

## **BARRACKPORE DIOCESAN REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2025**

### **Youth Camp at Kanchrapara Pastorate**



A youth camp was held at Emmanuel Church, Kanchrapara Pastorate, on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4<sup>th</sup> May. The Programme was inaugurated by His Excellency Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty and the office bearers of the Barrackpore diocese. In his opening remarks, Bishop Canning gave valuable advice on the role of Christian youth in the Church. In addition, His Excellency Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty gave valuable advice and conduct the Lord's Supper. Bishop David Roy of the Diocese of Dooars was present. Youth representatives from Kolkata, Barrackpore, Durgapur, Dooars, and Darjeeling dioceses were present in this camp. More than 300 young people attend the programme.

### **Inauguration ceremony of the new church building**



Since His Excellency Bishop Subrata Chakraborty took charge as the Bishop of Barrackpore Diocese, there has been a surge of development in all areas of the diocese. Especially under his leadership, new churches are being built. On the 6<sup>th</sup> May, the newly built St. John's Church of Kumrokhali Pastorate was inaugurated by His Excellency Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty. Vice President Rev. Dr. Surojit Sarkar, Diocesan Secretary Mr. Sukkalyan Halder, Diocesan

Treasurer Mrs. Chaitali Mandal, EC members, GBFB Secretary, and leaders and priests of the neighbouring pastorates were present.

### **Women's Conference at Sholua Pastorate, Baliura St. Mark's Church**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> May, a one-day Christian Women's Conference was held at St. Mark's Church, Baliura, with the initiative and encouragement of the Honourable Bishop. The conference began at 9.30 am. In this conference, the Honourable Bishop highlighted the various roles of Christian women through a beautiful sermon. Honourable Bara Guruma Florence Supriya Chakrabarty and Atreyi Mondal prayed for the sermon. A total of 175 mothers were present. The programme was conducted by PIC Reverend Swapan Mondal.

### **Children's Conference at Jeadargot Pastorate**



On the 11<sup>th</sup> May, a one-day children's conference was organized at the Jeadargot Pastorate with the presence of 140 children. The Honourable Bishop was present at the conference. He enhanced the importance of the conference through songs, prayers and sermons. The boys and girls expressed great joy in the presence of the Bishop.

## Pope Francis' Memorial Service



On the 11<sup>th</sup> May, His Excellency Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty was present at the memorial service for Pope Francis at Nepalganj Hat premises and Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning delivered a valuable speech. Honourable Bishop Shyamal Bose of Baruipur Roman Catholic Diocese and West Bengal State Transport Minister Shri Dilip Mondal were present. The program was conducted by Shri Sanjit Sani, Secretary BCP.

## Priesthood ordination ceremony



On Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 7:30 AM at St. Stephen's Church, Dumdum, His Excellency the Right Rev. Subrata Chakrabarty, Bishop of the Diocese of Barrackpore, ordained 5 deacons and 4 evangelists as priests and deacons respectively.

- 1) Rev. Deacon Mithun Chakraborty (as a priest)
- 2) Rev. Deacon Vikas Mallick (as a non-salaried priest)
- 3) Rev. Deacon Robin Mondal (as a priest)
- 4) Rev. Deacon Saptadeep Biswas (as a priest)
- 5) Rev. Deacon Nirmal Manna (as a priest)
- 6) Evangelist Shantanu Sarddar (as a deacon)
- 7) Evangelist Apurba Mitra (as a deacon)
- 8) Evangelist Samu Singh (as a deacon)
- 9) Evangelist Adhishwar Makhal (as a deacon)

From May 15, 2025 to May 17, 2025, solitary meditation is arranged for initiation candidates. His Excellency Bishop Right. Rev. Subrata Chakrabarty, The Right. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Rev. Dr. Surjit Sarkar, Rev. Miran Kumar Mondal, Rev. Arvind Mondal and Rev. Biswaroop Chatterjee led this solitary meditation. On behalf of the Dum Dum Pastorate, the priest in charge, Rev. Arabinda Mondal, the Secretary of the Diocese and Secretary

of the Pastorate, Shri Sukalyan Halder, the Treasurer of the Pastorate, Shri Animesh Das, The Secretary of St. Stephen's Church, Shri Manav Das, and Treasurer Shri Prabir Kar, along with the support of all the members of the Pastorate Committee, and the Women's Association, Youth, and Sunday School Departments, made the necessary arrangements and arrangements for this consecration. Beleivers from Wesley and Bethlehem churches in Dum Dum Pastorate also actively participated. on May 17, 2025, the Clergy Chapter was held with all the priests and deacons of the Barrackpore Diocese. The Right Reverend Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta Diocese, and the Right Reverend Subrata Chakraborty, Bishop of Barrackpore Diocese, conducted this Clergy Chapter with the candidates for ordination. Self-Sacrifice is a very important aspect of priesthood which is absolutely essential in the life of every priest. The service of the church must be given priority first. Everything else comes later. Bishop Canning lays special emphasis on this subject. The Ordination and all the ceremonies concluded on 18th May 2025 with the Ordination Service. Later, after having breakfast, everyone returned to their respective homes.

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