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## Homage to St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)



St. Teresa of Calcutta popularly known as Mother Teresa must be the most famous saint in the Roman Catholic Church. Even now Missionaries of Charity founded by her is considered to be one of the biggest religious congregations in the Roman Catholic Church in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. It is a thrilling experience for me to think that we are in the areas where this greatest saint had worked among the poorest of the poor. Our state of West Bengal rather the whole country is blessed by the love of St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa). It is like a small tree planted by Mother Teresa in the heart of Calcutta and now it has grown to a big tree. As the Gospel of Matthew says "it is the smallest of all the seeds but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches (Matthew 13:32). It is very much appropriate to apply this parable of Jesus in the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. Mother Teresa had begun her life of the Missionaries of Charity independently leaving the congregation of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (IBVM), just with Rs. 5.00 only and now it is a biggest tree spread over in the world. It has touched practically all the continents i.e. Asia, Africa, Latin America, North America, Europe and Australia. What has begun on October 1950 as the diocesan congregation of the Calcutta Diocese with 12 members, in 2020 the congregation has 5167 members serving in 139 countries in 760 homes, with 244 of these homes in India, while only Calcutta itself, the Congregation has got 19 houses.

Mother Teresa was born on August 26, 1910 in Skopje, Macedonia. Her original name was Agnes Gonzha Bojaxhiu. She was the youngest of the children of the three born to Nikola and Drane Bojaxhiu. She received her First Holy Communion at the age of five and a half while she received the Sacrament of Confirmation in November 1916. From the day of receiving First Holy Communion, she had grown her deep love towards Jesus and desire a love for souls in her heart. At the age of eight, she lost her father, however, her mother Drane with much financial crisis raised her children firmly and lovingly influencing her daughter's character and vocation.

The religious formation of Agnes was firmly assisted by the Jesuits of the Sacred Heart Parish. She was so much influenced by the Yugoslavian Jesuits who had been working in South 24 Parganas district and one of the priests named Fr. Ante who was then studying in St. Mary's College Kurseong used to regularly write about the missionary activities to his friends in Yugoslavia and other places. At the age of 12, Agnes has taken one of the greatest decisions of her life and wanted to become a missionary and give her life to Christ. What she had decided at the age of twelve now fulfilled at the age of eighteen, when she left her parental home in Skopje and joined the Sisters of Loreto, an Irish Community of nuns with missions in India. In this community she received the name of Sister Mary Teresa after St. Therese of Lisieux of Child Jesus a French Carmelite nun who is widely venerated in modern time. She is popularly known as the Little Flower of Jesus. After a few months of training at the IBVM in Dublin, Teresa came to India on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1929. On May 24, 1931, she took her initial vows as a nun and became Sr. Teresa. On May 24, 1937, she took her Final Profession of Vows, to a life of poverty, chastity, and obedience, becoming, as she said, the "spouse of Jesus" for all eternity. As was the custom for the Loreto nuns, she took on the title of "Mother" upon making her final vows and became known as "Mother Teresa". From 1931 to 1948, Sr. Teresa taught geography and catechism at St. Mary's High School in Calcutta. While she was teaching, she used to notice through the window, the poverty of the people in the periphery of the school which made a deep impact on the mind of Sr. Teresa. During this time, Sr. Teresa was preparing herself to devote her life for a greater cause in working among the poorest of the poor in the slums of Calcutta and finally on August 17, 1948 she left her uniform of IBVM and dressed herself for the first time in a white and blue bordered sari and passed through the gates of her beloved Loreto convent to enter into the world of poor. When she came out of the gate and turned after closing the convent gate found herself in the midst of darkness. She found herself alone on the street of Calcutta. According to her, leaving the Loreto was the greatest sacrifice for her and it was very painful because it was Loreto convent where she was educated and became a nun. After a short course of three months with the Medical Mission Sisters in Patna, she returned to Calcutta and found a temporary shelter with the Little Sisters of the poor. She started an open air school for homeless children. On 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1949, she came to the Little Sisters of the Poor and took shelter in the house of Mr. Michael Gomes. During this time her first follower, a young Bengali girl Subhasini Das by name joined her and took the name Sr. Agnes. This was the starting of the Present Missionaries of Charity.

+ Shyamal Bose

## Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur Activities in the Month of August 2020

### Charged Hand Over

By the nature of the Catholic institution one will hand over to the other for the continuation of the work of church ministry. Rev. Fr. Parimal Kanji, the former director handed over the charge to Rev. Fr. Saumen Malik as his successor as director on 31st July 2020 in the presence of Rt. Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose, the Bishop of Baruipur Diocese



### Celebration of Feast Day of St. John Mary Vianney

On 4th August 2020, Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur celebrated inaugural new ministry and *Feast Day of St. John Mary Vianney*. The day began with Holy Eucharist. The main celebrant was Rt. Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose, the Bishop of Baruipur Diocese.



Rt. Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose and Fr. Pradeep Roy shared about the life of St. John Mary Vianney which stimulated our insight. The celebration was concluded with felicitation of Former Directors Rev. Fr. Pradeep Roy, Fr. Soosaiappan Y., Fr. Faustine Brank and Fr. Ramen Pailan, director of Youth Commission & Fr. Goutam Naskar the Director of Dishari.

### Emergency Humanitarian Response to COVID-19 Pandemic Affected Families

Sl.	Date	Venue	Relief Item distributed per family	Total Beneficiaries
1.	06.08.2020	Langalberia Surath Smriti Vidyamandir	Dal: Masoor - 3 kgs & Moog-1 kg, Salt -2Kgs, Soyabean -1Kg, Chhola -1 Kg, Motor-1Kg, Cooking oil - 2 litres, Potato -3Kgs, Onion- 2 Kgs, Biscuits- 1Packet, Sattu 1Kg, Suji-500 grams, Chira - 500 Grams, Chilli powder - 200 grams, Turmeric powder - 200grams., Soaps each (1.25 grams) - 4 pcs and detergent powders - 200 grams, Mask - pcs..	500
2.	06.08.2020	St. Savio Boys Hostel, Panchamkhanda		100
3.	07.08.2020	Day Care Centre, PUS Baruipur		150



### Emergency Humanitarian Response to Cyclone Amphan Affected Families

Sl.	Date	Venue	Relief Item distributed	Total Beneficiaries
1.	06.08.2020	St. Teresa Church (Basanti Parish)	<b>Shelter Kit:</b> Tarpaulin, Ground Sheet, Plastic Mat and Rope <b>Hygiene Kit:</b> Soap, Mask and Sanitary Napkin	1489



## Glimpse of Youth Activities in Full Swing during Covid- 19

In this pandemic situation of CORONA VIRUS and Lockdown throughout the world, youth commission of Baruipur took initiative to organise online program for Diocesan Youth and Sunday school Children to encourage, entertain and motivate them.

From 24th to 26th of June 2020 there was dance competition for the youth, based on Rabindra Sangeet. From 6th to 8th August 2020 there was Poem Recitation competition for the youth, based on Rabindranath Tagore. From 9th to 14th August 2020 there was Drawing Competition for the children and youth. Overall there were a good number of participants. During this pandemic situation these programs served as a good inspiration for the youth and children.

The Winners and Judges of the Competitions are given below:

### Winners of Dance Competition

1st



**Ms. Barsha Neye**  
Immaculate Heart of  
Mary, Ranigarh.

2nd



**Ms. Soma Banshi**  
Cathedral Church,  
Baruipur

3rd



**Ms. Tanaya Baidya**  
St. Stephen's Church  
Kalyanpur

4th



**Ms. Manisha Sardar**  
St. Anthony's Church  
Keorapur

### Judges for Dance Competition

Miss. Susmita Bag  
St. Joseph's Church,  
Raghampur

Mrs. Ritu Naskar

### Winners of Poem Recitation

1st



**Ms. Renu Bera**  
Holy Cross Church  
Sonarpur

2nd



**Mr. John Paul**  
Infant Jesus Church  
Gangarampur

3rd



**Mr. Debasish Baidya**  
Church of Blessed Virgin  
Mary, Baidyapur

### Judges for Poem Competition

Rev. Fr. Abonindro Das  
Priest In-Charge,  
Panchamkhanda.

Rev. Sr. Gouri Sardar SA  
Society of Helpers  
YCS Co-ordinator  
(Archdiocese of Calcutta)

Miss. Liza Biswas  
Cathedral Church  
Baruipur

### The Winners of Drawing Competition for Children



1st

**Ms. Dorothy Mondal**  
Sacred Heart Church, Thakurpukur



2nd

**Ms. Modhusree Mondal**  
Holy Cross Church, Sonarpur



3rd

**Ms. Rimi Mondal**  
St. Joseph Church, Raghampur



4th

**Ms. Mayna Bhuniya**  
Holy Cross Church, Sonarpur

### The winners of Drawing Competition for Youth



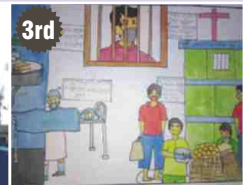
1st

**Mr. Kaushik Baidya**  
Church of Blessed Virgin Mary, Panchamkhanda



2nd

**Ms. Arpita Baidya**  
Church of Blessed Virgin Mary, Panchamkhanda



3rd

**Ms. Rossy Mondal**  
Ascension Church, Khari

### Judges for Drawing Competition

Mr. Paul Chiranjit Pramani  
Sajnaberiya Church

Miss. Sweta Mallick  
Krishnagar Church

Mr. Trishit Das  
Sarberia, Kumrakhali

Youth Commission would like to congratulate the winners of the Competitions and thank the Judges, Priests and youth leaders for their love and kind help in realizing the abovementioned competitions.

- Mr. Sarbarswar Chakrabarty

## CORRECTION

### ICSE & CBSE Results (Class-X) : 2020

Name of the School	Board	Appeared	Passed	Distinction	1st Division	2nd Division
Carmel School, Budge Budge	ICSE	72	72	60	12	Nil

### ISC Results (Class - XII) - 2020

Name of the School	Board	Appeared	Passed	Distinction	1st Division	2nd Division
Carmel School, Budge Budge	ISC	57	57	54	03	Nil



**Bishop, Clergy, Religious & Laity of the Catholic Diocese of Baruipur wish Bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes, S.J. A Very Happy 100th Birthday & God's Choicest Blessings!**  
7th September, 2020



### SEPTEMBER

- 01 Fr. Bablu Sardar
- 05 Br. Rohit Sharma
- 05 Br. Uday Mondal
- 07 Bp. L. N. Gomes SJ
- 10 Fr. Salvatore Murmu, SJ
- 10 Br. Saptarshi Lawrence Biswas
- 22 Fr. Alope Anthony Kanji
- 23 Fr. Pradeep Roy
- 26 Fr. Augustine E.



### SEPTEMBER

29 Fr. John Britto

### IN MEMORIAM

- 15 Fr. Joseph Mani S.J.
- 20 Fr. Fallon Pierre S.J.
- 27 Fr. Alphonse Crasta S.J.
- 28 Fr. Anil Mitra S.J.

## NEWS FROM PARIBAR JYOTI

We just collected and tabulated the data of the work done by our animators, family cell members, volunteers and also some parish priests during the recent months of Covid-lockdown:

Out of the 2953 families contacted by personal visit or by telephonic interaction we came across 298 families with serious family problems. There were 256 families with children's problems or problems between parents and children. 185 families had problems related elderly persons, mainly tension due to the fear of Covid attack. The total number of persons or families assisted with professional counselling so far has been 163, besides those who were helped with telephonic support or by the visit of the animators and volunteers. As part of our study we also tabulated the types of problems faced by couples, young children and the elderly during the lockdown.



Fr. Salvatore Murmu S.J. of Raghobpur and Mr. John Lobo of Paribar Jyoti during a family visit

### Marriage Preparation Course

We have resumed the marriage preparation and rectification course (combined) with couples and would be couples who dared to venture out of the village while many could not come for fear of contagion or lack of transport. Those who came found that the place is safe and adequate precautionary measures are taken to prevent the spread of the virus.



## Notice Board

### Programmes in Paribar Jyoti

The next Marriage Preparation / Rectification Course: September 18-19, 2020.

**N.B.** Due to the current situation, the Marriage Preparation Course and the Rectification course will be combined. So the unmarried and the already married couples can come to the course.

### Programme for Youth Commission

**Announcement:** - To inspire the Sunday school children, Youth Commission is organising "GANER BHUBAN Christiyo Sangeet Pratiyogita" beginning from 5th September to 15th of September 2020. Youth Commission is requesting the Priest and the Lay leaders to encourage and help the children to take part in this event.

### Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer: Month of September 2020

#### Universal prayer intention - Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

### Bishop S. Bose's Programme for the Month of September 2020

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
08	Tue	10.30 a.m.	Barrackpore	Mass at Morning Star College
		06.00 p.m.	Bakeswar	Mass at Kalahrydya
09	Wed	10.30 a.m.	Bamangachi	Executive Meeting and AGM of Paribar Jyoti
10	Thu	10.30 a.m.	Baruipur	Meeting of the Board of Consultors
14	Mon	06.30 a.m.	Baruipur	Feast day Mass at Holy Cross Convent
27	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Mass at Cathedral Church