



The Month Of August.

The WYD 2011

Host Venues:
Nila Parish &
Gizo Parish

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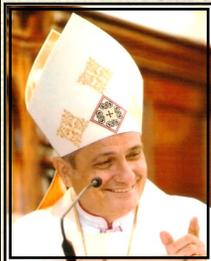
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THE BIBLE MONTH AND THE WORLD YOUTH DAY

"The Word of God a Way to Harmony and forgiveness"



**Bishop's message for the month of August
GOD'S WORD can make a big difference.**

Dear people of God of Gizo Diocese:

Here are three statements on the word of God

"People do not believe preachers; they believe witnesses, that is they believe only those who live what they preach..." (Evangelii Nuntiandi)

" You and I are the only Bible which everyone can 'read' and understand..." (even those who do not know how to read) because actions speak louder than words.

The word of God is alive, active, cutting deep... producing fruits...**only if** it falls on good ground... if is well proclaimed, joyfully received, and faithfully followed...

For the past years the whole church has studied on how to make the word of God alive and meaningful to the people of today, the conclusions of the International Bishops synod on the word of God are all written on the apostolic exhortation: "VERBUM DOMINI" (God's word), written lately by the Holy Father Benedict the XVI. The letter has three parts:

In the first part is the **Theological part:** The Holy Father deals with the word of God, spoken to us in scriptures: the way the invisible God became close to us: "His word became flesh..."

In the second part we read about the word of God **in the liturgy** and in the church; the word of God as the inspiration of all our pastoral activities and liturgical actions

In the third part we are told about the word of God proclaimed **to this world** in order to renew it in all aspects through specific

commitments:

- *To bring about Justice and peace*
- *To foster reconciliation among peoples*
- *To give strength to the youth*
- *To bring healing to the sick*
- *To bring comfort to the migrant workers*
- *To bring hope for the poor*
- *To protect creation.*
- *To bring culture to a better level of moral behavior, by evangelizing unchristian attitudes*
- *To inspire communion and cooperation among different churches*

The bible is not good advice but "good news"

Let us then take it seriously and pattern our lives in response to it. Let us study this apostolic letter of the Holy Father to you and put it into action

May the word of God inspire us this month

to do our level best, have faith in humanity to be kind to the poor,
to ask pardon when in error,
to be generous with an enemy,
To sympathize with those who suffer and are oppressed.

You and I are writing a gospel, a chapter each day, by the deeds that you do, and the words that you say. People read what you write, If it's false or if it's true. Now what is the gospel according to you? Is the gospel we are writing a good news or a 'bad news'?

With the blessings and love of your Bishop with a SOLO heart made in Italy.

+ Luciano Aquilino, sdb



"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"



**Rellysdom A Malakana
Media Coordinator.**

On December 11, 1925 His Holiness Pope Pius XI announced, in the encyclical *Quas Primas*, the new devotional feast of **Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**. He used the 1600th anniversary of the Council of Nicea, which gave us our profession of faith the Nicene Creed, to encourage prayer to combat growing atheism and secularism.

Pope Pius XI said, that the feast of the Kingship of Christ, which in future will be yearly observed, may hasten the return of society to our loving Savior. It would be the duty of Catholics to do all they can to bring about this happy result.

2009 Christ the King feast day links with the World Youth Day message . The Pope addresses young people on the theme of hope, saying that although youth is "a special time

of hope", it can also be marked by a "crisis of hope" when difficulties threaten to overwhelm us. He encourages young people to follow the example of St Paul in being witnesses of hope, placing our hope in Christ, the living God.

Well, the Diocese of Gizo WYD celebration will be on two host venues, Gizo Parish and Nila Parish.

The theme for WYD 2011 — **"Rooted and Built Up in Jesus Christ, Firm in the Faith."** (*Colossians 2:7*). "There are many young people who have their eyes fixed on that beautiful city, with the joy of being able to meet there in a few months to hear together the Word of Christ, which is always young, and to be able to share the faith that unites us and the desire they have of building a better world, inspired in the values of the Gospel," the Pope said in a short greeting.

His message also link us to Christ feast days. Which always link us to see the realities of the diocesan pastoral programs been implemented in our parishes.

This year, the 4th December will be our joyous event to celebrate, the diocese will consecrate its new cathedral. This reminds us that God is with us in our struggles. This year lets base our goal on Solidarity, and promote the value of Reconciliation.

Yes, it is everyone's responsibility to bring happiness and peace among the communities, families or individual. This feast day, Christ the King solemnity can be meaningful if one may value the sacrament of penance.



THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS SOLEMNITY—1st July 2011

Reveal Thy Sacred Heart to me, O Jesus, and show me Its attractions. Unite me to It for ever. Grant that all my aspirations and all the beats of my heart, which cease not even while I sleep, may be a testimonial to Thee of my love for Thee and may say to Thee: Yes, Lord, I am all Thine; the pledge of my allegiance to Thee rests ever in my heart and will never cease to be there. Do Thou accept the slight amount of good that I do and be graciously pleased to repair all my wrongdoing; so that I may be able to bless Thee in time and in eternity. Amen



_ Happenings in Our Diocese _

PERSONALITY INTEGRATION TRAINING FOR COUPLES.

The Catholic Diocese of Gizo has conducted training on **"Personality Integration"** for nine (9) couples from Noro, Gizo and Wagina Parishes from 14 to 17 July at St. Peter the Apostle Cathedral Centre.

The couples are the Family Life Apostolate Core Groups who are responsible for family life apostolate work in their Parish.

This training provides the couples the knowledge and skills to assist youth to become more in touch with themselves, their inner core and to develop a healthy self image, accepting their culture, environment and sexuality. From this basis, youth may learn to communicate their true self and form healthy relationships that can lead to making the decision in life, especially in marriage.

The training activities include spiritual formation, team work building and

practical presentation from participants. Couples use this time to

strengthen themselves, their team work and better understanding of the journey of life of the young people. Getting to know the young, accompany them and accepting them in their search for true love is a challenge to parents and adults. It is not easy when in most times young people tend to make rush conclusions, especially in their search for a true love relationship that leads to marriage.

Handbook on "Personal Integration" accompanied with pictorial charts was presented to the Core groups of each Parish. They were encouraged to plan programs for the youths share what they have learnt to the young people of their Parish.

The training was facilitated by the Diocesan Family Life Apostolate coordinator Sr. Rita Pitavavine OP and was ably assisted by Fr. Gabriel Matotewa, Fr. Stephen Te'e, Angelina Vasota, Sr. Maria Tom OP and Joseph Lalaubatu.



THE WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION

Date: 15th—21st August 2011

"To be inspired and value
each other's giftedness"

"Be Alive & Shared"

Host venues:

Nila Parish & Gizo Parish



__Happenings Around Our Parishes __

Parishioners, Welcome Youth Pastoral Team from Pedrengo Italy.

The 28th of this July has been another joyous welcome to the St. Peter's Cathedral Gizo parish. The Youth Pastoral team from Pedrengo Parish, Bergamo, Italy were welcomed with exchange of smiles.

The welcome commenced at Nusatupe airstrip where warriors welcomed them with traditional welcome, they then escorted them by boat to Gizo township. There the youth performed dances and songs along the beat of the music.

After a small gathering with refreshment each speaker took turn to welcome the guests.

The Bishop, Most Rev. Bishop Luciana Capelli

sdb warmly welcomed them with words which made them feel at home.

Bishop said that, they made big sacrifices to visit us in our isolated place. He said, with the



setting up of the youth center here in our diocese, we expect exchange views, experiences which will make the church grow. The bishop invited guests to feel at home during these

3 nice weeks experience.

In response, Fr. Alesandro (A priest accompanies them) said that they were feeling touched, and this experience may remain with them for their life time. They came here to experience and learn from each other. He said, they have been aware of what has been going on in the diocese and desired very much to come to make a dream come true



Pastoral Programs and Events Coming

- **August:** The Bible Month & the World Youth Day
15th—Catholic Women in the Solomon Islands DAY.
- **September:** 12th—Diocesan Mother's Day
12th—14th— Northern Deanery Priest Meeting, Moli.
- **October:** Month of Holy Rosary
3rd—21st— "Called to be Catechist Training" Pastoral Centre, Moli.
- **November:**
7—11—Men's Training Workshop, Moli Pastoral Center.
21—25 Media training and Evaluation, Gizo.
- **December:** Children's Month
4th—CONSECRATION OF OUR CATHEDRAL—Gizo
5- 7—Priest Meeting, Gizo.

— NEWS IN BITS —

St. Marta Women's Group, Gizo Celebrate Feast Day.

The Feast day of St. Marta could not be forgotten when the date arrived, as their name for their organization, the St. Marta's Catholic Women's group from Gizo parish celebrated with Thanksgiving Mass and refreshment with action songs



Some came from areas outside Gizo township which built a communion of families which each one gave a St. Marta's smile for the day to remembered. Now the Mothers are looking ahead for the council of Catholic Mothers' gathering at Tetere, Honiara.

Thirty Two Pastoral Workers Successfully Participate in a Catechist Training. (Jerome Kuibatu)

32 Pastoral workers successfully participated the Catechist training from 6 to 11 June at Moli Pastoral Center, mainly to help the pastoral workers to be familiar with structure and contents of the catechist handbook the "Catechist for Catholics of PNG and SI" and how to use it as a recourse tool for the faith of their community.

The training was facilitated by the 2 priest of Moli parish, Fr. Jacob and Fr. Gabriel and the diocesan pastoral team at Moli pastoral center.

Ten Only, Attended "Hey Dads" Program Nila (Jerome Kuibatu, Pastoral Center Moli)

10 Dads (Men) have completed the "Hey Dads" training from 26th May to 2nd July at Nila mission Station.

Facilitated by Hey Dads trainers from recent Hey Dads training which mainly to encourage fathers to perform their role in their own family. The training also improved trainers for further facilitating the Hey Dad's program in their own parishes.

Welcome Ceremony Gives Positive, "Hey Mum"

(Lawrence Kodakana, Media Christ the King Parish)

Receiving unexpected welcome ceremony from the Christ the King Parish Voruvoru Mission station gives the facilitators a sign that the parish is well prepared for the Hey Mum's training at Voruvoru from 11th—15th April.

At arrival facilitators and other participants from St. Joseph Moli and St. Dominic Sirovanga parish were welcomed and escorted by mother's custom dancing group and by pan pipers group from Voruvoru. Such preparations encouraged the facilitators and participant. The program was well prepared from the beginning to the end.

Since the areas was called parish, the parishioners are looking forward for the diocesan pastoral activities to be more reasonable in Christ the king parish, Voruvoru.

Tutu Host 1st Meeting, Christ the King Parish.

(Lawrence Kodakana, Media Christ the King Parish)

Since the Communities become parish, a first meeting was held at Tutu village from 1st -3rd April were parish priests Fr. Peter and Fr. Timothy, chiefs, head of organization came to attend.

The meeting was purposely to set up structure for the parish, formation of parish pastoral coordinators and PTPA, and include parish pastoral plans, parish concerns, Parish budgets etc.

The meeting successfully ended on the 3rd day where parishioners gathered for the Thanksgiving Mass and feasting.



EDUCATION 4 LIFE
FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS
Responsible behaviour

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1.-MORAL CRITERIA

FAMILY MORALS:

- ➔ Responsible parenthood
- ➔ Raising children together.
- ➔ Incest prohibited

SOCIAL MORALS:

- ➔ The family cell is the base of the society.
- ➔ To be united in a marital covenant. (no concubine, no adultery)
- ➔ Rape and other sexual abuses are punished by law.

CHRISTIAN MORALS:

- ➔ Respect of the person, image of God (and not an object).
- ➔ Adultery and fornication are routs to misfortune.
- ➔ The transmission of life after a commitment in marriage.
- ➔ The love of spouse and of the children are a revelation of God's own love.

(Casterman, The difference between love and having sexual relationships-Yaoundé, pag.12)