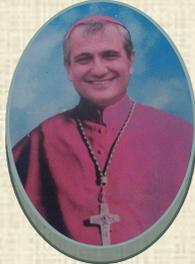


Bishop's Pastoral Message for the Month of July



(July Theme)

## "We Listen attentively to the Word of God; the source of Strength for our journey"

WE ARE JOURNEYING, we get weak and sometimes we might even go the wrong way, we need inspirations and strength from God's words

right direction? Do I have enough fuel to reach the goal?

Listening to the word of God will tell us how close or far we are from being one single heart and mind, in solidarity with him and one another...it will also inspire and support our communities to focus on its goals of becoming a true community of faith, committed in solidarity to serve each other as brothers and sisters...

May we listen more to Him and renew our commitment to grow as his true body, committed to proclaim his good news....with the right decision we make in our lives

with my blessings for you and your dear ones

Bp Luciano Capelli, sdb  
Diocese of Gizo

Our diocese has recently celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, we come from the past and are going into the future. For our past we said a big thank you to God and the Dominican Order which took over the church from the Marist missionaries. As we celebrated our past history, we pledge fidelity to our origins and dynamic courage for our future.

In particular we have committed ourselves to go through a journey of renewal together as a community and we have taken solidarity and communion building as our yearly and monthly themes... We are now busy in the art of dialogue as a tool of community building, and of becoming closer to each other and to God.

The theme of this month is about 'listening' to the word of God...which gives us light to focus on our path and journey to the goal of communion. We are climbing a mountain or crossing a sea... and this theme tells us, look at the compass... look at the GPS.... Where are we supposed to go? Is this the



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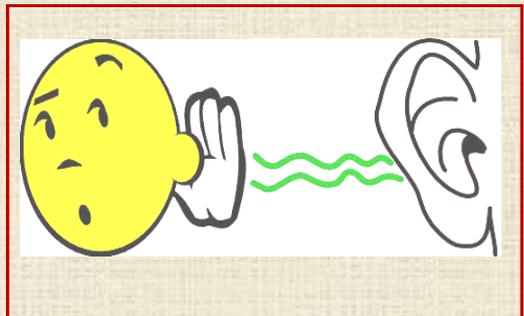
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**Diocese Pastoral Theme for the month of July**

**"We listen attentively to the Word of God; the source of strength for our journey"**

**Diocese month for the YOUTH**





**“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.”**



## YOUTH ENCOUNTER REFLECTION MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> TO 12<sup>TH</sup> 2013



*(BY Casley Ratu.)*

May 10th to 12th will always be special days in my life as it is my very first time camping out with youths of St Dominic Parish – Sirovanga, my home.

In all the topics learnt in each session, I learnt a great deal about life experience as youth. We're one family as youth and having the sense of being one, the feeling of rejection disappears.

As we interact and share together during the session reflection on the topics became a life experience.

I thank Sr Teresa and her Team, Celestine, Jeniffer, Augustina, Deacon Stephen OP and Fr Calistus OP, to provide a lesson that helps mold and shape my life into a new person now.

For me Youth Encounter is my preparation towards Community to become somebody. Beside that I also have the second meaning about the Youth Encounter. It is my preparation to build up relationship with self, God and others.

The two(2) Blind men in Mt 20: 29 – 34 has expressed the feelings that they met in their lives. These are the types of feeling that they meet, unhappy, useless, friendless, shame, lonely, neglected, rejected, lack of freedom, confuse and etc.. This short expression is reminds me something I had my life. I was also someone that had the same feeling that this two encountered by these two blind men in the scripture. And this feeling brings me into a different planet where God does exist, no affirmation to one another. When I reflect on my relationships with God, there's nothing in connection with God, but 100% is for the things of this planet earth. Just for my pleasure.



*(BY Bertila Vorebatu)*

I am very happy to share my views on the Youth Encounter; I learn a lot of things, which was very challenging for me, where I found some of my weaknesses in prayer life and also how to love God and others.

So it has encourages me to overcome all my weaknesses in order to become a complete human being in the front of God and others.

But now after attending the Y.E formation. It gives me a right solution to overcome such challenges that can devastating consequences into my life. And now I can feel the spirit of God has shouldered with my life. With that it can helps me to overcome such storms in my life, not the storms to defeat me, but I am the one to defeat the storms to win the battle.

Here am I challenging the Youths in our Parish if you struggle with your life, come and join the Youth Programs in order to screw up our faults and to become alive in our relationship with God. With that we can become somebody in the community and also outside the community as well.



*(BY Keneth Idurubatu)*

It is an experienced which I ever had in my life has become soldered in my heart after attending the Youth Encounter Formation, which was conducted on May 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 2013 at St Dominic Parish.

To keep the spirit of Y.E alive, it has to be alive first in the home that is loving, forgiving, understanding, positive and prayerful, in ways that Jesus has shown us through the Y.E process. We have learned that the tool to change people is to affirm and to love them as they are. So I encourage dear parents and guidance to build such a loving and affirmation homes for our young people in which they can be feel loved and help them to make a difference.

# Happenings in Our Diocese

## Education for Life Program Complete Successfully, Shortland Island.

The Education for life activity ended its first phase of its program for Nila parish.

Ten villages participated the program which based mainly on the behavior and attitudes of a person. A program designed to tackle



the HIV/AIDS pandemic that is silently destroying the live of our people here in the Solomon Island.

The program also contributed a lot to parents and youths which may enable them to overcome difficulties and have courage to fight disadvantages of life situations.

The program also based its activity on the level of the village people which allowed each one from every background to get informed through demonstrations shown by the team.

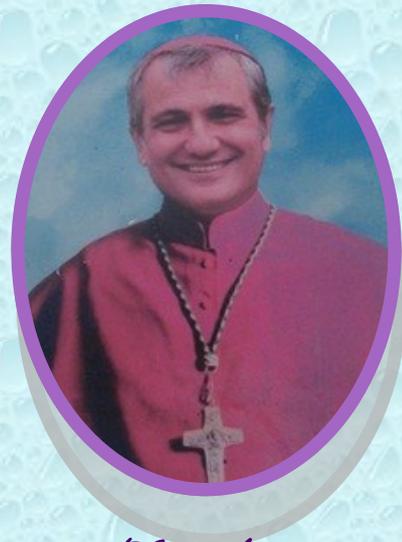
The program also equip youths about what is meant by sexuality and Gods will.

The E4L program commenced last year and funded by the National AIDS Council and Coordinated by Oxfam Honiara.

## PRIESTHOOD ANNIVERSARY

1975-28TH JUNE 2013

MOST REV. MSGR. LUCIANO CAPELLI SDB



*On the 38th Anniversary of Your Ordination*

*Your thirty eight years of faithful service has been a generous gift to the Church. The Lord bless you with abundant joy just as you have blessed so many in your priestly ministry.*

*Lots of Loves from the Catholic Diocese of Gizo.*

## Happening in our Parishes.

### YOUTH ENCOUNTER FORMATION *(ST DOMINIC PARISH)*



*by Celestine Buleava Y.E Facilitator*

A total of twenty two youths of St Dominic Parish, have attended the youth Encounter Program, which was held at Sirovanga mission station on the 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013. The program was facilitated by Sr Teresa Tebaia Op, Deacon Stephen OP,

Postulants, Jenniffer and Augustina, including myself.

The program was first introduce in Gizo Diocese by Bishop Luciano



Capelli way back in 2008, it was Fr Jerome who first facilitate the trainers and train them and become Facilitators in Noro. I was one of them, and this program really inspires me and I chose to go to NAC for pre-seminary study.

It was a great privilege for me to regain the experience I have since for the last three years. The program was held here at Sirovanga which was also a feed back even though I was one of the facilitators. The program covers twelve sessions which really touches the many young youths who attended. I was very happy to

see the youths attending the program which helps them to change from their past experiences of their lives. Through the evaluations they voice out their feelings since they come to realize the loving relationship they have in God. It challenges them a lot when they came across the session on the **TWO BLIND MEN, AFFIRMATION, REJECTION, And CIRCLE OF LOVE AND THE OVERAL MESSAGE OF THE REST OF THE SESSIONS.**

**THE TWELVE SESSIONS ARE: Welcome to the Family, Come and See, Cycle of Life, Please Listen, The two Blind men, Personhood in Community, Affirmation, , Rejection, Circle of love, Storms in life and Vision and Commitment.**

#### WORDS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

I would like to express my heart felt thanks on behalf of the team, to the following people who have supported the youths during the Youth Encounter Formation, to Fr Callistus Tavisibatu OP, who really involve in the program, to celebrate the Eucharist and confession each day. To parish leaders Thomas and his wife for their presence and service in doing the cooking and take care of the youths and facilitators to see to their needs. To the women who help out in cooking. To all parents of the youths participating for allowing them to join the program. Above all to our dedicated youth leaders Brendan and his youth executives for their commitment and hard work to organize from the beginning until the end of the Youth Encounter. **"CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FOR YOUR LOVING SERVICE, MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROUS HEART"**

To keep the Spirit of the Youth Encounter alive, lets us continue to share the loving relationship we have in each other and formed each other to become God's witness.



**"A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on."**

*~unknown Author*

# —NEWS IN BITS—

## The Holy Spirit Primary School Gaumai Celebrate Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit primary school Gaumai celebrated Pentecost as one of their special day which took place every year.



The program took them from 9am—10pm 19th of May which teachers and parents have time to prepare for the event.



The children were excited as the activity kicks off with colorful parades.

Activity ended successfully with good night meals with the community.

## P.P Encourage Students to Honor Mary as Special Friend.

Parish Priest Fr. Robert from Nila parish encouraged students from the Don Bosco schools to honor Mary as their friend.



During the installation of statue of Mary help of Christian the priest said that, the installation was purposely to give time to speak to Mary which encourages each one to be closer to Jesus and God, this will enable each one to uphold their Christian principals.



About two hundred students with their teacher witnessed the installation of the Mary help of Christian statue. The installation ended with light refreshment.

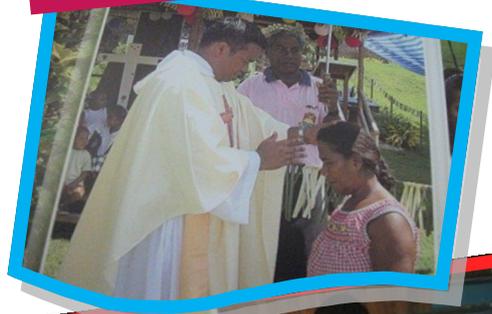


**World Youth Day Celebration —  
Diocese of Gizo (22— 28th July)**

**NOTE:**

The World Youth Day Celebration will be in Brazil.  
Youths from all over the Global will be attending.  
The Catholic Diocese of Gizo will celebrate this event in their parish. Parish youth leaders are strongly asked to organize themselves for this celebration to take place.

**Let us join with others  
from all over the world.**



## EDUCATION 4 LIFE

# FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS

# GROWING UP

## 4 ABSTINENCE

**ABSTINENCE** means doing without something of your own free will.

Examples could be: giving up eating meat, drinking alcohol or sexual activity.

To abstain is a **free choice**, a personal decision which does not interfere with a normal life. Usually, abstinence does not last for a lifetime. It is just for a time while growing up and making sensible choices. There is no need to let everyone know you have chosen abstinence. It's even all right to have a boyfriend or girlfriend, without getting too involved.

Sexual abstinence means putting a stop to all sexual relations or else putting them off till later.

**ABSTINENCE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH BEING AFRAID – IT NEEDS COURAGE TO KEEP IT UP**

**ADVANTAGES OF CHASTITY and ABSTINENCE :**

- ☐ It is possible to love without having sex. True love goes beyond sex. That is why, in order to prepare better for the future, you should not have sex before marriage.
- ☐ Abstinence is the best means of fighting and preventing STDs-AIDS, underage pregnancies and unwanted pregnancies.
- ☐ Choosing to abstain will cut out false declarations of love, just aimed at getting sex.
- ☐ It saves you from the burden of having to bring up a child on your own.
- ☐ It frees you from having to worry about abortion.
- ☐ It ensures that you will never be left with “souvenirs” (infection) by former partners.
- ☐ It gives you time to observe and get to know the ways of life of the other sex.
- ☐ It enables you to keep your mind first of all on developing your intellectual and physical abilities.
- ☐ It tests your spiritual development and devotion to GOD.

(Statements by Fr Casterman in “100% jeune”, No. 13-