

THEME for APRIL
"Compassion"

E/M
"Be compassionate and give yourself fully in our communities' activities"

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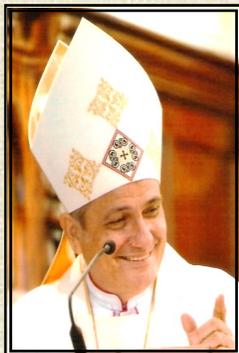
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MAY

YOUTH MONTH
(Pentecost Sunday)

"Always be Joyful in the Lord"
(Phil. 4:4)



Ascension Pentecost Message

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again...**

we are sure, because He truly is the Son of God. No human

person can rise from the dead...

By dying for us Jesus proved to us how much God loves us. By rising Jesus proved to be the son of God. By His coming and staying with us in HIS Spirit he proves how much he cares for our daily struggles and journeying here on earth.

We must not be afraid, we belong to Him, he calls us to communion with Him and each other because He has given us, His church, a mission to accomplish... He cannot do it without us - we cannot do it without Him...

Now is the time to pray for the power of His Spirit to make us one and to make us strong in living our relationship with Him and in fulfilling our mission.

We can either pray with 'Lord lighten my burden' or... 'Lord strengthen my back...' "we can do everything in Him who gives us strength" ... "Nothing can separate us from the love of God..."

To everyone in the Gizo Diocese, let us be one and work together in **LOVING PEOPLE and USING THINGS...** let us not **USE PEOPLE AND LOVE THINGS...**

Caring, sharing, working together....

through Him, in Him, with Him, for the common good will make us His people, His church, His living body

PROCLAIMING HIS MESSAGE:

GOD EXISTS, HE IS LOVE....

AND TO LOVE THE WAY HE LOVES CAN FILL A LIFE COMPLETELY...

let us give our best in assessing the needs of our church, planning for the future and implementing the plans with generosity and sacrifice...

Courage... have no fear... lift up your hearts and everything will be fine...

Bp. Luciano who loves you with a Solo Heart made in Italy



Mama Linda is paining all over but she can still smile at times...

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR BISHOP'S MOTHER, MAMA LINDA.

MAY THE GOOD LORD CONTINUE TO GUIDE AND COMFORT HER THROUGH HER JOURNEY.



“We give and re-give all a sense of the value of SOLIDARITY as we promote, live and experience in our lives, true acts of JUSTICE & PEACE with our brothers and sisters and the nature around us”



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS
POPE BENEDICT XVI
FOR THE 46th WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY
Silence and Word: Path of Evangelization
[Sunday, 20 May 2012]**



As we draw near to World Communications Day 2012, I would like to share with you some reflections concerning an aspect of the human process of communication which, despite its importance, is often overlooked and which, at the present time, it would seem especially necessary to recall. It concerns the relationship between silence and word: two aspects of communication which need to be kept in balance, to alternate and to be integrated with one another if authentic dialogue and deep closeness between people are to be achieved. When word and silence become mutually exclusive, communication breaks down, either because it gives rise to confusion or because, on the contrary, it creates an atmosphere of coldness; when they complement one another, however, communication acquires value and meaning.

Silence is an integral element of communication; in its absence, words rich in content cannot exist. In silence, we are better able to listen to and understand ourselves; ideas come to birth and acquire depth; we understand with greater clarity what it is we want to say and what we expect from others; and we choose how to express ourselves. By remaining silent we allow the other person to speak, to express him or herself; and we avoid being tied simply to our own words and ideas without them being adequately tested. In this way, space is created for mutual listening, and deeper human relationships become possible. It is often in silence, for example, that we observe the most authentic communication taking place between people who are in love: gestures, facial expressions and body language are signs by which they reveal themselves to each other. Joy, anxiety, and suffering can all be communicated in silence – indeed it provides them with a particularly powerful mode of expression. Silence, then, gives rise to even more active communication, requiring sensitivity and a capacity to listen that often makes manifest the true measure and nature of the relationships involved. When messages and information are plentiful, silence becomes essential if we are to distinguish what is important from what is insignificant or secondary. Deeper reflection helps us to

discover the links between events that at first sight seem unconnected, to make evaluations, to analyze messages; this makes it possible to share thoughtful and relevant opinions, giving rise to an authentic body of shared knowledge. For this to happen, it is necessary to develop an appropriate environment, a kind of ‘eco-system’ that maintains a just equilibrium between silence, words, images and sounds. Deeper reflection helps us to discover the links between events that at first sight seem unconnected, to make evaluations, to analyze messages; this makes it possible to share thoughtful and relevant opinions, giving rise to an authentic body of shared knowledge. For this to happen, it is necessary to develop an appropriate environment, a kind of ‘eco-system’ that maintains a just equilibrium between silence, words, images and sounds.

The process of communication nowadays is largely fuelled by questions in search of answers. Search engines and social networks have become the starting point of communication for many people who are seeking advice, ideas, information and answers. In our time, the internet is becoming ever more a forum for questions and answers – indeed, people today are frequently bombarded with answers to questions they have never asked and to needs of which they were unaware. If we are to recognize and focus upon the truly important questions, then silence is a precious commodity that enables us to exercise proper discernment in the face of the surcharge of stimuli and data that we receive.

Amid the complexity and diversity of the world of communications, however, many people find themselves confronted with the ultimate questions of human existence: Who am I? What can I know? What ought I to do? What may I hope? It is important to affirm those who ask these questions, and to open up the possibility of a profound dialogue, by means of words and interchange, but also through the call to silent reflection, something that is often more eloquent than a hasty answer and permits seekers to reach into the depths of their being and open themselves to the path towards knowledge that God has inscribed in human hearts.

Ultimately, this constant flow of questions demonstrates the restlessness of human beings, ceaselessly searching for truths, of greater or lesser import, that can offer meaning and hope to their lives. Men and women cannot rest content with a superficial and unquestioning exchange of skeptical opinions and experiences of

__ Happenings in Our Diocese __

Ten Teachers from RTC's and Technical's Participating the TVET Training

Ten teacher participants from RTC's and Technical schools from the Catholic Diocese of Gizo underwent 3 days successful orientation workshop commenced on the Wednesday 18th April. Teacher participants were from St. Peter's Urban Training Centre Gizo, St. Dominic Rural Training Centre Vanga, St. Don Bosco Technical School Nila and the St. Anne's Vocational School Nila.

The training was made organised purposely to train teachers the modern methods of teaching the Technical Vocational Education Training (TVET) subject in the school. This will give them the confidence to design through experimentation a range of lessons that could be used; and provide an approach to evaluate and improve their work. This will

allow them to practise the use of this new method, the new Curriculum Statement.

Teachers involved in reading and discussing and preparing the papers about the background that has led to the development of the new method.

The training was organised by the TVET Coordinator Mr. Tony Wale and was facilitated by staff from the Vanga Teachers Collage .



The training end successfully on the Friday 20th April.

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES COMING UP

14th to 19th May—*Scripture and Review Training for all Commissioned Catechists—*
Venue: Moli Pastoral Centre

21st to 26th May—*The Commissioned Catechists SPIRITUAL EXERCISES—RETREAT*
at the Pastoral Centre, Moli

NOTE:

PARISH FEAST DAYS

- March 19th: St. Joseph Parish, Moli
- June 15th: Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Cookson, Wagina
- June 29th: St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Gizo
- August 2nd: St. Eusebius Parish, Noro
- August 5th: St. Dominic Parish, Sirovanga
- October 7th: Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish, Nila
- November 25th: Christ the King Parish, Voruvoru.

COLLECTION FOR THE YEAR

- December 25th: Christmas Collection — Seminary
- April 6th: Good Friday Collection — Holy Land
- April 7th: Easter Vigil; Lenten Collection — Diocesan Compassionate Fund
- June 24th: St. Peter Collection
- July 22nd: SICA Collection (Solomon Island Christian Association)
- October 21st: Mission Sunday Collection (October, Mission Month)

The Ascension of our Lord: 4th Week.



20/May/2012

THE PENTECOST SUNDAY: 5th Week.



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life – all of us are in search of truth and we share this profound yearning today more than ever: “When people exchange information, they are already sharing themselves, their view of the world, their hopes, their ideals” (*Message for the 2011 World Day of Communications*).

Attention should be paid to the various types of websites, applications and social networks which can help people today to find time for reflection and authentic questioning, as well as making space for silence and occasions for prayer, meditation or sharing of the word of God. In concise phrases, often no longer than a verse from the Bible, profound thoughts can be communicated, as long as those taking part in the conversation do not neglect to cultivate their own inner lives. It is hardly surprising that different religious traditions consider solitude and silence as privileged states which help people to rediscover themselves and that Truth which gives meaning to all things. The God of biblical revelation speaks also without words: “As the Cross of Christ demonstrates, God also speaks by his silence. The silence of God, the experience of the distance of the almighty Father, is a decisive stage in the earthly journey of the Son of God, the incarnate Word God’s silence prolongs his earlier words. In these moments of darkness, he speaks through the mystery of his silence” (*Verbum Domini*, 21). The eloquence of God’s love, lived to the point of the supreme gift, speaks in the silence of the Cross. After Christ’s death there is a great silence over the earth, and on Holy Saturday, when “the King sleeps and God slept in the flesh and raised up those who were sleeping from the ages” (cf. *Office of Readings, Holy Saturday*), God’s voice resounds, filled with love for humanity.

If God speaks to us even in silence, we in turn discover in silence the possibility of speaking with God and about God. “We need that silence which becomes contemplation, which introduces us into God’s silence and brings us to the point where the Word, the redeeming Word, is born” (*Homily, Eucharistic Celebration with Members of the International Theological Commission*, 6 October 2006). In speaking of God’s grandeur, our language will always prove inadequate and must make space for silent contemplation.

Out of such contemplation springs forth, with all its inner power, the urgent sense of mission, the compelling obligation “to communicate that which we have seen and heard” so that all may be in communion with God (*Jn* 1:3). Silent contemplation immerses us in the source of that Love who directs us towards our neighbours so that we may feel their suffering and offer them the light of Christ, his message of life and his saving gift of the fullness of love.

In silent contemplation, then, the eternal Word, through whom the world was created, becomes ever more powerfully present and we become aware of the plan of salvation that God is accomplishing throughout our history by word and deed. As the Second Vatican Council reminds us, divine revelation is fulfilled by “deeds and words having an inner unity: the deeds wrought by God in the history of salvation manifest and confirm the teaching and realities signified by the words, while the words proclaim the deeds and clarify the mystery contained in them” (*Dei Verbum*, 2). This plan of salvation culminates in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, the mediator and the fullness of all revelation. He has made known to us the true face of God the Father and by his Cross and Resurrection has brought us from the slavery of sin and death to the freedom of the children of God. The fundamental question of the meaning of human existence finds in the mystery of Christ an answer capable of bringing peace to the restless human heart. The Church’s mission springs from this mystery; and it is this mystery which impels Christians to become heralds of hope and salvation, witnesses of that love which promotes human dignity and builds justice and peace.

Word and silence: learning to communicate is learning to listen and contemplate as well as speak. This is especially important for those engaged in the task of evangelization: both silence and word are essential elements, integral to the Church’s work of communication for the sake of a renewed proclamation of Christ in today’s world. To Mary, whose silence “listens to the Word and causes it to blossom” (*Private Prayer at the Holy House*, Loreto, 1 September 2007), I entrust all the work of evangelization which the Church undertakes through the means of social communication.



**We worry about what
a child will become tomorrow, yet we
forget that he is Someone to day.**

~ Stacia Tauscher

— NEWS IN BITS —

More Students Acknowledge School Resources

More students from the St. Don Bosco School appreciated the school new resources and the school activities.



With the new resources provided, more become motivated and have the enthusiasm to have their extra working periods.

Some of them said, although they have very strict rules but with the availability of these resources, more spend their time reading and engaged in school activities like sports, praying to God etc.

With the school environment, it is more peaceful and healthier, moreover, with the foreign teachers they have spent more time with them, this allowed them to learn how to speak English.

Knights of the Alter Visits New Gizo No. One Hospital

Twenty Five Knights of the Alter boys took an exciting trip to the new Gizo number one hospital on Sunday the 22nd of this month April.

The trip was one unique visit which more of them described, as a beautiful one full of excitement. Emotional feelings were also expressed - sorrow and sadness - on what they saw and felt when they listened to patients and guidance stories.



The visitation began with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist which was made purposely for the kids to be close to the sick and helping other children. It aims at allowing children to show love for their ministry in the church and let other children know that they have a duty to help others in their everyday living.

St. Peter's Youth Fund Raising Raised \$2000's.

St. Peter's youth raised \$2000. during a Bobo night fund raising on the 27th of this month April

Foods and drinks were sold and the entertaining activities such as dancing's along with the music from various youth groups and the entertaining songs from the youth.

The aim was to raise funds for the upcoming event that will be organized for the Italian youth visit on July here in the parish.

From March Issue



EDUCATION 4 LIFE

FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS

1 YOUNGSTERS' DIFFICULTIES



THINGS CONNECTED WITH SEX THAT HAVE AN EFFECT ON YOUNG PEOPLE

Why do unmarried young people want to have sexual intercourse? When asked, they give a variety of "reasons".

1.-Foolish reasons:

♥*If a girl has not had sex, her sexual organs can shrink and she will not be able to have children later on.* "Irregular periods result from not having sex."

♥*If a boy doesn't have sex, it is said that he will get sick, sterile, impotent.* "I go after girls so that I shall not be looked on as impotent".

♥*If you don't have sex early, you will get prostate trouble, or it will be more painful when you start later on.*

♥*If semen builds up inside you, it will create prostate trouble for you.*

♥*If you don't have sex, the semen will begin to turn solid.*»

♥*Not having sex makes people get very fat.*"

■**The testicles produce** semen continuously, whether sex is had or not, but the body gets rid of what is not used. Not having sex does not make boys or girls unable to father or conceive children.

2.-Curiosity and Copying Others

♥*The girls say: "All my friends do it..." "Everybody talks about it, I was curious, I wanted to find out about a male's sexual parts."*

♥*Girls compete with one another to see who has the "best boyfriend". A girl is afraid of losing her "good guy". It's only later that she realises that she has been fooled.*

♥*Sexual harassment and exhibitionism on the radio, in TV programmes, songs, magazines, films, video... have a bad effect on the way young people act in regard to sex. Pornographic magazines and TV series give the idea that every serious relationship between a boy and a girl must end up in bed.*

♥*How is it that you are already 20 and haven't had a child yet?"*

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