



RENEWAL OF THE GIFTEDNESS OF CATHOLIC PRIESTHOOD HELD AT GIZO DIOCESE AS PART OF THE GOLDEN CELEBRATION OF THE DIOCESE

Dear People of God of the Gizo Diocese:

We, your bishop and priests, spend time with God and ourselves for two weeks in the effort of a Renewal of the giftedness of catholic priesthood to our diocese as part of the golden celebration of the diocese. At a time when we hear sad and disturbing news about priesthood, this wants to be indeed a good piece of inspiring good news. From June 20 to 29 all the priests of the three catholic dioceses of the Solomon Islands (Honiara, Auki and Gizo) met for a renewal and formation program at the conclusion of the international year of the priest called by Pope Benedict the XVI th.

A total of 63 catholic priests and religious with their 3 bishops met at Vanga RTC facility to renewed their experience of God and the commitment of their vows to Him and to that portion of His people entrusted to their pastoral care. Two Marianists religious from USA animated and facilitated the encounter, the first of its kind in the history of the Catholic Church in Solomon Islands.

The experience coincided with the golden Jubilee celebrations of the Catholic Church in the Gizo Diocese and the golden jubilee of the ordination of its first Bishop (Bishop Eusebius Crawford, OP) in Rome, in May 1960. The program which consisted in biblical, Marian and spirituality inputs, reflections and sharing among the participants provided a unique occasion for sharing one's faith, experiencing brotherhood and fraternal support, and renewing one's personal commitment to the priestly identity and service. In a time when priesthood has been attacked and undermined by mistakes of some of its members around the world, it was great to see the renewal of the commitment to be priests' according to the heart of the good shepherd in communion with the universal catholic church built on Peter's rock.

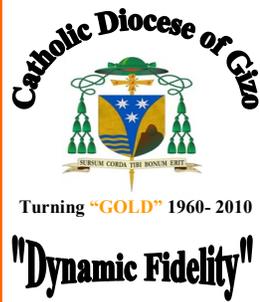
The commitment took place at the celebration of Solemnity of Saint Peter, the patron saint of the Gizo cathedral. Each of the bishops and priests renewed their fidelity to Christ and their priesthood. This was done meaningfully by each one touching the cross and the bible in prayerful silence in front of the assembly before the final blessing in saint peter's renewed Cathedral.

The Gizo priests remained for a three days further meeting which saw them busy in identifying the specific gifts God has shared with Gizo Diocese in the past 50 years. Having identified the uniqueness of these gifts, the Gizo diocese Priests wrote and signed their commitment to keep these gifts dynamically alive and growing at the service of the people of God.

Here is what they have identified as the chore values of the Priestly giftedness received to which they must give DYNAMIC witness

THE PRESBYTERIUM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF GIZO WHAT ISPIRED US IN THE PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE FOR THE PAST 50 YEARS

Their spirit of prayer and devotion: priests got up early, used their kerosene lamps and prayed together with the sisters and their pastoral workers



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7th July 2010

Their presence among the people of God as often as possible

- ✦ They would spend time with them
- ✦ They listened to them as they shared their story

They sharing with them

They accompanied them in the journey of faith

- ✦ Attended to the sacraments and preaching
- ✦ Prepared their leaders

Inspired us to be priests

They showed Interest and commitment in loving and serving the people

- ✦ They showed a great spirit of dedication to the mission
- ✦ They showed a great spirit of sacrifice

They showed a great spirit of adaptability

They loved our vocations

- ✦ They inspired us as altar boys

- ✦ They gave a direct proposal to us to join in the priesthood

They showed us good examples at all time

We the priests' council of the diocese of Gizo

Draw our inspiration for the dynamic renewal of our priesthood

At the conclusion of the year of the priest

After our renewal program at Vanga with the other priests from CCSI

As we celebrate the golden Jubilee of our Diocese

In fidelity to the gifts of God to our diocese in the first missionaries priests

we draw the VISION MISSION STATEMENT we approve today we commit ourselves to live by these guide lines and inspirations

VISION MISSION AND COMMITMENT STATEMENT of the presbyterium of the catholic church of Gizo

We the presbyterium of the Diocese of Gizo are alive in Christ

We commit ourselves to witness the love of God to our people

By imitating Christ the Good shepherd

In dynamic fidelity to our founding missionary priests

To achieve this we commit ourselves:

To Inspire our people by being prayerful priests and praying with them

To make all efforts to visit and be present to our people, to listen to them as a servants leaders and brothers

To plan and accompany them in the implementation of the pastoral plans as planned and proposed by the DTPA and PTPA

To be a living inspiration to priestly vocations by our life and examples

To make all efforts possible to foster, propose the call and accompany the candidates in their vocation journey

This be our commitment for a renewed church and a Better world

Bishop Luciano Capelli, SDB

Fr. Simon Suvonava, OP
Noro SubParish

Fr. Callisto Tavisibatu, OP
Fr Peter Lalaiagalu, OP
Kavata Parish, Sirovanga

Fr. Eduard Siguenza,
Nila Parish

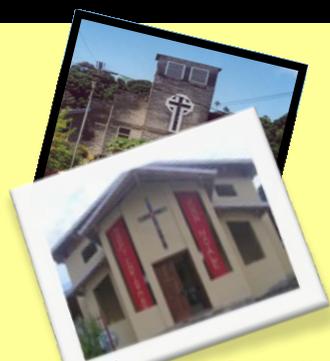
Fr Jacop Qetobachu,
Moli Parish

Stephen Kamo, OP
Gizo Parish

Fr. Gabriel M.
Waghina Parish

Rev. Bro. Stephen, Te'e
Nila Parish

Message from the Pastoral



Turning "GOLD"
1960- 2010

Happy Golden Jubilee

Thank God for our Diocese and Wow! what amazing celebrations going on locally at the moment! Golden Jubilees congratulations to our Bishop and his priests.

May Our Blessed Lord our High Priest Bless you all for your true and faithful service ministering to his 'sheep' all these years.

Thank you, a million times, thank you. Our prayers are with you.



Relysdom A Malakana
Media & Education for Life Coordinator

"Priest and the Pastoral Ministry in a Digital World"

Our Pope talks about the Priests as man of God. Again we are told that priests should be witnesses to the Gospel. They should constantly dialogue with the Gospel in their hands and hearts. He said that the priest's communicative ministry must begin with his own profound listening to the meditation of the Gospel. It allows the Gospel;

⇒ To make us a kind of people we are, in the words of liturgy

⇒ In the Gospel we should live, move and have our being

⇒ Therefore, we come as people of the Gospel who, as the message says, will be more notable for our priestly heart rather than for our technical savvy.....

They should be full of interest to bring Gospel Messages.

I think this gives us some indication of the nature of the priests involvement in the web, and also in our Diocesan Waves Newsletter. Our priests in our Diocesan Waves newsletter above all is seen as somebody who brings the Gospel. Our Newsletter is a place where various enthusiastic programs are written and published. The Popes said, ..."The web can be a very rich place for the priests to express their enthusiasm for the Gospel"..... So lets make our Newsletter where priests can share their understanding of the Gospel with others, where they can learn from other priests and the communities to grow in appreciation of the Gospel.

We have now access to such resources that can strengthen and develop the preaching of the Good News.

Our Waves Newsletter is to be understood not just as a place to pass time: we have reasons to publish it. So during this extent of time lets be parts of the digital era to bring the messages to every corner of the diocese of Gizo.

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



**FR, Jacob Qetobatu Parish Priest
St Joseph Parish, Moli**

From May reflection

SECOND REFLECTION: WHO AM I?

Readers of the waves I felt that this reflection is also important for you that is why I brought to your attention because it will enrich your family and individual living. There are many things to discuss, but I prefer to share with you the Subject of WHO AM I!

When we look at subject of WHO AM, I can see that there are two forces which shapes our identity or image. The first force is called HUMAN ENVIROMENT, which refers to people or group who influenced our life It can be positive or negative. For example, I want to wear a fashion cloth, because others have it, or I want to have a noodle hair, because others have it. The second force is called MATERIAL ENVIROMENT, which refers to material things that influence our life. For example, I want to eat rice rather than potato or cassava.

Often times we overlook these forces, but they are the forces that paralyze or poison our identity of who we are. Our fore fathers value community spirit so deeply whereas our generation today say that *YU GIVIM MI BADN DR KAIKAI MI WOKA FO YU*. Customs are now challenged; there is no respect between the old and the young, illegal trading and consumptions of illegal substance now at the brims of the horizon. Wearing of fancy cloths in the villages and dying of hair now became part of our existence.

However, let us not discourage, because these forces are only from the outside. Deep within our body we have what we call Being, it is the birth place of prudent, love, peace, humility and so on. We cannot discover this birth place of the mention fruits unless we journey from our head to the heart. It will take time and energy to work towards it, but when we discover how to go about, it will help us to face the challenged of this contemporary days.

To conclude, either you as a parent, teacher, youth or whatever responsibilities that is entrusted to us by the Lord, let us join our hands, minds and hearts together by listening to our inner being, which is the birth place of wisdom. When we are united together we will build our Diocese, Parish, community, family.

Catholic Diocese of Gizo



Turning **"GOLD"** 1960- 2010
"Dynamic Fidelity"

COMING UP

SOLOMON ISLAND 32nd INDEPENDENCE
CELEBRATION DAY, 7th July 2010



God Serve the Solomon

This Month of June

*****Diocese of Gizo hosts the National gathering of Priests at Vanga (20th—28th)**
*****Closing of the year of the Priest Day celebration in Gizo**



Reflections Around Our Diocese (The Priest)

Michael Kolekana (Jr)
Vella la vella, Gizo Parish

"Priests alike Jesus"

Jesus Christ is the son of God. Jesus appointed St. Peter to be the head of his Church. From Peter to the early Christians, and to our Bishops and the Priests today. It is clearly illustrated that our priests are like Jesus. They are chosen by our Lord Jesus Christ, representing him (Jesus) here on earth.

Jesus is Holy. Our priests are holy. They are witness to the Gospel. They live life to the Gospel and proclaimed his (Jesus) word to our communities. They have the authority to perform or administer various religious rites; one of the Holy Orders. A priest hears confession and gives absolution.

Priests are humble people. They are good listeners and observers. They attached themselves to the families and community and felt the needs of the families and communities. They are not here to gossip them or blame them, but they need our prayers and support.

Priests are smart people; they have their identification as Catholic priests.

Lastly, I would like to say, if that is the Catholic Priests, our parishioners will be holy like them.

Reflection on the Popes World Communication Day Messages—Awareness day 16th May (St. Peter's Media Team Volunteers)

"Priest and the Pastoral Ministry in a Digital World"

The web can be redefine the scope of the priest activities. Many of the activities of the priests in preaching, writing and reflection can be shared with a wider audience at no greater effort. Actually we may not access to that (web) resource but we do have our monthly Diocesan Newsletter, the "Wave" -It is freedom, space, a capacity for us to act.

Working with the diocesan media team coordinators in the parishes, this pastoral output can be adapted and developed in ways that mean a good sermon, letter, message, or a great celebration can be brought to a wider audience. In particular, priests need to be attentive to the fact that there are many young people present on the web and need to think of how they can reach these young people. Therefore, we need (Priests) to have an engagement and open to others, The pope's message is strong on this sense of

how we can reach out and engage with others.

The Gospel message is not just something for the priests or to keep for his benefit; otherwise we have failed Christ.

George Pitata **Priesthood begins with Come & See**

Looking at our diocese today Candidates for the Diocesan Priesthood believed to be increase. On the 1st to 5th June, there were twenty one of our young men joined the Come & See program at Moli Pastoral Center. They received some of the inputs regarding their personality which really enlighten them.

One of the thing which touched me is, how these young men relate themselves to each other, sharing together, singing together, playing together and more over is discussing the word of God. Perhaps vocation is everyone's business. Through vocation they might be motivated and may led them to adapt to new circumstances. Some of them will continue their journey to priesthood while others may become family man, but the idea is seeing that everyone to experience the life to a Priesthood.

And more over they need support and encouragement from the parishioners.

A Message to Parents

For many parents, the thought of a son entering into the Priesthood begins to bring about deep fears. Questions begin to ask:

- Am I losing my son?
- My son won't have children, and I want grandchildren?
- What about financial security?

While these may be valid questions, the truth is that many priests are joyful and fulfilled through their prayer, life, and ministry. Why should parents encourage their sons to become priests? Encouraging someone means inspiring a person with hope, courage, or confidence, heartening and giving support. This is at the heart of what parents do best. It is the duty of parents who recognize and perhaps have known the anguished spiritual cry for a doctor in the house' to see the house of God has physicians of the soul.

News In Bits

Family Life Apostolate Programs Continue

Family Life Apostolate (FLA) team facilitators have successfully continuing its programs of activities this year 2010. The program now reached its mid year, and believed to have four or five activities until the end of this year.

For another next 6 months the FLA office will continue its new activities which will be on Ovulation and the Moral teaching of the church. This may enable them to space their own family and to learn some of the important out-put on moral issues.

A Dad Urged the “Hey Dad” Program, not to be delay

Mr. Frank Vavira from Ranogga Catholic Community urged the Hey Dad Program to carry on without delaying. Mr. Frank, through his reflection note said, its a pleasure for all daddies to attend such program on the 3rd to 6th of June.

The program gave us advices, characters, education etc. It contains a lot of goodies that should be allowed us to, especially towards our children, for example, listen to our children, give more time our your family, say proper words as such.

He appealed to their new Coordinator to quickly set up a structure so that all participants daddies to implement the program around St. Peter Parish.

St Marcellin Champagnat day Vanga

Vanga Rural Training Center and the vanga Primary School joined in together to celebrated the day of Marcellin Champagnat on the 4th of June. The celebration began with the Eucharistic. Principal celebrant of the Mass was Fr Albert Kalu. Br Henry Alele Fms (Head of Brothers) was the homilist of the day. He spoke about the life of St. Marcellin Champagnat.

After the Mass, the community extended the celebration to sports, feasting and entertainments. Everybody truly enjoyed the day as they celebrate in the spirit of St. Marcellin Champagnat.

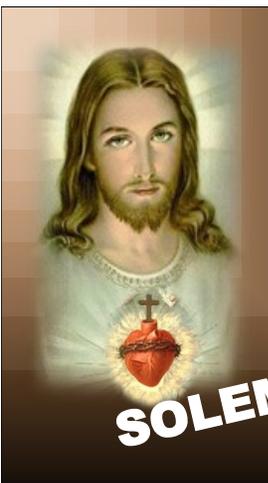


Come & See Program Moli Parish (Simon Telovae Media Volunteer Moli)

Big Number of youths attended the Come & See program at Moli Mission Station. The program was facilitated by Fr. Jacob Qetobatu, Deacon Steven Te'e and some of the seminarians.

A 5 days program which encouraged young males to priesthood commenced on the 1st–5th of June involved 23 youths, and this is the biggest number since the beginning of the program. The participants were involved much on spiritual and other physical aspects regarding their personalities. Many were motivated and were challenged.

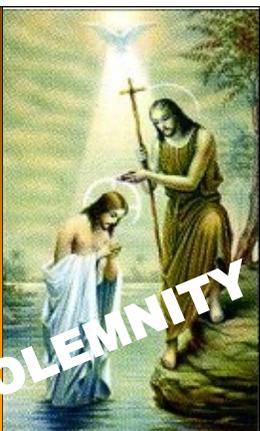
With the help of the Moli communities and church elders the program was succeeded.



The Sacred Heart Of Jesus

SOLEMNITY

Nativity Of St John The Baptist



SOLEMNITY



Lord our God, encourage us through the prayers of Saints Peter and Paul. May the apostles who strengthened the faith of the infant

Church help us on our way of salvation. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

COMING UP

THE MONTH OF AUGUST

**Our Golden Jubilee UNITY Retreat two. *“United in Dynamic Fidelity”* (One in Living Faith)

**Also for the Bible month & Golden Jubilee Activities/ programs

Pictures Around our Diocese



ELECTION QUOTATION



"The English people believes itself to be free; it is gravely mistaken; it is free only during election of members of parliament; as soon as the members are elected, the people is enslaved; it is nothing. In the brief moment of its freedom, the English people makes such a use of that freedom that it deserves to lose it."

EDUCATION 4 LIFE

From May issue

FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS

Sexuality and God's Will



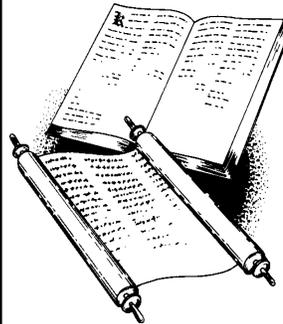
Genesis Ch 1:
"He blesses them... Multiply... Fill the earth and subdue it"
Gen 1:28
Genesis 2: "It is not good for man to be alone. I am going to make him a helper who is like him. That is why a man will attach himself to his wife and the two shall become one flesh" (Gen 2:18 - 24)

"Multiply":
 •This word is wrongly taken by many people to prove "that you **must** have sexual relations."

•God's plan does not call for bringing big numbers of children into the world irresponsibly.

•Life is sacred. Having children the way God wants, puts a serious responsibility on parents to educate their children and give them a happy life

•Many people wrongly take these words as an excuse for having sex without the intention of having a child.



The second story from the Bible - (Gen 2)

This text teaches us three things that are **necessary**

for us to know:

1-We are called by God to love.

2-The meaning of love in marriage:

This love is the **joining together of two lives** made by **personal choice**. This is a **"one and only"** joining together, so the words **"his wife"** mean God's plan doesn't allow polygamy (having more than one wife at the same time).

It is also **complete**, a joining together of each one's whole being, mind, heart and body — not just a sexual union

3-The way man and woman complete each other.

The Bible story brings out beautifully the dignity and role of the body and sexuality with regard to the sexual instinct: living, with the body too, **that joining together in love... in marriage** (...**"the two shall become one flesh"**).

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