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**Diocese Pastoral Message for next month February.**

**“Come as you are, listen & live your life fully”**



## May we all renew our faith as our personal commitment to the Year of Faith.

Dear Catholic Faithful of the Gizo Diocese, The Holy Father has proclaimed 2013 a year of Faith in remembrance of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vatican II ecumenical Council. He also set up a new ministry at the Vatican for the “new evangelization” and he has called a Synod of Bishops to study the theme of “new evangelization”. We will soon have the document

Do you love Serenella? You cannot love her because you do not know her. I know her, I love her, she is my niece, my brother Peter's youngest daughter

We cannot love what we do not know... do you know your faith? How well do you know it?

**So here is the challenge of this year: let us know the faith better so we can love it more...**

- Since faith is first of all a Gift from above for each person, the growth in the faith and its renewal depends first of all in each person too... on the personal request and longing for the Gift (prayer) and on the personal response to that gift (commitment to live one's faith)
- St Thomas says that faith is a response of love and loyalty we give to God only upon receiving two graces from Him: the grace of Light (enlightenment) to see the truth we believe, and the grace of inner strength (courage) to be able to live what we see and put it into practice in our personal lives and daily behavior. Only God can remove the blindness of our doubts and give us the strength to live the demands of our faith so as to practice what we believe.

**Only God can make a believer**

So the main activity of this year must be

- First of all to ask God, individually and as a community, for the gift of a deeper and more personal and convinced faith. For this all the parishes of the three dioceses of Solomon Islands recite a daily prayer which has been distributed with the calendar and the Voice Catholica. Please pray this prayer after communion, in your parishes and villages every day together.
- After praying then we must learn more about our faith so we can appreciate it better. I appeal to the parish priests to take this effort of introducing and explain the catechism of the Catholic Church to the people through properly prepared youth and adult catechesis. We have plenty of bibles and catechesis books available in Gizo.
- Every month we will meditate together on some basic truths of our faith, share about these inspired truths in our Basic Christian Community meetings, and plan and try hard to live better and holier lives in our families, communities, ministries and services in our jobs

Then and only then our faith can be mature and “new”

Let us prepare ourselves for the February events of our faith:

The pastoral program for family life to prepare couples for this apostolate

Ash Wednesday on February the 13th

With my blessings: For you a bishop, with you a brother journeying to renew my faith too

Bp Luciano Capelli, sdb  
Gizo Diocese



**“We promote, live and experience in our lives, the Value of DIALOGUE as a way to live Church as Community with our brothers and sisters and the nature around us.”**



**OUR EVENTS  
FOR THIS  
YEAR 2013**

**THE YEAR OF FAITH**

*1st January — Family Day (Feast of the HOLY FAMILY) “As family; together we listen to each other with love and respect”*

*13th February — Ash Wednesday. “Come as you are, listen and live your life fully”*

*31st March — Easter Sunday. “Speak out the truth with love”*

*The month of April Diocesan Pastoral Message — “We affirm each other as one people of God on a journey”*

*19th May — Pentecost Sunday. “We deepen our listening relationship with each other”*

*The month of June — Diocese month for Vocation. “We are called to live & serve each other”*

*7th July — Feast of Blessed Peter to Rot. (Diocese month for the Youth). “We listen attentively to the Word of God; the source of strength for our journey”*

*15th August — Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. “We unite to fully give ourselves to each other”*

*The month of September Diocesan Pastoral Message — “Giving and receiving deepens our oneness” Diocese month for Mothers.*

*5th October — Diocese month for Teachers & Missionaries. “We know and accept each other’s differences deeper”*

*24th November — Christ the King. “We listen; open to serve each other”*

*The month of December — Diocese month for Children. “Listen, accept and give new life to each other”*

## Happenings in Our Diocese

### Diocesan Programs Coming up for the Parishes, Year 2013

#### THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

- 4th – 8th February—Ovulation Method training for parish core groups. (Moli Pastoral Centre).
- 10th – 16th—Commissioned Catechists Sacramental and scriptural review seminar. (Moli Pastoral Centre).

#### THE MONTH OF MARCH

- 4th – 11th— Education for Life program. (Nuhu, Toumoa, Samanago & Kariki)
- 11th – 15th—Men's Seminar on social issues affecting them & their family. (Moli PC).
- 18th – 20th—Priest meeting

#### THE MONTH OF APRIL

- 15th –19th—Women's personal development training. (Moli PC).

#### THE MONTH OF MAY

- 1st – 8th— Education for Life program. (Aleang, Mono & Gaomae).
- 6th – 11th—Youth Encounter Formation. (Moli PC)
- 12th – 15th - Youth Encounter facilitators workshop seminar (Moli Pastoral Centre)

#### THE MONTH OF JUNE

- 10th – 14th –Sunday School Teachers Catechism Seminar (Moli PC).
- 24th – 28th— Priest spirituality of communion retreat (Vanga & Gizo).

#### THE MONTH OF JULY

- 8th – 12th— Diocesan Come & See program (Sirovanga).

#### THE MONTH OF AUGUST

- 9th – 11th— Media Education Seminar (Nila F5 students).

#### THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

- 2nd – 6th— Teacher's Spiritual Retreat (Moli PC & Gizo)
- 23rd – 27th— DPTA Pastoral Programs Evaluation & Planning (Gizo).

#### THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

- 21st – 25th— Justice & Peace Seminar (Moli Pastoral Centre).

#### THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- 4th – 8th— Small Christian Community Visitors Training (Moli Pastoral Centre).

#### THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

- 18th – 21st— Children's Christmas parish Festival gathering (Parish).

## Resigned Diocesan Pastoral Coordinator's Farewell Greeting

*May I thank God for the gift of each other, of knowing each other, and journeying with each other during these years as co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord. It has been a great experience and growth for me and my family to have served our diocese in collaboration with you. It is through this work in the Diocese of Gizo as one of the Lay Pastoral Workers, that I have come to know and establish such good relationship, keeping each other informed and more so experiencing your valuable journey in life with the untiring efforts of countless assistance that binds us as a family in continuing and fulfilling His Mission: The purpose of our life in His Plan.*

*You have all been great to me, my family and in my pastoral work responsibilities in the diocese for these 12 years (2001–20012). These have helped me and my family so much, especially for me to experience taking up responsibilities in this modern and challenging society. In all these, I sincerely from my heart: **THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR YOUR GREAT LOVE.***

*In all these, therefore, after serving our diocese for these 12 years as a lay pastoral worker, and at the untimely passing away of my beloved wife, mother and teacher and the moving of my two dearly children for their education, I have made a decision with much consultations and discussions with my two children, to have a change from Gizo and so resigned from work in the Diocese of Gizo. Our Bishop has accepted my resignation and am now preparing to move on where I will be with my two children.*

*On this note, may I sincerely say; **I AM SO SORRY and GREATLY APOLOGIZE** to you all for the times that I may have said and done things that hurts and is unacceptable to you all. I beg your forgiveness peace. I also pray that the joy and peace of the Lord be with you all.*



*Once again, thanking you all for such great journey together in the Pastoral Renewal of our Diocese, Wishing you, your family & community a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year 2013 .*

*Sincerest love from my two children; **Cynthia Itogho Lalaubatu & Rederick Lovi Lalaubatu***

*Love & Prayers,  
**Joseph P Lalaubatu***

## — NEWS IN BITS —

### Peoples Motivation and Resources may Takeover Moli CHS.

"It will be a tough negotiation with the Choiseul Province Education Authority to take over St. Joseph Moli Community high School but we believe we can make it"

Speaking during gathering of the group of people more said that they are prepared to help the project, and to take over St. Joseph Moli Community High School depends much on the contribution of the parish, peoples motivation and their sources.

A concerned parent said that his parish must tolerate bishop's demand for enthusiasm and motivation of the people to takeover the school. Money alone cannot fulfill everybody's dream but along with our full heart for our children's right for education.

He ask his people not to be parasite but now to give our resources, manpower, logs, gravels and sands for free. He said that they are the luckiest people here in the Solomon Island that education is beside their door way.

### St. Peter's Urban Training School likely to Enroll Different Denomination

Priority to enroll for St. Peter's Urban Training Centre is for Catholics but more dropout students from other denominations shows interest to attend days school once they are accepted.

The training centre enroll dropout students from standard 6, secondary or even children who cannot complete either of those levels.

The school provides the following training for 2 years; Carpentry, Mechanic, Home Economy and Electrical.

### Family Life Coordinator Urge Parents to Take Responsibility.

Family Life Apostolate Coordinator urged parents to take responsibility, for their family. She reminds parents that most important in the family is to love, listen, respect and dialogue.

Sr. Rita op said that a Christian marriage and the family life are the basis for strong Christian communities. She reminds every wives and husbands the first vocation or a special call from God in the beginning when he created the whole universe. Therefore, marriage is a big responsibilities that a man and a woman continue to carry on God's plan. That is why through the Sacrament of marriage God is ever present in that marriage to make it holy, said Sr. Rita op.

She said, the husband and wife must work hard to make a marriage a happy one and they must know that they are God's gift to one another and they must understand that their children are gifts from God.

Sr. Rita explained that children can give their parents joy and they can be a reason for the parents to be proud, but that is not the only reason why God gives children. She said that God gives children so that they can bring the children back to God.

God gives you the gift of children so that parents have an important job to teach their children, guide them in their life and take good care for them, spiritually and physically, said Sr. Rita.



**Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.**

~unknown Author



**EDUCATION 4 LIFE**  
**FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS**



**DON'T JUMP THE GUN!**

**a.-Some proverbs**

A number of African proverbs point out that people in a hurry risk running into dangers and troubles — even in this matter

- “ Slowly, slowly, a banana gets ripe.”
- “ Don't pull in the net before the fish have time to get into it...”

**b.-A story of fufu, a cooking pot and a plate**

One day, a woman was warning a group of youngsters about having sex before marriage, using this comparison. “A boy like you comes home from school very hungry and finds his mum cooking fufu for him. She has just poured the flour into the boiling water and is starting to turn the fufu over. Just because he is hungry, do you think her son will dip his hand into the boiling water to get hold of the fufu and burn his fingers? Or won't he instead wait patiently for his mother to bring the fufu and the sauce on a plate to the table for him? It's the same with girls—you are hungry to have a girl now but don't “burn your fingers” by trying to have her too soon, instead of waiting patiently till you can bring her home in a joyful marriage procession.”



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