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72nd Independence Day

On August 15, we shall be celebrating 72nd Independence Day. Feeling of joy and despondency are strong among the people. On one side the nation has been shining and thriving. Times of India reported on July 12, 2018 that India has overtaken France in economic growth and it has taken 6th position in the world. India's growth rate 7.7% has over taken of that of China 6.8%. Our infra structure in rural area has improved a lot, our literacy rate has grown.

There are reasons for worry. "A study by the Thomson Reuters Foundation recently named India as the world's most dangerous place for women. Being ranked worst in the world even below Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Pakistan and Somalia – is significant drop for India, but the political slugfest that followed perhaps made it worse as it exposed the double dealings inherent to the countries polity. Violence against women in India has caused national and international outrage and protests since 2012 gang rape and murder of a student on a bus in New Delhi" the report said.

Cow vigilante group has become a nightmare to the minorities. 57 people lynched with the suspicion of carrying beef or killing a cow! We have enough reason to believe that we are heading for a mobocracy.

Millions of us just survive without access to basic amenities of life. Poor become poorer every day. It is not surprising that the OXFAM report released last year January during the World Economic Forum held in Davos stated, "The richest 1% in India cornered 73% of the wealth generated in the country last year, presenting a worrying picture of rising income inequality."

The Nobel Prize laureate, Amartya Sen said, "Things have gone pretty badly wrong... It (India) has taken a quantum jump in the wrong direction since 2014. We are getting backward in the fastest growing

economy. Twenty years ago of the six countries in this region – India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan, India was the second best after Sri Lanka. Now it is the second worst..."

We need to work in a determined way for the safety of women, rights of the poor and marginalized, fight communalism, eradicate poverty, increase our respect for the poor and the vulnerable, and inject a new value system. In our small way let each of us ignite tiny fires of hope as models of integrity, honesty, love commitment and selfless service.

Tagore in Gitanjali no. 35 wrote, "Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;
Where knowledge is free,
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls..... Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake."

We need to awake now. Exactly one hundred and twenty five years ago, Swami Vivekananda had said at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago on September 11, 1893, "Sectarianism and bigotry and its horrible descendent - fanaticism, have long possessed this beautiful earth. They have filled the earth with violence, drenched it often and often with human blood, destroyed civilization and sent whole nations to despair." Yes, we need to awake now!

May the Virgin Mother, Our Patroness, obtain for us, through her heavenly intercession, strength, hope and joy to continue our pilgrimage to heaven here on earth.

I wish all the readers a joyful Independence Day and a Happy Feast of Assumption of Our Lady.

+ Salvadore Lobo

Zonal Youth Orientation, Keorapukur

The Youth Commission of Baruipur organised south zonal orientation programme on 1st July, 2018, at Carmel High School for Girls, Keorapukur. The south zone comprises of the following parishes - Thakurpukur, Keorapukur, Sajnaberia and Raghobpur. A total of 101 youth turned out for the said programme. The day began with the Eucharistic celebration presided over by Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan the youth director and Fr. Deepak Ekka as concelebrant. The programme commenced with the inaugural welcome dance by the youth of Keorapukur. Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan welcomed and felicitated Miss Polina Gomes, the newly appointed lady Youth Animator of our Diocese. He also welcomed all the DEXCOs. Then Miss Aparna Makhal welcomed the resource persons, namely Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, the Parish Priest of Keorapukur and Rev. Fr. Soumitra Makhal of Radio Veritas along with Fr. Ramen Pailan, Fr. Aloke Kanji, Fr. Deepak Ekka, Sr. Ashajyoti A.C, Sr. Cheryl A.C, Sr. Angnelita A.C, Sr. Deepika A.C. and other guests. It was followed by the lighting of the lamp.



In the morning session, Rev. Fr. Soumitra Makhal spoke on the topic: Youth & Media. Thereafter, Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan presented his inputs on vocation. In the second session, Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy spoke on the theme: Love & Relationship. At the end, there was a thought provoking work shop conducted by Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy.

The programme came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by the DYD, Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan and the President Mr. Sarbeswar Chakraborty. The latter thanked the fathers and sisters for their valuable insights and encouraging presence. He expressed his sincere thanks to the DEXCO members and all the youth of Keorapukur parish for their hard work. He thanked and appreciated the participation of all the youth from different parishes. He gratefully acknowledged and thanked Rev. Sr. Cheryl A.C, for availing the school campus for the youth of the Diocese.

- Ms. Aparna Makhal

Felicitation to the Students of Keorapukur Parish



The youth group of Keorapukur parish had organized a felicitation programme for the students who passed out in Madhyamic, Higher Secondary, ICSE and ISC examinations in Carmel School hall. All together 55 students along with their parents participated in the programme from Keorapukur parish. Bishop Salvadore Lobo was the chief guest of the day. Fathers, Carmel sisters and brother of the parish were present for the programme. The programme began with the welcome dance followed by lighting of the lamp. Fr. Kanauj Roy, the parish priest welcomed everyone to the programme and motivated the students to have a disciplined life. Bishop in his speech congratulated the students for their progress and referring to the book 'Wings of Fire' by APJ Abdul Kalam, encouraged the students to have wings of fire in order to succeed in their future endeavours. Parish youth staged short, meaningful and educative programme for all. Certificate of Appreciation and small gifts were presented to all the students. After the programme tea and snacks were served to all participants.

- Ms. Polina Gomes

Sacrament of Confirmation Rishi Bankim Nagar Church, Baruipur

On 15th July, 2018, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church was over flooded with joy and felicity which radiated on the faces of twenty six children and adults who were sealed and confirmed with the gifts of Holy Spirit. Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo solemnized the Holy Eucharist along with concelebrants Fr. Durlov Bar and Fr. Pradip Dari. The Holy Mass was commenced with entrance dance to create devotional atmosphere in the hearts of people. The melodious and prayerful hymns sang by the choir drew their hearts and minds sinking into the worship. The church was packed up to witness this joyful event. Bishop in his homily articulated how the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit helps in building up the invincible relationship with God and man. He also said that we become soldiers of Christ to bear the witness of the Risen Lord to the whole world. Eventually the Parish Priest with deep sentiment extended heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Bishop and people who made the day a memorable one.



- Fr. Pradip Dari

Inauguration of the New Scholastic Year



On the 3rd of July, 2018, the solemnity of St. Thomas, the Apostle to India, Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo declared the scholastic year 2018-19 of Samarpan Minor Seminary open. The day began at 7.00 a.m. with a solemn Eucharist celebrated by the Bishop and 12 priests. Besides, about 20 Sisters and Brothers graced the occasion to pray for the fruitfulness of the new academic year. After the breakfast, there was a short cultural program presented by the first and the second year seminarians. Six new Brothers who joined the seminary this year were welcomed. The Bishop and the V.G., Fr. Jonas Singha encouraged the brothers with their edifying message and Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes, the Rector, proposed the vote of thanks. The program ended with a photo session.

Special thanks to the vocation commission, the parish priests, priest in charge and Sisters for their hard work in blessing Samarpan with six zealous vocations.

- Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes

Cathedral Parish Youth Orientation



The Parish Youth Orientation Programme for Cathedral Parish was held on 8th July 2018 at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruiapur. Youths from different substations of Cathedral Church; Kalipur, Bibirchok and Kochpukur, gathered for this orientation programme.

Youth president Mr. Sarbeshwar Chakraborty welcomed the guests Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan, the youth director, Rev. Fr.

Saumen Malik, director of Dishari pastoral center, Rev. Fr. Faustine Brank, the parish priest of Cathedral church, Sr. Linus MC with bouquet. Fr. Ramen Pailan in his inaugural speech said that all youth are equal, there is no difference between Cathedral youth and Sub-station youth. Ice braking session was conducted by Fr. Ramen. Later the youths were divided into different groups. It was interesting to know the name of their groups: St. Teresa, St. Gonzalo, Reflection, Rainbow and Believer. The groups were asked to come up to the stage and explain the reasons for naming their groups. Rev. Fr. Gautam Naskar took a session on youth empowerment, describing the different aspects of empowerment: spiritual, social, cultural, aesthetic etc. The panel of judges including two members of the DEXCO committee declared group St. Gonzalo as the winning team. The youths were then made to sit according to their substations. Each substation was provided with a chart paper and some colour pens. They were asked to write down the answers of three questions. These questions were: as an individual youth how can you help another youth, what are your contributions to the church, what do you expect from your parish priest. Some substations wrote that they can inspire and motivate one another by doing some good work for the church, while some pointed out that they wanted support and cooperation from the parish priest. The youths welcomed the new parish priest of Cathedral parish, Fr. Faustine Brank with a cake cutting ceremony. Fr. Ramen thanked the parish priest and the youth for taking up this noble initiative and for their participation.

- Ms. Trishita Gomes

At a Glance



On 15th July, 2018 Dishari organized second times a day of SCC seminar for the people of Budge Budge parish under the leadership of Fr. Sandip Mondal the parish priest. All together 90 people attended the seminar from main parish and Batanagar. Seminar began with Bible veneration which was well organized by five SCC units' members from the parish. People were very much attracted to attain the seminar. Mr. Manos Pramanik, Mr. Sarbaswar Chakraborty and Fr. Saumen Malik were the resource persons for the Seminar. The main theme of the seminar was transforming power of the Word of God and promotion of SCCs in the parishes. Seminar was concluded by the Holy Eucharist.

From 21st to 23rd of July, 2018 three days SCC seminar was organized for the SCC units animators where 85 participants participated from 11 parishes namely, Thakupukur, Sajnaberia, Gangarampur, Baruiapur Cathedral, Kalyanpur, Rishi Bankim Nagar - Baruiapur, Canning, Bamonpukur, Kumrokhal, Morapai and Budge Budge. It was the first time that big number of participants had come for the SCC seminar. It shows SCCs are sprouting in our diocese. The resource persons for the seminar were Fr. I.P. Sarto regional SCC coordinator and Fr. Ramen Pailan. The theme of the seminar was importance of the SCC to strengthen the faith of the people and to celebrate the SCC day in the parish. Fr. I.P. Sarto highly appreciated for their attendance. At the end of the seminar all the participants promised to revive the units and start new units in their respective places.

- Fr. Saumen Malik

Installation of Parish Priest – Diamond Harbour



July 28, 2018, the feast of St. Alphonsa was a blessed day at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Diamond harbour when Rev. Fr. Jose Chunkapura, SDB was installed as the Parish Priest. Most Rev. Salvatore Lobo, presided over the Eucharistic celebration that was concelebrated by 10 priests. The ceremony of installation took place after the homily. A series of rituals - like proclamation of the Creed, ringing of the church bell, opening and closing of the main entrance, Kissing the four corners of

the Altar, sitting at the confessional, unlocking of the Tabernacle and attestation by two witnesses were held to entrust the sheepfold of Diamond Harbour parish to their new shepherd, Fr. Jose Chunkapura, SDB. The church was full to its capacity to witness the installation. The parishioners congratulated and wished him all the best. Tea was served to all after the Mass.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel



16th July 2018 is the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The people of Keorapukur parish celebrated this feast on 15th July, Sunday in anticipation to wish all the sisters of Apostolic Carmel of our parish. All the sisters were welcomed in the church with *Tilak* and rose flowers. The parish priest and the assistant parish priest celebrated the Eucharist. After the mass some eatables were served to the people.

On 16th July the feast day mass was celebrated in Apostolic Carmel convent, Lalpole. Rt. Rev. Bishop Salvatore Lobo was the main celebrant for the Eucharist. Many priests and sisters were present for the feast day celebration to share the joy with all the Apostolic Carmel sisters. A sumptuous dinner was served to all invitees. May Our Lady of Mount Carmel intercede for us.

- Fr. Kanauj Roy



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- 14 Br. David Panja
- 15 Fr. Jojo Thuruthayil, CMI
- 18 Fr. Pradip Dari
- 18 Br. Soumik Mondal
- 21 Fr. Soosaiappan Y.
- 27 Fr. Joseph Toppo, S.J.



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Feast of St. Anne, Raghampur



The sisters of daughters of St. Anne at Raghampur celebrated their feast on July 24, 2018 though the feast falls on July 26. On this joyous occasion Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo along with priests offered the Mass in the morning. There was a short colorful programme in the evening staged by little girls at St. Anne's Convent Raghampur. Rev. Sr. Arpita acknowledged gratefully the gracious presence of those who were present for the programme. It was followed by delicious dinner.

- Sr. Arpita DSA

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of August '18

Universal The Treasure of Families : That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

St. Anne's Feast in Kalikanon

With immense joy and gratitude to God, sisters of the daughters of St. Anne at Kalikanon, Baruipur celebrated the feast of St. Anne on July 28, 2018 two days later after the actual feast on July 26. Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo along with 15 priests offered the Mass at 07 a.m. There was a short felicitation program put up by young girls and seminarians followed by breakfast. Rev. Sr. Shikha, the superior thanked all those who were present.

- Sr. Shikha DSA

Notice Board

New Salesian Community at Diamond Harbour

Fr. Jose Chunkapura SDB, Rector and Parish Priest

Fr. K.K. Sebastian Kuzhipala SDB, Assistant Parish Priest and in charge of BASE programme

Fr. K.V. James Kurikayil SDB, Vice-rector, Assistant Parish Priest and Youth Delegate

Fr. Sudhir Barwa SDB, Bursar, supervising School Work and Assisting parish ministry

Process of Diocesan Pastoral Planning:

There will be a meeting of Lay Leaders from the parishes in Dishari Pastoral Centre at 10.00 AM on August 22, 2018. We would request each parish to send 4 lay leaders, preferably two men and two women, including the president and secretary of the parish council. (There is no need to send the

catechists this time as we will have another meeting for the catechists later on).

Programmes in Paribar Jyoti:

August 03-04: Marriage Preparation.

August 11-12: Mobile videography for youth (Organized by three commissions)

August 19: Orientation for family cell member.

August 24-25: Young couples workshop and Marriage rectification course.

August 27-31: Counselling skill training.

Programmes in Dishari.

August 5: Youth programme

August 11- 13: Catechetical Seminar for the spouse in the Mixed Marriage

August 19: SCC seminar at Baidyapur Parish

August 24 -28: Catechetical seminar and retreat for the Catechumen

Youth Commission:

August 5: Celebrate National Youth Sunday

Bishop Lobo's Programme for August 2018

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01-03	Wed-Fri		Bandel	Annual Retreat with the priests of the diocese
04	Sat	06.30 a.m. 12.00 Noon	Bandel	Celebrates Mass for the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney Returns to Baruipur
05	Sun	10.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Celebrates World Youth Day in the Cathedral
09	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Meeting of the Board of Consultors
11	Sat	04.00 p.m.	Baruipur Baruipur	Meeting of Gyan Deep Youth Dexco meeting
12	Sun	10.00 a.m.	Basanti	Zonal Meeting of Laity Commission
15	Wed	07.00 a.m.	Bibirchak	Mass for the assumption of Our Lady -Independence Day
16	Thu	03.00 p.m.	Baruipur	AGM of PUS at the training centre
17	Fri	09.00 a.m.		Goes to Kochi in Kerala
18	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Kochi	Mass for the Silver Jubilee of Fr. Jose Murickan O.Praem of NISCORT
19	Sun	08.50 p.m.		Returns to Baruipur
20	Mon	03.00 p.m.	Baruipur	Finance Committee meeting
22	Wed	06.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Baruipur Baruipur	Mass for the Feast day of M.C. Sisters at Kirtankhola Meeting of the lay people for pastoral planning of the diocese
23	Thu	10.00 a.m. 08.30 p.m.	Barrackpore	Ecumenical fellowship meeting Goes to Gopalpur-on-Sea, Orissa
24	Fri		Gopalpur-on-Sea	Meeting Baruipur Seminarians at Aquinas College
25	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Bhubaneswar	Mass for 10th Anniversary of Kandamal
26	Sun	12.00 Noon		Returns to Baruipur
27	Mon	10.00 a.m. 07.30 p.m.	Baruipur	Dishari G.B. Meeting Goes to Raigunj
28	Tue	09.30 a.m.	Raigunj	Consecration of Bishop Fulgence Aloysius Tigga
29	Wed	07.30 a.m.		Returns to Baruipur
30	Thu	03.00 p.m.	Baruipur	Speaks to Missionaries of Charity on Gaudete et Exultate