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**ST. JAMES  
THE APOSTLE  
FEAST DAY  
25th July  
2017**



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**Solomon Island  
Independence Day 7th  
July**



**Dear Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Gizo ,**

The PNG-SI bishops have written us a very important pastoral letter on the care and protection of children. I am happy to share its contents through the diocesan newsletter, the waves. The letter has been sent already to all parish priests... reading, commenting and getting feedbacks is their primary responsibility Both the Holy father and all our bishops call for care and protection of children. Please find time to read the letter in the community and in various villages and groups.

How beautiful it will be to undergo a sincere journey as a community and question ourselves if we are doing all we should do for the care and protection of children. Caring for the children and youth will certainly make us a better community.

Enjoy reading it, translating it, responding to the first set of questions...

we will work on 10 sets of questions in five months, here are the first two blocks of questions. Please discuss and take note, and send them to Jerome for compilation before the end of July

Greetings from Fr Jacob from Italy

My blessings to you all and all your children

Bp Luciano Capelli, sdb; Gizo Diocese

**Discussion Questions (one of 10 questions blocks)**

**Introduction**

In their Pastoral Letter the Bishops say: Parents and grandparents are very worried about the future of their children.

1. What are the greatest concerns parents and grandparents have about children today?
2. Have parents and grandparents given up hope, or are they trying to understand the needs of their children?
3. What are some of the things parents and grandparents are doing to connect with the children today?

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**“WE promote, live and experience in our lives, the value of SERVICE as a way to live Church as Community with our Brothers and Sisters and the nature around us”**



## **DIOCESE PROMOTE MESSAGE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY**

**“Journey Together as One People United in LOVE, JOY and PEACE”**

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### Concern for the Welfare of Children

In their Pastoral Letter the Bishop say: Catholic laity should focus their attention on the care, protection and catechesis of children.

1. What do the Bishops mean by care of children, protection of children and catechesis of children?
2. Why are these three things important in the life of a child?
3. What do you think: does a child learn more from what adults say, or from what adults do, their behavior?
4. Is it true that children watch adults very carefully and, for

**Check with your PP for the Pastoral letter**

A Pastoral letter containing an important Pastoral message of the Catholic bishops of PNG/SI has been given out or distributed to parishes concerning the welfare of our children.

The pastoral letter stated that every Catholic laity should focus their attention on the care, protection, and catechesis of children. The pastoral letter also referred to those unborn who were threatened even before they were born.

The letter reminds us that “a lot of children do not get the love and protection they need for a healthy, happy childhood – and many Catholic and Christian families fail to pass their good traditional practices, their faith and Christian values on to their children.” It stated that many young people today will grow up without a foundation of religious beliefs, Christian principles and virtuous habits to guide them in their lives”

This pastoral letter from our bishops in PNG/SI also highlights the high rate of domestic violence and child abuse in these two countries.

Though the letter alerts us but gives us ways that we may control these situations.

PNG has come up with its child protection law entitled the “Lukautim Pikinini Act 2015. In Solomon Island we have the Child Welfare office is coming up with its law on protection of the child.

The pastoral letter urges every parish priests and Catholic lay leaders, especially those who direct lay spiritual groups, to learn what constitutes child abuse and become familiar with child protection laws. The pastoral letter also encourages all the dioceses to set up a child protection office with trained personnel, whose task it is to inform families and communities about child abuse and the laws that have been enacted to protect children.

## Italian Aviation Experts, here to Fly the Flying Bishop on Air again.



Enrico and Paolino are the two aviation experts were here to bring the flying bishop fly again.

They were welcomed on the 19th of June at Nusatupe airstrip and commenced working the next day.

They are here to fix the communication systems which monitor the surrounding of the plane location

and other areas and fix some of the defaults which cease up the small seaplane.

The tireless Italian aviation volunteers said that everything may cease up because of the long period of not flying. But they managed to fix the small seaplane to fly again but need a good clearance as it is a complicated machine.

The small plane will be sent back to Italy, and to make the bishop fly again is by installing its new twin seaplane.

The seaplane which may land, on sea and land is very useful to fly the flying bishop, his most Rev, Bishop Luciano Capelli sdb for his pastoral activities here in the Western and the Choiseul province.

The flying bishop serves almost every isolated community in and around the two provinces during his pastoral work as bishop for the Catholic Diocese of Gizo.

## Bishop Officially Opens Training for the RTC's around our Country.

His Most Rev, Bishop Luciano Capelli sdb officially opens the WINTech TARATAHI seminar for the RTC's throughout the country here at St. Peter's Training Center Gizo.

In his open remarks the bishop questions the participants, why technology and why they are instructors. He challenged them that what was the reason of which they are here.

The bishop gave is wonderful remarks, saying that technology does not make history; it's the values that people make. He further said that good technology depends much on good values with better technology, summarizing into good Christian with honest citizens.

Bishop Luciano also reminds every participant to use the technology for vision and a mission for the nation. He stated that we have a mission to accomplish which is to make the dream to make a better Solomon Islands.

More than 30 teacher Participants representing their school participate the 2 weeks training commenced yesterday 26th June and will be ended on the 8th July 2017.

Organized by the Catholic diocese of Gizo, and was facilitated by the Caritas NZ.



Wintech Tarahahi training participants

## St. Peters Training School Showcase Skills.

Students of St. Peter's Urban Training Centers here in St. Peter's parish organized a well prepared open day to showcase their skills and talents to supporters, friends, parents and guidance.

The program was mainly to help students to showcase their talents to parents, which may help parents to become more motivated and be able to involve in bringing up their children for better education purposes.

The activity highlights presentations from each department, the carpentry, electrical, life skills and the mechatronics.

And at the end of each presentation comments, contributions and questions were given to students, this also gave students the confidence to speak out what they have learned during their academic year.

The program kicked off with the St. Peter's Kindergarten students who performed poems and action songs which attracted more audience to watch them perform.

The out going principal Fr. Stephen Te'e was also present during the program to proudly witness the students showcase their skills and talents. He will be leaving for Nila Catholic mission to continue to serve the Catholic diocese of Gizo.

One of the parents who witnessed the program said, expecting certificate at the end of the graduation day is not enough, but reminding us how they are progressing is a big motivation to support our children.

The program kicks off 10 am on the 21st June and end successfully at 3 pm in the afternoon.



## WANT to JOIN RELIGIOUS ORDERS

Dominican Sisters, OP  
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Fr. Vicar Provincial  
PO Box R91, Honiara  
Tel: 677 36011  
Email: paroi@solomon.com.sb

Salesiana of Don Bosco, SDB  
Fr. Rector  
Don Bosco Technical Institute  
PO Box R566, Honiara  
Tel: 677 36222 (R), 36512 (O)  
Email: dominickachira@gmail.com

If you are interested to become a religious in any of the above congregations, address your letter to the Director of

For those who are interested to become diocesan priest in our Diocese. You are free to contact:

The Vicar General  
Catholic Diocese of Gizo  
PO Box 22, Gizo  
Western Province  
Tel: 60130  
Email: vicarg@catholicgizo.org

## DIocese PROGRAM COMING FOR YOUTHS,

COME AND SEE SEMINAR

Date: 4th - 6th July 2017

Venue: Nila Mission Station

Contact your parish priest for registration if you are interest to become priest.

## Divine Mercy Successfully Complete 3 Days Retreat, Loga Island.



About forty member's participants have successfully completed the 3 days' retreat at Loga Island Catholic diocese of Gizo, which took place on the 22nd June 2017.

The retreat known as Divine Mercy commenced with the formation of its team on the diocesan level 2 weeks before the retreat took place. A beautiful retreat which highlights the history of St. Faustino the founder of Divine Mercy, and its special prayer Novena.

Members participants were encouraged and were challenged by the national coordinator of the Divine Mercy Ms. Georgina S. for every member must uphold its principal, and follow the footsteps of the founder and said that anyone can become saints.

Members participants were from the Shortlands, Choiseul, Ranogga and Gizo Island, representing their parishes.

Facilitated by Georgina S. from the Archdiocese of Honiara with her spiritual guidance Fr. Yarick and Fr. Japheth Manebosa. The retreat ended successfully on Saturday 24th June 2017.

## St. Peters Parish, Complete Couple for Christ Follow up Seminar.

More than 40 participants from St. Peter's Catholic parish were successfully completed a one week seminar which commenced on the

19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 here in Gizo township.

The program known as "Couple for Christ" (CFC) involves couples (Husband & wife), handmaids (wife along), servants (husbands along) and youths are among this 3-day seminar.

Administrated by Dr. Steve Amanu, and facilitated by his wife and with Bobo and Adrian from Archdiocese of Honiara.

The ongoing CFC program provides pastoral tools for the participants to evangelize people through a life of love and services, working with families and individuals for the renewal, through building generations of Christian leaders, and pursue total Christian liberation through social justice, respect for life, and work with the poor.

The 3-day seminar provides sharing's and discussions, group works, and feedback etc.

The seminar ended successfully on the 21<sup>st</sup> May this Sunday afternoon.

## Visiting Italian Priest Fr. Gustavo Celebrates Sts. Peter & Paul Feast day, Gizo parish.

An Italian priest Fr. Gustavo Nieto celebrated the Sts. Peter and Paul feast day here in St. Peter's Cathedral on Sunday 25th of June.

Fr. Gustavo has his special trip here in the diocese to visit the bishop purposely to make plan arrangement for him to provide priests and sisters for the diocese.

Fr. Gustavo Nieto who comes all the way from Rome has spent his weekend here in Gizo.

He arrived on Friday the 23rd and left Gizo on Sunday the 25th of June 2017.



### SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL PARISH MEDIA COORDINATORS

Take note that you are spreading the good news to all people of good will. And your MESSAGE is all about GOOD NEWS. You are not allowed to spread news articles regarding complains that may lead to other complains. You have your freedom to send news articles about politics or regarding news outside our Church to Solomon star / Island sun, but without harming their reputation.

## Photo's Around Our Diocese



## EDUCATION 4 LIFE

# For an Education to Value Against HIV/AIDS

**Does education about sexuality “push” young people to have sex? “no”:**



Some argue against giving information about condom use or even against sexual education for young people because they fear that this will give young people “ideas” or force them into early sexual behavior. This fear does not seem to be supported by scientific findings.

**NOTE:** This information, included for scientific background information, is not intended to condone or promote sexual activity outside life-long, mutually faithful marriages, nor to encourage condom use. All decisions about HIV prevention through sexual means must be taken in light of the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.

Within some of our secondary school students reported that those who received health and sex education were more likely to consider abstinence as a means of HIV prevention.

### False Security of “Safer” Sex Education

Even apart from the Church’s ethical concerns about condom use, promoting them should not generate an excessive feeling of security. There are many obstacles to consistent and correct condom use.

