



Bishop Monthly Message



SEPTEMBER MESSAGE: MONTH OF THE CARE OF CREATION

May 24, 2015 - Pope Francis, faithful spokesman for the cry of suffering of the Earth, of the poorest and of migrants, published this strong encyclical inviting everyone to become aware of the disasters we are doing to the detriment of planet earth and the risk of overcoming that limit that will make it impossible for all creatures to live. The Pope reminds us that the heart of the matter is the good of people that is inseparable from that of the environment, so much so as to coin the definition of integral ecology, referring to an approach to nature, which never disregards the human, social

and cultural aspect.

The Pope's authoritative intervention helped to better understand that "everything is connected": our lifestyles, in one way or another, affect the suffering or well-being of our brothers and sisters, while inflicting irreparable wounds or healing the planet earth. All people of good will must strive to take care of our common home and of our most fragile brothers and sisters".

For us, believers in Christ, this is not so much and only an ecological problem, but it is the concrete application, in our times, of the well-established principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church, in the context of the ecological crisis and the climate emergency of today.

This September, which begins precisely with the Day of the Care of Creation, must be a "period of more intense prayer and action for the benefit of our common home, to get used to praying, to reflect on our lifestyles, to undertake prophetic actions, invoking courageous choices.

"What is happening confronts us with the urgency of proceeding in a courageous cultural revolution. Let us also ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in recovering the values destroyed by a megalomaniac unbridledness" (Laudato Si' 114). I ask all church people to have an open forum and share ideas on how we can move all our church energies and means to give this message to our larger communities. Let us do all we can in practice, with actions... at the open to involve everyone we can in this activity

With my blessings as your brother and bishop,

Bp Luciano Capelli, sdb
Gizo Diocese

Praying with creation (Pope Francis)

We praise you, Father, with all your creatures, who have come out of your mighty hand. They are yours, and they are filled with your presence and your tenderness.

Laudato si'!

Son of God, Jesus, all things were created by you. You took shape in Mary's mother's womb, you became part of this land,

and you looked at this world with human eyes.

Today you are alive in every creature with your glory as the risen one.

Laudato si'!

Holy Spirit, with your light you direct this world towards the love of the Father and accompany the groan of creation, you also live in our hearts to enable us to do good.

Laudato si'!

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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF GIZO



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To the St John Bosco Parishioners, Taro

To the family of Fr. Callisto, OP

To the Dominican Order

RE: My sincerest sympathies and heartfelt prayers for Fr. Cally, OP

9/11/21

Dear Faithful of the Gizo Diocese, Dominican Friars and sisters, family and friends of Fr Cally

Today we thank God for the gift of life to Fr Cally. We believe that the gift of life is forever. With the liturgy we pray "Life is changed, not ended..." The day we die is the real Birthday to the fuller life we have been created for. May the promise of Jesus come true for fr Cally and for all of us: Jesus assures us that if we believe and eat his flesh and drink His blood we will never die...

May this faith unite us all in prayers for him and to him. At the same time we are inspired to imitate his humility and gentleness to all and his dedication to the faithful people of his St John Bosco Parish.

One in prayer, Regards and prayerful wishes

+ Luciano Capelli, sdb

Bishop Gizo Diocese



Catholics Mourn the Death of Late Fr. Calisto Tavisibatu OP

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Late Fr. Calisto Tavisibatu OP

The death of Late Fr. Calisto Tavisibatu OP has brought families, relatives, parishioners, diocesans, and friends; to their last farewell respect for Fr. Calisto who was called to rest by our Heavenly Father on the 11 of September 2021.

Messages of sympathies have poured in during his final Mass at his home village Chapel Maqatarava (Levaleva), this brought more emotion to everyone that one cannot hold his/her feeling for him. Everyone has spoken about him for he was simple and gentle.

Sr. Rita Pitavavine OP said that there is no fear between her and Fr. Cally; they were just like family as Dominican to the diocesan. "..... We have lost someone, a brother to us, who listen to us, who work with us, and understand us in everything and he always willing to take part with obedience....." Sr. Rita OP said that Losing Fr. Cally will be a great loss for the Dominican family here in Solomon and Australia, as well for the diocese of Gizo.

The Deputy Premier for the Choiseul province Hon Vulemiki also convey his sympathy to Late Fr. Calisto Tavisibatu OP saying that Fr. Calisto will be miss in their provincial

events, and he also conveys his sympathy on behave of the Choiseul Provincial Government.

Fr. Calisto Tavisibatu OP was born on the 16th September 1960 at Levaleva village. Life was a challenge for Fr. Cally when he chooses priesthood as his life vocation. He was an ordinary childlike child today who struggle to fulfill his dream to become a priest. He taught he cannot make it to the priesthood because of not attending the secondary level. But he was always eager to become a priest.

After leaving Primary school, and with the help of Dominicans he took up correspondences courses in the 1970s to 1980 for forms 1 to 3 at his home Levaleva. And then 1982 to 1985 he took up study at St. Peter Channel minor seminary at Ulapia PNG completing form 3 to 6.

Though there is a disagreement between Vasota families because of his elder brother who became priests (Fr. Michael Lomiri), and his sister Angela who was at Vizale planning to become Nun at that time, but because they respected their son's decision, he continues his studies further on.

1986 he continues his study at Bomana major seminary also PNG. He ordained Priest on the 2nd December 1995 at his homeland Maqatarava.

A Dominican Father who also committed his life for the Diocese of Gizo. Also, a facilitator who was part of the Family Life Apostolate and other pastoral programs in the diocese.

Fr. Calisto has a health history that he accepted though many asked him to attend hospitals.

In his late hour, he has his unexpected final Mass at his residence. Minutes after his final Mass he pass away peacefully on Saturday 11th September 5 days before his date of birth

Fr. Callisto Tavisibatu OP was laid to Rest at Moli Island Catholic Mission Station.

May His Soul Rest In Peace

CNC CATHOLIC NEWS

Vatican City, Sep 19, 2021 / 05:15 am

Pope Francis said on Sunday that in God's eyes, success is measured "not on what someone has, but on what someone gives."

In his Angelus address on Sept. 19, the pope reflected on the day's Gospel reading, Mark 9:30-37, in which Jesus declares that "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

The pope said: "Through this shocking phrase, the Lord inaugurates a reversal: he overturns the criteria about what truly matters. The value of a person does not depend anymore on the role they have, the work they do, the money they have in the bank."

"No, no, no, it does not depend on this. Greatness and success in God's eyes are measured differently: they are measured by service. Not on what someone has, but on what someone gives. Do you want to be first? Serve. This is the way."

Giving his live-streamed address at a window overlooking St. Peter's Square, the pope said that those who wish to follow Jesus must take "the path of service."

"Our fidelity to the Lord depends on our willingness to serve. And we know this often costs, because 'it tastes like a cross.' But, as our care and availability toward others grow, we become freer inside, more like Jesus. The more we serve, the more we are aware of God's presence," he explained.

"Above all, when we serve those who cannot give anything in return, the poor, embracing their difficulties and needs with tender compassion: and we in turn discover God's love and embrace there."

He noted that after making his declaration about service, Jesus brought a child before his disciples, saying: "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

The pope said: "In the Gospel, the child does not symbolize innocence so much as littleness. For the little ones, like children, depend on others, on adults, they need to receive. Jesus embraces those children and says that those who welcome a little one, welcome him."

"The ones who are to be served above all are those in need of

receiving who cannot give anything in return. In welcoming those on the margins, the neglected, we welcome Jesus because He is there. And in the little one, in the poor person we serve, we also receive God's tender embrace."

Pilgrims listen to the Angelus address in St. Peter's Square, Sept. 19, 2021. Screenshot from Vatican News YouTube channel.

The pope urged pilgrims gathered in the square below to ask themselves whether they were truly committed to serving the neglected or simply sought "personal gratification" like Jesus' disciples on that occasion.

"Do I understand life in terms of competing to make room for myself at others' expense, or do I believe that being first means serving?" he asked.

"And, concretely: do I dedicate time to a 'little one,' to a person who has no means to pay me back? Am I concerned about someone who cannot give me anything in return, or only with my relatives and friends? These are the questions we need to ask ourselves."

After praying the Angelus, Pope Francis expressed his closeness to victims of flooding in the central Mexican state of Hidalgo.

He highlighted the deaths of at least 17 patients after a river burst its banks and water inundated a hospital in the town of Tula.

He also referred -- without mentioning any countries by name -- to those held unjustly in detention outside their homelands.

"I want to assure my prayer for the people who have been unjustly detained in foreign countries: unfortunately, there are several cases, for different, and sometimes, complex causes. I hope that, in the due fulfillment of justice, these people might return as soon as possible to their homeland," he said.

He then greeted pilgrims gathered for his address, singling out those from Poland, Slovakia, and Honduras.

Finally, he acknowledged the 175th anniversary of the apparition of the Virgin Mary at La Salette, southeastern France.

He noted that Mary appeared in tears to two children, Maximin Giraud and Mélanie Calvat, in 1846.

"Mary's tears make us think of Jesus' tears over Jerusalem and of his anguish in Gethsemane: they are a reflection of Christ's suffering for our sins and an appeal that is always contemporary, to entrust ourselves to God's mercy," he said.

DIOCESE OF GIZO

Happy diamond jubilee



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Dear Parishioners

“Come and See” is our 2021 theme for the Catholic World Communication Day (WCD). This is a strong invitation for us to observe closely our attitudes and behavior towards this digital world.

In his message (Pope), the theme..., “...which was part of those first moving encounters of Jesus with the disciples, is also the method for all authentic human communication...”

We go and see what is happening to tell the truth. The message we witnessed must be truthful, trustworthy, realistic, genuine, true, or faithful. His message continuing referring to the advice of Blessed Manuel Lozano Garrido[1] offered to his fellow journalists. “Open your eyes with wonder to what you see, let your hands touch the freshness and vitality of things, so that when others read what you write, they too can touch first-hand the vibrant miracle of life”.

This year WCD 2021, the pope invited us to serve as an inspiration for all communication in the press, on the internet, in the Church’s daily preaching, and in political or social communication.

His message demands us to become one of Christ followers to spread the good news to our communities.

Well, as Telekom is shaping up to install and improving communication in our areas, many of us are now accessing media facilities like laptops, smartphones, and tablets that are indeed considered computers. Therefore, it sounds like popes WCD message also referring to media facilities that are available now in our areas have been relevant.

I think the best of all is these facilities; let us consider them our voices and our sight which at the

first place let us go and see (“Come and see”) for ourselves what are their uses. Have we required them for educational purposes, and bringing the message of togetherness in our family, community, or church as a whole, or alternatively just to entertain us?

Advantage and Disadvantage of Media;

Advantages of the media include that it allows information to be dispersed/spread quickly and that it allows people to learn about cultures other than their own. The social media has a great potential in adult education. Many adults perceive social media as the source of up-to-date information on friends and world while for some it is a tool for communication, self-promotion and boasting about one’s achievements.

Disadvantages of the media include that it can result in the spread of misinformation and the development of bad values.

Cyberbullying is one of the worst things about social media especially the use of Facebook today.

Cyberbullying is bullying that is done through social media platforms. Most people make fake accounts on social media for teasing other people, sending bad things images and videos and teasing them. This practice becomes quite easy by using social media. They create discomfort for other people by negative comments and teasing by another kind of thing.

In popes message, he like to devote his Message to the invitation to “come and see”, which can serve as an inspiration for all communication that strives to be clear and honest, in the press, on the internet, in the Church’s daily preaching and in political or social communication. He continue, “Come and see!” “This has always been the way that the Christian faith has been communicated...”

So let us go and see the useful facts about the Media.

SOUTHERN DEANERY NEWS IN BITS**St. Peter Parish Gizo Celebrate Feast of Assumption**

Sunday 15th of August Bible readings for the feast of Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary highlights Fr. Lawrence Kimaere's homily to the parishioners.



His message clarified who is Mary to the Church, and with the Church doctrine, history, traditional and some scriptural support from the Bible, Mary was taken up to Heaven both body and Soul.

The Dominican Priest and then asked everyone to have faith and hope, and challenged every mother to become prayerful mothers, and sustain their ability by doing small income generating business for their family to sustain their living.

The Feast day of Mary also marked the mother's day for the Catholic diocese of Gizo and also the feast day of Nusabaruku Catholic community here in the St. Peters Parish Gizo.

Dual celebrations from the St. Peters parish Gizo; from 2 separate venues Nusabaruku and Gizo St. Peters Cathedral; are with preparations, Thanksgiving Mass, feast, speeches and entertainments.

Programs ended successfully at afternoon the same day.

Dominican Family Gizo Celebrates their Founders Feast day.

The Dominican family here in the diocese of Gizo are very happy to celebrate their founders feast day, the St. Dominic at Loga Island.

Celebrated with other Religious and families within the parish really colored the occasion which everyone gave their warmly appreciations to the Friars and Sisters of the Dominican family.

The celebration kicked off with the preparation night at Friday late afternoon until midnight, and then Thanksgiving Mass the next day at 9:00 am.

During lunch hour invited families, Religious from the Servants of the Visitation and families at Loga Island are gathered together for lunch where everyone has time to listen to speeches from different speakers.

Brother Vincent Ora OP on behalf of the Dominicans thanked everyone who invited, and said that it uplifted their small Dominican family here in the diocese of Gizo.

Speaking also Sister Maria Tora OP who also appreciated the gathering that brings each other close and share Christ gift of fellowship with one another.

During speeches also a long time teacher by profession, and now an education secretary for the diocese of Gizo Miss Wryne Bennett, (who was brought up with the Dominican family during her early school days in the Solomon and Australia) who expressed her joyous gratitude and sincere appreciation to the Dominican family for their establishment and prioritizing education to the Western Solomon, and by now; with the new adoption of education, structure and its system in the diocese.

A worldwide feast day should be on Sunday 8 August but the Dominican family here in Loga observed the feast day on Saturday 7 August last weekend.

The Occasion ended successfully at late afternoon on that same day.



SOUTHERN DEANERY NEWS IN BITS CONTINUE

National Education Staffs Visit to St. Peters Schools

"The school is composed of early childhood, PPY, and training centers, so our school is in the first stage in education and the last one to prove before they go out to the whole world," said, Sr. Anna Maria the School Principal of St. Peters School Gizo.



She added by saying, students became mothers and fathers and became active members of our society. This was part of her inspiring speech during the visit of, some of the visiting education staff from the Educational Conference that is to be closed this Friday 10 September 2021.

She thanked the Education Ministry for building up the young people of Solomon Islands, the possibility of growth, formation, and development started from early childhood.

Sr. Maria said that it is a Catholic school but welcomed other denominations and Religious. In addition, she said that they catered for the Holistic formation for these young people, not only giving skills and giving knowledge but also giving them principles.

In the meantime, Madam Fatima (St Peter Kindy) said that the theme "Literacy for Life at Home and in School" reminded them that they are on task to encourage the first teachers of these children (Kindy), their parents ... to begin literacy... as rightly stated in the theme. She said that without reading and writing one will not be able to effectively participate and be part of this world today.

After speeches visiting staffs are, have their privilege to visit the schools.

Hey Dad Training Noro. (Reporting Jerome Kuibatu, Pastoral Coordinator)

Hey, Dad training was conducted at St. Eusebius Parish, from 20th to 22nd of August 2021 in Noro. It was a weekend workshop for Daddies of the Southern deanery parishes of the Catholic Diocese of Gizo.

The pastoral team of the diocese facilitated this training with the help of Br. Vincent Ora OP and 20 daddies attended it. The main aim of this training was to help Daddies to understand and discover deeper their roles and responsibilities

The Hey dad training was an education-parenting program for Daddies. The Hey Dad program has called and challenged all Daddies for a greater parenting role for their children.

Men as husbands and fathers have a very important role in parenting their children that benefits the whole family.

Therefore, all daddies attended responded with a commitment to try to do their best in their families and to share what they have learned with other daddies and especially to assist the young daddies in their parish. This will help them to take up their roles as parent and daddies in the family.

At the end of the training, the participants were given



materials, which they will use when they go back to their respective parishes organizing a similar training for the daddies in their own parish.

The Hey dad training ended with the Holy Mass on Sunday, which was celebrated by Fr. Francis Anil the assistant parish priest of St. Eusebius Parish Noro .

May I on behalf of the participants sincerely thank our Bishop Luciano Capelli sdb for his financial and moral support.

NORTHERN DEANERY NEWS IN BITS

Moli SCC leaders Equip up while others yet to gear up.

After a day of leaders training on 27 August, Moli Small Christian Community (SCC) has a plan to implement the SCC program of its activities in its parish.



12 leaders were trained as facilitators, animators, and recorders; purposely to equip them with their knowledge and skills to carry out their roles and responsibilities to facilitate, animate and record the members of their small Christian community.

Gizo Catholic media understand well that one of our diocese efforts was to promote and build SCC for the past 3 years. This year, and after 2 years reactivate programs has begun and other parishes are plan ahead to carry out their programs or activities. Other communities from St. Peters parish are now implemented their program while others have yet to implement it.

Moses Poqeava and George Pitatu facilitated the one-day workshop.

The small Christian Community program is one prioritized area the diocese likes to promote.

YE Seminar Northern Deanery Successfully End after 3 Weekends

About 90 youths from the three Catholic parishes from the Diocese of Gizo have benefited from the Youth Encounters (YE) Seminar; which was facilitated by a

Diocesan youth coordinator Mr. Kolody, and the assistant parish priest from Gizo Fr. Dominic Soloko.

The seminar commenced on the 6th to 8th at Christ the King parish Voruvoru at Sariana village and accommodated 2 other weekends for the St. Don Bosco Taro at Rabakela village from 21st to 23rd, and on the 27th to 29th of August was for the St. Joseph parish Moli, Moli pastoral center.

An ongoing YE formation program for the Catholic Youths around Southwest Choiseul province to encounter themselves with other youth participants that may enable them to identify who they are; to their community and their Church, and a process to develop a good relationship with Christ and others, and to become a good citizen for their country.

12 session activities commenced with bringing the participants into a family, preparing them to understand the Bible passages, undergo an initial self-evaluation, and experience initial togetherness.

One of the principal key elements is to have participants understand the Bible passages, feel positive in the midst of their problem, and experience the support



of others through sharing, prayer, and meditation.

In conclusion, facilitators, have

the participants revise their faith-vision of life in the light of their encounter experience as a young people of the church, express their faith commitment in the form of practical steps to be taken upon re-entry and confirm their faith-vision and commitment with the celebration of the Eucharist and in presence of the parishioners.

Northern Deanery Womens Rally has Successful End.

The Northern Deanery women Rally has successfully come to an end at Pirakamae St. Dominic Parish Sirovanga, Northwest Choiseul.

Women rally includes women from St. Dominic Sirovanga, Christ the King Voruvoru, St. Don Bosco Taro, St. Joseph Moli and including other observers. Also include are fathers, youths who gave their support in the

to visit Choiseul and planted the Cross in 1903, Thanksgiving Mass, presentation, demonstration, and awareness talks which focuses the virtues of Mother Mary.

Last year 13th to 15th August 2019 women from the Southern Deanery; which includes Wagina, Noro and Gizo parish have celebrated their Rally at Vanga training center, that lead up to the Northern deanery women to have theirs which commenced on the 13th to 15th August last weekend.



A propose Womens Rally for the Diocese of Gizo is coming up for 2022 next year that will be in Wagina parish Choiseul; that will be propose again on Assumption Day 13 to 15th of August.

ND women attended the rally also convey their congratulation to the women of Nila parish who are celebrating theirs at Nila.

preparation and co_coordinating the activities.

A colorful and well prepared rally that includes parades, pilgrimage to Ririani where the fist priest (Fr. Forest SM)

**THE DIOCESE OF GIZO
UPCOMING EVENTS 2021**

September

- 3—5 YE Holy Rosary, Nila
- 13—17 Priest Meeting, Gizo (Postpone)
- 17—19 YE St Peter, Gizo (Done)
- 24—26 YE St Eusibius, Noro (Done)

October

- 1—3 YE, Sacred Heart, Wagina
- 11—15 Justice and Peace Workshop, Nila

November

- 4—6 Media Training northern deanery,

Moli

11—13 Media Training southern deanery, Noro

15—19 DTPA evaluation and plannin

Gizo

December

13—17 Bishops cup northern deanery parishes, Moli

27—31 Bishops cup southern deanery parishes, Vanga