

**Bishop's July Message: Holiness**



OCTOBER MONTH OF MARY

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**7 OCTOBER OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, NILA**

**21 MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION**



**SEPTEMBER MESSAGE:**  
**contemplatives in action**  
**What is more important in life PRAYER OR ACTION?**

A tourist came to Gizo and wanted to experience riding on a small canoe with a fisherman as a guide. He saw two big words on the two sides of the paddle of the fisherman: **ACTION AND PRAYER**. The fisherman was paddling on the left side with the side of the paddle with written ACTION and then would paddle on the right side of the boat with the side of the paddle with written PRAYER. The visitor was a non-believer and said that ACTION would be enough to make the boat go straight. So the fisherman paddled only on the left side of the boat with the paddle of ACTION... and the boat kept going around... with no direction. Is this what happens to us?

**ACTION WITHOUT PRAYER WILL BRING US NOWHERE... JUST AS PRAYER WITHOUT ACTION... No wind is favorable to the sailor who does not know where to go**

Action alone cannot make us holy, the reason for which we are in action is the mission entrusted to us by God here and now... **AND TO DO THIS:**

WE NEED PRAYER OF DISCERNMENT: "Lord what do you want me to do here and now?"

WE NEED PRAYER OF PETITION: "Lord help me, help us"

WE NEED PRAYER OF INTERCESSION: "Lord bless all those who need your healing and your help"

**SO THAT WE MAY DO OUR MISSION IN EVERY MINUTE OF OUR LIVES BY OUR ACTIONS**

**The Holy Father Pope Francis tells us that**

Sanctity is our goal, the place we are going, communion with God here and now sanctity is doing what we have to do (His will... our mission) with the heart... with passion...

**Pope Francis tells us (Gaudete et Exultate # 23): "You need to see the entirety of your life as a mission."**

Try to do so by listening to God in prayer and recognizing the signs that he gives you.

Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received.

Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today's world."

***" May you realize what that word is, the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to all by your life.***

*Let yourself be transformed.*

*Let yourself be renewed by the Spirit, so that this can happen, lest you fail in your precious mission.*

*The Lord will bring it to fulfilment despite your mistakes and missteps, provided that you do not abandon the path of love but remain ever open to his supernatural grace, which purifies and enlightens". (Gaudete et Exultate # 24):*

Sanctity is prayer and action at the same time: contemplation of God's Mystery while doing his work: our mission. May we transform our prayers into action and all our actions into prayer in the liturgy of our daily life in the ecstasy of action

With you a Brother for you a Bishop with a Solo Heart made in Italy



## DIOCESE MESSAGE: Mother's Month

**'MOTHERS WALK HAND IN HAND FOR THE GOOD OF ALL PEOPLE'**



### **DIOCESE PROGRAMS COMING UP FOR THE YEAR 2018.**

**Media & Prayer leaders trainings—17th to 19th January for Northern deanery (Moli Pastoral Center)- Cancelled**

**Sunday school teachers training— 16th and 17th February for Southern deanery (Gizo)- Cancelled**

**Media & Prayer leaders trainings— 26th to 28th February for southern deanery (Wagina)- Cancelled**

**Priest Meeting number 1 Chrism Mass— 20th to 22 March (Gizo)- done**

**Catholic teachers workshop for northern and southern deaneries— 10th to 13th April (Gizo and Nila) done**

**Priest Retreat— 19th to 21st June (Gizo) done**

**Sunday school teachers training for northern deanery parishes—4th to 6th (Moli)**

**Priest meeting number 2— 18th to 20th September (Gizo)**

**November 12th—15th diocesan media training**

### **St Peter and Paul**

On the first of July we celebrated the liturgical solemnity of St Peter and Paul: the two great missionaries of all seasons. It was also a celebration day for the



whole diocese of Gizo named after ST. PETER. A great number of people came and attended the ceremony. The well attended event started with a Eucharistic celebration by Bishop Luciano Capelli with all parishioners. That day will also be a remarkable day for the church and for Br Thomas Patavolomo from VoruVoru, Choiseul, who received his ordination to the diaconate. The liturgy which was led by the Gizo community highlights



that event with beautiful traditional dances and songs. The sermon was an encouragement to the newly ordained deacon to serve the people.



After the mass the bishop, priests the newly ordained deacon and all the parishioners flocked into the St Peter hall for the feasting. It was a moment of real joy as the people together with their clergy enjoying the celebration with food, speeches and en-



tertainments to honour both St. Peter and Paul and the new deacon Rev. Thomas Patavolomo.

Rev. Thomas is from the parish of Christ the King (Voruvoru). He completed his 7 years of studies at Holy name of Mary seminary last year. The church would like to thank all those who supported him throughout the years and asks for prayers and support as Br Thomas begins his mission as a deacon.

### Let me taste it



I want to throw the attention to my readers by recalling the moment when I saw a mother carried her little child to receive the holy communion from the priest. It was very interest-

ing because when a mother put out her hands to receive the Holy Communion and the child also put out his hand. Some will cry because they want to have the taste of it. The little kids are always curious about their mothers of what they are eating during the Holy communion. For me I had seen many little

children who asked their mothers to give them half of the Holy communion but it was very interesting that the mothers always refused to give because of the sacredness of the sacrament.

Receiving of the Holy communion is different from the Sacrament of Baptism. The kids receive baptism in their infant stages. The reason of giving the sacrament of baptism to the infants is because the Church wants all the children to become members of the Church. The kids were feed differently from adults, they receive food through breast feeding. When they reach a certain age such as four or five months, depends on the strength of a child then the child can eat normally.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July here at St Peter Parish, Gizo there were nine candidates who received their first communion. The dreams had come into reality. I saw them that they were very happy. I did not know how they felt but the important thing was they received the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Jesus says, if anyone eats my body and drinks my blood has eternal life (John 6:54-56). Jesus has shared his gift by giving Himself to these nine candidates. I also recalled what Bishop Luciano Capelli shared to these candidates, that they have to attend the Masses often so that they can continue to receive the body and Blood of Jesus Christ in their lives. This is a good news for all of us. (Christians). My message is this the more we eat the body and drink the blood of Christ, it brings us closer to Christ. The candidates really enjoyed because we closed our celebration with the picnic. My words of thanks to the Salestian sisters and Sunday school teachers and the parents for their tireless supports and their encouragement to our young first Holy communion candidates.

God bless Gizo Parish.



## LCT TEACHERS WORKSHOP TRAINING BETANIA – GIZO TOP HILL

On the 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July, a similar Training workshop was again co-ordinated by Ms Paula Besta and facilitated by the following facilitators, Sr. Regina, Madam Mavete

Pihu (Literacy Coordinator for Western Province), Ms. Recheal Eria and Ms. Wryne Bennett (Education Secretary Diocese of Gizo).

A total of Fifteen (15) Kindergarten teachers from the Southern Denary region which covers Noro Vanga, Gizo Nusabaruku and including Wagina were well accommodated at Betania Centre of Formation and Spirituality for 3 days. The Workshop was officially opened on the eve of Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July with a Holy Mass conducted by His lordship Bishop Luciano Capelli at the Gizo Cathedral where he also officially greeted and welcomed the participants.

This workshop continues to focus and centre on some of these major areas from 2017:

**Value in Catholic Schools, Aim and Objectives of Value Education, Management, Administration, Curriculum, Teachers Role and Responsibility, Basic Health and Hygiene, Food and Nutrition, Kindy Resources, Literacy, Importance of outdoor games and activities for young children and Emergencies.**

These crucial areas in this field of Education, were well presented and attended throughout the days. The participants felt excited and promised to implement some of these areas learned from the training especially on children's hygiene habits while the Trainers covered well the topics.

**Importance of Moral Values, Best practices in ECE, Quality of the Teacher, ECCE reform, Resource Management, Health Care of Children (including how much should Pre schoolers eat), Heath and Hygiene in school, Hand washing for children, My body, Personal Hygiene and domestic Hygiene, Moral Education ( Teach them values at the very early age),**

**Importance of Values/Virtues at a very young age, Building Character to be good and honest citizens & Christians,**

**Importance of Literacy, Literacy in the transition to formal schooling, Value of storytelling. Planning on the part of the teacher.(Including drama, art, story discussion, Physical Exercise**

**and games for young children to be planned properly( for children's gross motor&fine motor)**

### PARTICIPANTS AND ECE CENTRES ATTENDED

Name of ECE Centre	Participants
St. Eusebius (Noro)	Cyrella Kaepua Nancy Labangi
St.Peter's (Gizo)	Bernadette Mason Eldina Pina, Fatima Baisi Emely Kura
St.Marcellin (Vanga)	Reina Davis
St.Margaret (Cannan)	Veronica Tekaro
Sacred Heart (Wagina)	Rose Eita Kamosi Bernadette Elizabeth Tebiria Viletina Rabaua
St.John Bosco (Nusabaruku)	Atantonga Barai
St.Joseph's (Rawaki)	Jacinta Paroua
.St.Louise Malukei (Noro)	Rita Kimisi

Though there are challenges along the way yet the workshop ended well and really empowered the participants in their roles and commitments as teachers and guidance to our children.



We would like to acknowledge Bishop Luciano Capelli for the support he offers to Madam Paula Besta who has great passion in this field of Education even the ECE Moratorium is still enforce, thus we have witnessed the successful ending of this workshop.

Also we thank Ms Chiara Rampazzan Italian volunteer who ensured that the resources arrive safely at Betania

Centre, Madam Lucy and Madam Mrs Takolo ,who well prepared the venue and the meals.

**This is the first ECE Training workshop held this year for the ECE Centres in the Central region of the Western Province.**

**The Diocese of Gizo Education Authority administers a total of 14 schools which are located in the Western Province and a couple on Choiseul Province. The types of school range from Early Childhood, Primary, Junior & Senior Secondary including a Teachers Training College for Rural Technical and Vocational Schools.**

Under the leadership of his Lordship, Rev. Luciano Capelli sdb; the Diocese of Gizo administers a num-



ber of parishes both in Western and Choiseul Provinces .Thus a number of kindergartens had sprouted rapidly in these parishes, but teachers who teach this field, receive no proper training. A couple had formal training on FBT with the basics, however others are not trained and need assistance on how to handle very young children of 3 to5 yr olds, especially in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) . Four ECE centres are registered while the rest are not.

The moratorium for ECE throughout the nation is still in force where the Education Authorities have come to put a stop on registration of new ECE centres and also recruitment teachers. Fortunately we have the Bishop, who values the philosophy for ECE thus, continues to offer assistance to these ECE centres in the various parishes in the form of training addressing areas on Basic administration, Health and Hygiene inclusion of Wash facilities where possible, how to create a Child Friendly en-

vironment, and offer ECE resources in these centres. All these have been well coordinated by an Italian Volunteer Ms. Paula Besta, who since she arrived had offered the service in the parishes centres.

## CHRIST THE KING PARISH HARVEST

### FESTIVAL AT VORUVORU

Under the able leadership of their parish priest Fr. Henry Paroi (OP), Christ the king parishioners successfully held their parish harvest festival on 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2018 at Voruvoru Catholic mission station, and they raised up to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Over three thousand people attended this years parish harvest festival including relatives and friends from united Church and other denominations which brought people together between Taro and as far as Pangoe, coming to support the harvest festival.

Representatives from St Dominic Sirovanga parish along with their parish priest Fr. Calisto Tavisi (OP) came to the harvest festival and donated more than a thousand dollars in cash and Moli parish donated five hundred dallars, while neighbors from the United church of Bangara community supports by setting up their own stall and raised over four hundred dollars in cash towards the harvest festival.

Main activities that raised the considerable amount of money were the tribble and heads of families' targets of two thousand dollars together with the, individual offerings, groups, donations and money from selling of harvested foods and cooked foods.

Hon Connelly Sadakabatu MP of northwest Choiseul donated SDB \$10,000.00 and two MP of wards 12 and 11 namely honourable Nerio Ulemiki and honourable George Vanakana donated SDB \$1,000 each towards the harvest festival. Parish priest and parish councilors thanked all for the success of this years harvest festival and looked forward for a better organized harvest festival next year.

Hon Nerio Ulemiki Media coordinator CK PARISH, Voruvoru



## For an Education to Value Against HIV/AIDS

### IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN



St Don Bosco Nila, School director. Fr. Phil Duaban

*continue from July....*

This of course set a degree of spirituality in the very life that we lead in communion with God, that what we do every-

day may glorify the Lord. For everything we do without Christ is wasted. And here, we need to have a concrete ponderance that each stakeholder must ask, honestly and sincerely, whether, we really have done our part conscientiously, in educating ourselves - to have a big heart to what we can generously share for our school, especially for our children's welfare. May these points guide us on this journey on the value of helping our children's education.

1. Are we looking forward to what our stakeholders can be as conscientious citizens of our country and Church's members working towards for the common good of all?
2. Are we sharing the vision of our schools to enhance the competence of our stakeholders by stewarding with love, care and support?
3. Are we leading a dynamic change in managing, directing and supporting our schools?
4. Are we attending the needs and giving importance to the better welfare of the schools by initiating structures, providing support and taking care of our children's education?
5. Are we empowering and inspiring our stakeholders in the many sacrifices of love that we

witness in our homes, schools and workplaces?

6. Are we evangelizing our stakeholders in the moral uprightness, academic competence and social responsibilities that we uphold?

7. Are we setting a model of mentoring responsibility of integrity, accountability and transparency in our honest dealings with anyone and anything in setting a good behavior and attitude for our stakeholders I believe there are still for us so many questions to ask, and much opinions to suggest for - but the truth of the matter to the best response we can make, lies in: Do we really want our children to be like Jesus, where at the very heart of the love of Mary and Joseph of the child, our children may grow like him in " wisdom, love of God and neighbors." May it be done to us as we journey with our children in our homes and schools as messengers of the gospel, acting justly to its demand, loving each one to its intent and walking humbly with God in its course. I would like to paraphrase what Jesus said, on how "children can be blessed with which for them the kingdom of God reigns" in these words, let the children be educated, for it is to such as these, that justice, peace, love and joy may exist in our midst. If there is such a vibrant memory of a legacy that we can pass on through the centuries of civilization, it is this.. If we take care much of the children's welfare today as the hope of our land, they will be there too to render a good harvest for the rest of the generations. As the natural course of life attests to each one of us, "we reap what we sow."