



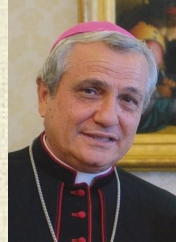
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OUR November EVANGELIZING MESSAGE:

Month of our faithful Departed

“With deep faith, hope and love, we accept life forever with God”



NEW EVANGELIZATION: new faith, new hope

The problems we have to fight today are two:

Materialism is when we use persons and love things instead of using things and loving persons

Individualism is when we say 'me now boss' and we strive for honor, power, popularity

The challenge: New evangelization

The rough sea of materialism and individualism in the world of today has made the Holy Father call for the Year of Faith as we celebrate the 50 years anniversary of the Vatican Two

Then and now, we face the same issues of the need to change and grow from our present selfishness, individualism and materialism to respond to the challenges of new evangelization

How can the church remain faithful to its mission of evangelizing through the proclamation of the word and the setting of credible and good example?

How can we make evangelization 'new', and more relevant to the people of today?

How can we look at the past, learn from it and plan for a better future?

What is renewal?

Is it to do with something new? Or is it doing the same things in a new way?

Nothing is new in our faith. It is not matter to believe something different, but to believe the same truths in a different way.

We do not necessarily improve the liturgy by singing a new song.

we can do it by signing the old song in a new way...with a new heart

What is then new evangelization, new education, and new family pastoral, new youth ministry???

It is believing the same truth and doing the same duties

With a new heart, new mind new soul and new spirit...

it is doing the ordinary things in an extraordinary way

it is entering in a deeper communion with Christ our Savior, surrendering our lives to him, making him the center of our thought, love, commitment in life

it is allowing him to take over our lives
Evangelization will be NEW when the Holy Spirit will be the chief evangelizer using each one of us and all of us as a renewed church

A life of Faith where the Spirit is the main actor, brings necessarily a life service to people, of Love and communion (starting in once family) a life of Hope

There is no better way to preach the good news than to allow Jesus Christ to take over our lives and use us as instruments and messengers of this new evangelization where His Spirit is the main mover behind the message and the messenger and the heart of the listener

November Has began with the challenge of Holiness...All Saints day

“It is the will of God that we be holy, it is easy to be holy, just be always happy in the Lord and do your ordinary duties in an extraordinary way” (Don Bosco to his youth)

Enjoy your life of grace with the Lord and spread it around together with your Bishop who loves you with a Solo Heart made in Italy



“We give and re-give all a sense of the value of
• SOLIDARITY as we promote, live and experi-
ence in our lives, true acts of JUSTICE & PEACE
with our brothers and sisters and the nature around



Rellysdom A malakana

(Catholic Communication Office. Diocese of Gizo)

World Mission Sunday in each year is very special to every Catholic Christians throughout the globe. The event encourages missionaries for their mission in action. This reminds us of the faithfuls who lost their lives during their actions.

The Mission also provides Catholics with the opportunity to unite in mission and to recommit ourselves to the Church's missionary activity, through prayer, sacrifice and financial contribution.

As baptised Catholics, Mission Sunday required our special collection for missionary activity for our brother ad sisters in other countries. Such practises we are one in the Body of Christ. We share our faith and reach out to those who need our prayers and supports

Well, Fr. Valentine Gryk, SVD director of the Pontifical Mission Societies for PNG and SI, reminded us that faith is not just our own “private business” but it is to share with others, encouraged us to again and again to think about the task that Jesus is calling all of us to —

“Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all man-

kind. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved: whoever does not believe will be condemned...” Mk 16:15 nn. This is a very challenging passage from our Lord Jesus Christ challenging all of us to be missionaries or be his followers.

The following are activities that require our commitment as baptised people off on the mission for Christ our Lord.

1. Diocesan Pastoral Plans for the year 2013—2016 was our biggest plan to be implemented. The Diocesan Pastoral Team of Animators (DPTA) worked very hard and at last we have our pastoral plans for 4 years.
2. Besides our diocesan pastoral plan we have each sector. With these sectors we have activities to be implemented in the parishes.
3. We have parish with priest and lay workers. They have special responsibilities to work with our people.
4. And our people in village communities require tolerance from all the plan that will be implemented.
5. We have family activities, that will enable them to benefit more about the programs run by our diocese.

These events challenges us as individuals to be missionaries and, somehow, what we can give, may benefit the universal church by contributing our diocesan programs of activities in whatever form of contribution.

DIOCESAN PRAGRAMS COMMING UP FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November 5th — 9th; Diocesan Pastoral Team Evaluation and Planning Meeting

Venue: Gizo

November 25th; Bishop's visit to Voruvoru mission station.

November 26th — 30: Women's Deanery Cultural & Skills arts display Week

Venue: yet to confirm

Fest day of Christ the King Parish, Voruvoru



**IN
CHRIST
WE
STAND**

Happenings in Our Diocese

Villagers from Shortland Islands Benefit from the Education for Life Program

More families from the Borderline Shortland Island benefited from the Education for life program. The program was designed to benefit individuals or communities who wish for a change, in any particular area of their personality, ways of relating, communicating, being etc. The program allows individuals to experience Education for Life (E4L) as a process of Holistic growth of a human person through a journey of ongoing conversion. Through this program it may change behaviour that might safeguard individuals at risk of acquiring HIV/AIDS.

A program coordinated by the Catholic Diocese of Gizo was also designed specially to protect those people living with the HIV/AIDS virus without discriminating them and these people may not experience stigmatism within them.

A one week program commenced 21st–30th October which involved 10 youth animators from the Shortland Islands, trying to bring the message down to village level. These youth advocates were very



much involved in demonstration and role play, and spoke the language of both the Shortlands and I-Kiribati.

The program which was facilitated by the Media & E4L coordinator Relysdom. A. Malakana with the help of the Family Life Apostolate coordinator, Sr. Rita OP brought alert to families and individuals ensured all parties, to take responsibility for their own life.

During the 2 hour awareness nights to schools and village communities many felt that they have ignored the HIV pandemic and many need to be educated not only on their negative attitudes or behaviours but need more information on the transmission of the HIV virus.

The program was funded by the National AIDS Grant Committee through the coordination of the Oxfam Solomon Island.

The program will continue for 9 months to equip families, individuals and villages to work together to protect the virus from spreading the borderline and assistance to anyone living with the virus without discriminating them.



The world is as many times new as there are children in our lives.

~unknown Author

Happenings in our Parishes

The Month of the Holy Rosary Completed Successfully, Nila Parish

The month of October which is the month of the Holy Rosary was a very special month for Nila parish Shortland Island.

As usual the parishioners engaged themselves to follow in procession, and celebrating the journey of the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the villages. A four weeks celebration was put on, each village in the parish had people come together praying, sharing and singing.

And on Sunday the 28 of October, four statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary were escorted by canoes to Nila mission station were hundreds of believers gathered to celebrate the month closing.

Many villagers said that such event was very effective as lots of people were involved in preparation and prayer.



EDUCATION FOR LIFE (E4L) SCHEDULE PROGRAM FOR YEAR 2012, NILA PARISH

Year 2012:

- 1. Formation training for E4L facilitators; 23 – 26 October. venue Nila Mission Station. (participants- volunteers)**
- 2. Village youth training & awareness; 27 – 30 October. venue Arapa (participants- Koliai, Arapa & Komaleai)**

- 3. World AIDS Day for youth around Nila parish; 1st December. venue Nila mission station (participants, public)**
- 4. Village youth training & awareness; 3 – 6 December. venue Maleai (participants – Pirumeri & Maleai)**

(Coming year 2013, for other villages)

—NEWS IN BITS—

St. Peter Parish Celebrates Bishop's 5th Anniversary

Communities in and around the Gizo township, celebrated their bishop's 5th Episcopal Ordination, as bishop of the Diocese of Gizo.

Celebration began with the Eucharistic celebration of his 65th birthday on the 19th of October followed by his



Anniversary on the 21st of October.

Many well-wishers thanked the bishop for his 5 years as bishop, who has the heart for his diocese by providing education for the youths and other pastoral programs.

During the occasion parishioners also wished Fr Stephen Tee, well also on his Anniversary as priesthood for 2 years serving the diocese of Gizo.



With their acting parish priest Fr. Robert Kyaw Thu, who was very cooperative with his team preparing for the meeting which commenced on the 29th of October and believed to be completed on the 3rd day of November.

The parish council and other members showed a lot of enthusiasm upon arrival.

Catechist Zakari said that, with the help of Fr. Robert and the PC they will try to involve people to participate in the diocesan programs at the village level.

Bougainvillea Students in St. Anne's said, HIV/AIDS is Really a Problem.

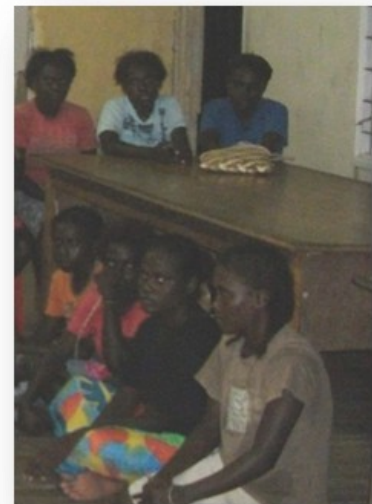
Some of the Bougainville Student attending training at St. Anne's vocational school Nila showed interest during the 2 hours Education for life (HIV/AIDS) awareness night.

They said that they never come across such awareness but they are informed by the health workers in their island about the HIV pandemic.

They have seen people dying, believed to have that virus and many more being discriminated.

They said that it is a problem that was ignored, as they are control by rebels and they believed the virus is silently destroying the lives of many.

They said, both countries are within access of the border and the virus may spread through crossing the border.



Nila PTPA Members Expecting Successful Outcome of 4 Years Planning

Nila is expecting a positive outcome of their planning for the year 2013-2016.



EDUCATION 4 LIFE

FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS

YOUNGSTERS' DIFFICULTIES



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POVERTY LEADS TO MISUSE OF WOMEN

1.-Young girls:

♥" Life has become difficult, sex is the only way to get money and presents from men. Fellows give us money and then expect us to make love with them".

♥Having sex with young people is very easy in our place. A young girl wants a man who will **pay her expenses:** study, food, clothing, beauty aids, lodgings...

♥Both love of money and the craze to look good make youngsters forget about keeping away from sex. There are girls who look for boys who will pay for a scarf, a drink at the bar...

♥Sex with a prostitute or with a stranger always holds the risk of getting HIV and other STDs.

♥When they urgently need money to satisfy their needs, both male and female drug-addicted prostitutes are sometimes ready to get more money by working without protection if their clients ask them to do so. But they are the one who spread HIV the most.

■ A young person has the right to receive proper education: about the physical, emotional, ethical and psychological aspects... of sex and about the time of its development.

■ The present difficulties make it a still stronger reason for this education to be clear and complete.

.-Group behaviour:

♥Fear of being a loner can drive a young person to look for protection in a gang and imitate their behaviour, without worrying whether it is right or wrong..

♥Stimulants like drugs or alcohol are seen as a way to get courage.

"I drink to feel at ease with others and to lose my fears."

♥You have to prove to the others in the group that you are a man by sleeping with a lot of girls. I don't worry about diseases; I leave that to others.

■ A group of friends can be a big help in encouraging someone to become a better person, to study more and to benefit from the help given to one another. On the other hand, there is the danger that the group can have the opposite effect on an individual.