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Bishop Peter Houhou

COME LET US PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER FOR THE WORK OF MISSION IN OUR BELOVED DIOCESE OF GIZO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, as we are preparing ourselves to take the tenth (10) step of our journey in the month of October for this year 2024.

As Bishop Shepherding our Diocese, I want to acknowledge all your participation and Contributions in whatever form of

Mission Work you have been doing, big or small, in serving our people throughout the Diocese.

Also for the spiritual programs of activities you have organized and planned for our Christian Brothers and Sisters in our families, communities, parishes and in the Diocese as a whole, especially the journey that we will take with our beloved Mother Mary in praying the Rosary in this month of October.

For our pastoral message for this month, in brief we will be reflecting on two (2) very important areas for the spiritual wellbeing of our Christian brothers and sisters in our Diocese, deaneries, parishes, communities, ministries, schools and families: a) October Month of Rosary and b) October Month of Mission. These two (2) are inseparable; one cannot go without the other.

Before we proceed on, let us put ourselves humbly in the presence of our God, quiet for a moment, and reflect on different mission work of the Church in our Diocese, and how you as a Baptized Catholic Christian participate in all these mission works of

the Church, and in what ways have you contributed towards the growth and the development of the church in the Diocese.

Also as Baptized Catholic Christian, put yourself humbly in the presence of our God, and reflect on your journey with our Mother Mary in praying the Rosary during this month of October 2024. As parishioners, journeying with each other and our mother Mary in praying the Rosary, we should have a "PRAYER INTENTION" for our Families, Communities, Parishes, Deaneries and Diocese.

OCTOBER MONTH OF ROSARY:

Tradition holds that October has been celebrated as the month of the Rosary since 1571, and the victory of the Catholic league (an alliance of Spain, Venice, the Papal States, Genoa, Savoy, and Malta) over the forces of the Ottoman Empire who were seeking to take over Italy in an effort to move into the heart of Europe. It was October 7th 1571 when the battle was fought and the Catholic league was able to overcome the Ottoman forces.

According to the venerable tradition, this beautiful prayer was revealed to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother. The 150 Hail Marys (now 200) corresponded to the number of Psalms, which the illiterate people of that time could not understand. The first part of the Hail Mary was taken from the Gospel of St. Luke; the second part was taken from the tradition of the Church. The 20 mysteries were divided into joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous, reflected the principal events of the life of Jesus and Mary. What Pope Paul the VI said is worth taking it to Heart, and I quote:

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PRE-SEMINARIANS (REFLECTION)

BP message cont..

.....“A Rosary without meditation on these mysteries is like a dead person without life.” The Fatima Prayer, which we repeat after every decade, dictated by the Virgin Mary to the three visionaries of Fatima in 1917. Beloved brothers and sisters, during this month of October we are encouraged to pray the Rosary in our families; building the Faith of our little one, communities; to reach out to each other, parishes; to build good relationship between our families and in our Diocese; to build the Mystical Body of Christ. Rosary is our Weapon against all dangers, evil forces that may come our way. Rosary is the Spiritual Anchor of our Souls. During this month of the Rosary, Mary our Mother will teach us/you how to Pray, just as Jesus taught his Disciples how to Pray. **OCTOBER MONTH OF MISSION:** October is traditionally observed as missionary month. Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ, when you/we hear the word Missionary, what came into your mind? We thought about the missionaries who brought the Seed of Faith many years ago and planted in our shores. The missionary did the

planting and our great Grand Fathers did the watering above ALL GOD GIVES LIFE. Now in our time, we supposed to be the ones to continue to do the transplanting and watering of the same seed of Faith that was brought in and was planted by the Missionaries. This is what I called; Doing Missionary Work in our own context. Now, we are the New Missionaries in our Families, Communities, Parishes, Deaneries and in our Diocese. Now, we are carrying on our shoulders the mission work of our Diocese. To make our mission work more effective and alive, let us journey together with our Mother Mary during this month of October Praying our Rosary. If all of us hold a Rosary in our hands in prayer, all our mission work in our Diocese will bear fruit in plenty. Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as our Shepherd of the Diocese, I pray that the Blessing of God our Father be with us all in our mission work in serving our people.

Your Servant Bishop Peter HOUHOU

GOD BLESS

Good Experience in NAC School (Reflection)



David Tatoa
Wagina parish

I am so glad to share my personal experiential two years at Nazareth Apostolic Center with you beloved church. Formally, it is the only place that I could ever find the joyfulness and happiness in my life.

It helpfully raises and forms new career of spiritual and better physical lives.

The realization of vocations and the means of saying “Yes”.

What and who am I called to be and the depth of my inner core theologized reality of the Holy Trinity and our Blessed Mother Mary? I found myself living a mature and focused life more than before, experiencing the goodness of God, the inspiration of theological virtues and the career of strong faith in God. The morality of the best prudently self-defense against evil will.

The fear of doing bad or disobedience of God as anxiety overtakes me fearing the hell which is God’s commands; the disciplinary of self is taken away easily. I love to pray at any place and time, but the best place to praise and give thanks is to our Lord Jesus Christ, is at Mass in the Blessed Sacrament. I

found myself always struggling to learn things confidently by my own mistakes.



Keneth Vilakana
Varuvoru Parish

In searching of my vocation at pre-seminarian college at Nazareth Apostolic Center-

I am glad that my ignorance of Jesus Christ and the scripture is gradually fading away and now I become one of the believers of Jesus Christ as a Christian religion. Not fully believing or partly believed but only God knows. Everything in the universe comes from God and all

are perfect in the eyes of God.

I really enjoyed my two years’ study in pre- seminar-ian school.

I learnt many things that is new to me by now, not only that but I step forward to the mark of Gods purpose for all.

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VATICAN NEWS – CALL FOR PEACE

VATICAN
NEWS

“Stop war! Stop wars!”.



Pope: the world is being destroyed, stop the wars while there is still time

In his message to the participants at the International Meeting for Peace organised by the Community of Sant'Egidio in Paris from 22 to 24 September following the Spirit of Assisi event called for by John Paul II in 1986, Pope Francis invites political leaders to silence weapons and exhorts believers to make fraternity grow in the world.

“Stop war! Stop wars!”. This is the cry of so many people raised by the participants at the International Meeting for Peace organised by the Community of Sant'Egidio in Paris from 22 to 24 September. Pope Francis addresses “political leaders” in his message, saying “We are now destroying the world! Let us stop while there is still time!” The message is addressed to all the participants at the meeting, with representatives of the churches, Christian communities, religious leaders of other faiths, and the authorities participating in the event that has its origins 38 years ago by promoted by John Paul II in Assisi.

Religions for peace

Pope Francis has expressed hopes that the meeting in Paris in the Spirit of Assisi may help believers to “nurture fraternity between peoples in our time.” “All too often in the past, religions were used to fuel conflicts and wars. The danger of this continues, even in our own day.” Pope Francis emphasises, reiterating, as he expressed together with Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb in the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together that “Religions must never incite war, hateful attitudes, hostility and extremism, nor must they incite violence or the shedding of blood” and that, if anything, “These tragic realities are the consequence of a deviation from religious teachings. They result from a political manipulation of religions and from interpretations made by religious groups who, in the course of history, have taken advantage of religious sentiment in the hearts of men and women.” He emphasised that religions must not fuel “forms of nationalism, ethnocentrism and populism. Wars only escalate. Woe to those who try to drag God into taking sides in wars!”

Being artisans of peace

Religions must “foster visions of peace”, as witnessed in recent days in the French capital, where men and women of different cultures and faiths “experienced the power and beauty of universal fraternity”, reads the text of Pope Francis’ message, which urges them to be “artisans of peace”, even “if others continue to make war, together we can work for peace.”

May the Spirit of Assisi grow

The Pope thanked “the Community of Sant’Egidio for the passion and creativity with which it continues to keep the spirit of Assisi alive”, and observed

that since that distant 1986, “when the first Meeting for Peace was held”, various “events have impacted our world” - from the collapse of the Berlin Wall to the beginning of the third millennium, from the growth of fundamentalisms and conflicts to climate change, the advent of emerging and converging technologies and pandemics - while today “we are in the midst of “epochal changes” without having, at present, a clear idea of where they will lead us.” A context to which the words of Pope John Paul II, who in the town of St. Francis, highlighted “the intrinsic link between an authentic religious attitude and the great good of peace”, invoking “a new language of peace, for new gestures of peace”, to break “the fatal chains of divisions inherited from history or spawned by modern ideologies.” The Spirit of Assisi is a blessing for today’s world “still torn by numerous wars and acts of violence”, the Pope writes, saying this “‘spirit’ of Assisi must blow even stronger in the sails of dialogue and friendship between peoples.”

Creating fraternal bonds

With his thoughts on all those in Paris this evening “gathered before the Cathedral that, after the tragic fire, is about to reopen its doors for prayer”, Pope Francis also stressed “how much we need to pray for peace”, because the “risk that the many conflicts in our world, rather than ceasing, will dangerously spread” has become more concrete. And he reiterates to believers the invitation expressed in Fratelli Tutti to “contribute significantly to building fraternity and defending justice in society.” We need to keep meeting, to weave bonds of fraternity and to allow ourselves to be guided by the divine inspiration present in every faith, in order to join in ‘imagining peace’ among all peoples” continues the Pope, who, “in a world at risk of being fragmented by conflicts and wars, the efforts made by believers are invaluable for holding out visions of peace and fostering fraternity and peace among peoples everywhere.”

Peace requires wisdom and boldness

The “great responsibility for peace” requires “wisdom, boldness, generosity and determination”, Pope Francis concludes, recalling that God’s dream for the world is “fraternity between all peoples”, which is why believers are entrusted with the responsibility to exhort and move humanity in this direction.

SAINT PETER NEWS IN BITS

Thirteen Teachers Participate Leadership Workshop.



Thirteen teachers from Southern Deanery have participated in a two-day School Leaders Workshop, which commenced on the 18th of September here at Saint Peters Youth Center Gizo.

Teachers were from Vanga schools, Saint John Bosco Nusabaruku, St Peter UTC, Saint Eusebius Noro, and including some of our diocesan staff.

The workshop was facilitated by Western Province Chief Education Officer Sam Parubule, Senior School Inspector (WP) Willy Etupio, and Senior Officer Gerry Pitakia.

Sessions include school grants and how to retire them, school reports, and the teachers' appraisal.

The workshop concluded on day two.

Sr. Louise visits again during SPUTC Open Day.



The Salesian Provincial, Sr. Louise McKeogh was present again during the St. Peter's Training Center open day on Thursday 12th September.

Sr. Louise's presence has been praised by parents and guidance her powerful mes-

sages reminding them of the vision and mission of the school.

She reminded them they are a family of educators involved and committed to forming young, poor, and marginalized ones by providing them with an integral formation by living the Preventive Sys-

tem of Don Bosco and forming them into Christian and Honest Citizens of Solomon Islands.

She stated that their mission is to journey together as an Educative Pastoral Community of life-long learners and agents of social change, convinced that every person is a child of God.

St. Peter Youths undergo First Aid Training.



During the third week of September, approximately eighteen youths from Saint Peter's Catholic Parish in Gizo, Western Province, successfully finished a week-long first aid course.

The training was given to young men and women by the Gizo Red Cross Branch of the Solomon Islands Red Cross Society.

The training was a component of the branch's effort to guarantee that communities are equipped with the first aid knowledge and abilities necessary to handle emergency situations.

Similarly, the National Red Cross Society uses this chance to evaluate the proficiency of its first aid instructors in the Gizo Branch in providing first aid training to businesses and communities in Western Province.

Sr. Salome Faloamae of St Peter Catholic Parish Gizo expressed that the training was timely for the youths, and said that the youths found the training to be appropriate.

"We are thankful to you (Red Cross First Aid team) for the two-day training conducted for us over the past two days.

"I know we have learned skills and knowledge in First Aid that will help us whenever we come across any situation that requires giving first aid help to any casualty," Sister Faloamae said.

At the training, the youths underwent both theory and practical lessons.



MOLI & TARO NEWS IN BITS

83 Receive Sacrament of Holy Communion.



A total of 83 candidates received the Body of Christ for the first time on September 8th at Moli Parish.

Reporting from that parish, the Parish Media Volunteer, Anthony, said they are joining the Banquet of the Lord (Holy Communion) for the first time at Moli church.

He thanked Fr. Benedict Qelo for presiding over the Mass and inviting the candidates to the Lord's Banquet.

Anthony also expressed his gratitude to other Sunday school teachers and catechist Simon for their instructions.

Lastly, to the parents who provided light refreshments, and have the opportunity to congratulate all the candidates.

ND Parishes Welcome DM Guest Speakers.



Northern Deanery parishes from Choiseul were delighted to welcome their guest speakers to the Divine Mercy Congress, held on October 4th at Voruvoru Christ the King parish.

They are Fr. Man-cent kavaliliu who is accompanied by Mrs.

Rose Valeke from the Archdiocese of Honiara.

St. John Bosco Women continue Fundraising.



Saint John Bosco women's group from Taro Parish are continuing their monthly fundraising to finance their ongoing programs for this year.

During their

fundraising on the 21st of September at Sipokana village and they had a good number of products to sell which raised up to about \$1500.

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John Tabe,
Wagina Parish

I finished my studies at Nazareth Apostolic Centre this year, 2024, and I am so glad and happy to share my experiences as a pre-seminarian.

During my studies at Nazareth Apostolic Centre, I was involved in many spiritual and physical activities such as praying, learning about God's Word, singing, working, and doing sports.

These activities encouraged my spiritual and physical life with God and my relationships with

other people in different communities.

These are the experiences that I've learned at Nazareth Apostolic Centre, and so helpful for me because I grew my faith and confidence in God and all people.



Peter T
Wagina Parish

I'm so happy and proud to enter Nazareth Apostolic Centre.

The experiences while I am in NAC School are all about the spiritual and physical, both in theory and practical, including social night, and pastoral works, which gave me more experiences.

On the spiritual side, we used to pray every day and I felt closer to God, which allowed me to forget my past selfish life. Now I gain more bits of knowledge and

learned more about our Heavenly Father, church histories, Mary, etc.

I learned more about many different types of cultures, other people, and pastoral work, which I have the confidence to talk.

These are my experiences, which helped me gain knowledge, and prepare myself to be close to the church.

HEALTH TIPS & NEXT EVENTS. (MAYO CLINIC)

Continue from last issue.

Complications

Complications of
Malaria



Severe malaria can cause complications within hours to days from the initiation of symptoms.

- Cerebral malaria
- Severe anaemia
- Decrease in blood sugar levels
- Pulmonary oedema
- Acute renal failure



Malaria deaths are usually related to one or more serious complications, including:

- **Cerebral malaria.** If parasite-filled blood cells block small blood vessels to your brain (cerebral malaria), swelling of your brain or brain damage may occur. Cerebral malaria may cause seizures and coma.
- **Breathing problems.** Accumulated fluid in your lungs (pulmonary edema) can make it difficult to breathe.
- **Organ failure.** Malaria can damage the kidneys or liver or cause the spleen to rupture. Any of these conditions can be life-threatening.
- **Anemia.** Malaria may result in not having enough red blood cells for an adequate supply of oxygen to your body's tissues (anemia).
- **Low blood sugar.** Severe forms of malaria can cause low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), as can quinine — a common medication used to combat malaria. Very low blood sugar can result in coma or death.

Malaria can be fatal, particularly when caused by the plasmodium species common in our area. In others news, the World Health Organization estimates that about 94% of all malaria deaths occur in Africa — most commonly in children under the age of 5.

Malaria may recur

Some varieties of the malaria parasite, which typically cause milder forms of the disease, can persist for years and cause relapses.

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▪ UPCOMMING FEAST DAYS FOR NOVEMBER 2024 ▪

The Month of Faithful Departed.



We remember also our missionaries who were killed. Bishop Jean Baptists Epalle. 1845, San Jorge, Fr. Claude Jacquent SM, Jean Marie Pa-get SM, Br. Hyacinthe Chatelet FMS, 1847, Makira Bay, Fr. Gilbert Rouchaire SM, fr. Jean Baptiste An-lard SM, Br. Michael Anlard FMS 1852 Tikopia.

Fr. Arthur Duhamel SM, Fr. Henk Cude-Engberink, Sr. M. Silvia SMSM, Sr. Odilia, 1942, Ruavatu.

