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(JULY)

Parish Workshop on "Building Christian Community" and Pastoral Programs follow – up activities.

Nila and Wagina parish — 8th—12th.

Vorworu and Noro Parish — 13th—16th.

Sirovanga and Gizo parish — 18th—21st.

Moli parish — 23rd—26th.

(Program yet to confirm)



Peace and Justice.
The month of July evangelizing message is "Building our Christian Community with Peace & Justice".

The Peace and justice we are speaking about is what Christ identified as the basic ingredients of His kingdom, different from what the world offers, For Christ:

- Peace is not the absence of difficulties and hardships, but serenity while struggling to face the daily challenges of life.
- Justice is not simply avoiding injustices but working positively and generously to serve the common good

Thus Peace and Justice for a Christian community is the result of hard work to give priority to the projects to solve the needs of the **COMMUNITY**

Building the common good as a priority, where everyone is involved and contributes generously must be the priority of any pastoral plan Our pastoral plan is focusing on **SOLIDARITY...** and that means we work together to help each other all

our diocesan projects are on this line: rebuilding structures, leadership capacity, programs for the development of the community, they are all tools and means in building that kind of Justice and peace that Christ is speaking about as the basic ingredients of the kingdom...

Therefore; justice and peace are not simple words to use when we speak...

they are a target we must achieve by a personal contribution to the good of all together we stand, we defend each other, we grow in peace separated and divided by selfishness, envies and jealousies, we hurt each other and create injustices and troubles

Lets' then be one in solidarity and give the best we can to the programs we are trying to promote contribute to the creation of a pastoral plan which responds to the needs of justice and peace

with my blessings

bp Luciano Capelli, sdb
Gizo Diocese



“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”



Relysdom A Malakana
(Catholic Media Coordinator Diocese of Gizo)

Building Christian Community with Justice and Peace is our July's evangelising message, so was the years theme message for the Diocese of Gizo.

It's a piece of saying but indeed a powerful message which totally-challenges us. It's not the word itself that is challenging but it was a message that comes from the human mind trying to bring forward the message so that people act on, which facilitators are encouraged and facilitated the message in their working together for peace, justice and reconciliation at diocesan level.

As you well know, the theme we give and re-give all sense of the value of Solidarity, that is to live and experience the true acts of JUSTICE & PEACE was launched at the beginning of this year.

Well, through collaborating with communities, we can prevent violence and promote a culture of peace. Part of this has included working with people who are systematically oppressed by violence, and acting in solidarity with all struggling for justice, peace and the integrity of creation. Trying to bring people to tell their stories and testify.

Well, the capacity of its message lays on everyone's responsibility. We cannot blame the channel or its structure of its implementation or awaiting the responsible people to carry on the activity.

Now is the time to motivate to work together with action, developing complementary roles to enable and empower each other to serve our parish. Must be instruments of practice and call one another to mutual accountability between us – in faith, life and witness.

The promotion of visible unity between the facilitators and ourselves finds its expression also in a joint responsibility for witness and service. Moreover, our participation is not an aim in itself, but a sign of God's coming kingdom and thereby instrumental in promoting justice and peace.

**PRJESTHOOD
ANNJVERSARY**

28th of June 2012.
**Most Rev. Msgr Luciano
Capelli SDB DD.**

Let us share our wisdom, let us be listening for the voice of God in the words of the other. Let us be the protectors of God's creation and every human being. Finally, let us be good advocates and followers of Christ – who come to preach good news to the poor.

__ Happenings in Our Diocese __

Education Secretary 2nd Visit Tour to the Schools of the Diocese of Gizo, Shortlands May 3 – 9th 2012 *(Wryne Benett, Education Secretary, D.O.G)*

This Report highlights the activities conducted during the one week visit to Nila St John Bosco Schools, Shortland Islands.

OBJECTIVES OF THE VISIT

- (a) To conduct a visit to each school and hold meetings with teachers and stakeholders and to ensure the proper running of the four (4) schools.
- (b) To work with group leaders on the Educative pastoral plan.
- (c) To go over and study the New Revised Teachers Hand Book from MEHRD and to study the New Teachers Appraisals System and to make planning for its implementation preparations with teachers and all stakeholders of the schools.
- (e) To meet work with individual teacher with her/his profile this including contracts with the Diocese.

ACHIEVEMENT

- Followed up the Pastoral Program with the Chairpersons of the five groups to ensure that they put more inputs in their current plans.
- Conducted the Teacher Appraisal Training programme for the first time for the Principal, Head teacher, Deputy Principal of Tuha and Head of St. Anne's Vocational Training.
- Held a meeting with all the teachers and acknowledged them on the first terms work of this year and informed them of the exercise on the Appraisal program for the four schools which would be held soon by the Principal/Appointed teacher and Head teacher
- Held a meeting with Tuha teachers and School Board to advise on the appropriate sanction to be offered to students when breaking school rules. At this time too all agreed to merge the four (4) St. John Bosco Schools' individual School Board to one Board.
- Individual teacher approached me in the afternoons on their current Teacher Profile and any matter he/she wished to be clarified on their salary level.
- Visited all the schools and talked to the students to work harder and aim higher.
- Conducted a parents and community awareness talk on the evening of the last day continued to advise them on the Vision and Mission of the schools and shared with them that they have to support the Education Programs and to work with their Bishop.
- Concern raised: More tasks to be done for Tuha School. The parents want Ryan to go back to Tuha. Raised concern on running away student Conduct a proper reconciliation program for Ryan's return. Sick students at Tuha unattended.



All in all it was a worthwhile visit to the schools when the teachers and students were not in peace but managed them to come back to see where things had gone really wrong and how to remedy the situation they were at.

I was pleased and happy with my visit.

Happenings in our Parishes

Youth and the Cross in the Shortland Island.

The month of May was devoted to the Cross. The Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish -Nila had a series of activities dedicated to discovering the significance of the cross in the life of the Christian community.

It started with the Youth PAGES held on April 28. PAGES stand for Prayer, Adoration, Gathering, Eucharist, Sharing. It is a gathering of the students of St. Anne's Vocational School and the St. John Bosco Schools in Nila, Shortlands. The goal of this activity is to instil in the young people a devotion to the cross and discover their missionary calling in the community.

During the Youth PAGES, the pilgrimage cross was with the celebration of the Holy Mass with the Parish Priest, Fr. Edmund Siguenza presiding and Fr. Richard Tun-Tun concelebrated, blessed it and its journey to the different villages in Shortlands was begun.

The pilgrimage cross will be brought to a village where it will be welcomed by the people with a procession from the shore to the village chapel. To formally welcome the Cross into the community there is a prayer

celebration. It will remain in the village for three days and the people will keep vigil and have an adoration of the cross. A Mass in commemoration of the Triumph of the Cross will also be held.



Afterwards, the people of the village will bring the cross to its next destination. The action of the people in bringing the cross to the next village where its people will be waiting is also an expression of the goodwill

of one community towards another.

The journey of the pilgrimage cross was culminated with a 2-day Parish Youth Pilgrimage from May 26 to 27.

The primary theme of the Parish Youth Pilgrimage is taken from Scriptures, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." (1 Sam 3:4). The secondary theme is the theme of the Diocese of Gizo for the youth month, "Always be joyful in the Lord." (Phil. 4:4)

The objective of the program is to gather the young people of the parish, to bring them together and lead them to an encounter with each other and with the presence of God through prayers, celebrations, singing and dancing, talks, sharing and a pilgrimage to the Mission Cross. It is hoped that through this activity, the young people will find their connection to the entire parish community and discover their calling and mission as Christians.

<p>15th June 2012</p> <p>FEAST DAY OF WAGINA PARISH</p>   <p>THE SACRAD HEART OF JESUS</p>	<p>29th June 2012</p> <p>Feast Day of Gizo Parish.</p>   <p>SS Peter & Paul Apostle</p>	<p>PRIESTHOOD ANNIVERSARY</p>  <p>Fr. Jacob Getebachu 7th July 2012</p>
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— NEWS IN BITS —

Nusabaruku Catholic Community Raised \$2,300.00

About half the catholic community turned up on Saturday 9th of June for the fundraising which consisted of "biddings", for baskets filled with edible cooked or non cooked items. "Te oro bwa bwa". A total of \$2300.00 was raised that afternoon.



The money raised was part of their contribution to the St. Peter's parish yearly contribution. Had there been a 100% turn out, the community contribution target of \$5000 could have been reached.

The Holy Rosary Parish Nila held Community Retreats at different Villages.

After Easter Sunday, the Holy Rosary Parish Nila held community retreats at different villages.

It was a time of reflection and prayer with the community people with more reflect on the theme "Call for a Mission" and the evangelizing message "We have been Called to Serve all our

Brothers and Sisters".

The program and the accompanying theme were meant to strengthen the diocese's main value .

The retreat was facilitated by the Parish Priest, Fr. Edmund Siguenza, Catechist Coordinator Sebastian Nungga and a catechist from Toumoa, Brian Isamate.

Catechist Re-collection

From May 17-18, 2012, the catechists of the Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish of Shortlands had a recollection and a meeting, together with the parish priest, Fr. Edmund Siguenza. It was held in Harapa.



The recollection was requested by the catechists themselves as a way of deepening their spiritual life and enriching their mission in their respective communities. The focus of the recollection was their duty as catechists in the parish. As catechists, they are teachers and leaders to the people, assisting the parish priest in shepherding the members of the Christian community.



**There are no seven wonders of
the world in the eyes of a
child. There are seven million.**

~unknown Author



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YOUNGSTERS' DIFFICULTIES



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THE CLAIM TO BE FREE TO CHOOSE ABOUT SEX



■ Attraction

towards the opposite sex right from puberty is normal.

But it has to be kept under control.

Willpower has to be developed in order to be able to say, "NO".

♥ *Boys and girls have sex just to prove that they are no longer children but have grown up.*

♥ "I am a man and want to prove it."

♥ "A 'liberated' girl must have sex with men."

♥ *Having sex to prove oneself: he is a man; she is a woman. "She will make fun of me and say that 'I can't do it.'"*

■ Wanting to be the same as, and accepted by, fellow young people is the real danger nowadays.

■ There is no rule of right and wrong except the one followed by those around us.

