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Editorial

*The People of the world strive for development and most people understand ‘development’ as economic or material development only. But development has to be integral human development. What is the goal of integral human development? The Catholic Social Teachings of the Church helps people to have a deeper understanding and apprehend the true meaning of integral human development. In the encyclical Centesimus Annus, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us of the fundamental objective of human development. He implored us to address the spiritual, not merely the political and economic structures of society, because after all, **the end goal is to seek and know God:***

The encyclical Centesimus Annus states that "... development must not be understood solely in economic terms, but in a way that is fully human. It is not only a question of raising all peoples to the level, currently enjoyed by the richest countries, but rather of building up a more decent life through united labour, of concretely enhancing every individual's dignity and creativity, as well as his capacity to respond to his personal vocation, and thus to God's call. The apex of development is the exercise of the right and duty to seek God, to know him and to live in accordance with that knowledge." (CA, 29)

Economic development alone is not enough to create a just society. People and communities have material needs, but human flourishing and wellbeing have spiritual, social, cultural and political dimensions too. Catholic Social Teaching takes a holistic or integral approach to development. It places people, rather than the economy, at the centre of development. Development is for people. We are made by God out of love and called to develop our God-given gifts, to grow as persons, and to seek our fulfillment. That is why we describe our thinking about development as integral and human. "Development cannot be limited to mere economic growth. In order to be authentic, it must be complete: integral, that is, it has to promote the good of every person and of the whole person." (Pope Paul VI, Populorum Progressio, n 14).

Development is communal as well as personal. Our personal development takes place within the context of the development of our communities. We help each other to grow and develop for the good of us all. A just society is inclusive. Catholic Social Teaching promotes integral human development for every person, every community, and all peoples. "Knowing that we, as persons and communities, are part of God's family gives us a vision and energy to serve a truly integral human development." (Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate, n 78)

Finally, integral human development means integrating the body and soul. Paul VI wrote that development cannot be reduced merely to economic growth (cf. PP n. 14); development does not consist in having more and more goods, enabling a solely material well-being. Integrating body and soul also means that no development work can really achieve its purpose if it does not respect the place where God is present to us and speaks to our hearts.

All our thoughts, vision-mission, efforts, our formation, our activities have to be geared towards integral human development which will lead us to cherished happiness, harmony and peace. Let us experience in our daily lives this sense of belonging to one another as one family of God the Creator, who created us to take care of each other and live in peace.

Wishing all our readers, benefactors and well wishers a happy and peaceful life!

BDPF Organized Renewal Course for Priests

Bangladesh Diocesan Priests' Fraternity, BDPF organized a renewal course for diocesan and religious priests who work in parishes. It was held from April 24-26, 2017 at the Jesuit Fathers' Formation Center, Mathbari, Dhaka. The main theme of the course was *Parochial Office Ministry*. There were 50 priests from 8 dioceses present in the course.

Most Rev. Moses Costa, csc, the Archbishop of Chittagong Archdiocese was present in the inaugural program. He invited the participants to consider this renewal course in a global way. He reminded that the priests, as servants of God, are to have qualification, competence and commitment for an effective pastoral service as well as for official ministry in the church.

The resource persons gave presentations on the following topics: a) *Meaning and importance of parochial office ministry*; b) *Reality, problems and obstacles of office ministry and its future*; c) *Canonical and pastoral reality of marriage and guidelines for future*; d) *Office ministry from the perspective of Canon Law: proper ways to minister the sacraments, ways to register and keeping record of documents*. The above mentioned topics were presented by Rev. Fr. Kamal Corraya, Rev. Fr. Paul Gomes, Rev. Fr. Mintu L. Palma and Rev. Fr. Proshanto T. Rebeiro.



Besides, Rev. Fr. Subash Costa, omi, Rev. Fr. Mrityunjoy Dofader, Rev. Fr. Fidelis Nengminja, Rev. Fr. Marcus Murmu, Rev. Fr. Khokon V. Gomes and Rev. Fr. Robert Gonsalves shared on the following topics: a) *Present reality of office ministry*; b) *Challenges of office ministry*; c) *Public dealings in office ministry*; d) *Prudence in office ministry*; and e) *Pastoral care for migrant people in office ministry*. There was also time for open discussion and sharing session in the program.

Most Rev. Bishop Gervas Rozario, the Vice President of the CBCB was the main celebrant at the concluding Eucharistic celebration. Bishop Gervas Rozario in his homily focused on the priestly, royal and prophetic ministry of priesthood. He called the participant priests to be humble servants in the fields of official and pastoral ministries.

Annual Meeting of the Office of Theological Concerns (OTC) in Bangkok

The Annual Meeting of the Office of Theological Concerns (OTC) of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC) held in Camillian Pastoral Care Centre, Bangkok from 2 – 9 May 2017. Cardinal Antonio Tagle, President, four Bishops and thirteen theologians from different countries attended the meeting.

Apart from the discussion on the regular agenda, the major portion of the time was dedicated to the next project paper on "Popular Piety/Religiosity". There were several presentations on Asian Realities/Context: Devotions in other religions (to acknowledge the existence of popular devotion in other religions in Asia) e.g., Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism / Taoism, Shintoism, Testimony from people of other religions about popular devotion. There were also other individual presentations, such as, Biblical Reflection, Anthropological Reflection, Ecclesiological / Dogmatic Reflection, Sacramentality of Popular Devotion, Pneumatological Reflection, New Evangelization & Popular Devotion, Prayer & Popular Devotion, and concrete Pastoral Recommendations. Every presentation was followed by a discussion and group intervention. Finally, the members prepared the programs



for BITA VI which will be held in May 2018. Fr. Emmanuel K. Rozario from Bangladesh attended the program in Bangkok.

25th National Christian Writer's Workshop – 2017

The Episcopal Commission for Youth organized the 25th National Christian Writer's workshop on May 09 - 13, 2017 at CBCB Center. From 8 Dioceses altogether 39 participants benefited from this workshop. The presentation in the workshop included: Spot report, News feature, Report writing and presentation, Bengali Literature, Christian Bible and its translations, and Panel discussion. The speakers were: Mr. Shangkor Shaha, Mr. Atul Francis Sarkar, Mr. Titas Rozario, Sister Shikha Gomes, CSC and the panelists were: Mr. Syed Mazharul Parvez, Mr. Theophil Nokrek, Mr. Vincent Khokon Corraya, and Mrs. Dipali Gomes.

All Christian Conference -2017

The United Forum of Churches, Bangladesh (UFCB) organized an All Christian Conference on May 27, 2017 at the CBCB Centre, Mohammadpur, Dhaka. The theme of the Conference for this year was: **“Christ Centered Unity.”** There was a prayer service in the beginning, which led all to a prayerful God-experience. His Eminence, Cardinal Patrick D' Rozario, CSC, Chairman of the UFCB welcomed all and shared in brief the goal and purpose of the Conference. Most Rev. Theotonius Gomes, CSC shared on the main theme “Christ Centered Unity” from Biblical Perspectives. He said that Spirituality means union which is both internal and external. It calls us to enter into dialogue with others which instills a deep sense of communion and solidarity for a better co-existence with all. Dr. Tejosh Shonkar Das spoke on “Unity in Churches: Our experience”. He shared that sometimes it is easy to build churches, even more easy to make Christians, but it is quite tough to build the body of Christ which is an expression of true Church. Christianity is not a religion which should be confined to the Church; rather it should speak about joy and communion in the time of crisis, to the people of all faiths. Dr. Peter Halder gave a presentation on “Christian Unity: Our Future”. He shared from the Biblical perspectives about various avenues to have more communion among ourselves. As Christians, we need to feel more and more the call to communion and to be witnesses of peace, love and solidarity. There was an open forum when some shared their experiences of unity and gave some suggestions to eliminate divisions from among ourselves to have a greater harmony, unity and solidarity. Many felt the urgent need of reconciliation and communion among ourselves as there have been growing instances of divisions among some of our organizations. Rev. David A. Das gave an update of the UFCB activities and wished more programs and activities in order to have greater unity and communion. Bishop Sourov Folia led the concluding prayer of communion and commitment and His Eminence, Cardinal Patrick D' Rozario, CSC gave the final blessing. There were all together 90 participants in the conference.

Interreligious Dialogue Training Course 2017

The Commission of Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue, organized 5 days training course from May 8 -13, 2017 at the Pastoral Centre of Mymensingh Diocese. The main objectives of this training were: a) to disseminate the Church's teaching on Interreligious Dialogue among the Priests, Religious and Laity; b) to prepare them as dialoguers, thus, they would be able to engage in dialogue with the believers of other religions; and c) to help them to create a peaceful, harmonious and tolerable society. Along with the diocesan conveners of 8 dioceses, 75 participants took part in that training course. Participants were helped these days to acquire knowledge on interreligious dialogue according to the Church's teaching and were also taught the process and method of interreligious dialogue.



Moreover, two religious leaders, from the Muslim and Hindu community, shared with the participants, the understanding of interreligious dialogue according to the perspectives of their own religions. Most Rev. Bejoy N. D' Cruze, OMI, Chairman of the Commission and Most Rev Ponon Paul Kubi, CSC, also graced the training course with their presence and sharing. Fr Ajit V. Costa, OMI, the secretary of the commission, Sr Swapna Gomes, CIC and Sr Purabi Chiran, RNDM, the office assistants facilitated the training course.

SCC National Training Workshop

NATIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP ON 'Small Christian Communities' was organized by CCP DESK from May 22 – 25, 2017 at CHRISTO JYOTI PASTORAL CENTRE Rajshahi . The Theme of the National Workshop was "The Christian Family is the heart of Christian Society." The objectives of the Workshop were: a) To deepen our understanding of a vision of the Church in a New Way of Being Church, b) To realize how SCC strengthens us to be aware of the Word of God and practice it in our daily life, c) To understand how SCC empowers the Laity to take part in the Mission of the Church in the world and to acquire Gospel sharing method and a new leadership. The numbers of the participants were 74, from all the eight dioceses including CCP team members and Facilitators. The workshop was facilitated by CCP team members. Most Rev. Gervas Rozario, Bishop of Rajshahi diocese inaugurated the workshop. The workshop started with a short prayer service and enthronement of the Bible. All the participants were very active and cooperative in attending the workshop. These four days workshop was very useful for the participants. During this workshop all the dioceses made plans for one year for their own dioceses and shared it with others. The workshop concluded with a thanksgiving Mass on May 24, 2017.

Archbishop Moses Costa received Pallium from Pope Francis

Most Rev. Moses Costa, CSC the first Archbishop of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Chittagong went to Rome, Italy to receive the Pallium from the Holy Father, Pope Francis. Pope Francis addressed the 5 new cardinals and about 30 archbishops during his homily at a Mass in St. Peter's Square June 29, the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, who are the patron saints of the Vatican and the city of Rome. Cardinals are not called to be "princes" of the church, but to serve the people of God and tackle the sins of the world, Pope Francis told the five new cardinals.

The Mass was celebrated the day after Pope Francis created 5 new cardinals from El Salvador, Mali, Laos, Sweden and Spain. Thirty-six archbishops appointed over the course of the past year were also invited to Rome to concelebrate at the feast day Mass with Pope Francis. They came from 26 countries and one of them was Archbishop Moses Costa of Chittagong, Bangladesh.

In what has become the standard practice, the pope did not place the Pallium on new archbishops during the liturgy. Rather, after the Mass, the pope handed each archbishop a Pallium folded up in a small, simple wooden box tied with a brown ribbon. The Pallium symbolizes an archbishop's unity with the pope and his authority and responsibility to care for the flock the pope entrusted to him.



National YCS Animators Workshop- 2017

On 7 July, 2017, the Episcopal Commission for Youth arranged a National YCS (Young Christian Students) workshop for Animators at the CBCB Center, Mohammadpur, Dhaka on the theme: **History, Identity, Method and Spirituality of IYCS**. Mr. Richard Francis, APEH, the Secretary General of IYCS (International Young Catholic Students' Movement) came all the way from France as a resource person to conduct the program. Moreover, Brother Dr. Leo James Pereira, CSC also

gave a presentation on: The Role of an Innovative Animator. There were 41 Animators in the workshop from different dioceses of Bangladesh.

YCS Seminar for the Metropolitan Schools

On 8 July, 2017 the Episcopal Commission for Youth, National & Diocesan Youth Commission of Dhaka Archdiocese conducted a half day seminar for the YCS cells of Dhaka city at the CBCB Center, Mohammadpur, Dhaka. Mr. Richard Francis, APEH, Secretary General, IYCS (International Young Catholic Student Movement) shared on IYCS activities with the students. There were 70 student participants from different urban schools at this seminar.

Preparation for Synod--2018

The Episcopal Commission for Youth arranged a whole day Workshop on 14th July 2017 at the CBCB Center, Dhaka on the theme: “Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment”. This is the Preparatory Document of the Synod of Bishops XV for the Ordinary General Assembly. The members of the Executive Committee of the EC - Youth, Diocesan Youth Coordinators and representatives and a few Youth Delegates from BCSM attended the Workshop. Fr. Simon Patrick Gomes, Brother Ujjal Placid Pereira, CSC and Fr. Tusher James Gomes shared their thoughtful insights on this Preparatory Document of the Synod.

Excursion and Pilgrimage to India

The Youth Ministers and Office Staffs of the Episcopal Commission for Youth, especially the members of the Executive Committee, General Body and the Diocesan Youth had an Excursion and Pilgrimage to Kolkata, India from 14 – 19 July, 2017. The theme was “The Catholic Family in Asia; Domestic Church of the Poor on a Mission of Mercy.” Most Rev. Thomas D’ Suza, the Archbishop of Kolkata shared his valuable thoughts with the group on the theme.

National Bible Seminar

The Biblical Apostolate Committee organized a National Bible Seminar from 18 -21 July 2017 at Caritas Khulna Office. The theme of the seminar was “Proclaim the Good News to the whole world” (Mk 16:15). Most Rev. James Romen Boiragi, Chairman of the Committee, and 62 representatives from different dioceses participated in the seminar. The purpose of the seminar was to help the participants to discover the treasure of the Word of God, to increase their knowledge of, and interest for the Word of God and to train them up for undertaking the Biblical Apostolate in their respective dioceses. The main areas treated in this seminar were, Salvation History by Mr. Robi Christopher D’ Costa, the Gospels by Rev. Fr. Shipon Peter Rebeiro, and the Writings of St. Paul by Fr. Emmanuel K. Rozario. Apart from these, there was also time for Biblical hymns, and how to use the Bible in daily life and open discussions.

National Course for the Laity-2017

The Episcopal Commission for the Laity organized a four day Modular course for the representatives of the laity at the CBCB Centre on July 18-21, 2017. This is for the sixth time that this Commission organized this course for the laity. Altogether 59 participated in the course from eight Dioceses of the country (Men- 28, women-19, Priests- 02, 1 Deacon, 1 Seminarian and 8 Sisters). There were also representatives from Don Bosco Hostel, Caritas, Dhaka Credit, Housing Society and from Youth Commission.



The purpose of the course was to know the Church and its theology in relation to the laity and their dignity, Mission, participation and apostolate in the Church and society, and to be more aware of the lay Organizations in the Church and become effective leaders. Subject matters and resource persons of the course were (a) Church in the light of the Bible (Fr. Shipon Peter Rebeiro); (b) Christian Leadership (Mr. Chayon H. Rebeiro); (c) Vocation and Mission of the Laity in the Church (Fr. Bulbul A. Rebeiro); (d) Theological analysis of the Church (Bishop Theotonius Gomes, CSC); (e) Family as Domestic Church: Vocation, Mission and Spirituality (Fr. Jyoti F. Costa); (f) Catholic Social Teachings of the Church (Fr. Jyoti F. Costa); (g) Small Christian Communities (Fr. Stanislaus Gomes); (h) Directives of the Church in Bangladesh (H. Em. Cardinal Patrick D' Rozario, CSC), Archbishop of Dhaka; (i) The Mission Works of Laity in the Church (Fr. Albin M. Gomes); (j) Christian movements and organizations: nature, role and principles (Fr. Khokon V. Gomes); (k) Formation and Spiritual life of the laity in the Church (Fr. Stanley C. Costa). There was also a Panel discussion by the Lay Leaders on Mission and Apostolate of the Laity. Bishop Theotonius Gomes, CSC was present both for the inaugural and closing Eucharistic Celebration and he distributed certificates to the participants. Most Rev. Shorot F. Gomes, Chairman, Mr. Chayon H. Rebeiro, Secretary and Sister Mary Mitali, SMRA, Office Assistant of Episcopal Commission for Laity, Rita Roseline Costa, Convener, Shikha Rani Halsona, Sr. Minoti, CSC from Women Desk and Fr. Soroj Costa, OMI were among the organizers.

BDPF Annual Seminar and AGM-2017

The Annual Seminar and AGM-2017 of *Bangladesh Diocesan Priests' Fraternity, (BDPF)* was arranged from 24-26 July 2017 at the Holy Spirit Major Seminary, Dhaka. His Eminence Cardinal Patrick D' Rozario, csc, Archbishop Moses Costa, csc, Bishop Gervas Rozario, Bishop Romen James Boiragi, Bishop Subrato Lawrence Howlader, csc, Bishop Sebastian Tudu and Bishop Shorot Francis Gomes were present in the program. Along with them about 130 priests were present in the annual seminar.

Archbishop Moses Costa, csc was the main celebrant in the opening Mass. The inauguration of the two days program was solemnly declared by Bishop Gervas Rozario the Vice president of CBCB. The Main theme of the seminar was *Priestly Ministry and Relationship with Laity*, which was presented by Rev. Father Gabriel Corraya. His Excellencies: Bishop Subrato Lawrence Howlader, csc and Bishop Sebastian Tudu shared in the panel discussion on the topics of *a) Relationship of Bishop, priests and Religious in the diocese*, and *b) Pastoral care by a Bishop and participation of priests and laity*. *The Relationship of priest as a pastor with laity* was shared by Rev. Father Dilip S. Costa.

Rev. Father Mintu L. Palma the Vice president of BDPF gave a presentation on *the Canonical and Pastoral guidelines for ministering marriage and other sacraments*. Four Jubiliarian priests: 1) Fr. Paul Gomes, 2) Fr. Joseph S. Chisim, 3) Fr. Seraphin Sarker, and 4) Fr. Arun Halsona who celebrated their silver jubilee shared on their *Experience of Priestly Life*.

Finally, in the last session of the seminar and AGM, the report of financial accounts and the activities of different dioceses were presented. The *Bangladesh Diocesan Priests' Fraternity gave crests as a token of honor and love* to His Eminence Cardinal Patrick D'Rozario, csc, Archbishop Moses Costa, csc and the four Jubiliarians. The annual seminar and AGM-2017 of BDPF was concluded with a Mass officiated by His Eminence Cardinal Patrick D' Rozario, csc followed by a get-together and dinner.

National Seminar of EC – for Family Life

The Episcopal Commission for Family Life organized a national seminar at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Matasagar, Dinajpur from July 27 - 29, 2017. The dioceses of Dinajpur and Rajshahi assisted in organizing the seminar. The theme of the seminar was "Christian Marriage and Love in

the Family: Pastoral Care to Families in the Present Complex Realities of Life.” There were 65 participants from the dioceses of Rajshahi and Dinajpur. This seminar was arranged for those involved and responsible for premarital preparation at the parish level, and those involved in diocesan and regional family ministries and activities.

The topics of the program were: Various Challenges to Families in the present Socio-cultural Realities of the dioceses, Christian marriage, Importance of Premarital Instructions and Joy of Love



in Families, Family Domestic Church: Vocation, Mission and Spirituality, Techniques of Counseling in solving misunderstandings and quarrels among problematic couples and families, Church’s Teachings and Thoughts on Marriage and Family, Life sharing of two married couples and Exploration of various ways in order to solve and meet the Challenges in Families. There was also a group discussion and an open forum for the participants. There was a drama on Family Life, based on the drama, there had been

discussion, feedbacks in order to learn how to watch movies and drama on TV. The speakers were: Most Rev. Sebastian Tudu (Bishop of Dinajpur), Most Rev. Ponen Paul Kubi, CSC (Bishop of Mymensingh and Chairman of Episcopal Family Life Commission) Fr. Mintu L. Palma, Fr. Jyoti F. Costa, Sr. Josephine, SSMI.

7th Asian Youth Day- 2017 in Indonesia

The 7th Asian Youth Day 2017 held in Yogyakarta city, Archdiocese of Semarang, Java Island, Indonesia from 30 July – 9 August 2017 on the theme: “Joyful Asian Youth! Living the Gospel in Multicultural Asia” and the Bible Verse: “Speaking in our own languages, the mighty deeds of God” (Acts 2:1-12). The program was divided into three parts: (1) Days in the Dioceses (DID) from 30 July to 2 Aug 2017, (2) Asian Youth Day (AYD) from 2-6 August 2017 in Yogyakarta and (3) Asian Youth Ministers’ Meeting (AYMM) from 6-9 Aug 2017 in Muntilan, Yogyakarta. His Eminence Cardinal Patrick D’Rozario, CSC, the Archbishop of Dhaka and the Chairman of FABC Office of the Laity and Family offered the inaugural Mass on the 7th AYD. There were 21 delegates including Bishop Lawrence Subrato Howlader, CSC from Bangladesh and all actively participated in the 7th Asian Youth Day – 2017. There were 6 Cardinals, 46 Bishops, 158 Priests, a good number of Religious men and women and more than 3,000 youth in the 7th Asian World Youth Day celebration. The 8th AYD will be held in India in 2020.



Some information of the CBCB Meeting

The second meeting of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Bangladesh (CBCB) of 2017 was held on May 25, 2017 at CBCB Centre. All the Bishops participated in the meeting. As usual, the meeting began with the Holy Eucharistic celebration on May 25 presided over by His Eminence Cardinal Patrick D’ Rozario, CSC, Archbishop of Dhaka & President of CBCB.

The main discussion of the meeting were as follows: World Meeting of Families 2018: Dublin, Ireland, The Gift of the Priestly Vocation: Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis, New Charter for Health Care Workers, Apostleship of the Sea, Asian Youth Day in Indonesia, Sharing on the FABC-OC: The Seminar on the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults, Thailand; Walking Together in the Work of Evangelization, Bangkok, FABC Climate Change Seminar in Bangkok, Update on the possible Visit of the Holy Father to Bangladesh, SSVP Matters, Major Seminary Matters; Philosophy at NDC, Youth Synod 2018, Caritas matters: i) IOR Bank Account

ii) Service rule iii) Caritas land at Savar, Meeting with the Chairman of Human Rights Commission, Bible Society Matters and a call to Communion.

Cardinal Patrick visited Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales: Cardinal Patrick D' Rozario, CSC shared with the Bishops about his recent visit and meeting with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in London. The CBCB agreed to continue communication and strengthen relationships with them.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Matters: Bro. Joseph Pandian and Johnston Varghese from India came and had a meeting with the newly formed interim Committee (Mr. Bernard Gomes, Mr. Robin Penheiro, Mr. Bernabas Hasdak, Mr. Poresh Rangsha, Mrs. Agnes K. Gomes and Fr. Khokon Vincent Gomes as Spiritual Adviser). They prepared a guideline and advised the new Committee to follow it. The new Committee will run day to day activities of SSVP. They will keep liaison with the CBCB and take necessary preparation for the election.

FABC-OC: Seminar on the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults, May 15-19, 2017, Hua Hin, Thailand: Bishop Subrato L. Howlader, CSC and Bishop James Romen Boiragi attended the seminar in Bangkok. Bishop Subrato shared that the seminar gave more emphasis on healing of the victims. The CBCB has taken this matter seriously and suggested its implementation in our seminaries, formation houses and hostels.

Seminar on Climate Change (June 10-12, Bangkok): Archbishop Moses Costa, CSC attended a seminar in Bangkok on Climate Change from June 10 -12, 2017. In sharing he said that the program was good, and we need to give more emphasis to motivate our students in school-colleges, church movements that our people at the grass-root level get more involved to safeguard the nature and environment.

Inter-diocesan Appointment: (a) Fr. Shitol T. Costa is appointed as Director of SSP Program in Dinajpur; (b) Fr. Cherubim Bakla as Spiritual Director of St. Joseph's Seminary, Ramna, Dhaka; (c) Fr. Rodon Robert Hadima as National Director of Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS) and Promotion of Evangelization.

Human Rights Issue: There was a consultation meeting of the Bishops and a few selected persons from different dioceses, with the Chairman of Human Rights Commission on June 17, 2017 at the CBCB Centre. Cardinal Patrick D' Rozario, CSC, Bishop Bejoy N. D' Cruze, OMI, Bishop Ponon Paul Kubi, CSC, Bishop Sebastian Tudu and about 21 diocesan delegates attended the meeting.

Bible Society Matters: Cardinal Patrick D' Rozario, CSC informed the Bishops that a three member Committee consisting of: Bishop Theotonius Gomes, CSC, Fr. Emmanuel K. Rozario and Fr. Patrick S. Gomes is formed to make liaison with the Bible Society for printing an ecumenical Bible and Bible Society related matters.

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