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Editorial

The Jubilee Year of the Apostle Paul, declared by Pope Benedict XVI ended in June and on the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 19, 2009) the Pope inaugurated the "Year for Priests" on the 150th birth anniversary of St. John Mary Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests worldwide which will conclude on the same Solemnity in 2010. The Chittagong diocese received a special gift (Auxiliary Bishop Subrato Lawrence Howlader CSC) almost at the end of the "Year of St. Paul". He was consecrated at the beginning of the "Year for Priests." We express our sincere thanks and gratitude to the Almighty God for the special gift of Bishop Subrato Lawrence Howlader CSC. Congratulation! Bishop Subrato Lawrence Howlader and wish you all the best in your new ministry in the vineyard of the Lord. The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. This year is very significant for the priests. It invites the priests to deepen the commitment to interior renewal for the sake of a more forceful and becoming an alert witness to the Gospel in today's world. The teaching and example of St. John Mary Vianney can serve as a significant point of reference for us all. He spoke of the priesthood as if incapable of fathoming the grandeur of the gift and task entrusted to a human creature: "O, how great is the priest!... If he realized what he is, he would die... God obeys him: he utters a few words and the Lord descends from heaven at his voice, to be contained within a small host."

With the Holy Ordination a priest is able to call God down upon the altar in the sacrifice of the Mass. A priest is able to pronounce the words of absolution and forgive sins. A priest can also teach as the official representative of Christ and the Church. Nobody else can perform the miracle of the Holy Eucharist. No body can forgive sins and can officially teach in the name of the Church. The priest is an extension of the bishop and that is why he needs the faculties of the diocese to perform his priestly duties. French novelist, Francois Mauriac, phrased it best when he wrote: "The priest has remained for me what he was at the dawn of my life, but first and above all, the one who binds and looses. He who, at the moment raises his hands to absolve us, can no longer be distinguished from the Son of Man."

"There is little love of God in the parish; it will be your job to make it grow there." was the warning of his bishop beforehand that he would find religious practice in a sorry state. In return he prayed, "Lord, grant me the conversion of my parish; I am willing to suffer whatever you wish, for my entire life!" With this prayer he entered upon his mission. He devoted himself completely to his parish's conversion, setting before all else the Christian education of the people in his care. St. John Vianney taught his parishioner primarily by the witness of his life. It was from his example that they learned to pray, halting frequently before the tabernacle for a visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. St. John Vianney was able to transform the hearts and lives of so many people because he enabled them to experience the Lord's merciful love through long hours of prayer, the self-scourging, self-denial, and that duty which, despite his humility, was also obvious to all. As we celebrate

"Year for Priests", let us make prayer and penance the basis of our life as it was totally manifested in the life of St. John Mary Vianney, the patron of all the priests of the world.

Auxiliary Bishop of Chittagong Diocese

The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI has appointed a Holy Cross priest, hailing from Barisal, Rev. Fr. Subrata Lawrence Howlader CSC as Auxiliary for the Diocese of Chittagong. It has been announced on May 7 in Rome and from all the dioceses of Bangladesh. Let us praise God and pray for his successful ministry of the Church and for the Diocese of Chittagong which has received a gift from God in the Year of St. Paul.

Brief life-sketch of Bishop Elect Subrata Howlader CSC

Parents: Late Lalit Howlader and Ms. Theresa Howlader

Birth Place: Nobogram, Barisal, Chittagong Diocese

Date of Birth: September 11, 1965

School and Minor Seminary: Shebokalaya, Gournodi, Barisal

Novitiate: Holy Cross Novitiate, Barisal, 1887 - 1988

First Profession: August 2, 1988

Final Profession: August 6, 1993

College Studies: I.A from Government Hatem Ali College, Barisal

B.A from B. M. College, Barisal

Philosophy & Theology: Holy Spirit Major Seminary, Banani, Dhaka (1988 - 1993)

Priestly Ordination: December 31, 1994 held at Catholic Church, Barisal

Assignments:

1995: Assistant pastor in Mariamnagar parish, Mymensingh diocese

1996 - 1998: Rector of St. Paul's Minor Seminary in Jalchatra, Mymensingh

1998 - 1999: Assistant Pastor in Pirgacha parish, Mymensingh diocese

2000: (Jan - June) Assistant in Mariamnagar parish, Mymensingh diocese

Studies: Licentiate on Depth Psychology, Spirituality and Counselling
from Gregorian University, Rome (2000 - 2004)

Formator: Novice Master: Holy Cross Novitiate, Sagardi, Barisal, from 2004 till now

Other Special Assignments:

Chaplain of Caritas Barisal Region

National Team Member of Spiritual Direction Course

Council Member of Holy Cross Congregation, Bangladesh

Member of the Holy Cross General Formation Commission, Rome.

Bishop elect Subarata Howlader expressed his feeling saying, "I thank God that He has chosen me and have given me this responsibility. Like Mary my soul magnifies the Lord."

Consecration of Bishop Subrato Howlader CSC

The Consecration of Bishop-elect Subrato Lawrence Howlader CSC as Auxiliary Bishop of Chittagong diocese took place on July 3, 2009 at Barisal Catholic Church. All the Bishops (except Bishop Moses Costa who was attending a program in England) of Bangladesh, 70 priests, Brothers and Sisters and a satisfactory number of faithful were present on this memorable occasion. Despite the heavy rain on the previous day and also on the day of consecration, people attended the celebration with joy. Bishop Patrick

D'Rozario CSC, Bishop of Chittagong was the main celebrant assisted by Archbishop Paulinus Costa DD and Most Rev. Joseph Marino, Papal Nuncio to Bangladesh.

On July 2, 2009 there was a motor procession to bring Bishop-elect Subrato Howlader and other bishops to Barisal Catholic Church from the Oriental Institute. There was a short reception and the program ended with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

On July 3, 2009 the ordination ceremony began at 10 A.M. In his homily Bishop Patrick D'Rozario expressed his great satisfaction for the gift of Bishop-elect Subrato Howlader on the occasion of the Pauline Year and the inauguration of the Year for Priests. He also reminded the newly ordained bishop about responsibility entrusted to him by the Church. "Episcopacy is not meant only empowerment or a position of honor but a responsibility and service to His flocks." Bishop Patrick said in his homily. After the Eucharistic celebration there was a short reception in honor of the newly ordained bishop. A colorful magazine was published to mark the occasion.

Chittagong Diocese at a glance:

Bishop : Bishop Patrick D'Rozario CSC
Auxiliary Bp : Bishop Subrato Lawrence Howlader CSC
No of Catholic: 36,679
Number of Parishes: 14
Number of Sub parishes: 34
Number of Primary School: 7
Number of High School: 9
Number of School in the villages: 180
Number of Dispensaries: 15
Number of Boarding: 20

36 priests and 118 religious and 377 catechist teachers are working in the diocese.

CCP National workshop

A national training program of Christian Communities Program (CCP) was held at BCR Centre, Savar on May 7 - 9, 2009 with 46 participants. Fr. Emmanuel K. Rozario spoke on Small Christian Community in the light of Word of God. He emphasized on how we can be servants of the Word of God by reading, interpreting, meditating and witnessing the Word of God after the life and ministry of St. Paul. Fr. Albin Gomes shared on Small Christian Community and New understanding of the Church in the light of Act. 2:42-47. He invited all to be in active in the formation of Small Christian Community. Sr. Mary Lily SMRA and Fr. John Gopal Biswas spoke on the Spirituality of Small Christian Community. Sr. Lily in her sharing referred to the teaching of FABC that Spirituality of SCC is incarnational, sacramental, Biblical and spirituality of the people of God. Word of God is the basis of spirituality of SCC. The trinitarian dimension of its spirituality is to walk humbly with God, to love people tenderly and to work justly. A few challenges of SCC were identified in Bangladesh by Bro. John Rozario CSC and Fr. Albin Gomes and it was recommended that the spirituality of SCC has to go beyond popular religiosity. Sr. Mary Benedicta SMRA shared on the characteristics of SCC especially how the members

of SCC are interrelated with one another and after all with the universal Church. Fr. Kamal A. Corraya discussed on the Seven Step Methods of Bible Sharing. Bro. John Rozario CSC, outgoing director and Fr. Albin Gomes, in coming director were given farewell and hearty welcome respectively in the last day of program. Bro. John Rozario CSC served SCC as director for the last 35 years. (Thanks to Sr. Mary Benedicta SMRA)

FABC - OSC

The Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference (FABC) organized the first meeting of the Catholic Universities of Social Communications in Asia at the Assumption University, Thailand, on May 11 - 16. The five day convention was an occasion for dialogue and to exchange of experiences in social communication training extended to the students in Catholic institutions.

Archbishop Paulinus Costa of Dhaka and Fr. Kamal A. Corraya, director of social communication centre participated in the workshop. There were 66 delegates from the Philippines, India, Indonesia, Japan, Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, Srilanka, China and Bangladesh. Among the Bishops present were: Cardinal Oswald Gracias (India), Archbishop Paulinus Costa (Bangladesh), Bishop Thomas Dabre (Pune, India), Bishop Thumma Bala (Warangal, India), Bishop Hilarion Datus Lega (Indonesia), Bishop Berald T. Oshikawa (Japan), Bishop Roberto Mallari (Philippines), Bishop Peter Van Be (Vietnam). Among the speakers were: Fr. Franz-Joseph Eliers svd (FABC-OSC Secretary), Msgr. Paul Tighe (Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications), Fr. Paul Soukup sj (Professor of Santa Clara University, USA), Dr. Chinarong Monthienveichienchai (President of St. John's University, Thailand), Bishop George Yod Phimphisat (President of the FABC Commission for Social Communication). The Conference drew up a statement which includes several recommendations for promoting social communication education with a view to foster greater professionalism, ethics, social commitment, planning and effective networking in Asia.

Promotion of Vocation at Shimulia

In view of promoting vocation in the priestly and religious life, a two day vocation exhibition program was arranged at Shimulia Catholic Church, Jessore. Including the diocesan priests twenty religious congregations participated in that program. The program started with the solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by Bishop Bejoy D'Cruze OMI of Khulna diocese. In his homily the Bishop invited all to be the ministers of Word of God. "If we cannot taste the Good News ourselves properly, we won't be able to proclaim the Good News to others" the Bishop said. The stalls for exhibition were nicely decorated with the pictures of the founders, leaflets, postures, symbols and constitutions of the congregations, banners, publications of the congregation and other religious articles. The program also included sharing of personal vocation to the religious and priestly life by the priests and religious, panel discussion, question-answer session, dance, film show on the life of St. Paul etc. People especially youth came from distance places to see the exhibition.

Gathering of Dhaka city seminarians, aspirants and TP Brother

A whole day program was arranged for all the seminarians, aspirants and temporary professed Brothers at the Holy Spirit Major Seminary on May 16, 2009. The theme of the celebration was "The Word in the Life and Mission of the Church". 340 participated in the day long program. The program started with a solemn inaugural session in which Bishop Moses Costa CSC, Chairman of Seminary Commission and Bishop Gervas Rozario were present among other formators and professors of the seminary. Bishop Moses presided over the mass and Bishop Gervas shared on the theme of the program. Bishop Rozario invited the seminarians and the aspirants to follow the life of St. Paul who totally dedicated his life for the proclamation of Word of God. Every seminary performed a skit based on the Holy Bible keeping in mind the implication it had in today's world. A short time was also allotted for feed back after each of the presentations. The day long program ended with a football competition.

BCR Half Yearly Assembly, 2009

A day-long Half Yearly Assembly of the Major Superiors of the Bangladesh Conference of Religious was held at BCR Centre, Savar, Dhaka. In his welcome speech Bro. Benoy Stephen Gomes CSC, the President of BCR highlighted on the theme of the 'World Day of Consecrated Life 2009'- "Effective Governance for a More Fruitful Religious Life" and reminded the Major Superiors that the meaning of the 'good governance in modern time means to animate, facilitate, guide and support.' Professor Abdul Mannan spoke on the theme "The Socio-Economic and Political Situation in Bangladesh". Bishop Theotonijs Gomes CSC shared on some initiatives of CBCB with the major superiors especially setting up a Christian College and a Nursing School. The election of BCR took place in the afternoon. Bro. Benoy Stephen Gomes CSC was reelected President. Other office bearers are: Sr. Rina Gomes SC - Vice President, Fr. Francesco Rapacioli PIME - Treasurer, Sister Mary Anita SMRA, Fr. Frank Quinlivan CSC, Sr. Rina Palma as members.

Course on Pastoral Skills

The Bangladesh Conference of Religious arranged a five day (May 19 - 22, 2009) training course on Pastoral Skills at BCR Centre, Savar. 58 priests and religious attended this training program. Sr. Eileen Dewsnup CSC was the resource person. She came all the way from the United States to conduct the program. She insisted that all those involved in pastoral ministry should develop some techniques and qualities to deal with various groups of people in the parish or other institutions of the Church. At the same time all should develop a kind of relationship with the people who are entrusted with their pastoral care. Bishop Theotonijs Gomes CSC celebrated the concluding mass and distributed the certificates among the participants.

Workshop for Religious Formators

The religious formators from all over the country gathered at BCR Centre, Savar for a workshop on May 27 - 30, 2009. Sr. Eileen Dewsnup CSC conducted this formation program. Altogether 30 participated from different religious congregations. The workshop began with a holy hour conducted by the theology students of BCR Centre. In her sharing on formation ministry, Sr. Eileen Dewsnup said, "It is not very important how competent we are, but to see how faithful we are to this particular ministry of the Church." On the first day the focal points of her sharing were on the formators, their strengths, limitations

and inspirations. Participants were divided into groups for sharing and reporting. The next day, she explained the art of listening and personal tests with five different diagrams. Fr. Frank Quinleven CSC, provincial of the Sacred Heart of Jesus celebrated the Holy Eucharist. In his homily he shared on the importance of formation in the religious houses. "Jesus is the formator and we are the helpers" said Fr. Frank in his homily. Formators are the second founders of the religious congregations. (Thanks to Sr. Mary Lily SMRA for the above news of BCR)

Christian Pastors-Muslim Imams' Dialogue Conference

The Episcopal Commission for Inter-religious Dialogue, the Department of World Religions and the Centre for Inter-religious and Inter-cultural Dialogue of Dhaka University jointly organized a day long conference on "Muslims and Christians": Unity in Diversity for Pastors and Imams iversity" on April 29, 2009. The goal of this conference was to discuss how to promote understanding between the Muslim and Christian communities in Bangladesh. 25 Pastors and 25 Imams took part in the conference. Among the organizers and guest speakers were: Professor Eva Sadi Saad, Chairperson of Department of World Religions, Dhaka University, Fr. James Cruze CSC, Secretary of Episcopal Commission for Christian Unity and Inter-religious Dialogue, Dr. Kazi Nurul Islam, Director of the Centre fir Inter-religious and Inter-cultural Dialogue of Dhaka University, Fr. Francesco Rapaciloι PIME, a Missionary in Bangladesh and a Core Member of the Christian-Muslim Dialogue Committee, Fr. Tapon D'Rozario, Professor of World Religions of Dhaka University, Dr. Abdullah Baqi, Moulana Kholilul Rahman, Khotib of Central Mosque of Dhaka University, Her Excellency, Ms. Itala Occhi, the Italian Ambassador, His Excellency, Archbishop Joseph Marino, Papal Nuncio to Bangladesh, Most Rev. Paulinus Costa, Archbishop of Dhaka.

The conference began with recitation from both the Holy Quran and the Holy Bible. Professor Eva Sadi Saad, Chairperson of the department of World Religions of Dhaka University that the opening of the department of World Religions in Dhaka University in 1999 was a beginning of a milestone where all can come together and through sharing their knowledge and experiences establish peace among the believers. Dr. Nurul Islam invited the religious leaders in his address to open their hearts and be persuaded to overcome their ignorance and prejudices through mutual dialogue. Moulana Rahman said, 'We cannot change history but if we wish we can surely learn from history.' He invited the participants to forget the past misunderstanding and conflicts and to engage together so as to establish a peaceful world and to march together for human development. Ms. Itala Occhi told the participants that 'you are in a position to proclaim vis a vis your communities and to be instrumental in making the fabric of the society more mature and in proceeding towards promoting full respect for human dignity, equality, social inclusion as well as in reducing the potential for antagonism and favoring peaceful resolution of conflicts.' Archbishop Joseph Marino quoted Pope Benedict during a meeting with representatives of the Muslim communities of Cameroon "Such dialogue enhances mutual understanding and assists in the building up of a stable and just political order." In his speech the nuncio spoke about different forms of dialogue, purpose and goal of dialogue. He reminded the participants that 'inter-religious dialogue between Muslims and Christians is ushering in a new dimension of relations among these two great faith communities in Bangladesh.'

Archbishop Paulinus Costa stressed the importance of dialogue in daily life amongst all religious leaders. Archbishop Costa said that 'the whole world is going through a crisis of anxieties and hopelessness, injustices, hatred, wars in many places. The people all over the world are looking for and expecting a better, peaceful world. And so a new approach based on reformed attitude will have to be chosen in order to remove this stumbling block, to free the earth from its pressing anxieties, and give back to the world a genuine peace. This new approach will lead us to conversion of hearts for better coexistence.'

The participants were divided into five groups for further discussions and to report the summary of their discussion. (Thanks to Fr. James Cruze CSC for the above news)

New Rector of HSMS

Fr. Shorot Francis Gomes, former Vice Rector and professor of Moral Theology of the Holy Spirit Major Seminary has been named as the new Rector of the Holy Spirit Major Seminary, Banani, Dhaka effective from July 1, 2009. In the presence of Bishops, priests and seminarians

the new Rector was formally installed on June 1, 2009 in a Holy Eucharistic celebration presided over by Archbishop Paulinus Costa assisted at the altar by Bishop Moses Costa, Archbishop Joseph Marino, Papal Nuncio to Bangladesh. Fr. Shorot Francis Gomes hails from Hashanabad parish under Dhaka Archdiocese. The Bishops wished him all the best and expressed their willingness to help Fr. Shorot to perform his duty as Rector efficiently. Fr. Gabriel Corraya served the Major Seminary for eleven years as Rector. Bishops in their sharing also expressed their gratitude to Fr. Gabriel Corraya. The out going Rector will attend a course at St. Anselm Institute, England in September for nine months.

Charismatic Retreat in Korea

Archbishop Paulinus Costa and Bishop Theotinius Gomes CSC attended a Charismatic Retreat in Korea organized by the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service. Archbishop, Bishop Theotinius Gomes and Fr. Abel B. Rozario left for Korea on June 2 and returned on June 10, 2009.

Justice & Peace Training Program

Episcopal Commission for Justice & Peace and Caritas Bangladesh jointly arranged a five day training program for the leaders of Human Rights, Justice and Peace in the diocesan levels at CBCB Centre, Mohammadpur, Dhaka on June 8 - 13, 2009. Altogether 70 participated in that training program. Fr. Albert T. Rozario, Ms. Kusum Gregory, Mr. Choyon H. Rebeiro and Mr. Joseph Rozario were among the organizers. The subject matters in the training program were: (a) Human Rights and Mass Media, (b) Rights of the Children and Women, (c) Proclamation of Human Rights of UNO, (d) Human Rights in the Constitution of Bangladesh, (e) Social Teaching of the Church in order to establish Human Rights, (f) Justice and Peace, (g) Law and its application, (h) Methods to tackle disputes, (i) Responsibilities of Church Leaders to protect Human Rights, Justice and Peace etc. The Resource persons were: Fr. Benjamin Costa CSC, Fr. Mintu L. Palma, Fr. Kamal Corraya, Fr. Noresh L. Das CSC, Fr. Albert T. Rozario, Ms. Thelma Irene Rozario, Mr. Ronjon F. Rozario, Mr. Provat D'Rozario, Mr. Joseph Rozario and Mr. Choyon H.

Rebeiro. Mr. Prodip Stanley Gomes, Administrative Director of Caritas Bangladesh was present for the opening session. Bishop Theotonijs Gomes CSC and Dr. Benedict Alo D'Rozario, Executive Director of Caritas Bangladesh, Ms. Thelma Irene Rozario, Director of Caritas Development Institute, Mr. Ronjon F. Rozario, Regional Director Caritas Dhaka Region were present for the closing session.

T. Q. I Training Program for Christian Religion Teachers

Teaching Quality Improvement (T.Q.I) in Secondary Education Project of the Ministry of Education of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh in cooperation with Episcopal Commission for Christian Education arranged a training program for the Christian Religion teachers of the high schools held at CBCB Centre, Mohammadpur, Dhaka on May 26 - June 9, 2009. 46 teachers attended this training program. Mr. Jyoti F. Gomes, director of Caritas Education Program was the director of the program and Sr. Philomena Quiah CSC, headmistress of Holy Cross High School was the over all coordinator of the program. The purpose of the training program was to make the teachers more creative in their noble profession of teaching. All the modern technologies including OHP, multimedia, White Board, Bulletin board, Posture, Magazine, Coloured paper were used during the training program. Each of the participants were given chance to prepare a class and to demonstrate it in front of the teachers. Among the trainers were: Sr. Philomena Quiah CSC, Fr. Jerry Gomes SJ, Sr. Mary Anu SMRA, Sr. Mary Kiron SMRA, Ms. Kakoli Rozario, Ms. Promila Gomes. At the end of the program, the participants brought out their publication named 'Surjodoy.'

Launching of Archbishop T. A. Ganguly Teachers' Training College

The Inauguration Ceremony of Archbishop T. A. Ganguly Teachers Training College was solemnly opened on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at TTC premises (St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School Campus, 97, Asad Avenue, Mohammadpur, Dhaka). Archbishop Paulinus Costa DD, was present as Chief Guest on this auspicious occasion. Most Rev. Joseph Marino, Papal Nuncio to Bangladesh and Advocate Promod Mankhin, MP were present as Special Guests. Bishop Theotonijs Gomes, Chairman of Episcopal Commission for Christian Education presided over the ceremony. This is the first teacher training college owned by the Catholic Church in Bangladesh and it aims at promoting quality education in the secondary level. Sr. Moly Costa CSC is the Principal of TAG-TTC. Sixty students got enrolled in the first batch of the college. Class timing is 2:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Among the students there are three priests.

Consultation on Evangelization among Indigenous Communities

Taking up a proposal drafted by the 2008 Hua Hin Consultation on creative models of evangelization in Asia, the FABC Office of Evangelization called 70 Bishops and their collaborators from eleven Asian countries at the Redemptorist Centre, Pattaya, Thailand in July 20 - 24, 2009 to listen to, and to reflect upon their experiences in the field of evangelization among the indigenous communities. Three days of consultation was a moment of learning from the long term experiences of participants among a wide range of indigenous people from India, Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh in South Asia, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Laos, Vietnam and the Philippines in South East Asia. It was a learning from each presentation that personal witness is at the heart of

evangelization. Bishop Ponon P. Kubi CSC of Mymensingh Diocese, Fr. Benjamin Gomez SX and Fr. Emmanuele Meli PIME attended the workshop from Bangladesh.

BDPF Seminar and Election

Bangladesh Diocesan Priests' Fraternity (BDPF) had its annual gathering and Election of the Executive Committee on July 23, 2009 at the Holy Spirit Major Seminary, Banani. 120 Diocesan Priests and four Bishops were present on this auspicious occasion. The program of the day began with a Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Most Rev. Paulinus Costa, Archbishop of Dhaka and assisted by Bishop Gervas Rozario and Bishop Subrato Lawrence Howlader CSC.

Fr. Tapon D' Rozario, president of BDPF welcomed the priests and the Bishops. Bishop Gervas Rozario spoke on the "Year of the Priests and St. John Mary Vianney and Fr. Dominic Rozario spoke on the Past, Present and Future of BDPF. Three diocesan priests shared their experiences and expectations from BDPF. Fr. Philip D' Rozario shared his experiences with BDPF, Fr. Sunil Daniel Rozario on the Contribution of Diocesan Priests in Bangladesh and Fr. Joyonto Gomes on the Challenges and Future Direction of BDPF.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Election took place in the afternoon. Fr. Dilip S. Costa, Secretary of BDPF presented the annual reports and accounts of BDPF followed by open discussion. Election was held and Fr. Tapon D' Rozario and Fr. Emmanuel K. Rozario were re elected as President and Vice President and Fr. Paul Gomes as secretary of BDPF for 2009 - 2012. The day long program ended with a fraternal meal. Now BDPF has 175 members.

FABC Plenary Assembly

Archbishop Paulinus Costa, Bishop Patrick D'Rozario CSC and Bishop Gervas Rozario attended the 9th Plenary Assembly of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference in Manila, Philippines from August 10 - 16, 2009. The theme of the Plenary Assembly was "Living Eucharist in Asia". There were 117 participants with 9 Cardinals, 86 Bishops and others. It was a wonderful experience of learning how Eucharist is not only liturgy but a celebration of life, faith, hope and mission. The delegates were inspired with the thoughts, deliberations and the sharing of the Assembly.

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