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GATHERING OF YOUTH: THE GENERAL BODY MEETING

The General Body Meeting held on September 22, 2024, at Archbishop's House was a big event for the youth representatives of different parishes under the Archdiocese of Calcutta. It gave an opportunity to interact, gain knowledge, and grow together. The meeting was first addressed by Rev. Fr. Dominic Gomes, Vicar General, who gave a very crucial address regarding the relevance of youth in the Church. Post this, the parish representatives took turns advancing the youth objectives, activities, and future plans.

A report on our parish St. Damien of Molokai Church, Dum Dum, was represented by Rebecca Abraham, the youth treasurer. Fr. Michael's speech on synodality and leadership stood out to be the most impressive. He went on to stress the importance of oneness in the journeying and walking together among the youth, he also delved in Christ's body and the church's synodal nature. Fr. Michael placed prime significance on communal prayer and the Church's role in fostering synodality.



Following the above, the participants were divided into groups of deaneries with the aim of organizing further meetings and electing the future leaders of the religious ministry. This was also fruitful for us as we interacted with participants from other neighbouring parishes thereby improving local relations.

After the deanery discussion, The Archbishop, Thomas D'Souza, graced the occasion with his presence and delivered a thought-provoking speech, offering valuable guidance and encouragement to the youths. Following this, all the representatives from each parishes discussed the strengths and challenges of their parish. Our Vice President, Dipankar Barla threw light about our parish in this context. Finally, we had a group photo session with the archbishop and all the participants, capturing the spirit of unity and camaraderie. Finally, we ended with a delightful serving of snacks and tea, providing a fitting end to a productive and inspiring day.





On the 29th of September, we organized an invigorating and dynamic youth meeting at the Serampore parish. The event garnered a fantastic turnout, with a diverse group of enthusiastic and energetic young individuals in attendance. The meeting kicked off with an inspiring opening address by the parish priest, who eloquently highlighted the pivotal role of youth involvement in parish activities, emphasizing the importance of their contributions to the community.

Following the address, a new Youth Incharge was officially appointed, and he took the opportunity to share his comprehensive vision for the youth group, outlining plans for a series of exciting upcoming initiatives aimed at enhancing the participation and engagement of the youth community within the parish. The introduction of new Youth animators was met with palpable enthusiasm as they passionately presented their individual backgrounds and shared their ambitious aspirations for the youth group, igniting a sense of anticipation and unity among the attendees.

"Youths of Serampore Parish."

The meeting served as a platform for in-depth discussions about the upcoming programs and events planned for the parish. The agenda included detailed plans for community outreach projects, sports events, and cultural activities, with a strong emphasis on involving and empowering the youth in these initiatives. Attendees actively participated in brainstorming sessions, sharing their ideas and suggestions for making the upcoming events more inclusive and impactful for the entire parish community.

SUNDAY MASS

Sunday Eucharistic Mass was Celebrated by Fr. Robert, focusing on the role of the youth in the church.

FINANCE COMMISSION MEETING

The finance commission meeting commenced punctually at 10 am with a prayer to seek the divine blessings for the proceedings. The esteemed members of the finance committee present at the meeting included Fr. Robert Joshi, who serves as the Regional Econome, Fr. Umakant Parichha, the Development Director, and Fr. Radhe Lal Jatwar, the Regional Counselor and Adviser.

Before delving into the main agenda, the members meticulously reviewed the timetable and the items listed on the meeting agenda. The committee collectively revisited and emphasized the key responsibilities and functions of the finance commission. The commission underscored its pivotal role in providing guidance, advice, and oversight for all capital projects. It was unanimously agreed that the treasurer should maintain and safeguard all bank details of the trust, necessitating the provision of a dedicated and permanent mobile number. This mobile number is crucial for activities such as facilitating secure OTP transactions, fund transfers, and accessing bank statements.

Additionally, the committee disclosed that work is underway to compile a comprehensive summary of expenses categorized by community. It was stressed that once the community-wise expenditure reports are finalized and submitted, they will serve as the foundation for the upcoming budget formulation process. Notably, the final date for the submission of community budgets was set for the 15th of October, 2024.

In preparation for the execution of capital projects, the commission identified specific considerations that demand attention and careful management. Throughout the meeting, various suggestions and concerns were raised, particularly regarding inputs on development initiatives and project documentation.

**Fr. Robert Joshi ss.cc.
Regional Econome**



Reactivating the Parish activities

On 29th September we had meeting with all our parishioners including youth and children after the mass. It was a successful meeting because few of them shared their plus point and negative point which enlightened and brought awareness to the people in our Parish. In the meeting the group leaders were selected. for the fathers, for the mothers, for the youth and children. It was to make them more responsible in the Church activities.

FR. GOLAK PARICHHA



St. Damien Parish Youth

St. Damein parish is actively involved with youth ministry. We had a parish youth meeting to elect the new office bearers namely President, vice president, secretary, vice secretary, treasurer and vice treasurer. The newly elected members will be assuming their office after they are officially installed by our parish priest on 13th Oct. We are very proud of our youth seeing their active participation in our parish activities. We ask for your sincere prayer for our youth to be more faithful and law abiding in every step they take. .



DEACON DILDHAR JATWAR



PROGRAM AT ST. DAMIEN PARISH, LUDRU SCC ANIMATION

Last year the priest council of the diocese of Berhampur decided to renew the activity of the small Christian community in every parish. Fr. Martyn Chintamani is the coordinator and facilitator for this program. He came to our parish with his team, with four days programs and activities. On the first days, on 2nd of September we started the program in our main parish church, Ludru. On the second day, we went to the villages of Kunkuni and Bhalia Sahi. There were about 60 people came to attend the program. On the 3rd day we organized the activity in Bandhapadha and Bandhaguda village.

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The main theme of the teaching was to foster unity among the believers. It is the people who build the church and all need to participate in their own capacity in building the community. Praying rosary together and celebrating the holy Eucharist will enhance the bond in the community. The coordinator in his talk admonished the people to follow the teachings of SCC through prayer and sharing the word of God. Indeed, it was a good learning for the people. Some find it good and others find it hard to change the old way doing things and praying. Since then, we try our best to keep the teaching of Fr. Martin, in our parish. I think the people have slowly moving and seeing feeling the taste of it. Keeping in mind the teachings of Fr. Martin we have formed four groups such as Children, youth, mothers and fathers for taking part in our prayer, liturgy and eventually for the Bible sharing.

FR. SUBAL NAYAK SS.CC.

ST. DAMIEN SCHOOL

AT DANGADIGHILA, KOLKATA



MASS AND ADORATION

DILDHAR JATWAR

A religious life is greatly strengthened and motivated when individuals prioritize Eucharistic and Adoration prayers at the center of their spiritual practice. It is essential for us to maintain a continuous connection with God, as it is through this connection that we receive abundant blessings and love. The depth of our relationship with God determines the magnitude of love we receive in return. This is why the Ludru community places great emphasis on commencing their day with Eucharistic prayer and concluding it with the Rosary in the evening, alongside fellow believers. This deliberate focus on spiritual nourishment serves as our primary source of strength and inspiration, enabling us to effectively carry out our daily responsibilities and lead fulfilling lives.



OCTOBER



THANK YOU

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have no words to thank you for having accompanied us in this experience, which has touched us very much, not because of the circumstances and places we have lived, but because of the company, the people that God has placed along the way, that is to say, thanks to all of you.

It is difficult to put into words what we have experienced, but one thing is clear to us, that you dedicate your lives to the service of others is an inspiring and admirable example of how we should live.

India is a place where, despite the chaos, God is very palpable. Here it is clearer how to help the needy, because there are more needs but the difficulties to do so are enormous: the lack of means, the persecution of Christianity, and above all the lack of certainty that dedicating oneself to one's neighbour will bear fruit. All these are obstacles that could discourage you, but no, on the contrary, you continue to do everything in your power with a very pure gratuity. God can be seen there, He is your energy to be able to continue to work on this path of life.

Thank you for the care and affection with which you have welcomed us during this month and for the example you have set for us. We have learned values that will help us to live a more Christian life, closer to the life of Jesus, treating everyone as equals, with the dignity and attention that each person deserves. You have taught us to change the way we look at things, to ask ourselves where we do things and why.

Thank you for opening the doors to SS.CC. India. We are grateful to have been able to witness this international congregation. It is very nice to see that both the communities in Spain and in India, despite each having their own challenges, live with the same simplicity dedication, discretion, gratuity and charism. Besides, we did not know about the diversity of cultures in India itself and it is very nice that you are teaching us the cultures of each one, that you all speak English and that you unify yourselves as a community, as equals.

This month has been a gift, we have learned and grown as people but our real challenge starts now, in Spain. We have to take what we have learnt to our reality so pray for us. We pray for you that God will continue to guide and push you in your religious life.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,

María and Gracia

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF SS.CC. MISSION IN INDIA

INAUGURAL HOLY EUCHARIST



(1975-2025)

Main Celebrant

Rev. Fr. Lane Akiona, SSCC
Provincial Superior, USA

Sacred Hearts Seminary,
Dangadighila, 29 July, 2024

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