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Month of August

Bible Month
Our Golden Jubilee UNITY
Retreat 2

**"WE UNITED
in DYNAMIC
FIDELITY"**



POLICIES FOR VOCATION RECRUITMENT IN THE GIZO DIOCESE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF A VOCATION IN THE GIZO DIOCESE

1. The candidate to the priesthood in the Gizo diocese must show these signs and fit in these criteria to qualify as Diocesan Priestly Vocation Candidate.
2. Every member of the church is responsible to search and see these signs in the possible candidates.
3. Everyone in the church must be a vocation recruiter

The candidate must show these signs of priestly vocation

1. Must be physically healthy and psychologically and emotionally balanced
2. Must come from a good catholic family (exceptions to this need Bishop's permission)
3. Must be Hard working at home, helping the family in the day to day survival work: fishing, gardening, house maintenance and cleaning
4. Must show Pastoral initiative: helping in the village pastoral programs, must love being and working with the people
5. Must be present and active during liturgical experiences
6. Must be present and interested in the village prayer activities
7. Must keep regularly in touch with the parish priest and the Vocation Director, while living and working in the village
8. Must attend the come and see programs and other programs prepared by the vocation director
9. Must be recommended by the catechists and parish leaders, be endorsed by the parish priest to the vocation director and presented to the bishop for final approval
10. Must comply with all requirements and documents for the pre-seminary program at NAC
11. Must be a form six graduate.
12. In case a candidate is not FORM SIX GRADUATE:
 - ⇒ The candidate must go through the same procedure as everyone else
 - ⇒ The selected candidates only will be recommended to Saint John Bosco Senior Secondary School at Nila to finish Form 4,5,6.
 - ⇒ During their schooling in Nila they must show the same signs of vocation and they must have a spiritual director and keep in close touch with the vocation director and parish priest.

Procedure to be followed in the Gizo Diocese in vocation identification, recruitment and accompaniment

Everyone who loves the church is by baptism a vocation recruiter
The appointed Vocation Director of the Diocese is Fr. Jacob Quetobatu.
Fr. Jacob Quetobatu's role is:

1. Coordinating all efforts of all parish priests, parish leaders and catholic of good will, in
2. Identifying together with them of the signs of a priestly diocesan vocation and leading the selection process of those candidates giving signs of Vocation and in
3. Organizing the Come and see programs
4. Making the explicit vocation proposal to qualifying candidates
5. Accompanying the candidates together with parish priests and leaders through personal contact with them individually and group encounters

Diocesan Policies on Vocations

The selected candidates stay home with their parents and work hard in the garden,
 The selected candidates cooperate with their home catechists and parish leaders in the pastoral programs of the parish,
 They will keep regular contacts with the parish priests and have spiritual direction
 The selected candidates will have to shoulder their trip to the seminary and the costs of the documents needed (including complete medical certificate)
 Their daily needs will be shouldered by their parents
 The dioceses asks the help of the parishes in paying the school fee and board and lodging of their priest candidate
 The diocese will help in their trip back home at the end of the school year
 The Seminarians will spend one month in Gizo with a pastoral program which will consist of moments of prayer, inputs, hard work and sacrifice to verify their motivations and suitability to be priests in the diocese

May we all love the Church and work hard for vocations, they are the future of our church. We cannot assume God is calling people only from Honiara and Auki... we do not have only a history to tell, we have a history to build... Let's do it now, together

With an Solomon heart made in Italy



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Diocese of Gizo

Take up Challenges.

One might thought of, it's not me, others might said, its there responsibility or I have a work to be done.

Well, we have our role in our church, a role that will contribute developing the church of God.

A mission is a task, our special task given to us or a group to carry out the activities. This task is for life. Our biggest task is to convert anybody to God.

Communication is one that plays the key role in our church. There are many ways people communicate. And there are ways

people will reach you. To reach many people around our diocese we have the "Waves" monthly Newsletter which may convert or giving information's to someone from other parish.

During World Communication Day (WCD), awareness from the St. Peter's parish media team, they stated that our Waves Newsletter can be redefining the scope of the individual and priest activities. Many of the activities of the priests in preaching and others in sharing, writing and reflection can be shared with a wider audience at no greater effort. And every year pope's WCD message for the Universal church had challenged us to use such tools to spread the message of God.

A challenging message reminds us of "the Gospel message is not just something for us or to keep for our benefit; otherwise we have failed Christ. So this reminds me that God always Love, protect and merciful, And challenging us day by day.

Message from the Pastoral

Strengthening of our Parishes Pastoral Services and Structures is one of our focus in this year's Pastoral Programs. Training & formation has been done for all Parishes. It is encouraging to see our Parish Pastoral Leaders realize the need to strengthen the way we live in our Parishes and experience Pastoral services and the work of our Priests, Religious and laity in our Diocese. The strength of the Diocese is our Parishes. Let us be united and build the Body of Christ living and alive in our communities.



2010 AUGUST:

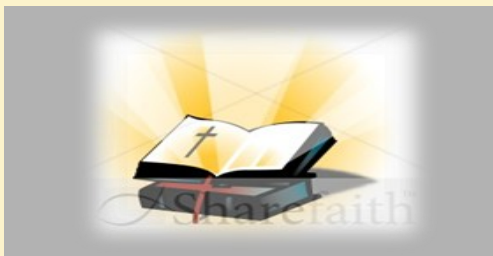
Evangelizing Message: **"WE UNITED IN DYNAMIN FIDELITY."**

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: Bible Month, Golden Jubilee UNITY Retreat, Parish Jubilee Activities.

BIBLE MONTH—WEEKLY MESSAGES.

Week One: "God's Word Unites our Community."

Script: ACTS 2:42-47



Week Two: "God's Word Strengthen us to discover ourselves." Script: JOHN 6:60-69



Week Three: "We are called to be true Witnesses of the Word." Script: ACTS 22:14-15

Week Four: "YES to God's Word gives us the Courage to Serve our Brothers and Sisters." Script: GAL 6: 1-6

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. Media Theme education training
2. Basic Media Education Seminar
3. Listening Skill Training

Education /Teachers Program

1. Teachers Retreat
2. Education Conference

Youth Program

1. Youth Leadership Seminar Workshop.
2. Youth Encounter.
3. Bishops Cup

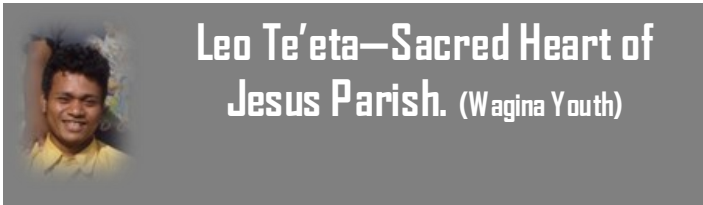


"We give & re-give ALL the sense of the value of SOLIDARITY by promoting our being in UNITY with our brothers and sisters and with the nature around us"

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



Reflections Around Our Diocese



Leo Te'eta—Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. (Wagina Youth)

It was, something like a metamorphosis to me and with enthusiastic; "A seed has fallen on a good soil and I feel sure that the harvest will be rich more".

This was a motivation from the Basic Bible Seminar Training which really impact my spiritual. Well, to me we all attending Eucharis Mass and did our sign of the Cross as part of our communication to God. Well, this seminar really gave me some of the clear illustration. Through discussion or sharing's I discover who am I. But that was not the end, but the beginning for me to journey into the world of challenges. There was a piece message for me while on a journey, "If I falls Gods hand always reach out for me".

Another challenge is we are there to minister the program to our community. With the illustration shown from the facilitators, this gave me guide lines to improve our plans to implement the program to our parish.

I believed with the help of our parish we will be succeed in implementing out the program for 5 weeks.

We pray that our Good Lord will keep us going, so I wish you all the best and God Bless us. Thank you.

I was inspired from the program which gave me an opportunity to reflected on to my behaviors and attitudes and things that I valued most. I thought of not to be afraid to take up challenges. Those challenges might an opportunity for me to choose, and be motivated into positive aspects of reneing my own life.

Many of us were disturbed despite of many of the youths and parents were involved in gambling in our area, this is one major issue which last for more than 20 years. This can be stop if church and village elders including our priest meet together to put and end to this issue.



Camilla Kuibatu— 3 Blue Moli Community High School

"Lets Serve Our Youths and to Save them"

Youth to serve other youths was a principal topic which the program try to promote. "Youth Serving Youths", the formation, I believed will help many of the young's this days.

Regarding its principal, we are there to help serve them and to save them from the advantages of their life.

However, dispute of the new technology which many of our youths have accessed, many have influenced and accessed negatively. This technological facilities may become motivated to youths in our area if there is no proper awareness to this facilities. But these facilities are number one. Lets take this as an example; a instrumental for a group of young people..... Many were influenced by music and our Government encouraged music for them to stay away from criminal activities, but its not working, many composed love music and driven by emotions and they end up with drugs. So let's serve our youths and save them. Let's influenced them with proper equipment, not for curing their symptoms but to cure the causes.

Our youths are been informed and admitted their failures but many of them are not fully converted.



Maxwell Ketaru - St. Joseph Moli Parish. (Moli Youth)

"Youth Serving Youth Formation" - A program which really touched many youths today. A program which identify hope and challenges. It was helpful and meaningful for the betterment for the youth organizations.

So **"Let's Serve them and Save them"**

Marriage Enrichment En-lights more Couples

Receiving Marriage Sacrament during the wedding ceremony is not enough or not the end of the wedding ceremony, but the beginning of the ceremony which is the everlasting wedding ceremony for life", said many who



attended the Marriage Enrichment Seminar at St Peter's Cathedral, Gizo parish.

The program was attended by 8 couples and 7 mothers and fathers from in and around the Catholic Diocese of Gizo on the 12th - 16th of this month.

The program includes knowing who you are, expectation of marriage, communication, problem solving, the vocation of marriage and the Sacrament of Matrimony etc. It was a nice experience for couples to discuss some of the guided questions which each couple has time to reflect on to their family and more couples committed that it was a renewal for them.

The theme, "Our unity in Christ is the Strength of Our Family", really impacted the sessions and many were benefited from those sessions.

The program was facilitated by Sister Rita Pitavavine OP from the Family Life Apostolate (FLA) Office and other couples who are trained for facilitating the program.

14 Builders to Complete the St. John School

14 builders are here to complete the St. John Secondary School at Nila Catholic Mission. The head builder, Mr. Willy Wania said, "They are here by the request of Rev. Bishop Luciano Capelli SDB to help out finishing the St. John Secondary School". He said, most of the boys were graduated students from Don Bosco technical school. With them also 6 Vanga Rural Training Center graduated students. At the school they will form co-groups so that they can work cooperatively and manage the construction.



St. John Nila Secondary School

The construction of the St. John Secondary School began November last year. The school will have form 4, 5 and to 6.

Mr. Willy said, to finish this school, they depend much on the help of the communities at Nila parish. At the moment they did small constructive works for the diocese here in Gizo.

Basic Bible Seminar Moli Pastoral center (Teita Leo Wagina Parish)

31 participated the 10 days Bible Seminar from 1st to 10th July at Moli Pastoral Center. The program included youth and elders, whom many of our youths have privileged to observe and learn from the elders participants and the facilitators.

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During sessions, discussions and sharing's, many were motivated and more of the youth now have courage to share their views and opinions.

To start the day's activities, morning prayers really enlightened the participants before going to the sessions. This was one of the spiritual aspects of the seminar which really impacted the conscious of many participants.



"It was, something like a metamorphosis to me and with enthusiastic: A seed has fallen on a good soil and I feel sure that the harvest will be rich more for me", said Mr. Leo Te'eta from Wagina youth.

The theme for the Seminar was "God's Words Unite our Community"

The program was facilitated by pastoral teams from the Catholic Diocese of Gizo, plus Joseph, Moses, Gerome, George and others from the Diocesan pastoral team of animators.

Sixteen Youths Attend Youth Serving Youths Awareness. (Camila Kuibatu)

Sixteen St. Joseph Youths from Moli Parish attended the Youth Serving Youth (YSY) awareness at Moli Pastoral center on the 15th July.

The one day program was facilitated by Arnold Arabatu and Conrad Kulabatu who were both YSY trainers from Moli parish.

During activities many of the youths were involved in sharing and discussed some of the issues which affecting them and look for possible ways to overcome those issues. Part of the program included singings with action choruses.

To conclude the day's activity the youths have their Thanks-giving Mass with the parish priest Fr. Jacob who encouraged them to live life to its fullest.



FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS

Sexuality and God's Will

SEXUALITY DAMAGED BY SIN

♥Sex, like everything created by God, **is good.**

♥Where does **sexual wrongdoing** come from? The Bible tells us that it followed from original sin. (Gen 3)

♥Original sin upset God's plan in all respects. If we apply that to sex, it means.

- * Sexual wrongdoing begins because the man and woman change their sexuality from its first purpose, which was: to make them joined together in love.
- * They looked for selfish pleasure in sex, which would tend to get a hold on them.

WARNING!

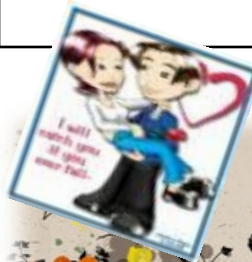
Don't think that the first sin was the sin of "impurity" or "making love".

That is a big mistake! Original sin was a sin of **disobedience and pride.**

"...you will be like God and know what is good and what is bad" (Gen 3,5). That means: "...be free, not depending on God. Do what you like and decide for yourselves what seems to you good or bad."

That is the temptation of the "snake" in the Book of Genesis and the most serious fault of all: PRIDE.

And pride is still alive among us! Pride is still alive amongst us!



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