



Dear Faithful people of the Gizo diocese, I am glad to send you some ideas from the Holy Father's Message linking lent with our baptismal grace

"You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him." The message offers a reflection for each of the Sunday Gospel readings of the liturgical season.

The Holy Father noted a "particular connection" between baptism and Lent, "as the favorable time to experience this saving grace."

The mercy of God, which cancels sin and, "Baptism," the Pope said is an encounter with Christ, which informs the entire existence of the baptized, imparting divine life and calling for conversion the First Sunday of Lent -- Jesus' temptations in the desert -- the Pope emphasized the fragility of humanity and the strength of Christ and in union with him, a battle 'against the ruling forces who are masters of the darkness in this world,' in which the devil is at work

The Second Sunday brings us to Christ's glory in the transfiguration, the Pontiff continued, which "announces the divinization of man." "It is the invitation to take a distance from the noisiness of everyday life in order to immerse oneself in God's presence"

The Samaritan woman at the well is presented on Lent's Third Sunday, with Christ's request that she give him a drink. This, Benedict XVI explained, "expresses the passion of God for every man and woman, and wishes to awaken in our hearts the desire for the gift of 'a spring of water within, welling up for eternal life.'"

Next comes the story of the man born blind, which "presents Christ as the light of the world."

"The miracle of this healing is a sign that Christ wants not only to give us sight," the Holy Father reflected, "but also open our interior vision, so that our faith may become ever deeper and we may recognize him as our only Savior."

Finally, the resurrection of Lazarus on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, brings us to face "the ultimate mystery of our existence." "Communion with Christ in this life prepares us to overcome the barrier of death, so that we may live eternally with him," the Pope reflected. "Faith in the resurrection of the dead and hope in eternal life open our eyes to the ultimate meaning of our existence: God created men and women for resurrection and life."

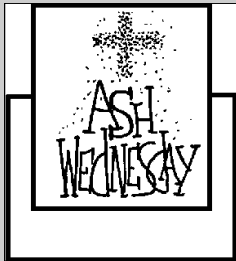
OUR LENTEN CHALLENGE THEN THAN CAN BE THIS:

Let us renew our acceptance of the grace that God bestowed upon us at the moment of baptism, so that it may illuminate and guide all of our actions.

During this Lenten season we are called to experience God's Grace every day by following Christ in an ever more generous and authentic manner."

With my blessings

*Bishop Luciano Capelli, sdb
Gizo Diocese*



9th March 2011

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Fathers Month



The Month of March



"We Give & Re-give ALL the sense of the value of SOLIDARITY by doing Actions of RECONCILIATION with our brothers and sisters and with the nature around us"



**OUR COMMUNITARIAN FIRST RETREAT:
2011 : Month of MARCH
Our Diocesan journey of faith: 2011**

***Theme:*
Dynamic Fidelity."**

***Evangelizing message:*
"We United in Dynamic Fidelity"**

Our Communitarian Retreat in which we want to experience and live the value of SOLIDARITY by RECONCILING with our brothers and sisters and the nature around us.

EVENTS:

- The Months of January — **The Family Month.**
- The Month of March — **Father's (Daddies Month) Month.**
- The Month of April — **Suffering, death & Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**
- The Month of August — **Bible Month & World Youth Day.**
- The Month of September— **Mother's Month.**
- The Month of October — **Month of Holy Rosary.**
- The Month of December — **Children's Month.**

LET US JOURNEY TOGETHER AS A DIOCESE TO FEEL AND EXPERIENCE THE SPIRIT OF GOD MOVING WITH AND IN US THROUGH OUR CELEBRATIONS OF THESE EVENTS OF RECONCILIATION - 2011.



**Relysdom A Malakana
(Media office, Diocese of Gizo)**

.The year 2010 also challenged me, and encouraged me to look forward for the betterment of the Media Services around our Diocese.

Vision:

The vision is of vibrant, articulate, inclusive and sustainable rural communities across the diocese of Gizo contributing to a prosperous, equitable, peaceful and stable society.

Mission:

The mission is to provide an effective voice (written & verbal) for and support to rural communities, particularly those who are on the isolated areas.

Regarding our Vision and Mission of the Media Services, the office has tried its best to carry out its programs of activities through Media Volunteers in the parishes through the resources available.

There are some of the areas which recommended strongly to the hands of our resource people (Media Volunteers).

However, there are also some of the improvements in the diocesan office regarding communication to the outside world and these technologies/set ups (like email station) which are quickly recommended by our parishes which may be too expensive for our Diocese. But there are some areas (Tele-Communication) such as mobiles which is affordable to individuals.

We have the only 2 Way Radio Communications which has been on operation for almost more than 15 years. And these are the recommended ones, and they were under PP or PTPA supervision.

Last year the media office organized 2 seminars and about 16 media volunteers around our diocese were involved, and have been asked to carry out the program around their own parish.

Improvements/Strengths:

Congratulations to other media volunteers who helped implement the media program around their parishes and the regular writers who still contribute writing.

Weaknesses:

Actually there are more common weaknesses and challenges been identified around each parish, the monthly newsletter distributed lately, lacking resources to motivate media volunteers in each parish.

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Recommendations:

Common weaknesses like "mi les, wari belong iu ia, tumoro nao" can be solved if one realized the importance of communication in building the body of Christ in his/her own parish.

There are more recommendations (from parishes) to improve communication around our diocese, but the drawback is in not having technical people in our parish.

- ⇒ Well, the best tool/resource this office is using in getting our people to participate involving transmitting/passing the message to other people around our Diocese:-
- ⇒ Through Newsletter- Priests, students, laities should be involved.
- ⇒ Poster Messages are encouraged all through the year.
- ⇒ And the office will propose a budget for the set up of a Notice Board in each parish to encourage media volunteers to carry out messages.



Sr. Rita Pitavavine OP
Family Life Apostolate (FLA) Office

The year 2010 has brought me struggles and challenges to the Diocesan Family Life Office and many parishes.

The increase activities, especially the running Workshops' from the Diocesan Family Life Office and at village level, demand more resource materials, because of great needs we were forced to produce many more copies of Booklets and charts to give to the core groups for the work they had to do in the parishes.

Activities and Evaluation:

In the diocese as a whole, we trained the core groups on: Marriage Enrichment (ME), Marriage Preparation, Personality Integration for youths, Ovulation Method, Moral Teaching of the church on Conception and Abortion and HIV/AIDS Awareness.

We focused on training more young couple core groups.

The Impact of the Program:

In all our courses we talk more about gender. Understanding one's role and responsibilities in relation to their Biological make up. The majority of those who trained as core groups have commented on how they have been enriched by the program.

Parish Activities and their Achievement:

All parishes throughout the diocese have already formed their core groups and appointed parish coordinators. The FLA plans to carry out activities, in line with the Parish Pastoral Plan set up. Some parishes have completed their program on ME and others still have to complete them.

This program brings changes to other people.

Cooperation & Team Work in the parish:

With the Renewal of the Diocese and its programs, we have helped them to created team work. And some parishes are now able to work

along with the parish priest, parish coordinator and Family Life co-workers.

Problems that have encountered with Family Life Co-groups:

A great population of children, lack of Education both spiritual for young ones. Abuse committed by young couples who influence the youth and the school children, pre mature pregnancy and marriage, couples without Sacrament of Matrimony, introduction of Contraception in clinics and the use of bush herbs for abortion.

What are the Needs?

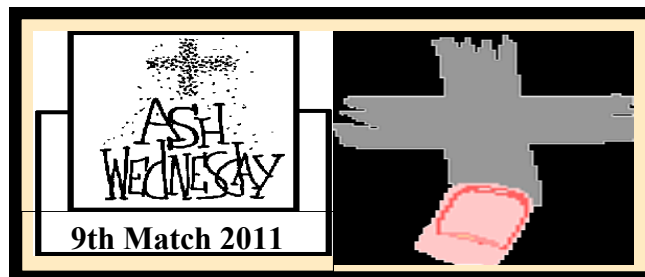
With the support of the PP, PTPA, PC and FLA co-groups should work together to plan their programs which may involve every youths, young couples. Catholic health workers need to encourage participation in the workshops on moral teachings of the church.

Our Proposal Plan this year 2011:

1. Personal Integration for young people.
2. Marriage Education for young people.
3. Responsible Parenthood.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed in one way or the other to make our Family Life Apostolate Program happen, especially to our bishop Luciano Capelli sdb.

THE MONTH OF MARCH



Daddies (Daddies) Program



Be responsible like St. Joseph
"Daddy; you are responsible for peace and the good of our family."

My Lord and my Saviour
You are my Strength
You are my power
My visions are with your love
My hope is in your glory
May the day see me strong
May my heart with your passion stay long
For I know it is within
That I carry through this day
Your strength my power
I will pray
Amen.

Saint John Bosco Senior Secondary School & Training Center

A new high school called "Saint John Bosco Senior Secondary School and Training Centre" was officially opened in Nila, Shortlands in the Western province last week on Monday.

Bishop Luciano Capelli SDB of Gizo opened the new high School.

Speaking at the occasion he said the commitment to the education of the young with collaboration between the Salesians and the local church is becoming a project which is more a more an integrated one.

During the ceremony a statue of the saint was carried in procession along the main road accompanied by the hymns and the prayers of the faithful.

The new school, built by the "Nila Mission Station" of the diocese of Gizo, will be able to benefit from the skills of the teachers formed in Salesian schools, from Salesian centres in the Philippines and of some of the first graduates of the "Don Bosco Technical Institute Secondary School and Training Centre" in Henderson, opened in 2000.

Future students, most of them from middle schools in Tuha, will follow a curriculum which combines formal lessons and workshop experience.

Following the criteria of the Technical Vocational Education Training or TVET programme 60-percent academic and 40-

percent technical or 70-percent hands on skills development and 30-percent academic subjects alternative.

The new school is much appreciated and supported by the local communities; hundreds have expressed their support to the new school with a great sense of pride and achievement promised to sustain the efforts for the next Phase two of the school.

Italian volunteers who generously supported the Don Bosco Henderson and Tetero projects have been very much involved in this and other Salesian projects in Tetero and Henderson.

In the meantime the owners of the land on which the Tuha Junior secondary school is built have donated the lease for 50 years thus making possible the necessary maintenance and renewal works.

The school will also have a new name - "Saint John Bosco Tuha Junior Secondary School" - following the programme already in use in the Salesian school in Henderson, opening the way for a new way of running secondary schools in the country.

As a result of the various educational projects developed in recent years some of those who graduated from the Don Bosco Institute in Henderson are now being trained in Vanga Teachers College (run by the Catholic diocese of Gizo) to provide a new kind of teacher for the country.



Cecilia Maena
St. Martha Women's
Gizo Parish

This is the big opportunity for boys, especially those who ignore their future. Such center may motivate them to think of their future.

Hope that they will learn a lot from the center of trades such as mechanic, carpentry,

Nearly Complete Boys Center, Gizo



computing, music's or sports etc. Majority will come with different interests. Apart from that we want them to learn more about themselves and respect the environment and the people.

Big appreciation to our Bishop for improving education in our diocese, especially to those from overseas who helped him to fulfill his mission for the church here in our diocese.

News In Bits

New Sotiwa Camp Looks Ahead to Involve Children.



The best way for the children to know God is to teach them our faith and the bible stories. And this year the New Sotiwa Community began Sunday school.

"We must not ignore our children but do things that may realize them that they are more important in our community. We should

bring ideas that may involve them, and look ahead to involve our youths too". This is one of the idea which has been tolerant during their meetings.

The Community also plan ahead to involve mothers into livelihood project and more mothers looking forward for the Sewing Project. One Sewing machine was thoroughly cleaned and was used.

Closing Gives Positive Sign for Year 2011

(Emelda Dale, Kavata Women's Coordinator)

Closing of the Women's Program at Tavula Zone kavata Parish gave a positive sign for

this years women's program.

The closing, which is on the 6th -7th December last year brought all 34 women to participate in sharing discussions and plan ahead to carry out women's program in the parish.

The program also reminded the women

to up hold the moral teaching of the church and say no to abortion.

With the present of 6 facilitators from the diocese, parish and the province, this surely is a sign the program is moving and more participant were motivated and look ahead for the 2011 women's program in the parish.

A Dominican Priest Celebrates his Jubilee

(Sixtus Raukana-Kavata Media Volunteer)



Fr. Simon with her Mother.

A Dominican Priest Celebrated his Silver Jubilee of Priesthood around his homeland.

Fr. Simon Suvenava OP began celebrating on the 6th-16th of January of this year.

He began preaching in Kavata zones to Moli area, where he encouraged and promoted vocation. He also highlighted that the

priest is for the people. He also thanked everyone and asked for support and prayers for the priests around our diocese.

And on the 12th of January Fr. Simon celebrated his Silver Jubilee at Pirakamae, Sirovanga where relatives and the community came to witness the occasion. Fr. Simon Suvenava OP was the first Dominican Priest on Choiseul Island.

Accompanying him was Fr. Callistus Tavisibatu OP during celebrating his silver jubilee around Moli and Kavata parish.

Bishop Appreciate the Italian Volunteers

Our Most Rev. Bishop Luciana Capelli sdb appreciated the Italians during farewell function on the 10th of February.

During the function night bishop introduced each volunteers and presented each their certificate of appreciation. Bishop further explained that the Diocese will be expecting more volunteers. He described this as "foot print", and each year more foot

prints will serve our diocese.

Bishop also appreciated the two volunteers Sante and Sandre who helped built the road to St. John Bosco Senior Secondary School. He named the road after them "The Sansan Avenue Road" - The "Sante and Sandre Avenue Road".



Pictures Around our Diocese



EDUCATION 4 LIFE

FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS

Responsible behaviour



TESTIMONIES:

(For the dialogue-See Activities)

3.-The Environment Setting:

■ The same setting can be negative on the subject and you find yourself with the ambient proposition: *"Everyone makes love. So why not?"*

■ Very often sexuality is reduced to SEX, to sexual relations, hence animalistic. Whilst our sexuality is much more beautiful and precious.

■ The true response will be this one: Every young person has to find someone, a group with whom to guide him/herself in a positive manner in order to joyfully and soundly live his/her youth. There are adults who know young people very well, who have experience, who wish their authentic and true well-being.

■ The preparation for a firm marriage, demands a lot of responsibility, of strength, of will, of clear ideas. And do not forget that there will always be people in your life to whom you can confide, and they will support you on a good journey.

☐ "To abstain, remain faithful. In what country?... You have to do like...: even with the best guy, girl, condom"

● "Leave abstinence for the priests and those who have taken the vow of chastity. Leave fidelity to the dreamers (*how could you be sure that the other person is "transparent"?*)

The only way of being sure, honest and protected, is by using the condom"

☐ "At a certain age, it is practically impossible to resist the **"desire to do it"**. Your body asks for it and, sometimes, faithfulness itself becomes difficult"

● "Life is too short to waste it by taking on 'dirt'. It is necessary to regulate and master your body, in a single word: **"Abstain"**. ☐ "Even though abstinence, is not impossible, it protects against infidelity, puts off amorous deceptions and helps to store energies for the future"

☐ "Love is a sacred feeling that should not be shared except with the elected of one's life. If you do not want to regret all your life of just **"allowing it to go"**, you must abstain"

● «Fidelity?. What fidelity?. Go and talk about these things in Heaven»

☐ «I acknowledge that: I am not faithful because always curious and unsatisfied»

● «My first and only guy is my spouse. We have been married in the Church and we have promised fidelity»

(« 100% jeune », n° 21 and 28)

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