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MISSION



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Mission at the Heart of our Christian faith

impels us to undertake a constant pilgrimage across the various deserts of life, through the different experiences of hunger and thirst for truth and justice. The Church's mission inspires a sense of constant exile, to make us aware, in our thirst for the infinite, that we are exiles journeying towards our final home, poised between the "already" and "not yet" of the Kingdom of Heaven. Mission reminds the Church that she is not an end unto herself, but a humble instrument and mediation of the Kingdom. A self-referential Church, one content with earthly success, is not the Church of Christ, his crucified and glorious Body. That is why we should prefer "a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security."

Vatican, 22 October 2017 - Pope Francis in his 2017 Message for the World Mission Sunday with the state of the 'Mission at the Heart of our Christian faith' offers a new motivation inspiration for the Church. He offers two core passages for our reflection and action:

Mission inspires a spirituality of constant exodus, pilgrimage, and exile (art. 6-7). The Church's mission is enlivened by a spirituality of constant exodus. We are challenged "to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the peripheries in need of the light of the Gospel" (Evangeliium Gaudium, 20). The Church's mission

- The number of Catholics in the world is increasing:
- almost 1300 million, 17.7% of the world's population, the baptized are more than the previous year (12.5 million).
- According the continents:
- 222 million of Catholics live in Africa (19% of the total population)
- 625 million in America (64%)
- 141 million in Asia (3.24%)
- 248 million in Europe (40%)
- 10.2 million in Oceania (26%).

ORDINATION

I come to do your will

Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb

Priestly Ordinations in the Diocese of Vanimo

Vanimo: Bishop Cesare Bonivento PIME, Bishop of the Diocese of Vanimo ordained Dn. Solomon Kulo and Dn. Gilbert Pano sdb priests on the 21st October, 2017 at the Church of St. Luke, Waromo, Vanimo. The entire parish gathered to thank God for the gift of two sons of the parish now raised to the order of Presbyterate. Fr. Solomon will serve in the Diocese of Vanimo, while Fr. Gilbert is a Salesian.

32 priests concelebrated on this special occasion. The Salesian congregation was represented by Fr. Alfred Maravilla sdb, Provincial Superior of the PGS vice-province together with six salesians including two brothers. Religious, sisters and faithful from near and far gathered for the celebrations.

In his sermon, Bp Bonivento reminded the newly ordained of the extraordinary dignity and the incredible responsibility they have as priests. He said, "By the anointing of the Holy Spirit, you are signed with a special character and are conformed to Christ the Priest in such a way that you can act in the person of Christ the Head (PO 2). You do the will of Jesus. He is mysteriously in you when you celebrate the Holy Mass and when you forgive sins in confession, you do what what Jesus did". The bishop also highlighted the important virtues: purity, poverty and obedience, encouraging them to reach perfection by being constantly united to Jesus, the vine (Jn 15,7). He concluded entrusting them to the Mother of all priests, Mary Help of Christians to accompany them in their priestly ministry.

Fr. Miguel de la Calle IVE, Parish priest of Holy Trinity parish, Baro, Vanimo together with the community of the Church of St. Luke, Waromo prepared well for the celebrations. Despite the heat, the large congregation of 2000+ prayed fervently right throughout the three-hour ordination service. Colourful dances by the Waramo women; St. Joseph's Musur; St. Theresa's, Lido and Holy Cross parish were part of the celebration. The harmonious voices of the Waramo music ministry, Holy Trinity



parish choir and the St. Michael's Wutung filled the church at the celebration. The Litany of Saints was sung by the St Charles and St John Mary Vianney Seminary Choir.

The two new priests were presented with a mass kit by the Waramo Catholic Community. The celebrations were coordinated by Stephen Gee, Councillor; Julius Pengo, Church chairman and Allan Danti, Organizing committee chairman together with the entire community. A 'bung kaikai' that followed the Ordination service was a contribution of all the parishes of the Diocese of Vanimo. Entertainment and dancing then followed. The next day, each of the newly ordained celebrated their first masses.

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“**Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment**” is the theme of the Synod of Bishops for 2018. The concern of the Holy Father is that, youth who are the centre of attention, need to grow in Faith and experience the fullness of joy.

This pastoral letter addresses the theme of the Synod for next year 2018. It continues the Catholic Bishops’ reflection on the youth that commenced on the occasion of the Year of Youth, 2008. In that letter the bishops proclaimed that youth are our joy and our crown, and that they are a vital part of

Year of Youth - 2018

In preparation for the Year of Youth 2018, the Bishops have released a Pastoral Letter. Here is Part 1.

our Church. We appealed to you to be with the young; listen to their concerns and the challenges they are facing, and accompany them in their difficulties. We also challenged you to continue proclaiming the Good News to them with renewed vigour and fidelity, instruct them in the faith, and help them to always choose Jesus as their Model. Finally, we encouraged you to celebrate life, especially the Eucharist, with the young, and to challenge them to go out to evangelize and to be holy because evangelization is a task for saints.

Faith, Discernment, Vocation. One of God’s wonderful dreams for the young is for them to see things as Jesus does (cf. *Lumen Fidei*, 18). This is what we mean by faith. This kind of faith is the source of vocational discernment. Faith helps one to make concrete choices in life that are consistent with the Father’s dream. “It enhances our lives and makes us aware of a magnificent calling, the **vocation to love**”. From the depths of our conscience, faith helps us to listen to the Spirit

and to dialogue with the Word, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life (cf Jn 14:6). This is what we mean by discernment, a gift of the Spirit. The believer discerns through the power of the Spirit how to live the Gospel and to respond to the call which the Lord addresses to all whether through marriage, the ordained ministry or the consecrated life. The person has to make a choice and a decision that is both free and responsible, and related to the concrete situation wherein he finds himself. This kind of vocational discernment can end up to be a long process that unfolds over time. It can be personally difficult because responding to a vocation can mean accepting a mission which involves the willingness to risk one’s life and to travel the way of the cross in the footsteps of Jesus. Because of this, there is the need for vocation accompaniment. The Church has the duty to accompany the young generation so that they may feel empowered and learn to collaborate in building up God’s Kingdom on earth.

To be continued. The full version can be got from the Editor

And the Word was made flesh

Roger Purcell

Conference Pastoral Plan Coordinator

Goroka: The Incarnation of the Gospel into the Melanesian culture, a modern, changing culture, is the greatest challenge before us. The process we often call Inculturation was the purpose of a Seminar conducted at Goroka, 2-14 October, 2017. Our theme, “**Our Future Emerges from Within**”.

A group of 23 Melanesians from different cultures gathered to look deeply into their culture, their faith, their own lives as Catholic people. The process was to live an experience of Melanesian Catholic faith, in cultural exchange, discussion, reflection, prayer and celebration. A group of lay, religious and clergy, mature, educated people, faithful to the Catholic faith and the Gospel. This Seminar was initiated in response to the work of the development of the Conference Pastoral Plan, and following from the Jubilee Seminar on Evangelization in 2016, during which we studied the results of a survey on Inculturation and Small Christian Communities. Our present group came from far and wide in PNG representing many cultures, ages and gender.

There was great affirmation of the culture and traditions from the past, recognition of the rapidly changing situation of today and an acknowledgement of the flawed and distorted nature of our humanity and culture, both past and present. The overwhelming experience was that of a deep rooted love of culture and the heritage handed down from the ancestors. There was a richness, diversity and depth that



is markedly missing from the modern culture of technology, money and entertainment.

There has been much work done in this area by many people in research, writing, workshops and courses. We were conscious of this great endeavour, that we were not starting from nothing, but that we may be taking a significant step. While there was some input to clarify terminology, method and background, the emphasis was firmly on experience; the experience of the spiritual, of God, in the past, from the culture, in the church and our present situation. We pray that the god of the ancestors, the one known now as the Christian God, will guide us forward.



Fake news and journalism for peace

52nd World Communications Day

Pope Francis will focus on the harmful effects of fake news against journalism for peace. “**The truth will set you free**” (Jn 8:32). **Fake news and journalism for peace**, is the theme for the World Communications Day, to be held on 13th May, 2018.

Commenting on the theme of next year’s World Communications Day, the Vatican’s Secretariat for Communication said that false information contributes to creating and fueling strong polarization of opinions. This often consists in **distortion of facts**, with possible “repercussions on individual and collective behaviours.” In a situation in which social media groups, institutions and the political world are reacting to this phenomenon, the Secretariat said, “the Church would like make its contribution by proposing a **reflection** on the causes, logic and consequences of misinformation in the media and helping to promote professional journalism, **always seeking the truth**, and thus a journalism of peace that **promotes understanding among people**.”

It is an occasion for us in Papua New Guinea to reflect on ‘**Truth in the Media**’ and its contribution to ‘**Peace**’. We need to ask ourselves if the use of our media helps to bring us together in harmony, unity and peace. If not, what can we do so about it.

- *Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb, Editor, Catholic Reporter, CBC Social Communications and Youth Secretariat.*

Books in Tok Pisin

by St. Alphonsus Maria of Liguori

Visitim Jisas i stap long santu Sakrament - 142 pages; K 15.00

Rot bilong Diwai Kruse - 71 pages; K 15.00

Oi 7-pela sori bilong santu Maria - 109 pages; K 15.00

Oi gutpela pasin bilong santu Maria - 88 pages; K 15.00

15-pela meditesen bilong Pen na Indai bilong Jisas - 96 pages; K 15.00

Novena bilong santu Maikel - 64 pages; K 15.00

Indai, kot, heven na hel - 166 pages; K 15.00

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Coastal communities threaten legal proceedings on PNG Government

- Aileen Baretta, Freelance journalist



Nautilus Minerals is facing the prospect of legal proceedings by October 18th 2017 if it does not provide documents relating to the licensing and the environmental impacts of deep-sea mining project in the Bismarck Sea.

the Solwara 1 project and the government must release appropriate documents as requested.

and Duke of York communities with support from the Motukea communities are adamant and will proceed legally if the Government of PNG fails to provide the licensing and environmental impact documents by October 18th 2017.

Deep Sea Mining

Nautilus Minerals have hard headedly announced as reported in one of the daily newspapers on the 28th of September that the K800.7 million seabed mining project will go ahead in 18 months time. Furthermore representatives from the New Ireland provincial administration, ward councilors from West Coast Namatanai and Central New Ireland as well as East New Britain were invited to see first hand the trials on the Seafloor Production Tools (SPTs) at Motukea Dockyard in Port Moresby.

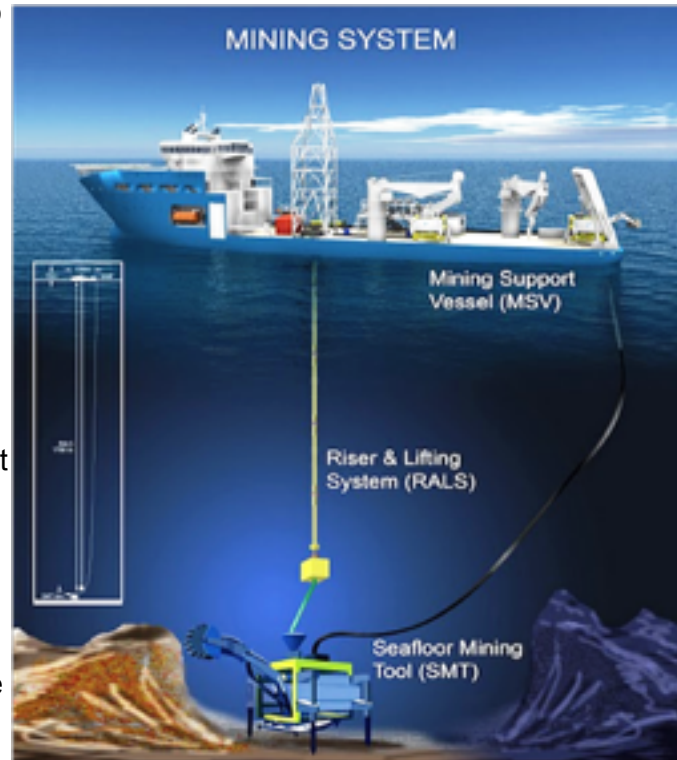
Communities across the Bismarck Sea signed and lodged in letters with the Ministry of Mining and the Ministry of Environment and Conservation demanding that Section 51 of the PNG constitution be adhered to which stipulates the right of reasonable access to official documents for every citizen of Papua New Guinea.

The Center of Environmental Law and Community Rights argued that PNG Government and the developer have disclosed very little information about the Solwara Project.

Jonathan Mesulam of the Alliance of Solwara Warriors from the West Coast New Ireland questioned the hand selection of delegates done by Nautilus Minerals while stating that people's concerns have been overlooked even when forums held in Namatanai and Kokopo in June this year showed more than 300 people protesting the Solwara 1 project. Mr. Mesulam also stated that the concerned communities will exercise their legal rights to be fully informed about

Meanwhile Nautilus vice president Adam Wright stated to the media late September that the cost of deep-sea mining is very small compared to the cost of land based mining and assured that the Solwara 1 project will have very minimal impact on the marine environment and the eco system it supports.

However, Karkar Island communities, the West Coast New Ireland communities



Workshop for Bishops held

- Nyleptha Kenny

Madang: The annual workshop for the CBC PNG/SI Bishops was held from 21st to 28th of September, 2017, at the Alexishafen Conference Centre, Madang. 15 bishops were able to make it for the workshop this year. Others had to attend to urgent matters in their dioceses. The parishioners of Alexishafen welcomed the bishops with a traditional welcome. They were then accompanied in a convoy of vehicles from the airport to the conference centre.

His Eminence Sir John Cardinal Ribat, MSC, was present in the Archdiocese for the first time and along with the other bishops, he celebrated the Sunday Eucharist on 24th September at the Holy Spirit Cathedral, Madang.

Resource people knowledgeable in land and sea issues, finance and human resource management, caring, protecting and catechising of children and positive parenting facilitated sessions at the workshop. The bishops feel challenged to do more and respond to the issues affecting their dioceses.

CBC thanks Caritas Australia for funding the workshop; Fr George Ryfa, SVD, Alexishafen Conference Centre manager; Archbishop Stephen Reichert and the people of the Archdiocese of Madang, and all the resource personnel who facilitated the sessions on these important issues.



- Harry Gahare

Vocation Promotion

Goroka: The Vocation team of the Diocese of Goroka organised a vocation promotion program on 14th October at Sts Peter and Paul church, Yonki.

70 young people, mostly in their upper primary, high school and secondary school from the two parishes of St Rita Kainantu and St Joseph and their out stations, attended the program. They were eager to listen to life stories of the diocesan team.

They were encouraged to pray and discern their calling in life. Personal responsibility and the need to live a life of virtue in our changing world was emphasised.

Lunch was served by the parishioners of Yonki Church. The program ended with a volleyball game with the parents who came to support the program.

Goroka diocese is divided into three zones, the eastern end is Kassam zone, the central zone comprises the parishes in town while the Western end is Daulo zone. The team commenced its program in the eastern end of the province and hopes to cover all the zones of the diocese by December, 2017.

Announcing
World Youth Day 2019



Theme: **I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Lk 1:38)**
Date: **January 22 to 27, 2019**
Location: **Panama City, Panama**

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Yumi Yet Sios

- Bp Rochus Tatamai MSC



Long olgeta mun bilong Oktoba yumi save putim tingting long wok misin insait long olgeta hap bilong graun o ples daun olgeta. Yumi save tingim singaut na toktok bilong Jisas igo long olgeta disaipel bilong em long "Go aut long olgeta hap long ples graun na mekim olgeta manmeri i kamap disaipel bilong mi...." (Matt 28:19). Wantaim dispela astingting yumi olgeta Katolik Kristian manmeri wantaim olgeta yangpela na tu olgeta pikinini yumi save pasim tingting na mekim ol kainkain program long prea na mekim wok sakrifais wantaim ol hom visit na tu bungim moni na mekim ol donation bilong kirapim na sapotim ol wok misinari insait long laip na wok bilong Sios olgeta.

Insait long dispela mun tu yumi save preim Rosari o Korona wantaim spirit bilong Mama Maria husait i Mama bilong Jisas Kraist Redima na Seivia bilong yumi. Insait long dispela ol preia bihainim ol misteri bilong haphap laip yet bilong Jisas, yumi save prei long strongim ol wok mission insait long olgeta hap long ples graun. Yumi save prei na tingim olgeta missionari bilong olgeta Religious Kongregation bilong olgeta kainkain Kivung Tambu husat i wok mission insait long ol ples i longwei na klostu long yumi.

Insait long PNG/SI yumi mas oltaim tok tengkiu na hamamas long planti kainkain misionari bilong ol Kivung Tambu bilong ol narapela kantri i bin kam na wok mission namel long yumi na wantaim ol pipol bilong yumi. Yumi ken kolim sampla na luksave long olgeta yet taim ol i kamap nambawan tru wantaim ol Marist(SM) misionari long yia 1847, bihainim ol i kam long Woodlark Ailan em ol PIME missionari long yia 1852, bihain ol Missinari bilong Santu Hat (MSC) long yia 1882 long Matupit Ailan na long Yule Ailan long 1885. Bihainim ol em ol lain Divain Wod missionari (SVD) long yia 1896.

Olgeta ol dispela missionari em ol man na meri olsem ol Pris ol Bruder na ol Sista. Wantaim ol tu yumi bin igat planti ol Lei Missionari olsem ol voluntia. Dispela em ol Lei manmeri husat i bin kam na wok missionari olsem ol tisa, ol kamda, ol mekanik, ol pailot, ol kapten bilong sip, ol nes na dokta na planti moa ol kainkain wok ol i bin mekim na wok poroman tru wantaim ol missinari bilong ol lain Kivung Tambu.

Long dispela mun bilong tingim na prei long olgeta wok missionari insait long olgeta ples graun yumi ken tengkim olgeta missinari i bin lusim ol asples bilong ol wantaim ol famili bilong ol na tu ol gutpela samting ol i bin igat long laip bilong ol na ol kam na givim laip bilong ol yet long helpim yumi olgeta. Ating i moa beta yumi tu i mas bungim tingting na prei bai God yet i ken blesim yumi olgeta, moa yet olgeta pikinini na olgeta yangpela manmeri bilong yumi bai Holi Spirit bilong God yet i ken kirapim paia insait long bel na lewa bilong yumi olgeta long harim singaut bilong Jisas na yumi tu bai redi long go aut namel long olgeta bratasusa bilong yumi na singautim ol na skulim ol tu long kamap ol gutpela disaipel tru bilong Jisas tede.

Mission to accomplish

Gizo: Bishop Luciano Capelli sdb celebrated the 10th anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination on Sunday 22nd October at St. Peter's Cathedral Gizo. The Thanksgiving Mass attended by hundreds, was animated by children and young people. Bp Capelli thanked the people and recalled what the church has been able to achieve during the past decade. He then reminded the parishioners of the 'mission they have to accomplish'.

After the festive meal, the church and community leaders had the opportunity to thank and congratulate the Bishop on his 10th Anniversary as bishop of the Diocese of Gizo.

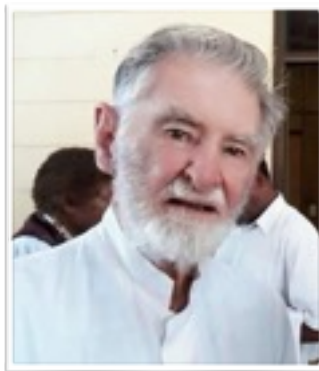
The celebration brought together people from islands as far as Ranogga, Kolobangara and Vella la Vela. Earlier, Bishop celebrated his 70th birthday on 19th October with his parish priests at Bethany recreation centre, Gizo.

Youth bringing in the anniversary cake



- Bp Rochus Tatamai MSC

Fr. Evan Francis Duggan (1931 – 2017) a tribute



Brisbane: Evan Francis Duggan, born on the 20th April 1931 in Brisbane, Australia, was the son of Catherine Augusta Pauli (Kit) and Thomas Francis Duggan. Evan was only 6 years old when his mother died on 23rd September 1937. He was then brought up by his father and his father's sister, Mrs Hamer. His aunts, Julia Stone and Margaret Keaveny also helped out. He was educated at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Convent School at Whinstanes and at the Christian Brothers College, Nudgee, before commencing his secondary studies at Downlands College, Toowoomba.

After leaving Downlands at the end of 1947 Evan began to work as a Junior Clerk with the Brisbane City Council. He worked in the City Hall in the Rates Section of the Department. In 1951, while living at Wynnum, with his friend, Mick Campbell, he went to Papua New Guinea. He arrived at Yule Island in 1952 and as a Lay Missionary looked after the Mission Store at Yule Island. He remained in the Diocese shortly before his 21st birthday, until he went back to Brisbane for medical treatment. In 1953, he was transferred to the Mainohana on the mainland to be a teacher in a boy's boarding school. In August 1954, Evan returned to Australia as his father was ill and passed away in November 1954. Then, between the years 1960–1967, Evan was a teacher, storekeeper, and secretary to Bp Andre Sorin MSC. He saw the need of the Diocese and went back to Australia to train to be a pilot in 1967. He was very involved in the opening of the mountain airstrips and building up of the mountain parishes and ports in Goilala Mountains of the Central Province. He saw the need of the Diocese so entered St Paul's Seminary in Sydney, to study for the priesthood in 1972. From August 1972 to November 1976, he studied Theology, completing his Diploma of Theology at St Paul's National Seminary for Late Vocations, Kensington, NSW. On 24th August 1976, he was ordained priest for the Diocese of Bereina by Bp Edward Kelly MSC at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Toowoomba, Qld. He served as a priest for 41 years.

He underwent medical care at Mater Hospital, Brisbane and died on 4th October 2017. We thank the Lord for the parents and family of Fr Duggan who were so generous in sharing him with us as well as supporting him throughout these years while serving the people in PNG. May the Lord God welcome Fr Evan Francis Duggan with his fond words "Welcome home good and faithful servant for you have served faithfully in my vineyards both in Queensland and PNG."

His Parish and Pastoral ministry included these Parishes and Communities.

Jan 1977 – Dec 1977: Parish Priest – Waima, Central Province, PNG
 Jul 1978 – Dec 1980: Assistant Parish Priest, OLSH Cathedral Parish, Bereina, CP, PNG
 Jan 1981 – Dec 1988: Administrator – OLSH Cathedral Parish, Bereina, Central Province, PNG
 Feb 1989 – Mar 2015: Chaplain – Mainohana Catholic Secondary School, Bereina, CP, PNG
 Mar 2015 – Present Retired Chaplain – Mainohana Catholic Secondary School, Bereina, CP, PNG

DWU Missioning represents transformation

- Kevin Pamba



Fr Philip Gibbs blessing the crosses

Madang: The 9th Missioning Ceremony for final year undergraduate students, held on 20th October, 2017 at Divine Word University was attended by 350 students. It recognizes "transformation" in the young people who are about to leave university after four years of study.

In his homily, Father Philip Gibbs SVD said: "Here at DWU the first objective is a student transformation that is an educational, personal, social and spiritual experience. We acknowledge, the transformation that has come about in you through the experience of being here during the last four years."

Fr Philip said that while graduation takes place in March next year, is an important event, the Missioning Ceremony was far superior, as it acknowledges the inner transformation of the person. "We bless you with the sign of the cross. The miniature cross that you are presented with today, is a symbol of transformation through Christ irrespective of your denomination. Take it with you as a continual sign of that blessing. You are chosen to witness to the goodness that the cross represents. Christ is saying to you today, 'Go and fulfil your life's purpose'," said Fr. Philip.