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Editorial

As we celebrate Christmas, we remember with grateful hearts what God has done to us throughout the year. We thank God for His abundant love he gave to us all. Christmas is a time of sharing love, divine love with humanity. "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Christmas is also a celebration of divine love, and God's love is forever as God Himself is Eternal and His love lasts forever. So, Christmas is not a one-day event but an everyday event, when we encounter God and live in His love, and share the same love with each other.

Christmas makes us deeply mystical. First John 1:3 says, "Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son." This word fellowship, which is koinonia, means that if Jesus Christ has come, if Christmas is true, then we've got a basis for a personal relationship with God. God is no longer a remote idea or just a force we bow down to, but someone we can know personally. He becomes graspable. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

Look at what God has done to get you to know him personally. If the Son would come all this way to become a real person to you, don't you think the Holy Spirit will do anything in his power to make Jesus a real person to you in your heart? Christmas is an invitation to become mystical. Christmas is an invitation to know Christ personally. Christmas is an invitation by God to say: Look what I've done to come near to you. Now draw near to me. I don't want to be a concept; I want to be a friend. Jesus says, "I call you friends" (John 15:15).

If you follow the way of Jesus you can say, "I will not work so much on being understood, but on understanding. I will not work so much on getting my needs met but on meeting needs. I will work on entering into her or his world and giving that person what they consider love is, not what I consider love is." Incarnation, if it's imprinted in you, if you see what Jesus Christ has done, it is going to make you unbelievably good at personal relationships.

How many people waste their lives on things that, in the long run, really don't count? They spend their days in pursuit of temporal things, and wake up one day, empty, tired and feeling like there is no use in going on. As God's people it is fitting that we should focus our thoughts, frequently, upon the goodness of God and offer our gratitude to Him for who He is, and for all He has done for us. As the Psalmist says, "I will praise the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips. I will boast in the Lord; the humble will hear and be glad. Proclaim with me the Lord's greatness; let us exalt His name together" (Psalm 34:-12).

As we are going to say goodbye to the year 2019, let us remain grateful to God for all His blessings He showered upon us all. Let us prepare ourselves for Christmas with loving hearts of harmony and peace and allow Jesus to be born in our hearts during Christmas. Wishing you all our readers of the CBCB Newsletter, a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2020.

Pastoral Orientation on Child Protection

Child Protection Desk of Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace (EC-JP) of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Bangladesh (CBCB) in collaboration with World Vision, Bangladesh and diocesan Justice and Peace commission, jointly organized programs on Pastoral Orientation on Child Protection in every diocese from September to October 2019. A total of 475 participants including Bishops, Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Seminarians, Catholic Media Representatives, Lay Leaders, School Teachers, Hostel In-charges, Doctors, Nurses, Social Workers and Diocesan Commission Members were present in the Pastoral Orientation.

Training on Child Protection

The Child Protection Desk of the Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace (EC-JP) of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Bangladesh (CBCB) in collaboration with World Vision, Bangladesh, jointly organized a Training of Trainers on Child Protection from 3rd – 5th September 2019 at CBCB, Mohammadpur, Dhaka. There were 80 participants present, including priests, nuns, EC-commissions representatives and professionals. Most Rev. Bishop Theotonijs Gomes, csc and Mr. Chandan Gomes, Director of Programme Development, World Vision, inaugurated the ToT session with his inspirational talk and presided at the Holy Eucharist. The national and international child protection policy and frameworks were presented by the Deputy Director, Mrs. Shabira Sultana and Co-leader, Ms. Strala Rupa Mollick, Mridul, Fr. Liton H. Gomes, csc (Secretary, EC-JP) and Anita Margaret Rozario (Desk Head).

The 3rd Training Workshop for Lay leaders

Episcopal Commission for the Laity organized a successful training program for lay leaders from September 5 - 7, 2019 at CBCB Center, Mohammadpur, Dhaka under its Desk of Lay Association and Organization (DLAO). A total of 66 participants from Christian lay Association and 8 Catholic dioceses of Bangladesh participated in the training.

The training was facilitated by His Eminence Cardinal Patrick D' Rozario, CSC, Archbishop of Dhaka on "Peace Building by Christian leaders". H.E. Cardinal Patrick D'Rozario, CSC shared about the role of leaders for peace building in the community and in the Church. Mr. Ranjon Francis Rozario,



Director Programs, Caritas Bangladesh spoke on "The role of Christian leaders for Sustainable Development". We are called to transform the society and develop the situation by economic development, and Mr. Theophil Nokrek, shared on "Financial Management in Social activities". The wasting of wealth and property for any social ceremony is becoming a threat for the Christians in our country. We should be more judicious to use money for ceremonies. The panelists were Mr. Nirmol

Rozario, President Bangladesh Christian Association, Akhila D'Rozario, Director, Finance and Admin, St. John Vianney Hospital, Ms. Anna Minj, Director, Brac-Community Program Empowerment, Gender Justice and Community Development. The panelists also gave importance to "Peace Building" among the Christian communities. Excess expenditure is also one of the threats for the Christian communities they opined. Fr. Jyoti Francis Costa, Director, CBCB Center celebrated the Holy Eucharistic on the occasion. The training was inaugurated by Theophil Nokrek, Secretary, Episcopal Commission for the Laity in the first day of the training. The objective of the training was shared by

Ms. Rebecca Quiah, Convener, DLAO. At the closing ceremony participants expressed their thanks and gratitude's to the Commission for arranging such a good training. They also shared their learnings and action plans for future courses of action. All the members of the Laity Commission including different desks, attended the training.

Post-Synodal Youth Seminar 2019

“Young People are the Present Church” (Cf. Papal Exhortation *Christus Vivit*: 64) based on this topic A post-synodal youth seminar for the Catholic youth of colleges and university level was held on 27 September 2019 at St. Francis Xavier's Greenherald International School premises, Dhaka. There were 85 participants from different colleges and universities. The main session was on the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis “*Christus Vivit*” which means ‘Christ is Alive’. This seminar fortified the Catholic youths to find out the ways to involve themselves more effectively in order to fulfill the dreams of a participatory local Church.

BCR Sub-Committees’ Workshop

The BCR Standing Committee organized a workshop on September 16, 2019 at the BCR Centre, Savar, Dhaka. There were 25 participants. Brother Herold Bijoy Rodrigues, CSC gave a talk on the ‘Needs for effective program planning for the initial and ongoing formation including religious and spiritual direction.’ The program included the Holy Mass, group discussion, presentation of committee activities and action plans.

Annual Retreat of BDPF-2019

The Annual Retreat of Bangladesh Diocesan Priests Fraternity (BDPF) arranged the annual retreat for diocesan priests at the Pastoral Centre of Rajshahi Diocese, Bangladesh. It was held in two groups: 1st group from 23-28 September, and 2nd group from 30 September - 05 October, 2019. Rev. Father George Ponodath sj, was the preacher of the annual retreats. The main theme was: “Pastoral Commitment of Ministerial Priesthood in the Present Context”. The preacher tried to explain in details,

priesthood, pastoral ministries, and commitments of priests. Some important subjects which he pointed out were: priesthood is for service, you are the salt of the earth, wherever you go, I shall go, where are you?, priesthood of Jesus, the cost of discipleship, challenges to priesthood, and you are the light of the world. He said that the



fulfilment of priestly ministry comes from God through the loving service to his people. Priests face many challenges in their daily life but the High Priest Jesus always keeps them safe, so that they may continue the mission of Jesus in this world. The Diocesan priests are nourished and strengthened spiritually and inspired to continue their priestly ministries more effectively. There were 168 priest-participants including 5 Bishops.

Young Religious Seminar

The Young Religious Sub-Committee of the BCR organized an important seminar for the Temporary Professed Religious of Bangladesh from 4 - 6 October 2019. The theme was “Challenges in Education and Child Protection Policy: Our Future Endeavour”. There were 69 participants from different

Congregations. Sr. Anna Mary, PIME, shared the experiences of her apostolic ministry as a missionary in Bangladesh on: 'Baptized and Sent', and Bro. Nirmol Francis Gomes shared 'As young religious;



our challenges, working in education especially with the children', and how to overcome these challenges. Bro. Harold Bijoy Rodrigues, CSC inspired the group-sharing on 'how to teach moral lessons' in our apostolates. The program concluded with the Holy Eucharist offered by Fr. James

Clement Cruze, CSC and Fr. Apu Solomon Rozario, CSC.

The Celebration Extraordinary Missionary Month

The Extraordinary Mission Month was organized and celebrated at the CBCB Center on the 25 October 2019 giving all missionaries an opportunity to enhance the missionary spirit in the hearts of young religious of the new generation. There were 208 priests and religious from various religious congregations present for the program. Fr. Apu S. Rozario, CSC extended a cordial welcome to all followed by a keynote speech on "Baptized and Sent" by Fr. James Cruze, CSC. He inspired all by sharing on the immense contributions of the foreign missionaries in the past. The missionaries present in the program were being congratulated and their contributions honored with flowers. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop George Kocherry and Fr. Francis Marandy, TOR gave the homily. There was a colorful cultural program with a sharing of people's experiences in areas of drug addiction, parish ministries, education and hostel ministries among others. Sr. Bondona Cruze, PIME, President of the BCR expressed heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all, especially to His Excellency, Most Rev. Archbishop George Kocherry, Apostolic Nuncio to Bangladesh for his gracious presence and the committee members concerned, who worked for the success of the program.

Training on Christian Unity (Ecumenism)

A National Training Course on Christian Unity (Ecumenism) was organized by the Episcopal Commission for Christian Unity and Interreligious Dialogue, it was held at CBCB Centre, Mohammedpur, Dhaka on October 16 - 19 with 68 participants from two Archdioceses and six Dioceses. At the inaugural session on 16 October, after the welcoming address by Fr. Patrick Gomes, Secretary of the CBCB Commission for CU & IRD and diocese-wise, the participants introduced themselves. Most Rev. Bishop Bejoy N. D'Cruze, OMI, Chairman of the Commission officially inaugurated the Training Program with the lighting of the candle with other diocesan representatives. He then presented a historical scenario of the movement of Christian Unity and the movement in reality in Bangladesh.

The relevant subjects/topics dealt by the efficient resource persons during this three day training were: An Introduction to the History of Christian Unity Movement by Most Rev. Bishop Bejoy N. D'Cruze, OMI; Ecumenical Movement according to Vatican II and its post Theology by Rev. Fr. Patrick Gomes; History of the movement of Christian Unity in the Catholic Church by Rev. Fr. Dilip Stephen Costa, An over view on Eastern and Asian Churches by Rev Fr Proloy Cruze. Session on Mixed Marriage according to Canon Law was by Rev. Fr. Proshanto Theotonius Rebeiro. The Liturgy and the Sacramental Life on the Protestant Churches was dealt by Rev. Fr. Eugene Anjus, CSC. Moreover, to present a general idea about the Protestant Churches, two Churches were highlighted, during the training this year: Anglican Church (Church of Bangladesh) and the Baptist Church, they were

successfully dealt with by Rev. Probhudan Hira and Pastor Ashim Baroi. To present the life oriented experience of Christian Unity, Sr. Anna Maria, a PIME Missionary Sister in Bangladesh shared her life experience of ecumenical activities and Shalom Movement activities which brought much interest to the participants.

The concelebrated Masses were presided by Most Rev. Bishop Bejoy N. D’Cruze, OMI and Most Rev. Bishop Theotonius Gomes CSC. There was also the Inter-Church Evening Prayer Service led by Pastor Ripon Michael Biswas with other members of NCPFB and regular morning and/or evening prayer led by the participants. The concluding session was with an open discussion, evaluation and proposals ending with a word of Thanksgiving by Fr Patrick Gomes, the Secretary, in the name of the Commission.

The 4th National Youth Forum 2019

As part of implementation of the National Pastoral Workshops of Bangladesh Church 2018 and the recent Synod of Bishops for Young People, EC- for Youth organized the 4th National Youth Forum, from the 25th – 27th October 2019 at BCR Center, Savar, Dhaka. There were 67 Catholic students of College and University level from different cultures from all over the country, to share their Christian faith, thoughts and present situations of their Parishes. Three Bishops, a few Major Superiors and a good number of Priests, Brothers, and Sisters were present to accompany them and to facilitate a few sessions and panel discussions, which enlightened them to find out ways of getting involved in the Church’s mission and activities more effectively based on their talents, and discern their vocation or profession. The participants also addressed their expectations from the Church leaders to have a better understanding and cooperation from both sides.

The 1st National Conference of Catholic Youth Clubs 2019

The Episcopal Commission for youth arranged for the first time a National Conference of the Catholic Youth Clubs, from 15th – 16th November 2019 at the CBCB Center, Dhaka. The theme was: “Learn and Lead: Young People are the Present Church.” Some 50 cabinet members from 40 different Catholic Youth Clubs were present in this program. The objectives of this Conference were- to bring all the Catholic Youth Clubs under one umbrella, to create a platform for the Catholic Youth Clubs’ leaders where they gather together from different dioceses for sharing activities, experiences and present situations of their clubs and to strengthen their capacity of leadership as well as foster youth engagement in Church and society.

His Eminence Cardinal Patrick D’Rozario, CSC gave a presentation and accompanied the Youth Leaders and addressed them saying,, ‘to become a leader of a club or organization is not a designation or post but a vocation. Every Catholic Youth Club is a Small Church, and all leaders need to follow the attitude of the servant leadership as Jesus Christ’.

Youth Seminar for Students of Vocational studies 2019

The EC – for Youth organized a half-day youth seminar for the students of vocational studies on 24 November 2019 at Narinda Technical School, Dhaka. The theme was “Young People are the Present Church” (Career Choosing, Capacity building and Vocational Discernment). There were 88 participants. The main session was on “*Christus Vivit*” which means ‘Christ is Alive’. This seminar encouraged the students to accept the present situation in their life, to discover the purpose of their lives, to discern their vocation and to get involved effectively in the family and society.

The 24th National Conference and AGM of BCSM

Based on the topic ‘Youths committed to quality education for sustainable development’, the 24th National Conference (NC) of Bangladesh Catholic Students’ Movement (BCSM) was held from the

05th – 09th October 2019 at the diocesan Social Pastoral Center, Mymensingh. Some 120 students participated in this NC from 7 dioceses. His Excellency Most. Rev. Paul Ponen Kubi, CSC the Bishop of Mymensingh Diocese, Br. Ujjal Placid Pereira, CSC the National Chaplain of BCSM, a good number of Priests and resource persons accompanied the students and delivered valuable speeches and facilitated different sessions and panel discussion during this NC. The program also included the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2019 of BCSM.

Prison Ministry Seminar

The Prison Ministry Desk of the Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace (EC-JP), in collaboration with Indian Prison ministry Service jointly organized a Seminar on Prison Ministry on 4 November, 2019 at CBCB, Mohammadpur, Dhaka. There were 20 participants present, including Most Rev. Bishops Bejoy D’Cruze OMI, Bishop of Sylhet Diocese and Sebastian Tudu, Bishop of Dinajpur Diocese, Priests, Nuns, EC - Commissions representatives and professionals. Most Rev. Bishop Bejoy D’Cruze, OMI inaugurated the session with his inspirational talk. The national and international Prison service policy and frameworks were presented by Fr. Liton H. Gomes, CSC, Secretary of EC-JP and Mr. Jesu Raja, an expert on Prison Ministry of India Catholic Bishop Conference. Some members from the Desk continue the visitation of prisons under the guidance of Fr. Liton H Gomes, CSC.

Annual General Assembly (AGA) of the BCR

The Annual General Assembly of BCR held from the 5th-6th of November 2019 in the presence of 11 Councilors and representatives, with 17 Major Superiors from the various congregations. The Apostolic Nuncio to Bangladesh His Excellency Most Rev. Archbishop George Kocherry celebrated the opening mass. Most Rev. Subroto Howlader, CSC, the Chairman of EC- Clergy and Religious delivered his encouraging and inspirational speech to the major superiors. His valuable presence for both days was highly appreciated. Bro. Ujjol Placid Pereira, CSC spoke on the theme "*Christus Vivit*". The important issues taken up were; reporting and discussion on BCR Half Yearly Assembly, different programs at BCR Centre, BCR sub-committees activities, land development issues of the BCR Centre and Financial reports. An election took place for the formation of the new standing committee and Bro. Subal L. Rozario, CSC was elected as President, Sr. Violet Rodrigues, CSC Vice President, Sr. Reba Costa, RNDM Treasurer and Sr. Mary Minoti, SMRA and Bro. Marti FMS as Members. The program concluded with a thanksgiving Mass was offered by Fr. James Cruze CSC along with 4 other Priests.

Workshop for Formators & Rectors

There was a two-day workshop on the Way of Discovering, for Formators and all Sisters, Fathers and Brothers working in formation on November 14 - 15, 2019 at the BCR Centre, Savar. Br. Stephen Binoy Gomes, CSC enlightened the formators on the theme “way of self-discovering”. Fr. Ajit V. Costa, OMI spoke on “Way of Accompaniment with the formees”. They enriched each other by group sharing, reporting, and general discussion after the presentations. There were 34 formators present at the workshop.

Vocation Promoters' Gathering

Reflecting on “Vocation Promotion: Responding to God’s Call”, a gathering was facilitated by the Vocation Promoters' sub-committee at the BCR Center on the 16 November 2019. Among the 26 participants, Fr. James Shyamol Gomes, CSC delivered the keynote address. The Sub-committee intended to develop inter-relationships among vocation promoters and formators of the religious congregation to encourage the development of the relationship and understanding with the local ordinaries and parish priests to work and recruit vocations in the Church. Rev. Fr. Albert T. Rozario, the parish priest of Dharendra, celebrated the thanksgiving mass and he inspired and encouraged the

formators and vocation promoters. Finally, Bro. Subal L. Rozario, CSC, the president of the BCR concluded the gathering indicating the importance of vocation promotion for the entire church and God's works.

The 7th National Women Leadership Course – 2019

The Episcopal Commission for the Laity organized a training program on Women leadership from October 16-19, 2019 at Caritas Development Institute, Dhaka under its Women Desk. A total of 46 participants (29 women) from 8 Catholic dioceses and different Organizations of Bangladesh participated in the training. The training was facilitated by Ms. Rita Roseline Costa, on 'Situation of Women in the Society', Sister. Shikha L. Gomes, CSC, on 'The situation of Women in the Church level', His Eminence Cardinal Patrick D' Rozario, CSC, Archbishop of Dhaka on "Women in the Social teaching of the Church", Sister Mary Mitali, SMRA 'The role of Women in the Evangelization in the Church', Fr. Elias Palma, CSC on 'Rosary Prayer and Mother Mary' Ms. Shikha Rani Halsona, on 'The challenges of Women Empowerment in the Church', Ms. Amrita Rozario, on 'Empowerment of Women', Mr. Chayon H. Rebeiro, on 'Patriarchal and Male dominance', Anita Rozario on 'Persecution of women and its solution', Fr. Jyoti Francis Costa on 'Role of women for Child protection', The training was inaugurated by Theophil Nokrek, Secretary, Episcopal Commission for the Laity in the first day of the training. The objective of the training was shared by Ms. Rebecca Quiah, Convener, DLAO.

At the closing ceremony participants expressed their thanks and gratitude's to the Commission for arranging such a good training. They also shared their learnings and action plan for future course of action. Finally, Most Rev. Theotonious Gomes, CSC celebrated the Holy Eucharistic and awarded Certificates among all the participants.

A Seminar on "AWAKENING CLIMATE CHANGE CONCERN IN SEMINARIES: For Bishops & Seminary Formators of Priests in ASIA"

Deeply conscious of her mandate to incarnate the mission of Christ, the Church recognizes that it is an integral part of her duty to respond to the climate emergency humanity faces today. With this in mind, the Federation of Asian Bishops Conferences (FABC) Office of Clergy and Office of Human Development from November 4-8, 2019 at Salesian Retreat House, Hua Hin, Thailand, focused on the topic 'AWAKENING CLIMATE CHANGE CONCERN IN SEMINARIES'. The participants at this Conference comprised 6 bishops, 26 priests, 1 religious brother and 8 lay people coming from 10 different countries (Bangladesh, Hongkong, India, Malaysia, Philippines, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam) and also included the engagement of thousands of viewers through



social media. From Bangladesh three formators, Fr. Somor Dango, Fr. Premu T. Rozario and Fr. Milton Joseph Rozario participated in the conference. The participants realized that the priests of tomorrow will be key agents in the struggle for a sustainable world. To equip them for this mission, they resolved to offer an integral formation

to enable the development of new convictions, attitudes and behaviour patterns. Participants committed to introduce in Seminary formation a course on Eco-theology combining the latest findings of science

with Christian teaching and praxis. May the Lord who has opened our hearts to hear the cry of the earth now fill us with the grace to faithfully implement all that He is calling us to do.

National Seminar of Interreligious Dialogue-2019: On the occasion of the Second Anniversary of Pope Francis' Pastoral Visit to Bangladesh-2017

To review the message of the holy Father Pope Francis that he delivered at the Interreligious and Ecumenical public reception held at Archbishop's House, Ramna Green field two years back on 1 December, 2017 the Episcopal Commission for Christian Unity, organized a National Seminar on Interreligious Dialogue with a theme that corresponds to the Pope's message: Openness of Heart brings Peace and Harmony. It was held at CBCB Centre Conference Hall on 9 November 2019, Saturday with 180 participants from Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist and Christian religions. The seminar started with the readings from the holy books of four Religions. It was followed by a short documentary film centered on the public reception at Ramna in particular and the Papal visit to Bangladesh in general. The end part of the film was the Pope's visit to Abu Dhabi.

After the welcoming address of Most Rev. Bishop Bejoy N. D'Cruze OMI, Chairman of the CBCB Dialogue Commission, his Excellency Archbishop George Kocherry, the Apostolic Nuncio to Bangladesh gave his message mentioning particularly his recent meeting with the Holy Father in Rome when the holy Father showed his special interest in Bangladesh, a land of interreligious harmony, and of the Rohingya people. The main speaker on the theme: Openness of Heart brings Peace and Harmony, was His Eminence Cardinal Patrick D'Rozario, CSC and this was followed by the speeches of Mowlana Farid Uddin Masud, Swamy Devodhyanondo Moharaj, Mr. Sujit Kumar Borwa and Dr. Anisuzzaman. The follow-up was made by Prof. Mesbah Kamal, Mr. Pijush Banarjee, Adv. Rana Das Gupta and Adv. Jhorna Gloria Sarkar, MP. After a brief open discussion Fr. Patrick Gomes, Secretary of the CBCB Dialogue Commission offered the vote of thanks to all, in the name of the Commission. All were much inspired by this seminar and promised to put into practice the theme of the seminar.

Some information of CBCB Meeting

The fourth meeting of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Bangladesh (CBCB) of 2019 was held on November 6 -7, 2019 at CBCB Centre. All the Bishops participated in the meeting. The meeting began at 8:30 AM on November 6, presided over by His Eminence, Cardinal Patrick D'Rozario CSC, Archbishop of Dhaka & President of the CBCB.

The main discussions of the meeting were as follows: Meeting with Most Rev. George Kocherry; Response of the CBCB to *MOTU PROPRIO* BY THE SUPREME PONTIFF FRANCIS "*VOS ESTIS LUX MUNDI*"; Constitutions of the Episcopal Commission for Canon and Civil Law (EC-CCL); Birth Centenary of the Servant of God, Theotonius Amal Ganguly; Celebration by the Christian Community: Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation and Golden Jubilee of Independent Bangladesh ; FABC 2020: PREPARATORY WORKSHOP by OHD/CCD; Pope's Visit to Thailand and Japan; FABC Conference 2020; FABC Survey Letter; CBCB & Episcopal Commissions; Seminary Commission: (i) Spiritual director for Bulakipur Program (ii) *Ratio Nationalis* of the *Ratio Fundamentalis Sacerdotalis*; EC- Social Communication matters; EC- Justice and Peace: Prison Ministry Meeting, BCEB – Briefing on the update i) TAG, TTC ; EC- Theological Concerns; EC- Youth Forum 2019; Caritas Evaluation. There was also a meeting with the Major Superiors of BCR on November 6, 2019. The agenda were the following: BCR Half Yearly Assembly: Ten years Pastoral Plan of the Church in Bangladesh; Celebration of Extra-ordinary Missionary Month in

October 25, 2019; Proper use of BCR land for the service of the Church; Implementation of safeguarding policy on Protection of Minors and B A Pass Course at Notre Dame College and Miscellaneous.

Inter-diocesan Appointments: (a) Fr. Paul Peter Costa is appointed as Spiritual Director of Bulakipur Spiritual Program.

**“TODAY IN THE CITY OF
DAVID A SAVIOR WAS
BORN FOR YOU, WHO IS
THE MESSIAH, THE LORD”**

(Luke 2:11).

Wishing you Merry Christmas

and

A Happy New Year !



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