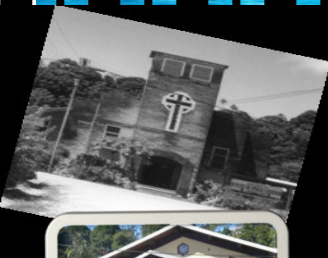


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Bishop's January Message



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BISHOP'S JANUARY MESSAGE

Dear people of God of the Gizo Diocese,

Best greetings for the new year... Welcome back to school. January is dedicated to our youth because:

The Catholic Church is having these days the World youth Day in Panama South America.

The theme of the World Youth Day will be to 'listen to the word like Mary and to follow Him generously and courageously'.

The holy Father challenged the youth to discover the identity and the will of God for them in the silence of their heart through prayer.

He tells them to ask God "what do you want me to do" and he will challenge them to a revolution that can change the world: THE REVOLUTION ON SERVICE

Like Mary after listening to his word the youth, pope Francis said they have to dream for a better world and work hard courageously to do the mission of each one according to his/her vocation. This alone can bring real and lasting joy to the youth.

We just received the final document of the Holy Father on the synod of youth of last October. Here are some points on chapter one of this beautiful document.

Indeed, the youth are very precious and important in the life of society, of the Church, of the community and of the family, can you think of a family or a church without children or youth? How sad it would be... and indeed it is in some countries.

The Letter of the Holy Father to the youth and about the youth begins with chapter one: LISTENING TO OUR YOUTH with empathy.

LIKE Jesus listened to the disciples of Emmaus even if they were confused, their hearts were burning

Listening transforms, the hearts of those who do it, especially when it takes place with an interior disposition of harmony and docility to the Spirit.

So it is not just a gathering of information, nor is it a strategy for achieving a goal,

but it is the manner in which God himself relates to his people.

In some situations, little attention is paid to their cry, few older people are willing to listen to them.

It allows young people to make their own contribution to the community, helping it to grasp new sensitivities and to consider new questions

Listening is a key element in the ministry of pastors, above all in that of bishops and priests

We must renew the ways in which the priestly ministry is ordinarily exercised and to conduct a review of its priorities

The Church's educational institutions seek to welcome all young people In this way the Church makes a fundamental contribution to the integral education of the young

This happens through education in schools of every shape and size,

in centres of professional formation, in colleges and in universities,

but also in youth centers and oratories

In all these ways the Church unites her witness and her proclamation of the Gospel to her educational work and her human promotion

World Youth Day along with the national and diocesan meetings to highlight the priority of pastoral and spiritual duties

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Happy New Year 2019



DIOCESE MESSAGE: Mother's Month

'Lay People, Called to Holiness in Today's world'



The situation of parishes is not so good:

administrative duties absorb the energy of pastors in an excessive, suffocating way

this is one of the reasons why it can be difficult to encounter and accompany the young.

the parish is struggling to be relevant to young people

the lack of dynamism in parish activities cry out for a renewal.

Even if there have been various attempts at innovation, the river of young life often flows along the margins of the community, without encountering it.

The whole document is composed of 12 chapters in three parts. Listening to the youth is only chapter one... Much more will have to be said: Accompanying, discernment, courage. I encourage your parish priest to study this documents together with the young people and listen to what they have to say... with their hearts

Let me just conclude by thanking all those who have contributed to the very positive results of all our students in FORM THREE from Moli and Nila and FORM FIVE in Nila. Form Five from Nila all Passed, Form Three in Tuha 'close up everyone passed'. It has never been like this CONGRATULATIONS KEEP UP THE CHALLENGE. We are on the right path. Let us keep working hard for the young in our schools.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL. COURAGE (cor= heart) AND ENTHUSIASM (En-Theos=with God)

With you a Friend, for you a Bishop

Sincerely

Bp Luciano Capelli, sdb, who loves you with a SOLO heart made in Italy.

DIOCESE PROGRAMS COMING UP FOR THE YEAR 2019

**Prayer leaders training Northern Deanery
March 11th - 15th Moli**

**Priests Meeting, Chrism Mass April 8th—11th
Gizo**

**Catholic Teachers' Training on Re Materials April
24th—26th**

**Prayer Leaders Training Southern Deanery parishes
May 6th—9th**

Priest Retreat 17th - 20th June (Gizo)

**Diocesan Come and See Program, July 15th—
18th, Nila**

**Marriage Enrichment, Evaluation and Planning
Training, July 22nd—26th**

PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF FR THOMAS

PATAVOLOMO

Hello and greetings from Montegalda Parish, Diocese of Padua to you all. It is with great joy that i am writing this letter to you all, on the occasion of the Priestly ordination of Fr Thomas. First i would like to thank God for answering our prayers. Second i would like to thank Fr Thomas for voluntary say YES to God. Fr Thomas P is the third Diocesan Priest in our Diocese (GIZO).

Fr Thomas Patavolomo is the first fruit of our DIOCESAN COME and SEE PROGRAM. The DCSP was introduced by Our Bishop Luciano Capelli Sdb, to promote vocation to the Diocesan Priest, in attention to the 11 recomendations of our Dioesean Pastoral Assembly, held at Holy Rosary Parish, Nila 2005. I was also present during that time, while as a seminarian. This Assembly was consisted of all the representatives from our Parishes. At the end of the Assembly, we came out with 11 recommendations. One of the 11 recommendation was, "to ordain married deacon in our Diocese" due to the shortage of Priests. During that time, the only Diocesan Priest in our Diocese was Late beloved Fr Michael Lomiri and I am the only Seminarian. And Bishop Emeritus Bernad O'grady OP was the Bishop of our Diocese.

To make the story short: After a couple of years Bishop Bernard O'grady was then retired, Bishop Luciano Capelli Sdb was then installed as the new Bishop of Gizo Diocese. Bishop Luciano Capelli then, decided to implement the 11 recomendations which His predecessor had handed over it to him. Waste no time, Our Bishop addressed immediately Vocation, as reason been mentioned above, Diocese of Gizo "to have married deacons." The role of this married Deacon is to help out in administering the sacraments to our people and



also to carry out other pastoral programs in our parishes.

And I remembered, these words of our Bishop Luciano Capelli Sdb "if God had called young men from the Diocese of Auki and Arch Diocese of Honiara to become a Priest, why can't he also called young men from the Diocese of Gizo. However, the underlying current here was, lack of vocation promotion to the Diocesan Priest in the Past. It was then the DCSP commenced.

So much so, I would like to thank you, our Bishop Luciano Capelli for your great wise spiritual wisdom, in discerning to introduce this DCSP into our Diocese. We cannot resort immediately by ordaining married deacons to solve our problems but we can also try the other way around, and atleast we achieved, witnessed and harvested the fruit of our DCSP. A TRUELY SOLOMON HEART MADE IN ITALY.

On the same note I would like to beg every families and comunities to encourage our children and our youths to join vocation to the Diocesan Priest. To all our Parish Priests, Parish Pastoral council, Parish Cordinators, Parish leaders and every sectors, let us journey together with our youths. Let us not leave them alone but let us be with them, support them and encouraging them.

Lastly but not the least, may the intercession of the Immaculate conception of Mary transform all our hearts that we may be more generous in giving a gift to God and for our Diocese. As God has already given us His greatest gift, the birth of our SAVIOUR into this world.

Merry Christmas 2018 and Prosperous New year 2019 to you all.

Father Jacob (Italy)



VORUVORU KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS RECEIVED GIFTS.

Students of Bishop Capelli of Voruvoru at north-west Choiseul on boxing day received their Christmas gifts of school uniform T-shirts and pairs of slippers. The gifts were donated by the Italian volunteer supervisor of kindergartens for Gizo diocese, Mrs Paula Besta. Teachers and parents of Voruvoru community would like to thank Mrs Besta and bishop of Gizo Catholic diocese, Luciano Capelli for their continuous support that will certainly improve the standard of learning at Bishop Capelli kindergarten in the future.

By Hon Nerio Ulemiki, media coordinator, Ctkp, nwCh.

SOME NEWS CONCERNING OUR SCHOOLS

ALL FORM FIVE students (6 of them) in NILA SJB passed and are accepted to GIZO FORM 6

25 students from TUHA FORM 3 passed and are accepted in SJB senior high school

7 students from ST JOSEPH MOLI FORM 3 are accepted to SJB NILA

94 students from various Village Primary Schools are accepted in TUHA

Moli will have 53 students in year one

MALEAI	14	
KOLEAI	4	
NUHU	5	
PIROMERI		2
ALEANG	3	
GAOMAI	5	
HARAPA	11	
KOMALEAI	5	
TOUMOA	14	
SAMANAGO	8	
KARIKI	4	
FALEMAE	9	
SJB NILA	10	

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Tuha is one of the biggest in number in Jr secondary FORM ONE (94 students) in the country we need to check on our facilities and prepare for the new students

Can we accept all?

What do we need (BEDS – CHAIRS...etc)

CHRIST THE KING PARISH CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS PEACEFULLY.

Communities inside Christ the king parish celebrated the Christmas season peacefully with no troubles but with meaningful celebrations.

Parishioners of the four zones namely KATAZI, TUTU, VORUVORU and SARIANA celebrated Christmas separately in their own zones but only the parish priest Fr Henry Paroi OP and the newly ordained priest Fr Thomas Netekolo visited the four zones to celebrate mass in each of the four zones. Apart from celebrations of the Holy Eucharist and other spiritual activities, outside activities covered games, singing, entertainments and Christmas parties.

By Hon Nerio Ulemiki, media coordinator, Ctkp, nwCh.

Bye Bye

Thank you and Good bye to Adrea and Madalena, our two Italian volunteers who spend the recent Christmas holiday with us.

Our children will surely miss the ice-cream sharing after the Sunday mass.

Fr Lawrence Kimaere

No one is an orphan.

If the person does not know his or her own mother that person is called an orphan. In this world there are no orphans. Everyone has a mother and a father. A per-

son does not want to be called an orphan. I can say that if the Church does not believe in Mary then that Church is called an orphan. How would you believe in Jesus and not in Mary? There is no logic in it.

In Greek, the word **hyper Dulia** or **hail** is the highest form of greeting. It is hard to find in the bible where God uses the word "Hail" that points to anyone but only to "**Mary the mother of the Lord**". It explains clearly that God respects Mary as the mother of his Son. Mary has the special place in God's heart.

In our country Solomon Islands is trying to show the great respect to all women. Definitely each individual would like to show respect to their own mothers in their own special ways. Why we crown Mary? We have to crown her because God has already crowned her dress with the sun and the moon under her feet and twelve stars on her head Rev 12:1. We should also crown her with flowers to show that we do respect and love her. We should also crown her with our good actions. We should not be ashamed to talk about her openly to our families, communities and to others. We should look at her as our model in our lives. For me it is funny if we say we love Jesus and we ignore his mother. On the other hand, it is sad to say I love my mother and hates the mother of another person. The ignorant of the mother of the Lord, it brings the ignorant of Christ.

We should give honour to Mary because she is the only mother who deeply knows her own Son. She carried him in her holy womb for nine solid months. She always travelled with her son. She looked after him well. When Jesus was lost in the temple, as a concerned mother she went out to look for him.

Mary is preserved from sin. God saves her from sin. Mary was born without any human contact. There are two ways that a person can be saved. The good example is two people on the canoe trying to go across from one end to another end. If the person falls into the river then in order to save him his friend will jump out into the river to save his life. Another way is to try to assist

him not to fall into the river. Mary is just like the second way of saving. God saves her from falling into sin.

Mary is so close to the humanity. Just recall the story of the wedding at Cana. Mary was the first one to know the problem of the family that they were running out of wine. She went to her son and said, they are running out of wine. Later she said just do what he tells you. The message we get from this scripture passage is this, Jesus is always listened to her mother. Even if his time is not yet come but when his mother asked him, He did what she had requested.

In Luke's gospel, which gives us so many of the mysteries of the Rosary. Four of the five Joyful mysteries are found only in Luke, for example- Mary is presented as the Ark of the Covenant, as that contained which once held the Ten Commandments inscribed in stone.

In fact, the ark had three things which are all symbols of Jesus. First the Ten Commandment which means the foundation of God's covenant with his people. But Jesus is the mediator of the new and eternal covenant (Heb 9:15). Second, manna, the bread from Heaven which God fed his people in the desert. Jesus is the true and living bread from Heaven (John 6:48-50). Third, Aaron's staff which budded and flowered, a symbol of Aaron being chosen as a priest. Jesus is the great High Priest the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1

The content of the ark prefigures Jesus, so the ark itself prefigures Mary. Let us consider some of the scriptural parallels between Mary and the Ark of the Covenant. The ark contained the Old covenant, but in the womb of Mary carried the new covenant.

If we read in Exodus 40 that the ark was overshadowed by the divine glory Ex 40:34, so Mary was overshadowed by the power of the Most High (Luke 1:35) King David leaped and danced before the ark 2 Sam 6:12-16) and likewise John the Baptist leaped in his mother's womb at Mary's greeting. The ark stayed for three months at the house of Obed-Edom as we have just heard in the reading from the book of Chronicles, caus-

Shotlands Church Blessing

ing ain increased richness in that family (2 Sam 6:11).
Mary stayed with Elizabeth for three months.

Facing the ark, King David said “who am I the ark of the Lord should come to me?” (2 Sam 6:9). Likewise Elizabeth says to Mary “who am I that the mother of the Lord should come to me (Lk 1:43)

BLESSING OF THE GAOMAI CHURCH, SHORTLAND ISLANDS

Friday January 11, 2019

An ancient Latin saying goes “*quod aufer-
tur non differtur*” (what is postponed is not
cancelled) Indeed the blessing of Gaomai
Church was postponed because of the cy-
clone...but not cancelled... The good people
did not give up and prepared again for the
celebration for Friday January 12 with the
participation of close up Villages.

The church committee has been working
hard to rebuild the Church after the dam-
age of the 2007 Tsunami

For the past 5 years the community has been working

sue the goal which they have finally successfully achieved
Building a church is always a tough job: lots of fund rais-
ings done in the moments stolen from the busy village life
especially on a bech-de-mère fishing time and during the



logging which somehow did not help the community to be
united and committed to finish their church.

Now that we have the church, bishop Luciano Capelli said
in his Homily, we have all it takes to become
more united for the common goal to become a
better community: give our children a better fu-
ture by giving them a better education. The
more united the community becomes in prayer,
the more it must become committed to its mis-
sion on behalf of the education of the youth and
the whole family.

The church builds communion for action on be-
half of God’s Kingdom, he said, a kingdom of
peace, of justice of truth and of love...

**May the Gaomai experience encourage the
hearts of all other communities in need of a
Church so they could also be united for a cause:
to give priority to His Kingdom**



hard on and off but always with the strong desire to pur-

For an Education to Value Against HIV/AIDS

IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN

1. For a happy and stable life

If you want to lead a happy life and enjoy the good things the world has to offer, you certainly need to get educated. A great job, a good social reputation are few of the many benefits of being an educated person. Education is a must for a promising and secure future and a stable life.

2. Money

An educated person has more chances of landing up a good high paying job. Everybody wants a good life but the good life! It may be called as the "root of all evil" but most people will agree that money is important for survival in today's world. The more educated you are, the better career options you have!

3. Equality

If we want to see the world as a just and fair place where everyone is given equal opportunities, education is what we require. Education is a must if we want to do away with the existing differences between different social classes and genders. It opens a whole world of opportunities for the poor so that they may have an equal shot at well paying jobs. Education also plays a major role in women empowerment

4. Makes you self dependent

Education is very important if you want to be a self dependent person. It helps you become financially independent but that is not all. Education also makes you wiser so that you can make your own decisions

5. Turns your dreams into reality

What is your dream, your aim in life? Do you want to become rich? Do you want to be popular? Do you want to be an extremely successful person who is respected by people? Well, the key to all this is education. Of course there are exceptions, like sportsmen who don't really owe their success to their education. However in most cases, your degree is what helps you realize all your dreams.

6. Makes the world a safer and more peaceful place

Education majorly affects our understanding of the difference between right and wrong. An educated person is well aware of the consequences of wrong/illegal actions and he is less likely to get influenced and do something which is not legally/morally right. Also, a number of uneducated people who live a poverty stricken life own

ing to lack of opportunities often turn to illegal ways such as theft and robbery to solve their problems. If you are educated, you are well aware of your rights, the law and your responsibilities towards the society. Hence, education is an important factor which contributes in social harmony and peace.

7. Makes you confident

Your educational degree is considered as a proof of your knowledge by many. If you are educated you have more chances of being heard and taken seriously. Generally, an uneducated man will find it harder to express his views and opinions owing to lack of confidence. Even if he does so, people may not take him seriously. Education gives you the confidence to express your views and opinions.

8. Society

We all live in a society which has its own set spoken/ unspoken rules and one of them is education. The society expects you to go to school followed by college, get a job, settle down etc. In fact education helps you become a useful member of the society. An educated member certainly has a greater chance to contribute to his community. Education helps you become an active member of the society and participate in the ongoing changes and developments.

9. For economic growth of the nation

Australia, USA and Japan are few countries with very high literacy rates. These countries are extremely prosperous and the citizens have a high per capita income. On the other hand, in underdeveloped and developing nations, where literacy rate is not as high, a number of people are still living below the poverty line. Education is vital for the economic prosperity of a nation!

10. Saves you from being fooled/cheated

Education saves you from being exploited and fooled. We live in a country where we enjoy a number of rights and freedom. It is easier to take advantage of innocent and illiterate people. They may be trapped into signing false documents or be deprived of some right which they have because unlike an educated person they are not well aware of their rights and freedoms.