



BISHOPS' MESSAGE, JANUARY 2023



All the efforts of 2023 in all our parishes in the 21 dioceses of PNG and SI will focus on evangelizing the families: each one of them, groups of them and the whole lot of them.

In the month of June I have presented the letter of the Bishops' conference with our commitment for this year.... I re-write here the main concepts expressed by the verbs used in that

document to remind us to keep working.

The bishops used three types of verbs to challenge our pastoral zeal:

Waking up verbs, commitment verbs and pastoral zeal verbs

1. waking up verbs We pray, we dream, we reflect, we discern

2. commitment verbs We commit ourselves, we read, we dialogue, we provide, we do, we will double our efforts, we provide formation,

3. pastoral zeal verbs we appeal, we encourage, we show compassion, we accompany, we show boldness and creativity

Here they are... copied directly from the pastoral letter for 2023 on: EVANGELIZED AND EVANGELIZING FAMILIES: LIGHT AND SALT OF SOCIETY

- We pray for Christian families, we encourage them
We appeal... Let us dream... Let us commit ourselves ... We shall double our efforts
We appeal... renew the family as true light and salt in the world
We will provide Christian and human formation
We will read, reflect and dialogue Amoris Laetitia
We will show compassion and understanding for families in difficulties
We will reflect and discern on the present reality of the family in Melanesia
We encourage Family Life Festivals and congresses
We encourage Couples to be united and reconciled

Children

- We pray that they will be able to encounter God as Father and respond to their vocation
parents provide their children with a loving and caring environment
provide a catechetical program for children

Youth.

- Parents have a special obligation to attend to them
Will be loved and trusted, as well as corrected and encouraged
have an active youth ministry, which provides ongoing human, Christian faith
Formation as well as sex education to young people
accompaniment and encouragement
Joining Catholic youth organizations

Married couples.

- It is sad that many young people are merely cohabitating without the sacrament.
There are many broken marriages, they harm the spouses and the children.
Marriage is a sacrament of faith. Where faith is lacking, appreciation will also be lacking.
We will show more boldness and creativity in catechizing our people on the value of family
We will reach out to Christian couples in difficulty
We will provide proper preparation for marriage and marriage enrichment programs.

Grandparents.

- Sick and elderly people risk being forgotten, rejected, and regarded as a burden
We will reawaken the collective sense of gratitude, of appreciation, of hospitality, which makes the elderly feel like a living part of the community" (AL 191)
the elderly are an integral part, caring, listening to them and praying with them

May the Holy Spirit and the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph grant that each family lives their specific vocation to holiness in the Church as a call to be active in evangelization, as salt of the earth and light of the world.

HAPPY NEW AND GRACE FILLED YEAR!!!

From a brother and bishop who loves you with a Solo Heart made in Italy, Bp. L Capelli, sdb

NEW ORDAINED PRIEST

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New Priest Ordain for St. Dominica Sirovanga.



Information; Parish media Volunteer Moli (Anthony Telo) - Archbishop Christopher Cardone OP has ordained a new Dominican priest Fr. Benedict Rivichibatu, giving him the title of OP on 26th of November 2022 at St. Dominic Parish Sirovanga.

Welcoming him into the family, the archbishop, Archbishop C. Cardone OP thanked God Almighty for the gift of Fr. Benedict Rivichibatu OP who dedicated his life as a priest for fishers of people.

Fr. Benedict Rivichibatu OP also thanked his Dominican families for their continuous support and thanked his immediate family members, relatives



and the Sirovanga community in terms of other forms of support.

The next day, he celebrated his first Thanksgiving Mass which was attended by most of the witnesses.

His ordination is the 4th ordination ceremony to happen at St. Dominic parish Sirovanga.

Tutu (Christ the King Parish) new Church Building Consecrated



CONGRATULATION!

Theme: The Lord has done great things for us. Let us be glad and rejoice.
God loves a cheerful giver (2: COR 9 vs 7)

St. Martin De Pores Church Building Tutu

CARDINAL ROBERT SARAH



A 77-year-old cardinal, Cardinal Sarah said that God has been forgotten in this modern society.

In an interview aired on EWTN's Vatican ET on the 27th of November last year, his message got much attention on social media, especially on Facebook.

Under the heading "Religious liberty is under threat in the West, too" (by Hannah Brockhaus), one of his comments on modern society, the cardinal said: "God has been forgotten"

"We all live as if God doesn't exist. Confusion reigns everywhere. Too many would reduce our lives, the very meaning of our lives, to absolute individualism and the pursuit of fleeting pleasure."

He said Christians should respond by returning to the basics of the faith.

"GOD HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN IN THIS MODERN SOCIETY"

"We require a retreat from the world, withdrawal into the desert, where we can relearn the fundamentals, the basics: monotheism, the revelation of Jesus Christ, us and God, his word, our sin, our dependence and need of his mercy," he said.

Sarah said God, through his Church and the sacraments, "guides us into an ever-deeper relationship with him. And we all have a need to reacquaint ourselves with his profound gift, which is his love."

Faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, he said, is one of the Church's fundamental beliefs, without which, "she loses the meaning of her existence."

"The Church is not a social organization to meet the problems of migration or poverty," he continued. "The Church has a divine purpose: to save the world."

"If Christ does not dwell within the Church, tangibly, visibly, sacramentally, then what good news do we have to offer to the world? What is the meaning of evangelization?" he said. "When Christians forget why they are Christian, the community must fall into decline. They forget the Gospel and lose sight of their purpose."

Cardinal Sarah said spiritual warfare is much the same as it has ever been, even if many bishops and priests have ceased to remind Catholics of its reality. Our weapon in this war, he explained, is the word of God.

There is a need "to turn to God every day, not just for consolation amid worldly adversities, but because we depend upon him entirely in the cosmic struggle. We are all at war whether we recognize it or not. It is good that all of us should become aware of that fact, and make sure every day that we fight on the side of God," the Cardinal said.

ST. PETER URBAN TRAINING CENTER

SPUTC Makes 12 Graduation during Feast day of Immaculate Conception.



St. Peters Urban Training Center (SPUTC) marked its 12th graduation ceremony during the feast day of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday 8th December 2022.

A beautiful ceremony commenced with the Thanksgiving Mass, which was witnessed by friends, guardians and parents who had the opportunity to hear from Fr. Dominic Soloko's homily on "Obedience", which reflects the virtues of Mother

Mary who obediently became a Mother of God.

He asked the graduating students to be obedient to their call for they are sent as new missions ahead for them.

The second part of the graduation ceremony was again a beautiful message from our beloved bishop, Bishop Luciano Capelli sdb who gave his encouraging and challenging message to the graduating students.

He told them to feel adequate, though they may not be good at theory, he reminded them that they have the talent and skills to keep them higher and faster, not for tomorrow but today.

Speech was also from the school representative, Sr. Regina who briefed them on the school report.

She reminded the parents and guardians that the training center is a family of educators with whom they are involved and committed for the formation of young people, preferably poor and marginalized, with integral formation by living the preventive system of Don Bosco thus forming them to be Good Christians and Honest Citizens of Solomon Islands.

May Christ be kind to bless your family and shower love and happiness. Let us welcome this new year by having Christ the focal point of celebration. Let us thank the lord for giving us another beautiful year to include in the book called life. May this page unfold in our lives with lot of surprises, love and peace.



SACRED HEART WAGINA & ST. PETER GIZO

Wagina Women's Rally Reminds Mothers to be Close to the Church.



Information: Parish media Volunteer Moli (Anthony Telo) - About 60 women from the St. Joseph Moli Parish, Sacred Heart of Jesus Wagina Parish and Nusabaruku women of St. Peters Gizo parish successfully ended their 4 days program at Wagina parish.

Their program commenced with the welcoming ceremony at Maneaba hall on the 5th of December. On the next day they had Thanksgiving Mass, orientation, parade and group photo.

A very peaceful and successful outcome of this rally reminded the mothers of their roles in upbringing their children close to the church.

They learned Catechism from Fr. Humberto; liturgy from Fr. Qelo and this nourished them for being good teachers in the family. Moreover, the topic of trauma and stress facilitated by Martha Horiwapu has challenged them to increase their personal strength, spiritual enhancement, and a

deeper appreciation for life.

Also highlighted were some motivating activities like singing competitions, queen shows, custom dancing, etc., to keep alive their spirit.

The theme of the rally is "To live and experience good Christian and cultural values like Mary as our model". This leads to valuing Mother Mary with the procession match at the closing from the beginning to the end of the village and to the Chapel.

The program ended on the 8th of December 2022.

Bishop Asks for Commitment

During the closing of the Nusabaruku Schools (PPY and the Nusa Bosco Primary) our bishop, Bishop Luciano Capelli sdb called on the Nusabaruku community and others nearby to be committed to the betterment of the education of their children.

He revealed this after more parents ignored their children's education and their absence during graduation.

He strongly asked the community to work closely with the church to continue to improve their school next year and to plan for Form One.



ST. JOSEPH MOLI AND THE HOLY ROSARY PARISH

New Ordain Dominican Priest visits Moli.



Information: Parish media Volunteer Moli (Anthony Telo) - The newly ordained Dominican priest, Fr. Benedict Rivichibatu OP was warmly welcomed by parishioners at St. Joseph Moli Parish.

After his ordination, the new priest could not wait but visited the sister parishes at the Northern Deanery and celebrated his first Mass on the 3rd Sunday of Advent at Moli.

The priest thanked the parishioners for their prayers and support during his ordination.

St. Joseph Gifted with Mama Mary Icon & Statue.



St. Joseph Catholic women's group received the Icon and the statues of Mary for being the overall winners during the competitions at the women's rally in Wagina.

Competitions include singing, queen shows and cultural performances, etc.

Their winning was gifted as these women have longed to have such items for so many years.

St. John Bosco Schools Graduates 70 for the year 2022.



St. John Bosco Junior and Senior have graduated 70 students from forms three and five at the mission station in Nila on December 10th 2022.

The successful graduation was witnessed by parents, friends and guardians.

Through very challenging years of study and determination, they finally received their certificates in the end.

During the speeches, they were asked to think about their future and encouraged to continue to seek further studies in any of our centers if they have the chance and will to do so.



VIRUS AND BACTERIA

Virus or Bacteria Whats got you sick?

Antibiotics are often prescribed when they are not needed for respiratory infections. Antibiotics are only needed for treating certain infections caused by bacteria. Viral illnesses cannot be treated with antibiotics. When an antibiotic is not prescribed, ask your healthcare professional for tips on how to relieve symptoms and feel better

Common Respiratory Infection	Common Cause			Are Antibiotics Needed?
	Virus	Virus or Bacteria	Bacteria	
Common cold/ runny nose	✓			No
Sore throat (except strep)	✓			No
Covid-19	✓			No
Flu	✓			No
Bronchitis/chest cold (in otherwise healthy children and adults*)		✓		No*
Middle ear infection		✓		Maybe
Sinus infection		✓		Maybe
Strep throat			✓	Yes
Whooping cough			✓	Yes

* Studies show that in otherwise healthy children and adults, antibiotics for bronchitis won't help patients feel better .

THE DIOCESE OF GIZO UPCOMING EVENTS 2023 -

World Day of Peace

World Day of Peace, celebrated on January 1 every year, is primarily a Catholic feast day dedicated to universal peace on the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. On this occasion, Popes generally make authoritative declarations on the Catholic Social Teachings (C.S.T.). The theme of the feast has always been about creating a culture of care. The Pope and the Vatican Church stress the need to care and share tolerance for each other, and to create a society that focuses on good moral values and does not yield to the temptation to disregard others. The benefits of a peaceful society have been the emphasis of every year's World Day of Peace.

