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## Pope Urges Integral Ecology, Holistic View of Person

'Consider the Ethical and Spiritual Quality of Life in all its Phases.'

Pope Francis on June 25, 2018, stressed the need for an "integral ecology" and taking a "holistic view of the human person".

His remarks came in the Clementine Hall of the Apostolic Palace, where he received the participants in the 24th General Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life (PAV) on the theme "Equal beginnings.

But then? A global responsibility", which is taking place in the Vatican, in the New Synod Hall, from 25 to 27 June 2018.

"The wisdom that should inspire our attitude towards "human ecology" is encouraged to consider the ethical and spiritual quality of life in all its phases," the Pope said, drawing heavily on his [Encyclical Laudato Si](#).

In particular, he made the connection between damage to the earth and the negative impact on those people most in need. "When we deliver children to deprivation, the poor to hunger, the persecuted to war, the old to abandonment, do not we ourselves, instead, do the 'dirty' work of death," contended the Holy Father.

"Where does the dirty work of death come from? It comes from sin. Evil tries to persuade us that death is the end of everything, that we have come to the world by chance and we are destined to end up in nothingness."

Instead, Pope Francis proposed a "global vision of bioethics" and an "integral ecology" that recognizes the connection between the fragility of the planet and the poor. And an important element is the valuing of the human body as a gift from God.

"It is, therefore, necessary to proceed with a careful discernment of the complex fundamental differences of human life: of man and woman, of fatherhood and motherhood, of filiation and fraternity, of sociality and also of all the different ages of life," Francis said.



"And also, all the difficult conditions and all the delicate or dangerous passages that require special ethical wisdom and courageous moral resistance: sexuality and generation, sickness and old age, insufficiency and disability, deprivation and exclusion, violence and war."

He concluded by emphasizing the need to reflect on the "serious question" of life's ultimate destiny:

"This means highlighting with greater clarity what directs the existence of man towards a horizon that surpasses him: every person is gratuitously called 'to commune with God and share in His happiness."

[The Church] further teaches that a hope related to the end of time does not diminish the importance of intervening duties but rather undergirds the acquittal of them with fresh incentives' (Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Pastoral Constitution Gaudium et Spes, 21).

We need to reflect more deeply on the ultimate destination of life, capable of restoring dignity and meaning to the mystery of its deepest and most sacred affections.

The life of man, enchantingly beautiful and fragile to die, refers beyond itself: we are infinitely more than what we can do for ourselves."

ISFF18



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## Short Film Competition

### Vocation films:

In this **Year of Youth 2018** we invite you to send in vocation stories. Religious congregations are invited to send in digital vocation stories. Films need to have an emotional connection with the young, be starting points for discussion and invite a response from the young. The films may be international or local. Discussion questions are required for every film. Films in pidgin or other languages need to have English subtitles. The decision of the judges is final. No prizes for foreign films.

The screening of the films will be held on 4th August, 2018 at Vision City. Invitation cards for those interested can be got from the SOCOM and Youth Office, CBC Wigan, Port Moresby. The ISFF18 will be available from 4th August, 2018 @ K100.00/+ postage.

**PRIZE**  
A chance to win an interesting prize for the best:  
**Inspirational film**

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## Listen and accompany the young people in faith and vocation

**Vatican, 27 June 2018:** One week after the official publication of the 2018 Synod of Bishops about 'Youth - Faith - Vocation Discernment' Instrumentum Laboris, today was finally published also the English version of this 'Working document'.

This 63 pages A4 document will serve the participants of October 3-28, 2018 'XV Ordinary General Assembly of Synod of Bishops' in their work. Among the participants

### Prayer for the 2018 Synod (By Pope Francis)

Lord Jesus, in journeying towards the Synod, your Church turns her attention to all the young people in the world. We pray that they might boldly take charge of their lives, aim for the most beautiful and profound things of life and always keep their hearts unencumbered.

Accompanied by wise and generous guides, help them respond to the call you make to each of them, to realize a proper plan of life and achieve happiness. Keep their hearts open to dreaming great dreams and make them concerned for the good of others.

Like the Beloved Disciple, may they stand at the foot of the Cross, to receive your Mother as a gift from You. May they be witnesses to your Resurrection and be aware that you are at their side as they joyously proclaim you as Lord.

Amen.

would be also some Salesian Bishops as well the Rector Major.

The "Working document" is of great value for the whole Catholic Church, but also in a special way for the Salesians of Don Bosco. Three parts of 'Recognizing' (The Church listens to reality), of 'Intrepreting' (Faith and Vocation discernment) and 'Choosing' (Path of pastoral and missionary conversion'. Each Salesian confrere would find in this pages very rich and inspiring material for understanding better the young people of today, to deepen the dynamics of vocation culture as well to get enriched by the world wide listening of the Church to the youth.

We should not miss this opportunity to breath with the Church and with the Young during this special year of grace for all Salesian family members!

## Young people and social media

- Fr Ambrose Pereira sdb, CBC SOCOM and Youth Secretary

Young people are attracted to public spaces. They love to hang out with friends, make new friends and talk about issues that matter to them. It is here that they expand their social horizons, interact with different personalities and develop a sense of independence away from the reach of their parents and others in authority. Thus, they grow into becoming adults.



Until a few years ago, these places were physical spaces – the market, the church and the sports field. The scene is different today. These spaces are in cyberspace. Adults today are surprised and puzzled, by the amount of time young people spend online.

Danah Boyd in her book, 'It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens', helps us make sense of it. She has spoken to young people, parents, teachers, librarians, youth ministers, and others who work with youth. She has spent long hours studying young people and the digital footprint they leave on their social network sites, blogs, and other social media. Her insights give us a look at our young people today. In speaking about how young people and their use of technology, she tells us that young people use technology to overcome a social isolation.

Several young people would love to get together in person, but the pressures of study and work, and the demands and commitments of society and the distances of friends make it impossible to do so.

Thus, the only way to communicate with friends was through social media. In years past, young people would socialize with each other as they walked to and from school. They would travel by public transport and enjoy the weekends in parks, malls or in other places. All this has changed. While young people are wired to use technology, it is up to adults to guide them and instruct them in the ethics of technology.



This invites us to be open to learn from each other - adults to learn about technology from young people and young people ready to be guided in the right use of technology by their parents, guardians and teachers.

## What can we do?

Gender-based violence is a global issue.

In reports, all over the world, we hear news of women being abused and harassed either by people they know and even by strangers.



- Abigail Seta

It happens everywhere. In public places, in the workforce, at home and so forth and although reported to relevant authorities, nothing happens.

The question that has often been asked over the years is: What can be done about this issue?

Although, the 2013 Family Protection Act, a law setting new penalties for family violence was passed in PNG, we can still see that it has not been enforced.

The Human Rights Watch in its 2018 World Report, stated: "Police and prosecutors rarely pursue investigations or criminal charges against people who commit family violence—even in cases of attempted murder, serious injury, or repeated rape and instead prefer to resolve such cases through mediation and/or payment of compensation."

As PNG activist and Director of Kafe Urban Settlers' Women's Association in Goroka, Erika Fufurefa, shares on GBV in a recent interview with the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS), she says: "When our cases are reported to the police station, the police tell us it's a marriage problem and you have to go home and sort it out."

Unfortunately, this is a common occurrence. Empowering women and girls will not take place when women continue to face GBV and when there is no help from relevant authorities.

Thus, what can we do?

## 2018 Regional Media Education Seminars – for Media and Youth Coordinators –

**Aim:** To get a basic insight into Media and produce inspirational programs

Region	Date	Venue	Coordinator	Host	Remarks
Southern	5 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Chancery	Sr Virgie Gayon FSP	Card John Ribat MSC	Postponed
New Guinea Islands	14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Cardinal Degenhardt Convention Centre	Sr Daisy Anne Lisania MSC	Abp Francesco Panfilo SDB	On schedule
Momase	16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Madang	Fr George Ryfa	Abp Steve Reichert OFM Cap	On schedule
Highlands	6 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Mt Hagen Rebihamul YC	Fr John Philip	Abp Douglas Young SVD	On schedule
Solomon Islands	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Honiara	Sr. S Sala FMA	Abp Chris Cardone OP	Cancelled

## Youth Convention 2018

*a time of prayer, celebration and commitment for young people who are*

**Called to the fullness of Life and Love**

**Rabaul, 10th - 14th December, 2018  
10 Youth from every PNGSI Diocese.**

All young people are invited to prepare themselves for this important event.



Coral and reef nursery

Humans take a lot more from the ocean than we give back and we talk about nothing than doing something about it.

Kavailo villagers of Karkar Island in Madang Province have stopped talking and started doing when on 8<sup>th</sup> of June launched their first nursery of corals and reefs in order to be climate change resilient and strengthen the fight against experimental seabed mining.

It first started from YouTube watching sessions, when the local Lutheran Church pastor, Matei Ibak collected inspirational videos then shared them among the congregation's youths.

It didn't take long to start planning what the nursery beds would look like and what they'd be made from.

Kavailo village is situated around the pristine Kulubob Bay where the water is cooler in the bay then it is in the open sea. However, when

walking along the shore, one would notice thousands to millions of pieces of dead corals. The reef is dying and at a very rapid rate. What caused it is a question they are asking but helping rehabilitate the reef while doing so is a two-pronged strategy this "Action community" as they are now known widely, is doing.

They were tagged as the "Action community" when they resisted the proposed seabed mining in their waters in 2011.

The community is using two technics of coral nursery. The first one is when pieces of life coral are tied to a long rope held afloat by floaters on each end. This has proven successful in three weeks as these ocean faunas responded well to the sunshine they are exposed to. They will be monitored weekly for 6 months and be then replanted onto the reef. This method started 3 weeks earlier. The second technic is where pieces of life corals are tied onto square meshed wires, which in this case are then tightly tied onto wrecked metal table or bed stands. These pads or beds are then placed at a certain part of the seafloor for constant weekly monitoring.

## Corals and reefs rehabilitation

- Aileen Baretta, Freelance journalist



The pads will be monitored each week until 2019 World Oceans Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June to be transplanted onto the reef.

The villagers through Pastor Matei Ibak are now appealing to any Karkar Islander who has expertise in marine rehabilitation to help with expert advice or skills to enhance this rehabilitation program.

The main reason behind this program is to combat climate change and experimental seabed mining.



Villagers launching the coral and reef nursery

## WYD 2019 in PANAMA

### World Youth day 2019

There are 3 basic options of packages: **full; weekend only; vigil and final mass.**

- Those who pay before July 31st, 2018 will have a 10% discount.
- Payment can be made in two instalments until November 30th, 2018.
- Registration closes on January 17th, 2019.
- Wire transfers and credit cards are accepted.
- All options include medical insurance, transportation and Pilgrim Kit

**PANAMA:** The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) announced that there will be three main options of services offered to pilgrims for

participating in World Youth Day 2019, which range from 50 dollars minimum up to 250 dollars.

All include transportation, medical insurance and a Pilgrim Kit. The Director of Registration and Hospitality, Eydin Solanilla, stated that pilgrims who pay their registration (total amount) before July 31st, 2018 will have a 10% discount.

The package that has been chosen for the CBC PNGSI participants costs US \$ 250.00. Cost effective travel packages are being chosen by Bp Peter Baquero sdb, Bishop for youth. The **Basic accommodation** will be from January, Monday 21st to Sunday 27th. On the morning of Monday 28th, 2019 is when everyone leaves.



## Commentary

- by Fr. Victor Roche, SVD



### Burning of Aircraft, 2018

The Government has declared a state of emergency in Southern Highlands Province after days of unrest in Mendi town.

This comes after supporters of a losing candidate went on a rampage resulting in the burning of an Air Niugini plane, the local court house, Governor's residence and other buildings in Mendi town.

The court's decision to dismiss a petition against the provincial governor William Powi's 2017 election win is what sparked the rampage. There were messages of condemnation from all walks of life on the action of the supporters of losing candidates.

We have given wrong signals to the participants of APEC meeting; we may be ready with infrastructure, high powered security and well trained staff. But we, the people, are not ready for such an International meeting.

I call on the government to do a proper investigation on the election process, the results and the judgements by the judiciary; and to bring those responsible, to justice.

They have not only damaged public property but also irreparably damaged the image and dignity of our country.

I see 4 reasons why people did what they did:

1. People **do not accept defeat** easily. If you lose, accept defeat gracefully.
2. The root cause is: there is **no basic discipline** in the family, unfortunately.
3. Some people **cannot control anger** and they do anything silly and nasty.
4. Some people **do not have respect for public property**, sad to say. Citizens of PNG must reach the maturity of respecting public property as OUR property and that we should protect it.

## New Evangelization becomes the face of the Church

Sr Marilyn Akonoh MSC



There are many ways to present Jesus and his works in the world, especially in the proclamation of the Goodness.

The focus for new Evangelization today is about a new method of approach, a new language, image and expressions. This refers to the National Plan of the Catholic Church which gives the direction to the pastoral activities of the whole Church.

The Conference Pastoral Plan was designed for 2015-2020 allowing every dioceses to draw from this source and come up with their own diocesan pastoral plans according to their own situations and then the parish will draw from the diocese Pastoral Plan to do their own parish pastoral plans.

If we look closely at this strategic way of planning it becomes a new method of approach to the work of Evangelization in the Church of today.

It needs humility, acceptance and understanding in order to take this way of approach. There are some dioceses who are already using this method of approach and it is very encouraging for their dioceses. It makes it easier for Monitoring, Evaluation and Planning for the Catholic Church.

We are in 2018 and 2019, a time for evaluation of our pastoral activities in the dioceses and parishes. By 2020, there should be the third General Assembly of the Catholic Church. So, the basic purpose of having Diocesan Pastoral Plans is that it prepares the Catholic Church for that purpose and it unites the Church together for management.

God works in all ordinary things if you look beyond what you see and what you hear with the heart and mind of Christ.

## Yumi Yet Sios

- Bp Rochus Tatamai MSC

"Sios: Em Yumi Yet!" Dispela hap tok i trutru o ino yet. Aiting dispela kain luksave olsem yumi yet i Sios, yumi yet ol pipel, yumi ol bilipmanmeri yumi trutru i bodi bilong Kraist, em Sios bilong em.

Insait long mun bilong Julai bai yumi gat ol bikipela pestodei gen long selebretim insait long PNG na Solomon Ailans. Long Daiosis bilong Bereina ol i save bung long ting namba 4 (foa) de bilong Julai long Yule Ailan na wokim bikipela misa long tingim de Pater Henri Verius i bin mekim nambawan misa long dispela Ailan long 4 Julai 1885. Long dispela yia 2018 bai i kamap olsem 133 pela yia anivesari bilong dispela nambawan misa. Ol bilipmanmeri bilong Daiosis bilong Bereina wantaim sampela pilgrims bilong Port Moresby na ol arapela daiosis ol i save bung long Yule Ailan na mekim bikipela Misa bilong tingim dispela bikipela anivesari bilong nambawan misa. Stori i stap olsem taim Pater Henri Verius i bin mekim namabawan misa na long taim stret bihain long konsekratio (olsem consecration of Bread and wine in the Eucharistic prayer) wanpela pig i rong i kam na kapsaitim alta olsem na dispela vain Pris i konsekratim pinis i bin kapsait long graun long dispela memorial hill nau i stap Yule Ailan. Dispela toktok yumi ken mekim gen olsem, nambawan taim blut bilong Jisas i bin kapsait long kalvari na nau long Yule Ailan blut bilong Jisas Pris i konsekretim i bin kapsait olsem sakramen i wasim graun bilong dispela ailan na kauntri PNG.

Long namba 6 de bilong mun Julai olgeta yangpela manmeri insait ol daisis bilong yumi hia long PNG na Solomon Ailans bai bung wantaim Sios olgeta long selebretim Pestodei bilong Santu Maria Goretti – Virgo na Martir. Dispela yangpela meri inap long 12pela krismas tasol em i bin redi long givim laip bilong em olgeta long God na ino prèt taim yangpela man Alessandro i bin laik bagarapim laip bilong em long pasin nogut. Yangpela Maria Goretti i soim olgeta yangpela manmeri na tu yumi olgeta long lukautim gut presen o gift bilong laip bilong yumi olsem ol man na meri. Gutpela pasin Maria Goretti i skulim yumi long en em long pasin pogiv. Yumi mas redi long prei na pogivim olgeta husat manmeri i bagarapim yumi long ol kainkain toktok na kainkain pasin ino stret.

Long namba 7 de bilong mun Julai yumi bai tingting na selebretim Pestodei bilong Blesed Peter ToRot, Katekist na Martir. Ol i save gat bikipela pilgrim wokabout na misa long asples bilong em long Rakunai yet insait long asdaiosis long Rabaul. Olgeta diosis na peris insait long PNG na Solomon Ailans ol i save bung long givim bikipela ona na glori long God Triwan taim ol i riflekt na tingim gen laip, wok, na witness bilong Peter ToRot insait long laip bilong ol famili, ol tisa na katiket, ol papamama, ol yangpela manmeri na olgeta pikinini. Laip na wok wantaim olgeta stori bilong Peter ToRot i karamapim yumi olgeta. Long dispela taim tu sampela daisis i wetim nupela bisop long kisim ples bilong ol narapela husat i lapun nau na oli winim pinis ol yia bilong malolo. Yumi gat ol wari long painim ol nupela bisop namel long ol pris bilong yumi. Ol dispela daisis i wetim nupela bisop em daisis bilong Lae, Kimbe, Rabaul, Madang na Auki long Solomon Ailans.

Nau tasol Papa Santu Pop Fransis i bin tok orait long Bisop Ambrose Kiapseni MSC Bisop bilong Kavieng Daisis em i ken kisim malolo bilong em olsem ritaimen na kamap olsem Bisop Emeritus bilong Kavieng na long wankain taim em makim tu Bisop Rochus Josef Tatamai MSC inap nau i Bisop bilong Bereina long kamap nupela Bisop bilong Kavieng. Dispela Daisis bilong Kavieng em i lukautim Manus Province wantaim ailan bilong Duke of York na tu ol liklik Western ailans aninit long Is Sepik Provins.

Yumi yet Sios olsem na yumi mas prei bai God i strongim ol pris bilong yumi na blesim ol wantaim ol gutpela blessing na grasias bai ol i stap redi long kisim lidasip insait long ol daisis bilong yumi.



## NOPS team helps children with disabilities

- Fr Andrew Moses

**Kiunga:** The National Orthotic and Prosthetic Service team (NOPS) were in Kiunga from May 24th to June 5th 2018, to help access and give mobility to children living with disabilities.

Thanks to this special program, the recipients included children, students, youths and adults. There was a total of 52 plus clients that were assisted. These people were rehabilitated with appropriate devices, making the clients confident, mobile and able to do things like any normal person would do.



Noela Joe being assisted by a NOPS representative

Among these recipients was little Noela Joe who has been living with only one leg after her left leg was amputated at the age of two due to a car accident she had nine years ago. Imagine the smiles and joy on her face when she threw away her crutches to walk with her new artificial limb.

Ms Almah Kuambu, the technical advisor and team leader, who was once an amputee herself worked night and day with her highly skilled and experienced team with passion and love to give hope, life, dignity and smiles to those who were unable to walk due to their disabilities since birth.

"To see those persons walking is very satisfying," Almah stated.

The orthotic and prosthetic operations and mobility solutions program was initiated and coordinated by Callan Service of Daru-Kiunga diocese in consultation with the National Health Department who released the NOPS team to come to Kiunga to conduct the program successfully. They are specialized in the area of assistive technology and artificial limbs.

## Pope Francis' Homily for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul



Tradition "is not the transmission of things or words, an assortment of lifeless objects; it is the living stream that links us to the origins, the living stream in which those origins are ever present" (BENEDICT XVI, *Catechesis*, 26 April 2006) and offer us the keys to the Kingdom of heaven (cf. *Mt* 16:19). A Tradition ancient yet ever new, that gives us life and renews the joy of the

Gospel. It enables us to confess with our lips and our heart: "Jesus Christ is Lord", to the glory of God the Father" (*Phil* 2:11).

The entire Gospel is an answer to the question present in the hearts of the People of Israel and today too dwells in the hearts of all those who thirst for life: "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" (*Mt* 11:3). Jesus takes up that question and asks it of his disciples: "But who do you say that I am?" (*Mt* 16:15).

Peter speaks up and calls Jesus by the greatest title he could possibly bestow: "You are the Christ" (cf. *Mt* 16:16), the Anointed, the Holy One of God. It is good to think that the Father inspired this answer because Peter had seen how Jesus "anointed" his people. Jesus, the Anointed One, walked from village to village with the sole aim of saving and helping those considered lost. He "anointed" the dead (cf. *Mk* 5:41-42; *Lk* 7:14-15), the sick (cf. *Mk* 6:13; *Jas* 5:14), the wounded (cf. *Lk* 10:34) and the repentant (cf. *Mt* 6:17). He anointed with hope (cf. *Lk* 7:38.46; 10:34; *Jn* 11:2; 12:3). By that anointing, every sinner – the downcast, the infirm, pagans, wherever they found themselves – could feel a beloved part of God's family. By his actions, Jesus said in a very personal way: "You are mine". Like Peter, we too can confess with our lips and our heart not only what we have heard, but also concretely experienced in our lives. We too have been brought back to life, healed, renewed and filled with hope by the anointing of the Holy One. Thanks to that anointing, every yoke of slavery has been shattered (cf. *Is* 10:27). How can we ever lose the joyful memory that we were ransomed and led to proclaim: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (cf. *Mt* 16:16).

Dear brothers and sisters, millions of people continue to ask the question: "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" (*Mt* 11:3). Let us confess with our lips and heart that Jesus Christ is Lord (cf. *Phil* 2:11). This is the *cantus firmus* that we are called daily to intone. With the simplicity, the certainty and the joy of knowing that "the Church shines not with her own light, but with the light of Christ. Her light is drawn from the Sun of Justice, so that she can exclaim: 'It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me' (*Gal* 2:20)" (SAINT AMBROSE, *Hexameron*, IV, 8, 32).

## Share your Stories

Send in your articles, photograph and reflections on events and happenings in your parish, community and diocese.

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