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FIRST VOWS TO A RELIGIOUS LIFE: Seen here are four young MSC Sisters who took the first step by making their vows to a religious life last Thursday, 30 June 2016, in the Archdiocese of Rabaul.

Left to right- Sr Felicita (Manus), Sr Leonie (Kavieng), Sr Geraldine (Sepik) and Sr Flavia (Kimbe).

Photo: Sr Daisy Lisania msc



Reconciliations not for Referendum – says bishop

By Raymond Komis Girana

THE bishop of Bougainville, Bernard Unabali, called on the people of Bougainville to see reconciliations as means for bringing peace and not just for political reasons.

He said this during his speech at Teituno village in the Wisai area of Buin in south Bougainville while witnessing a reconciliation ceremony in May.

The reconciliation-saw the families of late Raphael Duake and Lucy Rukume who are brothers and sisters coming together once again after a ten year conflict that kept them disunited.

The conflict that affected the livelihood of the two families and the people of Wisai arose from indifferences and misunderstandings between the two families. This led to killings that saw both families losing their loved ones.

The reconciliation ceremony began with a para-liturgy led by bishop Unabali followed by a buai chewing and tree planting ceremonies. In his speech, Bishop Unabali challenged the people of Bougainville to be true witnesses of peace.

On the same note, he also challenged those present to see and understand rec-

onciliations as the work of Christ.

“Christian reconciliation is at heart the work of Christ in, with and for all of us in the Holy Spirit”, the bishop said. He also expressed that as followers of Christ, reconciliations are our ordinary extension of Christ’s mission in the world.

He also added that reconciliations should indirectly help Bougainvilleans as part of their preparation for their political journey but not solely for politics and referendum”.

It is our Christian duty to bring peace and therefore reconciliations should be for lasting peace on Bougainville and not just for referendum”, he said.



Bishop Bernard stands at the centre of the reconciling parties at Teituno village in the Wisai area of Buin in south Bougainville.

A tribute and a glimpse of a Bishop's life-giving service

BY RAYMOND TON

AFFECTIONATELY known by many as Bishop Chris, he is gentle and soft spoken but with a heart as young as a youth's. It is fitting and timely to be rewarded with the title "Chief" to a long-serving Catholic priest and later Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lae, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea on 29 April 2016. Most Rev. Bishop Christian Blouin, CMM, a French-Canadian of the Order of Marianhill Missionaries gave thirty-one years of his priestly life to the people in some difficult places of Lae City, Morobe Province.

On arrival in Lae, Papua New Guinea in 1985, his Bishop, Most Rev. Henry Lieshout sent him to the remote islands of Siassi to experience rural PNG lifestyle, its culture and hopefully learn the TokPisin language quickly. Upon return to Lae City couple of months later, "I decided to give special attention to the youths particularly in Bumbu settlement being so notorious for criminal activities and an endless cycle of law and order problems", he recalls vividly. He says, "With help that I received from my Congregation and other donors we built a little workshop where young people under the direction of a master craftsman could carve wood and make all kind of artifacts. It was doing well till a big flood de-



Most Rev. Bishop Christian Blouin, CMM, at the Investiture Ceremony of the Logohu Award (front right) with Governor General Grand Chief Sir Michael Ogio (Centre) and Lady Ogio (left) including all other recipients of various awards at Government House, Port Moresby, Friday, 29 April, 2016.

stroyed the building as well as many houses along the Bumbu River. I tried to be close to the different communities encouraging them to take ownership and solve problems as they arose". His gentle nature was like paste that attracted many to conversion in the volatile and stubborn social environments in the settlements.

Rev. Bishop Henry Lieshout saw a lot more in him and tested him with new assignments and challenges. So in 1993 he was asked to open a new parish at Tent City where the Diocese had acquired a

new land. He recalls that it was not easy but, it was an opportunity to know the community and teach them the basic Catholic Social Teaching. From scratch the people cooperated fully to build an elementary school, then a Primary School, a new Church, and Community Hall.

The Bishop had again something new for him. This time in 2001, he was asked to be the Rector at the Marianhill College of Catholic Theological Institute, Port Moresby. Part of his assignment was to supervise the construction of the

Marianhill College building until May 2005.

Two years later, in 2007 upon return to Lae, "I was appointed the second Bishop of Lae Catholic Diocese". As Chief Shepherd of the Diocese it brings with it both challenges and opportunities for growth. When asked by the

Catholic Bishops Conference what would be his special ministry of interest, he chose Caritas PNG. With his previous experience working with students at Lae University of Technology on Justice and Peace issues the appointment to head Caritas PNG was appropriate and to his desire. Now Bishop Christian Blouin, has been Bishop Deputy and Chairman of Caritas PNG Board up to this moment.

He has been the head of Caritas PNG's Governance Board during its difficult years from 2007 – 2011 until a new management with the appointment of a new National Director. Under his leadership the organization is progressing well and contributing meaningfully to the rural PNG communities.

As our Bishop Chris retires in 2017 from active duty as Bishop of Lae Catholic Diocese, and Board Chairman of Caritas PNG, the Logohu Award is truly a fitting tribute as "Chief Shepherd" for the services rendered to PNG. It is also an appropriate opportunity to recognize all the hundreds of other missionaries who have given their entire life to serve our people in PNG quietly and humbly both during the pre and post-independence periods.

Bougainville Diocese Hosts First Media Course

By Raymond Komis Girana

THE Catholic Diocese of Bougainville hosted its First Basic Media Course for diocesan pastoral workers in central Bougainville in June. The course that was organized and facilitated by Bougainville Diocese Media at Saint John the Baptist Mabiri Pastoral Centre on 20th – 24th June is a breakthrough for the Diocesan Media since its establishment after the Bougainville crisis in 2011 under the Diocesan Renewal into Balanced Life program.

The one-week course saw twenty-nine young men and women formed and trained on media basics and news writing. These young men and women were also privileged to receive lectures on the essence of communication in relation to Church and the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Inputs on Media Education also enabled them to grasp and see the importance of media and communications and their impacts in communities especially in a digitalized age.

As a result, parishes in the Diocese of Bougainville will now have independent media offices, which will be responsible for their own news and information and other media and communication related works. This achievement will also enable the parishes to link with the diocese in terms of net-

working and dissemination of information from the diocese right down to families.

During the course, the participants expressed their gratitude and desire to have more of this kind of course delivered to the people of Bougainville.

They also expressed that leaders be given the opportunity on Media Education based on the fact that most people are media illiterate especially on the impacts of media and vast changes and developments on travel and communication technologies. "A clear and sound knowledge on media will help people understand their world and the impacts media have in all aspects of life and development in our world today. This will also help Bougainville in terms of evangelization and in her preparation for the upcoming referendum in 2019", they said.

The participants were tasked during their graduation ceremony on the Feast of Saint John the Baptist to utilize their new learned skills and knowledge by collecting stories from each of their parishes to compile a history book for the diocese of Bougainville following a book writing project announced by the bishop of Bougainville, Bernard Unabali during the opening of the extra-ordinary Year of Mercy earlier this year.

Divine Mercy assists Matupit Islanders

By John Paivu

THE Divine Mercy Devotion in the Rabaul Deanery under took a special mercy work never before undertaken anywhere.

According to its plan, five prayer groups from IaWakaka, Kuraip and Ramalmal on the North Coast, Raluan on Burma Road and Rakival all the way from Watom Island, delivered food crops of banana shoots, tapioca, taro, singapo, oranges and pawpaws seeds, buai plantings, mustard vines, aibika stems, pit-pit, valangur kumu and the robust kalava sticks to the Matupit Islanders from Saturday May 25 till Monday 27th.

The islanders received the tree crops with much appreciation and gratefulness.

The items were distributed into four groups which make up the Catholic population.

Leaders from the four groups distributed the tree crops based on the particular needs of their communities.

The Islanders particularly requested for cash crops such as buai seedlings and mustard vines, as there is a huge demand for these two commodities.

Groups that have not participated have been requested to donate these tree crops.

This is a landmark mercy work for the devotion in the year of mercy.

The mercy project came about from observations made over a number of trips to the island by the devotion coordinators.

The second Mercy Work took place on Sunday June 26 at Nodup Sub parish.

The devotion celebrated the feast of St Peter and Paul and a

Warlapang, a word associated with the tubuan culture of giving took place.

Three offerings, one to the priest for his pastoral work, the Warlapang to the Divine Mercy and the normal Sunday offering were given.

The Warlapang and the offerings will go towards the replacement of the rusted roof and the ridge caps.

The leaking roof had made Sunday mass a soggy mess and the problem was identified when the coordinators established a prayer group on Sunday April 17 early this year.

That day, it rain all day and water was everywhere.

Joining the devotion has seen people from all walks of life, from engineers, to scientists, teachers, business managers, nurses, tradesman

of all trades, ex bankers, lecturers, sportsman and others, join the group.

In its last meeting on Saturday June 11, the devotion formalized a group to be called the Divine Mercy Professionals.

Their foremost duty is to assist the work of the church. The group can also assist in getting employment of anyone if they desire.

Already a champion golfer who is a young prayer leader had been identified. He had been a green keeper and a winner of a number of awards with a low handicap.

He is a left hander and needs a set of clubs as his own set was stolen in the province where he last was.

The devotion will embark in promoting this golfer.

Commentary by Fr. Victor Roche July 2016



DURING the last 8 weeks, PNG has experienced protests by the tertiary students; violence and police shooting; destruction of properties and death of a student.

University of Goroka is closed because of ethnic student clashes. Unitech in Lae has experienced violent clashes allegedly among the students ending in the death of a student and burning down of 3 buildings in the campus.

University of PNG in Port Moresby has experienced violent student protests, which led to police shooting on 8th June and wounding of 4 students. The continued protests have led to burning down of 4 cars of Uniforce and the Printery in the campus.

There is no end in sight for this violence. Prime Minister Peter O'Neill has been the focus of sustained student protests, mass boycotts of classes and violence. He is accused of allegedly authorising payments for fraudulent legal bills amounting to K50 million. The case is in the court to be decided.

There is an interesting point we must take notice of: Divine Word University by the Catholic Church in Madang and Pacific Adventist University by the Adventist Church in Port Moresby did not join the protests. The three universities run by the state have gone on protest.

I see something common in the church-run universities: they have a purpose and a vision. Their students have discipline. They have leaders with Christian values.

Pope's Ambassador to PNG to take up post soon

...Episcopal Ordination on July 25th



Welcoming Reception at the Cochin international airport on 15th June coming from Rome after his appointment as Apostolic Nuncio. His parents stand next to him.

POPE Francis has named Msgr. Kurian Vayalunkal as his new Ambassador (Apostolic Nuncio) to Papua New Guinea. Msgr. Vayalunkal, a 49 year old Vatican diplomat, appointed as titular Archbishop of Ratiaria, will receive his Episcopal ordination later. Msgr. Vayalunkal has been in the Vatican diplomatic service since 1998. He served in Guinea Conakry, Korea, Dominican Republic, Bangladesh, Hungary and in Egypt. In 2010, after the terrible earthquake in Haiti, he was sent there for few months to assist the humanitarian support of the Holy See.

Msgr. Vayalunkal, the first borne of M.C. Mathai and AnnammaMathai, has three brothers and eight nephews and nieces. He grew up at Vadavathoor and attended Puthussery elementary School and M.T. Seminary High school, Kottayam. After spending three years at St. Stanislaus Minor Seminary, did his Philosophy and Theology studies at St. Joseph's pontifical Seminary, Aluva.

On 27th December 1991 he was ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Kottayam (Kerala, India) by Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry at Christ the King Cathedral and celebrated his first Holy Mass at St. George Forane Church, Edacat, his then parish. He served as associate parish priest at Holy Family Parish at Rajapuram and later as parish priest of St. Thomas Church, Kallar. Before moving to Rome in 1994 for his higher studies, he served as parish priest of St. Mary's Church at N.R. City and St. Polycarp church at Senapathy. Even though at present, he belongs to St. Michael's Church, Neendoor, he was a member of LourdeMatha Church, Neericad for few years.

He obtained a doctorate in Canon Law in 1998 from the "Santa Croce" University, Rome. At the same time he completed his diplomatic studies from "Pontificia Accademia Ecclesiastica", Rome. He was named a Chaplain to His Holiness which carries the title of Monsignor in 2001 by Pope John Paul II and later named a Prelate of Honour in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI. For the last four years Msgr. Vayalunkal has been working as the First Counsellor of the Vatican Embassy and Additional delegate to the Arab League in Egypt.

The Episcopal Ordination of Msgr. Vayalunkal will be on Monday 25th July at 2 pm Christ the King Cathedral Church of Kottayam Archdiocese, his diocese of origin.



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Dia ol brata na sista

TUDE yumi selebretim pestode bilong Santu Hat bilong Jisas. Em i petron bilong Asdaiosis bilong yumi na em i petron bilong planti peris insait long Asdaiosis bilong Rabaul.

Dispela pestode em i gutpela taim bilong tok tenkyu long God, long laikpasin bilong em na long olgeta gutpela samting em i save givim long yumi. Na tu, em i gutpela taim bilong tok sori, long taim yumi yet i no bin luksave gut long laikpasin bilong God.

Golden Jubili bilong Asdaiosis bilong Rabaul.

Long Sande bilong Asensio (8th May, 2016), long Vunapope Katidrel na long olgeta peris, yumi bin lonsim dispela namba 50 aniveseri bilong Asdaiosis bilong Rabaul (15th Novemba 1966).

Astingting bilong dispela Golden Jubili em: "Wok misineri i kamapim Sios na Sios i kamapim wok misineri". Dispela astingting i blong mekim tingim yumi long ol misineri i bin statim Sios long Nu Briten Ailan. Na nau Sios long Daiosis bilong yumi i mas go mekim wok misin.

Long dispela pas bilong mi, mi laik serim homili bilong mi long llonsing dispela aniveseri.

"Dispela Golden Jubili em i rot bilong yumi wanwan bilip manmeri na tu, olsem komyuniti bilong ol bilip manmeri long "bihainim lo bilong Jisas, na bilip long nem bilong em. Na yumi wan wan i mas laikim tru ol arapela" (1Jon 3:23), na moa yet, yumi mas implementim mision stetmen bilong Daiosis Pastoral Plen bilong yumi: "Yupela i go, mekim ol manmeri i kamap disaipel bilong mi" (Mt 28:19a). Dispela toktok bilong Jisas i askim yumi long tingim ol samting bilong bipo wantaim tenkyu, long stap laip tude wantaim amamas na intres na lukluk long bihainim taim wantaim strongpela bilip. Yumi no ken tingting na wari tumas long ol aktiviti bai yumi mekim, tasol yumi mas aim long mekim gutpela wok bilong strongim bilip na spirituel laip bilong yumi. Yumi mas gat laik bilong mekim gutpela wok marimari, na yumi mas gat strongpela bilip na gutpela save long bilip yumi gat long en, bai yumi stap strong tru long dispela bilip bilong yumi bilong bihainim na serim long laip bilong yumi.

1. Yumi tingim bipo wantaim tenkyu na amamas.

Dispela Golden Jubili i givim yumi gutpela taim bilong lukluk igo bek na tingim bek ol samting wantaim gutpela bel na amamas na tok tenkyu long ol lain missionary i bin kam bringim dispela bilip i kam long Asdaiosis bilong yumi. Ol misineri i bin bringim lait bilong Gutnius na planti ol narapela gutpela samting tu. Planti long ol i bin dai taim ol i stap yangpela yet, ol i lusim strong bilong ol long ol bikpela wok we ol i mekim na tu long ol sik olsem malaria o ol narapela kain sik i save kamap long ol hap bilong yumi i bin daunim ol. Sampela blong ol, olsem ol Baining matir, i bin usim blut bilong ol long wok ol i mekim taim wanpela man i bin kilim ol.



Archbishop Francesco Panfilo is on his Pastoral visit in the mountains of Pomio. He is assisted while crossing a fast flowing river.

2. Yumi laik stap laip tude wantaim amamas na strongpela laik bilong mekim wok.

Taim yumi tingim bipo, yumi askim yumi yet: "Olsem Daiosis, yumi stap olsem wanem tude?" Tasol olsem wanwan man na meri yumi mas askim yumi yet tu: "Mi stap we tru olsem Kristen man o meri?" "Mi stap olsem mi Kristen man na meri tru tru?" "Mi save bihainim ol skul bilong Jisas long laip bilong mi tu?" Nau em i taim bilong yumi olgeta- ol clergy, ol rilijes man meri, na ol bilip manmeri – long skelim strong na laik bilong yumi na painim niupela strong na laip na amamas long spirituel na pastorel wok yumi gat long en.

Dispela i minim olsem yumi mas wok strong tru bilong kamap:

Holi oltaim: "Olgeta Kristen bilip manmeri blong wanem kain skin, kala o ples o long wei em i stap o namba emi gat; yumi olgeta i gat singaut long pulap tru wantaim gutpela Kristen laip na bilong kamapim gutpela tru long ol gutpela pasin.

Prea: Sapos yumi laik stap holi, yumi mas pre oltaim. Ol familli bilong yumi, i mas kamap ol gutpela na stretpela ol hap bilong skulim yumi long pasin bilong pre. Sapos ino gat prea bai yumi kamap hap hap Kristen tasol. O moa yet bai yumi no nap stap gutpela Kristen manmeri moa.

Sande Yukaris: Serim Santu Yukaris i mas stap hat tru bilong olgeta baptais manmeri na em i namel tru bilong laip bilong yumi ol bilip manmeri. Olsem ol baptais bilip manmeri yumi mas bung wantaim olsem wanpela pipel bilong God na Kaikai long wanpela Bred tasol taim yumi selebretim Holi Yukaris long ol Sande. Yumi mas wok hat tru bai wanpela de planti long ol pipel bilong yumi bai inap bung olsem family bilong God i raunim tebol bilong harim tok na kaikai long dispela bred bilong laip.

Harim na autim tok: Sapos yumi laik statim nupela laip insait long Kraisa na gro long bilip bilong yumi, yumi mas harim na bihainim tok bilong God na tu yumi mas tokaut long Gutnius bilong Jisas Kraisa. Long dispela; mi laik

askim olgeta papamama na ol pikinini long i mas gat Baibel bilong yupela yet.

3. Yumi lukluk long bihainim taim wantaim pasin bilong stap wan wantaim.

Dispela Golden Jubili selebren bilong yumi i mas lidim yumi long Pasin bilong stap wan wantaim. (Spiritualiti bilong Komunio). Dispela pasin bilong stap wan wantaim i mas kamap ples klia namel long bisop na ol pater, namel long ol peris pris na ol pipel bilong God, namel long ol Kleji na ol Rilijes, namel long ol lei asosiet na ol ekelesia grup.

Bung wantaim bilong Sios i no min yumi olgeta i mas kamap wankain tasol. Nogat. I min yumi wanwan i no wankain olsem ol narapela, tasol yumi ken pas wantaim long ol tingting na ol pasin bilong yumi na wok bung wantaim i kamap. Olgeta baptais manmeri husat ol i kisim sakramen bilong Strong pinis, i mas save long wonem wok ol i mas mekim insait long laip bilong Sios.

"Wantaim ol lain i bin kisim sakramen bilong Ordo, na ol lain i kisim wok ministri bilong ol lei manmeri bilong gutpela bilong lukautim na strongim Komuniti bilong ol bilip manmeri, ol i mas wok wantaim bilong lukautim na strongim bilip: long skulim Katikismo na liteji, long skul bilong ol yangpela na olgeta kain gutpela wok marimari." (NMI).

Dia ol brata na sista bilong mi, "wok misin i kamapim Sios na Sios i kamapim wok misin". Wanpela gutpela rot bai Sios i mekim wok Kraisa i bin givim, em long strongim ol Kristen komuniti bilong yumi long pasin marimari. Mi singautim blessing bilong God antap long yumi olgeta: "Bai Bikpela i blesim yumi na lukautim yumi! Bai pes bilong Bikpela i lait antap long yumi, na bai i mekim gut long yumi! Bai Bikpela i lukluk long yumi wantaim gutpela bel na givim yumi bel isi" (Nm. 6:24-26).

Francesco Panfilo, SDB
Asbisop bilong Rabaul

PNG/SI Conference Pastoral Plan Animation, Monitoring and Evaluation Team

To: Bishops, Dioceses, Religious Superiors and PNGSI Church personnel

Dear Friends

We are all very busy people with many responsibilities, so I ask you PLEASE, TAKE TIME TO READ THIS CIRCULAR, so our Plan can move ahead.

Our Conference Pastoral Plan is a great achievement being to our knowledge the first and only such plan in the Church. We can be proud of this, but also remember it is not complete. The Team is conscious of this but do not know what is happening in all the dioceses for all the activities, plans and programmes of all 22 dioceses. It is important that we know and understand more so we can plan more effective programmes. Our Consultations in preparation for the Jubilee Seminar were in part an evaluation, but has resulted in very little feedback.

The ConPP is and can be a great point of unity in a very diverse situation, requiring a lot of work and attention. Let us keep moving towards greater unity of thought and effort.

The ConPPAT (Conference Pastoral Plan Animating Team) met this week (lucky us to have a meeting!!) to further advance the Conference Pastoral Plan. I send this news to keep you up to date, so please take a little time in your busy day to read it.

Clarifications

In our discussion it emerged that there was need for some clarification about certain matters.

Animating Team

I note that CBCAGM 2016 in resolution 16-31 "that there be a Team formed within the bigger group" to animate the ConPP. This Team has existed for nearly 2 years and was responsible for the Presentation of the Plan in most Dioceses in 2015. It was proposed formally to the AGM in 2015 was passed and is contained in the copy of the Plan distributed in December 2015 in #8.1. The report of our meetings was included in our report to AGM 2016. The long title is, The Conference Pastoral Plan Animating, Monitoring and Evaluation Team, ConPPAT for short.

This Team initiated the Jubilee Seminar on Evangelization last year and formulated the process towards this Seminar. This process has also resulted in the initiative from CBC of gathering some history of the dioceses for a small booklet. So the Team is operative and has been for a quite some time.

The Team members are: Fr. Roger Purcell msc (CAS National Director), Mr. Joseph Nuabi (Pastoral Coordinator, Rabaul), Sr. Wilhelmina Sundu FMI (Superior General and previously DTPA Daru/Kiunga)

Fr. John Willio msc (Pastoral Vicar, Port Moresby), and Fr. Bernard Boem (Pastoral Vicar, Wewak). I again thank the Bishops of those dioceses for allowing these people to be of service to the Conference Plan.

Process towards the Seminar

I note again that the response to the 3 Steps towards the Seminar has been poor, giving very little as a basis for the Seminar. The Team had a long discussion resulting in a new approach to the Seminar, requiring extra work for the Team.

Celebration and Seminar

The Jubilee Seminar on Evangelization is not a preparation for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese. In resolution 16-32 it is noted that the Seminar is a "way of assisting the Dioceses in PNG and SI in planning to celebrate fifty years of the establishment of the Diocese". The two are separate events; the planning of the celebration is well in hand and should be a great event for the Conference and Dioceses. The Seminar to be held at the same time is more long term, in that as we celebrate a significant event in the longer story of evangelization, we look to the future to see the indications for our future evangelizing mission. The process aims to see the history and the present situation of evangelization, so as to project forward our pastoral approach and direction.

Jubilee Seminar Participants

Participation in the Seminar was approved by the Central Committee late last year and proposed to the AGM.

- Due to considerations of accommodation it is to be:
- "A smaller gathering of 1 person per diocese decided on a regional basis
- so each region sends 1 priest, 1 religious, 1 lay man, 1 lay woman, and another of their choice;
- 1 person per diocese = 22 + ConPPATx 4 = 26 + CBC Commissions x 16 = 42".
- The Bishops of the Regions decide together the representation of each diocese. We had hoped this would be done during the AGM when you were all together. Closer to the date I will be asking for the names.

Yours in renewal, transformation and the Reign of God.

Roger Purcell msc
Coordinator

Italian family on a Mission to PNG

By SrDaisy Anne
Lisania MSC

MARTINO and Noemi Costa, are from Italy (Triest and Venice). The Lord blessed them with 9 beautiful children: Eva, Giovanni Paolo, Rachele, Abramo, Chiara, Giuditta, Debora, Maria, and babyTeresa.

"For many years we felt the vocation to spend our life with God everywhere in the world" the couple said.

In 2015 after receiving the blessing from Pope Francis, they responded to the invitation of the Archbishop of Rabaul, Francesco Panfilo SDB. They arrived in PNG on 27 May 2016.

"Together with you I greet all the Cardinals and Bishops who accompany you today and that in their dioceses support your mission. In particular I greet the initiators of the Neocatechumenal Way, KikoArgüello and Carmen Hernández, with Father Mario Pezzi: to them I express my appreciation and my encouragement as through the Way, are making for the benefit of the Church. I always say that the Neocatechumenal Way does a great good in the Church"



The Costa Family before their departure to Papua New Guinea.

With these words of the Holy Father on Friday, March 6 2015, many families like Martino and Noemi went forth to the all the corners of the world.

These communities, called by the Bishops, are formed by a priest and four or five families, even young children, and are a "missio ad gentes", with a mandate to evangelize.

In Rabaul, specifically in St Francis Xavier Cathedral, a Philipino Priest, Fr Allan Casquejo, Fr Ernesto, an Argentinian, a Mexican Argentinian Rafael and an Italian Daniele have taken the community

with dynamic catechesis for the young and the old alike.

Joining the community is the Costa family. 'We are so happy to be in the midst of the people, sharing their life and their faith. They are enriching our lives, Martino says.'

'The Way is based on the three dimensions of the Church which are the Word, Liturgy and Community. Therefore the obedient and constant listening to the Word of God; the Eucharistic celebration in small communities, after the first vespers of Sunday, the celebration of family praises on a

Sunday with all the children and sharing their faith with other brothers are at the origin of the many gifts the Lord has given to you as well as the many vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. See all of this is a consolation, because it confirms that the Spirit of God is alive and active in his Church, even today, and which meets the needs of modern man' Pope Francis said.

The Neo Catechumenal Way, commonly known as The Way was formed in Madrid in 1964 and is dedicated to the Christian formation of the people.

Morata Parish welcomes the Jubilee Chalice

AS part of the Spiritual preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the establishment of the Archdiocese of Port Moresby, all the parishes of the archdiocese are given the opportunity to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with a "CHALICE" (cup used during the Holy Eucharist) presented to the archdiocese and to the people PNG by Pope St. John Paul II, in 1994 during the Eucharistic celebration of the Beatification of Blessed Peter To Rot.

Fr. Rozario Menezes s.m.m, parish priest of St. Martin De Porres parish, during the tercentenary celebration of the death of St. Louis De Montfort, explained to the people the significance of this journey with the Chalice. Father Rozario said; it is very fitting to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with this chalice on the feast day of St. Montfort as Pope St. John Paul II had great devotion to Mary, he was inspired by the writings of St. Montfort specially the treatise on the "True Devotion to Mary." Having inspired by St. Montfort he took the motto for his pontificate "Totus Tonus" (I am all yours)

This Chalice is a holy relic as Pope John Paul II is declared a saint, and we are privileged to have the spiritual presence of St. Pope John Paul II in the form of this Chalice.

Pope St. John Paul II while pre-

senting the chalice to the people of Papua New Guinea, had challenged the people to follow the example of Blessed Peter To rot, who was not afraid to die for his faith, especially upholding the unity and sanctification of marriage.

The journey of this chalice has a special significance for the Catholic Church in PNG. The Catholic Church brought the Bible and the Chalice during its inception of its initial missionary activities. Evangelization was done with the Bible and the Eucharist. Eucharist is celebrated to symbolize the real presence of Christ. When we celebrate the Eucharist we are celebrating the divine mercy of God. This is being the Jubilee "year of mercy" every time we celebrate the Eucharist we celebrate our redemption, therefore this Chalice become a symbol of the Eucharist (presence of Christ) and symbol of the mercy of God.

Fr. Rozario also reminded the people the intention of the Archbishop of Port Moresby, His grace Rev. John Ribat MSC. The purpose of this journey is to prepare ourselves to celebrate the golden jubilee of the establishment of the archdiocese by doing so we are also asked to transform ourselves by the power of the Eucharist, the Eucharist should nourish and strengthen our faith, to become the

witness of Christ as Blessed Peter To Rot.

Story of our Catholic faith in the archdiocese: the roots of our Catholic faith in the archdiocese of Port Moresby began in Yule Island, when the first missionaries arrived, they celebrated the first mass, while they were celebrating the mas, a wild boar ran through the altar, as a result the consecrated holy blood of Christ spilt on the ground.

The missionaries interpreted this spilling of the precious blood of Christ on the ground as the sign given by our Lord to start the new mission in Yule Island. The first missionaries trusting in the providence of God started their missionary activities from Yule Island. The blood of Christ soaked the Papuans as they accepted Christianity from the missionaries.

This Chalice reminds us of the Eucharist Jesus gave us as a gift. As Catholics, let us allow the words of St. John Paul II resound in our ears; "As Christians, we must appreciate and value the Eucharist as the highest point, the pinnacle and the summit of our lives." Let us trust in the words of Jesus; "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks by blood lives in me and I in him." Jn 6:56.