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## THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

**P**ope Francis condemned “fake news” and called for a “journalism of peace” in his message for the World Day of Social Communications. The Pope said that false news-which he described as “disinformation online or in the traditional media”-serves partisan political purposes. Fake news, he said, builds upon “stereotypes and common social prejudices.” He argued that in the internet era, the development of “homogenous digital environments” contributes to a situation in which inaccurate reports are not corrected or challenged. The Pope's message is entitled: “The truth will set you free: fake news and journalism for peace.” The World Day of Social Communications will be observed on May 13, 2018. But the Pope's message for that occasion is traditionally made public on January 24, 2018 the feast of St. Francis de Sales, the patron of journalists. He decried the use of “falsehoods, rhetorical slogans, and sensational headlines” to suit partisan purposes, and said that conscientious journalists should pursue an “education for truth.” What matters, he said, is not the speed with which a 'scoop' is made but rather persons.

“The cure for Cancer has been found! Please forward this to as many people as possible in the interest of all those who are suffering from this disease.” How often have we each not received such messages on Whats App! For most of those who send or forward such news items it is a matter of service and are quick to take offence at the news shared being termed 'fake'. As for those who receive such messages, it's a question of probity and fairness. The sad part is that not one of those who indulge in such sending or forwarding are willing to ascertain the veracity of such news before circulating it ad nauseam. Worse, when confronted, they bluntly put the onus on the recipient to verify for himself/herself the correctness of the contents of the message received. We already have news going around that a 'good morning' message will set the sender back by a penalty grossing 18% GST while international media is awash with discussions of whether sharing false news and untrue information can be termed 'fake' and declared a punishable offence. Of course, there are many who consider such steps unwarranted, arguing that it will not be long before the government starts dictating what we should send out at all and what we shouldn't. Be that as it may, why can't we as believers infused with the power of the

Spirit at Confirmation, exercise restraint in terms of circulating unverified news? Frankly, unverified news bits on social media can at best be termed as SEG Sophisticated Electronic Gossip! What is worrisome is that this is a malaise that cuts across all strata of society, from priests and professionals to ordinary folk in the unorganized sector, with no perpetrator of SEG finding anything untoward about it. We do need to understand that emotions are often heightened when a case of Cancer is detected. Do we really need to add to their agony by circulating the 'cure' message far and wide without clarifying the bona fides of the source of the message or news? It would be good to ask ourselves the question as to why we, are ever so fond of sending or forwarding news that is untrue. The frivolous messages I've received include the death of a Superior General four years after her burial. I was present at the funeral! We have become agents of such fakeology nonsense.

Let us often recite the prayer Pope Francis has given us at the end of his message for this years World Communication Day:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.

Help us to remove the venom from our judgments.

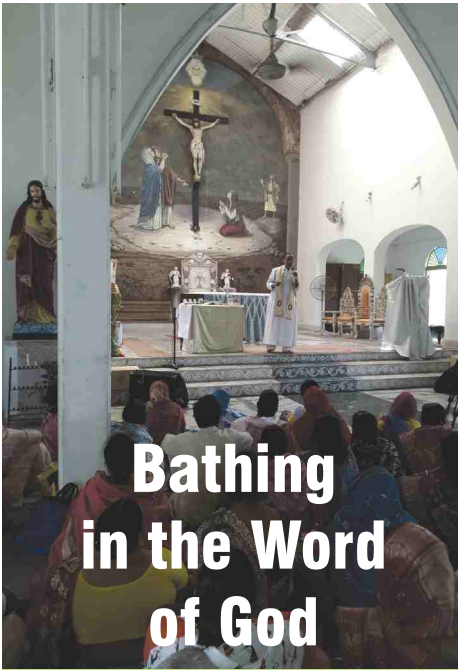
Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:

where there is shouting, let us practice listening;  
where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;  
where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;  
where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;  
where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;  
where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;  
where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;  
where there is hostility, let us bring respect;  
where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.

Amen.

+ Salvadore Lobo



## Bathing in the Word of God

A three-day Bible Convention was held from the 22nd to 24th of April, 2018, in Catholic Church, Basanti. Fr. Dr. George Arackal, V.C., and his team from Jalalkhali conducted the convention. Each of the days began with praise and worship followed by powerful proclamation of the Word of God, Solemn Eucharistic Celebration and Adoration of the Eucharistic Lord. The people were awestruck to see the working of the Holy Spirit who opened the minds and hearts of the faithful to pay heed to the Word of God with docility. The breaking of the Word took place with signs and wonders. Numerous healings from severe diseases took place and people also witnessed the inner healing they experienced. In his final message, Fr. George urged all the faithful from Basanti and other parishes of the diocese to take recourse to the devotion of Divine Mercy to overcome the impending trials and live a grace filled life.

Thanks to the active participation of the faithful. Melodious singing, generous praising, active interaction, rapt attention to the proclamation and reconciliation were the main hallmarks of the three-day convention. All were overwhelmed to see the brothers and sisters of other faiths participate in the event. Whole hearted thanks to all those who helped to turn this program into a successful one, especially to the "Maa Mariyar Prarthona Dol".

- Fr. Indrajit Sardar

## Falling in Love and falling out of love

This was most interesting discussion during the personality development course for XI-XII. The boys and girls were frank and vivid in their description when they spoke about what happens in the mind when someone falls in love and when one falls out of love. Some of them spoke from their own experience while others spoke from what they had seen and heard. Their answers to the question, what is to be done in such situation, was equally interesting. They were helped to understand through open ended questions that you cannot force someone to love you just because you have

fallen in love with the person. Moreover, you will not think of doing any harm to the person whom you really love and hence, taking revenge by throwing acid etc., shows that you have no real love, but only an infatuation which is utterly selfish. Similarly all agreed that committing suicide is foolishness even if suicidal thoughts may occur at the peak of emotions. They were given the phone numbers to contact Paribar Jyoti even in the middle of the night if ever they are overwhelmed by any situation and at least to give us a chance to help them before doing anything drastic.

Many such topics relevant to their age were discussed in a participatory process, asking the right questions that helped them to reflect and evaluate their views and attitudes and come out with what we want to tell them, ultimately leading to attitudinal and behavioural change in them. This method was found to be effective since youngsters at their age prefer to find their own answers to life's questions.



### Silver Jubilee of Sr. Daisy CMC

Sr. Daisy belongs to the Congregation of the Mother of Carmel (CMC) celebrated her Silver Jubilee in religious life at Budge Budge Carmel House on 3rd April 2018. Bishop Salvadore Lobo of Baruipur Diocese presided over the Concelebrated Eucharist. Sr. Daisy CMC a pioneer member of Carmel House and Carmel School Budge Budge. We Congratulate her.

### Perpetual Profession of Sr. Manosi Naskar F.C.



Sr. Manosi Naskar FC daughter of Lt. Augustin and Smt. Madhobi Naskar of Kumrokhali Parish professed her perpetual vows in religious life on 21st April 2018 at St. Ignatius Church, Kidderpore, Kolkata along with her three companions Sr. Jyotsna Lakra FC, Sr. Hema Kujur FC and Sr. Jayshri Kindo FC. Archbishop Thomas D'Souza of Kolkata presided over the concelebrated Eucharist along with Fr. Valerain Nazareth of Kolkata and Fr. Uttam Naskar, Fr. Saumen Malik, Fr.. Ramen Pailan, Fr. Sylvester Xavier and Fr. Jonas Singha of Baruipur Diocese with large number of sisters,

relatives and people. We congratulate her. After the Mass there was a short felicitation programme with a delicious meal.

### Sacrament of Confirmation in Morapai Parish

22nd April 2018 was a Joyful and memorable day for the faithful of Morapai Parish. On that day twenty nine children including adults received the sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Salvadore Lobo concelebrated the Holy Eucharist along with Fr. Soosaiappan Y. the Parish Priest and Fr. Goutam Naskar the curate. During his homily Bishop highlighted about the effects and gifts of the Holy Spirit and it should be nurtured and maintained in our life.



- Fr. Jonas Singha

## Dishari at a Glance



On 16th to 20th of April, 2018 Regional Resource Team training was held at Dishari Pastoral Centre in Baruipur. Altogether 44 participants from seven dioceses attended the training along with nine priests and ten sisters. Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo, Sr. Christin HC and Fr. IP Sarto were the resource persons for the Training. The main theme of the Training was interreligious dialogue that is

very much important in today's context. All the members were divided into seven groups for the village exposure to the SCC units namely Sajnatola under Basanti, Rishi Bankim Nagar, Bibirchak under Cathedral, Gangarampur, Sajnberia and two places of Thakurpukur parish. People were extremely happy to see the performance of our SCCs units. People of other dioceses were highly appreciated to our people specially those who were involved in it. This exposure programmes shows the SCCs are sprouting in our diocese. People are thirsty for the Word of God which will bring peace, love, unity and harmony in a family, community at large in society

- Fr. Saumen Malik

## ADIEU BR. SAROJIT MANDAL

On 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Sunday the faithful of Sajnaberia bid farewell to Br. Sarojit Mandal with a plaque of honor for his dignified contribution for our parish, he completed his 2<sup>nd</sup> year regency in our parish; within a year he was very much appreciated by us for his friendly attitude and sincerity with transparency. On that day he also shared his emotion and experience with the faithful. We wish him all the best for his further theological study at St Charles' Seminary, Nagpur. On the same day parish welcomed Br. Minmoy Sardar to do his spiritual ministry in our parish for a month.

- Mr. Hrittick Hazra

## Annual day of the Apostolic Seminary at Amghata

The apostolic Seminary celebrated its annual day on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 5.30 p.m. The chief guest was Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo the chair person of the seminary and Bishop of Baruipur. Guest of honour was Rt. Rev. Joseph Suren Gomes SDB, Bishop of Krishnagar. The programme commenced with the prayer song by the apostolic community followed by lighting of the Pancha Pradeep. The play "Clog in the Wheel" aimed to point out the obstacles, challenges and oppositions we face when we begin any developmental work. Two cultural dances in between the scenes, namely Santhali and Sadri added colour to the play. Bishop Lobo in his speech appreciated the team work put by the staff and students of the Apostolic Seminary community. He also highlighted that the challenges and oppositions should not keep us back from doing good. Bishop Joseph in his speech exalted all to be very strong especially when we are faced with challenges and oppositions. For the wheel to run smoothly there should not be any obstacles. If there is a clog in the wheel then we can't expect the wheel to serve its purpose. Five brothers from our diocese took active part in the programme.



## In Your Charity Kindly pray for



A zealous missionary Sr. Tesson CMC surrender her soul into the hands of our Heavenly Father on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at the age of 55 years. She was the superior of Carmel House, Budge Budge community from June 2010 to June

2016 then she was transferred to Hazaribag, after a few months she fell sick and was admitted in St. Joseph's Hospital, Kothamangalam, Kerala, there she died. She was a very hard working person with deep conviction and deep spirituality with smiling face. She lived a life and died gracefully. May her soul rest in peace.

## Diocesan Pastoral Planning Process Gets Going

The secretaries of the diocesan commissions met together on April 23, 2018, as part of the process to formulate the diocesan pastoral plan. Bishop Salvadore Lobo who facilitated the meeting said that this was first of a series of meetings to take place during the coming months. It was recalled that some meetings were held during last few years. But this time the meetings will be held in quick succession so that the momentum is sustained.

Fr. Pradeep Roy had prepared an outline, leaving sufficient room to incorporate the ideas of everyone. The secretaries came up with many constrictive suggestions. The suggestions that emerged will be placed before the meeting of the Parish Priests on May 10, 2018. After obtaining their views and suggestions there will be a meeting of all the priests, religious and lay persons representing the parishes. Further course of action will be decided after that. It was said that the team of commission-secretaries will function as a core team and will be present at all the meetings. Bishop Lobo asked the secretaries to discuss the draft in their respective commissions and get their suggestions.

Though the meeting was called at short notice, nobody complained about that. Some who could not attend due to being out of station or other engagements which could not be cancelled, excused themselves over the phone and pledged their support. The active participation during the meeting was an expression of solidarity and cooperation giving the indication that the planning process will give a new impetus to the diocese.



### MAY 2018

01	Fr. Christuraj J., CMF
02	Br. Kishor Naiya
04	Fr. Saju George, SJ
06	Fr. Rajesh Bag
08	Fr. Panneer Selvam
08	Fr. Shyamal Kumar Das, CM
17	Fr. Biju Kurian, CM
19	Br. Sanjay Minj
21	Fr. Parimal Kanji
24	Br. Sourav Kayal

## Ordination Anniversary

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03	Fr. Sylvester Xavier
04	Fr. Subrata Kanji
04	Fr. J. R. Dejus
05	Fr. Shyamal Bose
07	Fr. J. Pathinathan
10	Fr. Sisir Khan
12	Fr. Saju George, SJ
13	Fr. R. David
15	Fr. Saumen Malik
17	Fr. Stanley Cardoz, SFX
18	Fr. Meghnad Singha
19	Fr. Charles Montu Kanji
19	Fr. Abonindro Das
20	Fr. Augustine E.
21	Fr. Ramen Pailan
22	Fr. Rajesh Bag
24	Fr. Alope Anthony Kanji
25	Fr. Molloy Mondal
25	Fr. Soosaiappan Y.
26	Fr. Panneer Selvam
28	Fr. Francis Makhal

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

#### The Mission of the Laity:

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

## Appointments

Name of the Priest	From - Place	Post	To - Place	New Designation
Fr. Faustine Brank	Bishop's House, Baruipur	Minister & Secretary to Bishop	Baruipur Cathedral	Pro Vicar
Fr. Simus Topno	Panchamkhanda	Parish Priest	Ranigarh	Parish Priest
Fr. Arup Bor	Baruipur	Pro Vicar	Basanti	Parish Priest
Fr. Indrajit Sardar	Basanti	Parish Priest	Panchamkhanda	Parish Priest
Fr. Charles Montu Kanji	Samarpan, Baruipur	Teacher & Spiritual Father	Sonarpur	Parish Priest
Fr. Subrata Kanji	Sonarpur	Parish Priest	Sonarpur	Curate
Fr. Francis Makhal	Samarpan, Baruipur	Vice-Rector	Basanti	Curate
Fr. Sylvester Xavier	R. B. Nagar	Curate	Kumrokhali	Curate
Fr. Pradip Dari	Kumrokhali	Curate	R. B. Nagar	Curate
Fr. Meghnad Singha	Ranigarh	Parish Priest	Bishop's House, Baruipur	Minister
Fr. Deepak Ekka	Bangalore	MCL	Bishop's House, Baruipur	Judicial Vicar & Secretary to Bishop
Fr. Ramen Pailan	Kumrokhali	Curate & Diocesan Youth Director	St. Joseph's Training Centre, Padmapukur	Diocesan Youth Director & Director of BASE
Br. Johon Anup Pore	3rd Year Philosophy	Aquinas College, Gopalpur-on-Sea	Basanti	1st Year Regency
Br. Saptarshi Biswas	3rd Year Philosophy	Aquinas College, Gopalpur-on-Sea	Panchamkhanda	1st Year Regency

## Notice Board

### Paribar Jyoti:

**Marriage Preparation Course** (for the unmarried): May 05-06, 2018.

**Young Couples' Seminar** (Rectification Course): May 11-12, 2018.

**Marriage Preparation Course** (for the unmarried): May 25-26, 2018.

**Personality Development Course** (for IX-X

students and those appeared for Madhyamic): May 28-30, 2018.

**Vocational Camp:** A three days vocation camp is being organized for the boys studying in Class X and above from May 23 morning, till the noon of May 25, 2018 at Samarpan Minor Seminary, Kalikanan, Baruipur. All the Parish Priests, Priests-In-Charge and the Heads of Institutions are requested to make the necessary announcement and encourage personally young catholic boys of our diocese to participate in the camp.

## Bishop Lobo's Programme for May 2018

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Tue		Bangalore	Caritas G. B. Meeting at St. John's
02	Wed		Bangalore	CBCI Standing Committee meeting at St. John's
03	Thu		Bangalore	CBCI Standing Committee meeting at St. John's
04	Fri		Bangalore	CBCI Standing Committee meeting at St. John's Returns to Baruipur
05	Sat	10.00 a.m. 06.00 p.m.	Baruipur Hogolkuria	Meeting of Vocation Commission Blessing of a new Convent Building - Holy Cross Sisters
06	Sun	05.00 p.m.	Raghabpur	Blessing of a new chapel at Kalahriday
07	Mon	10.00 a.m.	Kumrokhali	Blessing of Children's Home of Missionaries of Charity
09	Wed	03.30 p.m.	Baruipur	Finance Committee meeting at Bishop's House
10	Thu	10.30 a.m.	Baruipur	Meeting of the parish priests for Pastoral planning
13	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Mass and installation of Fr. Faustine Brank as pro-vicar
17-27		08.45 a.m.		Goes to Belgium as the special guest to the campaign with focus on India by Church in Need
28	Mon		Aachen	Visits Missio, Misereor and Kinder Mission
29	Tue			Goes to Vienna
30	Wed		Vienna	Visits KFB, Missio Austria