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#### **CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF GIZO**



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### The History of love and sin

- 1. The original Harmony of Creation reflected the beauty and the peace of the communion of the Father, Son and Spirit
- The refusal to serve God by Lucifer, the sin of Adam and Eve, the sin of all humankind, our own personal and common sinfulness have broken the harmony of the creator and provoked hatred, chaos, disharmony, divisions, wars, violence, injustices.
- 3. The humankind could not re-establish harmony with the creator and the creatures, we were lost in the dark
- 4. It was His son who came to rebuild unity, communion and harmony between the creator, creation and the creatures among themselves
- He did it in the last three days of his life by showing us the way through his suffering, death and resurrection

### The history of the fidelity of God in Jesus Christ who brought victory

- Lucifer and sin did not win, death did not win, darkness did not win, hatred and divisions lost
- Jesus Christ by dying and rising PAID FDR US ALL...brought us back to harmony with himself. his creation. his creatures
- We, sinful creatures, can also be winners in Him who reconciled us with our creator

### The experience of Easter must touch our lives

- Easter joy and hope must fill our hearts as we contemplate the empty tomb, we can hope again
- Easter is the time we best experience what Jesus thought us... love for each other, harmony, communion
- We live Easter as a communion experience, getting together as a family of believers to share our common faith in the risen Lord,
- We do that by celebrating and by singing our ALLELUIA,

Like the women going to the tomb, we too will come, this Easter looking for the Lord: He is.....



April 17th



**PALM SUNDAY** 

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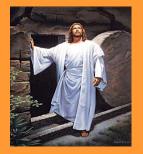
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EASTER TRIDUUM

here, radiant, loving, longing for the moment when we shall open our hearts wide, to enable him to flood them with his new life and his fresh joy.

Our mortal eyes are unable to see him in the fullness of his glory.

He knows we would not stand it; we could not possibly see Him and live!

He will make himself totally ours in the banquet of the Eucharist we are about to celebrate.

What greater Easter gift could He present us with, than Himself!

### Keeping alive the Spirit of Easter

- By Following the early Christians who meet together, as a family, every Sunday, on the first day of the week, the day of the sun in order to gratefully "remember and celebrate"
- Each Sundays is a privileged occasions to meet the Risen Lord at our community gatherings,
- Our encounter with the Lord this Easter should enable us to go back home and let people know as convincingly as Mary Magdalene did: "I have seen the Lord!"
- Let our whole life be a continuous Easter, with Jesus' resurrection, and our own resurrection at Baptism, always present in our minds
- This should help us to be firm in our resolution "never to die again!".
- Our Easter prayer, should be that of the disciples of Emmaus: "Stay with us, Lord the day is almost over and it is getting dark" (Lk 24:29).
- With the liturgical prayer of Easter Sunday we ask the Risen Christ to renew our lives.

"God our Father, by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Let our Easter celebrations raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us"

May Easter Joy fill our hearts and make one in Him so that together we may do our responsibility in rebuilding his kingdom of harmony in creation and among the creatures starting now in our own homes.

A BLESSED EASTER TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES

I am happy to be your bishop with a Solomon heart made in Italy



De<mark>ar Young people of the Gizo diocese,</mark>

"Do not waste your life, do not simply survive, take your life into your hands and make is a masterpiece at the service of God and humanity..."

These words of John Paul II (he will be beatified on May one this year) are a real challenge for you young people.
You have only one life and one youth; do not waste it away...

Your bishop challenged you too to "**keep the church of Gizo young".** If you take your life in your hands and make it a masterpiece of service to God and your community, you keep the church young.

Your example of generosity and enthusiasm can inspire the adults to life the values they preach to you. You can do that, do not just



"We Give and Re-give all a Sense of the Value of SOLIDARITY by Doing Actions of RECONCILIATION with our Brothers and Sisters and the Nature around Us"



watch your Christian community... make it alive and keep it young... by living fully and joyfully as a truly committed young person..." The Y.E can teach you how..."

Remember the secret of inner Joy according to Don Bosco. It is coming only from friendship with God and is kept with a good and frequent confession:

Dear Friend, I love you with my whole heart. It is enough that you are young for me to love you very much. You have in your heart the treasure of true friendship with the Lord. If you keep it, you are the richest person on earth. If you lose it you become one of the most unhappy and poorest persons in the whole world. May the Lord always be with you and help you to live as his true friend. If you behave in this manner I assure you that God will be very happy with you and you will save your soul, the most important value in your life. May God grant you a happy and long life. May your friendship with the Lord always be your greatest treasure both on this earth and in Eternity".

lam your friend, Fr. John Bosco

And I am your friend too who loves you with a Solomon heart made in Italy...

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Bishop Luciano Capelli, sdb



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The Month Of April

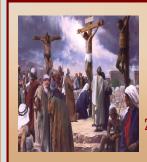
Suffering, Death, & Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Theme: "Be Open to Change"

Evangelizing Message: "Come as you are, Listen with your heart and live the fullness of life"

Palm Sunday 17th April





### EASTER TRIDUUM

21st of April—Holy Thursday. 22nd of April— Good Friday. 23rd April —Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 24th April — Easter Sunday..



### YOUTH ENCOUNTER FORMATION STILL ALIVE

(Fr. Stephen Tee, Youth Director)

This year [2011] the 4th to 6th March the first YE Formation program in Gizo had registered 22 young people chosen from few zones around Gizo parish.

Originally the YE formation program is a program inherited from the Philippine and designed especially for the youths. Out of the three Catholic dioceses in the Solomon Islands Gizo Catholic Diocese was fortunate to get this YE formation program through the Filipino priest that were here previously.

In the past the facilitators of this formation program used to go around to other parishes in the diocese to give this YE formation program to our young people. This year we were taught to set an example to other parishes by starting this program in our own parish and make our parish to be a model for other parishes.

Most of the youths who attended this weekend YE formation program can read and write. Most of these youths show great interest in their discussions, trying to understand each of the questioned asked. Most of them responded well to this YE formation program, when they tried to understand each sessions and eager to share what they learned with others

During the sessions they realized that many times in their lives they have been putting on masks, and they have been put down because people see them in the way they are. However after attending this YE formation program they were satisfied to discover all their good-

ness's, their strengths and the weaknesses they have.

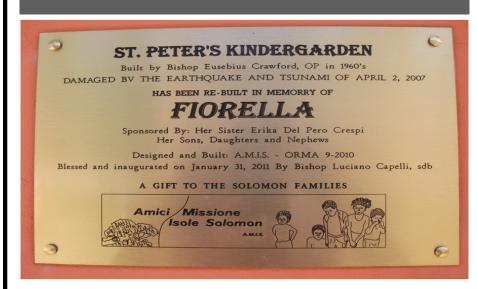
The interaction of the youths during this YE formation program really allowed for the spirit of the youth encounter to come alive again. As they have shared they really experienced the spirit of youth encounter which is the spirit of openness care and trust for each other .The Atmosphere of reflection AND moments of silence during this YE formation program is really touching and moving. They said that it was a nice experience for them after many of them were taught on the simple ways on how to meditate and reflect on the talks that were given to them







### ST PETER'S KINDERGARTEN, GIZO







# News In Bits

### Feast Day Highlights Justice in the Family

The Feast Day of St. Joseph on the 19th March brought together fathers in and around Gizo town.

The event highlighted justice between father, mother and children.

More of these fathers have the privileged to listen to the Catechism from Bishop Luciano Capelli's sdb. He based his message on the basic principal of evangelization that is Love and be a Good Example for the Family. In his conclusion speech he recited the St. John Bosco quotation, reminding them that it is not enough to love the family but let the family feel and experience that love.

Month of March is Father's Month where mothers and children enjoyed the proaram with their father.



### Commitment Gives Positive Sign, Moli Church Project





More turn up for the unload of the materials for the ST. Joseph Moli Church Project. This shows that responsible people are committed to carry out their responsibility. Such commitment and the participatory of the

parishioners may strengthen the workers to carry out the project.

Replacing the old church which was built by the Dominican in the 60's, the New Church building will be 2 times bigger than the old church. The New Church building will be located inisland about 10 meters above sea level

### Sunday School Teachers' Training & Catechism

(Francisca Terubeieta Mala - Sunday School Teacher, New Sotiwa Camp, Gizo)

26 participants from the Southern Deanery successfully completed a 4 days Sunday School Training and Catechism on the 10th—13th of March here in St Peter's Cathedral Gizn.

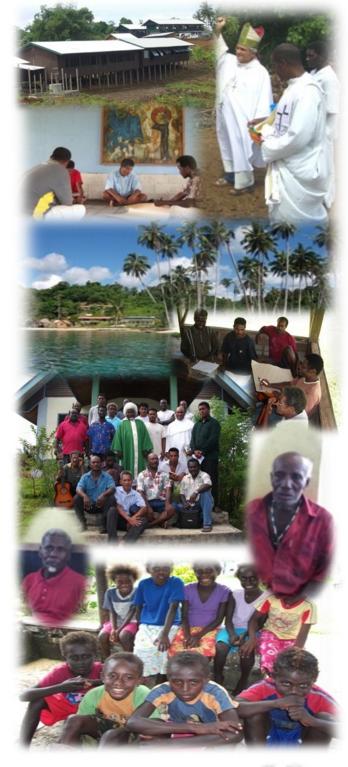
Participants included Kindy, Primary

School and Sunday School Teachers.
The sessions covered 'Called to be Sunday
School Teacher, Ministry in the Church, Differences between formal education Teacher
& Sunday School Teacher, Catechesis
through Sunday school and understanding

and using the Sunday School manual.

Our Bishop Luciano Capelli sdb gave each night the inspiration and teaching of the Catholic Catechism, which is very enriching and faith-filled for living.

Facilitated by Jerome Kuibatu, Sr. Maria Tora op, Fr. Stephen Te'e, Sr. Rita OP, Sr. Saniella OP and Joseph Lalaubatu .





# EDUCATION 4 LIFE From February Issue THE DRIVES CONNECTED TO BEING

### 1.-THE INSTINCT OF CONSERVATION

Positive aspects

# We need to eat, drink and sleep. It is also necessary to stretch yourself, to protect yourself from the rain, cold and other risks...

What is it?

Appetite is good. We lack it when we are sick. Drinking and sleeping are necessary for health.

Health must be maintained by avoiding excess cold or heat...

Over eating, taking alcoholic drinks without moderation... puts one's health in jeopardy. This uncontrolled care can make us lazy or psychologically sick.

Danger

### 2.-THE SOCIAL INSTINCT

### What is it?

The human being is sociable by nature: He likes sharing, participation, and dialogue. He has language to express himself.

### Positive aspects

A person grows together with others. He is helped and he helps others. Sharing is a way of manifesting love and acceptation of the others... My selfishness can ignore the needs of others: need to study, to rest, of silence and of private life.

Dangers

### **SEXUAL ATTRACTION**

### What is it?

The human person has to continue the specie and to reproduce: the sexual attraction between man and woman.

## Positive aspects It is a force given to

us by God. The complementarities pushes us to come out of selfishness to interest us in others, to know them, to help them, to love them...

### Dangerr

The sexual instinct can become a self-ish possession through fornication, sexual slavery, obsessions...
The instinct can close us in mastur-

bation, fantasies...