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Bishop Humphrey S. Peters leading the Retreat

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## The Pre Lenten Retreat

This year the Pre Lenten Clergy Retreat of the Diocese of Peshawar was held at St. Thomas Centre, Lahore .

The theme of the Retreat was “**For When I am weak, then I am strong**” (2-Cor: 12:10). It was an concentrated three days programme, and the participants were involved in various activities. The programme started with Eucharist and orientation by Bishop Azad Marshall. Every day started with prayer and the Holy Communion Service, followed by lectures, messages, small talks, group assignments and discussions.

The keynote speakers of the retreat were the Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, President Bishop Church of Pakistan. The President Bishop in his teaching sessions revealed theological and practical aspects of the theme.

He mentioned that human beings do have weaknesses, and Satan deceives and distracts people when they are weak in faith.

Hence, it is important for Priests to overcome his weaknesses and he shouldn't be proud of his knowledge; thus a servant of God needs to be humble and never forget his ordination. The moment a priest forgets his ordination he dies spiritually, it is also important not to misuse authority and the aim should be bring people into the kingdom of God

Some priests informed *the Frontier News* Correspondent that they enjoyed a wonderful learning environment, and that retreat has enhanced their abilities as Priests .

During Retreat feet, washing ceremony was conducted by the Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters.



Feet Washing



Session in progress



Group work in images

## Seminar on Strategic Planning



Group photo of the seminar female participants and speaker



Seminar in progress

A seminar on Strategic Planning was organized by the Diocese of Peshawar, led by the Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters, President Bishop, Church of Pakistan.

All the Diocesan Institutional Heads, Diocesan Secretaries and Officers, including the Clergy who plays a vital role in the uplift of personnel and institutions were among the participants.

Bishop Humphrey S. Peters was the keynote speaker/resource person of the training seminar. The participants were involved in various activities and the theme of the seminar was exhibited through videos, lectures, group discussions and assignments.

The written material, including questionnaires were really thought provoking and provided an opportunity to analyze themselves as team leaders; thus highlighting their strength, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

A number of participants during interview informed the Frontier News correspondent that they realized and analyzed their actual situation and came up with plans to uplift the services and to sustain their projects/institutions, as aim of the seminar was to become 'Self Reliant' in the real sense of the word



Seminar in progress

## Bible Quiz for Youth



A graceful Bible Quiz for the Youth was jointly organized by Mr. Bakht Buland H. Peters, Diocesan Events Coordinator, along with Bishops Core Group and the Kohat Parish Youth, under the leadership of the Revd. Shahid Younis, Priest Incharge St. Augustine Church, Kohat.

The event was also attended by participants from other denominations, such as UP Church, and Salvation Army who highly appreciated the idea of involving youth in spiritual life through Quiz Shows and related activities.

The quiz programme was conducted in such a way that all the participants, organizers and the audience were fully involved and enjoyed it as well. The first prize was won by the UP Church Youth, the second prize went to the Salvation Army, and Tank Parish Youth won the third prize.

## Rafaqat-e-Khawateen



Welcome ceremony in images

The "Rafaqat-e-Khawateen" is renowned for its activities for the uplift of Women and are always helpful to the Church.

The Revd. Samuel Jeffery has recently been transferred to St. John's Cathedral, Peshawar as Associate Priest of the Church. On his arrival members of the Rafaqat-e-Khawateen, St. John's Cathedral gave him a warm welcome and a formal cake cutting ceremony / party was also organized in his honour.

## Character Building through Sports



Elizabeth High School Children presenting a skit



All the Diocesan Educational Institutions, including the prestigious Edwardes Collage, Peshawar are renowned for providing quality education and their Hall Mark is character building of their students through sports, drama, poetry and many other co-curricular activities.

These activities not only promote students physical health but also brings discipline in to their lives, boosts their confiden and enhances their leadership qualities.

Recently, outdoor and indoor sports events, including science exhibitions were held at all the Diocesan Schools throughout the province .



The audiences present at the various events were astonished to see the physical skills and intellectual achievements of the students, and highly admired their teachers and healthy environment of the education institutions of the Diocese of Peshawar.



## We shall never forget you



The Revd. Rashid Nazir (late)

*The Diocese cannot forget the Revd. Rashid Nazir, Vice President Clergy and Priest Incharge, All Saints' Church, Peshawar, City has gone to live with Lord in January, 2018.*

*The Diocese has yet to overcome this irreparable loss. We joins his wife, Son and daughter in their hard time May the Lord grant peace that passes all understanding to the entire family*



The Lay Paster Fenihas (late)

*The Diocese cannot forget services of the Lay Pastor Fenihas St. Mathew Church, Phandu, Peshawar has gone to live with Lord in December, 2017*

*The Diocese has yet to overcome this irreparable loss. May the Lord grant peace that passes all understanding to the entire family*

## International HIV/AIDS Day



Revd. Altaf Gohar presenting booklet to students



Awareness programme in progress

measures against the deadly viral HIV/AIDS.

It is pertinent to mention that a 2-years HIV/AIDS awareness programme sponsored by the Church of Scotland is going on being implemented by the Development & Relief Sector of the Diocese of Peshawar. This awareness project is meant for marginalized community living in the suburbs and slum areas of the Khyber Pakhtun Khwa Province. Thus, this International Day campaign and inclusion of the Muslim majority was an additional activity.



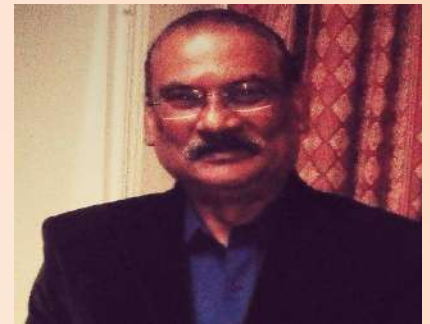
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## New Appointments



The Very Revd. S.P Asghar (cente) The Revd. Patrick Naeem (left)

The Very Revd. S.P Asghar, Archdeacon, Diocese of Peshawar has been appointed as Vice President Clergy. Whereas, the Revd. Patrick Naeem has been appointed as Secretary Mission & Ministry Board.



Mr. Pervez Ghouri has been appointed as Administrator (Hon) Diocesan Mental Centre Peshawar .



The Revd. Shahzad Murad has been appointed as Priest Incharge, All Saints' Church Peshawar, City

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