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**Diocese Pastoral Message for the month February.**

**“Speak out the Truth with Love”**

**Diocese month for Fathers**



**ONE FAITH ONE BAPTISM, ONE BODY:  
The Teaching of the Second Vatican Council:  
Baptismal dignity of all**

**Diocese month for FATHERS (DADDIES) “ Speak out the Truth with Love.”**

**Dear Catholic faithful of the Gizo Diocese,**  
During this year 2013 the whole Catholic Church is committed to renew its faith: in spirit, in style and in fruitfulness.

Our faith must become deeper in relationship with the person of Jesus Christ: his person, his message, his style of life  
Our faith must be shown in our behavior; that is in what we do, the way we live must match what we believe  
Our faith must be experienced together at home and in the community so that faith can become alive and an experience of a living liturgy: life lived as Eucharistic gift of oneself to the community... and we can say like saint Paul “It is no longer me who lives but Christ living in me...” (Gal 2.20)

A Living faith begins with God, and ends up in an attitude of following Christ as a servant to the community.  
Living our lives as a gift received and returned to God is the right attitude of renewing and making our faith alive.

Why all this? because we have been created in God's image, consecrated and sent in baptism for a mission, redeemed by Christ's blood, with the power of the Holy Spirit in us...given at confirmation

**How do our daddies come into the picture of the year of faith:**

- Daddies, we need you: we are expecting you to live your faith in every decision you make in your family
- In every action you perform at the service and respect of your family and community
- Only then you can speak In truth and in Love... and become credible to your family and community

The rights and duties as members of the Church for participation in the life and mission of the church are based on baptism, rather than ordination or religious profession. This has consequences for the laity in their call to ministry and mission to transform the world. It creates for us a new equality of relationships in the Church.

Daddies, priests, bishops, sisters, we are all baptized for the same mission with different gifts and roles... but with only one faith...

This idea was taken up strongly in the Vatican Council being expressed in its documents. In the formulation of Lumen Gentium the chapter on People of God was deliberately placed before that on Priests, to emphasis our equality in baptism as one people.

- “The laity, too, share in the priestly, prophetic and royal office of Christ and therefore have their own role to play in the mission of the whole People of God in the Church and in the world.” [AA2]



**“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.”**



*Bishop’s Pastoral Message Cont’*

- “The laity, by their very vocation, seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God.” [LG 31]
- “Laymen... are to be a leaven animating temporal affairs from within, disposing them always to become as Christ would have them.” (ADI5).
- “As members of the living Christ, all the faithful are duty-bound to cooperate in the expansion and spreading out of His Body.” [AG 36]

Daddies, you are the head of your domestic church, you are responsible for the kingdom of God in your family. Follow Pope Benedict, be a humble servant in the vineyard of the Lord: speak the truth with love: be a true prophet: believe the truth, speak the truth, live by the truth that you have received in the gift of Faith then and only then you will be lovable as you must be

With my blessings for a renewal of your faith during the privilege moment of the Lenten and Easter season  
With you a brother, for you a Bishop who loves and blesses you from a Solo heart made in Italy

*Bp Luciano Capelli, sdb, Gizo diocese*

## Announcement

*Priests meeting 18th–20th March.  
Priests bring the statistics of your parish.*

### 2012 PARISH STATISTICS

(From January 1, 2012 to December 31st 2012)

**Baptisms**    0-1 years old \_\_\_\_\_  
                   1-7 years old \_\_\_\_\_  
                   Above 7 yrs \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmations** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Marriages :**    Straight Catholics \_\_\_\_\_  
                       Mixed marriages \_\_\_\_\_  
**First communions** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Deaths**            \_\_\_\_\_

**March 24 — R II**  
**Passion Sunday C**  
**(Palm Sunday)**

Is 50: 4-7  
 Phil 2: 6-11  
 Lk 22: 14-23: 56 or  
 Lk 23:1-16

### THE MONTH OF MARCH

- 4th — 11th— Education for Life program. (Nuhu, Toumoa, Samanago & Kariki)
- 11th — 15th—Men’s Seminar on social issues affecting them

& their family. (Moli PC).

- 18th — 20th— Priest meeting



# \_\_ Happenings in Our Diocese \_\_

## World Youth Day Celebration – Diocese of Gizo (22– 28th July)



This year’s WYD will be made special as it is an international gathering, and the diocese is planning to join with other countries to celebrate the WYD 2013 here in the diocese of Gizo.

**Venues:**

Moli Pastoral Centre (Northern Deanery)

Wagina Parish (Southern Deanery)

**Aim:**

- To involve our youth in the diocese to participate the WYD celebration here in the diocese of Gizo.
- encourage youth into catechism lesson, so to prepare them for the event.
- With the new materials provided by the diocese, youths will have the privilege to study them.
- With the activities provided, the youth will be motivated and have the privilege to reactivate each other into youth programs in their own parish.

**Program of Activities:**

Catechism, Bible games, Sport, Music, Cultural activities, Charity activities etc.

**Preparation:**

The program coordinator will draft out a planned program for the WAD 2013.

With the team, the team will carefully run through the planned program for any changes, contributions or involve more activities.

**Funding:**

Parishes are to raise their own funds for this occasion to take place. Funds will go towards transportation, meals etc.

**Program Coming up for the month of March**

1. Men’s seminar on Social Issues – (Moli PC) 11th–15th 2013.
2. Priest Meeting – (Gizo Cathedral) 18th- 20th 2013

## Preparation for the Easter Triduum

<p>28th of March Holy Thursday.</p> <p><i>(Mass of the Lords Supper)</i></p> <p><i>Longed for Passover Call on God’s Name Proclaim His Death Do as I have done</i></p>	<p>29th of March Good Friday.</p> <p><i>(Liturgical Service)</i></p> <p><i>Held of on Account I call to my God Source of Salvation It is Accomplished</i></p>	<p>30th of March Easter Vigil.</p> <p><i>(Holy Saturday)</i></p> <p><i>Let there be light Abraham obeys God The Lord triumphed God’s steadfast love My word shall endure Listen, learn my wisdom I will be your God Alive in Christ He as been raised</i></p>	<p>31st of March Mass during Day</p> <p><i>(Easter Sunday)</i></p> <p><i>Preach and testify Seek things above He saw and believe</i></p>
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## Happenings in our Parishes

### Female Students, no Gender Difference when comes to an Education.

More female students from the St. Peter's Urban Training Centre Gizo said, there is no gender difference when they learn electrical or mechanics.

up with them, both in practical and theory.

Miss Vesta 16, she too thought that electrical is masculine field, and that she may encounter problems if she did join. However, joining in with other girls, has made it possible for her , for not only be a part of the team but has been very enjoyable so far, actually being in the course. She finds it easy to learn, learn by doing things together with other male students who have all been so helpful to her.



Joana also 16 said that if only the teacher, and the male portion of the class would be more open and be available to her when needed, then maybe the gender issue would not be a problem. As such learning together irrespective of gender has certainly improved much on the gender issue.

Miss Beverlyn, thought that electrical or mechanical is boys stuff and whilst enrolling at St Peter's, she thought, she'd give the electrical course a try. She thought boys students, who dominate the class population would automatically do better than her but to her surprise she has kept



Miss Rose thought that life is worth nothing when nobody cares for you. But she thanked our bishop who came to a rescue.

She said that learning mechanics with other male classmate doesn't makes any different with gender issue.

Miss Catherine said that learning mechanic is full of fun and interesting especially when you try to fit yourself under a vehicle. A very un-feminine posture.



**Human beings are the only creatures that allow their children to come back home.**

~unknown Author

## — NEWS IN BITS —

### MV St. Peter (Camilo) to Resume Trip to Parishes.

Since the Diocese is looking forward for another major development to be done, and with the number of diocesan programs coming up, M.V. St. Peter now again will resume sea trip to parishes.



St. Peter was slipped up for almost a year for repairing the parts which had become un-seaworthy

With the help from the Italian volunteers the ship has its new look with fibro coating around its main body.

### Ovulation & Moral Teaching, Number One to Improve Living.

The Ovulation Method and along with the moral teaching of the church could lessen the difficulties which currently burden the lives of family and single mothers said John Paul a participant attending the program at Moli Pastoral Centre from 5th—9th February.

He said that this day there are many children to feed, money for their school fees and some have to stop school allowing other brothers or sisters to continue, and more became neglected.

Very sad that more of our mothers have to attend clinics to look for artificial contraceptive device to space birth which is truly against the teaching of the church.

The workshop was a really an eye opener for him, and he realised now that we have a wonderful program, hidden from us for many years.

He thanked the facilitators, Fr Peter Lalaigalo op, Sr. Rita op, Moses Pageava, Anthony and Zakari for assisting the facilitators.

The program was attended by 12 couples from southern and northern deaneries excluding Wagina parish who cannot make it to attend.

### A Father Urge Islanders to Learn from Italian Volunteers.

A father asked the people from the diocese of Gizo to observe closely, our visiting friends from Italy.

He said, the volunteers are in their 60's—70's were active and respond to field activities; building the Diocese of Gizo from 7am—6pm, working up to 12 hours a day.



The father urged everyone to learn from them rather than to sit back, chewing betel nut and with this negative thought; **“tomorrow nao or wait pestaem or mi less”** .

The father asked not to mention his name said that he was very thankful to those volunteers, not only to build the Diocese but with their skills which they shared which has been very helpful to our carpentry boys. The father said that the volunteers are very professionals bringing our boys to professional levels. And we should proud of this.





## EDUCATION 4 LIFE

FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS

# GROWING UP

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### BAD EFFECTS OF HAVING SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE

#### DANGERS TO HEALTH

Doing without sex before marriage does no harm to health. **The truth is just the opposite:** it is having casual sex that brings sexually transmitted diseases, of which AIDS is one. It is by having sex with anyone they can get hold of that boys and girls ruin their health, sometimes without the possibility of recovery.

#### Danger of being unfaithful in a future marriage

\*Many marriages, even when done in church, are in trouble because the husband had the bad habit of running after girls before he married and now cannot get rid of the habit. Men always promise to be faithful to the wife but afterwards they find it difficult to keep the promise.

#### HOW TO KEEP SAFE:

- Avoid going out at night on your own or with groups of friends that you are not sure of.
- Keep away from badly lit corners.
- Don't trust others to the point of foolishness.
- Neither drink alcohol nor smoke.
- Become ever more careful and alert.

\*As a result a man will deceive his wife about what he earns and his wife will not have enough money for the household expenses (*because he is paying for another woman and other children*). So quarrels begin all the time with his lawful wife; there is no more peace and it ends up in divorce.

\*The same thing can happen to a woman who has been used to giving herself to a lot of men before she found a man who took her seriously. Will she be able to keep faithful to her husband?