *Khichuri*. This was an initiative aimed at promoting Ecumenism. More such interventions by many more churches are envisaged in the near future.

- Mr. Joachim Campoo

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

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01-02	Thu - Fri		Agra	Meeting on re-organising CBCI finances
03-04	Sat - Sun		Vaishali	Works of NISCORT
05	Mon		Vaishali	GB meeting of NISCORT
06-07	Tue - Wed		Vaishali	Meeting of the Regional Chairmen, Secretaries of CBCI-OSC
08-09	Thu - Fri		Indore	Meeting of Indian Catholic Press Association
10	Sat	09.30 a.m.	Baruipur	Returns to Baruipur
11	Sun	10.00 a.m.	Dishari	Celebration of International Women day of Diocesan women commission
12	Mon	10.30 a.m.	Bamangachi	Meeting of Paribar Jyoti
13	Tue	11.00 a.m.	Thakurpukur	Beginning of Charismatic Retreat for Lent
14	Wed	10.00 a.m. 03.00 p.m.	PUS, Baruipur Baruipur	Caritas Programme Meets the priests of Morapai Parish
15	Thu	10.30 a.m.	Baruipur	G.B. Meeting Dishari
17	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Diocesan CRI meeting at Dishari
18	Sun	10.30 a.m.	Baruipur	Meeting of the heads of the schools at Dishari
19	Mon		Krishnagar	Visits to seminarians at Amghata
21	Wed	10.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Meeting of the Priests Council at Dishari
25	Palm Sunday	06.30 a.m.	Basanti	Blessing of the palms followed by Mass
27	Tue	10.00 a.m. 02.30 p.m.	Baruipur Baruipur	Meeting of the Priests of the diocese at Dishari Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
29	Maundy Thursday	06.00 p.m.	Raghabpur	Washing of the feet and Mass
30	Good Friday	02.00 p.m.	Khari	Adoration of the Cross and memorial of Passion
31	Holy Saturday	11.30 p.m.	Baruipur	Easter Vigil at Cathedral