Office Bearers hold meeting with Gosaba, Canning, and Basanti Pastorate

As per the Decision taken from last Diocesan Council that the Diocesan Office bearers will held meeting with each and every Pastorate and for that reason On the last 2nd March, the Diocesan Office Bearers and the Gosaba Pastorate Committee met in a meeting which was initiated and planned by the Honorable Bishop. This meeting discussed how the ministry work is going on and how it is developing within the Gosaba Pastorate. The Pastorate Committee presented a good report on this matter. The office bearers expressed their thanks and greetings. At 4 pm on that day, the Honourable Office Bearers met with the Basanti Pastorate Committee. The Pastorate Committee informed about the current situation and the development process. The Office Bearers expressed their thanks and greetings. At 6 pm that day, the office bearers of the diocese met with the Canning Pastorate Committee at St. Gabriel's Church. The Pastorate Committee presented an overall report on the current development situation. The meeting ended with the Bishop's prayer.

Bishop leads Ash Wednesday service at Basanti Pastorate



On the 5^{th} March , the Honourable Bishop conducted Ash Wednesday services at three churches under the Basanti Pastorate. At 7 am at the Epiphany Church in Chora Dakatia, Ranigarh Sadhu Sundar Singh Church at 12 noon. Mokamberiya St. Joseph Church at 5 pm. In the services of these three churches, the Honorable Bishop conduct the Lord's Supper and spiritually satisfied the devotees present by giving advice. The

Honorable Bishop also discussed the issues of church development.

Women's camp in Canning



This is the first time, above 60 years aged women's conference was held at Canning. The conference was inaugurated by His Excellency Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning and Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty. The special guests were Shri Raghav Nayak (Sec. CDTA) and President, Vice President, EC Member of the Women's Association of Kolkata Diocese. The members of the local women's association performed the opening dance and music at the event. Bishop Canning, in his valuable speech, spoke about the role of women's in the church and encouraged women's to come forward. His

Excellency Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty, through his speech, encouraged the delegates present to build self-reliant groups. Cultural programs were held in the evening. On the second day, the Lord's Supper was hosted by His Excellency Bishop Chakrabarty. After that, a quiz competition was held and prizes were distributed to everyone. Total 220 members were present. The conference ended after lunch.

Principal Convention

On the 15th March, the Annual General Meeting of all the Principals of the St. Stephen's group of Schools was held at the William Carey Hall of St. Stephen's School, Dumdum, under the initiative and guidance of His Excellency the Bishop. The meeting was auspiciously inaugurated by the Bishop. The meeting discussed that the school should be run properly and neatly. The school should run according to the service rules. The principals should run the school with positive thinking and justice. A central evaluation team or monitoring team has been formed. Various printing works will be done centrally, etc.

Joint Clergy held



The Joint Clergy of the Calcutta Diocese and Barrackpore Diocese was held at the Chapel of the Oxford Mission, Barisha on the 17th and 18th March. On the first day, His Excellency Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning took the session and taught about the various aspects of church management and service management. On the second day, His Excellency Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty took the Session and only the Barrackpore Diocese's own clergy met. Various issues related to the diocese's pastorate and church management were discussed.

New Principal of SSS Karimpur



On March 28, two events were held at St. Stephen's School, Karimpur. The first was the blessing of the Honourable Bishop to mark the beginning of the new academic year. On this occasion, St. Stephen's School Shikarpur (Bengali Medium) and Karimpur English Medium came together. The Honorable Bishop energized the students, teachers, and school staff of the school through songs, prayers, and sermons. School

Secretary Reverend Arabinda Mondal offered prayers. In another program, the new Acting Principal, Ms. Manideepa Mondal, was installed by His Excellency Bishop Subrata Chakraborty. The program was conducted by the School Secretary, Rev. Arbinda Mondal.

Revival meeting at Gangrai Pastorate

A revival meeting was held at the Bibirchak Church of Gangrai Pastorate on the 29th March. The Honourable Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty was present at this grand meeting. The Honourable Bishop preached the word of the Lord in this meeting and spiritually strengthened the devotees present.

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