



Bishop's Program for June 2015:

- 12 to 13 Dharan Don Bosco New Parish Priest installation
14 Participation in ordination of new Bishop of Bagdogra

Bishop's Message:

Dear Friends,

One month has passed since the massive earthquake hit the central districts of Nepal which destroyed and changed lives of so many people. More than eight thousand lives were taken away. Thousands were made homeless and many are lost and injured. For the last one month we have seen so much suffering and pain. The sufferers are still living a painful life. They are facing plenty of difficulties and are deprived for the basic necessities of life. But what is so inspiring experience is that amidst the suffering and pain people, regardless of caste, creed, and statues coming forward helping needed neighbors, even the stranger stopped by to render help. It is so comforting and encouraging to see the immense generosity of people. So we have not seen only the suffering and pain of our people but also a determination to rise from the wreckage reminding of us the words of St. Paul: "We are afflicted in every way possible, but we are not crushed" [2 Cor. 4:8]. This makes our spirits soar above the tragedies of life and make us determine to restore the lives of people. Entire Catholic Church communities in the Vicariate of Nepal have been working together to support the Government in relief and restoration efforts. As we are slowly making our way to recovery from this calamity, we are committed to accompanying the affected people as long as they need us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you, namely, Caritas Nepal, our friends in the Caritas Families, all Religious Men and Women congregations, various Pious Associations and Lay Association, Individuals in their capacities for your prayers and generous support for the sufferers. We are so grateful for your gestures of solidarity. I appreciate and congratulate our youth from three parishes, namely, Assumption Church, St. Ignatius Church and Isalaya Church who really rose to the challenge in volunteering to help Caritas Nepal to collect and deliver relief materials to far and difficult areas where they were most needed. May I encourage our youths to keep up the spirit and continue on with their wholehearted contribution in the restoration process of our country.

The Vicariate has collected locally so far as Relief Fund a sum of NRs. 1, 52,275.00 [One Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Five only]. Thank you for your generous donation. We have contributed this money to Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

While thanking all of you from core of my heart, I am obliged to renew my appeal for prayer as we are now at the beginning of the rebuilding phase. As we enter into this second stage there will be further need for your support to be with all these victims who are not able to regain their hope for the future and who are living in despair and loss. Every single hand of support is important in order to give them a new hope for life.

Thank you so much for your generosity and May God bless you all.

Bishop paul Simick

Message below from Cardinal Filoni



CONGREGATIO
PRO GENTIUM EVANGELIZATIONE

27th April 2015

HIS LORDSHIP
THE MOST REV. PAUL SIMICK
APOSTOLIC VICAR OF NEPAL

NEPAL

WITH A DEEPLY SADDENED HEART, THE CONGREGATION FOR THE EVANGELIZATION OF PEOPLES WRITES TO YOUR LORDSHIP, FOLLOWING THE SERIES OF EARTHQUAKES IN NEPAL, THAT CAUSED THE DEATHS OF SO MANY PEOPLE, BOTH NATIONALS AND FOREIGNERS.

TOGETHER WITH OUR HOLY FATHER, WE PRAY TO ALMIGHTY GOD FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THIS NATURAL DISASTER AND WE ESPECIALLY OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO ALL OTHERS WHO DIED OR WHO LOST FAMILY MEMBERS IN THIS TRAGEDY.

AT THIS TIME OF DEEP SORROW, WE JOIN WITH ALL THE PEOPLE OF NEPAL IN PRAYING FOR HOPE, ENCOURAGEMENT AND FOR GUIDANCE IN THE COMING DAYS IN ORDER TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES AND BELONGINGS WITH THE HELP OF GOD AND SOLIDARITY.



Fernando Cardinal Filoni, Prefect
Archbishop Savio Hon Tai-Fai, S.D.B., Secretary

Earthquake update:

- The people of Nepal were struck by another powerful earthquake—ranking at 7.3 on the Richter scale—on May 12, just over two weeks after a 7.8-magnitude earthquake devastated the country and claimed more than 8,800 lives. A reported 97 people were killed in the May 12 temblor.
- Across the Kathmandu valley and in remote mountain areas, homes and buildings remain destroyed. While families are resourceful in clearing and repairing what they can, much of what they built in a lifetime perished in seconds.
- An estimated 479,308 homes have been fully destroyed and another 263,026 damaged. At least 1.5 million people are in need of immediate relief, with another 8 million affected across 39 districts.
- The Caritas family has supported 60,970 people to date primarily with shelter supplies (tarps, mats and blankets) and kits for water, sanitation and hygiene.

NUNCIO'S PASTORAL VISIT



His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio the Apostolic Nuncio to Nepal together with his first



Secretary Msgr. Tuomo. T. Vimpari, arrived here in Kathmandu, Nepal on 21st May 2015 not only to examine the pathetic condition of the people of this country but also to lift the down trodden up from the state of mope by his esteem presence and to convey the Holy

Father's message of comfort and concern to the victims of the earthquake. While in his two days visit, first and foremost, on the day of his arrival he visited a number of damaged Churches, Schools and Convents of our vicariate. He also visited most of the affected areas of Kathmandu valley.

In the evening, at Nepal Don Bosco's Vocational Institute, Thecho, Kathmandu, his Excellency met all the different religious congregations of both men and women, who were actively involved in relief service. Most of the representatives of the various religious congregations beautifully presented the report of their relief work done in different parts of this country. His Excellency appreciated much, to all the religious congregations for their prompt and selfless service at this time of need. The program lasted at least for an hour and it finally ended with sumptuous meal prepared by Nepal Don Bosco's community, Thecho. The presence of a number of priests and religious along with His Excellency Salvatore Pennacchio and His first secretary Msgr. Tuomo. T. Vimpari, Rt. Rev. Bishop Paul Simick and Bishop Emeritus Anthony F. Sharma was a sheer display of ecclesiastical unity and love for the people of Nepal.

On the following day, in the early afternoon, his Excellency met Mr. Mahindra Bahadur Pandey the Honorable minister for Foreign Affairs at his office where he conveyed the message of Holy See for all the earthquake victims.

On 23rd May, along with a number of vicari-



ate priests and Rt. Rev. Bishop Paul Simick, the Vicar Apostolic of Nepal, His Excellency Salvatore solemnized the liturgical celebration at the Church of the Assumption, Kathmandu, Nepal. During the Mass, His Excellency offered a very spe-

cial prayer for the victims of the earthquake and for the people of this country. In his thought provoking homily, His Excellency Salvatore conveyed the Holy Father's message of comfort and concern for the people of Nepal. Then His Excellency sympathized all the victims saying that the Catholic Church would always remain close by at this time of difficulty and finally His Excellency also assured that the Universal Catholic Church shares the suffering of the victims of this kind of natural disaster. The entire liturgy and the lively choir was very well organized by the group members of the Vincent De Paul.

On the same day, soon after the Holy Mass, His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore along with Rt. Rev. Bishop Paul Simick the Vicar Apostolic of Nepal, Rev. Fr. Silas Bogati the Vicar General and Fr. Pius Perumana the acting Director of Caritas Nepal visited the Prime Minister Mr. Sushil Kumar Koirala at his residence in Baluwatar. During this time, on behalf of the Holy See, His Excellency conveyed the message



of comfort and concern and assured that the Catholic Church would remain always at the side of the people of Nepal to help them out through the social and charitable organizations of our Catholic Church, Nepal.

His Excellency Salvatore's presence in our midst as the representative of our beloved Pope Francis and as a beacon of hope filled us with Great Joy, Pride, Consolation, Encouragement, Strength and Comfort. It showed how the Universal Church felt with us in this trial and agonizing period of time for which to His Excellency overwhelming with joy, we express our heartfelt gratitude and prayer.

Damak Inauguration of a New Church

28th of May Bishop Paul Simick inaugurated and blessed new Church in Damak. Religious fathers and sisters were present for inaugural Mass.

Bishop reminded Damak was one of the first communities that was established in the east Nepal and need to work more to strengthen the Church.



Damak Ordination:



Fr.Lalit Tudu was ordained on 29th of May at Damak parish. He comes from Simalbari of Mahespur Parish. Thousands of faithful from all over the east Nepal along with fathers and sisters came to participate in ordination event.

Fr. Lalit's brother and sister in-law and many other relatives from village were at present to witness the ordination. It was a joy filled occasion for all and also for Vicariate to have one more priest to work in the Lord's vineyard. Congratulations to Fr. Lalit!!



BREP News (June 2015 News)

The school-based subject-wise workshops were conducted in all the 3 camp schools of Beldangi and in that of sanischare camp from 5th to 8th May 2015. The Education Coordinator attended and conducted the Guardians' meetings in all the camp schools. He also personally met and addressed the students of- Class X students, motivating them to study with concentration right from the beginning of the academic year. Due to earthquake, the text books could not be reached to the schools in time. The children are receiving the materials only now. The computer courses - Data Base and Web-Page Designing, and Hardware and Networking - have been closed after the completion of these courses for the teachers. The repair and maintenance work of the schools is going on.

BREP sent 348 Class VIII students for the District level Board Examinations in March 2015. Out of this number, 259 students (126 out of 159 boys and 133 out of 189 girls) successfully completed Class VIII and moved on to Class IX in the academic year 2015 - 2016.

A series of Subject-wise Central Workshops started, beginning with 'Mathematics Workshop' on 25th May. Almost all the BREP teachers will be attending 2 or 3 days workshops, as per the schedule and the subject(s) they teach. We are making every effort to carry on with regular classes for the students. To work out a balance between the workshops for the teachers which is absolutely necessary to enhance their capacities and carrying on with classes is a big challenge for BREP.

A workshop In 'Basic Community Based Rehabilitation' (CBR) was conducted on 14th and 15th May 2015 at Damak. 24 members of the Bhutanese Refugee Association of the Disabled (BRAD) participated in the workshop. The main aim of the workshop was to enhance the capacities of BRAD members and to gradually entrust to them the leadership management of Disability Program in the camps. Time has come to say goodbye to Mr. Dilli

Ram Sarky who served in the Disability Program of Beldangi II for almost 13 years. He discharged his various responsibilities with commitment and cheerfulness. He accompanied hundreds of disabled refugees to BPKIHS, Dharan for medical examination and certification. Caritas expresses its appreciation to Mr. Dilli Ram Sarky for his unforgettable services to the disabled persons in the camp, and wishes him God's abundant blessings and a hope-filled life in the resettled country.

Of the Vocational Training courses for the first batch, 3 courses supported by UNHCR with 23 in House Keeping and Care giver, 8 in AC and Fridge Repairing, and 17 in Basic Electronics Goods Service; and 15 in Advanced Tailoring supported by UNWFP, were successfully completed in the month of May 2015.

Youth in the YFCs were busy with different programs - Workers Day was celebrated on 1st May in which 60 youth (32 male and 28 female) participated in the program organized at Caritas SOD. A quiz competition was conducted as an outreach activity in Beldangi II on 1st May in which 33 youth (17 male and 16 female) participated. Street dramas were enacted to create awareness about SGBV in Beldangi II on 4th May and in Sanischare on 8th May. Altogether 37 youth participated in the street dramas in both the camps. The Mentor-Mentee program was conducted on 12th May in Sanischare camp, on 14th May in Beldangi II, and on 15th May in Beldangi I camps. 82 youth and mentees took part in the activity.

We have the sad news of one of our little ones, a student of CPC, Beldangi II, Alisha Rai, a 4 year old, passed away due to the fall of a tree on 23rd May night at about 8.00 PM when a heavy gale blew suddenly. The little one was sitting near her mother at their house when the tragedy struck. A beautiful life cut short due to natural calamity. The mother also was badly injured.

Caritas/JRS Nepal express their appreciation to JRS South Asia and to JRS International for the booklet on 'BREP' and for almost 200 copies of the

same which were supplied to Caritas SOD. BREP has accomplished a tremendous mission for the education of thousands of Bhutanese refugee children at the field level. BREP is accorded recognition and duly put forward as a model of good practices for the refugee schools around the world. Caritas/JRS Nepal attributes this achievement mainly to the Bhutanese refugees who owned BREP and to Caritas and other donor agencies for their continuous and generous support for so many years.

Maheshpur Parish, Jhapa

In Maheshpur the Church construction works are in progress in spite of the violent disturbances of the nature. After the foundational tie beams now the ground floor tie beams and the ground floor castings will take place soon. The works are on according to the specified time given a month long delayed beginning is taken into account. Now the threatening factors are the heavy rains, sweeping storms and blood curdling thunders that intimidate the workers to be on the ground. We too have minor tremors which are not very easily noticeable at times. However in Him we trust.

Deacon Lalit Tudu of Nepal Vicariate was with us making his triduum preparing himself for his Priestly Ordination. He was Ordained a Priest on 29th May, 2015 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Damak at 9.30 a.m. by Rt. Rev. Bishop Paul Simick, the Bishop of Nepal Vicariate. Lalit Tudu takes the honor of the first ever candidate for Priesthood from St. Xavier's Parish, Maheshpur, Jhapa. On the following day at 10.00 a.m. he celebrated his first Mass in his own village Chapel at Simalbari which is about 55 kilometers far from Maheshpur. We the parishioners of Maheshpur, Jhapa wish Fr. Lalit a fruitful priestly life for many years to come.

Don Bosco Lubu Quasi Parish

After the aftermath of the Earthquake that shook whole of Nepal many youth loitered around, had a gala time with their friends. Some joined the

relief group but most of them remained idle and did not know what to do. Amidst this moment the youth and the krusbir of Quasi Parish Sacred Heart Church came together to pray for the decrease of the earthquake, for the earthquake victims, for the people affected by the disaster and for the army people and others working for the people at large. Though they could not give goods, monetary help but the important thing they did was these children and youth sat in-front of the Eucharistic Lord for a week for this particular intention. Youth and the krusbir attended the daily mass at 7:00 am followed by an hour of adoration. This enabled us to be one with the people. One of the krusbir children after few days of adoration and prayers told, "Our prayers are working, see the earthquake is subsiding." The other child told that she feels at peace to pray and to pray for the others.

It was a moment of oneness with the people of Nepal. Though being affected by the earthquake themselves they never brought their zeal down. They recited rosary as we were on the Month of Mary (MAY). Along with it we prepared for the feast of Pentecost. On the last day all the youth and others made a beautiful confession and ended a week of prayer and adoration. It was a time that these youth and children grew in their faith and also learned to be one with the affected and the victim of the earthquake. Everyday the adoration was conducted by the youth and it was beautifully prepared daily.

The Quasi parish of Sacred Heart Church also bade farewell to Fr Suman and Sr Nancy. They were thanked for the service they rendered towards the faithful and their growth. The New Parish Priest Fr. Florence Demta (Rector too) was welcomed to the parish and the former Parish Priest was thanked for leading the faithful for the last one year. With this sentiments and oneness the Quasi Parish is growing in faith and oneness.

Lenten Contributions:

1. Little Flower Mission, Parwanipur	15000
2. Damak Parish	9000
3. Sirsia Don Bosco Parish	39500
4. Don Bosco Parish, Dharan	25000
5. Mahespur, Sadakbari parish	34200

Bishop's Relief fund

1. St. Ignatius parish	8330
2. Assumption Parish	31355
3. Hetauda Tandi Mission	8000
4. Bandipur school and Mission	10585
5. St. Joseph's School, Gorkha	20000
6. Don Bosco, Lumbu	30100
7. Godawari Parish	2900
8. Don Bosco, Sirsia	15500
9. St. Peter's Parish, Pattapur	505
10. Don Bosco Parish, Dharan	15000
11. Little flower School and Mission	10000

NB: Thank you for your Lenten contribution which goes to support poor through Caritas. Those who have not made your contribution please contribute soon. Thank you also for the contribution to Bishop's relief fund.

Visitor to Bishop's House:



His Excellency Nuncio Salvatore Pennacchio, Msgr. Tuomo with Bishop Paul and Fr. Silas Bogati

Announcement:

- **Farewell: We wish all the best to Fr. Sanny cst as he goes on for his studies to Rome welcome Fr. Cherian cst.**
- **Congratulations to Fr. Lalit Tudu on his priestly ordination on 29th of May**

Prayer Intention of the Holy Father :

June

- **Universal:** That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.
- **Evangelization:** That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

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