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# August 2012



Dear Fathers, Sisters and Members of the Salesian family,

Warm greetings to all of you!  
Allow me to congratulate you, the Salesians, and members of the Salesian family for the cooperation and openness you shared during the yearly Retreat, the Delegation Day and the Salesian Family Day.

The National Elections in Papua New Guinea has just ended. I believe that at this time all of us are quite busy as we have commenced the new school term. The Lord has blessed us abundantly and has given us another term to be a living witness to our young people who are our life's mission.

During these past months I had the chance to witness two solemn events, the Ordination of two of our young salesian confreres to the Ministry of Priesthood. The Lord of the harvests has called and confirmed outstanding young men to serve in His vineyard.

In our life's journey we could not also by-pass and ignore the sad events that make us reflect and pray. Just few days ago I received the sad news of the motor boat that capsized along the islands of the Diocese of Gizo. Among the ten passengers six were able to survive but four others were not lucky. Among the victims are two children and two young men. One of whom was a Filipino volunteer working as teacher at Nila. Yes the Lord has given and He has also taken it back. We are one in praying for the eternal repose of those who died, and our condolence goes out to their families as well. It is a reflection of life and death. It is a reminder that death is imminent and therefore we should not take for granted this life that God has given to us.

As we look forward for the 200 years anniversary of the birth of our father and teacher St. John Bosco in 2015, let us continue to look at him and study his life. May we imitate in a simple manner the values he stood for and lived out and may we prepare our young people to embrace the fullness of life.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Feast of the Birth of Don Bosco and a very Happy Feast of the Assumption.

May God bless you and protect you always.

Fr. Raffy Galve sdb, *PNG-SI Delegate*  
15th August, 2012



**“Let us make the young our life's mission by coming to know and imitate Don Bosco”**

2012 Strenna of the Rector Major,  
Fr Pascual Chávez sdb



**Delegation House – Araimiri –  
Savio House – DBTI, Boroko –  
Gabutu – Kumgi – Vunabosco –  
Henderson – Tetere**

## Salesian Missionary Intentions 2012

**Salesians working in the Islamic Context,  
especially in Indonesia:**

that the Salesians may discern the possibilities  
of the mission of witness

**Salesian Missionary Vocation,  
the 13th Missionary Expedition:**

that the example of missionaries may inspire and foster  
a renewed missionary impulse

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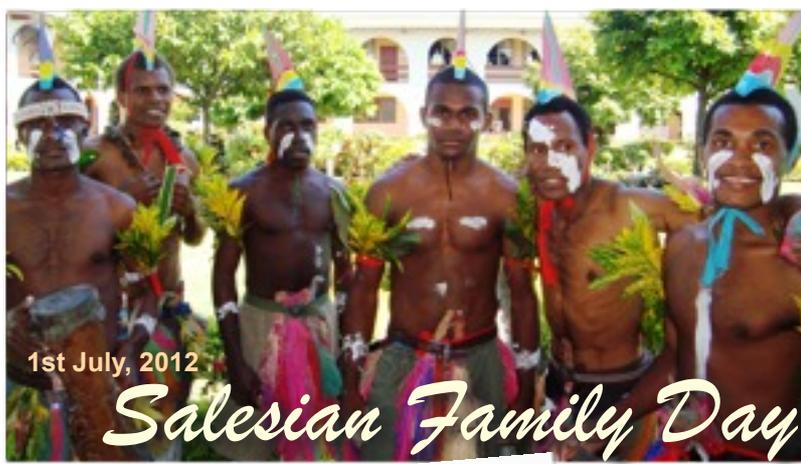
30th June, 2012

*Delegation Day*



Photographs: Eucharistic Celebration, travel to the Beach Resort, enjoying a game of chess and a delicious meal

**PORT MORESBY: - Delegation Day:** In the morning, the Delegate, Fr. Rafael Galve, presided at the Eucharist. Other priests concelebrated. Br. Jess Garcia, the only perpetually professed brother in the Delegation read the First Reading. The aspirants led the music and the singing. At mid-morning, the confreres headed to a Beach Resort where they spent time together telling stories, playing UNO, MA JONG and CHESS and just enjoying each other's company. Only two were daring enough to swim! In the evening, there was Solemn Vespers, then the veneration of Don Bosco's relic followed by the Rosary. A sumptuous supper was served at the Emmaus Conference Center.

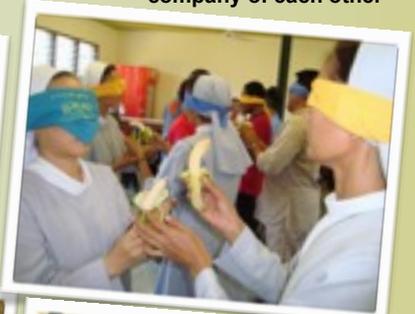


1st July, 2012

*Salesian Family Day*

**Salesian Family Day:** At 8 a.m. members of the Salesian Family gathered at the Emmaus Center for a Salesianity Talk by Fr. Bonetti. At 10:30 a.m. Fr. Eduardo Revilla, the Golden Jubilarian (50th of Priestly Ordination), presided at the Mass at the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians. The Past Pupils of DBTS Gabutu led the music and singing. Some Bosconians of DBTI Boroko also performed some "singsing" during the Mass. Other members of the Salesian Family who were present: FMA, Caritas Sisters of Jesus, ADMA, ASC and other lay collaborators. After the Mass, everyone had fraternal "kaikai" at the Emmaus Conference Center. This was followed by a simple program colored with songs and dances presented by the different groups. Fr. Albert Lenon, a Silver Jubilarian (25th of religious profession) delivered a simple message to close the program. This year, 4 confreres in the Delegation are celebrating their Jubilees: Fr. Eduardo Revilla (50th of Priestly Ordination), Fr. Albert Lenon, Fr. Sonny Fajardo and Fr. Robinson Parapilly (25th of Religious Profession).

Photographs: Salesian Family members enjoying the day in the company of each other



# Happy Events

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## MICHAELITES

### IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

At the end of June 2012 the members of the Michaelite Congregation in Papua New Guinea celebrated final profession of their seminarian, Kenneth Londe Kaimalan, who later on was ordained deacon with his diocesan classmate, Ernest Laikel.

The ceremony of the final profession took place at Lote St. Therese Parish. Fr. Thomas Tomy HGN, missionary from India, organised everything together with his parishioners. A few minutes before 10:00 o'clock the group of the faithful led seminarian Kaimalan to the entrance of the church where he was welcomed there and then in procession went inside the nicely decorated church. On both sides of the altar the banners were hung with words of Blessed Bronislaus B. Markiewicz (the Founder of Men's and Women's Michaelite Congregations). After the introductory rites of the Eucharist and readings and a short dialogue in the form of questions between the main celebrant and the formators, Fr. Z. Ziggy Kruczek who was representing Superior General of the Congregation at this, delivered the sermon. He shared with participants about the Michaelite communities, their founder, spirituality and accuracy of Markiewicz's endeavours and battles for the better live conditions of the youth and poor. He also mentioned seminarian Kaimalan's efforts with regard to his religious vocation.

Then the main celebrant directed a few questions towards the supplicant and asked all present in the church to pray over him. When these liturgical gestures were over, seminarian Kaimalan recited the formula of vows holding in his hand the burning candle. Then he signed the document.

When the ceremony in the church was finished the parishioners hosted invited guests for nicely and traditionally prepared meal. This was like prolonged celebration performed outside the church. It was a grand *agape*.

Six days after that seminarian Kaimalan was ordained deacon. Actually there were four candidates of the Major Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo in Vanimo ready for deaconate. But two of them from Alotau Diocese were told by their bishop that they will be ordained at their home diocese. Another two seminarians, Ernest Laikel from Vanimo Diocese and Kenneth Londe Kaimalan CSMA were ordained on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The ceremony of ordination took place at Dasi Jubilee church (sub-parish of the Vanimo Cathedral). Many faithful including a number of youth and children, religious sisters of various communities, seminarians and eighteen concelebrating priests with the Bishop filled the church for this liturgical occasion and prayed with dignity. And the one who created this prayerful atmosphere was the Bishop himself who celebrated all the rites slowly and sincerely. The responsibility for the liturgical details was taken by the alumni of the Major Seminary.

After short rituals of vesting of three seminarians and conferral of acolyte ministries to another five, the candidates were called by name. The official scrutiny made by the Bishop, dialogue with the candidates, an instruction after the Gospel was read, singing of the Litany to All Saints, promises publically made, imposing hands by the Bishop's over the heads of ordained, and commission given to them by the Church to pronounce the Word of God – it was moving experience for everybody present.



The family members and related wantoks of deacon Laikel appeared in number as they did not need to make the tough effort to come by sea from nearby Leitre and reach Dasi. Deacon Kaimalan is originally from Enga and the only one who arrived and witnessed his ordination was Fr. Ziggy, the writer, a member of the Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel.

After the Eucharist was over many photos were taken and those who were thirsty could have soft drink with biscuits. As the weather was very fine nobody was in a hurry to go home and this made that the joyful gathering of the day prolonged.

After completing the program at the seminary in November this year, the newly ordained deacons will commence their pastoral experience and hopefully within a period of one year will be ordained priests. Deacon Laikel, as incardinated to Vanimo Diocese will be assigned for his service at Sandaun Province. Deacon Kaimalan, is a member of religious community of the Michaelites who are working in Western Highlands and Enga Provinces, so most probably he will do his pastoral exercises in the Highlands. Both newly ordained clerics have the potential to be good servants in the Lord's vineyard. Everybody wishes that they will always be convinced about their vocation to the same degree as they were certain at the moment when questioned, gave the answer: Yes, we are ready!

For Michaelite missionaries in Papua New Guinea this event is a great joy because deacon Kaimalan is the third Melanesian man to become a member of the Congregation with final vows. The first one is Brother Thomas Lasen from Enga and the second Fr. Peter Kaupa from Simbu. Right now both serve in Mount Hagen Archdiocese. Brother Lasen in the field with youth and in Radio Trinity FM, and Fr. Kaupa as an assistant priest in Kuli parish.



# It's God calling

Source: Catholic News Agency



The **Olympic Games** is a major international event featuring summer and winter sports, in which thousands of athletes participate in a variety of competitions. The Olympic Games are considered to be the world's foremost sports competition and more than 200 nations participate. The Games are currently held biennially, with Summer and Winter Olympic Games alternating, meaning they each occur every four years. The ancient Olympic Games were held in Olympia, Greece, from the 8th century BC to the 4th century AD. Baron Pierre de Coubertin founded the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1894. The IOC has since become the governing body of the Olympic Movement, with the Olympic Charter defining its structure and authority. The Olympics Games have often been a time of change, strong commitments and lifelong changes. Here is a story that will inspire:

As he prepares for seminary life straight after the Olympics, a member of the Spanish squad describes his path to priesthood.  
*Spain, August 6, 2012*

Carlos Ballve – known as “Litus” to his friends – plays defense on the Spanish field hockey team that is competing in the London 2012 Olympic Games. But as soon as the competition ends, he will head to a Belgium seminary to begin the process of becoming priest. According to the Spanish daily El Pais, even though he always considered himself a believer, it was only in 2005 that he became aware of the importance of God in his life. In the summer of that year, everything began to change while he competed at the under-21 World Championships.

“We began the competition terribly. It was so bad that one Sunday I went to Mass and made a deal with God: I told him that if he fixed that Championship, I would go to Medjugore (where the alleged Marian apparitions are still being studied by the Vatican) with my father. We made history. Never before had a U-21 team won a medal, and we came in third,” he said. Ballve kept his promise and visited Medjugore. However, he said his life still did not change, as he continued “to go to parties with girls, spend money left and right, and had little or no intention of praying.”

But “something inside of me said, ‘Litus, you are free and you can do what you want, but right now you are not happy.’” Although he was at the top of his game, he decided to quit again and go in search for God. “I told him, ‘I don’t know what’s wrong. Strange things are happening. I want to come clean with you, so here I am, do what you want.’”

His life began to change, and he only asked the Lord to let him fulfill his dream of playing in the Olympics. Ballve called his time at the games thus far “an incredible and precious experience.” He said he hopes “not only to win, but to grow in my living of the faith, sharing this with people from so many parts of the world,” the newspaper reported.



A cheerful Carlos Ballve, on the hockey pitch at the London 2012 Olympics

Story: [Spanish Olympic athlete to enter seminary after London games](#)



RIP

## Boat Tragedy

- australasia

### 4 loose their lives, 6 survive

Ryan Turallo, 30 years of age, a teacher and 2 young children lost their lives as their boat took on water in rough weather. They were on their journey to Nila, Shortland Islands. They left Gizo in the morning of 29th July, 2012. The mishap occurred at 3pm in the afternoon. Local and Australian rescue personnel did their best to search for the missing persons after they were alerted. Rough weather hampered their efforts. Their ordeal came to an end on Monday evening. 6 survived the tragedy. Ryan was the Student Affairs Coordinator at St John Bosco Senior Technical School on Nila, in the Shortland Islands. His body was washed ashore at Aleang village in the Shortland group on 31st July at 7am. He has been described as ‘a lover of youth, life, with dreams and plans for himself, his beloved ones and the youth entrusted to him’. His mortal remains are buried at Nila.

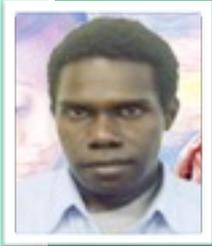


Fr. Edmund Siguenza pictured together with Babes Saavedra and Ana Delmo

## With Gratitude

Fr. Edmund Siguenza, grateful to God for enabling him survive, shared his death to life experience as he celebrated a mass of thanksgiving at Don Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson. “The Lord gave me the courage to endure, being out at sea in very rough weather and surviving without food and water for three days. I thank God for enabling me survive, that I may see my parents, my family and you my friends”, he said.

# chronicle



The Sad news of the passing away of two students during the term break (13-29 July) shocked the school community. The funeral services were conducted in the school chapel: Jonathan Kukui of Grade XI and Dominic Okuau of Grade XII were celebrated in the school chapel on Wednesday 25th and Friday 27th July respectively. The sorrow was doubled due to the tragic circumstances of their death. May they rest with the Lord! Dominic Okuau was the class captain of XII De Sales. No wonder large numbers attended in spite of being on holiday.

The Vocation Camp was attended by the 15 members of the Vocation Group on 23rd and 24th June at the Shrine premises of East Boroko. The session with the aspirants was much appreciated. Sr. Valsa animated the group about the FMAs in the Salesian family, while Mr. Thomas Raivet and his wife Helen, shared about the Salesian Cooperators. On Sunday, we had an hour long session each with the Dominicans and the Marists at their respective colleges in Bomana.



Port Moresby went to polls on 26th June and the ballot boxes of the Moresby South Constituency were brought to DBTS. The counting took place in the gymnasium and went on till 23rd July when Hon. Justin Tkathenko was declared MP. It is interesting to note that the counting went on day and night with separate groups on the roaster. Occasionally counting had to be stopped due to objections from observers. It was an experience to have the school under the supervision of the police and military and groups of supporters of candidates pitching their tents along the school wall and nearby locations. There was a competition organized by TE (PNG) Ltd. Inviting original lyric and music as a theme song in preparation for elections. Our boys won this prize topping other city schools, winning musical equipment worth K5000.00.



Staff outing to Papa Layalaya on Wednesday 18th July, a new beach resort after the new LNG township, an hour's drive from the school. All the staff: teaching and ancillary had a relaxed day after all the hard work of the 2nd term.

Our debaters were runners up at the IBS School debate. It is no small achievement to be the second of 16 top schools of Port Moresby. Congrats!  
(L to R) Engelberth Beaga, Emmanuel Fae, Mrs. Charmaine Kombeo, John Hauru, Remanii Naime.

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The ITC second year students are on their job training in the different industries. Imagine an addition of over 150 enthusiastic Bosconians joining the workforce!

## Renewing Faith in Our Founder

*Don Bosco Day by Day, by W. C. Cornell sdb*

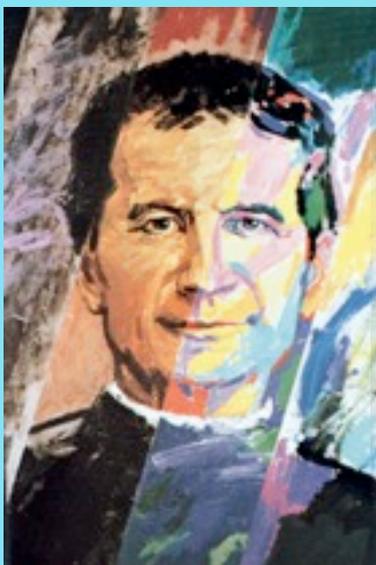
**Don Bosco is one of the most complete and absolute men the world has ever known. - Joergensen**

**Don Bosco is typical of a great founder: he is both an idealist and a realist; he dares everything, but is prudent; he seeks nothing for himself; he is not an agitator and still less a fabricator of a jumble of enterprises; he is the builder of solid realities. - Daniel Rops**

As we commemorate his birth, on 16th August, we must renew our faith in the mission of our Founder, moved not by sentimentality, but by the deep conviction that it was the Holy Spirit who inspired him to rekindle in the Church a new concern for the world of youth.

An awareness of our belonging to the Salesian family should fill us with joy. We share in Don Bsoco's charism and walk along the new path he has opened in the Church. Anyone can have dreams but what cost are we prepared to see our dreams come true?

Don Bosco's task was never easy, but he never succumbed to any form of doubts. he trusted in God and Mary - he was sure they would see him through. They did.



# SOLOMON ISLANDS



## 11<sup>th</sup> Festival of Pacific Arts

July 1<sup>st</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> 2012

"Culture in Harmony with Nature"



Graciosa bay, Santa Crus, Temotu Province, Solomon Islands



The **Festival of Pacific Arts**, or **Pacific Arts Festival**, is a traveling festival hosted every four years by a different country in Oceania. It was conceived by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community as a means to share and exchange culture at each festival. The major theme of the festival is traditional song and dance. The Pacific Cultural Council selects the host country and recognizes that each participating country desires the opportunity to showcase its unique indigenous culture by hosting the festival. Host selection is based on principles of equity and preference is given to countries which have not yet hosted. Entry to all artistic events is free to the public thereby maximizing cultural outreach and inclusion.



By its vastness, the Pacific Ocean inhibits social and cultural interchange between the inhabitants of its mostly island countries. The festival, not a competition but a cultural exchange, reunites people and reinforces regional identity and mutual appreciation of Pacific-wide culture. Participating countries select artist-delegates to represent the nation at this crossroads of cultures, considered a great honor.

### The 11th Festival of Pacific Arts, Solomon Islands from 1 to 14 July 2012.

The 2012 festival is a unique opportunity for Solomon Islands to showcase its cultural diversity to the Pacific region and the world. It was indeed a time of unification and celebration for Solomon Islands, creating much-needed opportunities in the field of arts and culture, and contributing to social and economic progress. It was the largest regional event ever hosted in Solomon Islands, with about 2,500 performers, artists and cultural practitioners from 27 countries and territories in the Pacific region, plus thousands of visitors who were part of the festival.



### Festival Theme - "CULTURE IN HARMONY WITH NATURE"

The theme highlights two important terms - Culture & Nature. These two are the cornerstones to our very own existence. The attachment of our people to our environment has certainly brought about a harmonious coexistence for hundreds of years, until the first boats landed on our shores.



The 2012 programme included a wide range of traditional and contemporary visual and performing arts – music, dance, oratory and story telling, theatre and film, handicrafts, literature, tattooing, fire walking, culinary arts, navigation and canoeing, fashion, photography and healing. Don Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson was honoured and privileged to play an important role in the celebrations. The staff and students were part of the colourful **Opening Ceremony**. The Media and drama club under the direction of Penny Chilton scripted and staged **Stori taem**, a 40 minute drama depicting the life and activity of youngsters in the Solomon Islands. The 25 students depicted confidence and amazing talent as they performed at the National Auditorium on 6th July, 2012. The institute was requested to host over 200 participants of the local delegation. The atmosphere was filled with joy and happiness, warmth and friendship. It was truly a time to remember. Solomon Islands we are proud of you!

The Pacific Island Countries and Territories at the festival were: American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Easter Island, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji Islands, French Polynesia, Guam (2016 Host), Hawaii, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Norfolk Island, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Wallis and Futuna.



# Pastoral Approaches to strengthening Right Relationships

14 priests and religious men and women attended the week long Workshop entitled 'Pastoral Approaches to Strengthening Right Relationships and Integrity in Ministry' at the Dominican Friary, Henderson, Solomon Islands. The workshop commenced on the 30<sup>th</sup> July and concluded on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2012. Dr Elizabeth Reid, Br Paul O'Keeffe and Sr. Ailsa Mackinnon rsm were the animators and facilitators of the workshop.

The workshop opened with the Eucharistic celebration, celebrated by Archbishop Adrain Smith sm, Archbishop of Honiara. He encouraged the participants to embark on a journey essential for ministry. He had words of encouragement to the participants and invited the priests and religious to share their thoughts and feelings throughout the sessions and the discussions.

The workshop, put together for bishops, congregational leaders and Rectors of Formation to provide an avenue to discuss issues relating to pastoral approaches to strengthening right relationships. It was to assist the participants in their responsibility as they guide, mentor, minister and admonish those who have a vocation and to enable them grow as human beings while honouring the virtue of chastity. "The ultimate objective being to ensure that there is joy, fulfillment, serenity and integrity in ones vocation", stressed Elizabeth Reid, coordinator of the workshop, who together with other facilitators has conducted workshops in Papua New Guinea.

## Workshop objectives - To assist the participants:

- To better understand how, in the words of *Christus Dominum*, participants might guide, mentor and minister their priests, religious and seminarians towards finding joy and exercising integrity in their religious life
- To strengthen the skills needed to guide, mentor, minister to and admonish those under their care, in situations of right relationships and integrity in ministry and also in their spiritual growth and human development, and
- To strengthen understanding of how to work with the CBC PNG & SI guidelines on Right Relationships in Ministry and to support each other in this work.

## Skills strengthened include:

- Giving constructive feedback - Introspection and self-knowledge - Listening actively - Hearing the truth being spoken - Asking questions to stimulate thinking - Conversing on difficult issues - Developing empathy - Handling difficult issues

Dwelling and reflecting on their own personal experience the participants were guided to reflect and strengthen ways of relating to priests, religious and those in formation.

"I found the workshop very beneficial for me and my work. The animators were pleasant, friendly and highly knowledgeable about the issues of Right Relationships in this part of the world. Above all, I value the skills they were able to draw out from us I order to help us in relating and dealing with people under our care. During a very full week, we as a group, put together and practiced the different ways of being a leader in our community. The multiple



Participants and animators at the programme

practice sessions were interesting, enjoyable and at times draining, but through it all we learnt from one another and strengthened each other to face typical problems and deal with issues that may arise in our work as leaders," commented Fr. David Galvin sm, Superior, Marist Fathers and Brothers.

The workshop had time set aside for reflective prayer and sharing that gave space for the participants to share their inner feelings and thoughts. Case studies and challenging situations were explored from which valuable lessons were learnt. Guiding principles were presented and policies discussed. At the end of each day, a relevant movie of human interaction and positive thinking was screened at the Don Bosco, Henderson.

"I was a reluctant beginner on the first day. However, I quickly saw this was a great and important workshop for the Church in Solomon Islands. There are difficult issues involved and we were given some key skills to address these. The general thrust was positive and preventive. It was an excellent and crucial workshop", said Fr. Greg Walsh, Superior and lecturer at the Seminary.



Participants in discussion

"The workshop has taught me to be more compassionate and care for the person in need. It has been wonderful to attend this workshop as I can now assist and help the members of my congregation", said Sr Anna Ngosana dmi, Superior of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate.

"The workshop was good and I do hope it will be given to all bishops, priests, religious, seminarians as well as the laity. It will be good if we can teach it as a subject at the Seminary and in Religious houses" said Fr. Japhet Manebusa, professor at the Holy Name of Mary Seminary.

Sentiments of gratitude and thanks were expressed by the participants as they bid farewell to the animators. "The word 'Thank you' cannot suffice how grateful we are for this week of experience. Thank you for accompanying us to discover deep within us the grace of joy, peace and serenity for us to be effective in our mission", said a smiling Sr. Cora Torollo ma, formator and teaching at the Seminary. Fr. Henry Paroi op, was thanked for the coordination and the wonderful arrangements right through the programme. The participants are grateful to CARITAS Australia for the support received and then now return back to their communities eager to put the policies and principles into practice.



## Brief biographies of the Animators: Dr. Elizabeth Reid

Dr. Elizabeth Reid has worked extensively with the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNG and the Solomon Islands. She has facilitated a number of seminars on social justice and development themes for the bishops of PNG and SI, as well as for CEPAC. She has facilitated workshops for priests and religious of many of the dioceses of PNG on the HIV Pastoral Ministry. From these workshops the need to strengthen pastoral approaches to right relationships emerged as a critical issue. Elizabeth trained in philosophy, ethics and philosophical theology and works as a development worker. She is an adviser on Social Justice and Social Development to Caritas Australia.

## Br. Paul O'Keeffe fsp

Brother Paul O'Keeffe fsp is currently Deputy Congregation Leader of the Patrician Brothers and a member of his Province Leadership Team. Paul's background is in Education and Formation and prior to returning from Papua New Guinea in December 2010 was Novice Master in Aitape, Sandaun. He has also been Provincial and dealt with Professional Standards issues within his Congregation and in an educative role as a Formator.

## Sister Ailsa Mackinnon rsm

Sr. Ailsa Mackinnon is the Executive Director of Mercy Works Australia. She is also the Vicar for Religious in the Diocese of Parramatta. Her experience in the area of Professional Standards has been to deal sensitively with matters within her Congregation as they have arisen and to give advice to others who may have experienced difficulties. She was previously the Leader of the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta.



*A new*  
**Tractor**  
*for Don Bosco Kumgi*

It was a cherished dream of Fr. Angelo when the Salesian community sold all old tractors and waited for long six years for the arrival of new tractor. With the prayers and good will of the Sisters of Charity of St. Anne that dream was fulfilled on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012. The new Holland 80HP 4wheel drive tractor is a contribution to the school by sisters who are collaborators in our mission. Sr. Leena John who is the principal of the school together with Superior Sr. Mary Joseph wrote this project and submitted to the JUAN BONAL FOUNDATION, which is a collaborative funding agency for the congregation of St. Anne in Spain. This foundation submitted our request to the MANUS UNIDAS and through their kind generosity we have this new tractor. This tractor will be daily used by us for maintenance of the school grounds, agricultural purposes and transporting building materials.



The entire community pose for a photograph with the new tractor. The tractor being unloaded

The Salesians have contributed another equal amount of fund to purchase agricultural tools like 3 disc ploughs, Rotary Hoe and a heavy duty slasher. We hope all these cultivating tools and the tractor will help us to improve our agricultural training which is one of the curriculums in the national educational programs.

The school community and the Salesians are grateful to the sisters of Charity of St. Anne, Juan Bonal Foundation and Manus Unidas for their contribution to the school. In the previous years sisters have helped the school through these agencies in getting a generator and water tank projects. May the good Lord bless their generosity.



- Fr. Roger Miranda sdb

**Spiritual Moderator**  
*welcomed*

Fr. Stephen Yu from the Salesian Korean Province arrived in Vunabosco last 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012. He was welcomed from the airport by his Rector, Fr. Roger Miranda together with some Bosconians. He was just ordained as a priest in Korea last April. He spent his theological studies in the Don Bosco Center of Studies in Paranaque, Philippines. It's not the first time that he comes here in Vunabosco, because after his second year as theology student, he spent his summer apostolate in this same place together with Br. Isidore Maramun. His short stay at that time left a positive impression on his part. He is very happy to be back to resume his post as the spiritual moderator of the school. According to him, he is very happy to be part of the Salesian community serving the young people of the New Guinea Islands region. We wish Fr. Stephen or Fr. Jihun (his Korean name) the best in his missionary journey here in Papua New Guinea.



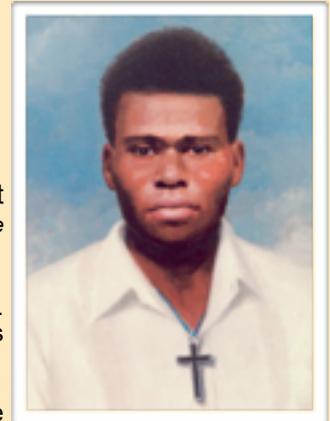
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# Martyr for Marriage

"I am here because of those who broke their marriage vows and because of those who do not want the growth of God's kingdom". ~ St. Peter ToRot, referring to his imprisonment, from *From L'Osservatore Romano*, 25 January 1995



Peter was born in Rakunai, New Britain, an island off the northeast coast of Papua New Guinea, in 1912. His parents were Angelo To Puia, a village chief, and Maria la Tumul, adult converts who were part of this region's first Catholics.

A pious young man, Peter had an intense prayer life and received Communion daily. At the age of 18, he became a lay catechist and ministered to the people of his own village. He frequently quoted the Bible and carried it everywhere with him. In 1936, at the age of 24, he married Paula la Varpit, who was also Catholic. The couple had three children: Andrea, who died after the war; a little girl, Rufina La Mama, who is still alive; and the third child (name unknown), who was born soon after Peter's death in 1945 and died a short time later.

In 1942, the Japanese invaded the island and arrested all the missionaries and their staff, housing them in concentration camps. Peter continued to lead the village as best as he could, caring for the sick, Baptizing and teaching the faithful, helping the poor. He assisted other catechists who were confused by the changes brought about by the Japanese.

When the war began to go against them, the Japanese began to repress the locals, banning all forms of worship. They had imagined that the people were praying for the defeat of the Japanese. They tried to get the people to return to their pre-Christian ways, legalizing polygamy. Any resistance to the law was a punishable offense. Peter openly opposed the regulations, and was arrested in 1945 for conducting religious gatherings. Imprisoned in a cave, he was so well known, supported and beloved by those who knew him that he was a source of strength to his people, and of annoyance to his captors. On July 7, 1945, Peter was murdered by his captors and died as a martyr for the faith.

Pope John Paul II beatified Peter in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, on January 17, 1995 declaring the heroic virtue of the devout catechist.



## Centennial celebrations of

- Ms Bellie M. Gutierrez & Remegio Harold A. Argante

# Blessed Peter To Rot

## *a Special Affair at Vunabosco*

The Archbishop of Rabaul, Archbishop Francesco Panfilo, SDB had prepared a year-long celebration in Kokopo, that commenced in July 2011 to July 2012. The relics of Blessed Peter

Torot visited various chapels and churches for the whole year. It stayed overnight in Vunabosco where a mass was offered and the following day after the mass we had joined the procession that brought the relics to its next destination - Palnakaur.

The Holy Father appointed Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-kium, sdb, bishop emeritus of Hongkong, China, as his special envoy to celebrations marking the centenary of the birth of Blessed Peter To Rot. On 6 July, Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-Kiun arrived, together with His Grace Archbishop Santo Gangemi, Papal Nuncio to PNG and Solomon Island and his secretary, Fr. Emmanuel Fadeyi. On 7 July, Cardinal Joseph held the special mass in commemorating the centenary of the birth of Blessed Peter To Rot at Rakunai. He mentioned in his homily that the examples shown by Peter To Rot is worth-emulating; that the people of East New Britain are lucky to have a **Blessed** right in their midst; that he is a catechist who continually guides them in their prayers and aspirations; that his teaching is timeless and should be adhered to by Papua New Guineans regardless of their religious denominations. The following day, 8 July, Vunapope Cathedral was filled with thousands of people during the Sunday mass. The parishioners of Vunapope and even those non-regular church-goers made it a point to attend the once in a lifetime liturgy celebrated by no other than the Cardinal himself.

At the request of Fr. Valeriano Barbero, sdb, Administrator of the Archdiocese of Rabaul 3 special meals were organized for the visit. The Salesian Co-operators welcomed the delegation. The food, which included a roasted pig was enough to feed over a hundred. The Salesian Cardinal, a jolly man was delighted as we posed for a group photo. On 7<sup>th</sup> of July the centennial celebrations of Blessed Peter Torot, were held at Rakunai, where a Basilica is built. The dinner was hosted by Ling's Freezer with the Chinese community. The cardinal was pleased to meet with the Chinese community in Kokopo as he himself is a chinese. On the 8<sup>th</sup> July mass was celebrated at Vunapope at 8:00am. A warm welcome and entertainment was organized by Fr. Clifford and the boys. The farewell dinner was hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Sandra Lau of Tropicana Ltd who opened the celebration for all the priests and sisters in town. It was indeed a grand celebration for all.



Photographs: At the Eucharistic celebration, With the Salesian Cooperators, at the meal and with the Salesians and students at Vunabosco



## Sunday School Training program

Twenty participants from different Catholic Communities of Christ the King Tetera Parish, Tetera, North East Guadalcanal, attended a Sunday School Training Program. It commenced on 16<sup>th</sup> and concluded on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2012.

During the closing mass on Friday Fr. Michael Haruyama sdb, Parish Priest of Christ the King, Tetera thanked Mr. Francis Bosa and Martin Besiki, Sunday School Coordinators of the Archdiocese of Honiara for their efforts to prepare, present and coordinate the program. "May every participant to be a good model for the their Sunday school children, no smoking, chewing betel nut and each one of you must be neat in your dress," encouraged Fr. Michael. At the end of the program every participant received a certificate in appreciation of their witness to their attendance during the week.

During the week-long program, the participants learnt the importance of the Sunday School programme, dwelt on a format of a lesson plan and did practical demonstrations on how to present the Sunday school lesson book. Different practical activities were listed. A new parish executive Sunday School board was elected. The members are James Peresini, Chairman, Peter Number, Assistant Chairman, John Selo, Secretary and Caroline Salo, Treasurer.



Fr. Michael Laap sdb celebrating the Eucharist

Sunday School teachers with their certificates



## New Bamboo Band

Br. Jess Garcia, sdb, Delegation Economist was happy to witness the opening of our new bamboo panpipe band, bringing to the school a vibrant variety. "Playing together has taught us unity and keeps alive our traditional forms of music. It reminds us what Don Bosco used to say: a community without music is like a body without a soul", said Fr. Michael. The panpipes are led by panpipe leader Kingsly Morei.

## ARAIMIRI

### I am no Superman

Fr. Peter Ryan Vergouw sdb, celebrated his first thanksgiving mass in Araithiri on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2012. It was a simple celebration but a memorable one. Fr. Peter was assisted by Fr. Edwin Genovia, the Rector of the school.

In his homily, he expressed his gratitude to all for the prayers and support. He then stressed that priests were given by God supernatural grace... not to make them supermen and perform signs of wonders and greatness ... but to make them share in His supernatural work of salvation. This supernatural grace does not make them into perfect men but to perfect their intentions to serve and love God alone.



## HENDERSON



Retreat participants in discussion

## With God all things are possible

Nearly 60 boys spent a very reflective weekend at Don Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2012 doing their Annual Retreat, entitled: 'With God all things are possible.'

The retreat an annual feature for each class is a welcome extracurricular activity, attended by both staff and students. "I have heard from my colleagues that the retreat is a special occasion that touches our hearts and enables us 'make positive decisions' that are for the good of each of us", said Moses Parkinson, Junior Electrical student. "The retreat is a time when we surrender our wrongs and look forward to something better," said Anthony Maena, Junior Carpentry student. "This programme has encouraged me to change my bad attitude and build up a relationship close to God," said Jacob Lihu, Junior Electrical student.

Fr. Srimal Priyanga sdb, Spiritual Moderator, highlighted temptations that draw the youngsters away from their original goal. Reflecting on them and sharing their past experiences has helped them process their negative experiences and with mutual help and support. He organized the retreat with the help of the class advisors John Wayne, John Ramo, Bartholomew Anare and Juan Jaypee. Adrian Sudamai together with the other SRC members animated the singing and the liturgy, while Maria Kavoa and the others cooked the food for the programme.

At the Eucharistic celebration, Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb, encouraged the students to reflect on their life and take on good resolutions for their future that will enable them raise the profile of their companions and families. He presented to them the example of Pita To Rot, a young Melanesian man, martyred for the faith by the Japanese in World War II, was committed to build up his people through the sacraments, especially the sacrament of the Eucharist and Marriage. He encouraged all to be good examples to others

The film on Mother Teresa, screened after supper, for reflection and inspiration showed clearly that when one does good there will be many to put a stop to what is being done and hence the need to be constantly in touch with God to deal with all the opposition.

The retreat ended on a very positive note with the youngsters ready to make positive changes in their lives in the terms ahead.



# YEP Media Training - a Thumbs up - Boost to the Environment



Students on a puzzle



David Barrow animating



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle ...



Presenting a newspaper

"The Media Training has been a boost to each of our careers and a challenge to us as we strive to be good environmentalists" said Hemah Aquillah, a bright smile on her face. Throughout the week, Hemah did her best to share her ideas and knowledge and participate fully at every session of the programme.

46 participants of a total of 51 students, received their certificates on completion of the weeklong Media Training, held at Don Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson. Permanent Secretary, supervising Ministry of Environment, Chanel Iroi was delighted to be present for the final presentation after which he handed them their colourful certificates. He congratulated the participants on their achievement and the tools they now possess to reach the people and care for the environment. He expressed words of praise and thanks for the services provided at Don Bosco. "We now strive to build up a partnership" for the good of our people", he said as he thanked UNDP the main sponsor for strengthening possibilities of looking after the environment as part of the Climate Change project. The SICHE students are grateful for this UNDP funded programme. It has indeed been a learning experience for the SICHE Environmental students. Wendi Beti, Duta Bero Kauhiona, Elwyn Boi and Trevor Maeda were the other guests.

**The Concept:**

The Youth Environmental Program (YEP) was initiated by MECDM with SICHE in 2010 and sponsors students in the Certificate in Environmental Studies. The idea of implementing the YEP program was established under the Strengthening Environmental Management and Reducing the Impact of Climate Change (SEMRICC) Project.

Feedback from the awareness activities by YEP volunteers highlighted the need for media training to capture community stories and experiences through photos and video clips. Media training would build the media skills of students thereby preparing them for future deployments to communities and thus contribute to national capacity building.

**The Media Training Programme:**

The Media Training dwelt on the theory as well as practical components. It touched on the basics of audio, print, visual and the electronic media. The training included preparing audio tracks, writing articles, and doing simple layouts, producing posters with powerful messages and preparing video clips on environmental issues. The students are very happy as they have been exposed to basic media techniques and skills that they never knew before", said Eddie Haga. It was enlightening and a very challenging one for all present. "It has been intensive but very exciting", said Serah K. Devi.

The session on Visuals by Communications Instructor Penny Chilton was much appreciated by the majority of participants. "I like the visual and photographs session, as for the first time, I realized the different aspects of an image", said Ezekiel Leshunau. Theresa Dola and Gwen Toki, Catholic Communications personnel taught them to write out an audio script and record an advertisement. "I especially liked the script writing and radio recording and writing out a photo story", said Eddie Haga. "We need to touch the heart of the people", stressed David Barrow, SOLMAS and ABC personnel. Print layout and photography were presented by Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb. Jacinta Isaacs, Paulus Buna, Ron Mondez and Mana Utsunomiya assisted the students as they put together their video clips. The field visit to Solomon Star and SIBC on 27<sup>th</sup> June was much appreciated as the students were able to see for themselves the different tasks of the main stream media. "The field trips were excellent as it gave us the possibility of viewing what is there in the field", said Bernard Fa'aferoa.

The following themes were touched upon: solid waste management, logging, composting and gardening, climate change, pollution, unsustainable land use and sea level rise. Organizing and Coordinating personnel were delighted with the programme. "It has been a holistic programme", said Elwyn Boi, YEP coordinator.



Left: Jacinta Isaacs and Paulus Buna assist the students to edit their videos



Right: Penny Chilton opens up new ways of reading images

EKALI IMAM, TETAP IMAN

ONCE A PRIEST, FOREVER A PRIEST



Fr. Ryan Peter being ordained

**TIGARAKSA: 18 June 2012 --** On 15 June, Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dn. Ryan Peter Ey Vergouw, a Salesian Missionary from Indonesia working in Papua New Guinea, received his presbyteral ordination in the splendid Parish Church of St. Odilia, a 10 minute drive by car from our Salesian House of Don Bosco Tigaraksa, Tangerang (where there is a pre-novitiate and a technical training center for young people). The ordaining prelate was Mgr. Ignatius Suharyo, Archbishop of Jakarta. Five other Deacons from the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts were also ordained.

her vocation, the Archbishop, their superiors and formators, the parish priest, the ordination committee, their parents some of whom had passed away already, their families and all who came for the occasion. Before the end of the ceremony, the Provincial Delegate of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, Fr. Rafael Galve, announced publicly that Fr. Ryan Peter is to be assigned to Arairiri, PNG, as spiritual moderator of the school and assistant parish priest. The provincial of the SSCC Congregation also announced the assignments of the other priests. Two of them, like Fr. Ryan Peter, will be missionaries in Hawaii and Chile. A fraternal agape followed after the mass.

There were more than fifty priests who concelebrated, and more than 1,500 people who participated in the Eucharist, most of whom came from the families of the ordinandi, friends, Salesian Family and parishioners. The Deputy of the Minister of Religion in-charge of Catholic Affairs was also present.

Fr. Ryan Peter celebrated his First Thanksgiving Mass in his beloved Parish of St. Bartholomeus in West Bekasi on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2012. Again, many people flocked in the church to witness the extra-ordinary event. The aspirants, pre-novices and post-novices formed a grand choir. Fr. Ryan Peter pointed out in his homily that the family is really the seedbed of vocation. It is like the "mustard seed" of the gospel of the 11th Sunday of the year; vocation will grow if the family takes care of it with much love and prayer. He invited the families of the parish to be generous to the Lord when he calls their children to priestly and religious life. He reminded the people to pray for their priests. They can be weak, but as St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "God's grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." During the memento for the dead, he prayed for his father who passed away some years ago.

The 3-hour Ordination Ceremony went smoothly. The Archbishop in his homily, commenting on the Gospel about the Vine and the Branches (John 15: 1-10), urged the ordinandi to be always united with the Lord Jesus and grow in His love to bear much spiritual fruits in their lives. A life like that is sustained by much prayer and sacrifice. At the end Fr. Ryan Peter, in the name of the other five new priests, said in his thanksgiving speech, "We six are not a group of super heroes as in the film "The Avengers," who with their own strength could save the world; we are only six ordinary people who experience their rise and fall in the process of following this kind of vocation. We are not the best, the brightest, the most gifted; there were perhaps many more who were better than us. But the Lord called us and today made clear that he had chosen us....." He thanked all the persons who made it possible for them to reach the day of their ordination: the Lord God who grants everyone his or

After the mass to honour their new priest. His mother reminded the parishioners what Don Bosco said, "When a son leaves his family to answer God's call, Jesus himself will take that son's place in the family." Everyone went home satisfied and full of gratitude to God for another new Salesian priest (the sixteenth Indonesian Salesian priest).

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

**AUGUST**

- 17 Fr. MIRANDA, Rogelio (1961)
- 18 Fr. XALXO Pankaj (1973)
- 26 Cl. PANO, Gilbert (1980)
- 31 FR. BARBERO, Valeriano (1938)

**SEPTEMBER**

- 10 Cl. NGUYEN DUC, Tien John (1978)
- 15 Fr. BAQUERO, Pedro (1970)

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**AUGUST:**

- 30th: Curatorium
- 25th: Principal's meet
- 31st: Spiritual Moderators meet

**SEPTEMBER:**

- 5th: Missionary Course - Rome
- 16th: Independence Day - PNG
- 21st: Term 3

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