



# SUBHAVNA



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*Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest".  
Matthew 11:28*

Dear Friends,

Our Lord has always been faithful to His children. He has always taken care of their needs and His words always provide strength for us to survive in any situation of the world. In chaotic situations like the current times, the author of the above verse gives us Hope. Hope to cling unto the words of the Lord. As faithfuls of the Lord we have to share this Hope with people who have nothing. Trusting in the Lord and as per His command, the Diocese of Calcutta in the Months of the lockdown strive to do so and even as I write this continue reaching out to the unreached.

So far God has taken care of all of us, He will further it too.

Please keep praying for humanity in the world around, for our Country, for our universal church and above all for our leaders, elders, widows, children, women and youth.

With all blessings,  
Yours in His service,  
**The Rt. Revd. Paritosh Canning,**  
Bishop of Calcutta, CNI



## The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning Foundation for Holistic Development of The Diocese of Calcutta, CNI FIRST YEAR REMINISCENCE

On 10th June, 2020, the Clergy and a wide cross section of the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI and beyond, recalled and celebrated joyfully the completion of the first anniversary of the Episcopal Ministry of The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta, CNI. An online Thanksgiving Service was live streamed from St. Paul's Cathedral, Kolkata on this occasion. Bishop Paritosh Canning was consecrated as Bishop on Sunday, 8th July, 2018 at St. Paul's Cathedral, Kolkata followed by the Installation Service at St. Bartholomew's Cathedral, Barrackpore he took charge as the Bishop of Barrackpore.

On 10th June, 2019 Bishop Paritosh Canning was transferred from the Diocese of Barrackpore, CNI to the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI. The installation service took place on 11th June, 2019 at St. Paul's Cathedral, Kolkata.

The people-friendly, affable, simple and scholarly Bishop Paritosh Canning has earned the goodwill and respect of people from the Diocese of Calcutta as well as all walks of life and communities. His rare down-to-earth qualities and humble background promoting love and act of generosity especially during the times of Coronavirus pandemic and Cyclone Amphan has fostered closer ties among local communities and the Church. Bishop Paritosh Canning has been a bright torch in the last one year and he inculcated a very positive outlook and expectation among all concerned. He has captured hearts speaking fluently in Bengali and English. He is well read and keeps very close to his Clergy and laypeople.

Bishop Paritosh has come to be known for his simplicity and listening capacity. He promotes participatory leadership. As a visionary Bishop, he has taken keen interest in development of infrastructure and introducing empowerment of women and children's nurturing programmes in the Diocese. Creating livelihood opportunities and transforming people's lives are among his priorities.



Bishop Paritosh Canning shared his thoughts and dreams for the Diocese during the Thanksgiving Service. The Hony. Secretary, Property Secretary, Diocesan Women's Fellowship for Christian Service, Diocesan Youth Work Committee and Heads of Institutions on behalf of the people of the Diocese offered tributes and congratulated Bishop Paritosh Canning on his completion of one glorious year as the Bishop of Calcutta, CNI.

A power point presentation- A Year in Retrospect- was made to mark all the achievements of the Diocese during the last one year. The following were showcased:

- Bhowanipur Congregational Church-  
Refurbished Sunday School Hall Dedication  
Prayer Corner  
Refurbished Washrooms

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## FIRST CORPORATE WORSHIP SERVICE AFTER LOCKDOWN

On Sunday, 28th June, 2020 the Diocese of Calcutta for the first time after a gap of over three months resumed Corporate Worship Services. Public worship with restricted congregation is slowly resuming across the Diocese as lockdowns are eased. Measures are being taken to protect the congregation and staff by practicing social distancing, sanitization and wearing of masks mandatorily as advised by the Govt. of West Bengal.

St. Paul's Cathedral had its first Worship Service of the day at 7:30am followed by the Sung Eucharist at 8:30 am. The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta, CNI preached The Word and of God celebrated the Holy Eucharist. Office-bearers of the Diocese of Calcutta were present. Bishop shared in his message that in the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 14:29-30, Peter stepped down from the boat, and walked on the waters to come to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was strong, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" Jesus reached out to hold his hand and rebuked Peter for doubting Him. Bishop said we must have complete faith in Jesus to do what Jesus did.

Churches in the Diocese are expected to start their Worship Services for the congregation the following week maintaining all the necessary protocol as advised by the Govt. of West Bengal.



Soon after the Worship Service in the Church, Bishop Paritosh Canning unveiled a memorial plaque in the Cathedral garden which says - "Remains of an uprooted tree placed here bears



testimony to the havoc wreaked by cyclone Amphan on 20th May, 2020. With grateful acknowledgement of the Cathedral family for the subsequent extensive restoration work in the entire Cathedral premises by The Rt Revd Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta, CNI." A fountain in the garden was also revived under the supervision of Bishop which was in full flow and will be lighted during night. Bishop and the office-bearers of the Diocese met with the Office-bearers of the Cathedral in Cathedral Friendship Centre for a time of refreshment and fellowship after the programme.



Renovated Manse at Duff Church

Church Worker's Residence at St. Thomas' School, Kiddherpur premises  
 Priest Residence at St. Thomas' School, Kiddherpur premises  
 Deacon's Residence at St. Luke's Church, Bosekati premises  
 Renovated Parsonage at Christ Church

St. Monica Guest House, Renovation in progress  
 Relocated and Refurbished ICT Office at Bishop's House  
 Bishop's House as a Centre of Hope and New Life  
 Bishop's Tent – Training Centre for the Differently-abled Persons

'GNOSIS' –Information Centre; 'DORCAS' Women's Empowerment Centre; 'KOINONIKI' Social Work Initiatives; 'CODEX' Archive; 'PARAKALEO' Counselling Centre; 'Tabernacle' – Women's Empowerment sales counter;

Bishop's Inn – Under Renovation  
 Guest Rooms at Bishop's House for Overseas Friends

Inauguration of Bishop's Lawn- An Oasis of Peace in the City of Joy  
 Dedication of New Church Building, St. Peter's Church, Barisha  
 Dedication of St. John's Church, Nawhajari ( formerly CNI Nawhajari Church )  
 Rededication of Union Chapel post Refurbishment  
 Rededication of Duff Church post Refurbishment  
 Inauguration of St. Paul's Cathedral Souvenir Corner  
 Dedication of Children's Play area at St. Paul's Cathedral  
 New Boundary Wall at Jeeban Jyoti Upasanlaya, Kalagachhia  
 Inauguration of the Abode of Rest Mortuary  
 Inauguration of Nari Dana project at Krishnapur  
 Inauguration of Nari Dana project and Children Care Centre at Geonkhali  
 Inauguration of Nari Dana project at Kulberia

Inauguration of Happy Kid Zone at Pratt Memorial School  
 Inauguration of the second gate at Pratt Memorial School  
 Construction of new Classrooms at Pratt Memorial School  
 Dedication of Jesus' Statue at Scottish Church Collegiate School(Junior Section)  
 Dedication of the Scottish Church Collegiate School refurbished premises(Junior Section)  
 Inauguration of the new Branch of Scottish Church Collegiate School at Krishnapur  
 Construction of the La Martiniere Branch at Oxford Mission, Barisha in progress  
 Construction of the New Block at St. Florence College of Nursing, Behala in progress  
 Construction of New Staircase and class rooms at St. Thomas Church School, Chinsurah Branch

Inauguration of Digital Campus at St. James' School  
 Long awaited Induction of the Head Master of Cathedral Mission High School  
 Induction of Vice-Principal of St. Thomas' Church School, Chinsurah Branch  
 Distribution of Cycle Van Rickshaws to members of Jeeban Jyoti Upasanlaya, Kalagachhia  
 Educational Tour in Malaysia  
 Bishop as Host to the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury  
 Prayer Rally for NRC and CAA withdrawal  
 Seminar on CNI Liturgy  
 Release of Confirmation Service Booklet  
 Bishop as Host to the visit of CSI Bishop of Nandyal Diocese

**AWARDS**  
 Recipient of Mahatma Gandhi Samman 2019  
 Outstanding Award for Education Excellence  
 Doctorate in Philosophy in the specialised area of Divinity  
 Certificate of Appreciation-Covid 19 Warrior Award

**VISIT OF OVERSEAS FRIENDS AND PARTNERS TO THE DIOCESE OF CALCUTTA, CNI**  
 The Revd. Dr. Japhet Nadhlovu, from the United Church of Canada  
 The Revd. Anita Mathew of Derby City Church and Derby University Students

## LAUNCH OF GEONKHALI CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

On 2nd July, 2020 The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta, CNI officially launched the Geonkhali Child Development Programme, his dream project, and an Initiative for Social Development.

The primary focus of the programme is to support students who are slow learners in school and provide nutrition and assistance for holistic growth.  
 Cathedral Relief Service is an integral part of the programme, financially as well as for human resources. Bishop thanked the friends and partners of CRS for making the Child Development Programme a reality in Geonkhali and in other locations in the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI.  
 Office Bearers of the Diocese and friends were present at the inaugural programme. Soon after the programme Bishop Paritosh Canning distributed dry rations to families of the area affected by cyclone Amphan.  
 Bishop Paritosh Canning on this visit to Geonkhali also assessed the damage caused by cyclone Amphan to the Church property (mainly the roof) of Prabhu Jishur Mandir, Diocese of Calcutta, CNI and gave assurance that he would do all he could to reach out to friends to raise funds for the necessary repairs and restoration.



Dr. Donald Messer and Team from Center for Health and Hope, USA  
 The Revd. Mark Meatcher & Rev. Melanie and Group from United Reformed Church, Enfield, UK  
 Mr. Peter Routley, Anglican Overseas Aid, Australia  
 Rachael, Lee Book Humanitarie, Canada  
 The Revd. Canon Dr. Robert Harley, Scottish Episcopal Church  
 Ross Stirling Young – Supporter of Arunima Hospice, Since 2015, Scottish Episcopal Church  
 Ruth, Joy and Christian Mallard, Methodist Church, UK  
 Janet Rogers, UK  
 John and Suzan Froster, Derby UK  
 Dr. Thomas Matthews, Cambridge, UK  
 The Revd. Margret Mcgregor, Missionary from Scotland, the first lady Priest ordained in the Diocese of Calcutta  
 The Rt. Revd. Michael Westall, Ex- Principal of Bishop College  
 The Rt. Revd. Charles Samuel, Assistant Bishop of The Anglican Church of West Malaysia  
 Robert Mathieson, Treasurer and his wife; Margaret How, Trustee, Oxford Mission, UK  
 The Rt. Revd. Murray Harvey, Bishop of Grafton Diocese, Anglican Church of Australia

