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Diocese Pastoral Theme for the month of November

“We Listen; open to serve each other”

CLOSING OF THE YEAR OF FAITH

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to study and to understand better the contents of our faith,

to love more and to live our faith in God the creator, in Christ the redeemer, in the church our mother, in the communion of life with our suffering and needy brothers...

to make our faith the very reason of all the decisions we make in our daily lives

Pope Francis has led the whole church to a journey of renewal:

Poverty and simplicity of life to be free to focus on his values of poverty, humility and detachment

Mercy and compassion of a God who loves us and never gets tired to forgive us

Going out to the neediest of our brothers and sisters, especially to those who have lost their ways or find themselves in painful financial, moral and religious situations

He did not only speak of these values, he lived them and gave us a clear example of what to follow Christ really means in our daily lives

With Pope Francis

We too tried to inspire and encourage each other to 'go against the current' of materialism

(idolatry of money) and hedonism (idolatry of pleasure)...

We prayed daily asking God to help us renew our commitment to him and to each other in forming a better family, society and world... with the power of faith

As we close the year of faith and we continue our journey of growth we therefore

Thank God for all the graces he has given us in this past year for being still firm in our faith We ask forgiveness for having missed opportunities to grow in our faith

We commit ourselves to be men and women of faith in our mind, heart and especially in the daily decisions of our lives

We take on the challenge of proclaiming to others the good news: "God is alive and to love the way he loves can fill a life completely"

As we conclude the year of faith we realize that our faith is still weak, it still needs to grow strong, we are still sinners and we pray ardently "Yes Lord I believe, but please strengthen and increase my faith"

With you a friend for you a Bishop who loves you with a Solo heart made in Italy

Bp Luciano Capelli, sdb

Bishop, Gizo Diocese



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



Hundreds Celebrates St. Joseph’s New Church.

Hundreds celebrated the consecration of the Moli new church building on the 26th of October at Moli mission station.



The opening was a colorful celebration, where many from Christ the King, parish, Voruvoru, St. Dominic’s parish, Sirovanga and other parishes came to witness the consecration.

Witnessing the opening also, was the premier of the Choiseul province, with his delegation and chiefs from villages and tribes and those of different denominations.



The building can cater for 600 hundred or more parishioners and has an area for choir and offices and the dressing room.

"Replacing the old church building is solving this, problem of a fast growing population. More children had to be gathered around the alter of the old church building and more people had to stay outside", said a parishioner.



He said that they are very lucky to have the new building, but the biggest task is to take responsibility, for repairing or to keep the church building safe from white ants and general repairs and maintenance within and around the church area, and building.

A commentator added, that the Moli Church building looks so solid, it is able to accommodate Choiseul Province church goers for the next ten decades.

YEAR OF FAITH



Closing of the Year of Faith.

**This Sunday
24th of
November
2013.**

On 16th October 2011, Pope Benedict XVI announced the Year of Faith

which is to run from Thursday, 11th October 2012, until Sunday 24th November 2013, the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Pope Benedict has called the Year of Faith to strengthen Catholics who go to church, reach out to those who have left but still yearn for God in their lives, and to offer a response to those who are searching for meaning and help and those who think they do not need God.

Now we are coming towards the closing of the Year Of Faith, that will fall on Sunday 24th November 2013.

*All are joyfully
invited to the
closing of the Year
of Faith on Sunday,
24, at all Parish
Mission Stations.*

6th Years of Bishop's Leadership, have Done A Great Achievement.

Our Bishop's leadership of the Diocese of Gizo has accomplished a lot and brought about significant achievements.



Everybody can tell that



the Diocese has progressed significantly since our Bishop, Luciano Capelli sdb took up leadership.

The Bishop, who has a great heart, is doing his best to involve all people of our diocese, to encourage participation and praying together to achieve our goals.

He reminds us, to be courageous in difficult times and when faced with great challenges.

This 21st of October, four big cheers from the students, teaching staff and friends highlighted his Episcopal Anniversary as Bishop of the Diocese of Gizo.

He celebrated his 66th birthday anniversary on the 19th of October.

The diocese prepared a small gathering to show appreciation for him and to pray that the good Lord will continue to inspire and protect him throughout his journey as a shepherd for his people in the Diocese of Gizo.



Your ministry has been a blessing to our church and we thank God for you. That is why on your birthday and your Episcopal Anniversary you are wished all that is special and enjoyable - Psalm 118:24

Birth Anniversaries

Fr. Gabriel Matoteva
3rd November (1969)

Fr. Robert Kyaw Thu
22 November (1979)



*YOU TWO WERE SPECIAL BLESSING TO
OUR CHURCH WE THANK GOD FOR YOU!
WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY -*

JEREMIAH 17:7

Happening in our Parishes.

St. Peter's Parish Raise About \$29,000.

About twenty nine thousand dollars raised this Saturday 19th of October here in the basketball stadium Gizo.



An unexpected outcome of this fundraising, really brought parish-ioner to organize to bring their best to achieve this out-come.



Uncooked and cooked food were sold with small games and enter-tainments from the Vanga Rural Train-

ing Center and others really brought life to the events along with encouragement to the public that swarmed in and take part in the numerous games staged amongst the colorful stalls that housed snacks, take-away and beverages of all sorts, not to mention clothing of all sorts. The kids gamble their loose coins with card games and the spin wheel.

An interesting ring fishing was the highlight that motivated crowds that build up every now and then, who crowd in to pay their fee for a lucky catch. The weather was favourable, which

allowed everyone to come forward to help raise funds for the parish.

On behalf of the fundraising committee, we would like to show our appreciation, to the parishioners, especially zone leaders who really worked very hard with their people, the committee members and the parish priest.

77 Graduate, Vanga Rural Training Center.

77 students from Vanga Rural Training Center (RTC) are graduated and awarded certificate on the first day of the month of November.

The graduation started 9:30am with Thanksgiv-ing Mass – a beautifully prepared Liturgy and participated by St. Dominic RTC.



After Mass refreshment, followed by a graduation ceremony, speeches, feasting and entertainments.

It was a very successful day .The Guest of honor thanked the Principal for their 2013 success although there were problems they had met. He encouraged the outgoing students to work hard at what task lays a head of them. All in all 77 graduated..



“To be in your children's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today”

~unknown Author

—NEWS IN BITS—

Diocese of Gizo soon to have New Commercial Building.

The Diocese of Gizo will soon have a new Commercial building here in Gizo- in the China town area.



Site clearance for the commercial building.

The two story building will contain certain allocations for rentals which provide office or conference or sales rooms.

The building is part of the diocese income generating project to help the diocese with its programs of activities, in order to avoid too much begging from oversea. This project is funded by the Bishop's Conference from Italy.



And another project, a new building is now finished and ready to accommodate guests.

A 2 story building with 6 apartments, and each containing 2 bed rooms, a verandah, kitchen and a shower room. This project was also funded by the benefactors from Italy.

Bishop Still Remind Youths, their 3 Standard Roles.

The Bishop continue to remind the youths to know their 3 standard roles as good citizens of our country.

He told this to the youths during his 6th Episcopal Anniversary celebration with staffs, teachers, students and friends.

1. He reminded them that the diocese has established a Cathedral where everyone may worship God. There, they may create a kind of friendship with God.
2. With their request, the diocese also setup a Youth Center where every youth come to play, and may know each other. And also one can choose a right partner for life and become good citizen of Solomon Island .
3. And than he thanked those benefactors from Italy for their generous gift by establishing schools for them. There they may learn new skills and share more ideas.



Saint Peter's Students Thanks Volunteers for the Gifts.



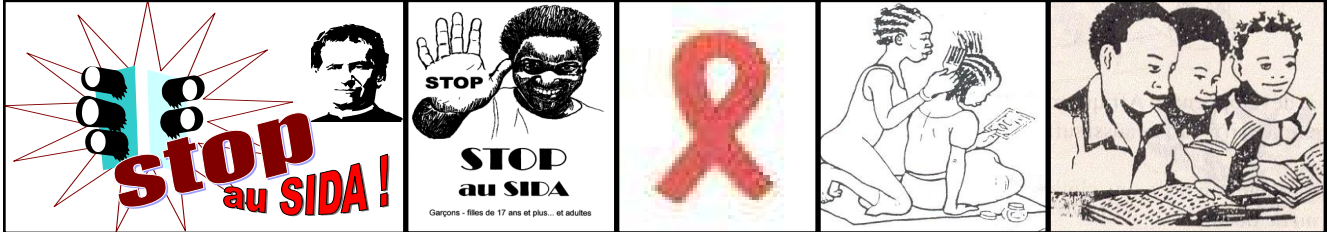
"I think we are the luckiest students here around the Western Solomons for the frequent gifts received from the Italian volunteers" said some of the students from the Saint Peter's urban training center.

The students would like to thank those Italian volunteers for their gifts. "A cap, a tooth paste and brush, a biro and books is a meaningful gift for each one of us, meaning that they are really concerned for our health and education"

FROM SEP/OCT ISSUE

EDUCATION 4 LIFE

FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS



FRIENDSHIP

*Jesus: "If one of the occupation troops forces you to carry his pack one kilometre, carry it for two..." (Mt 5,41).
 "...whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me!" (Mt 25,40)*

LOVE MEANS MAKING A FREE CHOICE CHOOSE

Friendship is free. Love is free. You can be killed if you refuse to do something, but you cannot be made to love.



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LOVE IS GIVING AND RECEIVING:



In the first place, love is giving without counting what it costs.

- Giving one's time,
- Guiding others in their studies
- Helping in whatever is being done.
- Forming a group for singing or for discussing various subjects.
- Making people happy, advising others.
- Taking part in community activities so as to get to really know yourself
- Praying with others to increase your faith.

Realise that others also offer you something. Recognise that you haven't got it all and that you need others. As someone said to his friend: "Thanks for coming to see me on Sunday. It was just what I needed." Others have riches that you haven't got. If you aren't open to others, you are the poorer for it, because you limit yourself to what you are. Learn to say "Thanks!" If you want to know what friendship is, open your heart to your friend and learn to see in the same way what life is made of.

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