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The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning completed his Bachelor of Theology and Bachelor of Divinity from Bishop's College, Calcutta. He also holds a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering and an Honorary Doctorate in Divinity from the Commonwealth Vocational University, Tonga. A seasoned humanitarian with over thirty-five years of ministry and administrative experience, he embodies both pastoral depth and visionary leadership. He is an administrator par excellence, possessing deep expertise in financial and institutional management. His ministry reflects a holistic commitment - shepherding individuals to spiritual and emotional well-being, leading community outreach initiatives, and formulating long-term strategies for sustainable mission. His leadership extends across educational, charitable, and healthcare institutions, including schools, old-age homes, orphanages, and hospitals. His responsibilities as Moderator's Episcopal Commissary to several dioceses - Barrackpore, Eastern Himalaya, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, and Nagpur - further highlight his trusted role within the wider church. Internationally, he has represented CNI and the Oxford Mission in the UK, Scotland, and the USA, fostering ecumenical partnerships and missionary collaboration. Originating from the Oxford Brotherhood ministry in Calcutta, he stands in a long tradition of faith, service, and mission. Their vision was to live a community life of prayer and service, combining monastic discipline with missionary work. The Brotherhood of the Epiphany, commonly known as the Oxford Mission Brotherhood, was founded in 1880 in Calcutta in India. The Oxford Mission originated from a group of graduates and members of the University of Oxford, England, who were inspired by the Oxford Movement within the Anglican Church in the 19th century. In 1880, the first members of the Brotherhood arrived in Calcutta and began their work under the name The Brotherhood of the Epiphany. Their work focused on education, social service, and evangelism, and they soon established centres in Behala (South Calcutta), Barisal (now in Bangladesh), and other parts of Bengal. The Brotherhood built the well-known Oxford Mission Church of the Epiphany and the Oxford Mission School in Behala, which continue their ministry today.



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