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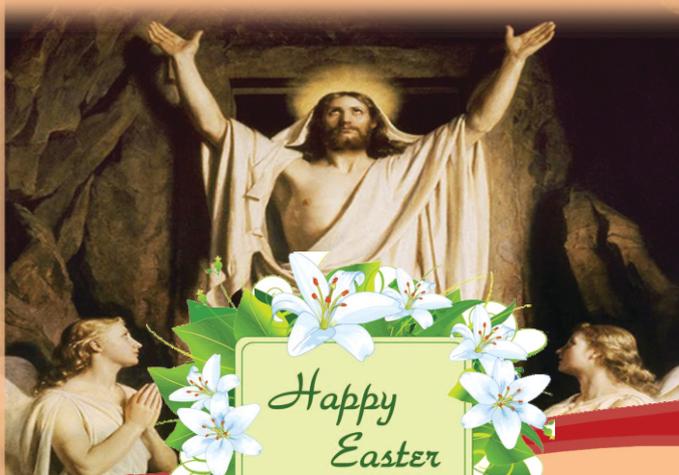
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No one will ever,
ever, ever,
love you more
than **JESUS!**



There is only one
who died for you.
That is
Jesus Christ.



Staff at Archbishops' House and SCC congratulate our Dear Archbishop Thomas D'Souza and Vicar General Fr. Dominic Gomes on their ordination anniversary on 16 and 9 April respectively

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SCCs TO BE JESUS' HANDS AND JESUS' FEET MIDNAPUR

Rev. Fr. George Antony the Parish priest of Midnapur arranged a SCC training programme for the 100 parishners on the 26 March from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Sr. Gracemary the Archdiocesan SCC animator presented how SCC can minister to families, health, education and youth.

Through a video clip NICK VUJICIC an Australian motivational speaker **born without arms and legs**, she motivated the SCCs to be Jesus' hands, and Jesus' feet. "If God can use a man without arms and legs to be His hands and feet, then He will certainly use any willing heart!" Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours.



EASTER: JESUS RESTORED LIFE



Martin John came upon an old lady selling flowers on a busy street. The lady's face was old and wrinkled but radiant with an Easter smile. Taking a flower, Martin paid her and said, "How happy you look this morning." The flower lady replied. "Why not? Every-

thing is beautiful." Martin was startled by her reply, because she was dressed so shabbily.

Martin said, "You surely wear your troubles well!". Again, the flower lady's reply startled Martin: "When Jesus died on Good Friday," She said, "that was the worst of days. Then, three days later-Easter! So when troubles come my way, I simply wait three days. Then everything gets all right again."

The apostle Peter wrote to believers who were suffering "grief ; in all kinds of trials." These first-century Christians were i under tremendous pressure to renounce their faith in Jesus Christ... When they faced the harsh reality of imprisonment and persecution, many were tempted to conclude that God had [abandoned them and that their faith in Jesus was worthless. I Peter lifted their eyes beyond present realities to the blessings; they enjoyed through faith, blessings that were tied inseparably to the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, Easter's message impacts our daily lives and our eternity. Easter empowers us to live each new day in hope and joy, no matter what sorrows or disappointments we may face.

Happy Easter!



After renowned missionary Johnathan Goforth (1859-1936) had spoken in a chapel in southern China, a man asked him. He said "I have heard you speak three times, and you always have the same theme, **Jesus Christ**. Why?"

The missionary replied, "Sir, before answering your question, let me ask, 'What did you have for dinner

today?'"

"Rice," replied the man. "What did you have yesterday?"

"The same thing." "And what do you expect to eat tomorrow?"

"Rice, and it gives me strength and it is my very life!" The missionary responded quickly,

"What you have said of rice, Jesus is to our soul! He is the 'rice' or 'bread of life, He is passion of my life.'"

Passion for Jesus and compassion for the people really spring from the truth of the Resurrection. **The Apostle Paul's conversion supports the truth of the resurrection and his passion for Jesus.**

He argues in Gall:11-17 that his gospel comes from the risen Jesus Christ, not from men. His argument is that before his

Damascus Road experience when he saw the risen Jesus, he was violently opposed to the Christian faith. But now, to everyone's astonishment, he is risking his life for the gospel. His explained that the Risen Jesus appeared to him and authorized him to spearhead the Gentile mission (Acts 26: 1518).

Let the message of Resurrection stir the SCCs with passion and compassion risking our lives ministering through good deeds in society, to meeting people's needs and correcting injustice.

Happy Easter!

SCC AWARENESS programme at Chandannagar on 23rd March

Rev. Fr. Orson M. Wells of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Chandannagar on 23rd March 2017, organized an awareness programme for 40 members. It began with an introduction by Mr. Biswas who welcomed the members and introduced the Resource Persons, Sr. Gracemary smi and Sr. Gulab msmhc, the Archdiocesan SCC team. *We are the body of Christ, his hands and feet... (1 Corinthians 12:27)* They had seven Steps and 4 marks of SCC and they were motivated by citing the story of a Squirrel which also helped to build the bridge by the tiny grains of sand brought which bound the whole structure strong.



SERAMPORE WELCOMES REV. FR. ORSON WELLS

A warm welcome was accorded to Rev. Orson Wells, the Dean of Howrah-Hooghly Deanery who gave a surprise visit and enthused 60 members, of the Small Christian Community (SCO from Bandel, Pandtia and Chandannagar of the Howrah-Hooglily Zone of Calcutta Archdiocese at Serampore organized by Rev. Fr. Jacob Radhe Lal Jatwar, of Blessed Virgin Man Church of Serampore. On 19th March 2017 the SCC training programme began with an introduction by Assistant Parish Priest Fr. Urna Rant who welcomed the members and introduced the Resource Persons, Sr. Gracemaiy smi and Sr. Mecna Tirkeyv msmhc. the Archdiocesan SCC team.



BEZDA16 -19 MARCH 2017

Family renewal was organized from 16-19 March 2017 at Bezda by Sr. Gulab Marandi MSMHC and Mr. Lawrence



Murmu of Raiganj Diocese. Mr. Sisir Sing the Catechist and Rev. Fr. Petrus the Parish Priest also gave sessions on Family.

SINNET, BANDEL SUB-CENTRE 24-25 MARCH 2017

Orientation for the youth at Maria Welfare Centre Sinnet, Bandel sub-centre was held on 24-25, 2017. Sr. Gulab taught them what is church? Who is church? And the role of a Christian?



SCC Regional Council at Jeevan Dhara Raiganj took place from 7-9 March 2017. The theme for 2017-18 was SCCs to be Witnessing, Sustaining and Ministering. Hence all diocesan programs will be fused on enabling families to be witnessing and Ministering. SCC coordinator will organize follow-up youth programs in each diocese to motivate the youth for SCCs. So a meeting will be held with the Bishops, the Coordinators of Youth, Family, Bible and Catechesis at every diocese to discuss and plan programs for the faith formation of the families during this year. The SCC Coordinators will take the initiative for this discussion. There will be SCC orientation for couples at the diocesan level.



SCC Regional Council at Jeevan Dhara Raiganj WITNESSING AND MINISTERING

NUTA, BURDHAMAN 11 MARCH, 2017



An Animation for the SCC leaders of holy family church Nuta Burdhaman was conducted on 11th March 2017 by Sr. Gulab, Fr. Deepak Digal, Anwasha Das and Clara Das. With a role play and an action song Sr. Gulab developed the theme SCC "A New way of being Church", Fr. Deepak on leadership and the role of the animators, Ms. Clara on "the importance of the word of GOD and Anwasha Das on the four marks of SCC.



On 4th March 2017, the Small Christian Community (SCC) of Christ the King parish organized a Refresher Training programme attended by about 30 members of the parish. Sr. Gracemary gave a very enlightening power point presentation ably assisted by Fr. Ranjit and spoke on the 7 steps format for conducting the Gospel Sharing in SCCs. It was a very structured talk and she emphasized on the 4 objectives of the SCC - (i) Coming together, (ii) Sharing the Word of God (iii) Faith in Action and (iv) Unity with the Universal Church. It was a bilingual interactive session and concluded with a video on the Bible passage 2 Kings 6: 8-23 with the powerful message that love conquers all.

MIDNAPUR 14 - 17 FEBRUARY 2017

Sr. Gulab and Sr. Gracemary visited parishes and animators of midnapore Deanery, Kamarchouki, Saigeria, Kamalasal, Kearchand, Jangle Mahal, Jargram and Balichauk. Although the above journeys caused them sacrifices and privations, it was worth the cost Fr. Sudhir Tudu and Samarsh Bera made all the arrangements and planning to make the trip possible. This was to form Resource Team for the Zones and the Deanery.

SAIGERIA



BALICHAK



KAMARCHOUKI



KEARCHAND

