

## Bishop's November message



The Holy Father has given a message to the youth and for the youth for the missionary month challenging them to

keep and show always a youthful and joyful heart that can rejuvenate the church.

He challenged the youth not only to be missionary but to be the mission itself... by living a life of joyful service to the community... becoming as witness of His love

**“The mission has you, you are the mission...give yourself totally to the others and you will become THE MISSIO, the message of Joy that attracts and, that is contagious... Become a missionary, one who attracts others by joyfully living at the service of others... There is no better way of attracting youth to Jesus than that of being fully happy by helping others”**

Is this possible in our parishes in the Gizo Diocese? Here is an example of one youth who understood the message of the Holy Father... If she did it we can do it. Francesca is a 22 years old Italian student doctor, young volunteer missionary who came and animated our youth. She spent one month teaming up with our youth ministry and sharing her joy of serving with our youth...frm Gizo to Nusabaruka, Noro, Nila...

Here is what she said at the end of her stay with us:

**“In the beginning I was afraid, then I trusted Him who called me here and plunged myself into serving totally our youth and children and loving in a brotherly way....I cannot explain the joy I felt... I met lots of sincere friends. Let me tell you sincerely, you can do a lot, you are strong, you are a gift to the children, you are their heros. I have experienced the joy of giving myself totally to the children do the same... help them fight their lazyness and boredom.**

**“I challenge you to dream big  
Take the little ones to the Lord with prayer and daily games  
Resist the moments of difficulty  
Help each other  
Open your heart to Jesus  
Be yourselves  
Together we can make wonderful things”**

This young lady has been the mission of Jesus to us: joyful, sincere, generous, youthful...

Like Theresa of the child Jesus she found her mission at the heart of the church: to love, to be a lover...like Mary who herself was a great missionary...

You and I can also be like that too: and we will be joyfully attracting people to Jesus

With My blessing of your borther and bishop with a Solo heart made in Italy



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DECEMBER

2 WORLD DISABLED DAY

30 HOLY FAMILY FEAST



## DIOCESE MESSAGE

**'GOD'S LOVE WORKS IN US AND OTHERS'**



### **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 12—15 media training (adjusted)**

### **Gizo Handmaids**



From the 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of October the catholic women's group gathered at Gizo for their 6<sup>th</sup> national conference of what is called handmaids of the lords. It was a beautiful

moment to see women from around the provinces coming together for the purpose of building up and strengthening Christian values in our families. It was truly a moment of joy not only for Gizo handmaids of the lord but for the youths, kids, men's group or couples in Gizo or the church as a whole, as they all hand in hand give support for the smooth running of the program.

As before the official opening of the program, the early arrivals of those from Honiara and Auki or easterners on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October enable one visit around the communities, where they gave aid to Nusabaruka community in cleaning up walk ways and coastal sights.

While on the next day they have their island trip where they board MV Galilee to spend the day at Olosana.



On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October they parade the Gizo Street from St Peter Cathedral to the Gizo hospital as the opening of the program and were guided by Gizo police officers. The program lasts for one week and it was undoubtedly a life giving conference for the participants.

Words of thanks to all the participants, coordinators from Gizo parish and to those who support the program in one way or the other. In particular thanks to Dr Steven and wife for the time well spent.



## St Eusebius Parish, Noro



Missionaries are, by vocation, meant to be frequently on the road, or for us here in the Solomon, on the boat. They are men and women who respond to the grace and the challenge of being full time available for Jesus and his people wherever they are needed and sent.

Our Servants of Charity missionary community in Noro has seen in the past weeks someone leaving and someone else arriving. On Sunday October 28, our people of St Eusebius parish have gathered to say thank you and good bye to Fr. Mathias who had spent more than two years in that community, showing generous dedication and offering loving care as good shepherd and good Samaritan, attentive especially to the needs of the weak and the sick and reaching out frequently to the farthest small villages entrusted to our pastoral care.

On the same day the community welcomed the arrival of Fr Luigi, a member of the Guanellian congregation who is assigned now to Noro mission. He was accompanied by two young confreres, Fr. Abraham and Fr. Doss, newly ordained priests from India who are here for a short term missionary experience in the Solomon's.

As we wish Fr. Mathias a full recovery of energy and a fruitful ministry in his motherland, we count on God's providence and everyone's cooperation to continue spreading the spirit of the gospel, strengthening faith, hope and love in our communities.

### **Christ the king parish commenced its church building project.**

Christ the king parish under the strong leadership of its parish priest Fr Henry Paroi op commenced its new parish church building project on 23<sup>rd</sup> of Oct 2018 at Voruvoru catholic mission station in north-west Choiseul. The new church building project kick started just after the arrival of the church building project contractor Mr Sebastian Ngingiribatu from Honiara and started the work on the foundation of the church building.

The total cost of completing the church building project is expected to be six hundred thousand plus dollars and the timeframe expected to complete the project is less than a year. Bishop Luciano Capelli of Gizo diocese is responsible of meeting the costs of hardware building materials and the contractors labour costs. While Christ the king parishioners are providing contributions of free timbers, gravels and sand, food and free labour for the church building project.

By Ulemiki, media coordinator, ctkp, nwCh

### **Pita Cletus GOOD NEWS**

This is joyfull news, our God is so full of kindness. We still will pray for you Bishop Luciano Capelli, that the final test will be one with good news as well. It is indeed great opportunity to be present with Pope Francis, the visiting cardinals and bishops and to attend the Canonization of Paul VI, Archbishop Romero and other 4.

## July flash back the altar boys



The altar boys of Gizo led by Fr Lawrence Kimaere have just enjoyed the moment they were longing for. It's a trip to

friendly match against the St Dominic Savio altar boys.

This occasion may remain an unforgettable event for the boys for they won the match and return back to St Peter parish. And on the 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> of July Wagina altar boys led by their parish priest Fr Reuben spent sometimes in Gizo where they also manage to have friendly matches, and again it's a victory for the Gizo altar boys. In football matches Gizo altar boys remain champions of Gizo diocese.

This occasion was not only a friendly football match but a moment for them, to know each other, to share religious movies and to be encouraged in their good actions. Hopefully kinds of programs as such may have a positive influence in the life of our young children. It is good to initiate programs for our young children in our communities, keeping them away from negative influences

## Rachel Diocesan Youth Coordinator

I believe you have the strength to lead and serve in your community.

When I recall upon all the youth encounter (YE) formations we have this year together, I know that it is a wonderful and beautiful encounter that helps us young people to listen to our inner self and to think of all our many dreams and plans, our frustrations and problems, our success and achievements or to find purpose in life.

I know it helps us to understand that each of us are gifts to each other which the

Father sends wrapped. Some are wrapped beautifully, they are very attractive when we first saw them.

Some come in very ordinary wrapping paper comes in Special Delivery! Some persons are gifts which come very loosely wrapped, others very tightly. But the wrapping is not the gift! It is so easy to make this mistake. Sometimes the gift is very easy to open up.

Sometimes we need others to help. Is it because we are afraid? Does it hurt? Maybe we have been open up and been thrown away! Could it be that the

gift is not for us? We are person, therefore, we are a gift too! A gift to ourselves, first of all. The Father gave ourselves to us. Have we really looked inside the wrapping? Afraid to?

Remember young people EVERY MEETING OF PERSONS IS AN EXCHANGE OF GIFTS. AND A GIFT WITHOUT A GIVER IS NOT A GIFT.

I have faith that now you can strengthen your weaknesses and stand with heads





held up high ready for the challenges and the storms that are coming our way.

In the meantime I would like all animators to recall on the worth full moments we spent with our treasured friend Francisca Barilla. The joy filled atmosphere we create together and the actual interaction we did with the children. She is truly the gift to our diocese in particular to us animators. Let us restrain from what is stopping us to shine out the joy in our own communities with the children.

## **SCC REPORT – ST JOSEPH PARISH MOLI – CATHOLIC DIOCESE GIZO.**



Forming SCC within the parishes in the catholic diocese of Gizo is a priority of the stage one of the diocesan journey of faith. The diocesan planning in 2012, decided that by

2016 all the parishes should have formed Small Christian communities.

Our diocese took a major step by inviting a resource personnel from Daru kiunga Diocese in PNG to train our parish visitors. Therefore, after the training we have committed ourselves to form SCC in our parishes. We were really enthusiastic about it at first. But since then only St. Eu-

sebius parish in Noro do formed 12 SCC groups in the parish. Other parishes are still on the process and are about to form. This work is not easy, it is a commitment. If we thought that we have wasting our time just then we will form SCC in our parish.

St. Joseph's parish moli is one of the parishes who had tried their very best to form SCC. They had reached the last stage and invited diocesan pastoral coordinator, Mr. Jerome Kuibatu to help them to form SCC. They had managed to form two groups from each of the four zones in and around Moli, and they have a total of 8 SCC groups being formed in the parish.

They also appointed their leaders along with the name of their SCC groups. Their leaders were trained and the launching of their SCC group will took place sometimes in November this year 2018, awaiting the return of their parish priest.

There were a lot of individuals and families who are yet to join the SCC group. They want to see first how it works and how the members live and the relationship that they build in responding to the needs of SCC group members and how they can reach out to others.

Our bishop Luciano Capelli sdb stated clearly in his letter to the SCC leaders, "SCC is a unique opportunity for all of us to grow in faith, love and hope".

May I conclude with encouraging you all, to always grow in faith, and your love for God and the members of your SCC deepen and always have hope that our mother Mary will help us to live according to the will of God.

Thank you!

Jerome kuibatu.



## GRADUATIONS

### IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN

#### Congratulations!!!! Vanga Teachers College (VTC)



Learn by doing is the motto of Vanga Teachers College (VTC) and on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October the College have just graduated 10 students four females

and 6 males who are now ready to serve in our rural training centers or in other institutions. The celebration begins with a prayer or the Holy Eucharist as we called it, which was celebrated by Fr Steven Kerry.

In his sermon he remind the granduants that, students are always the reflection of their teachers, by how they live upon what they have learned. He took their attention to reflect upon the model of a good teacher who is called rabbi in the gospel, and that is Christ himself.

After the Mass, presentation of awards and certificate took place and followed by the feasting where children, youths, men and women come to share the food, and to hear inspirations from those who deliver their speeches. Amid all those who came to witness this occasion where the four new Sisters from the servants of the visitation, and Miss Paola Besta who were also receive a warm welcome from the staff and students of VTC.

Among the speeches was Mrs. Placida Pita who really inspire these newly graduants by recapping them about the challenges of taking this career especially in the world of new technology. Yet she motivate them to be a model by saying "live on what you teach."

The principle madam Olivia delivered a speech which brought tears to her students enlightening them, the significant of touching the heart of students, through the real concern and care which convey feelings of love in

once life. In short she said "touch their heart and they will listen to you." She also convey their sincere words of thanks to Bishop Luciano Capelli, though he was not there for his support when needs arise in the college and not forgetting Wrayne Benneth the education secretary of the Gizo Diocese.

The representative from the graduants Mr Wale, expresses words of thanks to all who have supported them in one way or the other, in their two years journey where he and his fellow graduants endure both pleasant and unpleasant times.

The ceremony was concluded with a mixture of traditional and modern dances were parents and guidance all participants enjoyed the moment.

#### Nila Graduation day



The Graduation ceremony at St Don Bosco Nila on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2018 was well celebrated and attended by the people of Shortland and representatives from the diocese. This

graduation combines forms five and three and class 6 in the primary division. The ceremony commence with a Holy Eucharist, presentation of awards and feasting.

With your honored guests Sr. Anna from St. Peter Technical School and Mrs. Benneth Wryne the education secretary of the diocese, we would like to congratulate the principal, staffs and more especially the graduating students as you gradually moving towards your goal and to encourage you to dream big work hard to make your dream came true and don't forget to balance your journey while moving. Thus, pray and work and you will certainly on the right direction towards your goal.

## ECCE seminar

### IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN

#### ECCE SEMINAR

#### Choiseul Province

#### **Wryne Bennett**

A three days Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) seminar for this year 2018 was conducted for 26 ECCE teachers from the three parishes in Choiseul province namely, Christ the king parish, St Joseph

Moli and St Dominic Sirovanga parish from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> October. The seminar was held in Moli Parish Pastoral centre.

On Thursday morning MV Galilee arrived at Moli with Ms Wryne Bennett and Ms Paula Besta and the team from Gizo. They were escorted with a group prepared by Sr Rita and were brought to the center for a welcomed refreshment, while the Galilee continue to Taro for transporting other participants.



Upon the arrival of the participants the same day at 5 pm Fr Simon Suvenava conducted a mass as an opening, to initiate this three day seminar. On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, the workshop was officially opened by the Education Secretary, Mrs Wryne Bennett. She welcome the twenty six participants including the facilitators who came with her.

The seminar covers topics as “What is the Government and Community stand for ECCE, Importance of Health and Hygiene in ECCE, Literary (Language Development for very young children, Importance of having Clean and Safe Environment and what to do with Rubbish, Importance of Physical Exercise for children, The “ Child ” is a special gift from God (Importance of Moral Education for very young children) and so forth.

The countless support provided by Bishop Luciano Capelli is greatly acknowledged and Specific mentioned to the administration office of Moli Parish under the care of Fr. Simon Suvenava OP, also to Sr.Rita Pitavavini OP and the cooks under the supervision of Madam Rosnita. Although we face challenges along the way but we have successfully completed the very significant ECCE seminar, involving quite a large number of Teachers in a very short period of time, and for all efforts towards this seminar we are grateful indeed. May this seminar remain beneficial to the children in our communities. May this seminar remain beneficial to our children in our communities.