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Honorable Bishop with College/School Staff and other Dignitaries



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Recognition of the Church Contribution

On the 3rd of May, 2019 the Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, President Bishop, Church of Pakistan along with the Revd. Father Richard Anguyo, A Mill Hill Missionary from Uganda, and the local Clergy visited Army Burn Hall School/ College for boys, Abbottabad.

The Burn Hall School/College was established in 1943 by the Mill Hill Missionaries of the Roman Catholic Church to serve the people of the area. The Fathers handed over the School/College to Pakistan Army in 1977. After a period of 42 years, once again the Pak-Army recognizing the contribution of the Church, in the area of education invited the Church dignitaries to the College, at Abbottabad.

In a solemn ceremony they were cordially received by Brig: Wajid Qayum Paracha, Principal along with senior faculty members. The dignitaries were then led for a Grand Morning Assembly and visit of the campus.

The guests witness the historic infrastructure constructed in the times of Mill Hill Missionaries and were delighted to see the preservation of the legacy.

The programme commenced with prayers and introduction of the guests and recognition of the services of the Mill Hill Missionaries in the establishment of the Army Burn Hall School/College.

The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, President Bishop, Church of Pakistan in his motivational lecture to the students raise their spirits and enlightened the audience on the promotion moral attributes.

The Revd. Father Richard Anguyo also shared his treasured thoughts and briefly told about his own ministry and current services of the Mill Hill Missionaries in Pakistan. Later, the Principal of the college extended his immense gratitude to the honorable guests and presented them college souvenirs.



Bishop Humphrey Peters addressing the audience



Bishop Humphrey welcomed by the Principal



Ceremony in images

The Pentecost Retreat



The Revd. Patrick Naeem leading the Service

Pentecost Day Celebrations



Children presenting a skit on Pentecost Day

The Pentecost Day, 2019 was celebrated with religious zeal at all the Churches of the Diocese of Peshawar. Special Prayers and worship services regarding the Pentecost Day were organized and attended by a large number of people who received blessings of the Pentecost Day.



Retreat in images



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The Revd. Shahzad Murad, Priest Incharge, All Saints' Church, Peshawar and his Parish organized a Mega Prayer Event to refresh faith of the congregation through the Word of God.

Later, the congregation flew balloons, and held a cake cutting ceremony led by the Revd. Shahzad Murad to mark the occasion



The Pentecost Retreats were simultaneously organized at Central, Northern and the Southern Deanery. The participants included Priests, Deacons and Lay Pastors from all Churches and Parishes of the Diocese of Peshawar.

During the Retreat Holy Communion and Worship Service was also led by the Revd. Patrick, assisted by the Revd. Shahid Younis Dean and Priest Incharge St. Augustine Church, Kohat, and the Alexander Mehboob, Youth Desk Coordinator.

The Revd. Alexander Mehboob informed the Frontier News Correspondent that the retreat has added to their existing knowledge and has enabled them to serve God and His people with religious zeal and humbleness as they have been empowered by the Holy Spirit.



The Central Deanery Retreat was held at St. John's Cathedral, Peshawar, led by the Revd. Joseph John, Dean and Priest Incharge. The Northern Deanery Retreat was held at Mardan, led by the Revd. Murad Mushtaq, Dean and Priest Incharge St. Paul's Sarhadi Church, Mardan.

Whereas, the Southern Deanery Retreat was held at St. Augustine Church, Kohat, led by the Revd. Patrick Naeem, Secretary Mission & Ministry Board who was invited as a keynote speaker.

The Revd. Naeem through his message, and through discussions with the participants shed light on the theme and together they all developed deeper understanding and appreciation regarding the Pentecost Day.

Peace Building Initiatives



Group photo of Workshop Participants

Evangelism Summer Camp, 2019



Group Photo of Camp participants

May 27-31, 2019: The Diocesan Evangelism Summer Camp, 2019 was held at Diocesan Retreat Centre, Donga Gali. The main organizer was the Revd. Patrick Naem , Secretary Mission & Ministry Board. The Evangelists, librarians , Lay Pastors and Youths members from various Parishes were among the participants.

The theme of the camp was “My Temptations” The speakers included the Revd. Patrick Naem, Secretary Mission & Ministry Board, the Revd. Alexander Mehboob, Coordinator, Youth Desk, the Revd. Rafique Javed, Priest Incharge, St. Luke’s Church Abbottabad and the Revd. Qaiser Shahbaz, Assistant Priest, St. Luke’s Church, Abbottabad.

The speakers in their messages and teaching sessions shed light on the theme and quoted references from Holy Bible and how to overcome the temptations, and discussed various aspects of Evangelism in detail.

During the programme participants were divided into groups and were given written assignments to be presented by their group leaders. The speakers advised the participants to read books and use libraries for research and further study to enhance their knowledge.



Session in Progress



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A two day Capacity Building Training workshop was organized by Mr. Rab Nawaz, Project Manager, Interfaith Harmony Programme for the Diocesan Staff in collaboration with Kerk in Actie, (KIA) Netherlands who nowadays are promoting Interfaith harmony among various sections of the society through Educational Institutions for the uplift of Peace Building efforts in the country.

Ms. Jenifer Jag Jivan in her sessions raise various issues regarding Peace Building through Interfaith harmony among various faith communities, and the participants responded well by actively taking part in discussions and through group assignments given by the speaker.

Various aspect of theology and how it affects our daily life were also discussed in detail. Apart from religion aspects, secular /collective approach for Peace Building efforts was discussed as well.

Certificates of attendance were also awarded to the participants at the end of the course.

The keynote speaker was Ms. Jenifer Jag Jivan, Director Christian Study Centre, Rawalpindi. Representatives from Diocesan Educational & Health Institutions, including the Diocesan Secretary, and the Diocesan Staff were among the participants.



The Peace Conference



Peace Conference in images



A National level Peace Conference was held at Lahore organized by Ms. Shunila Ruth, a Christian Member of the National Assembly and a prominent member of the Church of Pakistan.

Religious and political leadership from all over the country participated in the conference, including top ranked Army Officers and Dr. Arif Alvi, President of Pakistan.

The Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peter, President Bishop, Church of Pakistan in his short speech congratulated the organizers for providing opportunity to discuss the most needed Issue/element to establish peace

through interfaith harmony. He said that we are all one as Pakistanis and despite our faith differences we need to build a peaceful Pakistan together. *“Now is the time for leadership and representatives of various faith communities to unite as one nation to established a long lasting peace in the country and the region”*. He added.

All other speakers in their speeches unanimously agreed to accelerate joint efforts of the Government, Pak-Army, Politicians and the Civil Society for a peaceful and prosperous Pakistan.

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Youth and Fasting



The Revd. Alexander welcomed by Swabi Youth

A One Day Seminar on ‘Christian Concept of Fasting’ was held at Swabi. The seminar was jointly organized by Swabi and Mardan Parish Youth, led by the Revd. Alexander Mehboob, Youth Coordinator, Diocese of Peshawar.

A large number of participants from Mardan, Swabi and surroundings attended the seminar. The Revd. Alexander Mehboob, in his message shed light on the theme and quoted various references from the Holy Bible.

He also mentioned that keeping fast is our duty, but like other nations while fasting we should not publically announce that we are fasting, instead we should follow the Jesus teachings and pray to God in secrecy and He will shower His blessings upon those who repent and follow His path.



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