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## Bereina Diocese and community get better communication services

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**CATHOLICS and the community at large in Bereina can now enjoy some form of communication advancement, courtesy of a Church, Private and Public Partnership (CPPP) project.**

This follows the launching last week Sunday, of the Kundu 2 Television service signals and the upgrading of the Voice of Peter ToRot Radio service at the Bereina Catholic station where about 200 people congregated in a small ceremony to witness an occasion which will empower, educate and keep them abreast of national and world events.

A partnership between the Catholic bishop of Bereina, Rochus Tatamai MSC, and Kairuku Hiri MP, Paru Aihi, saw the successful launch which commenced with a Eucharistic celebration at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bereina.

The people can now access Kundu 2 TV and its programs including national and overseas news services, documentaries, entertainment, religious, social and developmental programs and be on par with the nation and the rest of the world.

During the church service, Bishop Rochus stated that Bereina



**LAUNCH TO EMPOWER:** A successful public and private partnership between Kairuku Hiri MP, Paru Aihi, & Bereina Diocese spearheaded by Bishop Rochus Tatamai MSC, will see the reception of the Kundu 2 TV service and the upgrading of the Peter ToRot Radio broadcast. Photo: Fr Mlak

Catholic Diocese office was relocating to the station from its current location in Port Moresby and with it, relevant developments and services which were established by the missionaries many years ago, but now stagnant.

"We are returning to Bereina and our commitment in the process is to bring changes and development here, to empower the people by becoming participants and contribute to our nation," Bishop Rochus said.

In light also to the readings for that Sunday, Bishop Rochus stated

that over 125 years ago, there was a vineyard garden in Bereina planted by the early missionaries, however, it collapsed, but was now being revived.

He said that since his appointment as the good shepherd of the Bereina Diocese in 2008, he has made a commitment to bring some development in the diocese and district, of which communication was one.

He said that through good communication mediums, people could see and hear church programs,

news and development programs on TV and radio which could then empower them to make informed choices in their lives.

"When people are better informed, they will be empowered and be able to participate and contribute towards the development process of the country," Bishop Rochus said.

The project came to fruition with a K150,000 funding support from MP Aihi who assured the people that he will continue to further assist with the erection of a 65 meter VSat tower which will cover a much wider area into the mountains, valleys and the coastal areas.

He said that a very good partnership between the Catholic Church and the government has resulted in a successful public private partnership which the government is advocating for a long time, and which in Bereina has achieved good outcomes.

Mr Aihi challenged the people of Bereina from Bakoidu to north Mekeo and all the way to Kivori and Roro, to organise themselves and get television sets and utilize the communication services provided to them, which he said "is a milestone in my political career."

Bereina, he said, is the third out of the 79 districts in the country to

implement the communications roll-out program, the two others being Aitape in Sandaun and Marienberg in Wewak, East Sepik.

Bishop Rochus also stated further that he would continue his pursuit to bring developmental services to Bereina station by seeing that electricity service there is accessed on a 24 hour basis.

Meanwhile, a technical consultant with the prime minister's department, Noel Mobiha, said the government has established the now three year-old Kundu 2 TV service to relay relevant developmental, agriculture and educational programs focused on local settings, and it is still developing its program contents.

While acknowledging the Catholic Church and especially, Bishop Rochus, in taking Kundu 2 TV service and improved communication services to Bereina and parts of the Kairuku Hiri District, Mr Mobiha said the government, through MP, Mr Aihi, will continue to support the project by erecting a 65 meter VSat tower to take Kundu 2 TV and radio communication services to communities living further in the Kairuku Hiri District.

Bereina is situated on the flat lands of the Kairuku Hiri District, the betel nut bowl of PNG.

## WACC and SIGNIS agree to work more closely

THE World Association for Christian Communication (WACC) and SIGNIS (the World Catholic Association for Communication) will seek more regular mutual exchange of information as well as closer cooperation in the future.

This follows a meeting between WACC's General Secretary Rev. Karin Achtelstetter and SIGNIS General Secretary Alvito de Souza which took place in Aachen (Germany) on August 19 this year. The

meeting was facilitated by Dr Daniela Frank, Executive Director of the Catholic Media Council (CAMECO).

Achtelstetter and De Souza underlined the excellent cooperation with regard to the WACC-SIGNIS Human Rights film award which both organizations share and which is given annually. "This positive experience of cooperation is a basis on which we could build further collaboration," emphasized Achtelstetter.

De Souza expressed his hope that officers of both global organizations could jointly meet in the future.

De Souza informed Achtelstetter about SIGNIS' plans to start a media monitoring programme on children: "We were inspired by WACC's experience in its Gender Media Monitoring Programme (GMMP)."

Volunteers from women's grassroots groups, other civil society organisations, media associations

and academia from almost 130 countries worldwide participated in the 2009/2010 GMMP.

Achtelstetter also spoke about WACC's current strategic planning process and WACC's efforts to involve all WACC regions, its members, funding and project partners in the process.

SIGNIS is the World Catholic Association for Communication: an international nonprofit, non-governmental association that

brings together communications and media professionals from over a hundred countries around the theme "Media for a Culture of Peace". The association is based on the steadfast conviction that creative energy expressed in quality media and communications can transform violent conflict, build tolerance, celebrate diversity and construct a culture of peace in our world. See <http://www.signis.net>.



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# Catechism of the Catholic Church

## The Sacred Scripture

III. The Holy Spirit, interpreter of the Scripture

**109-** In the Sacred Scripture, God speaks to man in a human way. To interpret Scripture correctly, the reader must be attentive to what the human authors truly wanted to affirm, and to what God wanted to reveal to us by their words.<sup>75</sup>

**110-** In order to discover the sacred authors' intention, the reader must take into account the conditions of their time and culture, the literary genres in use at that time, and the modes of feeling, speaking and narrating then current. "For the fact is that truth is differently presented and expressed in the various types of historical writing, in prophetic and poetical texts, and in other forms of literary expression."<sup>76</sup>

**111-** But since Sacred Scripture is inspired, there is another and no less important principle of correct

interpretation, without which Scripture would remain a dead letter. "Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted in the light of the same Spirit by whom it was written."<sup>77</sup>

The Second Vatican Council indicates three criteria for interpreting Scripture in accordance with the Spirit who inspired it.<sup>78</sup>

**112- 1.** Be especially attentive "to the content and unity of the whole Scripture". Different as the books which compose it may be, Scripture is a unity by reason of the unity of God's plan, of which Christ Jesus is the center and heart, open since his Passover.<sup>79</sup>

The phrase "heart of Christ" can refer to Sacred Scripture, which makes known his heart, closed before the Passion, as the Scripture was obscure. But the Scripture has been opened since the Passion; since those who from then on have understood it, consider and discern in what way the prophecies must

be interpreted.<sup>80</sup>

**113 -2.** Read the Scripture within "the living Tradition of the whole Church". According to a saying of the Fathers, Sacred Scripture is written principally in the Church's heart rather than in documents and records, for the Church carries in her Tradition the living memorial of God's Word, and it is the Holy Spirit who gives her the spiritual interpretation of the Scripture ("... according to the spiritual meaning which the Spirit grants to the Church"<sup>81</sup>).

**114- 3.** Be attentive to the analogy of faith.<sup>82</sup> By "analogy of faith" we mean the coherence of the truths of faith among themselves and within the whole plan of Revelation.

### The senses of the Scripture

**115-** According to an ancient tradition, one can distinguish between two senses of Scripture: the literal and the spiritual, the latter being subdivided into the allegorical, moral and analogical senses. The

profound concordance of the four senses guarantees all its richness to the living reading of Scripture in the Church.

**116-** The literal sense is the meaning conveyed by the words of Scripture and discovered by exegesis, following the rules of sound interpretation: "All other senses of Sacred Scripture are based on the literal."<sup>83</sup>

**117-**The spiritual sense. Thanks to the unity of God's plan, not only the text of Scripture but also the realities and events about which it speaks can be signs.

**1.** The allegorical sense. We can acquire a more profound understanding of events by recognizing their significance in Christ; thus the crossing of the Red Sea is a sign or type of Christ's victory and also of Christian Baptism.<sup>84</sup>

**2.** The moral sense. The events reported in Scripture ought to lead us to act justly. As St. Paul says, they were written "for our instruction."<sup>85</sup>

**3.** The anagogical sense (Greek: anagoge, "leading"). We can view realities and events in terms of their eternal significance, leading us toward our true homeland: thus the Church on earth is a sign of the heavenly Jerusalem.<sup>86</sup>

**118-** A medieval couplet summarizes the significance of the four senses:

The Letter speaks of deeds; Allegory to faith;

The Moral how to act; Anagogy our destiny.<sup>87</sup>

**119-** "It is the task of exegetes to work, according to these rules, towards a better understanding and explanation of the meaning of Sacred Scripture in order that their research may help the Church to form a firmer judgment. For, of course, all that has been said about the manner of interpreting Scripture is ultimately subject to the judgment of the Church which exercises the divinely conferred commission and ministry of watching over and interpreting the Word of God."<sup>88</sup>

## Benedict 16 reflects on his apostolic trip to Germany

DURING a general audience, celebrated at the St. Peter's Square, Benedict XVI reflected on his recent apostolic trip to Germany, defining it as "a great feast of the faith" during which he had seen "how it is God Who gives our lives their deepest meaning, their true fullness".

The Pope recalled the various stages of his journey, beginning with his visit to Berlin where, before the Federal Parliament, he had "expounded on the foundations of law and the rule of law; that is, the measure for all laws inscribed by the Creator into the very heart of His creation". After addressing the Bundestag, he had gone on to meet members of the German Jewish community with whom, "having recalled our shared roots of faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, we highlighted the fruits that have thus far emerged from dialogue between the Catholic Church and Judaism in Germany". In his subsequent meeting with members of the Muslim community, the Pope had reflected on "the importance of religious freedom for the peaceful development of humankind".

Benedict XVI then went on to speak of his satisfaction at seeing such large numbers of people in attendance at the Mass he had celebrated at the Olympic stadium in Berlin. On that occasion he had dedicated his homily "to the importance of religious freedom for our personal lives as believers and for our being Church, His mystical body".

The Holy Father had then gone on to visit the region of Thuringia, cradle of the Protestant Reformation. Hence, said Pope Benedict, "the particular ecumenical emphasis of that second stage of my journey". In Thuringia he had met with members of the German Evangelical Church Council in the city of Erfurt, where Martin Luther had joined the Augustinian

order and been ordained a priest. In the former Augustinian convent of Erfurt "we again saw how important our combined witness of faith in Jesus Christ is in today's world. ... We need to make joint efforts on the journey towards full unity", however "only Christ can give us that unity, and we will become increasingly united to Him in the extent to which we return to Him and allow ourselves to be transformed by Him".

The Pope also mentioned the Vespers he had celebrated at the Marian shrine of Eitzelsbach, located on "a strip of land that has always remained Catholic through the vicissitudes of history, and the inhabitants of which courageously opposed the dictatorships of Nazism and Communism". During Mass the following day in the Cathedral Square of Erfurt, the Pope had spoken about the patron saints of Thuringia - Elizabeth, Boniface and Kilian - highlighting "the shining example of the faithful who bore witness to the Gospel under totalitarian regimes. I invited the faithful to be saints today, worthy witnesses of Christ, and to contribute to building our society", he said.

The Pope went on: "I had a moving encounter with Msgr. Hermann Scheipers, the last living priest to have survived to concentration camp of Dachau. At Erfurt I also had the opportunity to meet some victims of sexual abuse by clergy, to whom I spoke of my regret and my participation in their suffering".

The last stage of the Pope's apostolic trip took him to the archdiocese of Freiburg im Breisgau. There he had presided at a prayer vigil with young people, where "I was happy to see that the faith in my German homeland has a young face, that it is alive and has a future", he said. "I told them that the Pope trusts in the active collaboration of the

young. With the grace of Christ they can bring the fire of God's love into the world".

Another outstanding moment of his visit was his meeting with seminarians. "I wanted to show those young men the beauty and greatness of their divine call, and to offer them some help to continue their journey joyfully and in profound communion with Christ", the Pope said. Referring then to his encounter with representatives from the Orthodox Churches, the Pope laid emphasis on "the shared duty to be a leavening for the renewal of our society".

Mass celebrated at the airport of Freiburg im Breisgau gave Benedict XVI "the opportunity to thank everyone involved in various areas of ecclesial life, especially the many volunteers who collaborate in charitable initiatives. It is thanks to them that the German Church is able to offer such great assistance to the universal Church, particularly in the mission lands.

I reminded them that their precious service will be fruitful as long as it derives from an authentic and living faith, in union with the bishops and the Pope, in union with the Church. Finally, before my return, I addressed a thousand Catholics active in the Church and society, to whom I proposed certain points for reflection on Church activity in a secularized society, on the call to be free from material and political burdens in order to be more transparent to God".

"This apostolic trip to Germany", Pope Benedict concluded, "provided me with an opportunity to meet the faithful of my own homeland, to confirm them in faith, hope and love, to share with them the joy of being Catholic. But my message was also addressed to the German people as a whole, inviting them to look to the future with trust. It is certain that 'where God is, there is a future'".

## Moli Pastoral Center hosts Bible seminar

...We are builders of our small Christian communities



Discussion groups



Workshop participants.

PARTICIPANTS of seven parishes of the Gizo Diocese in the Solomon Islands have been challenged to be responsible builders of their small communities, and to also help address the problematic areas.

This was in a recently concluded a week-long "Building Small Christian Community" workshop at the Moli Pastoral Centre in Gizo.

"It is fitting and challenging for all of us to be reminded of our baptismal and Christian responsibilities as builders of our small Christian Communities in our society. Our community growth depends on our concern for one another and seeing the problems that need to be addressed."

This were the challenging words echoed at the opening of the workshop to the 30 participants, representing Nila, Moli, Sirovanga, Wagina, Gizo, Noro and Voruvoru Parishes of the Catholic Diocese of Gizo, during the workshop on "Building Small Christian Community" at the Moli Pastoral Centre.

The training workshop was facilitated by Moses Poqeava, the Diocesan Bible Apostolate Coordinator and ably assisted by Fr. Gabriel Matotewa, Jerome Kuibatu, George Pitatu and Joseph Lalaubatu.

The training was to live and relive an experience of community spirituality in order to deepen one's own faith and commitment for the renewal of the Church.

Participants were also challenged to recall their own community way of life and propose

actions in building a community that reflects and live the life of the Gospel.

Participants were told that one of the big challenges and the first step forward to building a Christian Community is about personal renewal and conversion.

Unless each one of us make or take stock of all our negativities, personal resistances and decide likewise to opt for a better future, our community that we aspire to renew and form will never happen.

Some sessions covered include; using talents to live and grow together, building our Christian community, self reliance and dignity and the place of Gospel sharing groups in the Church.

Each morning of the week, participants were able to share and experience the 'seven steps' method of Gospel sharing. This formed the main part of building small Christian communities in which the participants were encouraged to make as part of their daily life.

Manual handbooks on Building Small Christian Community were given to all participants and were asked to return with an action plan to hold meetings in their communities and parishes as well.

The Diocesan Pastoral team acknowledged the great support given by the communities of Moli Parish and the Pastoral Centre staff.

## Pontiff Sends Birthday Greetings to 104-Year-Old Nun ...Recalls Meeting Her During Madrid Trip

**SPANISH Cistercian Sister Teresita turned 104 recently. Among those congratulating her was Benedict XVI.**

The Pope met the nun personally on August 20, this year when he was in Madrid for World Youth Day. That meeting was only the second time the nun had ever left her cloister, the first having been during the tragic circumstances of the Spanish Civil War.

Sister Teresita has spent 85 years in the cloister, more than anyone else known to history.

She entered the Cistercian Buena-fuente del Sistol Convent the day that Joseph Ratzinger (now Benedict XVI) was born, and today Sister Teresa is the world's record holder for having lived the longest as a cloistered nun.

She expressed her desire to meet the Holy Father shortly before his Madrid journey, and the apostolic nuncio in Spain, Archbishop Renzo Fratini, shortly thereafter confirmed that it would be possible.

As reported at the time, the meeting was very moving and held a surprise: The Holy Father knew the nun who accompanied Sister Teresita, because she had worked in the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith when Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was its prefect.

The centenarian remained seated as Benedict XVI chatted with her, and toward the end of their visit, fervently kissed his ring.

The Pontiff's happy birthday greetings were signed by Monsignor Peter Brian Wells, an official at the Vatican Secretariat of State. The Pope recalled their meeting and encouraged the nun to "continue firm in the Heart of Christ, being an ardent lamp of faith, hope and charity, and thus show the world that the fullness of life consists in joyfully fulfilling the will of God."

Finally, the Pope sent the religious, her sisters and all the benefactors of the Mother of God convent his special blessing.

Sister Teresita entered the convent on the day that Joseph Ratzinger was born, April 16, 1927. She was 19 at the time. She served as su-

perior of her religious community for more than 20 years and collaborated with nine other cloistered nuns in a book titled "What Is a Girl Like You Doing in a Place Like This?", which explain the interior richness and happiness found in contemplative life.

Sister Teresa's story began as young girl living in Alava, Spain. She was known then as Valeria, and she was happy with her life on the family farm. "We were in the field from morning 'til night, working, but we were happy," she said.

The eldest of seven children, her father saw how hard Valeria and her younger sister worked and he wanted a different life for them. "Thinking nuns didn't work, [my father] would say to my sister and me: 'Wouldn't you like to be nuns?'" she recalls.

"I didn't like nuns," she continued, "given how comfortable I was at home, [but] to please my father, [I] prayed to the patroness of Vitoria and asked her to give me a vocation. And did she give me one!"

Upon entering the Cistercian convent in Guadalajara, Spain, Valeria took the name Teresa. "I was afraid to enter, but the Lord helped me," she said. The sister said that she prayed to both God and St. Teresa for the courage to be committed to her new vocation.

Though Sister Teresa says that there was a time when she wondered about her contribution to society from behind the convent walls, her worries were soon put to rest: "Once, I was tempted to imagine how my life would be outside [the convent] because I felt I wasn't contributing anything by being here."

She adds that it is a concern of many cloistered nuns. After consulting a priest about her feelings, Sister Teresa says "He told me I had a very beautiful vocation; that it's worthwhile."

Sister Teresa says that she is very happy and does not desire anything from the outside world. "It's a grace from God," she says. "I know that many won't understand my way of living, but I don't understand any other."

# Youths challenged to be agents of change

THE 11th Highlands Regional youth gathering took place at Don Bosco Tech Kumgi from September 26- 30th.

The theme for the gathering was "The light of Mary lights up our way".

Over 500 youths from the five dioceses of Kundiawa, Mount Hagen, Wabag, Mendi and Goroka gathered together to celebrate youth and culture.

Once in two years, the Highlands Regional Bishops Conference organizes the gathering to rejuvenate the life of young people. So this year, Don Bosco Tech Kumgi in the Simbu province was chosen as the host for the event.

The young people arrived early on Sunday to take their places in Don Bosco.

The gathering was inaugurated on September 26 by Bishop Anton Bal, the bishop of Kundiawa Diocese.

In the opening Mass, Bishop Anton challenged the young people to be agents of change in the society.

He spoke about the need for transformation, and a need to bring up a Christian culture in the life of young people. He wished them an enjoyable spiritual week.

The youths from different provinces staged a cultural show for two days. They sang and danced in various rhythms and tunes, and revitalized the culture.

One of the youths in his introduction to the show, thanked the missionaries for uplifting the culture of the areas they worked in.

He said that Christianity came in through culture.

"We see that lots of western practices creeping in the country through politicians and people.

"The Catholic Church, through their institutions and churches are revitalizing the existing culture of the place and that is where we feel at home.

"This cultural show is the expression of our faith and we thank Papa God for the creation of nature and all the birds and animals in it. "The traditional grass or bark dress, feathers of birds, hair and skin of animals and the natural colors are gift from God and this is an occasion to express our gratitude to God," the youth said.

Thus began the celebra-

tion of life and culture by dancing and parading their traditional dress and culture.

The youths were proud to exhibit to the people from different provinces the richness of their culture.

We could hear the sounds of different birds and animals echoing in the air with graceful movements of marching.

The young people were energized and never got tired of singing and dancing (traditionally called as Waipa).

A mother from the area remarked, "Usually I see old people participating in the traditional cultural show. Now I see all the young people participating and I am happy that they are learning to do it well. Thank you fathers, brothers, sisters and missionaries."

On the second day, nurses from the Mingende hospital gave talks on HIV/AIDS to the young people.

They explained in Tok-Pisin on the dangers of this epidemic which is devastating young people. The youths had endless questions and clarifications on the issue.

While thanking the nurses, one of the youths thanked the Catholic Church for giving importance to the gift of life, care and concern for the young people, and implementing health programs in their dioceses.

On the same day that evening, there was a talent contest and entertainment by young people from the different dioceses. It was an opportunity to bring out the talents of young people. Another attraction of the youth gathering was the Miss Highlands beauty contest with the theme, "Youth, Environment and Culture".

The 16 young girls adorned in their traditional dress spoke about the environment and culture. There were no cosmetics or fashion clothes used for the show.

They used the natural resources from the environment as ornaments and dress. All 16 were looking like beauty queens of PNG. They articulated well various meanings of ornament, dress and thanked Papa God for giving these gifts from the environment.

Another attraction of the program was a hot debate

on the Catholic Faith and Sanguma (evil spirit) in PNG.

The debate was moderated by Fr. George Mondia, Deputy Rector of the minor seminary, Banz. In PNG the highlands region is very notorious for many sanguma related death and murder cases. It was an opportunity for young people to understand the view of the church from the Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The liturgical celebrations for all the five days were well animated by youth from different dioceses.

They also had the opportunity for reconciliation services and many priests from the dioceses were present to help the young people in their spiritual needs.

On the final day, Archbishop Douglas Young, from Mount Hagen, in his talk highlighted the Church's Vision for the Youth in PNG.

He reminded them of the Vision Mission statement for the youths which had been prepared by the Catholic Bishops Conference, which encouraged them to discover their strength within, to walk Christ's way.

At the conclusion of the mass, he emphasized the need to build their own lives as a beautiful gift to God and the nation.

The youths enjoyed the continuous Salesian presence, hospitality and the family spirit.

The Salesians and Sisters of Charity were available at all times to make sure that the youths enjoyed their stay at Don Bosco.

## Commentary

by Fr. Victor Roche, SVD



**D**uring the last few weeks we have seen front page headlines and pictures of people caught with marijuana bags. They were caught by the police in the ships, planes, PMVs or markets. They were young people, old people, men and women. These people come from the highlands, Low lands or the Islands. The drugs they were carrying were worth thousands of kina of street value.

I congratulate the police who caught them and I hope the people involved in such a trade are behind bars by now. This issue brings us to the realization of an interesting and shocking situation in PNG: 1. There is a movement of great volume of Marijuana in the country. 2. There are many people involved in growing them. 3. There are lots of people who consume them, for, people do not produce something if there are no consumers.

The people who consume drugs are young people from different parts of the country. We know for sure that many young people who smoke drugs end up doing wrong things: violence, rape, stealing, killing etc. Many families suffer the ill effects of drugs in our country. What can we do to reduce the users of marijuana?

1. The police should step up their efforts in curbing the activities of drug dealers.

2. The courts should give tougher sentences to those who are involved in drugs trade? In some of our neighboring countries, it carries a death sentence.

3. The parents should protect their children from drug.

The drug trade in PNG is not too big compared to some countries in South America. It is better to curb the trade now and thus preventing our youth from the decay of their life.

## Radio Maria promotion drive...



**PROMOTION DRIVE: Students from St Theresa's Badili displaying the promotion items.**

RADIO Maria has been visiting Catholic schools in the National Capital District to promote Radio Maria among the children and teachers.

So far Radio Maria has visited St. Therese Primary School at Badili and Holy Rosary Primary School at 6 Mile.

In both of these schools, Radio Maria Program Director, Fr. Martin, celebrated Mass and gave out coin tins to the children and their teachers for donations to Radio Maria.

Radio Maria is on the verge of expanding to several other dioceses, namely; Kimbe, Wewak and Wabag, and it needs a lot of money to expand to these dioc-

ses as well as up-grading the existing ones.

Currently, it is broadcasting in Port Moresby, Aitape and Vanimo, while it time-shares with the diocesan radio stations of Mt. Hagen, Lae and Rabaul.

Thus with the expansion down the pipe line, Radio Maria is gearing up for another fund raising drive during this month, October and November.

Hopefully, Radio Maria will raise enough money to complete its expansion plan for this year and will start planning for further expansion for the other dioceses of PNG.

# Pope Benedict to promote using new media to evangelize

**POPE Benedict XVI plans to focus his message for the next World Day of Social Communications on the new media and how they can serve the spread of the Gospel. The papal message encourages priests especially to make use of the new means of communicating.**

The full title of the Pope's theme is, "The Priest and Pastoral Ministry in a Digital World: New Media at the Service of the Word." The Day is observed every year on the Feast of St. Francis of Sales, patron saint of journalists.

A statement published recently by the Vatican said that the goal of the Pope's message is "to invite



**POPE Benedict XVI...**

priests in particular, during this Year for Priests and in the wake of the Twelfth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, to consider the new communications media as

a possible resource for their ministry at the service of the Word. Likewise, it aims to encourage them to face the challenges arising from the new digital culture."

The Holy Father's

message will touch on how the "new communications media, if adequately understood and exploited, can offer priests and all pastoral care workers a wealth of data which was difficult to access before, and facilitate forms of collaboration and increased communion that were previously unthinkable," the Vatican says.

The Vatican statement goes on to point out that if the new media is wisely used, enlisting the help of experts in technology and the communications culture, they "can become - for priests and for all pastoral care workers - a valid and effective instrument for authentic and profound evangelization and communion."

# Media seminar at Emaus

**By Terence Aisi of CBC**

EMAUS conference centre at the Don Bosco Technological Institute (DBTI) in Port Moresby recently hosted a week-long media seminar which ended on Friday, September 29th.

Thirty five participants comprising of teachers and students from DBTI, Don Bosco Technical Secondary, Badili as well as 3 others who work within the media circles from Catholic institutions in Port Moresby learned to enhance their photography and video production skills, apart from the other media areas.

The five day media seminar which ran from September 26-29 was organized by the Salesians and facilitated by Fr. Ambrose SDB, a Salesian priest with the assistance of two young media professionals from Australia, Carol and Jessica.

The course basically outlined photography and video skills, focusing on quality productions and illustration in light to the 5Ws & 1 H (why, where, when,



**WORKSHOP FACILITATORS: L-R; Fr Ambrose with Carol & Jessica who came from Australia to help facilitate the week long media workshop. Photo: Terence Aihi**

what and how), and how to take good photographs. The last two days focused on video and the fundamental procedures to do quality productions.

Fr. Ambrose took us through the electronic details on the equipment used, and

the procedures into creating a quality and meaningful productions of the photographs and videos taken.

He further stressed on the authenticity of the usage of the media in this present age, and its importance of delivering

powerful and attractive.

Apart from the 35 participants from the Bosconian family were few others such as Sr. Lillian, from the Trinity FM, Terence Aisi from CBC, and the Caritas Secondary School teachers with three of their students.

# A new high school opens in Nila



**WALKING FOR A PURPOSE: Bishop Luciano leads the students, teachers and community at large from Nila in a procession to the site of the new school.**



**Bishop Luciano at the site of the new school.**



**Resting with refreshing cold coconut juice...**



**Thanking and shaking hands with community leaders...**

A NEW high school called, "Saint John Bosco Senior Secondary School and Training Centre", was officially opened this year in Nila, Shortlands in the Western province.

Bishop Luciano Capelli SDB of Gizo, opened the new high school.

Speaking at the occasion, he said the commitment to the education of the young with collaboration between the Salesians and the local church is becoming a project which is more of an integrated one.

During the ceremony, a statue of the saint was carried in procession along the main road, accompanied by hymns and the prayers of the faithful.

The new school, built by the "Nila Mission Station" of the diocese of Gizo, will be able to benefit from the skills of the teachers formed in Salesian schools, from Salesian centres in the Philippines and of some of the first graduates of the "Don Bosco Technical In-

stitute Secondary School and Training Centre" in Henderson, opened in 2000.

Future students, most of them from middle schools in Tuha, will follow a curriculum which combines formal lessons and workshop experience.

Following the criteria of the Technical Vocational Education Training or TVET program, which is 60-percent academic and 40-percent technical or, 70-percent hands on skills development and 30-percent academic subjects alternative.

The new school is much appreciated and supported by the local communities and hundreds have expressed their support to the new school with a great sense of pride and achievement, promised to sustain the efforts for the next phase two of the school.

Italian volunteers who generously supported the Don Bosco Henderson and Tetere projects have been very much involved

in this and other Salesian projects in Tetere and Henderson.

In the meantime the owners of the land on which the Tuha Junior secondary school is built have donated the lease for 50 years, thus making it possible for the necessary maintenance and renewal works.

The school will also have a new name - "Saint John Bosco Tuha Junior Secondary School" - following the program already in use in the Salesian school in Henderson, opening the way for a new way of running secondary schools in the country.

As a result of the various educational projects developed in recent years, some of those who graduated from the Don Bosco Institute in Henderson, are now being trained in Vanga Teachers College (run by the Catholic diocese of Gizo) to provide a new kind of teacher for the country.