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Sr Rita recognized for her services to education

By Veronica Hatutasi

A CATHOLIC nun who has worked in PNG for 51 years has been recognized by both the Australian and PNG governments for her contribution to education services and development in PNG.

Sister Rita Torpey, age 81, of the congregation of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (OLSH) originally from Muswallbrook, New South Wales, Australia is the nun who was accorded an award medal by the government of Australia this year September. She recently travelled to Australia to collect her award, but returned to PNG and thence to Manus, a place she dearly loves and calls home.

In 2009, she was also a recipient of a Logohu award in recognition for her contribution to services in education and the community.

Sr Rita is well known and loved by many Manusians whom she has taught in her 51 years as a teacher, a spiritual guide and an educationist in the Manus province and more so, in the Catholic Education Agency.

In this light, many men and women from Manus who now hold prominent positions with the Church, government, the private and public sectors can thank Sr Rita for the education, knowledge and skills they have gained and mastered from her to be what they are today.

Sr Rita comes from a large family of 12 children-10 girls and two boys, of whom 9 are still alive. The oldest is 93 years. Another of her sister's is also a nun of the Mercy Sister's Order and works in New Castle, New South Wales.

Sr Rita attended Saint Catherine's College, Singleton



Catholic Women from Mt Hagen Diocese during their conference opening. - Story on Page 3



AWARDED: L-R: Sr Rita Torpey with the medals she has been awarded by the government of Australia recently, as well as the Logohu award from the PNG government in 2009.



in New South Wales. After becoming a nun, she did her training as a teacher before coming

as a missionary teacher to PNG in the late 1950's.

She came to PNG as a

young nun in 1959, 9 years after joining the religious order and was posted to Patu Mission station in the Admiralty Island group, south coast of Manus where she worked for 6 years prior to moving on to Bundralis in 1964, for a year.

In 1967, she moved on to Papitalai where she opened the school there as an all girls high school, but was later converted to a co-educational school in 1972.

As a teacher and an educationist, she has contributed immensely to the development of education in Manus and PNG, something which she still does.

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Newspapers still in style for Catholics

From Zenit News agency, Vatican

A MAJORITY of Catholics still prefer to get their news about the Church from weekly print newspapers, according to a report published recently by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), based at Georgetown University.

An estimated 14.8 million U.S. adult Catholics regularly read their diocesan newspapers and magazines in print. The results were drawn from a survey of 1,239 self-declared Catholics. According to CARA this is pretty much the same as a previous study from six years ago.

Weekly Mass-goers score much higher, with 55% reading a print news source from their diocese.

Despite the significant changes in media in the past few years CARA said that so far it has had limited impact on how Catholics access their diocesan publications. Only 4% of adult Catholics said they regularly read the diocesan publications online, with only 1% declaring they go online exclusively for their news.

Around 80% said they were satisfied with the local diocesan Church publications. The survey also revealed a lack of knowledge about national Catholic media. Given a list of 28 national Catholic newspapers and magazines over half, 56%, said they were not aware of any of them. This is a significant 10 points up compared to six years ago.

Interestingly, the lack of use of the newer forms of media is not restricted to the older age groups. In the so-called Millennial group, those born after 1981, there was a lower reported use of online media to access religious content.

The Millennials were also less likely to access any type of religious material, whether by traditional or newer forms, than the older age groups.

CARA explained this age difference by noting that the use of religious media is related to the frequency of Mass attendance, which is much higher in the older age groups.

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The Rosary — from the Catechism of the Catholic Church

971 "All generations will call me blessed": "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship." The Church rightly honors "The Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of 'Mother of God', to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs...This special devotion...differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration." The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an "epitome of the whole Gospel," express this devotion to the Virgin Mary.

1674 Besides sacramental liturgy and sacramentals, catechesis must take into account the forms of piety and popular devotions among the faithful. The religious sense of the Christian people has always found expression in various forms of piety surrounding the Church's sacramental life, such as the veneration of relics, visits to sanctuaries, pilgrimages, processions, the Stations of the Cross, religious dances, the rosary, medals, etc.

2678 Medieval piety in the West developed the prayer of the rosary as a popular substitute for the Liturgy of the Hours. In the East, the litany called the Akathistos and the Paracletis remained closer to the choral office in the Byzantine churches, while the Armenian, Coptic, and Syriac traditions preferred popular hymns of St. Ephrem or St. Gregory of Narek, the tradition of prayer is basically the same.

2708 Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to mediate on the mysteries of Christ, as in *lectio divina* or the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is of great value, but Christian prayer should go further: to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him.

Excerpt from the **Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, Principles and Guidelines**

197. The Rosary, or Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is one of the most excellent prayers to the Mother of God (234). Thus, "the Roman Pontiffs have repeatedly exhorted the faithful to the frequent recitation of this biblically inspired prayer which is centered on contem-



plation of the salvific events of Christ's life, and their close association with the his Virgin Mother. The value and efficacy of this prayer have often been attested by saintly Bishops and those advanced in holiness of life" (235).

The Rosary is essentially a contemplative prayer, which requires "tranquility of rhythm or even a mental lingering which encourages the faithful to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life" (236). Its use is expressly recommended in the formation and spiritual life of clerics and religious (237).

Feast of the Holy Rosary
The feast of the Holy Rosary was established by Saint Pius V on the anniversary of the naval victory won by the Christian fleet at Lepanto, October 7, 1571. The victory was attributed to the help of the holy Mother of God whose aid was invoked through praying the rosary. The celebration of this day invites all to mediate upon the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was so singularly associated with the incarnation, passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God. *from the Christian Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)*

Pope John Paul II asks us to pray the Rosary! On September 30, 2001, after the morning Mass opening the Synod of Bishops, Pope John Paul II asked people to pray the Rosary:

"October is the month in which Mary Most Holy, Queen of the Holy Rosary, is venerated. Within the current international context, I invite all — individuals, families, communities — to pray this Marian prayer, possibly every day, for peace, so that the world can be preserved from the wicked scourge of terrorism." The terrible tragedy of September 11th will be remembered as a dark day in the history of humanity. In the face of this, the Church tries to be faithful to her prophetic charism and remind all men about their duty to build a future of peace for the human family. Certainly, peace is not separated from justice, but it must be nourished by mercy and love. "We cannot forget that Jews, Christians and Muslims adore God as the only God. The three religions, therefore, have the vocation

of unity and peace. May God allow the Church's faithful to be agents of peace, in the front line of the search for justice and the prohibition of violence." May the Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, intercede for all humanity, so that hate and death never have the last word!"

On September 29, 2002, at Castel Gandolfo, Pope John Paul II asked that we pray the Rosary for Peace:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
1. We are already on the threshold of the month of October, which, with the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, inspires us to rediscover this traditional prayer, so simple yet so profound. The Rosary is a way of contemplating the *face of Christ* seeing him - we may say - *with the eyes of Mary*. For this reason, it is a prayer that drawing upon the core of the Gospel is in full accord with the inspiration of the Second Vatican Council and very much in keeping with the direction I gave in the Apostolic Letter *Novo Millennio ineunte*: the Church has to launch out "into the deep" in the new millennium beginning with the contemplation of the face of Christ. Therefore, I wish to suggest the recitation of the Rosary to individuals, families and Christian communities. To give force to this invitation, *I am preparing a document which will help to rediscover the beauty and depth of this prayer.*

2. I wish once again to entrust *the great cause of peace* to the praying of the Rosary. We are facing an international situation that is full of tensions, at times threatening to explode. In some parts of the world, where the confrontation is harsher - I think particularly of the suffering land of Christ - we can realize that, even though they are necessary, political efforts are worth little if one remains exacerbated in his mind and no one cares to demonstrate a new disposition of heart in the hope of reviving the struggle and effort of dialogue. Who but God alone can infuse such sentiments? It is more necessary than ever that from every part of the earth *prayer for peace* be made to Him. In this perspective, the Rosary turns out to be the form of prayer most needed. It builds peace because, while it appeals to the grace of God, it sows in the one praying it the seed of good from which we can expect the fruit of justice and solidarity for personal and community life. I am thinking of nations and also of families. How much peace would flow into family relationships if the family would begin again to pray the Rosary.

News snippets from the CBC Desk with the General Secretary, Fr Victor Roche SVD.

Bp. Tagle appointed Archbishop of Manila: Bp. Antonio Tagle is no stranger to PNG as he has helped with the visitation of the seminaries in PNG and Solomon Islands. The visitation lasted a span of 5 weeks. He is a humble person and is known very well in the higher circle of the Vatican. We wish him well in his new responsibility.

Bp. Tony Burgess goes thru another operation: Bp. Tony had a surgery on October 18 in Sydney, Australia. But after two weeks, he has to undergo another operation on October 26 because of complications. Bp. Tony sent this message: "I had my operation yesterday and now I am sore but sitting up after my shower and feeling lifeless. Thank you for all your prayers. We worry a lot but I recall the words of Our Lady of Gaudelupe: 'Do not be disturbed. Am I not here, I who am your mother?'. You might pass the good news around. The doctor said that the cancer was confirmed to be that of the bowel. Peace". Bp. Tony's current contact is: (NorWest Hospital, Baulkham Hills, Sydney, Australia, Phone: + 61 (0)409 311 736). We pray for Bp. Tony.

Bp. Rollando's brother passes on: Bp. Rollando is returning from the Philippines this Saturday,

November 12th, where he was for two weeks to officiate at the funeral of his youngest brother, Freddie, who passed away recently.

Bp. Rollando stayed at the CM provincial house in Tandang Sora, Quezon city, and will fly back to Port Moresby on Saturday evening, Nov. 12. From there he will fly to Rapolo to attend the Senate meeting and graduation of seminarians, and be back in Alotau on Nov. 20.

Our condolences to Bp. Rolly and we assure him of our prayers.

GG Sir Michael Ogio weds Esmie Ereoli: PNG had its first state wedding on Saturday, 22nd Oct when Governor General Sir Ogio wedded Solomon Islands bride Esmie Ereoli at St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Port Moresby. Archbishop John Ribat of Port Moresby officiated the wedding ceremony and it was witnessed by family members, friends, heads of foreign missions and the Bougainville community. He is a Catholic from Bougainville and she is an Anglican from South Malaita in the neighbouring Solomon Islands.

Leader of US Bishops asks for preaching on poverty says unemployment is more than an issue

From Zenit News Agency, Vatican

THE leader of the U.S. bishops' conference is urging his brother prelates to bring the "scandal" of poverty and unemployment to public attention.

Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York made this appeal recently in a letter to all bishops.

"I hope we can use our opportunities as pastors, teachers, and leaders to focus public attention and priority on the scandal of so much poverty and so many without work in our society," he wrote.

The archbishop said his letter came in response to a request from the bishops' administrative committee, which reported that 46 million people (15%) now live in poverty in the United States.

Archbishop Dolan's letter requested the bishops to continue to "do all you can to lift up the human, moral and spiritual dimensions of the ongoing economic crisis."

Unemployment numbers "are not statistics," he reminded, "but peo-

ple suffering and wounded in their human dignity."

The archbishop offered resources to the bishops to assist them in their preaching and educating the public. He also requested that they share their own statements and actions on this theme.

Solution Without offering an extensive treatise on Catholic social doctrine, Archbishop Dolan did cite Benedict XVI to offer part of the solution.

"The best way out of poverty is to work at a living wage," he explained. "In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, 'Being out of work or dependent on public or private assistance for a prolonged period undermines the freedom and creativity of the person and his family and social relationships, causing great psychological and spiritual suffering' (Caritas in Veritate, No. 25)."

The New York archbishop spoke of the "political and economic behaviors" at the base

of "economic failures."

But he said it is not the time for excuses or placing blame: "It is a time for everyone to accept their own personal and institutional responsibility to help create jobs and to overcome poverty, each in accord with their own abilities and opportunities. Individuals and families,

faith-based and community groups, businesses and labor, government at every level, all must work together and find effective ways to promote the common good in national and economic life."

"It is an essential part of our work as Catholics to build a more just society and economy," the archbishop stated. "We feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, educate the young, welcome refugees and care for the sick and vulnerable. Our Church serves and stands in solidarity with those who are poor and jobless, helping them break the cycle of poverty and act on behalf of their own families and communities."

Sr Rita recognize for services to education

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As founder of Papitalia High School, she did not encounter any problems of any sort as life in Manus at that time was and still is, peaceful without much hassles.

She said despite the fact that they did not have all the materials that were needed for the school's operation, they were contented to make do with whatever was available.

On her mission in PNG, Sr Rita has this to say.

"As a missionary, I bring the Gospel and love of God to everyone. My mission is to take the Sacred Heart of Jesus to be everywhere known and loved. And to also make people realize that God loves them so that they can know the true meaning of life and raise good families," Sr Rita said.

She said that she gets a feeling of great satisfaction at seeing students whom she has taught, occupying prominent positions in politics, government, public service, church and the community.

When asked to comment on developments and changes she has seen taking place in the education sector in PNG, she had this to say:

"In the 60's and 70's, life was simple, and in terms of equipment and materials for school use, it was affordable and sufficient.

"Teaching students was also easy as children and students were well disciplined and respected and obeyed teachers and those in authority. However, in this day and age, life is not the same as society and communities undergo so much changes as a result of modernization and modern technological and scientific advances," Sr Rita said.

As the clock ticks on and Sr Rita advances in age, she is still energetic and continues to work, but at a slower rate. Her heart is totally in Manus and her people, a place and people she loves so much that she has no desire to return to her original home in Australia.

"I have no plan to return to Australia. When I still have the strength, I will continue to work and, as long as I am not a burden to anyone. I will continue to serve the Church as long as what I am doing is a service to the Church and people.

"I love Manus and the people so much and I know they do the same for me. I am happy living in Manus where I came as a young missionary to serve God and bring the Gospel and related services and development to the people," Sr Rita said.

When the day of calling by The Maker comes, Sr Rita's wish is to be laid to rest in Manus, the island and people she has come to love so much.

Catholic women see micro finance as the way forward

By Veronica Hatutasi

MICRO Finance has been hailed as the way forward for women and youths to help achieve self reliance, alleviate poverty and get a better life.

President of the Mt Hagen Catholic Women's Association, Maggie Turwai, spoke on the importance of women establishing and investing in micro finance within their groups which in turn would assist them and their families greatly.

She expressed her thoughts on the micro finance issue while commenting on the recently concluded and successful first ever Highlands Regional Catholic Women's Association (HRCWA) conference, held in Mt Hagen, Western Highlands province.

More than 2,000 Catholic Women from Goroka in the Eastern Highlands, Simbu, Southern Highlands, Enga, Mt Hagen as well as from the newly established province of Hela, congregated for a week at the Archdiocese's grounds to show unity and strength and with one voice, deliberate and tackle pressing issues affecting women and families, and find ways to overcome them.

With the theme, "Empowering Women in the Highlands Through Skills Development," topics

discussed included women and leadership, women in business, gender issues with focus on gender based violence, family planning and breast and cervical cancer.

According to Ms Turwai, a recommendation for the bishops and the government by the women was handed to the Bishop for the Laity, Anton Bal of Simbu, urging the government to also give attention and finances towards cancer treatment, with priority on the cancer machines the four regions of this country.

"The women spoke strongly on having a cancer machine in each of the four regions of this country such as the Highlands, Momase, Southern and New Guinea Islands, so that more women could have access to it and get themselves scanned and treated early of two of the most deadly diseases which many women in PNG nowadays are dying from.

"At the moment, the only two cancer machines in the country are in Lae and Port Moresby and it is hard for women from other provinces to access the machines and get treatment due to the high transport costs involved," Ms Turwai said.

Micro Finance is a topic which interested and motivated many of the

women and the Mt Hagen Diocese women are now geared up to start their very own soon.

"The skills expo show on Wednesday during which the Simbu Catholic Women displayed the operations of their Micro Finance and the support and benefits gained from it by the women was both inspirational and a motivation to us.

"We want to start as soon as practicable and be self reliant. The examples and lessons seen and learnt from the Simbu women was very encouraging.

"We see Micro Finance as the future for women and youths.

"Many young people have no direction in life and we have to start somewhere. And with the PNG government's plans and vision, this will help alleviate poverty and get a better life for the youths and women," Ms Turwai said.

Ms Turwai said that they want their sisters in the provinces to cooperate and build the church to unite and come as one in Christ.

During the opening ceremony of the conference though, Mt Hagen Town came alive in an array of colours, when the 2,000 plus Catholic women united and prayed and sang on the streets of the town before proceeding to the cathedral for the official conference opening.

Commentary

By Fr. Victor Roche, SVD



AGNES was going by PMV from Boroko to Badili. As she was talking away on her cell-phone, a man behind her seat snatched the phone and escaped from the bus. He did not run. He just walked away. No one went after him to get her phone. Many people experience such petty thefts or big crimes every day. But no one has the courage to encounter these rascals.

When many people have such experiences, the sociologists say, the situation will reach a boiling point and the people will take the law in their own hands. This is exactly what has happened in Lae in the past week. The law and order situation in Lae had reached a boiling point. The youth went to the lawful authorities. But still the situation went out of hand. Six people are said to be killed during the riots and about 50 people are wounded. More than 100 police men were flown in to bring the situation under control. The Prime Minister has warned that a state of emergency will be declared and the army will be deployed in Lae. I hope by the time you read this news paper, the situation is under control.

Some of the causes of such a situation are: 1. Neither the Government nor the Police have really bothered to address the law and order situation in the country. 2. Unemployment of the youth in PNG is very high. 3. The settlements in many of our cities are a big problem. 4. When a crime takes place, the criminals go scot free.

Some of the suggested solutions: 1. Make the youth stay in their villages by giving attractive youth programs. 2. Involve the churches. 3. Government should wake up to solve the youth and settlement problems. 4. When a crime takes place in a common place, the good people should do something. Do not just watch!

Priests are 'foreigners' in a world far from God: Vatican official

...Cardinal Opens Academic Year at Opus Dei From Zenit News Agency

THE prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy is urging priests to keep their eyes fixed on Peter, even though they are as foreigners in a world estranged from God.

Last Saturday, Cardinal Mauro Piacenza opened the academic year for the Tiberino Priestly College in Rome, a residence entrusted to the Opus Dei prelature, where priests from all over the world study.

Cardinal Piacenza said in his homily that not only Jews were foreigners for a time in Egypt, but that today the priest "is necessarily a foreigner in a world that does not acknowledge God and that is immersed in the culture of death and pleasure, where there is only room for power and money."

He encouraged the residents to "live with their eyes fixed on Peter."

The Vatican official stressed the importance of

the priests' study in Rome, to "widen the priestly gaze to the ends of the world, so that all men can encounter Christ."

The cardinal revealed that he has had a desire to help priests since he was young: "I prayed to the Virgin de la Guardia, patroness of Genoa, when I was young, that she would let me do something for priests and behold, for my whole life I have been in charge of them in some way. The Virgin is very smart!"

After the Eucharist, the day continued with a dinner and celebration with singing and shows performed by the college residents.

Some three dozen priests from more than 20 nations are currently residing at the college. They all study at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, and have been sent by their bishops for education in the Eternal City to be able to serve their dioceses better in the future.



WOMEN SAY NO TO VIOLENCE: Part of the procession of the opening ceremony of the weekly Highlands region Catholic Women's conference. Photo: Fr Phil Gibbs SVD

Catholic Church Health Service boosted



DONATION APPRECIATED: Marena Sansan, Digicel Highlands Regional Manager, Head of Mt Hagen Catholic Archdiocese, Archbishop Douglas Young and a community leader, health workers from Norba Health Clinic and the community from the area during the launching and handing over ceremony of the mobile health clinic from the Digicel Foundation. **Photo: Digicel Public Relations**

THE Catholic Church Health Service outreach program has been further boosted with Digicel Foundation's donation of a fully equipped Mobile Health Clinic to the Norba Sub Health Centre which will provide free medical services expected to impact 25,000 people in the Nodgul area of the North Whagi District.

Norba Health Clinic becomes the first in the newly recognized Jiwaka Province to receive a Mobile Health Clinic.

Developed and funded by Digicel PNG Foundation at a value of K150, 000, the Mobile Health Clinic is a brand new, fully equipped ambulance which will greatly assist in places where outreach programs were previously done by foot patrol.

A dedicated medical

team from the centre will utilize the new Mobile Health Clinic for regular medical outreach services to the rural areas as well as for emergency referrals to nearby hospitals.

The new Mobile Health Clinic is set to offer essential health services to the surrounding rural communities of the Nodgul area and is expected to bring a positive impact to the lives of 3000 people every month, particularly mothers and children.

Marena Sansan, Digicel Highlands Regional Manager who was at the event to officiate the presentation said "The launch was successful and very moving as there was a huge crowd of over 3,000 people from the community cheering on as the ambulance drove into the Norba

Health Centre.

A lot of women wept openly as memories of relatives who have died due to lack of proper medical facilities grazed through their minds and with Digicel Foundation's donation of a fully kitted mobile clinic, we are pleased that a lot of lives can now be saved".

Head of Mt Hagen Catholic Archdiocese, Archbishop Douglas Young, who was on hand to receive the keys to the newly funded mobile Health Clinic.

He encouraged villagers to be honest with themselves and ensure the ambulance is well looked after while local community leaders also expressed their gratitude towards Digicel Foundation and its mother company Digicel PNG for the generous donation.

Senior Program Manager of Digicel Foundation, Beatrice Mahuru said: "We are grateful to the Catholic Health Services for the work they do in marginalized communities throughout Papua New Guinea and we are delighted to have supported their efforts with this donation and I would like to thank our partner Ela Motors for their commitment to providing free services for the new Mobile Health Clinics".

The Norba Mobile Health Clinic is the eight mobile health clinic funded by Digicel Foundation including seven others which are; Kaugere (NCD), Tsak Vallen (Enga), Barawagi (Simbu), Kokopo (East New Britain), Koibuga (Western Highlands Province), Lae (Morobe) and the recent one in Timbunke (East Sepik).

London prelate welcomes change to royal succession law

From Zenit News Agency, Vatican

THE leaders of the Commonwealth countries who recently gathered in a summit in Perth, Australia, have agreed upon major changes to the laws regarding the successors of the monarch in the United Kingdom.

From now on, the successor will be the first born, either male or female.

Up to now a female could become the

monarch only if there were no sons among the offspring.

Another change lifts the ban on the monarch marrying a Catholic, although the prohibition on the monarch themselves being a Catholic remains.

"Let me be clear, the monarch must be in communion with the Church of England because he or she is the head of

that Church

"But it is simply wrong they should be denied the chance to marry a Catholic if they wish to do so. After all, they are already quite free to marry someone of any other faith," explained the British Prime Minister, David Cameron, according to the BBC.

The current succession laws date back to the 1701 Act

of Settlement.

The Archbishop of Westminster, Vincent Nichols, who is also president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, welcomed the decision: "This will eliminate a point of unjust discrimination against Catholics and will be welcomed not only by Catholics but far more widely," he said.



Gizo Participants

Mothers are life and light in the family

Following the success implementation of HEY DAD training for daddies in 2010 and strong recommendation for the program to be given to mothers, the Catholic Diocese of Gizo Pastoral Team in the Solomon Islands has conducted a series of training of trainers for mothers called "HEY MUM" in its Parishes of Moli, Sirovanga, Voruvoru, Gizo, Noro and recently,

at Cookson, Wagina Parish.

A total of 52 mothers attended at Wagina and with the theme: "Mothers, God's Word is our Life and Light that strengthens us to live the spirit of communion through reconciliation," mothers have been challenged to deeply reflect on their roles as mothers and be the life and light of the family.

The Parenting education program for mothers which contains 8 sessions has been very well attended so far by a total of 100 mothers. Topics covered includes; The Role of Mothers, Understanding Children as they grow, Relating to our Children, Communication & its importance in the family, Dealing with Emotions, New direction in discipline, Self-Esteem and Just for You.

Mendi Daiosis helt trening woka skul opim ol nupela bilding

Pater Pius bilong Mendi Daiosis i raitim

KATOLIK Daiosis bilong Mendi i bin lukim moa long 1,000 manmeri i kam long opening bilong nupela klasrum, ol haus bilong tisa, tupela domitori bilong ol sumatin man na meri, na ol arapela samting bilong Komyuniti Helt Woker Trening Skul.

Ol manmeri i bin kam wantaim kain kain bilas bilong ol na mekim Daiosis bilong Mendi i luk nais tumas.

Planti lain manmeri bilong Mt. Hagen, Simbu, na Wabag na ol arapela hailens na ailan rijeni bin kam na witnesim dispela opening.

Skul ya i bin stat long yia 1974 long Det Peris insait long Mendi Daiosis.

Sister Gaudentia bilong kantri Swiselan husat i mama bilong dispela skul i bin statim dispela skul taim em i yangpela sista yet.

Dispela taim, 6 pela sumatin tasol i bin stap long skul. Dispela skul i bin istap long Det Peris inap long yia 1986. Long 1987, pait i bin kamap long dispela ples (Det Peris) na ol i bin pasim, tasol long 1988, ol i bin bringim skul i kam long Kumin long Mendi Daiosis, helpim bilong bisop bilong Mendi. Nau Asbisop bilong Madang husat i bin bisop bilong Mendi, Asbisop Steven Rechert, i bin kam

long blesim dispela skul.

Asbisop Steven i bin tok tenkyu long ol lain husat i bin givim helpim long kamapim ol klasrum, ol haus slip, haus tisa na ol narapela samting long dispela skul. Em i bin tenkim tu ol lain bilong PNG Sustainable Developmen Program long helpim bilong wantaim K250,000. 00 long kamapim ol klasrum.

Moa yet, em i tenkim Oil Search long helpim bilong ol wantaim K3 milian long kamapim ol haus slip bilong ol tisa, sewes toilet sistem, wataol wara tenk, wara sistem na ol arapela samting.

Em i tenkim tu ol lain husat i save wok wantaim Katolik Helt Sevis na ol lain bilong arapela kantri long helpim bilong ol long kamapim ol dispela building bilong skul. Minista bilong Woks na memba bilong Imbongu Open Elektret, Francis Awesa, i bin amamas long dispela skul i kamap long ilektoret bilong em na em i helpim skul wantaim K10,000. 00 long baim ol narapela samting skul i nidim long en.

Na tu em i tok em bai putim kolta long rot i go insait long skul na long misin eria bilong Mendi Daiosis.



KATIM LONG OPIM: Asbisop Steven I katim riben long makim opim bilong ol klasrum na na haus slip bilding. **Poto: Pater Pius**