

Dear Friends,

We give thanks to the Lord for preserving our Parishioners and Clergy and laying His healing hand on them. While we have lost one Priest from the Diocese of Barrackpore and two more are currently suffering from Covid-19; by the grace of God, many of the infected have recovered and are now recuperating slowly and improving in health. In this issue of our Diocesan Newsletter I have covered as much as I could to update you about the happenings in the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI and also where the Diocese of Barrackpore, CNI jointly participated in events/programmes.

Yours in His service,

The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning,
Bishop of Calcutta, CNI

ENVISIONING VISION 2025



Since the Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, was installed as the 21st Bishop of the Diocese of Calcutta, the Diocese has been emerging as an evangelical, far sighted Diocese. There are many new initiatives taken for the benefit of the marginalized communities. The welfare of the youth, women, elderly and children of the congregations of the Diocese and other communities at large are the priorities of Bishop Canning.

On April 24, 2021, while inaugurating yet another challenging initiative, Envisioning Vision 2025, "The Electronic Church in the Digital Age" Bishop Canning said, "It is indeed a great privilege to head the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI and as it is said, with such privilege comes great responsibility; I have always felt the same as the head of the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI.

Bishop stressed about prayerfully seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us with definite plan, purpose, aim, objectives to reach our goal for 2025 i.e. VISION 2025 and that is why we are here today to move together as one family, the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI as members of the Body of Christ.

He further said that "the year gone by was replete with a number of learning curves. One of the things that I have learnt is that if we are to prosper together and work on building God's Kingdom here in the Diocese of Calcutta, TRUST is an essential component. I have been blessed and overwhelmed with the trust that every Pastorate, Institution, department and individual has placed in me. It is my firm belief that if at all we have achieved anything in this last year, it is simply because of this collective trust and belief that you have placed in me. From the time I have set foot in the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI as its 21st Bishop, I have been constantly stressing on the Key phrase "Know your Bishop" and this I have pursued through my personal interaction on a one-to-one basis with the people of the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI.

The programme was held at La Martiniere for Girls. Diocesan Office bearers, Heads of the institutions, Executive Committee, Pastorate Office-bearers, Pastorate Women, Youth and guests joined the programme. Due to COVID restrictions the numbers were limited, yet, the programme was widely viewed by the members through YouTube and Facebook live streaming. Bishop Canning, shared his Vision, as to what and how he envisages the Diocese in the coming years and what and how he wants to achieve the same as detailed below:

Spiritual upliftment of the Diocese :

The Diocese is in dire need of evangelists, primarily to preach God's Word i.e., the Good News; telling people simply and clearly what God says concerning His Son Jesus Christ, what He has done for all and that Jesus loves each and everyone. More visitations and cottage prayer meetings need to take place. Clergy need to equip their Churches with modern technologies in order to increase mass appeal. Clergy to be effective in their Pastoral commitment with an attitude to

serve as labourers in God's vineyard. Pastorate Committee needs to be active as caretakers of the Church property in the true spirit of Stewardship towards self-reliance. Construction of two New Church Buildings are planned.

Children : Sunday school- To find ways to bring the children to Sunday School. To nurture and nourish them in the Word of God with committed teachers.

Youth : The Youth need to equip themselves to face new normal challenges and seek growth through positive action. For higher education, there should be no obstacles that cannot be overcome by the Church.

Women : The Women of the Diocese should help the spiritually young grow into maturity and at the same time to train them in self-control, commitment to God, industriousness, discipline and obedience. Mothers should play a positive role in the family and in the Church as extended family.

Elderly Care : Two old age homes to be merged into one and come up with better facilities to provide the elderly comfort and peace in the twilight years of their lives.

Education : To expand the scope of education that is provided in our Institutions. To set up an educational hub at Oxford Mission to provide quality education to the people of Behala and culminate in the formation of a university.

Bishop Canning is very keen to introduce Hotel Management and IT related courses in the Bishop's House campus. To open colleges on the campuses of St. John's Diocesan School and St. James' School. A degree college and a law college at the premises of St. Thomas' Schools, Kidderpore. To shift the Technical College to a new campus and to convert the existing infrastructure for a degree college.

Social Work : A Poly Clinic in the place of the Calcutta Diocesan Tuberculosis Relief Trust. To bring decisive changes in the life of oppressed and marginalized communities, irrespective of caste, creed, colour, religion or gender.

Arrange for Doctor's Visit at Bosekati. Two Hostels/Orphanages for children of our Diocese one for girls and another for boys.

Women's Empowerment Programmes : Asha Kiran, Nari Dana: More production centres and sales counters at various locations in the Diocese making the finished goods easily available in the local market thus throwing up opportunities for underprivileged women to help their families through income generation.

Youth- The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop, Diocese of Calcutta has a vision for the Diocesan youth that the young people discover their life goals and realise them with joy, opening themselves up to an encounter with God. To encourage collaborative efforts between the Diocese and its Pastorates to educate young people to put their Christian faith into practice and prepare the next generation of believers.

Clergy- To empower the Clergy to be able to open up to their sense of vocation to ministry and mission of the Diocese and beyond. Clergy should update themselves by regularly reading books.

Lay People- To encourage the Pastorates and the lay people to make optimum use of available resources to move towards self-reliance in the true spirit of stewardship.

Bishop also wanted all the Pastorates to take a pro active role in this matter and send him their goals and plan of actions to integrate with the Vision that he presented before them to help the Diocese move forward in a systematic and planned manner to achieve the goals with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



Christian denominations came to hear Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning share God's Word and experience a spiritual revival.

In the beginning Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning and guests were warmly welcomed and taken around the village with singing and dancing which is a tradition of Probu Jesur Mondir when they are visited by a Bishop. After the felicitation of Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning and the guests, there were cultural programmes put up by the youth based on Biblical themes.

Bishop Canning began his message for the revival meeting by thanking all those who had travelled from Kolkata with him, members of the Barrackpore Diocese as well as the team at Geonkhali where everything down to the minute details.



He acknowledged the presence of the ISPC and Nari Dana(CRS) and also promised to bring the members of the Bible Society to attend the next meeting. Bishop expressed his gratitude to all those who have been working tirelessly to hold together this congregation and for encouraging the children to pursue higher studies and for making the women self reliant.

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REVIVAL MEETING AT PROBU JESUR MONDIR GEONKHALI, EAST MIDNAPORE

On 19th April, 2021, the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI organised a Revival Meeting at Probu Jesur Mondir, Geonkhali, East Midnapore. The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta, CNI; Office Bearers, Executive Committee Members, Clergy and Heads of Institutions, Diocese of Calcutta and Office Bearers of Diocese of Barrackpore, CNI accompanied the Bishop from Kolkata to be witnesses to the first such revival meeting in the history of the Diocese of Calcutta and involving so many people from the Diocese. The local congregation well people from other





Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning reminded the gathering of the story of the youngest of Jacob's twelve children, Joseph, who at the age of 17, dreamt that God had plans for him and he believed in what the Lord had told him in the dream. His brothers thought he was arrogant and they wanted to kill him. When they saw him from afar, they plotted to kill him initially. But instead of killing him, they threw him in a pit and later sold him as a slave. The Bible documents, how if one believes in the true God, eventually he/she will triumph, no matter how difficult the circumstances might be. In spite of all the challenges that Joseph had to face, he emerged victorious because of his unwavering faith in God.

Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning also referred to the story of King Ahab and Elijah. The need to believe in one true God and not be moved into believing in pagan beliefs and rituals is the essence of being a true Christian. He insisted that every member of the congregation must believe in the true God just as Elijah had done. He reminded them that the true God answers the prayers of the faithful and Elijah's prayers were answered when fire descended from the heavens and lit the sacrifice. God performs miracles for those who pray with full faith and conviction.

In conclusion, Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning said he believed that the presence of the Holy Spirit at the revival meeting has definitely moved the people of Geonkhali and looked to God in prayer asking our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to walk with us everywhere we go. Also help us to keep His word in our hearts that we may not sin against Him, thanking God for giving us good health and enabling us to come to this place and glorify His name.



It is also heartening to note, Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning will reach out to the whole of Bengal sending Evangelists from the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI and if possible to other States as well. Under the banner of Bengal Christian Council where Bishop is the President, we can expect more such revival meetings not only happening in the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI but in the whole of Bengal. The programme came to a close with fellowship and lunch for all.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AND EASTER RALLY 2021



On Sunday 4th April, 2021 the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI Celebrated Easter Sunday in a unique way this year. Most Churches in the Diocese began the celebrations in the Sunrise Worship as early as 4:30am in the open. The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta, CNI was at one such worship service at Church of the Epiphany, Thakurpukur.

Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning conducted the Sunrise Worship Service at Church of the Epiphany, followed by the Easter Worship Service at St. Paul's Cathedral. In the afternoon Bishop flagged off the Easter Rally from Bishop's College, organised by the United Christians of Kolkata and finally led the South Kolkata Easter Rally from Church of the Epiphany to Oxford Mission, Barisha.

In his sermon, Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning vividly described the anguish of Mary Magdalene on seeing that Jesus' body was no longer in the tomb where they had left it. Bishop Canning through his narration, made the scene come alive with the emotions that Mary Magdalene may have felt.



When the disciples heard a voice asking why they were looking for the living among the dead, they were even more distressed. They could never have imagined Resurrection. Jesus meant a lot to them. He had fed them when they were hungry, quenched their thirst, healed their wounds and even made dead come back to life. They had accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. They walked hopelessly, crying, unable to understand how their last duty of anointing the body was snatched away from them. They heard someone asking them why they were crying. This is the essence of Easter. The concern - "Why are you crying?"

This is the beauty of Jesus. He not only hears your prayers, fulfils your wishes but when you cry out

His name, He is there beside you, asking why you are crying. God hears your prayers and is always by your side.

If anyone is in distress, it is our responsibility to ask 'why' just as Jesus had done.

Mary Magdalene was unable to recognize Jesus. She continued to complain to Him about those who had killed Jesus and removed His body.



Jesus reminds them of Bethany where He had brought Lazarus back from the dead. He assures them that no one can take His life and that He stands before them resurrected. No evil can defeat us if we are together, united in our belief in Christ and His Resurrection. Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning assured the congregation that Jesus is always by our side, ensuring that we overcome all our trials and tribulations and that we shall all find eternal life through our belief in Him.

Being a man of action with a plan, Bishop Canning never restricts his sermon to discourses on religion alone. The Easter Sunrise Service was no different. Bishop outlined his vision for the Diocese upto 2025. He emphasized the need to have a mission and that working without a concrete plan would simply not do. He explained how he wanted members of the Diocese to get preference for jobs in all schools run by the Diocese and that newspapers advertisements would be the last resort, if suitable candidates were unavailable from the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI as well as other CNI Dioceses.

He went on to tell the congregation that he would not make tall promises which he may not be able to fulfil and that they must realize, even the Church has limitations in terms of funds. However, he would definitely like to equip the youth with the ability and skills to be able to compete for jobs. He elaborated on the courses of management that are due to begin at Bishop's House in collaboration with the UK based City and Guilds. His aim is to ensure that Bishop's House is a place from where no one returns empty-handed but finds life in its fullness.

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Sunday Schools should no longer limit them to simply impart religious learning but also to look into the overall well-being of the children under their care. No child should be a dropout. Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning said that all efforts would be made to ensure that those who wish to pursue higher studies should not be held back. He exhorted all those who were present to pursue courses and qualify themselves so that they could secure jobs in the bigger English medium C.N.I. schools. Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning praised the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI for being unique as there are no complaints in this Diocese which shows the contentment of the people of the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI and the fairplay that exists here.



The South Kolkata Easter Rally which began at the Church of the Epiphany and culminated at the Oxford Mission Grounds with the Bishop delivering his message; offered scope to many members of the Diocese to connect with their Bishop. Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning exhorted those gathered to unite as Christians and raise their voices against injustice. He emphasized on the need for Church leaders to think about a course of action for the future and to chalk out a plan and work towards Vision 2025. He commended the Bengal Christian Council for its efforts, in uniting Christians all over Bengal and providing a platform for the community. The stage at the Oxford Mission Grounds saw several mainline and Independent Churches put up cultural performances based on spiritual music and song.

We give thanks to God for our Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning's efforts resulting in the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI receiving due recognition and maintaining its prime position in the scheme of life at Kolkata.



INAUGURATION OF PROJECT "THE NEIGHBOUR" AT BISHOP'S HOUSE



On 18th March 2021, The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta, CNI inaugurated 'The Neighbour', an initiative of Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning. The Project was first conceived in September 2019 but owing to the lockdown was stalled.

The objective of this project is not to search who our neighbours are but how we can be good neighbours to those living around us. 'The Neighbour' has two dimensions; one being skill development and the other is helping to establish small scale businesses. The target beneficiaries of the project are the urban economically marginalized people. A total of 175 families will benefit from this initiative.

The time frame for each family member enrolled in this project is one year, during this time the families will be encouraged to enroll themselves in various skill development programmes so that at the end of the training process they will be able to earn a livelihood and support their families.

Revd. Pradip Nanda, a senior Presbyter of the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI introduced the project to all gathered and asked all present to pray for the success of the project and invited Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning to share his vision with all gathered.

Revd. Abir Adhikari led the gathering in the inaugural prayer, seeking the Almighty's blessings upon this project.

Mr. John Ghosh welcomed all present, especially the newly elected Office-Bearers of the Diocese of Barrackpore, CNI in the recently concluded Barrackpore Diocesan Council viz. Revd. Subroto Chakraborty, Vice – President; Mr. Sukalyan Halder, Hony. Secretary and Mr. Manjur Halder, Hony. Treasurer and several Presbyters of the Diocese of Calcutta as well as Heads of institutions.

Revd. Pradip Nanda felicitated Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning and thanked him for reaching out to the poor during these trying times.

Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning shared with all gathered, how the pandemic, the subsequent lockdown, loss of jobs and livelihoods and the loss of homes owing to the Cyclone Amphan have



affected all of us, making the Diocese of Calcutta more mindful of the condition of the poor and being the bridge between the haves and have-nots.

Bishop stressed that the main thrust of this immediate support project is to provide basic capital to start small scale businesses like selling fruits and vegetables or even fish/meat. Also, providing the capital to purchase cycles or cycle vans and the initial stock of goods. The second area of focus is for those wishing to develop a skill like tailoring or some similar skill-based training that will enable them to earn a living. Plans for increasing the scale of production to compete with the market is important. Showrooms for display and sale of the items made are also in the pipeline. The focus of these skill training programmes will be women's empowerment. Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning also emphasized that since this is a post pandemic project, it will be limited to one year owing to financial constraints. Emphasis was laid on the need to mentor and monitor these families so that they could use this support to do well for themselves and become self-reliant in the process. Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning also took the opportunity to announce yet another project in the pipeline, a set of one year job-oriented diploma courses- Four courses on Hospitality and one course on IT management. This is aimed at youth to enable and equip them to find gainful employment and establish themselves in the society after completion of these internationally recognised courses.

Mr. Ritesh Sarkar, Finance Secretary of the Diocese of Calcutta, threw light on the source of funds for the project. He said that a corpus was raised from the funds that were lying idle but had been originally allocated for such projects. Since the funds were limited, this project is also limited in scope of its beneficiaries as well as being time bound. However, based on the success of the project this year, funds can be arranged so that similar projects could be envisaged in the years to come.

The beneficiaries shared their testimonies, acknowledged the contribution of the Church and the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI to support them in their time of crisis and very specially thanked Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning.

The programme concluded with closing prayer by Revd. Martin Pakhre followed by the distribution of the cycle van rickshaws, bicycles and raw materials to set up the businesses, to the families earmarked for the support followed by the fellowship lunch for all present.



UNITY CRICKET MATCH BETWEEN THE DIOCESE OF CALCUTTA, CNI AND THE DIOCESE OF BARRACKPORE, CNI

The Diocese of Calcutta, CNI and the Diocese of Barrackpore, CNI led by The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta and Moderator's Episcopal Commissary to the Diocese of Barrackpore, has been constantly trying to find ways to unite the two Dioceses, building on the unity and friendship that have developed between the two Dioceses since the time Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning was installed as the 5th Bishop of Barrackpore in 2018 after serving in the Diocese of Calcutta for over two decades. Clergy of both Dioceses have already been playing tournaments and sporting events so the idea of Cricket was not new. Playing for Unity between the two Dioceses was the first of its kind. Both Dioceses thanked Bishop Dr. Paritosh for bringing the Clergy and the Diocese together through this fun filled event with a unique display of sportsmanship.

St. Thomas' Boys' School, Kidderpore organised the game with logistical support and expenses for the game with future plans for many such events between the two Dioceses, next time involving the Heads of Institutions.

Office Bearers, Heads of Institutions, Youth and the Laity from both Dioceses were present to cheer on the teams. The Diocese of Calcutta, CNI were declared winners of the game but Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning remarked that the display of Unity between the two Dioceses made everyone on the ground and all those who participated as winners.

The Unity Cricket Match was livestreamed on YouTube with support from La Martiniere for Boys. After the game all present joined in fellowship lunch.



JOINT CLERGY RETREAT – DIOCESE OF CALCUTTA, CNI AND DIOCESE OF BARRACKPORE, CNI



From 1st March to 3rd March, 2021 the two Dioceses had the Joint Clergy retreat in Berhampur, Murshidabad, West Bengal at the initiative of Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI and Moderator's Episcopal Commissary to the Diocese of Barrackpore, CNI.

Clergy of the two Dioceses felt that the joint Clergy Retreat in Berhampur was in itself an achievement, where Clergy of the two Dioceses joined in big number to be part of one fellowship being united and learn from each other. Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning was thanked for making the Retreat possible for the Clergy. Mr. Ritesh Sarkar, Finance Secretary and Mr. Raghab Naik, Hony. Secretary, CDTA(P) also joined with the Clergy in this retreat.

Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning shared that while we call this outing "Clergy Retreat"; in general, we have traditionally understood to take it very seriously and spend all the time in prayer which may not be right. Knowing very well what the life of a Clergy is like, in the Diocese and Bishop himself being a Presbyter for many years, Bishop wished the Clergy to definitely spend time in prayers but there is something more to it.

So Bishop had planned morning Holy Communion in the open air Mango orchard. At the same time Bishop encouraged the Clergy of the two Dioceses to be in fellowship with each other, spend time in getting to know each other and also to learn from the challenges they face in their respective Dioceses.

The Clergy of the Diocese of Barrackpore spent time in praying for the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI for the Ministry of the Diocese and Clergy of the Diocese of Calcutta offered prayers for peace, harmony and unity among the Clergy for the Barrackpore Diocesan Council to be held on 8th and 9th March, 2021 at St. Bartholomew's Cathedral, Barrackpore.

On 3rd March, 2021 the Clergy, of both the Dioceses stopped on their way at Shikarpur for breakfast and a short programme was organised in the honour of Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning, Office Bearers of the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI and Clergy of both the Dioceses.

Finally, before heading for home, Clergy of the two Dioceses stopped at Ranaghat and were treated to a sumptuous lunch at St. Luke's Church, Ranaghat, Diocese of Barrackpore, CNI organized by Revd. David Roy, Hony Secretary, Diocese of Barrackpore, CNI.



CLERGY RETREAT ALONG WITH PARTICIPATION OF HEADS OF INSTITUTES

On 18th February, 2021 the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI had the monthly Clergy retreat at Santiniketan. The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta, CNI organized the retreat. Executive Members, Office Bearers and Heads of Institutes with their spouse joined with Clergy for a time of fellowship. It was an opportunity to get to know each other and their Bishop more closely.

There was morning prayers and a session was conducted by Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning, the rest of the time was spent in fellowship and sightseeing.



CAREER COUNSELLING WORKSHOP ORGANISED BY DYFC AND HRDC, DIOCESE OF CALCUTTA, CNI



Career counselling is the need of the hour as most young people suffer from a lack of guidance and perception with regards to career choices. Career often defines an individual's economic, social, mental health and wellness. Students often face this choice of career, without being well informed of the possibilities of different courses and degrees. In an attempt to sensitise the young minds and to help them make a more informed choice (with regard to their career), the career counselling workshop was conceptualised and executed under the expert advice of the youth oriented Bishop of the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI, our beloved Bishop, The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning. Our Bishop has always been concerned about the young people, their growth and prosperity. He constantly motivates us to achieve new heights in our lives! This amazing workshop took place on the 27th of February at Bishop's House, Kolkata.

This year, the career counselling workshop was jointly organised by the Diocesan Youth Fellowship Committee and the Human Resource Development Committee of the Diocese of Calcutta. We were privileged to have Ms. Salony Priya (renowned counselling psychologist and educational consultant) as our resource person for this workshop.

The workshop was held at the new rooftop hall at Bishop's House, Kolkata. The programme started with a word of welcome by our young and energetic youth leader, Mr. Souvik Hembram, Executive Committee member of DYFC, Diocese of Calcutta. This was followed by an opening prayer by our senior Presbyter, the Revd. P.K. Nanda.

The panel of dignitaries, consisted of our dear Bishop, The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning (Bishop of Calcutta), Mr. John A.K. Ghosh (Hony. Secretary of the Diocese), Mr. S. Adhikari (Hony.

Treasurer of the Diocese), Mr. Ritesh Sarkar (Finance secretary of the Diocese), Mr. Raghab Naik (Property Secretary and Hony. Secretary, CDTA (Pvt.) of the Diocese), Revd. P.K. Nanda (senior Presbyter of the Diocese), Mr. Bivas Sanial (Headmaster of Scottish Church Collegiate School),

Mr. Aniket Deb Roy (Principal of St. Thomas' Day School), Revd. Biswajit Biswas (senior Presbyter of the Diocese), Revd. Shreeraj Mohanty (youth coordinator of the Diocese) and our resource person for the day Ms. Salony Priya (counselling psychologist and educational consultant) lit the inaugural lamp and encouraged the gathering with their presence.

After the inauguration of the programme, our youth oriented Bishop, delivered the keynote address. His Grace, shared with us about how nothing is impossible in life. He shared his personal life experiences stating various examples from his life as to how one must persevere and trust in God's plan for one's life! Being the generous and kind hearted leader that he is, he offered to support three youth for professional/ higher education and growth in the fields of Medicine, Engineering and Law. Bishop encouraged the gathering to use their God given gifts as each person is unique and thus career choices are also unique! He stressed on the fact that no profession is great or small, rather we must nurture the gifts we have and use it to reflect God's love in the world at large. We thank our Bishop for his words of wisdom and his constant love for the youth of the Diocese.

The participants were led in a time of praise and worship by Mr. Arijit Biswas and some enthusiastic youth across various Pastorates of the Diocese (Executive Committee members of DYFC, Diocese of Calcutta).

After this Ms. Anita Brooks (Principal of Delhi Public International School & PC member of Union Chapel) introduced our resource person of the day and thus started off the counselling workshop.

Ms. Salony Priya (being a natural expert in her subject) immediately bonded with the participants. She addressed various practical issues and helped the youth to understand the difference between course and career. The youth were enthralled with the informative sessions and were eager to discuss their individual doubts and ideas with Ms. Priya. We wish to thank Ms. Priya for her amazing session and for taking time out to address all the individual doubts and queries even after the workshop. We look forward to many more such amazing sessions with her in the near future.

The youth were informed about the opening of Bishop Canning College of Management and Administration, which will provide an excellent opportunity to enroll in specialised short courses on Management and Administration (an excellent initiative of the Diocese of Calcutta) tying up with City and Guilds, UK.

We wish to thank our Bishop, the Diocesan Office Bearers, EC members, The Revd. P.K. Nanda, Mr. Charles Ringrow and the Pastorate Committee of Union Chapel for being pillars of support and helping us organise this beautiful programme for the upliftment of the youth of our Diocese.

Above all, we thank God for yet another opportunity to glorify his name!

Jacob Abhinav Sarkar
(Hony. Secretary-DYFC, Diocese of Calcutta, CNI)



23RD ORDINARY SESSION OF BARRACKPORE DIOCESAN COUNCIL

On 8th March, 2021 the Diocese of Barrackpore successfully conducted 23rd Ordinary Session of the Barrackpore Diocesan Council at St. Bartholomew's Cathedral, Barrackpore, under the able leadership of The Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Moderator's Episcopal Commissary to the Diocese of Barrackpore, CNI.

Of the 219 listed delegates, 209 delegates recorded their presence (37 Clergy and 172 Laity).

Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning conducted the proceedings. The Nomination Committee submitted its recommendations for Diocesan Office Bearers, Executive Committee, Standing Committees, Diocesan Ten for Episcopal Electoral Body and Diocesan Representatives to the CNI Synod. All the recommendations were unanimously accepted by the delegates present.



The Newly elected office bearers are as follows: The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, President (Ex-Officio); Rev. Subrata Chakraborty, Vice President; Mr. Sukalyan Halder, Hony. Secretary and Mr. Manjur Halder, Hony. Treasurer.

We thank one and all, especially the Office Bearers of CNI Synod and all the CNI Bishops for upholding the 23rd Ordinary Session of the Barrackpore Diocesan Council in your prayers.



BISHOP'S SUPPORT

Duke Debeet Biswas of Osmond Memorial Church to prepare for IAS from Vajiram and Ravi IAS institute, Chennai.

Rishab Dutta of St. Peter's Church, for DL Ed. from George Telegraph Training Institute, Kolkata.

John Philip of St. Peter's Church, for B Ed. from George Telegraph Training Institute, Kolkata.

Indrajit Kanji of Oxford Mission, for B Ed. from Union Christian Training College, Berhampore.



EDUCATION HUB IN SIKKIM





The Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta, Mr. Supriyo Dhar, Secretary, La Martiniere, Kolkata, Mr. Raghav Naik, Hon. Secretary, Calcutta Diocesan Trust Association (Pvt) & Mr. Ritesh Sarkar, Finance Secretary, Diocese of Calcutta met Mr. G.P. Upadhyay, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim on 22nd February 2021.

All of them felt the need to have a mutual cooperation in the field of education with our expertise; including exchange programme for Teacher and students (once the COVID19 situation improves). Subsequently, other areas for providing expertise in the field of education and other related activities to be explored and processed accordingly. Exchange programme shall also include Music, Sports, Debate etc. The discussion was extremely fruitful and it was felt to have a longstanding relationship with the Govt. of Sikkim.



Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning ensures that the Staff of Bishop's House who are reporting to work take proactive measures to avoid spreading of the Coronavirus and follow the instructions and guidelines from local authorities. For their safety Bishop has provided a bus for to and fro travel from homes of the staff for those who are not having any means of transport of their own.






**INDUCTION CEREMONY OF
DR. MADHMANJARI MANDAL CHAUBEY
AS THE 40TH PRINCIPAL
OF SCOTTISH CHURCH COLLEGE, KOLKATA
ON MONDAY, 3RD MAY, 2021
AT 11:00 AM AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL**





THE RT. REV. DR. PARITOSH CANNING
BISHOP OF CALCUTTA, CNI



DIocese OF CALCUTTA, CNI



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Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning
Bishop of Kolkata

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of
Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji

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1. Award for Excellence in Academics (WB Board)- Alongwith Sucharita Chatterjee who stood first among girls in the Madhyamik Pariksha from Kolkata, this award is for all the students of the school who perform exceedingly well in their studies.
2. Award for Excellence in Maintenance and Eco-Friendly Initiatives - received for developing sustainable environmental measures in school and maintaining a heritage institution
3. Award for Excellence in Extra-Curricular Activities - received for outstanding performance in extra-curricular activities
4. Award for a School that Cares - awarded for the two second schools. Also, for the support and contributions of our school towards other disadvantaged institutions.
5. The Award for Courage (Poulami Roy)- Despite absence of fingers in her right hand, she embodies resilience and determination.
6. Award for Excellence in Sports (Anoushka Singh) - for Lawn Tennis.
7. Thank You Baba Ma Award (Sunil and Mamta Sharma) - received for supporting their child's education through all odds
8. The Saradindu Sen and Indira Sen Memorial Scholarship (Anjali Sharma) - A first in the history of this school, the scholarship is one of the most competitive and prestigious in the state and we are proud that a truly dynamic student has recieved this scholarship.

