



NEWSLETTER GIZO



Bishops April Message



“Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well-pleased with ourselves; when our dreams have become true because we dreamed too little; when we have arrived in safety because we sailed too close to the shore” (D Tutu)

Dear Catholic faithful of the Gizo Diocese,

Best wishes for the new challenging Journey of the post Easter experience as we celebrate the Diamond Jubilee as the living church of Gizo Diocese.

The 14 stations of the “trail of light” is a new beautiful devotion from Easter up to Pentecost which I recommend to your community. We have stayed close to Jesus at the hour of pain and death, let us stay with Him now as we rebuild our faith and join him as a community like the early church to build a better world in and around us. To build a better world let us start with building **better eyes...Easter eyes** to be able to:

- LOOK INTO DEATH SO AS TO REACH LIFE**
- LOOK INTO GUILT SO AS TO REACH FORGIVENESS**
- LOOK INTO SEPARATION SO AS TO REACH UNITY**
- LOOK INTO THE WOUNDS SO AS TO REACH GLORY**

- LOOK INTO THE HUMAN BEING SO AS TO SEE GOD**
- LOOK INTO GOD TILL YOU SEE THE HUMAN BEING**
- LOOK INTO SELF, TILL YOU SEE THE OTHER AND ALONG WITH THIS, ALL THE STRENGTH OF EASTER.**

Encountering the Risen Lord and having Easter eyes will enable us to

- do more than belong; to participate*
- do more than care; to help*
- do more than believe; to practice*
- do more than forgive; to forget*
- do more than dream; to work hard*

- do more than teach; to inspire*
- do more than give; to serve*
- do more than live; to grow*
- do more than be friendly; to be a true Christian*

John Paul II speaking to nthe youth at easter challenged them this way: It is the risen Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness;

it is He who awaits you when nothing satisfies you with what you find;
 it is He who is the beauty that attracts you so much;
 it is He who provokes you with that thirst for radicality
 it is He who urges you to put down the masks that make life false;
 it is He who reads in your heart the decisions that others like to stifle.
 It is He who arouses in you:

- the desire to make your life something great,
- the will to follow an ideal,
- the refusal to let yourselves be swallowed up by mediocrity,
- the courage to commit yourselves with humility and perseverance
- to improve yourself and society, making it more human and fraternal

COURAGE, let us live and witness our faith, proudly, with no shame or fear!!!

WITH YOU A BROTHER FOR YOU A BISHOP WHO LOVES YOU WITH A ‘SOLO’ HEART MADE IN ITALY

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THE DIOCESE OF GIZO UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

- **Month of February** 8–12 Hey Dad training, northern deanery at Moli
22–26 Hey Dad training, southern deanery at Gizo

- **Month of March** 8–12 NFP moral issues training, northern deanery at Nila
22–26 Priest meeting, Gizo

Month of April (pilgrimage with the Candle)

- 13–15 Candle to Noro
- 15–17 Candle to sacred heart, Wagina
- 17–19 Christ the King, Voruvoru
- 19–21 St Dominic Parish, Sirovanga
- 21–23 John Bosco Parish, Taro
- 23–25 St Joseph, Moli
- 25–27 Holy Rosary, Nila
- 27–29 St Peter parish, Gizo



- **June** 14 – 17 Media training at Gizo
18 – 20 FSW Northern Deanery, Moli
21 – 25 Priest retreat, Gizo
25 – 27 FSW for the Southern Deanery, Noro

- **Month of July** 5– 9 come and see (venue depend on candidates)
12–16 Hey Mum southern deanery at Gizo
26–30 Hey Mum northern deanery at Moli

- **Month of August** 6–8 YE Christ the King, Voruvoru
9–13 Training for new Catechists, Nila
13–15 YE Sirovanga, St Dominic
20–22 YE St John Bosco, Taro
27–29 YE St Joseph Moli



- **September** 3–5 YE Holy Rosary, Nila
13–17 Priest Meeting, Gizo
17–19 YE St Peter, Gizo
24–26 YE St Eusebius, Noro



- **Month of May** 3–7 SCC follow up, St Peter parish, Gizo
10–14 SCC follow up, Holy Rosary parish, Nila
17–21 SCC visitors training, St John Bosco parish, Taro
24–28 SCC follow up, St Dominic parish, Sirovanga
31–4 (new month) SCC follow up, Christ the King, Voruvoru

- **Month of June** 1–4 SCC follow up continue, Christ the King parish, Voruvoru
7 – 11 SCC follow up, Sacred heart parish, Wagina

- **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 planning, Gizo

- **December** 13–17 Bishops cup northern deanery parishes, Moli
27–31 Bishops cup southern deanery parishes, Vanga



YOUTHS OF ST PETER

On 1 March, the pastoral team of the diocese gave lay formation talk to the youths of St. Peter Cathedral parish Gizo. Fourteen young people attended the talk on the sacrament of Baptism. The talk was based on five (5) responsibilities arises from baptism.

In baptism, we become sons and daughters of the responsible father. Therefore, our mission is not only

to bring the message and spirit of Christ to everybody, but also to take part in and improve all that concerns the world.

To do this is not easy youths. It will be a challenge but we do believe that our Good Lord is always journey with us to strengthen us. The apostolate of the church and of its members is mainly to announce to the world the message of Christ and to bring to it the grace of Christ and this is done by word and action.

I Just want to take this opportunity to thank and encourage the youth to continue persevere and ask Jesus to come close to you in order to make the church of Gizo young. We count on you our young people to make the church alive in Christ in our diocese.

ST THOMAS MOORE MEN'S GROUP

The diocesan pastoral team had conducted a talk on lay responsibilities for St. Thomas Moore men's group on 8 March 2021. There were eight men attended the talk. The presentation was to help the men to understand their roles and responsibilities in the church and outside world. This is the way they live and carry out their mission.



The talk was part of the series of Spiritual talk planned for the parish for this year of laity 2021. The

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talk we believe was not only deepen their understanding but renewed their faith. Because the renewal and the growth of the church depend very much on the lay that fully understand **their mission in the church.**

GOOD SAMARITAN SPIRIT VERY MUCH ALIVE AT TETERE

Monday March 15 has been a mile stone in the growth of the GSH (GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL) at Tetera, North East Guadalcanal. Built by the Italian volunteers from 2004 to 2008 and inaugurated on January 31, 2008 it has since then catered to the 40.000 residents of the Area it serves (a population as big or even bigger than that of some provinces of the country)

In the past year it served 23.000 out patients, it admitted 1700 patients, it served 3000 mothers before and after birth, it gave birth to 960 babies. It provided assistance to referral patients with two full time ambulance services. In addition to this it provided all other services required by the ministry of health. The hospital



now inaugurated and blessed a new three rooms facilities for Non-Communicable Diseases.

What makes the Good Samaritan Hospital unique is the cleanliness of the place and the commitment of the staff. It was very evident in the joy and friendliness of them all and very noticeable in the various speeches both by the local speakers as well as from the Provincial and national Authorities.

The private initiative, the ministry support, (Dr. Jilini and dr. Denti) the commitment of the Pieta' sisters (under the leadership of Sr Dally Rojo, the good will, enthusiasm and professionalism of the resident doctor Dr. Zimlon the visiting doctors, the nurses (headed by nurse Rex), have made GSH number one in the country. (With due respect to number nine at Honiara)



Big plans and expectations lay ahead. We have a big dream and we have proven our commitment for the past 13 years. We are called and sent to be Good Samaritans to each other no matter whether we are Jews or Samaritans, believers or not, belonging to a Church or another... universal brotherhood makes us one as children of the same father dedicated to serving each other. **The animating community of the GSH**





NOSABOSCO PRIMARY SCHOOL

On the 17th of March 2021 a team from the Red Cross consisting of nurse and volunteers came to Nusabosca Primary School and deliver a talk on health. The school principal, staffs and students upon their arrival, warmly welcomed the team. The main topic was based on diarrhea and ways of preventing it from happening. They also share some means of solving the problem. They give emphasis on drinking clean water and hand washing. The students enjoy the talk and learn from them the important of hand washing and proper hygiene.



NIU SOTIWA COMMUNITY

A pastoral visit to the neighboring Catholic community around Gizo parish is always full of Joy and faith strengthening. Fr Dominic inspired the community by bringing the Eucharist and sharing the Gospel message of the day, which based on the story of Jesus and Nicodimus.

Niu Sotiwa is only a mile away from the parish. Even though it is not too far from the Station, a regular visit is only once a month. The Diocese of Gizo is still in need of more laborers because the harvest is plenty, meaning the Catholics were scattered and growing in numbers forming new communities. It is a blessing to have religious congregations in Gizo Diocese who were willing to share and to be part of the visit at times. Sr Alice and Sr Loret of the servants of the visitation have been part of this visit on 14 March 2021. An elderly from Niu Sotiwa community expresses their gratitude towards this visit by thanking them all and sharing a simple meal together.



VISIT 2021 PASTORAL



Pope at Regina Coeli: Encountering Christ means finding peace of heart

In finding the Risen Christ we discover peace of heart," said Pope Francis during the Regina Coeli on Easter Monday in St Peter's Square, as he spoke of the angel's appearance and the proclamation of Christ's Resurrection.

Pope Francis recalled that the day is also known as *Monday of the Angels* because it was a time when we recalled the meeting of the angel with the women who arrived at Jesus' tomb after He had risen.

He told of how Jesus's tomb was not opened by a physical phenomenon, but by the intervention of God himself, bearer of a new era, of the last times of history.

He reflected on the Easter Season and said that his wish was for everyone to have the same spiritual experience, welcoming into their hearts, into their homes and into their families the joyful proclamation of Easter.

PNG Appointed New Apostolic Nuncio

The Holy Father Pope Francis, has appointed His Excellency Most Reverend Fermín Emilio Sosa Rodríguez, as the new Apostolic Nuncio to Papua New Guinea.

The appointment was announced by the Apostolic Nunciature in Papua New Guinea in a press statement released on Wednesday 31st March, at midday in the Vatican. His appointment is also at the same time an elevation for him to the titular see of Viruno, with the dignity of Archbishop.

Reverend Fermin was ordained a priest on 12th July 1998, and graduated in Canon Law, entering the Holy See Diplomatic Service on 1st January 2003, and served in the pontifical representations in Papua New Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, the United States of America, Canada, and Serbia.



World Day of Vocations Dedicated to St Joseph

25th April 2021, marks the World Day of Vocations and of remembrance for the 150th Anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

Although he did not appear special in the eyes of those who met him, he accomplished something extraordinary in the eyes of God, and the year 2021, is a special year devoted to him.

World Vocation Day this year focuses on informing faithful on the role of the Gospel in every day of our lives, by allowing the Lord's desire to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes.

God looks on the heart (1 Samuel 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day.