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Installation of Bp Rochus Tatamai MSC as Bishop of Kavieng

- Fr. Giorgio Licini PIME

Kavieng: The Catholic Diocese of Kavieng welcomed its fourth bishop on the 15th of August, 2018 with a solemn Eucharistic celebration attended by all parishes at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Kavieng.

Bishop Rochus Joseph Tatamai MSC aged 55 years, succeeded Bishop Ambrose Kiapseni MSC, who was farewelled on Tuesday, 14th August after 27 years of service. Bp Tatamai was born on the 24th of September 1962. He made his profession as a member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart on 2nd February 1983 and was ordained a priest on 26th November 1989. On 8th July 2005, he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Kerema and Titular Bishop of Accia. He was ordained Titular Bishop of Accia on 29th September, 2005. On 29th November, 2007, he was appointed Bishop of Bereina. He has completed 10 years of Pastoral Ministry in the Diocese of Bereina.

At the beginning of the Installation ceremony, the Apostolic Nuncio to Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, Archbishop Mathew Kurian Vayalunkal, read the pontifical decree turning

over the diocese to the pastoral care of Bishop Tatamai. He then received the pastoral staff from his predecessor and was accompanied to the episcopal seat by Cardinal John Ribat MSC, Archbishop of Port Moresby and Archbishop Francesco Panfilo, SDB, of Rabaul. The coat of arms of the new Bishop of Kavieng was unveiled bearing the motto: *God wantaim yumi*. In his message after the liturgical readings, Bp. Tatamai recalled his familiarity with the diocese, having served on various occasions as a replacement for the ailing Bishop Ambrose Kiapseni. He then connected the event to today's feast of the Assumption of Mary.

"Through her, God made contact with us. The creature became the mother of the Creator", he said as he addressed the congregation. "As Mary could not immediately understand God's

plans, so too I have often been taken by surprise by my pastoral appointments", the Bishop said. Bishop Rochus Joseph Tatamai, who is currently the President of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, takes over a diocese of 26 parishes spread among the islands of Duke of York, Manus and New Ireland. There are 22 diocesan priests and 3 deacons.



Fr. Giorgio Licini PIME

Gratitude to Bp Ambrose Kiapseni, MSC - Fr. Giorgio Licini PIME

Kavieng: Retiring Bishop Ambrose Kiapseni MSC, received a solemn farewell on Tuesday 14th August at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Kavieng.

Born on the 16th of October, 1945, the boy from Lihir Island joined the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC). He was ordained a priest on 7th

January, 1975 at the age of 29. He was ordained a bishop on the 12th May, 1991 and stepped down for health reasons at the age of 73. He led the diocese of Kavieng-Lorengau for 27 years.

Honouring the events were Cardinal John Ribat, Archbishop of Port Moresby, the Apostolic Nuncio, Mons. Kurian Mathew Vayalunkal, six bishops from Papua New Guinea, priests and a good number of lay people.

Governor Julius Chan, former Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, on 13th August, warmly welcomed the new bishop and all those present at the celebrations.

Students from all over New Ireland province headed to

the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Kavieng town dressed in their colourful uniforms.

'Justice, Mercy and Humility' was the episcopal motto that Bp. Ambrose took on the day of his Episcopal Ordination. At the homily, Archbishop Panfilo recalled the virtues of the retiring bishop.

In commenting on the motto that Bp. Ambrose took on the day of his Episcopal ordination, Abp. Panfilo said, "These are relevant and powerful Gospel values that the Bp. Ambrose embodied in his long ministry".

At the program after the Eucharistic celebration, Cardinal John Ribat spoke on the life and mission of Bp. Ambrose.

"He has been my inspiration at the time I was discerning my vocation, as a high school student, nearly 40 years ago," said the Cardinal.



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Training program on child development

Madang: The Catholic Archdiocese of Madang is highly praised for maintaining leadership as an avid advocate for Child Protection and promotion in PNG.

This has come about after the Child Protection Office conducted a one-week Facilitators' training program on Positive Parenting for Child Development in Madang that ended on Sunday, 5th August.

Josephine Mill, UNICEF Child Protection Officer, who also assisted with organizing the program said that UNICEF recognizes Madang's effort in eagerly pursuing the delivery of P4CD training programs in the province's 29 Catholic Parishes.

Facilitators of the program included Research Consultant from Menzies, Ms. Yomei Jones, who develops training materials for the Child Protection Program for the Catholic Church in PNG, and Mrs. Jubilee Dulau, the Madang Provincial Government Community Development Officer. There were thirty-six trainees in the program who were selected

from a "Facilitators Refresher" training course where they initially participated in the Positive Parenting program conducted by the CAOM in January 2018. They are now equipped also to collect and formulate specific parents' data gathered from their separate parishes Positive Parenting training programs. As a requirement from UNICEF, Ms. Mill and Ms Yomei Jones return to Madang after two weeks to collect initial start-up data from the 36 facilitators when they launch their 6-week training programs in their separate Parishes.



P4CD Training Participants in Madang

- Madang Diocese Media Team

Is Social Media Private or Public?

Fr Ambrose Pereira sdb, CBC SOCOM and Youth Secretary

A single post on social media today can travel around the world in a few seconds. This post then gives one a few minutes of fame. It can either make or break a person.

German philosopher and communicative theorist, Jurgen Habermas, is best noted for his theory on communicative rationality and the public sphere. He tells us that in the early half of the last century coffee houses, reading clubs, newspapers and journals were avenues where people engaged in conversation and exchanged views and news. The conversation was around topics that were for the good and betterment of society. It was this public space that enabled society to enrich itself, grow and develop. It opened up the possibility to all persons to interact, debate and communicate their thoughts and ideas.

Habermas identified different spheres of interaction. We are concerned with the 'public sphere' and the 'private sphere'. The public sphere involved issues that were of public benefit to all people. The private sphere on the other hand dealt with personal issues of life and relationships.

A number of factors and the advancement of technology have today opened up a variety of avenues for the exchange of ideas and the interaction of persons at different levels. Newspapers, radio and television give us possibilities for interaction and exchange. However, social media and its many platforms like 'Facebook, Twitter, Myspace, Instagram and other accounts, give us infinite possibilities for interaction and exchange. One notices that this at times is not merely in the 'public sphere'. A lot of content that is uploaded is in the 'private sphere'. The lines between the 'public' and 'private' spheres are being blurred. Sadly, this at times is the cause of a lot of pain and embarrassment, which takes a long time to heal.

So, before you post an image, a comment or forward something that we have received, stop and ask yourself. Is this in the 'public sphere' or in the 'private sphere'. Will it enhance, empower and inspire persons? If so, go right ahead!



Tackling social issues head-on

When it comes to dealing with social issues, the Catholic Women's Association (CWA) in the Momase region does not play around.

"Empowering women and dealing with cross-cutting social issues in our contemporary society is one of the main aims of this organisation. We deal with cultural, economic issues and gender equity, empowering women and advocating on issues affecting women and children," Angela Yali, President of CWA, stated in an interview recently.



- Abigail Seta

Based in the Archdiocese of Madang, the CWA is a network of the Catholic Women, established under the authority of the Catholic Bishops of PNG where the organization has a nationwide structure in place and consists of Catholic women from the 5 dioceses in the Momase Region.

The programs offered to the women are integral human development programs that are based on integration and growth. Faith building to encourage evangelization, skills training for self-reliance and for economic activities and empowerment programs in terms of business, leadership and literacy training programs.

"The most significant results of these programs are that almost all women have come out of their shell and freely express themselves without fear. They know that they have rights and they strongly encourage young girls to be educated," said Angela proudly.

Apart from this, the programs have benefited and helped the Catholic women in the Momase region where they have taken up leadership initiatives in the political arena and in business ventures.

"The women have now taken up pastoral ministries in Church and are taking a lead in organizing big events. Many have the courage to come forward to report perpetrators and speak up against gender-based violence," shared Angela.

Although there are challenges that the association faces, the major challenge is reaching its members in the remotest parts of the dioceses and in the region. CWA is about empowering women physically, spiritually, mentally, socially and economically.

International Short Film Festival 2018 KIT

The ISFF18 Kits are available at the CBC Office. Selling price is **K100**. Contact: Abigail Seta, SOCOM and Youth office.

Youth Training and Convention Faith, Life, Family and Youth

Date: September 18th – 30th, 2018
Venue: Alotau, Milne Bay Province

Participants:

Sixty youth leaders from all the parishes, priests, secretaries and coordinators of the different commissions and ministries, representatives from religious and the lay organisations are also expected to attend.

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Youth Convention 2018

a time of prayer, celebration and commitment for young people.

Theme:

Called to the fullness of Life and Love

10 committed youth members from every Diocese of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands. 10 representatives from every parish of the Archdiocese of Rabaul.

10th-14th December, 2018.

NGI Solwara Warriors visit Madang

- Aileen Baretta, Freelance journalist



Four members of the Alliance of Solwara Warriors in the New Guinea Islands (NGI) witnessed a conservation agreement program. It was held at Madang from Wednesday, July 25th to Saturday, July 28th 2018.

Laniette Awa and Wesley Koi of East New Britain and Chris Malagan and John Momori of New Ireland, took part in an exposure trip to the North Coast of Madang Province to witness the conservation agreement program of clans at Gildipasi and Kimadi areas. The conservation agreement included coastal and inland clans.

Over the last 20 years, they have conserved their land and sea. Their aim is to save their language, culture, flora, fauna and land from exploitation. Colleagues from Karkar Island, Rai Coast, and Bel areas of Madang and Karawari, East Sepik, took this educational tour to be informed on the importance of conservation and discussed possibilities with the members of the Alliance.

On Thursday 26th July, the inland clans that came together, renewed their agreement for the next five years. On Saturday, 28th of July, the coastal clans agreed to protect their boundaries in and along the sea including giving protection to the leatherback turtles. Both ceremonies observed cultural protocols and symbols were part of the agreement.

The visitors from NGI took part in speeches and were able to express amazement that even cultural agreements and understanding is powerful enough to protect the environment. This can also help deal with the issue of deep-sea mining.

A chief, Chris Malagan, in the shark calling area of West Coast New Ireland, invited the Gildipasi and Kimadi people to save their land and forest. Chief Malagan

said he is committed to protect his sea from the threat of the deep-sea mining project pushed by Nautilus Minerals and the government of Papua New Guinea. The chief said this tour had given him the courage to mobilize his people.



NGI Solwara Warriors among the tour group on welcome

Regional media and youth seminar an inspiration

Mt Hagen: The third Media and Youth Seminar for the Highlands region was held in the Archdiocese of Mt Hagen from 6th to 10th August, 2018 at Rebiatul, Mt Hagen.

There were 21 participants from the Archdiocese of Mt Hagen, Diocese of Mendi, Diocese of Wabag and Diocese of Kundiawa participated

The Pastoral Letter of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands with its

theme for the Year of Youth 2018: Called to the fullness of Life and Love, formed the content of the seminar.

"Our key focus is our young people and youth ministry. Use this seminar to understand the message of Life and Love and use the media to share your insights. Learn a variety of skills and share them with the young people in your dioceses," Fr Ambrose said as he introduced the program to the participants.

The sessions throughout the week saw the facilitators, Fr Ambrose Pereira sdb, Fr Martin We-en from Radio Maria and Abigail Seta conduct sessions for the youth leaders and coordinators. The sessions dwelt on writing articles, creating radio jingles and dramas. They helped the young people focus on the choices in their lives.

Couples renew marriage vows

- Fr Vinod D'Mello

St. Martin de Porres parishioners had a liturgical celebration on 8th July, 2018 in the renovated Church to celebrate the Feast of Blessed Peter To Rot. The celebration also saw 16 couples renew their marital promises.

The couples who renewed their marital promises varied between 1 to 42 years of married life. During the homily, Joseph Leo and Anna Warai, a couple who have been married for 32 years shared a testimony of their married life.

"We feel a joy in our married life and this joy is 'God'. If we had missed Him in our lives we would have not been successfully completing 32 years of married life. We received this grace at the start of our marriage, through the Sacrament of Marriage. God continued journeying with us in our married life. We would like to invite those who are planning to get married to commence your marriage by celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage," Joseph Leo Warai said.

After the homily, the 16 couples renewed their marriage vows and shook hands and embraced their partner as a sign of renewing their commitment and accepting to continue being faithful to each other.

During the offertory, five symbols were presented by the couples: wedding rings; a heart; a house; the Bible and Rosary and the Bread and Wine.



Couples renew marriage vows

Commentary

- Fr Victor Roche, SVD
CBC General Secretary



Bible Month - August

In PNG, we celebrate Bible Sunday every year. This year, we celebrated Bible Sunday on August 5th. Some parishes have Bible Week or Bible Month.

Bible Sunday, Bible Week or Bible Month can:

- Stimulate the faithful to read the Bible.
- Help the people understand the biblical dimension of the Church, Sacraments and other activities.
- Fortify the faithful against the propaganda of the sects and increasing fundamentalism.
- Offer nourishment for the spiritual life of the communities.
- Help towards a better understanding of the Liturgy of the Word in the Mass.

Suggested activities for Bible Sunday or Bible Week:

Bible Song Competition
Bible Poster Competition
Bible Story Writing
Bible Quiz
Basic Bible Seminar
Bible Drama

For different groups, such as: parents, youth groups, catholic women, school children etc.

10 Commandments for Bible Catholics:

1. Own your own Bible
2. Read the bible everyday; highlight inspirational verses
3. Pray the Bible; Reflect on the Word of God
4. Live the Word of God in your life
5. Share the Word of God in your family, community or parish
6. Memorize important verses of the Bible
7. Know the biblical basis of your faith
8. Quote the bible whenever necessary.
9. Let your preaching or teaching be based on the Word of God.
10. Let the Bible be your companion in your bag (bilum) or Cell phone.

Yumi Yet Sios

Insait long mun July 2018, Katolik Sios long PNGSI i kisim tupela nupela blessing long taim Pop Francis i makim Bisop Rochus Josef Tatamai MSC i kamap nupela Bisop bilong Katolik Diosis bilong Kavieng na tu Daisisen Pater John Houhou Administrator bilong Katolik Asdaisis bilong Honiara i kamap nupela Bisop bilong Daisis bilong Auki insait long Solomon Ailans.

Taim yumi hamamas long dispela ol gutpela nius yumi wari tu bikos bai yumi mas weit na pre long painim nupela Bisop bilong lukautim Daisis bilong Bereina. Long wankain taim tu yumi mas weit na pre bai Pop Francis i ken makim kwik ol nupela Bisop long lukautim ol daisis bilong Kimbe, Rabaul na Madang.

Yumi olgeta i mas pre na tingim tu olgeta yut na skul pikinini insait long ol Peris na skul institution bilong yumi insait long ol Provins na tu insait long ol Daisis bilong yumi.

Bikpela samting tru em yumi mas oltaim pre na sapatim gut olgeta famili na marit manmeri

insait long olgeta ples na komuniti bilong yumi bikos yumi dipend tumas long ol long kisim ol nupela vokeition bilong kamap Religes na kamap pris long dispela lain.

Narapela bikpela lukluk na wokabout tu nau yumi mas kirap na teik pat long en olsem yumi yet Sios em ol lain bilong yumi insait long daisis bilong Bougainville i mas wokim Referendum long mun June long yia 2019. Dispela em wanpela bikpela wok na tu nupela kain lukluk na wokabout insait long politiks bilong PNG bihain long bikpela pait i bin kamap insait long Bougainville long hia 1989 inap long yia 1999. Olgeta Sios Lida insait long PNG Kaunsil bilong ol Sios ol i bin wokabout igo long Autonomas Regen bilong Bougainville long toktok wantaim President John Momis bilong Autonomas Bougainville Gavman na ol wok manmeri bilong em. Insait long dispela wankain wokabout na toktok ol lida i bin bungim na toktok wantaim Bisop Bernard Unabali bilong Katolik Daisis bilong Bougainville na tu wantaim Bisop Abraham Toroi bilong Yunaitet Sios long

- Bp Rochus Tatamai MSC



Bougainville. Tupela Bisop hia tupela i wok hat tru wantaim ol pastoral tim bilong tupela long redim gut olgeta bilip manmeri insait long Bougainville long save gut na redi gut long go insait long Bougainville Referendum. Dispela em bikpela tingting tumas olsem Yumi Yet i Sios bai yumi mas lukluk gut na helpim ol pipol long save gut long dispela proses pastaim bipo ol bai mekim vot long dispela Bougainville Referendum long yia 2019.

Yumi pre wantaim bai Holi Spirit i ken soim yumi olgeta long tok tru na pasin bel isi bilong God olsem Jisas yet i tokim yumi pinis olsem Em yet em Tok tru, Em yet em i Rot tru na Em yet em i trupela laip taim yumi redi long witnesim dispela bikpela wok ol brata na susa bilong yumi long Bougainville bai mekim. Na tu God i strong olgeta Em i ken blesim Yumi Yet i Sios i stap laip long Kraist.

- Wilma Patenge and Catherine Nongkas PhD



Caritas students dressed in traditional attire

people, we need to maintain our indigenous culture to anchor young people within their culture, so that they do not lose their cultural practices, dances and songs, food and language."

Both events showcased the students putting their heart into performing a beautiful array of elegant traditional dance routines. The focus of the message in both events was maintaining, celebrating and valuing their cultures.

Strengthen and maintain cultural values

Two Catholic schools in the nation's capital celebrated their cultural show with the focus to not only promote culture but to know and understand the importance of cultural values.

Caritas Technical Secondary School hosted their 23rd Cultural Show on the school grounds on the 28th of July, 2018 with its theme: **"True Identity through Culture."**

Don Bosco Technological Institute (DBTI), also staged their Cultural show on the 18th of August 2018. It had as its theme: **"Harim Tok – Wokabout Wantaim"** which is the pidgin translation of the theme for 2018: "Let us cultivate the art of listening and accompaniment."

For the Caritas cultural show, the guest speaker was the Governor for NCD, Hon. Powes Pakop. In his keynote address, he said that culture needs to be celebrated, as it was this that defined Papua New Guineans, as clans and tribes. He encouraged all present to create cultural values, norms and behaviour that define us as a nation, seeking a prosperous future.

Dr Catherine Nongkas, Principal of DBTI encouraged the students, saying: "The celebration of culture in Papua New Guinea is very important for our young people. As a



Kairuku dancers from DBTI

Film festival highlights Youth Alive and Celebrating Life and Love

- Fr Ambrose Pereira sdb and Abigail Seta

Port Moresby: The second International Short Film Festival (ISFF18) was held on 4th August, 2018 at the Paradise Cinema, Vision City, Port Moresby. 'Youth Alive, Celebrating Life and Love' was the theme for the festival where 250 persons young and old, participated in an emotional and reflective event.

His Excellency, Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Kurian Matthew Vayalunkal, was the chief guest at the event. Fr Klement Vaclav sdb, Regional for East Asia Oceania, Fr Alfred Maravilla sdb, Provincial, Principals, priests, religious, laity, parents and students from different schools of the city were present for the occasion.

Representatives from the Australian High Commission were special guests at the event. At the start of the screening, the Archbishop invited all to use the media responsibly. "The media is used to inform, educate and entertain its audience. We need to use this vital tool to spread the 'Good News'", he encouraged the audience. The variety of films from different countries highlighted the theme of the Synod for young people: 'Young people, Faith and Vocational Discernment' and the Year of Youth: 'Called to the fullness of Life and Love' and the World Communications Day theme: **'The truth will set you Free, Fake News and Journalism for Peace'**. Representatives from the schools highlighted the importance of the media and how best they could use it to share and communicate a message through the use of radio, print media and videos.

Marianville student, Ashleigh Pangatana, in her sharing said: "The media education seminars have taught us to spread good news and not fake news."

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Cutting the cake

Conference of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, the festival was part of the Media Education Seminars held for selected students of seven schools. The earlier seminars dwelt on: Image, Print, Audio and Video. The seven schools who participated in the event were: Jubilee Catholic Secondary School, Hohola; Sacred Heart Teachers College, Bomana; Don Bosco Technological Institute, Boroko; Don Bosco Technical School, Gabutu; Marianville Secondary School, Bomana; Limana Vocational School, Gordons and Caritas Technical School, Boroko.

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