

## **Salesian College Siliguri Verzotto Memorial Lecture 2015**



The 6<sup>th</sup> Fr. Joseph Verzotto Memorial Lecture was organised by Salesian College, Siliguri Campus on 22 July, 2015. The programme began with the lighting of the lamp and a song by Tashi Lham Dukpa of BBA 5<sup>th</sup> Semester. Fr. (Dr.) Mathew Pulingathil, Rector, Salesian College Siliguri Campus (SCSC), shared his memories of Fr. Joseph Verzotto and enlightened the audience about the greatness of Fr. Verzotto. This was followed by the Principal's address, welcoming His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Vincent Aind, DD, Bishop of Bagdogra, and placing the event in context. Event Co-ordinator, Mr. Sandeep Singh introduced Rev. Bishop who spoke on the Pastoral Dimension of Contextual Education. The Bishop spoke about tribal philosophy and their value system in relation to the

mainstream or Western idea of philosophy. The lecture was followed by an interactive session with the audience. Fr. (Prof.) George Thadathil, Principal Salesian College, as a moderator summed up issues raised in the lecture stating the need for value based philosophies of the indigenous tribes being seen as a means for innovating contemporary societies. This, he argued, could bring about vibrant and critically thinking communities. Mr. Dhirodatta Subba Teacher's Representative, gave the Vote of Thanks and concluded the programme which was followed by tea and snacks.

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