

NEWSLETTER CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF GIZO

Bishop Monthly Message



Month of November 2022



November gives us the challenge to reflect on the quality of life we are living in view of our final destination. We are called to Sanctity!!!

Communion,

participation and mission. Are we aware of our dignity and call to communion, do we give our best to that part of the body of Christ, the church and society entrusted to us by our mission.

The Apocalypse of St. John describes the vision of all the "servants of God": "And I saw a great crowd, which no one could count, of all the peoples and tribes and peoples and tongues, who stood in front of the throne and of face to the Lamb, dressed in white garments and with palms in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: Salvation is due to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb "(Rev. 7, 9-10). The Lamb is the figure of Christ.

In his sermon on the mountain, Jesus addressed the "beatitudes" to everyone.

- Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are the meek, for they will possess the earth.
- Blessed are those who weep, for they will be comforted.
- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, they will be satisfied.
- Blessed are the merciful, for they will find mercy.
- Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- Blessed are the peaceable, for they will be called children of God.
- Blessed are those who suffer persecution for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Blessed are you when they insult you and, lying, speak every evil of you for my sake. Rejoice and rejoice, because great is your reward in heaven".

Saints are those who have earned heaven's reward.

- Holiness is not rare, if the sky is full of saints.
- The Saints are not only those mentioned in the Calendar, which are already many, but they represent a very small proportion of the saints who, as Saint John says, "no one could count" except God.
- In the Calendar, the Church has marked only the names of those whose life has been recognized as exemplary
- But all those who are saved by the merits of Jesus are holy
- November 1st is the great feast of the triumphant Church, which around the throne of God rejoices in the immense assembly of the saved.
- ⇒ Saints Are not persons who never sinned, they are persons who never gave up
- ⇒ Saints are sinners who keep on trying...
- ⇒ Falling does not make us failures, staying down yes...
- ⇒ The church is Holy not because it never sinned, but because Christ is holy

Sanctity then must have something to do with the happiness to be in:

- 1. Communion with God, Christ, the church, society, family
- 2. Participation: DOING MY PART, using MY giftedness to the full in
- 3. **the mission** entrusted to the church to build **HIS** kingdom, **HERE & NOW**

From Your Bishop who loves you with a SOLO heart made in Italy...

For you a Bishop with you a Journeying brother Bp Luciano Capelli, sdb

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St. Peter's Celebrates 15th Episcopal Anniversary of Bishop Luciano Capelli sdb.



St. Peters Cathedral here in Gizo ,celebrated the Bishop's Anniversary on his 15th Episcopal Ordination on Sunday 23rd of October.

The day was well organized and prepared by the diocesan and the parish committee members, which also

attended by those nearby islands e.g Ranogga, Simbo, Vella and Kolombangara.

Celebrating and joining with him at his
Thanksgiving Mass, the parishioners were
nourished much by the bishop's homily, where he
reminded them of their communion with the eight
parishes, their mission, their participation, and their
commitment to the church.

The bishop's message covered the earthquake and tsunami period which caused much suffering; he thanked God for uniting everyone to have rebuilt the damaged church building. He stated that this was not his effort but the community, and we must thank God for this community.

Religious

Bishop Luciano Capelli sdb continued on his message to everyone saying that our communities in the parishes built the churches, the schools in support to our pastoral plan. He also thanked God for the laity's and collaborators assistance and participations

The celebration continued after the Thanksgiving Mass where everyone thanked the bishop for his leadership as bishop of the Diocese of Gizo.

Those attended and witnessed bishop's anniversary celebration, joyously joined the bishop with a feast, gift presentations, and entertainment included Vanga Students panpipe.

The occasion ended with the bishop's blessing around 5:30 pm.

Congratulatory messages-Bishop's 75th Birthday Anniversary

Bishop Luciano Capelli SDB turns 75 a day ahead of his Episcopal Ordination Anniversary.

More from other countries and here in Solomon

Islands have congratulated him on his birthday which falls on 19 of October.

More of these were from his own country Italy, the Philippines, and other countries. Thanks for the link diocesan social webpage, which is available for others who ioin the celebrations with students, staff, and parishioners.

Here at St.Peter's Gizo, his birthday was celebrated at 6 am with the inclusion of Gizo Urban Training Centre students and staff, and St Peter's Kindergarten staff and children, which commenced with the Thanksgiving Mass with the parishioners here in the St. Peters



HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL PNG

SYMPOL OF UNITY, PRAYER, AND SACRAMENTS.

Cardinal Tagle Consecrates Cathedral in Hagen PNG.

- Article: Abigail Seta; Photographs: Fr Ambrose Pereira sdb



His Eminence Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Pro- church. I think this building, the church, will last for Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization consecrated the newly built Holy Trinity Cathedral in the Archdiocese of Mt Hagen, a symbol of unity, prayer, and the sacraments. It was consecrated on Tuesday, 4th October 2022, at Rebiamul, Mt Hagen.

Present to witness this momentous occasion were Apostolic Nuncio to Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, His Excellency Most Reverend Fermín Emilio Sosa Rodriguez together with Archbishop of Port Moresby, Cardinal Sir John Ribat; Archbishop of Mt Hagen, Douglas Young SVD and Archbishop of Madang and president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNGSI, Anton Bal and Archbishop of Rabaul, Rochus Tatamai msc. Also present were 17 bishops from PNG and SI, priests, religious sisters and brothers and guests from all over the country. The governor of Western Highlands Province, Wai Rapa and business

representatives also attended the occasion.

In his homily, Cardinal Tagle spoke on the significance of building a Church as he reflected on the readings of the day.

"We have built a church. What does that

mean? What does it mean to build a Church? We have three readings for today and all of them are teaching us about the significance of building a church. Look at the church, it is a beautiful church but how do we build a beautiful church?" he challenged the thousands in the congregation that were gathered for the celebration.

"A beautiful house should not be left empty. The beauty of this house is more pronounced when the children of God are in it. St Peter talks about the community, the

500 years or maybe more but how about the community? How long will we last? How will we build a community over and over again?"

The eucharist celebration consisted of five rites of dedication which began with the procession of the bishops to the cathedral led by the Sinsibai parish in Hagen and parishioners from Madang. This was followed by the handing over of the building at the threshold where the architect, Mr John O'Brien handed over the drawings. The doors to the cathedral were then opened by the descendants of the Big Men who first welcomed the missionaries to Mount Hagen. The procession was led by a Madang sinsing group, many of whom were descendants of the carriers and catechists who accompanied the missionaries on their first patrol to Mt Hagen.

MISSIONARIES & BISHOPS VISIT.

Missionaries' Visitation Calls On.





Missionaries visiting Moli, Taro, and Nila parishes have shown that the call was for all parishes to continue have responsibility for the Church of God here in our diocese.

Their visitation revealed the bishop's emphasis on having more priests and Religious for our diocese. Though the church has struggled to shape up more seminarians and outcomes we have few, but their presence has shown the bishop's love for our church to fill up those gaps to build the Body of Christ.

These are the Sisters of the Servants of the Lord and the Vision of Matara, Sr. Roucia SSUM, Sr. Sponsa SSUM, Sr. Alborada SSUM, and Fr. Ruel from the Word Incarnate.

They were welcomed by the Students, Staff, and parishioners from our three parishes last month. They travelled on the boat on MV Galilee from 1st to 9th October.

They are now currently living and serving at the Sacred Heart of Jesus parish in Wagina.

Bishops Pastoral Visit Continues...

Bishop's Pastoral Visit to our parishes has continued since visiting Wagina parish.
Last month in October, he visited the Holy Rosary parish and St Eusebius parish preparing for his retirement.

During his visit, he met pastoral committees, visited schools, and celebrated confirmation of children.

His first visit was to the Sacred Heart of Jesus parish Wagina, and now looking forward to Moli, Taro, Sirovanga, and Voruvoru parish on this month of November.



News, Reminder & Advertisement.

St. Peter Youth learn more on Liturgy Talk.



St. Peter youths also benefitted from the Liturgy awareness talks from the diocesan youth coordinator Mr. Colody Kalemama here in St. Peters youth center.

The awareness talk was held after the Mass celebrated on Sunday 9th of October, which was more on the Holy Mass.

Mr. Colody said that the most important, central, and sacred act of worship in Catholicism was the Holy Mass because the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of Christ's life. He said it is a Supreme act of Adoration, love, and worship of God that we have as Catholics".

He revealed that the Mass is the greatest prayer that we Catholics have.

He encourages more youth to attend Mass and try to observe the process that took place in our

Eucharistic celebration, and by doing this, one may feel that we are journeying with Jesus, through these stages of our celebration.



Our Church is calling out to accompany our youths in our prayers, and to help them find their place in the Church and the world. It calls young people, to be more involved in their faith community and to grow in understanding and expressing who they are as the Church of today and tomorrow.

Let us draw these young people into responsible participation in their life and the mission of our Catholic community. To empower them to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in today's world through;

Prayer and Worship, Evangelization,
Catechesis, Pastoral Care, Community
Life

Justice and Service, Leadership Development, Advocacy, etc.



St Peter Training Center Carpentry.

...good job boys and instructors
...in one week you completed the task
...that is what we offer in our school:
skills, efficiency, honesty and the
possibility of a bright future
...the enrollment for next year is open.

(Sr. Anna Maria Gerva)

ITALIAN VOLUNTEER & EVENTS.

Italian Volunteer Helps on Water.



An Italian plumber Mr. Nanei Giancarlo is now in the diocese to do maintenance fixing the water system around the Cathedral.

His presence has benefited some of the boys whom they learn a lot from him.

Farly this month November, an expert person from the water unity from the Pacific Water Management from Honiara met with the bishop and staff about the water issue in Solomon Islands

He revealed that most of the water source around the country is unsafe to drink. However, he said the safest way to have safe water is to have a good management water committee.

However, Gizo is the central heart of where the Catholic Diocese of Gizo is located.

The water issue was one major problem that is yet to solve.

Mostly water catchment for the township is by rainwater tanks.

Previously, work has been done to supply water by installing pipes from underground water sources but failed.

All Saints Day & All Souls Day

First Tuesday November

Bible readings

Rev 7:2-4.9-14 1Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a

Second Tuesday November

Bible Readings

Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 6:3-9 Jn 6:34-40



Congratulation

Fr. Benedictus Qelo for your 2nd

year as a priesthood.



A small celebration means a lot to friends, relatives, parish priest, sisters, youths, and communities

"You are called another Christ"

(Mother Theresa)

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ST. JOSEPH MOLI PARISH.

St. Joseph Moli Celebrate St. Faustyna Feast Day.





Polish Catholic nun and mystic. Her apparitions of Jesus Christ inspired the Roman Catholic devotion to Divine Mercy and earned her the title of "Secretary of Divine Mercy".

Wheelbarrow fundraising, \$8,800.00 for the Clinic.

(information from Anthony Media Moli)

Wheelbarrow fundraising from Gazalata, Moli to Kuku had raised up to \$8,800.00 (Eight thousand eight hundred dollars) from the two separate events that commenced on the 14th, and 18th of October.

Fundraising also targets individual families where 380 families contribute \$20 per head.

Setting up their theme, "Suffering Brings New Life" in the Varese language, they match on through villages shout slogan.

The first-ever serious of their fundraising for the clinic and staff houses after the Eagon logging company suddenly departed in early 2000 due to a general dispute that affected the mini-hospital. Leaving the mini-hospital without a doctor.

The feast day of Saint Maria
FaustynaKowalska had gathered the Divine Mercy
group here in Moli parish to commemorate the
event from the 4th and 5th of October last month.

During the occasion, members have benefited from the Dominicans, Sr. Rita P, Sr. Mary Sikua, Fr. Timothy, and the Diocesan priests Fr, Qelo and Mr. Anthony from the parish media.

This is another event, which benefited the needy ones for the charity they received from the Lord.

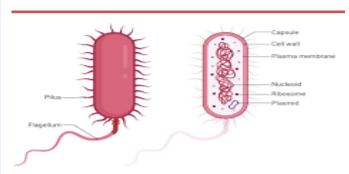
Highlighted during the occasion were Thanksgiving Mass, spiritual talk, charity work, and feasting.

Maria FaustynaKowalska, OLM, also known as Saint Maria FaustynaKowalska of the Blessed Sacrament and popularly spelled Faustina, was a



VIRUS AND BACTERIA

Some of Harmful Effects of Bacteria



They are responsible for many infectious diseases like pneumonia, tuberculosis, diphtheria, syphilis, and tooth decay.

Bacteria are transmitted to humans **through air**, **water**, **food**, **or living vectors**. The principal modes of transmission of bacterial infection are contact, airborne, droplet, like mosqitoes, flies, etc. **Signs and symptoms of Bacteria**

- difficulty breathing.
- a persistent cough, or coughing up pus.
- unexplained redness or swelling of the skin.
 Very painful
- a persistent fever. Along with headache, high body termperture and nausea.
- frequent vomiting and trouble holding liquids down
- blood in urine, vomit or poo (stool) / painful urination.

Some of Harmful Effects of virus

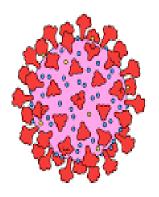
Some of the most common viral infections include: Common cold.

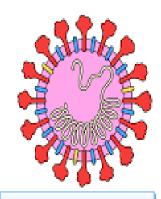
- Influenza (flu)
- Herpes.
- Chickenpox.
- Mumps.
- Measles.
- Rubella.

Signs and symptoms of viral infection.

Cold symptoms can be similar to flu symptoms, but they are generally milder. Symptoms include the following:

- Runny nose. (Frequently)
- Sore throat. (Feel dry sometimes)
- Headache. (One sided somtimes)
- Coughing. (Dry sometimes)
- Sneezing.





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THE DIOCESE OF GIZO UPCOMMING EVENTS 2022

For the Month of December

Since its beginnings in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands the Catholic Church has contributed to the betterment of society by shedding the light of the Good News of Jesus Christ on destructive cultural practices (sorcery, polygamy, warfare, and the suppression of women), by promoting positive cultural practices, and by providing social, educational and health services to all without discrimination.