



Knowing Your Faith

JUNE 2011
MONTH OF THE
CATECHISM

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The Month of August

THE BIBLE MONTH
AND THE WORLD
YOUTH DAY

"The Word of God is
the Way to
forgiveness"

BIHOP'S MESSAGE LAUNCHING THE CATHOLIC CATECHISM



priest to give top priority to this project this year, we distributed copies to all catechists and made them available for anyone who wishes to have them.

June will be the month of

awareness and workshops for the catechists who will use the catechism as their resource in preparing the people for the sacraments and inspiring them with the correct explanation of their faith

We will not love what we do not know... let us learn more about

If it is true that a 'A poor catechesis is a the best school of atheism', then it is also true that the best service to our faith is a careful and well done catechesis, a careful and proper explanation of the truths of our faith in all the aspects of life.

"...let us learn more about the faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ so we can Love it more and let it fill our lives...."

The Bishops of the PNG and SI conference have prepared the 'National Catechism' so that the Catholic people can have 'life is its fullness'

the faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ so we can love it more and let it fill our lives with my blessings.

The Gizo diocese has launched the catechism by inspiring each parish

Your bishop and brother
+ Luciano Capelli, SDB



"We Give & Re-give ALL the sense of the value of SOLIDARITY by doing Actions of RECONCILIATION with our brothers and sisters and with the nature around us"



This month of May is our joy and blessings, as the Church celebrates important events; first it's the month dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. It is fitting from our Bishop's message (April) to our women in the diocese, which we can all reflect on as to who Mary is for us during this month. Our Bishop in his message said; *"as we celebrate the month of May we remember Mary and all mothers in a special way, our diocesan programs wants to inspire you women of Gizo to be the real Angels of the family. As Mary said yes to God's plan to be a special mother of a special child, you too share in the same mission, you too have said 'yes' to God in Baptism and to His plan for your life. As Mary was faithful to her 'yes' to Jesus, be faithful too to your yes to him. Be a special mother, of a special family, the one God has entrusted to you."*

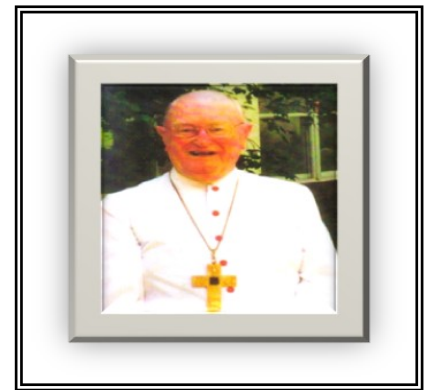
We all have reason also to rejoice, as on the 1st of May, which is the second Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday, the Holy Father Benedict XVI has beatified his predecessor John Paul II as Blessed John Paul II. Let us all journey together in the life of Blessed John Paul II as he called us **"not to**

be afraid" to be witnesses of the life of the Gospel.

And again, the Holy Father in his message for the 48th World Day of Prayer for Vocation on 15 May, the fourth Sunday of Easter calls us to the theme: **"Proposing Vocations in the Local Church"** He said that; "the work of carefully encouraging and supporting vocations finds a radiant source of inspiration in those places in the Gospel where Jesus calls his disciples to follow him and trains them with love and care. We should pay close attention to the way that Jesus called his closest associates to proclaim the Kingdom of God (cf. Lk10:9). In the first place, it is clear that the first thing he did was to pray for them: before calling them, Jesus spent the night alone in prayer, listening to the will of the Father (cf. Lk6:12) in a spirit of interior detachment from mundane concerns. It is Jesus' intimate conversation with the Father which results in the calling of his disciples. Vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life are first and foremost the fruit of constant contact with the living, God and insistent prayer lifted up to the "Lord of the harvest", whether in parish communities, in

Christian families or in groups specifically devoted to prayer for vocations."

We also remember in this month, 31st the death anniversary of our first Bishop – Most Rev. Eusebius John Crawford, the foundation father of the journey of our Diocese. He was appointed Bishop on the 1st of March 1960 and retired on the 3rd of February 1995.



All these elements serves to enrich and nourish us in our prayer, devotion and work during this month of May. They help us in our pilgrimage journey of faith as we live, experience and promote our Diocesan value of RECONCILIATION.

Compiled by Joseph Lalaubatu

JUNE AND JULY PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

June 6—10 Catechist Seminar—Moli

June 13—17 Diocese "Come & See" program—Moli

June 20—24 Catechist Seminar—Gizo
FLA (Personal Integration Training)

July 7—10 Nila Parish

July 14—17 Gizo/Noro Parish

July 28—31 Moli, Sirovanga & Voruvoru parishes

Happenings in Our Diocese

MOTHERS ARE THE LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF THE FAMILY.



Joseph Lalaubatu.
(Diocesan Pastoral
Coordinator)

Following the success implementation of HEY DAD training for daddies in 2010 and strong recommendation for the program to be given to mothers, the Catholic Diocese of Gizo Pastoral Team has conducted series of training of trainers for mothers called "HEY MUM in its Parishes of Moli, Sirovanga, Voruvoru, Gizo, Noro and recently from 26th – 29th May, at Cookson, Wagina Parish.

A total of fifty-two (52) mothers attended at Wagina and with the theme: "Mothers, God's Word is our Life and Light that strengthens us to live the spirit of communion through reconciliation" mothers have been challenged to deeply reflect on their roles as mothers and be the life and light of the family.

The Parenting education program for mothers which contains eight sessions was very well attended by a total of hundred (100)

mothers so far. Sessions topics covered includes; The Role of Mothers, Understanding Children as they grow, Relating to our Children, Communication & its importance in the family, Dealing with Emotions, New direction in discipline, Self-Esteem and Just for You.

As mothers the program calls and challenges them for a greater parenting roles in seeing their children grow happily, together with their husbands. Mothers have been challenged to be parents; that is to be the heart of love in the family and to show their children and husbands how to love.

We were not trained to be mothers but our children called us and trained us to be mothers in understanding our parenting roles and doing our responsibilities for our children together with the daddies in the family. We ought to give 100% of our lives and responsibilities to our Children.

All mothers attended responded with a greater commitment for change and to do their best in their families and to share

what they have learned with other mothers in their Parish. They have shown the enthusiasm to live it and share with other mothers.

The Diocesan Pastoral Team facilitators includes, Fr. Stephen Te'e, Sr. Rita Pitavavini OP, Janet Burabura, Jerome Kuibatu, Moses Poqeava and Joseph Lalaubatu



30 ATTEND BASIC BIBLE SEMINAR TRAINING, MOLI PASTORAL CENTER

"It is fitting and challenging for all of us to be reminded of our baptismal and Christian responsibilities as builders of our small Christian Communities in our society. Our community growth depends on our concern for one another and seeing the problems that needs to be addressed."

This were the challenging words echoed to the thirty (30) participants, representing Nila, Moli, Sirovanga, Wagina, Gizo, Noro and Voruvoru Parishes of the Catholic Diocese of Gizo during the workshop on "Building

Small Christian Community" at the Pastoral Centre., Moli from 9 – 14 May, 2011.

The one week's training was to live and relive an experience of community spirituality in order to deepen one's own faith and commitment to the renewal of the Church. Participants were also challenged to recall their own community way of life and propose actions in building a community that reflects and live the life of the Gospel.

The training workshop was facilitated by

Moses Poqeava, the Diocesan Bible Apostolate Coordinator and ably assisted by Fr. Gabriel Matotewa, Jerome Kuibatu, George Pitatu and Joseph Lalaubatu.



__Happenings Around Our Parishes__

YOUTH ENCOUNTER'S TRAINING WAGINA PARISH



Fr. Stephen Tee
(Assistant P.P. Gizo)

On May 13th to 15th 2011 thirty youths from Sacred Heart Parish (Wagina)

attended the youth Encounter Formation program, which lasts for three days. The program was facilitated by Fr. Stephen Te'e, Clausinah, Luduvica, Tiote, Beitenang, Koki, Ioteba and Sr Teresa Tebaia.

As facilitators of this program we were moved with great enthusiasm to see a great number of unexpected youths coming from all hidden corners of Cookson village to attend this weekend program. Their participation and their willingness to attend this program shows the spirit of the youth encounter really coming alive which is the spirit of openness, trust, care and love for their church, a spirit that will make their church become alive and young.

During the closing of the program some of the youths came out and shared what have touched them personally, and to our surprise we were shocked to hear that out of the many who come, three of them were able to share deeply their insights, expressing it with tears in front of hundreds of people who came to witness the closing program.

We challenged all those who came to attend the youth formation program in particular the parents, and the elders to be more posi-

tive in dealing with their youths. We encouraged the parents and the elders to be a living examples to their youths by showing them how to live by this good Christian values. In her final talk Sr, Teresa Tebaia re-



mind them that this youth formation program will not become meaningful if the parents and the elders continue to live the opposite way, the way that is not Christian by giving their youth bad examples.

The youths who have undergone the youth encounter formation program, with their parents and Elders in the Cookson village Sacred Heart Parish (Wagina) have expressed their gratitude to Bishop Luciano Capelli sdb for his great help and his great heart for the youths in Gizo diocese.

NEWS IN BITS

Pastoral Team Looks Aheads For Launching.

Diocesan Pastoral team is looking ahead for the launching of its Catechism program.

A 4 weeks activities will commence on the 8 of June till last week of June.

Program will into 3 parts. Part one will involve catechists and pastoral workers, part two is in-service for the teachers with a day of Reconciliation and part three will be the month of catechism (launching). Activities will involve reading the catechism in the

families, reflect on our faith etc.

A 12 sessions for the 3 days and the aim is to introduce the new catechism, get familiar with its contents and how to use it in Pastoral works.

The program will facilitate by Diocesan Pastoral Team, Parish Pastoral Workers,

Youth Encounter Challenge, Wagina.

“Youth Encounters program touched youths attending Y.E trainings here in Wagina parish”.

Jacob said, the training itself really benefit the youth at Wagina, He said that to him it is a kind of renewal of each ones heart which lost from daily disobedience, peer pressures involvement through experimental etc, and such involvement become an ongoing activities which been ignored by the families and the community.

He added that these youth really need the support from the community elders and

their own family by putting up community and family structures (rules).

He said, more youth came to realised their failures and were emotionally speak out and the community took witnessed their testimony , but the process to become a new person might another struggle for them (us).

Jacob said, they can be come a new person only if the parish measures socialise activities and award disrespect and peer activities from other youths, and engage them into a processing activities which may bene-

fit their personalities and this will make a complete change, little by little.



Martin Tako

(Media Volunteer, St. Dominic Kavata Parish)

Well, Lenten season is over, but I want to share and remind us what I thought that might help us to remember that season.

1. Christ having heard of His Fathers Voice—to bring salvation to all human life— He prepared Himself in the desert. Why?

- He need to *reflect* on the nature of His mission
- He had to get His *goal* right
- He had to purify His *matives*

- He had to decide the *means* to use.

And in so, He embarked the program of prayer, fasting, reflection to overcome the power of temptation by Satan.

As Christ Himself faces the challenge in His preparation, we must face the “desert of



Life”, within our-self, others and nature. We have to have the courage to look at our actual condition no matter how poor it might take us,

- What receives our best time and our energy
- What goals do we pour our-self and our time to
- What are we committed to, what value do we live by.

And to do so, we have to use prayer, fasting almsgiving, as there is more challenges in our human life, that will disturb us .



EDUCATION 4 LIFE
FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS
Responsible behaviour
3 THE MATURITY OF A MAN ON SEXUALITY

1. Grassroots Education

- The slow growth of the human being is made in order to prepare better for the mission that God gives us. The valorisation of the body must be inculcated into the child from early childhood.
- God does not want human beings to behave like animals:
 - There are young boys and girls who behave by instinct.
 - There are parents who do not care about their children and leave them everywhere.
- The boys must respect the body of the girls and vice versa.
- Girls must dress with dignity, and not to provoke the boys.

2.-God directs our behaviour:

- The church has not made "norms", many verses from the Bible throws light on the behaviour of man, saved by Jesus, in relation to sexuality. They are expositions on the 6th and 9th commandments:
 - You shall not commit adultery.
 - You shall not have impure thoughts and desires.

3.The social action

- ☉ The official propaganda recommends the use of condoms. Condom is not 100% safe. Its failure is situated between 10%-15%, so much for pregnancy and especially for AIDS.
- ☉ The condom pushes to suggest that sexuality is good if I can have a sexual relation, if I can conquer the other person;
- ☉ The opinion presents us to believe in such values as self control, chastity, abstinence, love.....
- ☉ Those who are not capable of abstinence and use it have to reflect on their behaviour.

THE BIBLE TELLS US: I Thes 4:3-8:

« What God wants is for you all to be holy. He wants you to keep away from fornication, and each one of you to know how to use the body that belongs to him in a way that is holy and honourable, not giving way to selfish lust like the pagans who do not know God... We have been called by God to be holy, not to be immoral.... »

These commandments of God are given to us for our own good.