



The Month of May

BBS
(Building Small Christian Communities)

Venue Moli Pastoral Centre for all Parishes.

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Reminder

The Month of August
Is Our **2nd**
COMMUNITARIAN
RETREAT

"Reconciliation Strengthens Our Journey With Christ, Others And The World Around Us"



Bishop's Pastoral Message for Women

Dear Women of the reconciliation of your families and diocese of Gizo, communities

I greet you from Papua We pray that you may be strong in facing the New Guinea as I daily hardships of life

participate in the AGM That you may find strength and protection in annual general meeting your faith in the Lord Jesus who gave you

of the Catholic Bishops' conference. As we your mission

celebrate the month of May we remember That you may teach your family how to pray Mary and all mothers in a special way, Our and to live in harmony diocesan programs wants to inspire you In the name of our diocese and the entire women of Gizo to be the real Angels of the church let me tell you:

family. As Mary said YES to God's plan to be a special mother of a special child, you too share in the same mission, you too have said 'YES' to God in Baptism and to His plan for your life. As Mary was faithful to her 'yes' to Jesus, be faithful too to your yes to him. Be a special mother, of a special family, the one God has entrusted to you.

Dear women, and mothers your church is with you:

- With you who work hard in the gardens and in the house everyday to provide the food for the family
- With you are sacrificing to take care of the sick and the old
- With you who take care of the children
- With you who take care of your husbands
- With you when you are ignored, taken for granted, or worse still treated without respect
- With you who suffer and cry because of domestic violence on you and the children
- With you who are engaged in peace and

"You are not alone, we love you... we are with you in your hard task"

- You are not alone, we love you... we are with you in your hard task

- You are a living part of the church...

- Your pains are his pains; your joys are His joys

- You are a gift of God to your family and to us all

- You are precious, you are needed, keep your dignity high, fulfill your mission

- Let Christ use you to build a better church in your

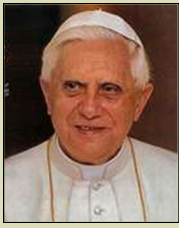
family: a true domestic church in your own homes

My I appeal to all men and children, make your mommy feel she is special, respect her, protect her, support her, they need our support to be our guardian angels...

May there be true peace and daily reconciliation that the family may be a heaven on earth

With my special blessings

Bishop Luciano Capelli, sdb
Gizo diocese



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XVI FOR THE 45th WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY (June 5, 2011)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the occasion of the 45th World Day of Social Communications, I would like to share some reflections that are motivated by a phenomenon characteristic of our age: the emergence of the internet as a network for communication. It is an ever more commonly held opinion that, just as the Industrial Revolution in its day brought about a profound transformation in society by the modifications it introduced into the cycles of production and the lives of workers, so today the radical changes taking place in communications are guiding significant cultural and social developments. The new technologies are not only changing the way we communicate, but communication itself, so much so that it could be said that we are living through a period of vast cultural transformation. This means of spreading information and knowledge is giving birth to a new way of learning and thinking, with unprecedented opportunities for establishing relationships and building fellowship.

New horizons are now open that were until recently unimaginable; they stir our wonder at the possibilities offered by these new media and, at the same time, urgently demand a serious reflection on the significance of communication in the digital age. This is particularly

evident when we are confronted with the extraordinary potential of the internet and the complexity of its uses. As with every other fruit of human ingenuity, the new communications technologies must be placed at the service of the integral good of the individual and of the whole of humanity. If used wisely, they can contribute to the satisfaction of the desire for meaning, truth and unity which remain the most profound aspirations of each human being.

In the digital world, transmitting information increasingly means making it known within a social network where knowledge is shared in the context of personal exchanges. The clear distinction between the producer and consumer of information is relativised and communication appears not only as an exchange of data, but also as a form of sharing. This dynamic has contributed to a new appreciation of communication itself, which is seen first of all as dialogue, exchange, solidarity and the creation of positive relations. On the other hand, this is contrasted with the limits typical of digital communication: the one-sidedness of the interaction, the tendency to communicate only some parts of one's interior world, the risk of constructing a false image of oneself, which can become a form of self-indulgence.

Young people in particular are experiencing this change in communication, with all the anxieties, challenges and creativity typical of those open with

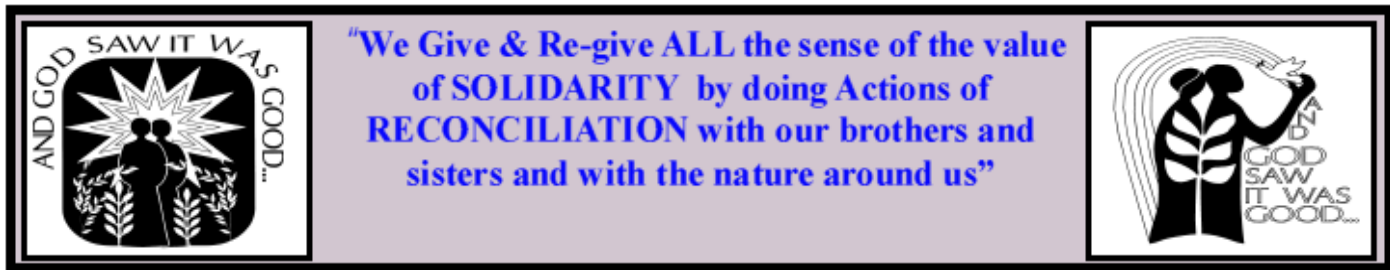
enthusiasm and curiosity to new experiences in life. Their ever greater involvement in the public digital forum, created by the so-called social networks, helps to establish new forms of interpersonal relations, influences self-awareness and therefore inevitably poses questions not only of how to act properly, but also about the authenticity of one's own being. Entering cyberspace can be a sign of an authentic search for personal encounters with others, provided that attention is paid to avoiding dangers such as enclosing oneself in a sort of parallel existence, or excessive exposure to the virtual world. In the search for sharing, for "friends", there is the challenge to be authentic and faithful, and not give in to the illusion of constructing an artificial public profile for oneself.

The new technologies allow people to meet each other beyond the confines of space and of their own culture, creating in this way an entirely new world of potential friendships. This is a great opportunity, but it also requires greater attention to and awareness of possible risks. Who is my "neighbour" in this new world? Does the danger exist that we may be less present to those whom we encounter in our everyday life? Is there a risk of being more distracted because our attention is fragmented and absorbed in a world "other" than the one in which we live? Do we have time to reflect critically on our choices and to foster human

relationships which are truly deep and lasting? It is important always to remember that virtual contact cannot and must not take the place of direct human contact with people at every level of our lives.

In the digital age too, everyone is confronted by the need for authenticity and reflection. Besides, the dynamic inherent in the social networks demonstrates that a person is always involved in what he or she communicates. When people exchange information, they are already sharing themselves, their view of the world, their hopes, their ideals. It follows that there exists a Christian way of being present in the digital world: this takes the form of a communication which is honest and open, responsible and respectful of others. To proclaim the Gospel through the new media means not only to insert expressly religious content into different media platforms, but also to witness consistently, in one's own digital profile and in the way one communicates choices, preferences and judgments that are fully consistent them for the next World Youth Day in Madrid, where the new technologies are contributing greatly to the preparations. Through the intercession of their patron Saint Francis de Sales, I pray that God may grant communications workers the capacity always to carry out their work conscientiously and professionally. To all, I willingly impart my Apostolic Blessing.

*From the Vatican, 24 January 2011,
Feast of Saint Francis de Sales*



Joseph Lalaubatu.
(Pastoral Coordinator)

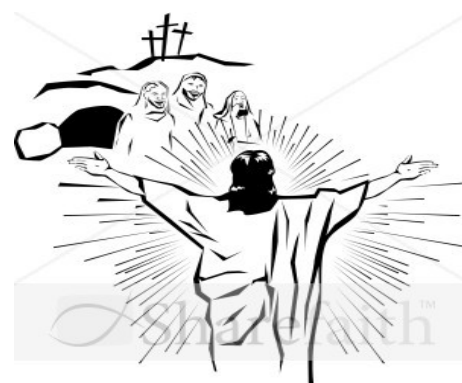
Our Pastoral EVENT for the month of April is the Sufferings, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He did all these for our salvation... *"When we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of His Son!" (Rom 5:10)*

We have been challenged this month to be

opened to change in our lives. To be opened to change from our old ways of being who we are; being selfish, proud, jealousy, having no concern for others, not doing our God-given responsibilities, not attending Mass and saying our daily prayers, neglecting our obligation to our family and community and not seeing the needs of our brothers and sisters around us.

Our month's message calls us to come as we are to the Lord. We are not perfect but He loved us so much. He wants us to listen with our hearts for He always knocks at the door and ready to come in when we allow

him to enter. Our journeying together as we are, reconciling with each other and listening to him with an open heart for change will surely lead us to live the Fullness of Life in our Lord Jesus Christ.



THE LAUNCHING OF OUR CATHOLIC CATECHISM PROGRAM IN THE DIOCESE OF GIZO

"To Have Life in All its Fullest"

1. SEMINAR FOR CATECHIST & PASTORAL WORKERS

To be facilitated by the Diocesan Pastoral Team, together with the Priests.

- Northern Deanery Parishes: **Nila, Moli, Sirovanga & Voruvoru**
Date: 6 – 10 June.
Venue: Pastoral Centre, Moli.
- Southern Deanery Parishes: **Gizo, Noro & Wagina**
Date: 20 – 24 June.
Venue: Pastoral Centre, Gizo

This is a 12 sessions for the 3 days. The aim is to introduce the new catechism, get familiar with its contents and how to use it in Pastoral works.

2. IN-SERVICE FOR CATHOLIC TEACHERS WITH A DAY OF RECONCILIATION

To be facilitated by the Diocesan Pastoral Team, together with the Priests.

- St. Dominic Rural Training Centre – Vanga

- Vanga Teachers College
- St. Marcelline Primary School – Vanga
- St. John Bosco:
Nila Primary, Tuha Junior & Nila Senior Secondary Scholl.
- St. Ann's Vocational School.

3. JUNE - MONTH OF CATECHISM.

To be facilitated by the Parish Priests, catechists & Pastoral workers in the Parish.

- 1st Sunday / Week - **WE LOOK AT JESUS**
- 2nd Sunday / Week - **WE ARE THE DISCIPLE OF JESUS**
- 3rd Sunday / Week - **WE MET JESUS IN SACRAMENTS**
- 4th Sunday / Week - **WE LIVE GODS WAY**

ACTIVITIES:

1. Reading The Catechism in the Families,
2. Reflect On Our Faith.

__Happenings Around Our Parishes__

Sunday School Teachers Training, Wagina (Tiote, Wagina Media Volunteer)

"It's God's Call"

A Total of 14 participants including 6 youth attended a 4 days Parish Workshop here in our parish Wagina commenced on the 24th till 27th of March. The workshop organized as part of training for old and new Sunday school teachers so that they can have more confidence and more importantly to understand their role as teachers for their children. (Biggest thanks to the facilitators— Mr. Kevin Teibori, Mr. Leo Teeta, Beitenang Tekai and myself Siote Teia).

The biggest appreciation was the contribution from facilitators and the participants towards the 4 days activities. They help financing the program till the closing. This

has been one of the example for everyone rather than depending on the parish contribution. A new direction to keep up the diocesan program alive in our parish.

I am indeed expressed by the atmosphere and the support from their family and the encouragement from the Pastoral Parish Council (PPC).

Thanked also to Fr. Stephen Kamo op for the fruitful and encouraging words from him during his session, and for his presence here in our parish for continue preaching the Word of God.

Sunday school had been ignored for a long time, but since the visitation of Bishop Luciano Capelli sdb in 2008, the program was put forward for to parish agenda and now with our new Sunday school teachers I believed more children will benefit, and we are looking forward for their program.



St. Peter's Parish Gizo Celebrate Peaceful Easter

St. Peter's Parish Gizo experience peaceful Easter celebration throughout the Holy week.

All were more involved participating into dramatising the event took place two thousand years ago. "The station of the Cross" acted by the youth were public joined in to celebrate.

The Station of the Cross itself brought a clear message to public and reminded them for peaceful celebration.

The message that was shared during enactment was on love. "Isolation can be a problem, but it can also be overcome when someone become present at our side: "someone telling you, you are not

alone, I am here with you...you did not need to change for me to love you... because I love you as you are... you as precious as the Blood I shed for you"

Although disturbances were all around the town the celebration was peaceful and prayerful



NEWS IN BITS

Kavata Parish Looks Ahead, Programs & Activities.

(Martin Tako Media Kavata)

Since its first council meeting at Otopanda village on the 24th – 26th March, the council of St. Dominic Kavata parish looks ahead for the betterment of its programs of activities throughout this year.

The meeting covers— Formations, Parish pastoral structure, Parish action plans and its budget. This also reminded them to prepare for the diocesan programs for the parish.

Attended by the Fr. Lalaigalo op, his assistance Fr. Timothy op, members of PTPA, Coordinators from each parish sections, chiefs and zone representatives.

Father's Month, Challenging

(Martin Tako Media Kavata)

Father's month challenged more daddies to participate.

Long celebrations were all fathers gathered to participate into the sessions provided within each week. The event began on the 6th of till 31st of

March. Each weekend all fathers have been called to participate into activities, discussions and sharing's based on the virtues of St. Joseph, this lead them to discussed and how to become a good daddy for the family.

Even though it was a very challenging to attend as many fathers were committed at home but the event came to be a big success.

Parish Pastoral Community Visitation, Fruitful.



More babies received sacrament of Baptism while more children received Holy Communion on the 31st of April. This was the result of the pastoral visitation to communities by the parish pastoral workers.

During weekend's communities outside Gizo town received lessons from the parish pastoral team which really benefit more parents and children. Lessons included the Sacrament of Marriage which encouraged couple to receive the Sacrament.

The pastoral team also encouraged the communities to organize themselves to cope up with the diocesan programs for the parishes.

Sawmill, It will have the capacity to enroll 60 youths. The center may give some of the basics for student before starting the programs.

New Boys Center Completes

Boys leaving in and around Gizo Township are like to have their opportunity to learn from the New Center, especially those



who wish to take up basic skills on wood work, electrical, computer and on mechanics. The center is capable to accommodate equipments such as heavy mechanical parts, electrical appliances,



cal appliances,



Y.E. Program Involves More

Youth Encounter's (Y.E.) program involved more youths participants.



Following the YE formation training beginning early this year the program organised more activities which motivated more youths to attend.

Gizo Parish Youth Coordinator Mr. Walter Pua'ara with the assistance from Sr. Teresa Tebaia op, John Kakau and Fr. Stephen Te'e they kept busy organising activities which may benefit the living standard for all youth in and around Gizo Township. The program also prepared them to look forward for the upcoming youth programs especial the World youth day on August...



EDUCATION 4 LIFE
FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS



1.-THE INSTINCT OF CONSERVATION

What is it?	Positive aspects	Dangers
We need to eat, drink and sleep. It is also necessary to stretch yourself, to protect yourself from the rain, cold and other risks...	Appetite is good. We lack it when we are sick. Drinking and sleeping are necessary for health. Health must be maintained by avoiding excess cold or heat...	Over eating, taking alcoholic drinks without moderation... puts one's health in jeopardy. This uncontrolled care can make us lazy or psychologically sick.

2.-THE SOCIAL INSTINCT

What is it?	Positive aspects	Dangers
The human being is sociable by nature: He likes sharing, participation, and dialogue. He has language to ex-	A person grows together with others. He is helped and he helps others. Sharing is a way of manifesting love and acceptance of the others...	My selfishness can ignore the needs of others: need to study, to rest, of silence and of private life.

SEXUAL ATTRACTION

What is it?	Positive aspects	Dangers
The human person has to continue the species and to reproduce: the sexual attraction between man and woman.	It is a force given to us by God. The complementarities push us to come out of selfishness to interest us in others, to know them, to help them, to love them...	The sexual instinct can become a selfish possession through fornication, sexual slavery, obsessions... The instinct can close us in masturbation, fantasies...