



### Highlights the Month of November

1st & 2nd — All Saints & all Souls day.

21st — Our Lord Jesus Christ Universal King.

28th — 1st Sunday of Advent.

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### November 5th



Ovulation & Moral teaching Seminar.



## Coniugal Love and Responsibility

Dear People of God in Gizo Diocese:

In response to my duty and mission to preach the good news, I quote these passages from the catholic catechism which we will soon have in our homes. The topic is the controversial 'family planning' methods not accepted by the Catholic Church because in conflict with the doctrine of the bible and of the church. The numbers at the end of the paragraphs, refer to the Catechism of the universal church numbers. The Catholic Church is for responsible parenthood: Have only the number of children you can grow and educate. Control and space the births of your children using nature as a guide. Know your selves; love yourselves in respect for God's law. Here are the basic values behind this stand:

***The total gift of self includes sexuality exercised in Christian chastity***

*The Christian has "put on Christ," the model for all chastity.*

***Married people are called to live conjugal chastity 2349***

*There are three forms of the virtue of chastity in the church: the first is that of spouses, the second that of widows and the third that of virgins.*

***Chastity as a virtue***

*Chastity includes self-mastery which is training in human freedom: making the right choices*

*The virtue of chastity comes under the cardinal virtue of temperance, which seeks to permeate the passions and appetites of the senses with reason. 2341*

***Self-mastery is a long and exacting work. 2342***

***Chastity has laws of growth "Man and woman day by day build themselves up through their many free decisions" 2343***

*Chastity is a moral virtue, it is also a gift from God, a grace, a fruit of spiritual effort.*

*The Holy Spirit enables one whom the water of Baptism has regenerated to imitate the purity of Christ.*

***Science and technology are not the masters of humanity***

*They must be at the service of the human person, of his true and integral good, in conformity with the plan and the will of God.*

*Except when performed for strictly therapeutic medical reasons, directly intended amputations, mutilations and sterilizations performed on innocent persons are against the moral law.*

***The spouses' union achieves the twofold end of marriage (Marriage has two objectives) the good of the spouses themselves and the transmission of life.***

*These two meanings or values of marriage cannot be separated without changing the couple's spiritual life and compromising the goods of marriage and the family. 2363*

***The dignified acts of marriage***

*by which the intimate and chaste union of the spouses takes place are noble and honorable the truly human performance of these acts fosters the self-giving they signify, and enriches the spouses in joy and gratitude."*

***Sexuality is a source of joy and pleasure 2362***

*"By safeguarding both these essential aspects, the uniting and the procreating, the conjugal act preserves in*

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*its fullness the sense of true mutual love toward man's vocation to parenthood." 2369*

**Periodic continence,**

*that is, the methods of birth regulation based on self-observation and the use of infertile periods, are in conformity with the objective criteria of morality.*

*These methods respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between them and favor the education of an authentic freedom. In contrast, "every action which, whether in anticipation of the conjugal act, or in its accomplishment, or in the development of its natural consequences, proposes, whether as an end or as a means, to render procreation impossible" is intrinsically evil. 2370*

*The self-giving of husband and wife using contraception, leads not only to a positive refusal to be open to life but also to a falsification of the inner truth of conjugal love*

The teaching of the Catholic Church in this matter is not the easiest way out from problematic situations... It reflects the dignity of the person, the purpose of life and of sexuality... the values of the moral law governing the plan of God, the personal and free choices and responsibility in response to God's grace...

We are called to use sexuality with respect, responsibility and the dignity of children of God.

May we all be inspired and encourage to defend our faith

*Bishop Luciano Capelli, sdb*

*Who loves you with a Solo heart made in Italy*



**Joseph Lalaubatu**

(Pastoral coordinator, Diocese of Gizo)

The Catholic Diocese of Gizo Pastoral Team has implemented a program called "HEY DAD" - a parenting education program for daddies. A series of training of trainers was conducted at each Parish venues for a total of sixty-five (65) selected daddies of Wagina, Nila, Moli, Sirovanga, and Gizo & Noro Parishes from January 19<sup>th</sup> - June 6<sup>th</sup>.

As daddies the program calls and challenges all for a greater parenting roles for their children together with their wife. Daddies have been challenged to be parents. Not only to be the head but also to be the heart of the family together intimately intact with their wife in their parenting roles for their children. A parent is to be a true father and mother. For without them (children) daddies would not be called daddies. It is children that call men who are husbands- daddies.

All daddies who attended responded with a commitment to try and do their best in their families and to share what they have learned with other daddies and to assist young daddies in their Parish to take up their roles as parent and daddy in the family. They have shown the enthusiasm to live it and share with other daddies.

Daddies were challenged to be good, holy daddies and advocate the parenting roles of fathers and see that young daddies in the Parish are assisted.

The formation of Parish Men's coordinating teams after each training seriously gives the importance for the continuation of this program at the Parish level. Parish team ought to take the responsibility, together with the support of the Parish Priest & PTPA to see to

extending and continuing this program for men as husbands and daddies.

During the months of July - August, "Hey Dad" training workshops were conducted for Daddies of each Parish by Parish facilitators. Coming up in November 8 - 12 is "strengthening & Planning Program" training at Nila for leaders of each Parish men's group.

The Hey Dad program was introduced to the Diocese of Gizo in 2004 - 2005 by David and Penny Kerr who travelled from Sydney and were guests of the Catholic Diocese of Gizo.



**Br. Robert Yanowae, OP**

**To be Christ-Like, one needs Spiritual Exercise.**

This is a short reflection connected with the idea of courses run by the Diocese of Gizo from the month of August till September. The aim of the courses being set by the Diocese is to nourish and strengthen the faith of the Christian people to imitate and follow the footprint of Christ.

But how can we be nourished and strengthened by the courses? Most people think that the ideas of attending courses are the pretty popular aspect as nourishment or source of strength. Often we have heard some people said: *"If you have problems in living Christian lives, go to church service, attend every course, hear the word of God and you will get the strength."*



**"We give & re-give ALL the sense of the value of SOLIDARITY by promoting our being in UNITY with our brothers and sisters and with the nature around us"**

Relationships and Partnership are the basis for UNITY, and Unity is the basis for both of these: as we grow in relationship and partnership our unity develops and grows; it reveals to us in our experience the reality of our unity as humans, as Christians and as citizens of our nation



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In the mind of most people they believe that attending every courses and hearing the word of God provide strength to live our Christian lives. Of course it can, but... there seems to be something *'almost magical'* about all those things. If we attend every course or go to church services hearing the word of God regularly, will it apparently solve all our problems? Experience shows that this is not true at all. People who are attending every course, going to church service everyday and hearing the word of God are still facing struggles as others.

To understand this, an analogy may help: If I eat plenty of good food at regular intervals will not guarantee that I will become physically strong. I might become fat and flabby, but not necessarily healthy and strong. In order to convert the food energy into muscular strength, I need to exercise myself. And with regard to exercise, the more tough and taking it is the more likely it is to produce the real strength.

The courses that the Diocese is providing to every parish may be corresponded to healthy and nourishing food. Merely eating it, even if done regularly is not enough. Beside that we need to exercise ourselves if we wish to gain more strength. And the exercise needs to be done precisely with something really tough and challenging.

There are two areas we need to exercise ourselves: FAITH and LOVE. To Thomas, the risen Lord said; "do you believe because you see me?" So often our belief in God's precious love of us depends on weather He provides us with what we think is good for us, when He gives us something that we cannot recognize as good, we immediately feel He is not in our side; that we might have displease Him and so on. It is precisely at this time that we need to hold on to our faith - bless us.



**OVULATION METHOD & MORAL TEACHING OF THE CHURCH**

**5th November 2010**  
**Venue: Moli Pastoral Center**

**2010-Pastoral Services Programs.**

**focus: Training of Trainers.**

**" To strengthen the Pastoral Services & Structures of ALL our Parishes."**

**Family Life Apostolate Program**

1. Marriage Enrichment & Commissioning Training
2. Ovulation Method & Moral teaching of the church training

**Pastoral Training & Formation Program.**

1. Catechists training for prayer leaders
2. "Hey Dad Program"
3. Liturgical Ministers training
4. Basic Bible Seminar
5. Christian Leadership Seminar
6. Come & See Program
7. Call to be a Catechist training

**Women's Program**

1. Women's Health Management Training
2. Women's Literacy training of trainers

**Media & Communication's Program**

1. Basic Media Education Seminar
2. Listening Skill Training

**Education /Teachers Program**

1. Teachers Retreat
2. ~~Education Conference~~

**Youth Program**

1. Youth Leadership Seminar Workshop.
2. Youth Encounter.
3. ~~Bishop Cup~~

# Ordination Of Fr. Steven Te'e, Nila Shortland Island

**"The Lord told me to proclaim His message to everyone."**

By Joseph Lalaubatu

On Thursday 7 October, Rev. Deacon Stephen Te'e was ordained a Priest for the Catholic Diocese of Gizo by the Most Rev. Luciano Capelli SDB DD, Bishop of Gizo at the Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish Church, Nila Shortlands.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish Chapel in Nila was overflowed with people who came for the ordination. Large numbers of people had to stand in the aisles and at the back and sides of the chapel, to witness and celebrate with the young seminarian Stephen Te'e who had chosen as his motto: *"The Lord told me to proclaim His message to everyone."* (Jeremiah 2:1) and had given himself totally to God to be that message of Good news and hope of unity to the people of Nila Parish and the Diocese of Gizo as a whole.

Bishop Luciano Capelli sdb in his homily, challenged the newly ordained Priest to fly higher like an eagle and to bring the people higher above and over all forms of devices that ruins the dignity of human person. He encouraged Fr. Stephen Te'e to be a good and holy Priest in order to be the model for the people of God he serves.

Bishop Capelli sdb also challenged all parents to journey with their children and encourage them to listen to the call of God in their lives and be at the service of the people. He congratulated the family of the newly ordained Priest and thanked them for their care and sacri-

fice in the services of the new Priest.

This great occasion coincides with the feast day of the Parish of Nila in which the People of Shortlands yearly commemorates- Our lady of the Holy Rosary, which is dedicated to the month of October. Special guests attending this ordination includes the newly ordained Priest's family members from Tarapaina Parish, Small Malaita, Fr.

Drago & Anne from the Holy name of Mary Seminary-Tenaru, Paramount Chief of Famao- Sir George Lepping, Parish Priests of Wagina, Moli, Kavata, Noro, Gizo Altar boys, Fr. Benjamin Maepaulo representing Auki Diocese and Catholic Women group from Muguai sub-Parish in Bougainville.

The prayerful and moving Liturgy was led by the Students and staff of Tuha Catholic School, while other ceremonial parts were performed in Alu traditional aspects by Aleang, Toumoa & Gaomae communities.

Prior to the actual Ordination Mass, the family of Rev. Stephen Te'e handed him over to the paramount Chief of Shortlands- Sir George Lepping who then handed him over to the Bishop of Gizo - the Most Rev. Luciano Capelli SDB DD to ordain him as a Priest for the Diocese of Gizo.

The ordination celebration brings out the message of unity and hope for the people of Nila Parish especially as seen and experienced in the many collaborated efforts performed prior and during the ordination day. Feasting and entertainments ended the much awaited gift to mark the Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Diocese of Gizo 1960 - 2010. What a great gift for the Diocese !



# -----Reflection Around Our Diocese-----

## THE ST. JOHN BOSCO SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, NILA SHORTLAND ISLAND.



**Andrew Tepenea**  
**Village Elder**  
(Arapa, Shortland Island)

It was a great gift from God and a blessing for us to have a secondary school in the Shortlands. We are now happy to have St. John Bosco school to be run by our Diocese. The School will cater form 4 to 6 students or might lead up to form 7.

Such project is a sign that we are developing, not only for our children but may develop and motivate our chiefs and elders to look beyond and think high for the Education.

We believe that the students may learn more on catechism of the Catholic Church, with that the student may build better relationship with God and others, and the cultural aspects of their life.



**Damiano Mautin**  
**Village Elder**  
(Koapa/Are'are -Shortland Island)

We need to acknowledge the bishop to have the oversea teachers in our senior secondary school here in Nila (diocese). They are qualified with professionals and have high experiences, and have the spirit to discipline our children. Such invitation may benefit our children with high motivations. The student may have big dreams. Apart from that our local teachers may also learn from them.

The environment sites for the school have good ventilation and the island is rich for its historical collection from the WWII which will be part of their school academy. The water is not a problem.

And the biggest thing is we have the senior secondary school which may lessen our expenses. It is a BIG deal for a BIG dream and NEED a big contribution from our communities to help sustain the project in what so ever that we may help on. Big appreciation—people from Alu for giving support by carrying timbers and bag of sands but we need to speed up our supports so to have the school start next year 2011.



**Maria Rina**  
**House Wife**  
(Arapa, Shortland Island)

We are mothers, always worry about our children. Such establishment (senior secondary school) may encourage us, doing visitation when they (student) were sick.

Although it will lessen the budget for the people of Shortland Island but will be another burden for other parishes, but we must took pride for the senior secondary school which was established by our own diocese in one of the isolated area far from urban centers. This will lessen their ability to engage to this entertaining world.

More of our children who were educated in towns have no respect to our culture. Establishing a senior secondary school in the isolation will not causing anymore disturbances, but will do a big help for the students to cope up with their private studies.

## ST. PETER'S PARISH GIRLS SCHOOL, GIZO GIZO TOWNSHIP.



**Mrs. Jenny Moale**  
**Banana Valley**  
(Gizo St. Peter's Parish)

To have the Girls School at Gizo Parish was a big opportunity for these (students) girls to improve their future in a way to earn their living from the things they learn.

3 months of schooling may be enough for them to learn new skills on how to cook, sewing and stitching. But to sustain their skills is another problem. Without Sewing Machine they will sift to other ways to earn their living.

Disciplining them may give them the ability to learn what is right from wrong. This will enable them to think positively.

Extend their session/activity. They have to learn more on good personalities and how to be aware of themselves to avoid negative influences and issues.

Uniforms, may give them the identity that they are striving to achieve new things and they may look more professional.

More of them are Micronesians, and many of them been criticized by their wontoks. So let's help them improve their education rather than criticizing them.

# News In Bits

## Kavata Parish Elect New Pastoral Workers.

Twenty Pastoral leaders from Kavata Parish met for three days from 29th September to 1st of October, mainly to elect new coordinators/presidents and to encourage them to adopt the structure which was introduced by the Diocese of Gizo.

The parish priest with his assistance thanked the new coordinators or presidents for their voluntary in accepting their new posting and encouraged them to commit themselves in carrying out the pastoral services.

## Kavata Parish Celebrated Children's Day.

Zones around Kavata parish celebrated a 3 days activity for the children, from 1st to 3rd October. Many children were involved and participated well during the celebration. It was really grateful to have both priests at the separate celebration.

Activities include: educational talks, culture, catechism, sports etc. In Sariana village, 10 babies were baptized and 17 received their first Holy Communion. In Sirovanga, activities involved: singing competitions, bible games and other sport activities. And also, in Kadova community, many witnessed the motivational activities which took place. It really brought emotion to some parents

## More Children, Motivated During Children's Day.

The Children's Day was one of the happiest days for the children in the Moli Parish to experience togetherness. A 3 days celebration went on with activities from 1st to 3rd

October. The celebration really motivate the children into building up their self Esteem, and many shy once really involved and had the confident to open up.

Apart from that Bible games and speech contests from the children really contributed them to gain them confident to spread the Word of God.

## Diocesan Pastoral Team into Evaluation.

A 2 week program from 19th—27th really challenged the Diocesan Pastoral team to evaluate its program starting from the beginning of this year till towards the end of this year. The program included: evaluating the Pastoral Activities such as Seminars, Events, Retreats etc and also planned out the programs for the year 2011.



The main purpose for the evaluation is to try and bring up activities down to village level, which may involve more participation from the parishioners.

A Pastoral plan draft was made for the upcoming meeting with Bishops, PP and the DPTA to be finalized.

## The Month of Rosary Brings Challenged to Many.

The month of the Rosary (October) which, is the month of our Lady of the Church challenged many Catholic believers to come out and exercise their faith as Catholics.

The procession from water pump area, through the main street of Gizo and to the St.



Peter's Cathedral was one of the unique processing which challenged adults and youths to come up and participate.

Sunday school children took part during the procession. They took part by reciting the rosary. At the cathedral they joined up with other groups to process through the church.

The month of Mary began its launching on the 3rd of October where statues of Mary visits homes till the celebration of its closing on the 31st of October. Similar celebration was done through out other parishes.



FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS

6 Sexuality and God's Will



STATEMENT:

FAILURE AND ...MARRIAGE

as Christ loved us and gave his life for us as a sweet-smelling offering and sacrifice that pleases God. Since you are God's people, it is not right that any matters of sexual immorality or indecency or greed should even be mentioned among you. Nor is it fitting for you to use language that is obscene, profane or vulgar. Rather you should give thanks to God. You may be sure that no one who is immoral, indecent or greedy (for greed is a form of idolatry) will ever receive a share in the Kingdom of Christ and of God.

I was nineteen years old when my father left my mother for another woman. That upset me terribly. First of all, I blamed myself: the only quarrels that I had witnessed between my father and mother had been caused by my arguments with them as a teenager. So it was only another step for me to decide that they had separated because of me. With time, I have come to understand that it was nothing of the sort. It was just that I had brought to a head a problem that was already present in their relationship.

Do not let anyone deceive you with foolish words; it is because of these very things that God's anger will come upon those who do not obey him. So have nothing at all to do with such people. You yourselves used to be in the darkness but, since you have become the Lord's people, you are in the light. So you must live like people who belong to the light, for it is the light that brings a rich harvest of every kind of goodness, righteousness and truth. Try to learn what pleases the Lord." (Eph 5, 1-10. See also 1 Cor 6, 12-20)

Moreover. I felt ashamed of being the child of "divorcees". I was afraid to tell anyone, not even my best friends, what had happened in my home. A fear also got hold of me: should I be able to marry? Would a girl want to love a fellow like me? Wasn't it my fate that any marriage I made would be an unavoidable failure, since everybody used to say that I was just like my father? Just then I met a girl and we became friends. I still had to tell her the sad truth. I.....



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