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The Best Book Ever Written

"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from The Saviour of the world is communicated to us through this book. But for this book we could not know right from wrong. The all that you can of this book upon reason, and the balance on faith, and you will live and die a happier man." (Abraham Lincoln- 1809- 1865)"

Of all the books ever written or published, the Bible is the most widely read, studied, translated, printed, sold, gifted, distributed and quoted. It is the best-selling book of all time. When it comes to teaching about the nature of God and his desires for us, no other book comes close. In the Bible, we discover the depth and generosity of God's love, as well as his desire to soothe humanity's yearning for truth and happiness. Where did the Bible come from? How did we come to be blessed with such a rare treasure?

These days many Catholics in our diocese have been cornered by an overzealous Evangelical Christians in their homes and in the market places. They immediately start quoting Scripture and often times their well-argued ideas leave their Catholic targets tired, confused, filled with doubts and feelings spiritually inadequate. Chances are, if the conversation proceeds to any length, they will approach the idea that the Bible is the one and only source of inspiration, direction and revelation. This of course, is a direct attack upon the Catholic Church. It may be carefully masked or subtly presented. Those presenting the idea may not even be aware that it is an attack on Catholicism. But as Catholics, we believe that both the "Sacred Scriptures and sacred tradition form one sacred deposit of the word of God" (Dei Verbum). God reveals himself in nature, he reveals himself in the Scriptures and he reveals himself in the life of the Church.

It is this dynamic interaction between the Scriptures and tradition that keeps the Word alive. If you separate the Scriptures from the living, breathing institution they were entrusted to, they lose their life. This is a major point of contention between Catholics and other non-Catholic Christians. But with this background and as an attempt to shed a little light on this point of contention, let us return to the original question. Where did the Bible come from?

Well, it didn't just drop down from Heaven one fine day, nor did it appear suddenly on the earth, delivered by an angel of God. The Bible was written with some form of primitive inks and pens by people just like you and me. They were divinely inspired in a way that none of us will fully understand in this life, but they were ordinary people with strengths and weaknesses.

The Bible isn't a book. It is a collection of books - seventy-three in all: forty-six in the Old Testament and twenty-seven in the New Testament. Hence the name Biblia in Greek, which means "the books" or "library." It is important to note that most Protestant and Evangelical Bibles contain only sixty-six books. It was during the Reformation that non-Catholic Christians removed the following books: Tobit, Judith, Maccabees 1 and 2, Wisdom, Sirach and Baruch.

It is important to note that for more than fifteen hundred years all Christians were Catholic, and they all accepted these books as part of the Bible. It is also interesting to note that the great majority of non-Catholic Christians have no idea that there are books missing from their Bible, just as all non-Catholic Christians are Protestants, whether they are aware of it or not. Though the great majority could probably not tell you what they are protesting.

The Bible wasn't written all at once, nor was it all written by one person. In fact, one thousand years elapsed between the writing of the book of Genesis and the writing of the book of Revelation.

If you had lived in the court of King David (1000 - 962 BC), the only parts of what is today the Bible that you would have read are some of the stories from Genesis, the stories of the Exodus, the journey from Egypt to the Holy Land, and the stories of the Israelites settling in the Holy Land that we find in the book of Judges. The Old Testament was written and compiled between the twelfth century and the second century BC. It is made up of forty-six books, and is divided into three categories: the Pentateuch, the Prophets and the Writings. The Pentateuch, which is also known as the Law, Torah, or the Five Books of Moses, consists of the first five books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. This was the embryo of the Bible. The section known as the Prophets includes all the major and minor prophets of the Old Testament. And finally, the Writings section includes the historical documents.

The New Testament was written between AD 45 and AD 150 and includes twenty-seven books. It is made up of four narratives of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus: the Gospels, a narrative of the apostles' ministries in the early Church; Acts of the Apostles, twenty-one early letters consisting of Christian counsel, instruction and encouragement; the Epistles; and Revelation, a book of prophecy.

+ Salvadore Lobo

National Women's Commission Meeting

The national meeting of Women's Commission was held in St. Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre, Goa from 29th of September to 1st of October, 2018. The gathering was specially to represent our respective regions and its work proceeding of individual areas. The theme for our meeting was Women Accompanying the YOUNF Minds in Transversing the World of Ideologies.

On the first day the programme began with Holy Eucharistic celebration followed by welcome prayer then lighting of lamp. The chief guest for the meeting was Most Rev. Jacob Mar Barnabas OIC, Chairperson of CBCI Council for Women. Sr. Talisha Nadukudiyil SD Secretary of CBCI Council for Women addressed all the secretaries present from different regions. Welcome speech was delivered by Bishop Barnabas. In his speech he illustrated about the ideologies in church and in our society. He also congratulated each one of us for taking the initiatives to work in our regions and empower other women as well.

Fr. Henry Falanco priest of St. Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre demonstrated the history of Goa that first it was administrated by Muslim rulers then the Portuguese took over the power and slowly it turned to be a spiritual land for people.

In three days of session there were speakers from all over India. Prof. Leena Jose spoke about the Contextualizing the catholic social teaching to accompany the young minds. There was lot of interactive sessions with the youths to understand their mind set and perspectives living in this century of modernization and how can we as 'Mothers' guide them and understand their emotions as well. We had a session with Jesus Youth Group members from Kerala sharing different issues they come across with the elders in the society.

Next day all the regions all over India presented their minutes and Baruiapur Diocese was praised for our works, programme and activities held in our commission. We had elaborate talks and discussion on the Kandhamal reach out programme. There was a detail report presented on the Kerala flood by their secretary - Dr. Rosakutty Abraham. Our diocese had made a small donation for Kerala flood which was well appreciated by all the members present in the meeting.

The programme was a successful, interactive session where we could share as well as learn to take up challenges and overcome difficulties from different regions all over India.

- Ms. Babli Das



Ruby Jubilee of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiapur (1978 -2018)

With immense joy and gratitude towards God, beneficiaries, all the well-wishers and Donors, Palli Unnayan Samiti (PUS) Baruiapur celebrated the Ruby Jubilee of its journey of 40 years on 3rd & 4th of October, 2018 at Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiapur. Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo, the Bishop of Catholic Diocese of Baruiapur, Bishop Rt. Rev. Linus Nirmal Gomes SJ, Bishop Emeritus, Fathers, Sisters, Brothers, Members of the Governing Body, well-wishers, inmates of the Missionaries of Charity and all PUS staff participated in this celebration to witness the spirit of sharing 'His' love, peace and Equality to the needy, poor and most backward communities in the District of South 24 Parganas.

The Ruby Jubilee was marked upon by the following programme: on October 03, 2018 the day began with Morning Prayer where the PUS staff fondly remembered Lt. Rev. Fr. John Henrique, the founder and first director of PUS Baruiapur. Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo offered the "Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist", concelebrated by 21 priests. The theme of the Holy Eucharist was, "40 Years in the Service of People."



In this Joyful Occasion, the Director and the staff of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiapur felicitated Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo, the present Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Baruiapur and the present president of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiapur with garlands and shawl for his 20 years of dedicated service for the Catholic Diocese of Baruiapur as bishop. We cannot have present without past. Keeping this in mind PUS Staff members also felicitated Rt. Rev. Linus Nirmal Gomes SJ, bishop emeritus as this year he is celebrating Ruby Jubilee of his bishophood. He is the first bishop of Catholic Diocese of Baruiapur and founder of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiapur.

During the 40 years' journey, Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiapur has successfully implemented different need-based programmes related to Relief & Rehabilitation, Charity, Food for Work, canal excavation, construction of school buildings, roads, tubewells in the villages, Environment, Education, Health, Livelihood & Violence etc. A documentary film of 40 Years Service of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiapur was shown to the guests. Then all the guests were cordially invited to the dining hall to share the fellowship meal together.

Post lunch a programme was held as the last event of the 1st day of the Ruby Jubilee celebration of PUS based on the current projects where all the office and field staff enacted the work that they are doing in the field. During the last 5 years, PUS Baruiapur has been implementing different projects on the current burning issues like Human Trafficking, Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change Adaptation, Solar Energy, protection, Protection of Children and Women from Abuse, Caring for Specially Abled Children, Sponsorship, Vocational training for the youth, medical aid, charity etc. At the end of 1st Day, Fr. Parimal Kanji, the Director of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiapur expressed his appreciation, thanks and gratitude to all the Members of PUS for their wholehearted cooperation & dedication to implement each and every project in order to uphold the good name of PUS Baruiapur.

It is a restless 40 years journey of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiapur for the upliftment of the poorest and the marginalized people of the South as well as North 24 Parganas, and during those 2 days of "40 years Ruby Jubilee celebration of PUS Baruiapur", it was fully reflected. At present blood deficiency at different blood banks for emergency patients, thalassemia affected children and people and anemia patients and the patients having ophthalmic disorders, is a major problem in our society, mainly for poor people. PUS Baruiapur had organized a Voluntary Blood Donation and Free Eye-Checkup camp at PUS campus on the 4th of October, 2018 and it was the last day of the Ruby Jubilee celebration of PUS Baruiapur. Altogether 67 people donated blood, where as 111 people had their eye checked up from Eye-Checkup Camp. Thus the Ruby Jubilee was concluded on October 04, 2018.

7th Regional Youth Convention

The regional youth commission of West Bengal Sikkim Region had organized seventh Regional Youth Convention at Don Bosco School, Krishnagar from 16th to 19th October 2018. About 485 participants from 8 dioceses attended this convention. From our diocese 46 youth along with Fr. Ramen Pailan (DYD), Fr. Gautom Naskar, Ms. Archana Corraya (Former DYS) participated in this mega event. On the very first day there was flag hoisting and inaugural ceremony followed by the Holy Mass offered by Archbishop of



Kolkata Rt. Rev. Thomas D'Souza along with other concelebrants. After the dinner there was a cultural programme by participants from 8 dioceses. They put up various cultural items on the stage to entertain the gathering. The second day began with Holy Mass celebrated by Rt. Rev. Fulgence Tigga Bishop of Raiganj. The first session of the day on the theme reliving a renewed youth vision in parishes, society and nation was efficiently conducted by Sr. Seli Thomas. The second session was taken by Mr. Simon John on the theme Faith the gratuitous gift of God which was followed by group dynamics under the guidance of Mr. Simon and Rexcos. On the same day an Inter-Diocese quiz contest on the gospel of Luke & ICYM was conducted by RYD Fr. Michael Singh. In the evening everyone was in front of the cross for a spiritual encounter with God by Taize Prayer. In the Inter-Diocese Fashion show and one minute fame competitions, Barupur diocese has done pretty well. In the Fashion show our diocese secured both the second and third positions, while in 'one minute to fame' competition we have secured the second position. The third day began with the exodus rosary.



The first session was conducted by Fr. Kanauj Roy on the topic "Vocation the call of God." It was followed by a panel discussion on the main theme. Rt. Rev Bishop Joseph Gomes of Krishnagar offered the concluding Mass after that the most awaited attraction the regional youth award ceremony started. Mr. Sarbeshwar Chakrabarty (DYP) of Kumrakhali parish and Miss. Aparna Makhil (RYT) of Keorapukur parish were awarded with best

Regional Youth Award. In the concluding ceremony the Regional Youth Commission appreciated the contribution of Fr. Ramen Pailan, Mr. Sarbeshwar Chakrabarty, Mr. Aritra Sen and Miss. Mili Mondal with a memento. On the last day thanksgiving Eucharist was offered by Rt. Rev. Cyprian Monis Chairman of RYC. After the Mass RYD Fr. Michael Singh thanked everyone for their support and also appreciated the work of REXCO members under the guidance of Miss. Anancia Fernandes. After the breakfast there was a peace rally and concluding ceremony which was followed by a short evaluation of the 7th RYC. The whole convention ended joyfully.

- Miss. Archana Corraya

Annual Canon Law Conference



The 32nd Annual Conference of the Canon Law Society of India was held at DVK, Dharmaram College, Bengaluru from October 22-26, 2018 on the theme: Laity in the Mission of the Church. There were 148 participants for the conference.

All the resource persons were common in emphasizing that priests and lay people make the Church. It is together that they carry out the

Church's Mission. To think that priests alone play an active role in the Mission of the Church and that laity is only a passive listener and recipient is a mistaken notion of the hierarchical order. The hour of laity has come that their various potentials are recognized and given due importance for the spread of the Mission of the Church. They are to be integrated into the rightful offices and functions in the governance of the Church. Thus, close the gap between clerics and laity.

The erudite talks at this conference were illuminating; the discussions and deliberations thought provoking and the interactions between the sessions were most enriching.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka

Dishari at a Glance



From 1st to 3rd of October 2018 a group of 64 students along with one priest and four teachers had come to Dishari for excursion to Sundarban Delta from St. Joseph College at Ukhrul in Monipur University.

On 5th and 10th of October 2018, Dishari organized two SCC seminars at Sarbanandopur and Radhanagar substation under Morapai parish. Two programmes were led by Fr. Saumen Malik, Fr. Ramen Pailan and Mr. Dipankar Sardar. The parishioners were indeed happy and promised to begin SCC in their respective villages. 57 people from Radhanagar and 72 from Sarbanandopur attended the seminar.

A three days retreat from 6th to 8th October, 2018 was Organized by Dishari for student of St. Paul's High School's, Raghobpur. All together 46 students attended this retreat. Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes, Fr. Ramen Pailan and Fr. Saumen Malik were the preacher of the retreat. It was for the first time that the students participated in the retreat. Most of them were touched by the power and unconditional Love of God.

From 12th to 13th October, 2018 Dishari organized a seminar for the SCC animators. From 8 parishes 60 participants attended the seminar namely Kumrakhali, Thakurpukur, Ranigarh, Baidyapur, Gangarampur, Canning, Kalipur under Cathedral church, Sarbanandopur and Belaria under Morapai Parish. The resource persons for the programme were Mr. Ajoy Naskar, Mr. Sarbeshwar Chakrabarty, Mr. Dipankar Sardar, Fr. Ramen Pailan and Fr. Saumen Malik. The main theme of the Seminar was why do we call seminar again and again, interreligious dialogue and mission of the church. All of them actively attended the programme. At the end of the programme animators planned for next three months activities and promised to give more time for the promotion of SCC.

On 24th of October 2018 Dishari organized first time a seminar on Children Parliament for the Altar Servers. Rev. Fr. Rajesh Bag was the resource person for the seminar. He highlighted the role, responsibility and outcome of Children Parliament. 72 children attended the seminar from two parishes namely Cathedral and Kalyanpur. All of them enjoyed and learn from the programme.

From 25th to 28th of October there was a seminar at Dishari for the Catechumens of Diamond Harbour Parish. All together 65 people attended the programme. Most of them are new to attend the seminar. The recourse persons for the programme were Fr. Uttam Naskar and Fr. Sushad Baidya. They enlighten them with their deep experience of God.

- Fr. Saumen Malik



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- 04 Fr. Francis Makhal
- 07 Br. Sajal Malik
- 16 Br. Amrit Ekka
- 18 Fr. Julian Sahayadas, SJ
- 20 Fr. Sushad Baidya
- 22 Fr. Kuruvilla Thottam, SJ
- 26 Br. Sanjoy Dhara
- 27 Fr. Sylvester Xavier

Ordination Anniversary

NOVEMBER 2018

- 04 Fr. Himangshu Poti
- 07 Fr. Francis Colaco, SFX
- 09 Fr. Durlav Bar
- 19 Fr. Sirnus Topno
- 19 Fr. Julian Sahayadas, SJ
- 24 Fr. Ujjwal Mondal
- 27 Fr. Sajeev Painunkal, SJ
- 28 Fr. Francis Baraik
- 30 Fr. Salvatore Murmu, SJ

Announcement

Bro. Mrinmoy Sardar studying 2nd year Philosophy at Aquinas College, Gopalpur, Orisha, has asked permission to join the Congregation of Mission (C.M.). The permission has been granted to him. From October 01, 2018 he does not belong to Baruipur Diocese.

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of Nov. 2018

Universal: In the Service of Peace :
That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

Gleanings from Raghobpur Diary

Raghobpur Parish underwent a spiritual rejuvenation on October 20th and 21st, 2018. Fr. George Arrakal, a well-known Vincentian priest formerly of Jalalkhali Retreat Centre and team conducted a two-day Charismatic Prayer and Scripture programme in Loyola Assembly Hall of the school. More than 1000 people thronged together each day to show their love for Christ and thirst for the Word of God. Many were prayed over individually. Christ's healing hand was clearly visible. It was an unforgettable experience, due mainly to the indefatigable efforts of Fr. Salvatore and his Parish Leaders.

At long last our dream of a special new building exclusively for the Parish is taking shape. The former construction at the Entrance has been brought down. In its place there will be a two-storeyed building with an Assembly Hall at the top and a number of rooms on the ground floor to be used specifically for Parish purposes.

A case was instituted against the School challenging our Recruitment Procedure for a designated teaching post. A number of hearings were held, meticulously prepared and attended by Frs. Joseph Toppo and Zenith William. The amount of time and effort put in by them and the lawyers who argued in our favour, and the prayers of all who accompanied them, paid off. The verdict was completely in our favour. Thanks be to God.

Fr. Zenith gave a Retreat to a group of Sisters Adorers at the A.C. Anjali Retreat House, Barrackpore, during the Puja Holidays. Fr. Salvatore conducted a youth Camp in his home parish of Rahutara from October 22-25. Fr. Johnson went to Bhubaneswar for further Research on his PhD thesis. Members of our vibrant Youth group attended a three-day Regional Youth Convention in Krishnagar during the Puja vacation.

- Fr Patrick Walsh s.j.

Notice Board

Programme in Paribar Jyoti:

November 09-10, 2018 Marriage Preparation.

(As far as possible both partners should attend even if one is non-Christian; Next rectification course will be on December 07-08).

Bishop Lobo's Programme for November 2018

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Thu	05.00 p.m.	Bakeswar	Foundation day of Kalahrdya
02	Fri	07.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Mass for the all souls and blessing of the Cemeteries of the fathers.
03	Sat	03.30 p.m.	Khari	Mass for the Diocesan Youth
04	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Bonmogra	Mass & Confirmation
05-07	Mon-Wed		Seva Kendra, Kolkata	BRBC-RCRI & CDPB Bengal - Sikkim Regional Annual Meeting
08	Thu	09.00 a.m.	Barrackpore	Golden Jubilee of Moring Star College
09	Fri	10.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Golden Jubilee of Holy Cross Srs. Elcy Joseph and Final Vows of Srs. Albina Hembrom, Chandrika Nayak, Sangita Baghwar
11	Sun	02.30 p.m.	Baruipur	10th Anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral.
15	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Dishari	Priest Council meeting
17	Sat	09.00 a.m.		Goes to Ranigarh and Pastoral Visitation
18	Sun		Ranigarh	Pastoral Visitation, Mass and Confirmation
19	Mon			Goes to Bangkok
20-23	Tue-Fri		Bangkok	Attends FABC OSC meeting
24	Sat	a.m.		Returns to Baruipur
25	Sun	02.30 p.m.	Baruipur	Mass at the Cathedral and Christ the King Procession
26	Mon	03.00 p.m.	Baruipur	Meeting of the Finance Committee
28	Wed	10.00 a.m.	Dishari	Ecumenical Meeting of the Pastors and Priests
29	Thu	09.30 a.m.	Baruipur	Meeting of the Board of Consultors