

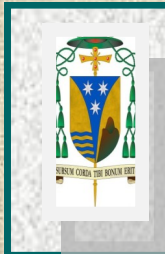


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E/Message for the month of February

“Forgetting oneself gives life to others”



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There is a story about a master gardener and a bamboo tree he loved very much.

The tree was so glad and truly proud to be loved by his master. One day the master told Bamboo that he needed him because he loved him he wanted to use him for his own family. Bamboo was ready to serve his master who told him he had first to cut him down. Bamboo got scared and trembled with fear, asking his master to spare him from his pain. The master with deep regret told him that unless he cut him he could not use him. Bamboo then surrendered and allowed himself to be cut with great pain which he endured with courage.

However once he cut it down his master asked him a second time to forget himself and allow him to shave and cut all branches. Bamboo obliged again with great pain. Finally the master asked him to allow him to cut and split his heart into two. Bamboo allowed the master to shave him and split his heart in to two, forgetting himself for the love of the Master.

In his brokenness Bamboo became useful to the master by taking water from the spring into his masters vegetable garden making it flourish and allowing his master to bring lots of fruits and vegetables to the market thus he could feed his family and send all his children to school. In his forgetting of himself bamboo became the source of life for his beloved master.

This is a story of Jesus Christ who forgot himself and allowed himself to be used but his Father to create a better garden in his kingdom with fruits of peace justice and love. This is your story and my story too... we are all called to forget ourselves and give life to

others, just like the soldier who forgot himself jumping on a hand grenade offering his body to protect and give life to his companions, just as Father Kolbe who offered himself to die in the place of another prisoner...

This is what the paschal mystery is all about, giving our lives for the beloved, the strongest power in the world, this is what happens in the Eucharist and what we are called to do by celebrating the liturgy of life every day

Forgetting ourselves does not mean to feel we are good for nothing
It means we are called to put our richness to the service of the community
Forgetting to play alone, but to accept to be a player of the team with a specific role which others cannot do for us
No one was given the unique gift I have, but that gift is not for me to enjoy but for me to share so it may join others and make a complete Gift of God to people

*So that the best part of me being shared to you can help you be a better person
And the two of us forgetting ourselves can give life to a better community and create a new world
This means refusing competition, indifference and hatred since when we forget ourselves to give life to others, we build life and love, we do not have enemies to defeat but only friends to conquer and to build into better persons*

With the blessings of your bishop who loves you with a Solomon heart made in Italy



“We promote, live and experience in our lives, the Value of COMMITMENT as a way to live Church as Community with our brothers and sisters and the nature around us.”



Diocese Monthly events & Messages coming for this year 2014

JANUARY

1st day of the month; Family Day.

“THROUGH LOVE WE BUILD HAPPY FAMILIES”

Message for the month of

FEBRUARY

“FORGETTING ONESELF GIVES

LIFE TO OTHERS”

MARCH 19TH

St. Joseph's Day (Daddies Month)

“FAITHFULNESS TO OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

IS THE SOURCE OF OUR STRENGTHS”

APRIL 27TH

DIVINE MERCY

“WE ARE CALLED TO BE LIVE GIVEN

TO ONE ANOTHER”

MAY 31ST

Visitation of the Blessed Mary / Mother Theresa

“WE HEAL AND WARM THE HEARTS

OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS”

JUNE

VOCATION MONTH

And the message for the month

“WE GIVE OURSELVES FULLY TO GOD’S CALL”

JULY 7TH

Blessed Peter Torot

“DEDICATING OURSELVES TO THE WORD

OF GOD DEEPENS OUR FAITH”

AUGUST 4TH

John Vianney

“WE GIVE OUR LIVES AND LOVE FULLY

BY SERVING EACH OTHER”

SEPTEMBER 12TH

Holy Name of Mary

“IN SHOWING CONCERN DEEPENS OUR

RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER”

OCTOBER 5TH

World Teachers day

“WE KNOW AND ACCEPT EACH OTHER

DIFFERENCES DEEPER”

NOVEMBER 1ST & 2ND

All Saints and all Souls Day

“OUR FULFILLMENT OF HAPPINESS

IN LIFE IS IN GOD”

DECEMBER 19TH

Death Anniversary of Bp Epalle

“THROUGH OUR SELF SACRIFICE WE GROW

STRONG IN GOD DEEPER”

THE FAMILY DAY TO REMEMBER



The first day of the month of January was the day to remember our family (ies).

It was our diocese, family event that may allow us to observe closely what kind of family we have. This will allow us to be closer to our wife or husband and

children.

It is a kind of renewal in the family that allows each one to be closer with God.

The event is on the first day of the year, that begins with the family. The event totally allows every family to look forward and prepare themselves for a journey.

“THROUGH LOVE WE BUILD HAPPY FAMILIES”

You are probably among the lucky ones, raised in a happy and secure loving family. The unfortunate ones whose growing up was tough, had to make do without the love and support one longs for.

Living peacefully in a family isn't always easy, but in God's restored Church, marriage and families are the most important social unit now and in eternity.

So the evangelizing message for the family day *“Through love we build happy families”* stated very clearly that through love....., that is to love God and family and our surrounding we will build a happy family, prepared for a journey, that is filled with difficulties and challenges. We must remember that every year has



difficulties and challenges. Journey with love within the family may overcome this. So let's prepare for this year's (2014) journey.

__ Happenings in Our Diocese __

Updates:

Moli Senior Secondary School



Nila Mini Hospital



Commercial Block



Happening in our Parishes.

ST. PETER'S PARISH PROGRAMS OF ACTIVITIES FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Date	Participant/Target	Activity	Venue
.2/02/14	Sunday School Teachers	Announcement & formation	St. Peter's Cathedral
09/02/14	PPC	Evaluation and Planning	Parish house
	Parish admin	Pastoral visitation	Sitokava
16/02/14	PTPA	Evaluation and Planning	Parish house
17/02/14	Men's group	Retreat	
21–23/02/14	Youths	Youth Encounters formation seminar	Loga
02/03/14	Parish Admin	Pastoral visitation	Rarumana community
09/03/14	PP and team (KOA)	Evaluation and Planning	St. Peter's Cathedral
15/03/14	Sunday School Children	Retreat	St. Peter's Cathedral
16/03/14	Babanga Community	Pastoral Visitation	Babanga Island
19/03/14	Men's group	Feast day	St. Peter's Cathedral
23/03/14	PTPA	Evaluation and planning	Parish house
23/03/14	Niusotiwa Community	Pastoral visitation	Niusotiwias
29/03/14	Catholic women's group	Retreat	St. Peter's Cathedral



**Your children need
your presence more than
your presents.**

~unknown Author

— NEWS IN BITS —

Wagina Kindergarten, the Best Now.

Wagina Kindergarten can now enroll more children since the new kindy school building recently completed last year, has allowed for more space.



The completion of the school building was the result of the commitment and leadership of people involved, and more over the

people who responded and have the heart for their children's education.

The school building described as a better school building for the children for the next decade. The school building also motivated more parents to enroll their children.

A father appreciated the two missionaries from Burma in their heart in coordinating this project to its completion, and other projects which has brought about drastic changes to Wagina parish.



A Parishioner Ask, Support Diocese Development Projects.

A parishioner from the St. Peters parish asked our people of all parishes to support the projects that uplifted our diocese.

Mr. Paul Puzibatu said that these projects are the implementation of our 11 recommendations that has been passed during Nila Assembly meeting 2005.

Paul, who always appears in this newsletter says that this is the result of our prayers, and it's a blessing.

He continues to say that we are the luckiest people in the western part of the Solomon Island, as we "achieve more development in a shorter period. "...be proud of our diocese and what the bishop and those volunteers did to our church..". Paul also stated that, "this is a kind of bridging the Italian benefactors to our diocese, province as well the country Solomon Island".

Moreover is their availability to our diocese by setting an excellent model of community work, said Paul Puzibatu.

A Student Support Head Youth, Stop Bobo Night Activity.

A form 5 student from Choiseul bay secondary school support the youth president's decision to put the Bobo night activity to an end.

Relvin Kaurae, in a written article to the waves newsletter said that a lot of influences in the parish affecting the learning ability of many students who are concentrating on their studies.

He said that drinking alcohol (Home brew) was a normal bad activity for youths in the parish, but when it comes to a Bobo night, more youths and married couples involved doing disturbances at school and around villages.

Relvin also asked leaders in the community to stay back from this activity. He said more leaders, should be involved in the decision making, to solve these problems, and not tolerate, but do away with such activity. Gambling is another area that need to stop. Some parents are starting to sell (Black market) family belongings. This is a big problem.

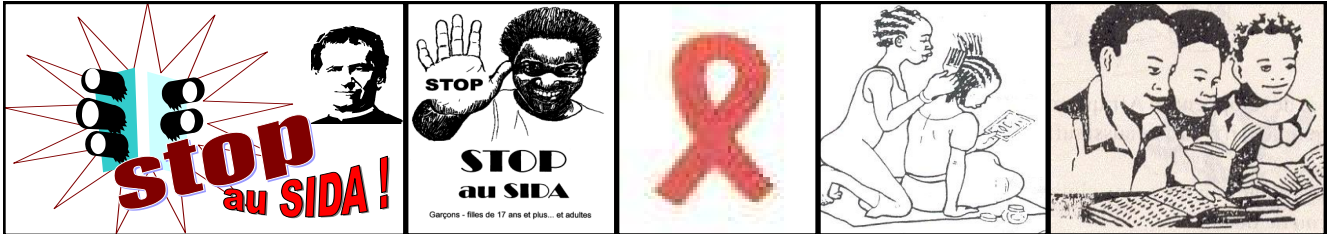
A youth president's decision to stop this activities may reduce some of these influences, and help alleviate areas mostly affected.

"We don't want students attending our schools to be influence and learn rascally behavior from our school" said Relvin Kaurae.

FROM DECEMBER ISSUE

EDUCATION 4 LIFE

FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS



FRIENDSHIP



Sharing means enjoying together whatever there is:

- Sharing possessions;
- Sharing work;
- Sharing sorrows, joys and memories;
- Sharing problems, weaknesses, and intentions.



5 TO LOVE IS TO WANT THE LOVED ONE TO HAVE ALL THAT IS GOOD

Sharing only things is not enough. To experience real friendship, open your heart to your friend, and find together a way to solve questions important for life, problems, difficulties... suffering, times of sadness, your faith...

When you see someone, don't think straightaway, "What can that person do for me?" Instead, ask yourself how you can best make that person happy. If you wish for the good of someone as much as you wish it for yourself, it shows that you do love and are happy.



DON'T GO LOOKING FOR pleasure from sex when you have the desire BUT aim at having lasting HAPPINESS rather than passing pleasures.

LOVE MEANS SHARING: 6

Proverbs:

"Whoever sees nothing when going out will still see nothing on coming in again."
 "True friends are like a fingernail and a finger."



Madagascan proverb:
"If mud clings to you, water will take it away. But if sadness clings to you, it is your friend who will