

Bishop's Pastoral Message for the Month of May



## "WE DEEPEN OUR LISTENING RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER"

Dear Catholic faithful of the Gizo diocese,

In the Spirit of Easter and Pentecost, we continue with our efforts to live our faith in a deeper way so that it has an effect in our lives.

A faith infact that does not help us to live better lives is irrelevant...and useless  
As we tried to go deeper in the way we live our faith in the past years we have focused on solidarity and sharing

We are now focusing on building small communities beginning from our homes... Building Communion starts with speaking the truth with love....and listening to Him and each other with love...

We may know something about the persons we live with but we may not know them in a deep and personal way...

The only way we can learn from each other is by listening carefully to each other without judging  
Allowing the others to speak, asking questions, showing genuine interest and attention, focusing on the needs of others are all signs of care, love, concern...

all these words are acts of love and if done because God Listened to us first, they become a reflection of the love of God to us, they become acts of living faith

Renewing our faith means to live it in a more personal manner... making our lives a true gift to the others in response to the gift of the life of Christ offered for us

"He who does not listen to God, has nothing to tell the people"...

"Go and tell the good news..." the good news he told us... is that God love the world so much that "he gave us His only Son... not to condemn us but to save us..."

Let us listen to this good news, the living word, the son of God...in prayerful silent  
He will tell us how to listen to the others...

He gave us two ears and one mouth so we may listen more than we speak...

Let us then remove the ear phones from our ears and tune in to the Good News...

Let us allow Him to fill us with his music so that we may be ready to listen to our neighbor as well, starting at home in our family, at school, in the community...

**BECOMING A GOOD LISTENER IS NOT ONLY A WAY TO BE POLITE  
IT IS A WAY WE CAN SHARE OUR CARE, CONCERN AND LOVE**

Best wishes from Madangs' bishop conference, for a Holy month of May. May Mary, who treasured God's words in her Heart inspire us to be a good listener at all times...

With my blessings  
Your brother and bishop with a Solo heart made in Italy

Bishop Luciano Capelli, sdb  
Gizo diocese



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### Diocese Pastoral Message for the month May

**"We deepen our Listening Relationship with each other"**



**“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.”**



**Jerome Kuibatu**  
*(Pastoral Coordinator)*

Dear Parish Priests, Assistant Priests, Catechists, Pastoral workers and the People of God in our Diocese of Gizo,

May I take this time to thank you all for your great support and participation to our Diocesan programs 2008 – 2012?

Just before the end of the year, we had our Diocesan Council which was held in Gizo. All our priests and representative from our parishes within our diocese attended this meeting. Fr. Roger Purcell, from the Community Animation Service based in PNG facilitated the meeting.

In the Evaluation there are some common ISSUES that are very obvious listed below:

- Lack of a sense of **Ownership** of our Diocesan Pastoral Plan – programs/Projects that result in poor response to fully and actively **participate**.
- Lack of **OWNERSHIP** results also in poor motivation and initiative to vigorously pursue the ongoing of our Pastoral Programs.

Lack of **understanding** the ALL INCLUSIVE PASTORAL PLAN in our diocese Journey of Renewal.  
 Need to **better understand** the work of our five (5) LEVELS OF PASTORAL PLANNING/ACTION in the diocese.  
 The implementation of our established, coordinated and working STRUCTURES at the DIOCESAN & PARISH level.  
 Therefore, I would like to encourage all the pastoral workers of the parishes to do awareness on our Diocesan Renewal Pastoral Programs 2013 – 2016 to the community levels. PTPA and Parish Pastoral Council to take a lead on this awareness.

The challenges that we had experienced for the last four years on our Journey as people of God in the diocese of Gizo, should have helped us to own the diocesan pastoral programs, that is to support and be fully participate in it. If we do this we are building the church, the BODY OF CHRIST.

I would like also to inform you all that our Diocesan pastoral program of activities for this year are on stand by, as we do not have outside donors to help to fund our programs. However, We will keep you inform for any changes.

I would like to conclude with the message of this Month, “We affirm each other as one people of God on a Journey.”

## PROGRAMS COMING FOR APRIL, MAY & JUNE

### THE MONTH OF ARIL

15- 19th—Women’s Personal Development Training  
Moli Pastoral Centre

### THE MONTH OF MAY

- 6-15th- Youth Encounter Formation (Moli Pastoral Centre)
- 10-14th—Sunday School Teacher’s Catechism Seminar (Moli Pastoral Centre and Gizo)

- 24-28th—Priest Spirituality of Communion Retreat (Vanga Training Centre)

# Happenings in Our Diocese



Late Sr. Rosa Kaegavavini OP

The late Sr Rosa Kaegavavini OP came from a family of six children, three boys and three girls. She was the fourth child in the family and was born August 31st, 1952 to her lovely parents, Patrick Vatopubatu and Margaret Pigatauguru. She was born in Kalekubo in North Choiseul.

From 1962 -1969, Rosa was in primary school at Mali and Loga where she encountered the Dominican Sisters as her teachers. That's where she was inspired by their good works and was moved to join the Dominican Sisters.


Rosa entered the Novitiate when she was eighteen years of age on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 1971 with the late Angela Tito. Sr Mary Elizabeth Connolly was their Novice Mistress.

Rosa made her first profession on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 1973 and made her life commitment on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 1980.

Sr Rosa is one of the Pioneers of our Local Dominican Sisters in the Solomon Islands. She was a woman of faith, very committed in prayer, generous, loving, concerned for all and humble. She lived simply and was very thoughtful in hospitality. She was fond of children and women and through her ministry as a nurse and pastoral worker she supported many families, reaching out to them and drawing them into her circle of care. She was gifted in making crafts, sewing and was open to sharing her talents.

Rosa was hardworking and struggled at times in her life journey. She was great fun to be with during recreation times and always participated well in any of our social gatherings. She was life-giving to us. Rosa is leaving us with a great example to follow in her prayer life and humility. We treasure her commitment to the Congregation and to the Church.

**Priesthood Birthday Anniversary**



24th of this Month  
(1959).

**Fr. Peter Kobakini OP.**  
You turn another year  
today.  
May God richly Bless You.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY 19th OF MAY**

Come Holy Spirit,  
and fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and kindle in them the fire of your Divine Love.





## Parish Programmes for the Month of May & June.

### GIZO PARISH PROGRAMME:

**Date 6th–8th** of May (FLA Awareness) for Visale Catholic Community Ranogga Island.

**Date 4th** of May (Sunday School Meditation)

**Date 5th** of May

- (Sisters OP) Pastoral Visitation to Gilbertese communities Gizo .
- (Sunday School) Visitation to G. Hospital
- (PA Admin Awareness) Nusabaruku

**Date 10th** of May (Sisters op) Pastoral Visitation to families Gizo.

**Date 11th** of May (St. Marta Devotion/retreat) Gizo.

**Date 12** of May (PA Admin) pastoral visitation and financial awareness Vanga.

**Date 16th** of May (FLA) preparation workshop Gizo.

**Date 18th** of May (KOA) Gizo

**Date 19th** of May (St. Thomas Retreat) for fathers Gizo.

**Date 25th** of May (Youth Retreat) for youth Gizo

**Date 26th** of May

- (PPC meeting) for Parish council Gizo
- (Sunday school Evaluation, P. Visitation P. financial awareness) Babaga
- (PA Admin awareness) Babanga

**Date 31st** of May (PTPA meeting) for PTPA members Gizo

**Date 12st** of June (St. Marta Recreation)

Gizo

**Date 2nd** of June (PA Admin) Corpu Christi Gizo

**Date 8th** of June (St. Marta B'Nrite) Gizo

**Date 9th** of June (PA Admin) Pastoral Visit Sitokava

**Date 8th–9th** of June

- (Sunday school Retreat) Gizo.
- (FLA Awareness) Nisotiwa

**Date 16th** of June ( PA Admin) Reflection and Evaluation Gizo

**Date 15th–16th** of June (FLA Awareness) Titiana

**Date 21st–22nd** of June (Social, spiritual talks and fund raising) Gizo

**Date 22nd** of June (St Marta–TBAL) Gizo

**Date 23rd** of June (PA Admin) Pastoral visit to Niusotiwa.

**Date 28th –30** of June (Youth program) Gizo

**Date 30th** of June (PTPA meeting) Gizo.

### VORUVORU PROGRAMME:

**Date 5th** of May (P/Tour) Kandova.

**Date 19th** of May (P/Tour) Tutu.

**Date 26th** of May (P/Tour) Tabarato.

**Date 3rd–6th** of June (YE) Voruvoru.

**Date 16th** of June (P/tour) Kandova.

**Date 18th–20th** of June (FLA) Tutu zone.

### NILA PARISH PROGRAMME:

**Date 2nd** of May (PP Visitation) Aleang

**Date 3rd–6th** of May (PTPA meeting) Nila.

**Date 4th** of May (PP Visitation) Gaomai.

**Date 6th** of May (PP Visitation) Harapa.

**Date 8th** of May (PP Visitation) Komaleai.

**Date 10th** of May (PP Visitation) Kohapa.

**Date 10th** of May (Catechist meeting) for Catechist Pirumeri.

**Date 12th** of May (PP Visitation) Toumoa.

**Date 14th** of May (PP Visitation) Samanago.

**Date 16th** of May (PP Visitation) Pirumeri.

**Date 18** Of May (Pilgrimage of the Cross ends) Nila

**Date 21st** of June (Youth day) Gaumai.

### EDUCATION FOR LIFE PROGRAMME NILA



**Coming 5th of May**  
(2nd and 3rd Quarter Program)

Attention:  
Nuhu, Aleang, Gaumai,  
Samanago Toumoa.



**We brought children  
into this dark world because  
it needed the light that only  
a child can bring.**

~unknown Author

## — NEWS IN BITS —

### Bishop's Pastoral Letter, Encourage Everyone to Cope up.

Bishop's Pastoral letter to parishes encouraged everyone to keep up serving the Church, the Catholic Diocese of Gizo.

In his pastoral letter he reminds us of the journey the church have gone through since 50 years ago and until the church reached a moment in history where the church felt the need to be renew.

Bishop said, our church is now on the stage 1 phase 3 of our diocesan journey of faith and this phase 3, we now would like to put more emphasis on forming SCC in our parishes which is part of the renewal in our church.

Bishop left for oversea trip leaving his message as a key message of encouragement for the people of our diocese to build the church of communion.

He encouraged us to become alive in Christ so as to be a living member of Christ on earth. He continue saying that nobody can take our place in the church, it belongs to us personally and individually and he urged us to build our part of Christ mystical body by living our baptismal mission and consecration to the full.

Our Bishop, is expecting to return on the month of July.

### Eight Children are Call into the Church.

Eight children were Baptized at Niusotiwa Camp on Sunday 7th April at Mile 3 camp Gizo.

This children where brought into the church after their parents were been instructed by the catechist, the acting catechist Tominiko Rhino.

Rhino said that it is a very tough instruction, this is, trying to bring the message to husbands or wives who were from other Denominations. This instruction also a kind of catechism to remind the catholic fathers or mothers to know their catholic teaching on Baptism.

He said too, that Eucharistic celebration on that day was an opportunity to see many members of the 3 Gilbertese community, Water pump, Titiana and Niusotiwa camp who were present. And during the meal the priest, Fr. Stephen Te'e appointed Rhino to look after the 3 communities.

Fr. Stephen Te'e also urged other husbands, wives and other young couples to forward their names for the instruction for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

### Our Youth Urge to Tolerate, Programs made Opportunities.

Programs for the youths might be made opportunities for youths to prepare them for vocation. These programs which will be conducted next 2 months is more on spiritual and leadership.

The media office here in our Diocese understands well that more information's from people in our parishes were regarding to habitual youth practices which really disturbing themself to cope up the youth programs in our diocese.

A father who is always contributing in the news in bits said that this observation is called "Mortal vs Immortal" or "Body vs Soul"

He said that our youths might have about 70 % of everyday habitual activities is something to satisfy their body or mind and 30% is goes only to have information's or to fill gaps and to attend diocesan/parish program, this is something to do with their soul. He stated that our of this 70%, the 40% are activities that arouse the sexual activities, this is includes substance abuses and gambling.

He said that, though we might thought we have freedoms in our church but we cannot ignore habitual activities made by youth and other married couples.

The father said, by working together to bring up the 30% of our spiritual life and bring down the 70% of habitual activities may put to the end some of the issues affecting youths. This will give opportunities to youth programs that may tolerated by themself.



# EDUCATION 4 LIFE

## FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS

# GROWING UP

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## CHASTITY

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#### WHY CHOOSE CHASTITY?

##### STATEMENTS

"I am 25 years old but I have never 'done it', I have never slept with a woman. Not because I have not had the opportunity, but because I have always valued my good health. My father gave us a very strict upbringing, aimed at perfection. While we were still young he would tell us about sex. I kept to all he taught, even though, in the fifth form, thinking it would make me a man, I wanted to satisfy my longings at all costs. I began getting to know girls but the death of an HIV-positive schoolmate, cooled my sexual longings. I was sometimes treated as being 'scared' and 'impotent' but I was not bothered. I knew that I was normal because "a hard " often came on by itself at night.

At the university, a chick told me:

*'If you help me with the maths and physics courses, I'll go out with you'.* I was scared of losing my virginity in the arms of an 'easy' girl. Today I still

- So as to stay free and to respect the other person's freedom. Sexual relationships quickly create a demand for a shared life that later rules out the possibility of making a free choice and turning back.

- So as to improve communication between one another. Bodily contact very soon takes the place of meaningful talk and understanding.

**LEARN TO COMMUNICATE WITHOUT HAVING SEX, SO THAT, ONCE YOU ARE MARRIED, YOU WON'T HAVE SEX WITHOUT COMMUNICATION!**

- So as to learn how to show **tenderness and endearments** without wanting to go further.

- Because you don't learn to know one another better through having sex.. Successful sex is the result of a truly loving relationship and not of "techniques for making love."

(L'Effort cam.- 'The secrets of happy couples' – pp. 8-9)

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