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## Bel isi pasin i mas kamap - Asbisop Karl

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ASBISOP bilong Rabaul Asdaiosis Karl Hesse MSC i amamas long wok i bin go insait long makim 100 yia bilong ol Baining Matir long tupela wik i go pinis.

Ol selebresen i bin kamap long St Paul long Vunamarita long Gazelle Peninsula, Is Nu Briten provins long Ogas 12-14, 2004.

Asbisop Hesse i tok aniveseri em i bikpela taim long Asdaiosis bilong Rabaul bihain long misin i bin kam insait long provins 122 yia i go pinis.

Ol pipel i bin redi long dispela selebresen tupela yia na long Janueri dispela yia ol i bungim ol wok i sut long dispela taim na bihain long Jenerel Asembli bilong Katolik Sios long June olgeta plen na wok redi em ol i stretim.

I bin i gat tupela komiti we i go het long kamapim dispela selebresen, wanpela long Kokopo na Vunamarita na St Paul. Ol dispela komiti i go pas long klinim ples, mekim ol haus slip na ples bilong waswas na progrem bilong tripela de selebresen.

Asbisop Karl Hesse i tok dispela selebresen em long tingim ol samting we i bin kamap long St Paul long Ogas 13, 1904 we 10-pela Katolik misinari i bin lusim laip bilong ol long han bilong ol asples Baining long bilip bilong ol. Ol dispela misinari em:

Ol matir em: Fr Mattheaus Rascher, Fr Hendrik Rutten, Br Joseph Bley (Alois), Br Eduard Plasschaert (Richard), Br Cornelis Schellekens (Anselm), Sr Wilhelmine Balka (Angela), Sr Katharina Hoiler (Agnes), Sr Elizabeth Rath (Agatha), Sr Anna Schmitt (Sophia), na Katharina Utsch (Anna). Olgeta misinari i stap long oda bilong MSC o Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

Na bikpela as tru bilong dispela amamas em long lukluk long ol toktok long baibel na skul na bilip o prinsipel bilong pasin Kristen, Asbisop Karl Hesse i tok. Em i tokim ol Katolik long lukluk long birua i bin kamap long St Paul 100 yia i go pinis na lainim ol lesan bilong dispela pasin na kamapim gutpela sindaun long dispela taim.

Em i askim tu ol long mekim na stretim ol rot we i ken bringim ol people olsem ol Tolai, ol Baining na Sios i kam wantaim long kamapim bel isi na wanbel pasin.

Dispela birua em i bikpela rong tru we i bin kamap long histri bilong ol pipel long Baining na tu ol Tolai na Sios na long dispela taim nogat wanpela wanbel pasin i kamap namel long ol dispela ol grup. Seremoni we i bin kamap long St Paul long Ogas 13, 2004 em i olsem stat bilong



• Ol Baining i gat stail bilas tru we yu i no inap lukim long narapela hap. Em ol paia danis lain i karim man i holim Baibel long misa long St Paul long amamasim 100 aniverseri bilong ol matir bilong Baining. Foto: BARBARA TOMI

pasin wanbel. I gat bilip olsem sampela moa dispela kain bung bai kamap gen long ol taim i kam we olgeta grup bai soim tru olsem ol i sori long pasin ol tumbuna i bin mekim na bai ol i wanbel na lus tingting long dispela nogut pasin bilong bipo.

Asbisop i tokaut tu olsem ol i kamapim wanpela liklik buk we i toktok long ol samting we ol i plenim long kamap bihain taim. Em i tok wanpela selebresen tasol i no inap rausim ol hevi we i stap nau o inap long helpim ol pipel long lukluk i go het long bihain taim.

"Dispela bai kisim planti aua, de, wik, mun na yia long tingting long bel long kamapim gutpela sindaun long ol taim bilong nau.

"Dispela bung we i bin kamap em i olsem nupela pentikos we i lukim ol pipel bilong misin, ol famili bilong ol misinari i dai husat i bin kam long ovasis, ol Tolai na ol arapela long kam bung wantaim long lotu na soim sori bilong ol long samting we i bin kamap na tu long amamasim laip. Amamas

bikos ol pipel bilip olsem ol matir i stap laip na i save helpim ol," Asbisop Karl i tok.

Dispela liklik buk i gat 175 pes na i gat ol toktok we bipo ol savelain bilong stadim histri i bin raitim na tu ol documen olsem bilong Pop John Paul II Novea Millenium na Ecclesia in Melanesia. Em i gat ol piksa bilong ol pipel, ol misinari husat i kamap matir na ol arapela bilong Baining na tu ol stori bilong ol dispela Kristen Baining husat i bin dai long dispela taim long Ogas 13, 1904.

Asbisop Karl i bin wok wantaim ol Baining olsem pater bilong ol inap 12-pela yia na maski nau em i stap long Kokopo, lewa bilong em i pas yet wantaim ol pipel bilong Baining.

Na dispela kain laik bilong em long ol pipel i save sutim tingting bilong em long mekim ol wok we i ken helpim ol Baining long noken lukdaun long ol yet na pret stap hait yet.

Em i tok taim em i bin stap long bus peris bilong Baining long ples Raunsepna,

em i lukluk long pasin na sindaun bilong ol na painim olsem ol pipel i nidim developmen long hap bilong ol long ol i ken sanap na bilip long ol yet.

Bikpela graun bilong ol em ol lusim long ol Tolai na ol i wok long muv i go insait long ol bikbus maunten we i nogat sevis i stap. Em i taim nau long ol i kisim luksave bilong gavman na ol sios na kisim sevis i go long ol dispela pipel, em i tok.

Bikpela bel hevi bilong Asbisop em olsem ol Baining i no kisim wankain luksave olsem ol arapela pipel.

Em i tok ol i stap long pasin tumbuna yet na ol i nogat sans long develop olsem ol arapela ples lain long kantri.

Asbisop i tok sapos ol i ken kisim luksave long go pas long mekim ol disisen bilong ol yet na ol disisen long nesenei gavman dispela bai kirapim tingting bilong ol long kamaut long ples hait bilong ol na tu mekim ol i gat sampela gutpela tingting olsem kantri i nidim ol long helpim kantri i go het.



# SNAX

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### TOKSAVE

Sapos yu gat sampela stori o nius yu laik putim long dispela pepa ringim o salim feks i go long Fr Geoff long telipon 472 5009 o email:socom@global.net.pg o go lukim em.

# Family Life Training Course



All need to be involved in the formation of good Catholic Families where Christian values will always be taught and protected.

**Sr. Lourdes Hummes, SSpS**

During the General Assembly of the Catholic Church in P.N.G., great emphasis was given to the priority of Family.

In fact the Church recognized families as its top priority, and the Assembly urged every effort be made to strengthen the family. All dioceses will address Family in a special way but all need to be involved in the formation of good Catholic Families where Christian values will always be taught and protected.

To help in this The National Catholic Family Life Office recently organized and ran a Training workshop on Family

Life for people interested in working in this Apostolate in their own dioceses.

Courses given in the two weeks training were on: Personality Integration, Marriage Enrichment and Natural Family Planning. Participants mentioned that they were privileged indeed for the opportunity to learn new skills and that now they can teach it to others. The course on Personality Integration is a very good program for young people and the Marriage Enrichment and Natural Family Planning for married couples.

The spirit of the General Assembly of the Catholic Church was very evident and very alive. People who had

been to Rabaul were very enthusiastic and on fire with new energy and direction. They were eager to continue their work in the Family Life Ministry.

New members also were very much motivated.

In the training workshop there were a few senior family life co-ordinators and also some new members. It was a good mix.

Participants learned new skills and also were mutually enriched with the experience of the senior members.

I pray that the Lord continue to inspire all those involved in the Family Life Apostolate and that Families be blessed, strengthened and enriched in a very special way.

## War martyrs remembered

The Catholic Church in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands has decided to mark 2 September each year as a remembrance day for the war martyrs of the two countries.

From 1942 until 1945 many church workers died witnessing to the Christian faith. These people include foreign missionaries who refused to leave their posts when the country was threatened with invasion and died. They include many local people who gave their lives.

During the 60 years since World War II the Catholic Church has remembered the lives of the many war martyrs. These include the Blessed Peter To Rot, Catholic catechist and martyr executed in

Rakunai, East New Britain, whose life is celebrated in July. They include the lives of missionaries, Catholic and Protestant, executed on the Japanese destroyer, Akikaze, as it sailed from Kavieng to Rabaul. Included are the missionaries of many faiths from many countries who died during those years. Their sacrifices are recognised with gratitude by the Catholic community.

The Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea celebrates the lives of the mission martyrs each year on 2 September.

In July this year the Catholic Bishops of PNG and SI decided that Catholics would also devote the 2nd of September each year as a special day of remembrance for the war martyrs.

## Early Childhood Education alive and well

**Margaret Cassidy**

Education is most needed for the Solomon Islands and the Diocese of Gizo feels the need to start at the beginning - Early Childhood.

The importance of Early Childhood Education through the support of Kindys was evident recently when a weeklong workshop was held at Nila in the

Shortland Islands.

Thirty-four staff from seventeen Kindys attended the weeklong programme. Margaret Cassidy who is an Early Childhood teacher, currently working as a volunteer at Nila, conducted the programme.

Throughout the sessions the participants had the opportunity of talks and activities that have given them deep-

er insights into their vocation as teachers. The 17 Kindys have approximately 450 children enrolled, indicating a strong local community commitment to ensuring that pre primary age children have the opportunity to learn the basics.

The Educational Ministry of the Diocese of Gizo organized the workshop. Another will be held soon.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT and INVITATION

The Catholic Church in the Southern Highlands Province celebrates its 50th Jubilee this year, 2004. Fr. Alexis Michellod MSC and Br. Jean Delabarre MSC, the first Catholic missionaries to come to the Southern Highlands to establish a mission, arrived in Mendi on September 9, 1954 and Fr. Michellod said the first Mass there the next day, September 10. He later spoke about how he was moved by the Gospel reading of the day, which said, "Yupela liklik lain sipsip, yupela no ken pret. Papa bilong yupela em i tok pinis long em bai i stap king bilong yupela na givim kingdom bilong em long yupela (Lk:12:32)." This prophesy has come true as the Church in the Southern Highlands has grown rapidly and is alive in Christ.

The Catholic people of the Mendi Diocese would like to announce the beginning of our Jubilee Year, which commences with the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday, September 12th. This Mass will mark the beginning of a yearlong pastoral renewal program in the diocese based on the national vision, mission and priorities of the Catholic Church in Papua New Guinea.

We ask you to be with us in spirit and in prayer.

Peace,

**Stephen Reichert OFM Cap.**  
Bishop of Mendi

(Lukim stori long pes namba 3)

## PM urges radio to transform people's lives and society

**Veronica Hatutasi**

RADIO is a powerful tool which reaches out to the wider community and the Catholic Radio Network of PNG (CRN-PNG) is a medium through which the church and communities should use to disseminate programs and messages of relevance and to transform communities and society.

Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare said this during the first anniversary ceremony of the CRN/PNG in Port Moresby last Sunday, August 29.

Sir Michael also urged PNG radio and other media outlets to produce and disseminate messages relevant to the PNG and the people and not merely copy foreign materials.

"PNG tends to copy and inherit a lot from outsiders but I am confident that CRN/PNG will produce a lot of its programs and its messages will help to transform society," Sir Michael said.

He said that as a powerful medium and one that reaches out even to the remote inaccessible areas, the CRN/PNG was being used to disseminate the Word of God and other vital information to make a change in the lives of the people.

But he also said that the messages must be sent in a simple language which the ordinary people will understand.

"It is very important for the church and even politicians to use the radio as a medium of dis-

seminating information in a language that a villager understands. Also, a villager wants to listen to something which has relevance and will benefit him in order to become a useful member of the society and country.

He also said that PNG has a huge attitude problem which must change and urged the CRN/PNG to help in bringing about the change.

"PNG has a big attitude problem. We have lost self respect. Through the CRN/PNG, let us, as Catholics, set good examples. I hope the CRN/PNG reports not only what the church does but also what the community and government does, so people can see positive changes," Sir Michael said.

On the church and state cooperation which was working effectively to bring services and development, Sir Michael pointed out the case of East New Britain province and said that others could follow suite.

"East New Britain is a fine example where the community, the provincial government and the church are working together for the good of all. This cooperation is even working at the Local Level Government and the province is making much progress in its service delivery and development," Sir Michael said.

He also said that through radio, churches must work together to serve, not only the spiritual needs, but also the social and integral needs of the country.

## Givim Sapot

Hatwok bilong redim ol diskasen poin bilong las Jeneral Asembli miting long Rabaul i karim pinis sampela kaikai long Asdaiosis bilong Madang.

Olsem namba wan samting Katolik Wimen's Asosiesen bilong daiosis i oganaisim 3-pela sarap bilong ol meri bilong mama grup bilong ol paris. Fr Victor D'sa i givim ol skul tok, na Fr Carmine, em i stap nau long asples, i bin helpim long sampela mani bilong baim transport na Pastorel Senta. Sampela sarap i bin kamap long Me,

narapela long Jun, na las bai kamap long dispela mun.

Na Pastorel Senta i

**Tim bilong pastorel senta Megiar i redim pinis liklik buk, "Skul bilong kisim Sakramen bilong Marit".**

holim tu 4-pela sarap bilong ol Lotu lida wantaim meri bilong ol. Em gutpela tru, long tupela wantaim i kisim skul na prea wantaim. Na famili laip Apostolet bilong daiosis i laik trenim tu sam-

pela marit long mekim wok helpim long komyuniti bilong ol. Sr Boniat SSt TH na Mrs Bernadette i go pas long skul.

Bai i gat kos long ol i kam long Bogia dineri, na bihain long Madang dineri. Tim bilong pastorel senta Megiar i redim pinis liklik buk, "Skul bilong kisim Sakramen bilong Marit". Bai i gat kos tu long senta bilong redim husat i laik helpim ol manmeri i laik marit.

Olgeta dispela samting i go pas wantaim tok bilong Jeneral Asembli long strongim famili, na sapotim ol meri i 'pos' bilong famili na sosaieti, na ol bikpela memba bilong sios.

## Katolik Sios long Sauten Hailans - 50 Yia Jubili

# Pata Alekis Miselo na Brata Jean Delaba i kam

Long las mun *Catholic Reporter* i autim stori long we ol Katolik misinari i kam statim wok long autim Gutnius bilong Jisas Kraus long Sauten Hailans. Em olsem, sampela gavman kiap i kam pastaim na opim patrol pos long Mendi, Tari na lalibu long 1950 na 1951. Na sampela Kristen misinari i kam bihainim ol long dispela taim tu. Tupela Katolik pris, Pata Pol Josef Taphane na Pata Josef Krim, i kam raun long tripela wik long hap bilong lalibu na Pangia bus, bipo tupela i go bek long Ulga. Em long 1954. Luk olsem dispela tupela pata i wokim namba wan Misa long Sauten Hailans bikos sampela lapun bilong lalibu i ripot olsem, ol i lukim tupela i sanap, wokim sampela samting ol manmeri i no lukim gut long en. Tupela i givim baksait long manmeri, mekim toktok wantaim eksen long han na wokim sampela samting. Long dispela taim bipo, pris i no save sanap na lukim ol manmeri taim em i selebretim Misa olsem nau yumi save mekim. Tupela pata i wokim Misa, a? Yumi no save tru.

Orait nau yumi go bek gen liklik. Long 1946 Katolik Sios i brukim hap Papua na wokim tupela distrik long en, Samarai na Pot Mosbi. I no gat wanpela daiosis long Teritori bilong Papua na Niugini wantaim Solomon Ailans long dispela taim, tasol i gat 8-pela Sios Distrik, em Aleksishafen, Wewak, Aitape, Pot Mosbi, Samarai, Rabaul, Not Solomon Ailans (Bogainvil) na Saut Solomon Ailans (Honiara). Mipela Sauten Hailans i stap long Pot Mosbi Sios Distrik o Vaikariat bilong Pot Mosbi. Bisop bilong Pot Mosbi Sios Distrik i stap long Yul Ailan na nem bilong em Bisop Andre Sorin. Em i bin kisim ples bilong Bisop Alain-Mari Gino de Bomenu, wanpela holi man tru. Na ol Misinari bilong Sekret Hat (MSC) bilong Frans i save wok misin bilong lukautim dispela Sios Distrik.

Bisop Sorin i lukim bikpela hap teritori Pop i makim em long lukautim long en na em i tingting long brukim hap tupela gen, olsem hap i stap klostu long bikpela Wara Flai na hap ol i kolim Sentral Hailans bilong Papua, em Sauten Hailans tasol. Na em i laik givim Sentral Hailans long Sios Distrik bilong Aleksishafen bai ol misinari bilong Sosaiti bilong Divain Wod (SVD) i ken lukautim. Em i tingting olsem, i gat 30,000 manmeri tasol long Sentral Hailans bilong Papua na ol dispela lain manmeri i stap long ol maunten riji na wankain ol lain SVD misinari i save lukautim long Simbu na Hagen. Tasol dispela plen i no gutpela tumas bikos ol SVD i save lukautim planti ples tumas. Na tu, bihain

Bisop Sorin i painimaut gen olsem, i gat samting olsem 250,000 manmeri long Sauten Hailans. I no liklik lain, em pastaim i ting olsem long en.

Nau Bisop Sorin i tingting planti olsem, "Olsem wanem bai mi lukautim ol manmeri bilong Wara Flai Misin na long Sentral Hailans Riji wantaim." Em i pulim tingting long dispela na long 1953 em i wokim disisen long salim sampela Misinari bilong Sekret Hat (MSC) i go long Sauten Hailans bilong kirapim wok misin long en. Olsem na em i askim Pata Alekis Miselo long i go pastaim, bilong painimaut haumas manmeri i stap long Sauten Hailans na ol i save sindaun olsem wanem. Tasol ol kaunsila bilong Bisop i no amamas long dispela plen na Bisop Sorin i lusim em gen. Bisop i bungim rot-blok na em i traun narapela rot gen. Em salim pas nabaut bilong painim narapela lain misineri bilong i kam lukautim hap Sauten Hailans riji. Em i askim planti grup nabaut tasol

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ol i tok nogat.

Long taim Bisop Sorin i hatwok long painim sampela misinari bilong i go long Sauten Hailans (em long 1953), Pop Pius 12 i makim nupela mausman (Apostolik Deleget) bilong em, long makim em long Australia, Nu Silan na ol Pasifik Ailan. Em Asbisop Romolo Kaboni. Dispela man i gat moa strong bilong mekim wok. Taim em i lusim wan solwara bilong yumi 6-pela yia bihain na kisim nupela posting long Peru em i bin kirapim 8-pela nupela Sios Distrik, Hagen, Goroka, Lae, Daru, Mendi, Yul Ailan (Bereina), Kavieng na Gizo long Solomon Ailans. Bipo i gat ol lain MSC, SVD, Fransiskan na Marist i stap. Tasol Asbisop Kaboni i kisim sampela nupela lain misinari i kam, Pasonist, Marianhil, Monfot, Dominikan na Kapusin.

Orait, mausman bilong Pop Pius 12, Asbisop Kaboni, i wok bung wantaim Bisop Sorin na tupela i askim ol Pasonist misinari bilong Provins bilong Australia long kam na wok misin long ples Asbisop Kaboni i kolim "ples we wok misin na laip bai i hat moa, i winim ol arapela wok misin long hap solwara Pasifik." Tasol hetbrata bilong lain Pasonist i tok nogat long i kam. Ol Pasonist i go long Niugini sait. Pastaim ol i stap long Lae na sampela yia bihain ol i go kirapim wok misin long Vanimo.

Nau hetbrata bilong MSC lain husat i wok long Yul Ailan na Papua, em Pata Pier Gulset, em i ting olsem, bambai Asbisop Kaboni na Bisop Sorin inap stretim problem long husat lain misinari bai go long Sauten Hailans. Bisop Sorin i kisim sik na em i stap long Frans long haus sik. Olsem na Pata Pier yet i wokim disisen olsem, long salim tupela lain MSC long Mendi bilong lukim ples we gavman i bin tok orait bai ol misineri i ken i go long en, Wara Kutubu, Mendi na hap riji klostu long Tari ples balus. Em i salim Pata Alekis Miselo na Brata Jean Delaba, tupela misineri i winim 40 krismas pinis na i gat planti save long wok misin long nambis na ol maunten Papua.

Pata Miselo na Brata Delaba i lusim Pot Mosbi long balus long Septemba 2, 1954, na i go kamap long Lae. Tupela i stap tupela de long Lae wantaim Pata Jorje Benading, em pris i bin kamap bisop long Maunt Hagen bihain. Septemba 5 Pata Miselo na Brata Delaba i go long Goroka na Mins na Hagen na Ulga. Long apinun Septemba 9, 2:30 klok, tupela i pundaun long Mendi ples balus. Long haus bilong kiap long Septemba 10, Pata Miselo i selebretim Misa namba wan taim long Sauten Hailans na Brata Delaba wanpela i stap wantaim em.

Em pestode bilong Santu Nikolas bilong Tolentino na Gospel rit i sutim bel bilong Pata na Brata stret. Gutnius tok olsem, "Yupela liklik sipsip, yupela i no ken pret. Papa bilong yupela em i tok pinis long em bai i stap king bilong yupela na givim kingdom bilong en long yupela (Luk 12:32)." Dispela tok i olsem tok-profet bikos bipo, i kam inap long nau, ol manmeri bilong Sauten Hailans i hangre long harim Gutnius bilong Jisas Kraus, bilip long en na kam insait long kingdom bilong God.

Plen hetbrata bilong MSC i wokim long en, em olsem, Pata Miselo na Brata Delaba bai i stap sotpela taim tasol long Mendi, wan mun samting, lukim ples na i kam bek long Yul Ailan bilong ripot long Asbisop Kaboni. Tasol nogat! God i gat narapela plen. Taim Asbisop i wok yet long painim sampela misineri long kam lukautim misin long Sauten Hailans, Pata Miselo na Brata Delaba i mas i stap long Mendi.

Tupela i stap tupela yia moa. Olsem na long histori bilong Katolik Sios long Sauten Hailans Pata Alekis Miselo MSC i kisim bikpela nem bilong oltaim, Aposel long Sauten Hailans.

Na Brata Jean Delaba MSC i gat namba olsem, gutpela brata na strongpela helpman bilong em.

## The Catechism of the Catholic Church

Bishop Francesco of Goroka

writes:

*Let's continue the exploration of our faith taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.*

### I BELIEVE IN LIFE EVERLASTING

The Church believes that at the end of this earthly life, a new reality will be open to those who believe in Christ. This new reality is life everlasting. The liturgy encourages the believers to trust in the mercy of God and to return "to your creator who formed you from the dust of the earth".

#### The particular judgment

After death, each human being will meet God 'face to face'. Everyone will be rewarded according to his or her works and faith. Their judgment will be in relation to their life of having accepted or rejected the divine grace offered them through Christ. It will be a reward of blessing or a reward of damnation.

#### Heaven

At the end of their lives, for those who have tried to be faithful and grow in their faith and commitment to Christ, who have followed the way of penance and prayer, who have taken part in the life of the Church, and who have tried to love and forgive, the door of heaven will be open to them

To live forever in heaven means 'to be with Christ; where Christ is, there is life, there is the kingdom' (Rev 2:17). Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit and all the saints, life and happiness eternal will be the way of living for all the blessed ones.

Every human being is longing for happiness and fullness of life during their own lives on earth. Now in heaven such longing will be fully satisfied because it is brought to perfection by the grace of God. The promise of fullness of life, given by Jesus, is now realized in heaven.

The saints in heaven will continue to glorify God in his glory and also will continue to intercede for all of us who are still on the way.

#### Purgatory

Those who die in God's grace and friendship, but are not fully purified in the eyes of God because of some imperfections, will undergo a process of purification, so to prepare themselves to meet God in holiness. The Church calls this process Purgatory.

The Church encourages us to pray for those who are in Purgatory - to intercede for them in order that God may shorten their time of purification. This is a good practice and it is part of the communion of saints because also in turn they will pray and help us here on earth.

#### Hell

Hell is connected with mortal sin. To die in mortal sin, without repentance and refusing the mercy of God, means to remain separated from God forever by one's free choice. The Gospel warns us about the possibility of losing eternal life, that means no participation in the life and happiness of God. "He who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him" (Jn 3:14-15).

Jesus often in his parables spoke about a place of fire, a place of desperation and eternal suffering for those who refuse to believe and be converted. To them at the time of judgment he will say: "depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire" (Mt 25:41).

The Church because she is concerned and wants all to meet God now and enter his happiness in eternity, strongly recommends to all of us to make good use of our own freedom in choosing God and not evil, to love and not to hate, to change pride into humility and selfishness to care from others.

At the end of our lives we will be judged on whether we have loved, as Christ would have us love, or not.

God does not want "any to perish, but all to come to repentance" (2Pt 3:9). God made us free to choose him or not. It is only when someone, willingly chooses forever to turn away from God in a radical way, brings on himself eternal separation from God.

# Kavieng Diocese hold GA workshop

## ...family, formation, self reliance top diocesan plans

Veronica Hatutasi

DELEGATES from the three Deaneries of the Kavieng Catholic Diocese in the New Ireland province recently met and deliberated on issues discussed at the conclusion of the General Assembly (GA) in Vanuapoe in July.

Priests, the religious, women, youth, laymen and church workers representing the Kavieng, Namatanai and Lorengau deaneries attended a weeklong workshop early last month at the Diocesan Peter ToRot conference center in Kavieng.

The workshop was facilitated by Fr Sylvester who is the Youth Coordinator with the Catholic Bishops Conference office in Port Moresby.

The workshop also came up with a Mission, Visions and Pastoral Priorities Plan for the Diocese as required by the General Assembly in its bid to include the whole church in its planning process. While the events of the GA

were still fresh, the Kavieng Diocese wasted no time and it is one of the first to move head on with the issues and make its way forward towards the implementation stage.

About 80 participants took an active part in the discussions and came up with a priority plans for the diocese which prioritized the following issues and will work towards achieving their goals. Family topped the agenda followed by formation, self reliance, communication and social issues.

In light of the country's upsurge in social, law and order and family problems today, the family is seen as the first and foremost unit where children should be taught the foundations of good moral, Christian principles, values and self discipline. Therefore, work activities are planned towards strengthening families in order to tackle on the role which parents play and to sanctify their families in keeping with God's command.

Celebration of the Holy Sacra-

ments and Liturgy in Communion through active participation, integral formation and renewal of the laity, clergy and religious and youth, education and health were also high on the diocesan priorities plan issues.

Other equally important issues taken on board include self reliance, diocese networking and ecumenism with other denominations, networking with other denomination such as the Anglican, Lutheran and United Churches, integration of gospel values and culture, preservation of the environment and to assist the poor and marginalized

The participants realized that there are challenges ahead in fulfilling the missions, reforming government, business and social environment.

"Where these sectors, primarily account for the ordinary citizens, their endowment by means of goods and services are hardly felt.

"The most depressing in this regard is health and education," a statement

released at the end of the workshop said.

The statement said that bad leadership at the provincial and national levels and corruption is having an adverse effect on the Kavieng hospital which is facing an acute shortage of basic medicines and common drugs, thus the delivery of these to the rural health centers and aid posts are equally depressing.

The statement further called on the relevant authorities to formulate a PNG homegrown curriculum which will be used to benefit the ongoing school leavers when they return to their communities.

Other related issues discussed include technical and vocational education to open their doors to all citizens and not only school aged candidates with more emphasis on village and community oriented programs. School fee system, they said, must be revised to allow some concession for the parents as the current system was

over taxing parents for their children's education from the earliest in terms of age until reaching the tertiary institutions.

The statement said that with this, allowance must be made for schools to live off the land where and when available to them. And funding for land developments must be provided by the national and provincial governments.

On gender balance, women and families, the statement said that foreign permissive culture has invaded and negatively impacted on women, marriage and family values in PNG and is posing a threat to them.

The good cultural values have taken a backstage and an imbalance, said the statement, resulting in the dignity of women in marriage under serious threat. In light to all this, all sectors in government and existing agencies including the churches were called on to help minimize the unfortunate imbalance.

# Friends of the CRN/PNG launched

## ...Catholics urged to give financial assistance

Veronica Hatutasi

A Catholic Radio Network PNG (CRN/PNG) Friends Association has been launched to help it (network) in its operations and delivering radio messages throughout PNG.

The Interim Chairman of CRN-PNG and former parliamentarian and a prominent Catholic Bernard Narokobi, and his Co-Chairman, Auxiliary bishop of the Port Moresby Diocese Bishop Cherubim Dambui, said that it is a very expensive and costly exercise to get the network hooked up through satellite and other advanced modern digital technology.

Bishop Cherubim and Mr Narokobi are the main forces behind the establishment of the CRN-PNG Friends Association in order to get financial and other forms of assistance to keep the network in operation in these tough economic times and also, in a country with vast geographical differences from rugged and high mountainous terrain to coastal and remote islands and which makes it the more difficult for radio and television transmission.

Because of the geography, the CRN/PNG network has extreme difficulties in delivering radio messages throughout the country. While it requires the use of modern technology to disseminate information, there is also a need to satisfy the delivery of quality information.

In the urban settings, people have better access to the FM radio while in the remote rural areas where the FM signal cannot be reached, the solution is via short wave. And the only way to send signals is through the use of



• Praim Minista Sir Michael Somare na Apostolik Nunsio, Asbisop Aldofo Tito Yilana, i katim kek long amamasim namba wan bon de bilong CRN. Foto: JOE IVAHARIA

satellite which is quite expensive.

"Therefore, the network is calling on Catholics throughout the country to give financial support in order for the CRN/PNG to continue its evangelization and molding and ensuring Holistic Integral development to every home in the country. We need about K1,000 a day to produce programs and transmit them to

your homes or cars.

"We need to back up this ministry financially and through prayer. Initially, the Association got huge overseas support, however, Catholics in PNG must lend a big helping hand," Bishop Cherubim and Mr Narokobi said.

Mr Narokobi urged the more than 1.3 million Catholics in the country to contribute and support

the CRN generously in order for the Gospel and other services to reach the even the remote sectors of the community.

He gave the example of Italian Catholics who give financial assistance to the church willingly which is also greatly supporting the Alotau Diocese in Milne Bay.

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something which Catholics in PNG could learn from and adopt.

He further stated that the current contribution of Catholics in PNG is not enough, even to look after one parish priest and urged all Catholics to give to the church to carry out its evangelization work.

"We have been a missionary church for 30 years, getting help from outside.

"It is time now to look after our church to carry out its evangelization work. Give what you have and God will give multiple blessings on you," Mr Narokobi said.

He also said that the contributions towards the network's Friend Association will surely contribute to the more positive development of our nation.

During the launch, Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare and several others made pledges towards donating to the CRN Friends Association.

To join in this great task of Radio Evangelization, Catholics or others who want to assist can become members and give their pledges of commitment to:

**Friends of the CRN/PNG, PO Box 7671, NCD-PNG Telephone: (875) 3251195 or on email: crnnews@rtapng.com.pg.**

### Youth Workshop on abuse of alcohol drugs and firearms

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The Diocese of Daru-Kiunga, in the Western Province, is very much concerned about its youth. When the whole country is talking about the increase in the crime rate, abuse of alcohol and drugs, illegal trading of firearms in exchange for drugs, one wonders, when is the end in sight for all these frightening evils in our society? Every morning we turn the pages of the newspapers, we read all sorts of bad news. Much of it is about our young people doing harm to each other, in the form of murder, rape, theft and you name it. Where does all this come from? Who is the cause of all this? The statistics tell us that the Western Province alone has the highest rate of alcohol consumption in the country compared to other provinces. So much of the money which is given by OK Tedi as part of royalty, compensation etc, is spent on beer and drugs. Every one knows about it but no one talks about it. The parents are loosing control over the children, family values are deteriorating, and our young population is left on the roads to do what they want without proper guidance.

Looking at the situation of the youth, the Diocesan youth Services (DYS) conducted a workshop on "abuse of alcohol, drugs and firearms." Youth leaders from all the 12 parishes of the Diocese attended the workshop to initiate an awareness campaign throughout the Western Province. The two week long workshop enabled the participants to learn how alcohol and drugs affect our bodies, the communities we live in, and how they can cause disabilities. They were privileged to have some important people from the different sectors like, the health department, education department, police department and Callian Services (for the persons with disabilities), to speak to them on the topic related to abuse of alcohol and drugs. The speakers also enhanced their knowledge on how alcohol and drugs can affect the lives of the people physically, socially and economically in their respective sectors.

The participants were taught drama skills during the workshop to get the message across to the remote villages where people are not educated. With the help of short plays people can understand the danger of alcohol and drug abuse. The youths were actively involved in sharing their knowledge, ideas and experiences in order to explore the best ways possible to combat the problems and issues that arise from the abuse of drugs and alcohol. The onus is now on the youth leaders themselves to organize and carry out their own awareness programmes in their own parishes for the next five to six months.