

Bishop's Pastoral Message for the Month of June



(June Theme)

## "We are called to live and serve each other"

Life is a gift from God to a person so he/she can contribute to support the community and to provide

services to the kingdom of God: a kingdom of justice, peace, love which we are called to build. Our faith to be truly alive must work on three dimensions:

- The vertical dimension: we and God: this is the area of our personal prayer life, our call response relationship with God Himself... he and us in a relationship (covenant) of love
- The communitarian dimension: we and our neighbors, this is the area of belonging, by faith we belong to a community: the church... we become living members of a living body: the Mystical body of Christ
- The missionary dimension: we at the service of the community. This area refers to the mission which we have received on the day of our baptism. The mission to serve others as Christ has served us.

There are gifts which do not cost money and we can give every day to every people we meet, they are true and authentic acts of service and messages of love

### THE GIFT OF LISTENING

But you must REALLY listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.

### THE GIFT OF AFFECTION

Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

### THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER

Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you".

### THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE

It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

### THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT

A simple and sincere, "You look great", "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.

### THE GIFT OF A FAVOR

Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

### THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE

There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and, give the gift of solitude to others.

### THE GIFT OF A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION

The easiest way to feel good is to make others feel good.

It takes little to reach out this way and help make life easier for those who are burdened by daily struggles and pains

With my blessings

Bishop Luciano Capelli, sdb  
Gizo Diocese



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## Diocese Pastoral Message for the month of June

**"We are called to live serve each other"**

**Diocese month for VOCATION**



**“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.”**



## LAY PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH

**Something really happens when people are baptized and become members of the church. From that very moment they are changed forever.**

At baptism we become not only new creations in Christ and share in God's own life, but we are calling for a new way of life. We are called to join in the mission of Christ to the world.

As Catholics we live this new way of life in one of these 3 ways. Some people become members of religious orders and communities. Others are called to live as ordained ministers. But most of the baptized live their catholic lives as members of the laity—that is, as lay people.

Yes! As lay people our way of life begins with and revolves around the parish. There we receive the Sacrament of initiation, baptism, confirmation and Eucharist.

There we celebrate the Sacrament of reconciliation for the first time. In the parish we learn we continue our instruction of faith

that was begun by our parish. We learn more about Jesus, His Church and what it means to be a Catholic in today's challenging world.

Years later we may celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony in our parish church and begin our journey down a new path of life.

It is in the parish as well that we say farewell for the last time to those we love at the celebration of a Christian funeral.

Truly the parish is our home in the Catholic Church from the first moment of our lives until the last.

In this way we continue Christ's mission, as lay people reaching out to those in our parish.

*From Thomas Davekana  
(Sirovanga, St. Dominic Parish)*

## PROGRAMS COMING FOR MAY, JUNE, JULY

### **THE MONTH OF MAY:**

**YOUTH FORMATION PROGRAM 6th of May**  
(2weeks) was postpone for another date.

### **THE MONTH OF JUNE:**

**10th–14th, Sunday School Teachers Catechist Seminar—Moli/Gizo.**

**24th–28th, Priests' Spirituality of Communion Retreat—Vanga.**

### **THE MONTH OF JULY**

**8th–12th, Diocesan “Come & See” program—Sirovanga.**

# Happenings in Our Diocese

## More Youth Benefit from "Doing by Learning—Learn by Doing" Material.

50 youth participants from the 7 parishes of the Catholic Diocese of Gizo are participated in the Youth leadership training seminar held Monday 19th May, here in Gizo parish.

The facilitator Fr. Shanti Chacko Puthussery PIME who is from India had spent most



of his time with Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and with his designed learning material helped to assist youths to organize themselves in their own respective village communities. This is to bring them closer, and more to learn the 2012 learning material "Doing by learning and learning by doing".

Fr. Shanti said that the young people should not wait for who is going to teach them but come together, make available oneself in the youth group and do everything with a sense of responsibility. Therefore, he said, prove oneself that she/he is capable of participating in the youth group regularly and ready for 'doing by learning' and 'learning by doing'.

Fr. Shanti Chacko P. PIME, a secretary of Commission of Youth who now working with the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNG and SI, Goroka PNG.

**FEAST DAY**

**Mary Help of Christian**  
(24th may)

**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.*

**ANNOUCEMENT TO ALL PARISHES**

*To Parish Priests, Catechists, Church & Community leaders & Head of Organizations.*

*Take note that the diocesan Programs to parishes has been halt for a while. The Youth Encounters Seminar was postpone to another date. The Education for Life (HIV) for Nila Parish is also postpone. Prove (These programs is yet to confirm).*

**Apology for these changes**

## Happening in our Parishes.

### Visitation Give Courage to Young Boys to Continue Serve the Church.

*(Fr. Stephen Te'e)*

Encountering each other and to be closer to Christ was the most beautiful experience felt by our 21 young knights of the altar ( K-D-A) of St. Peter the apostle Catholic parish, Gizo on the 20th of April 2013.



The boys met with silence and in meditation in front of the Blessed Sacrament before they left for their visit to the Hospital and at the newly Correctional Centre, the boys took time out to visit the sick and pray with them.

One of the sick person was in surprise to see young boys praying with them expressed his thanks in tears.

The 21 young knights of the altar were led by their president Chris Pita who has shown a huge courage during the visit of yesterday. The young boys came to experience what it is to be friends and brothers and be more closer to Jesus as they continue their experience of each other and become strong in their

faith.

This year we have new knights of the altar keep coming in after some of our boys left for high schools at St Joseph Tenaru, the older ones were showing interest of assisting the new ones in their role to serve mass at the altar as well as praying together. A good lunch was enjoyed followed by the first Holy communion and confirmation classes in the St Peter the apostle Cathedral.

We would like to thank the Director of Gizo Hospital for giving us the permission for the visit, a special thanks goes out to the management of the Gizo Correctional Service center for their kindness in allowing the Centre to be visited and finally to our Bishop Luciano Capelli for the use of such good facilities, that our boys continue to enjoy.



**“Nothing you do for children is ever wasted”**

~unknown Author

# — NEWS IN BITS —

## St. Peter's Prepare Children for 1st Communion and Confirmation Class.

More than 60 candidates for 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation were instructed by 3 instructors .

Candidates for this year is slightly gaining its percentage due to more activities for these people.

The activity in the Gizo Community High School and frequent visitation of pastoral workers in communities, and registrations gave wonderful outcome which results in this number.

The Coordinator for this program, Sr. Hilda op said that there are more to be registered, and she urged everyone to attend classes.

The presentation, the 4 stages of life illustrated the development of the human person which based on their role players which highlighted problems arise in the family.

Youths have time to present some of their skills that they have learned during the 8 days training.



The program was facilitated by The facilitator Fr. Shanti Chacko Puthusseray PIME, the Secretary of Commission for Youth and Laity of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands.

## Youth Participants Stage Awareness, Community High & Primary School.

To carry out what they have learned from the past 8 days training was one of their tasks to implement. See that they are confident of this, the youth gave a wonderful presentation at Gizo Community high school and primary school on Monday 6th of this month which attracted teachers and students.



## AMIS Local Construction Workers with their New Uniform.

Local construction workers, who help, out with the AMIS project to build the Diocese of Gizo in erecting Schools and other buildings here in the St. Peter's Cathedral Gizo, pose in their spectacular safety wear all the way from Italy.



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With the help of Bishop and those benefactors from Italy, the boys are now in line with tradesmen standard and profession.



**EDUCATION 4 LIFE**  
**FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS**

**GROWING UP**  
**4 ABSTINENCE**

**ABSTINENCE** means doing without something of your own free will.

Examples could be: giving up eating meat, drinking alcohol or sexual activity.

To abstain is a **free choice**, a personal decision which does not interfere with a normal life. Usually, abstinence does not last for a lifetime. It is just for a time while growing up and making sensible choices. There is no need to let everyone know you have chosen abstinence. It's even all right to have a boyfriend or girlfriend, without getting too involved.

Sexual abstinence means putting a stop to all sexual relations or else putting them off till later.

**ABSTINENCE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH BEING AFRAID – IT NEEDS COURAGE TO KEEP IT UP**

**STATEMENTS:**



“My girlfriend and I have chosen abstinence in order to avoid being disturbed in our studies. We first want to get our degrees.” (YL, 21 years old)

“I abstain. My ‘guy’ too. We know that true love is something more than sex.” (A, 18 years old).

“I take abstinence seriously because I believe in it very much . I’m keeping on with it till I find my ‘Miss Right’.” (E-19, years old) (100% jeune-no 23-X-02)

