

October

Month Mary



"Mary Help Us  
to Forgive"

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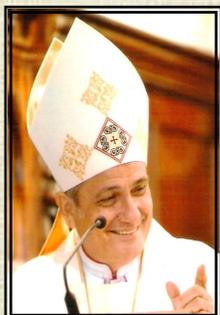
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PASTORAL CARE FOR-  
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Called to be a  
Catechist Training



## THE MONTH OF MARY

*Which is the best way to show our Marian devotion? Speaking with her? Asking favors and graces? Avoiding offending her son? Doing the will of her son? We can show our Marian devotion in many ways... Which is the best? Let's choose and do it the best way.*

Praying the Rosary is certainly one of the ways we can experience and express our Marian devotion: meditating on the mysteries of her life and of her son's life. It will uplift us

Praying to Mary: Thanking, praising, asking for support, interceding on behalf of others who asked us to pray for them, praying for the conversion of sinners as she asked us to do at Lourdes and Fatima...

Praying to Jesus through Mary's intercession: Praying with Mary to her son asking for help and graces we need to live a fruitful Christian life....

Imitating the style of relationship Mary was able to have with her son Jesus

Following her examples of Christian life style imitating her virtues: Purity, humility, availability to the plan of God, service to her neighbor and so on

Avoiding hurting her son is certainly one of the best things we can do.... But that is not enough

By Listening to whatever Jesus will tell us to do and do it with love and joy... is a great way to honor show devotion to his mother

Doing our daily duties entrusted to us in our family, church, society... as part of our contribution in building God's Kingdom in a Marian way... is indeed a great prove or devotion to the blessed

mother  
Let us not be happy to have devotion to her, let us find out the best way to do it and let us do it...

She leads us by the hand...nothing can go wrong even if we have to go through Calvary as she did... at the end we will win with her and her son and take our place with them, we will rise and be where they are... forever

With my blessings for you and your families as you hold hands with the blessed mother in your daily rosary

Your bishop who loves you with a "solo" heart  
Made in Italy





**"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"**



**Relysdom Malakana  
Media, Diocese of Gizo**

This month of September the church celebrate the following feast days.

**Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the 8th of this month.**

Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

**Holy name of Mary Patron of Solomon Island, the 12th of this month .**

This remind us of Her love to the church of the Solomon Island, may she always with the church in ages to come.

**Feast of the triumph of the Cross, the 14th of this month September.**

This date we celebrate the triumph of the Cross, let us look up to the Holy Cross as our symbol of faith and salvation. Let us always

honor the work of Christ that was manifested through the Holy Cross, the true symbol of love, compassion and forgiveness.

**Feast of the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael on the 29th of this month.**

This 29th September we celebrate the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

This month September is the month of mothers which we celebrated around our diocese, and the month of October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Let us journey with them as we continuing building the body of Christ through our pastoral activities.

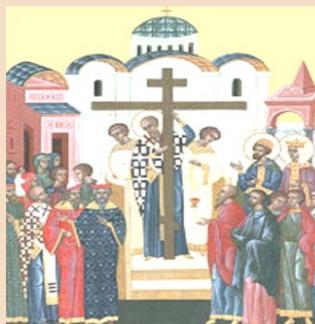
**F e a s t D a y s, S e p t e m b e r.**

**Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 8th.**

**Holy Name of Mary Patron of the Solomon Island. (Solemnity); 12th.**

**Feast of the triumph of the Cross; 14th.**

**Feast of Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels; 29th.**





## OCEANIA 30 DAYS RETREAT

**Fr. Jacob Ketobatu.**  
**PP St. Joseph Moli Parish**

The Oceania 30 days retreat is held on every year from August to mid September at the Archdiocese of Fiji, Namata, 45 kilometres from Nadi international airport.

The Oceania retreat was based on the spiritual excises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the saint whose feast day we celebrate on July 31st.

This spiritual exercise was a gift of St. Ignatius to the whole church, not only for the Jesuits . He offers the spirituality to those who were called and engaged into active apostolic ministry and

active busy life.

It is an exercise that requires total experience of silence (Strict silence), solitude and aloneness with the Lord. It is a journey that a person cannot make alone.

Attending the spiritual exercise of St. Ignatius, as a five year old priest, has been a real grace period for me.

Most of the time I was bombarded with the parish programs or diocesan programs.

So I had lesser time to spend with the Lord, but now it helps me to look deeper into my own self and to be able to discover more the truth of who am I.

In relation to my spiritual life with this experiences I would like to thank you all for your great support especially in prayers.

God himself will reward you in His ways.



## THE SILENT ASHRAM

**Fr. Stephen Te'e, Diocesan Youth Pastoral Delegate and Assistant PP, Gizo Parish**

The 30 days of silence and solitude in the Ashram was indeed a good and a loving experience for me as a young priest.

To be honest it was a difficult spiritual exercise as I went through.

As the days passes by I ask God for the grace of patience that I may know how to be patient with myself during this 30 days of retreat and then later

I come to aware of the importance of having the silence.

First silence is not ignorance as one may think, but to me silence is a virtue where I choose to live in solitude with God and myself. Silence is meant for openness and moreover to attend to God's call to give God an inner space in the dept of our being is the primary aim of having silence in our lives and let him entered that inner space peacefully and faithfully.



## New Priest to Serve the Diocese of Gizo.



- He is Fr. Robert Kyaw Thu.
- Born-22.11.79
- Ordained-19.3.2010
- Nationality –Myanmar (Chin)
- The eldest in the family. Having 2 brothers and 4 sisters.

- Belonging to the missionary of “St. Paul Congregation” founded by Bishop Charles Bo in 1990.
- There are five priests and 18 lay brothers.

- Coming to Solomon island, I find many interesting places especially many beautiful islands.
- I have never seen that kind of beautiful and nice view.

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

## Youth Center Fever

### What is the Youth Center?

Speaking during the meeting with the staffs, students and parents on the 5th of September, Bishop explained the nature of the youth center which we built in response to the mandate of the 2005 diocesan Assembly recommendation.

He outlined three elements why we have a youth center.

**One— It is a Parish that Evangelizes.** A place for youth catechesis, that explains the faith of the church. He said that the school is the best place to learn about God and to develop into a good Christian and an honest citizen.

**Two— It is A School that Educates.** To take our youths and give them the best we can provide, so that they can grow in their dignity, and have meaningful lives. It provides values and skills to be used in the right way.

**Three —It is a Place where Friends Meet** A place to share good values and build friendships. To find a right partner. A place to build respect among each other, and where the youth came form a community.

**Four: It is a place where youth enjoy together as a family.** A place to enjoy, play games and organize activities.

Every youth may qualify to be registered, and more of the teachings are learned by doing, this means less on theory and more on practicals.



### Pastoral Programs and Events Coming

- **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,



**Don't limit a child to your own learning,  
for he was born in another time.**

*(2011 Mission Calendar)*

# —NEWS IN BITS—

## Three Practical Student Complete Six Weeks Practical

Three practical students from the SICHE completed their attachment with the St. Peter's Kindergarten here in the Diocese of Gizo on the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month of August.

Speaking during their farewell program, each one have the opportunity to share their experiences during their time with the school.



They said that they learned a lot from class teachers, children and the school environment. Though they face challenges dealing with children, but they felt that they have learnt a lot.

In reply, the parish priest Fr. Stephen Kamo also thanked the three for their time with the teachers and children. He also thanked the Bishop of the diocese of Gizo for his continuous support and those who generously financing the St. Peter's Kindergarten school. He further stated that we ought to learn from them and created an environment of giving.

Speeches, including the guests, Mrs. Beata Jio Diocesan Education Secretary and the new Diocesan staff Mrs. Wryne Bennett.

Presentation of gifts and refreshment to conclude the program.

## Youth Center's Mechanic Urged Youth to take up Opportunity

Mr. Paul Kairoronga urged the new students to take serious the opportunity provided by the Diocese of Gizo.

The mechanic supervisor said that the center was well equipped with its materials, and on such a setup will give a good learning environment for students.

With the 12 students prefer to learn mechanics. He urged them to fully be committed to the center's rules as this is the principal backup of learning qualities.



## Sixty Thousands Raised, Committee Thanked Donors. (Lawrence Kodokana, Media Christ the King Parish)

Committee of the fund-raising drive for the Voruvoru new church building thanked donors, participators and sportsmen and women for their efforts to support the new church building.

A total up to \$60,620.90 was raised on the 6th—11th of June, which was described as God's grace towards the new established parish, the Christ the king parish.

## St. Dominic Parish, Success August Activities (Media St. Dominic Media Coordinator)

The St. Dominic parish Sirovanga have successfully carried out its August activities. Activities includes celebration of the St. Dominic feast day on the 7th August were Eucharistic Mass was celebrated and parishioners were privileged to hear from Sr. Bari op what saint Dominic did and used during his mission.

On the 11th—12th August 15 participants from men, women and youth representative attended a Media workshop which was facilitated by parish media coordinator, Martin P. Tako.

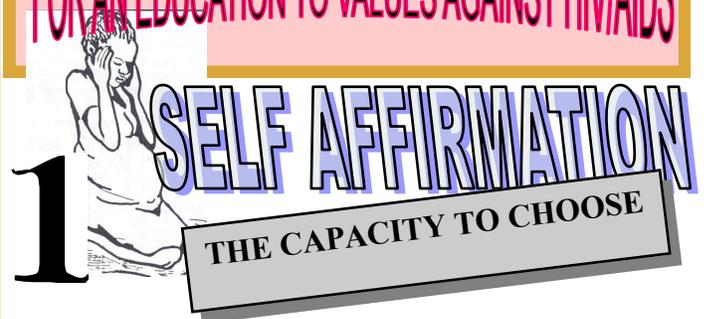
And on the 15th, 30 Std. 6 students attended a day recollection to prepare them for their school examination.

The parishioners were encouraged to keep up united to build the church of God.

From August

## EDUCATION 4 LIFE

FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS



### 1.-EITHER IN A SITUATION WHERE BY:

The milieu poses true difficulties in living sexuality. There are popular affirmations spread everywhere. The young person finds out that in his/her family, in the group of friends sexuality is spoken of with baseless affirmations, and he/she has to follow the milieu to avoid being despised or pointing fingers.

«At 20years, you still don't have a child»

«Women are like that you must taste thousand before choosing one»

«At my age I should have a lover in whom I seek refuge.»

«An emancipated girl should have sexual relations with men.»  
«If a girl remains a virgin, she will deliver a baby or get a sickness.»

«I am a man and would like to prove it.»

«I ran after girls to avoid being seen as impotent.»

«If a boy doesn't have sexual relations, he will fall sick.»

«All my friends do it.»

«If you love me you should give yourself to me.»

«If I don't do it, she will go to another person»

«How can I say NO, if she has invited me.»

«I don't exaggerate. I go to only one guy.»

### 2.-OR PERSONAL INFORMATION

The young person needs orientation , sexual education. The education has to be systematic according to his/her personal growth:

■ **In The Family:** It is the natural place but many parents do not know how to do it. It is better to instill dialogue right from early infancy. You should know how to seize the opportunity: A very explicit film, A couple of lovers in a park. *"What school doesn't give, is this kind of ear and heart. There is no other place than in the home where they find this personalized help, tender and affectionate that they need."*

■ **In The Schools:** By well trained educators.

■ **In Youth Groups:** The Parish, the reflection groups, the youth centers... are places where sharing could be done, the dialogue on the difficulties, speak about orientations, prepare the future.

The planning of formation themes must contemplate the human formation, age

