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CBC Bishops statement on Health and Education

THE recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Catholic Bishops of PNG and Solomon Islands (CBC) at Vanimo, Sandaun Province came up with a statement on Health&Education, two vital service areas where the church is deeply involved in this country in.

Bishop Arnold Orowae, the CBC made the statements below on behalf of the 22 bishops from both countries.

"In light of our desire to bring the mercy of God to the poor and vulnerable and empower them also to witness to Gods mercy, the Catholic Church needs urgently to address the consequences of the

collapse of our partnership with the State in the delivery of education and health services. This historical relationship, which has great potential for good, is poorly understood today, lies in tatters and needs repair without delay.

The task of all

"There are many Catholic men and women in the national and provincial public service departments and many others who hold political positions of great influence. The Catholic communities call on these Catholic lay people and others of good will, who hold power and distribute services, to carry out their responsibilities with

honesty, fairness, and justice, while also exercising a preferential option for the poor. We appreciate the support of members of the PNGSI Federation of Religious who work tirelessly for the poor and also speak for them on many occasions. We are also greatly encouraged by the "Catholic Professionals", which has spoken out on a number of social issues in recent months. We hope their words will translate into positive action, and that their movement will grow and prosper for the benefit of all. The Catholic community would also like to see Divine Word University become a more active participant in the promotion of

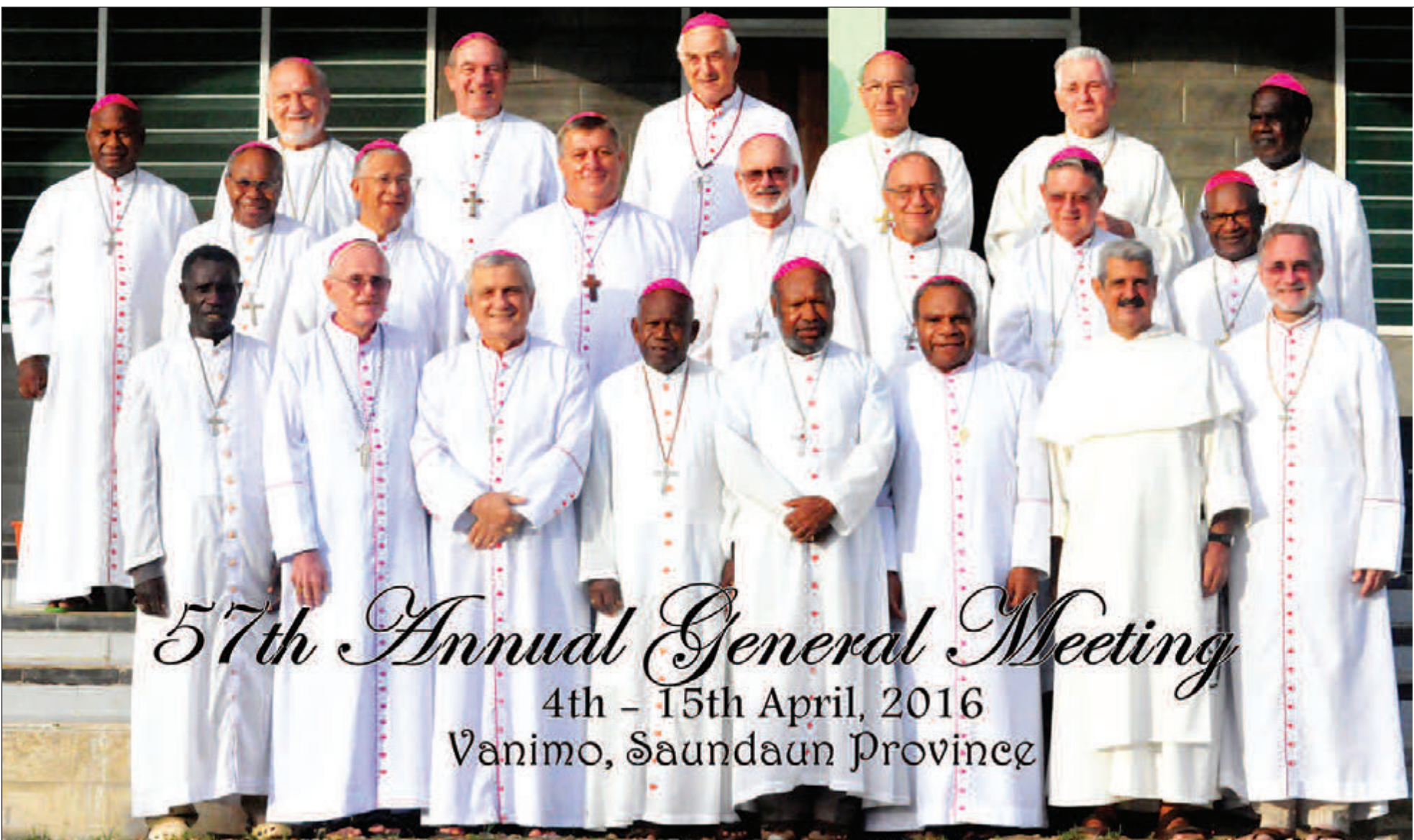
Catholic social teaching and the training of social workers to assist and provide advocacy for the poor and disadvantaged..

Catholic Education Services

"The traditional spiritual works of mercy we reflect upon during this Year of Mercy include offering instruction to those in need of guidance. This clearly applies to our children and is the reason the Catholic Church runs hundreds of schools at all levels, especially in the remote rural areas. Teaching and guiding the young is a sacred task and solemn obligation of parents and families. But they need help. Thus, through the years, at

the village and community level, the Catholic Church has established schools, some of which are over a hundred years old. For economic and other reasons by 1970 Catholic Education Services had joined with the Government system to form an association of equals in a unified system of education in PNG. This partnership endures but seems little respected by National and Provincial Departments of Education, since they rarely consults their partner when setting new policies and making changes to the education system.

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PNG & Solomon Islands bishops at the recent Vanimo AGM. Photo: Fr Victor Roche, CBC

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In this context, we find that, for PNG, the partnership we entered into with the State many years ago is now in crisis, even in chaos.

"For example, it is well known that there are major problems and imbalances in the provision of tuition free education (TFF). As a result of the TFF policy, a large number of classrooms are over-crowded and many older children have been inappropriately accepted back into lower primary grades, to work their way through the system as adults. Infrastructure has not kept up with student population and funding has not kept up with student population. Teacher morale is at an all-time low and absenteeism on the part of teachers and students is high. TFF and other policies connected with it is an example of an idea introduced and implemented without Churches Education Council and Catholic Agency involvement, and consequently the system faces many problems that could have been avoided.

"Despite many attempts to discuss issues related to education with the State of PNG, we feel that we are steadily losing control of our schools. They become less and less a means by which we can evangelize, catechize, educate and share God's mercy with, our children. The Catholic Church is now at a critical point of frustration, so that if there is no change for the better in this situation, for PNG, in the light of the mercy that demands justice, those dioceses with no functioning Memorandum of Agreement with their respective Provincial Education Boards, may not be able to open as Catholic schools in 2017.

Catholic Health Services

"Catholic Church Health Services (CCHS) are also important to our Catholic communities because we see them as a means by which we carry on the healing ministry of Christ. Mothers, babies and children are the major recipients of these services, especially through antenatal and immunization programs. The recent cuts in funding for church run health services, salaries and operational, is a shockingly ignorant and insensitive decision by Government. The cuts will have a major negative impact on our healing ministry in general, particularly in rural areas where population concentration is high and mobility to seek health care outside the area very low.

A broken promise

"In 2013 the Prime Minister of PNG visited the Bishops during their annual meeting which was that year held in Madang. He promised to arrange a meeting between representative bishops and respective Education and Health Ministers and Secretaries to discuss problems and iron out difficulties. Unfortunately these meetings did not eventuate, so urgent issues still remain unresolved. We renew our desire to hold such meetings.

In all of this, we are more and more aware of the rather sad state of the PNG economy and wonder why this is so," the statement by Bishop Arnold ends on this note.

Supreme Court decision on asylum seekers centre hailed

THE recent decision by the Supreme Court on the Asylum seekers centre in Manus as illegal has been hailed by the Catholic Professionals Association (CPA) of PNG.

President of the CPA, Paul Harricknen says that the Supreme Court Decision for the Asylum Seekers is a Victory and Vindication for Justice and Supremacy of our Constitution. "Here is a great victory and vindication for Justice and the supremacy of our Constitution. The successive PNG governments have since 2002 been either naively or deliberately been undermining our Consti-

tution and the laws of PNG acceding to Australian Government's cheque book diplomacy.

"The Supreme Court's unanimous decision last week is a victory for the asylum seekers and the Constitution of PNG.

"The Catholic Church has always maintained that the Manus deal since 2002 under John Howard and his "Pacific Solution" policy to the present times with the successive Australian PMs (Howard, Rudd, Abbot, Turnbull) has been inhumane and unconstitutional. The current Australian Government under Malcolm Turnbull is

still defiant against the asylum seekers under their border protection policy.

"What has been concerning and relieving now is that the O'Neill Government had defiantly gone against all calls by respectable PNG citizens and groups to amend Section 42 of the Constitution to allow for Australian interests. No sovereign nation in the world would allow its Constitution to be amended to accommodate the parochial interest of a foreign country. It is great news for PNG now that the Supreme Court has moved to declare the amendment unconstitu-

tional and invalid together with the two countries' MOA.

"The Government must swallow its pride and learn its lessons from this decision. The Government should proceed forthwith to close down the centre and ensure that those persons accused of rape and murder are brought to justice as well.

We applaud the Supreme Court decision, and everyone involved in this victory, especially Mr. Belden Nama and his lawyer, Mr. Loani Hena, and their legal team. Congratulations," concludes Mr. Harricknen.

De bilong ol pikinini-Larim olgeta kriesen singsing wantaim ol pikinini

AITAPE Daisosis i bin selebretim namba 6 De bilong ol Pikinini we long wanpela taim, ol bikpela manmeri i kamap olsem sumatin na putim iau tasol long wanem samting ol pikinini ol i laik toktok long em. Na ol pikinini i kamap olsem tisa bilong ol bikpela man na meri.

Long dispela yia mipela i gat ol pikinini i kam long Aitape- Lumi District, Nuku District na namba wan taim, wanpela pikinini i kam long Is Sepik Provins.

As tingting long selebren bilong dispela yia em Kriesen.

Dispela de bilong ol pikinini em i save stap long tripela nait.

Na long dispela taim i gat planti samting i save kamap olsem ol singsing resis, kainkain ektiviti bilong ol skul pikinini olsem danis, eksen song na drama, sampela skul na sampela taim bilong pre.

Dispela yia tu, mipela i putim wanpela spesel kompetisen we mipela i askim ol pikinini long yusim ol samting bilong bus long kamapim musik.

Long dispela yia, mipela i selektim 24 singsing namel long 130 grup ol i bin kam long taim bilong seleksen we i save kamap namel long yia long ol tripela distrik.

Ol pikinini yet o ol papamama na brata susa bilong ol i save komposim o raitim kamap ol singsing. Long taim bilong skul holide, mipela i save singautim ol long kam rekod long liklik studio bilong ol Franciscan Brothers long Aitape.

Wanpela Gret 11 sumatin i bin Sgo pas long Studio na rekodim ol. Nem bilong em Anthony Waflo.

Em yet bipo em i bin singsing long kompetisen na



Ol pikinini i putim ol stail bilas na selebretim de bilong ol.



Singsing em mipela ya, ol pikinini i amamas na singsing.

strongim pasin bilong kamapim musik.

Olgeta wok mipela i save mekim fri bilong helpim ol pikinini.

Long dispela yia, ol singsing i toktok long planti samting olsem netja, edukesen, helt, ol lida, hevi bilong ol yut, digniti na jastis, hevi bilong ol family, sosol hevi long wok na skul fi hevi.

Ol pipol i save harim ol

singsing long tripela nait na ol sampela jus wantaim ol pikinini yet i votim wanem singsing i winim kompetisen.

Long tingting bilong mipela, olgeta singsing i gutpela na olgeta i save kisim prais.

Dispela yia mipela tromoim K8000 long baim ol presen bilong ol na Aitape-Lumi Distrikt i helpim mipela.

Ol skul pikinini tu i save bringim kainkain ol item o ol samting long

taim bilong De bilong ol Pikinini olsem ol danis, eksen song, drama na ol samting olsem.

Long dispela yia, ol liklik disebol pikinini i redim planti ektiviti wantaim helpim bilong ol tisa bilong ol.

Mipela save givim tu liklik skul i bihainim as tingting bilong dispela de.

Dispela yia mipela holim wanpela spesel pre bilong tenkim God long kriesen.

Wanpela pikinini meri i aipas, Honia, i bin ridim wantaim brail masin Song bilong Creation Santu Fransis bilong Assisi i raitim, na ol arapela disebol pikinini wantaim ol Fransiskan brata ol i bringim ol mak bilong Creation.

Long tripela nait ol pipel i pulap na amamas tru, singsing na amamas wantaim ol pikinini, na strongim pasin bilong laikim ol.

Ol pikinini ol i pilim olsem ol i gat namba insait long sosaiti na dispela i opim ai bilong Gavman tu long tingim moa ol pikinini na givim moa spes long ol long pilai na yusim ol talen o save bilong ol.

Nau long Aitape na Wewak, ol singsing bilong ol pikinini i pairap long olgeta kona na mipela kamapim pinis musik CD na sampela ol video klip bilong ol singsing.

Mipela i bilip ol pikinini em i futja bilong PNG na mipela i mas strongim ol nau na trastim ol long kamap gutpela lida tude bai ol i ken mekim gutpela wok tumora.

Ol famili i mas sapotim ol bai ol i kamapim gutpela famili bihain.

Ol lida bilong Gavman i mas helpim ol, i no long sait bilong skul tasol, nogat.

Ol i mas kamapim gutpela spes bai ol i ken pilai na amamas na yusim ol talen bilong ol. Olsem God i putim kriesen bilong em long rait ples na olgeta samting i wok gut.

Olsem tasol mipela mas putim ol pikinini long rait invairomen bilong ol bai ol i ken kamapim ol gutpela wok olsem God i singautim ol long mekim.

Rabaul celebrates the Feast of the Divine

By John Paivu

THE feast of the Divine Mercy was celebrated on Mercy Sunday April 3 at 9.00am in the morning at the Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral at Kuragaga in Rabaul.

The main celebrant was the newly appointed parish priest, Father Allen Cosquejo from the Diocese of Sydney.

Other priest who I co-celebrated with him were the Dean Priest, Father John Rongdiat and the Spiritual Director Father Paul Tabalar.

At least 600 members of the Divine Mercy group in the Rabaul Deanery attended.

Three parishes of Malagunan, Ramamal, Volavolo, Rabaul and their twelve subparishes attended.

The devotion to the Divine Mercy was first established at St Francis Xavier Kuragaga in 2000 by a former Port Moresby parishioner with a small prayer group, and the first feast of mercy was also celebrated there.

The group died away as people moved away from continuous ash-fall.

A new Divine Mercy group was again re-established in February this year by the coordinators of the devotion.

The group oversaw the celebrations together with members from Saint Michael's Parish, Matupit.

The celebration was preceded by a Mercy procession from the police checkpoint to the Cathedral where the parish priest plus the co celebrant were challenged by the warriors.

A traditional ritual "Gomogomoa" normally erected for newly born babies, especially the first born babies was performed on the parish priest at the entrance prior to the mass.

The choir for the high mass was from the nearby St Martin De Porress Primary school and from all the parishes.

After the mass, there was sharing of food and entertainment.

There are now 15 prayer groups in the deanery with more to join as awareness continues all throughout the entire deanery.

Bishops celebrate 50 years on dioceses establishment

By Fr Victor Roche, SVD

THE Catholic Bishops of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands recently

celebrated the "50 years of the Establishment of the Catholic Dioceses of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands".

This was during their 57th Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Vanimo, Sandaun province where 22 bishops attended the two weeks meeting.

This year was the "50th year of the Establishment of the Catholic Dioceses of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands".

In 1844, the present territories of Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Solomon Islands (SI) were under the Vicariate Apostolic of Micronesia and Melanesia entrusted to the Missionary Congregation of the Society of Mary (Marists). In 1845 the Marists were in San Cristobel in the Solomons and in 1848 in the Siassi Island of Papua New Guinea. The Pontifical Institute of Foreign



Bishops gather at the Vanimo AGM to celebrate the golden jubilee on the establishment of dioceses in PNG and Solomon Islands. Photo: Fr Victor Roche SVD

Missions (PIME) started in Woodlark Island. As the years went by, the two countries were under different Apostolic Vicariates. It was on 15th November 1966 that the dioceses of PNG/SI were established.

At present, there are 19 Dioceses in PNG and 3 Dioceses in SI:

The three Dioceses in the Solomon Islands are:

1. Honiara (Archdiocese), 2. Auki, 3. Gizo.

The 19 dioceses in PNG are: Islands Region: 1. Rabaul (Archdiocese), 2. Kavieng, 3. Bogainville, 4. Kimbe. Southern Region: 5. Port Moresby (Archdiocese), 6. Bereina, 7. Kerema, 8. Alotau, 9. Daru-Kiunga. Highlands Region: 10. Mt. Hagen (Archdiocese), 11. Kundiawa,

12. Goroka, 13. Mendi, 14. Wabag. Momase Region: 15. Madang (Archdiocese), 16. Aitape, 17. Wewak, 18. Lae, 19. Vanimo.

The theme of this year's AGM is based on the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis and is: "Sharing the Good News of Mercy". Vanimo Diocese was chosen by the Bishops

last year as the host diocese of AGM this year 4-15 April 2016.

The Bishops discussed the issues that concern the faith of the Catholic Faithful and also the national issues that affect the lives of the people both the countries. The bishops request the prayers of all the people of PNG/SI.

Combined Catholic educators and PAU on caring for the environment seminar

By Sr Mary MacCarthy

CARING for the Earth our Common Home was the focus of a seminar designed for the Catholic Education Secretaries and Coordinators from across of PNG's dioceses. Reflection on the question: "What kind of a world do I want for my children?" was held in partnership with staff from Pacific Adventist University at 14-mile just out of Port Moresby as part of the Annual Conference of Catholic Secretaries and Coordinators.

One participant said: This was a very moving, encouraging and challenging sessions. It filled me with many inspirational thoughts.

The title Caring for the Earth our Common Home comes from a recent letter of Pope Francis in which he addresses current concerns about our "throwaway society" and the attitudes that needs to change so that our common home is treated with respect and the poor of our world have access to

such resources as safe water.

Pope Francis draws attention to the growing gap between the rich and the poor who share earth – our common home. The actual title of the DVD which presents the message of Pope Francis is Laudato Si – these words are from the opening of a hymn of St. Francis of Assisi – so well known for his love, praise and thanksgiving for God's amazing creation. They are in the language of his tok ples. The seminar was an opportunity for us all to share the thoughts and feelings Laudato Si aroused in each of us.

A highlight of the seminar was a surprise gift the Deputy Vice chancellor, Dr Jeff Crocombe. His gift was a presentation of the slides of God's Amazing Creation.

He introduced his response to the sharing which formed the main part of the seminar by saying he has privilege to visit many countries around the world.

From each he brought home photographs of God's

Amazing Creation. His slides are truly amazing. His excellent photographic skills have produced a collection of the most amazing animals – large and small.

The dozens of colourful birds with their scientific and common names in their natural settings are a delight to see.

The slides of animals portray many different and amusing moods and activities. This gift along with reflections on our earth from the Dean of the Science Faculty was very much appreciated along with the presence of other staff members.

Dr Crocombe made a memorable welcome speech beginning: "We are very proud of the environment of our university." These words made a deep impression on one participant who commented: "PAU is model for my diocese."

Another added: "PAU is an outstanding example of caring for the environment."

Lukewarm Disciples

"Trusting God, as Jesus did, does not mean clinging to God; it means letting go of everything so as to surrender ourselves and our lives to God." – Albert Nolan.

The greatest hymn of praise we could ever sing is to be authentic disciples of Jesus enough. Though we proclaimed ourselves to be so-called Christians, we do not take Jesus seriously. There's a few remarkable exceptions, but by and large we do not love our enemies, we don't turn the other cheek, we don't forgive seventy times seven times.

Our excuses are never-ending. I am not a saint. No one is perfect. It's a great idea, but it is not very practical in this new era. I wonder what Jesus would think of most of us today who have become notoriously religious. It is frightening to see how far we have deviated completely from the message of Jesus.

The kind of discipleship that we have adopted is terrifying and nothing close to the kind of discipleship Jesus intended. Fame, rivalry, favoritism, comfort and pride have now become the driving factors of discipleship.

We have people who have ticked all the boxes but have not genuinely accepted Jesus' call to be

his disciples. We go for Sunday mass, pray the rosary, involve in various processions, pay our tithes, and contribute to church financial requests. All these we have done.

Unfortunately, Jesus is still suffering and God is still a stranger to us. We have now cling to the church as an institution and have let ourselves drifting in isolation from the source of our existence. We are still blind and continuously encouraging hatred with most of our practices. We take sides and ridicule others for their short comings. When someone fails to meet our demands we tell the whole world. When we do not agree with the way other people behave, we intensify their agony by spreading lies and gossip about them.

In other words, when temptations come our way, the call of Jesus goes out the window. We suddenly become a devil's advocate in spreading every lie we could find in the world. On the contrary, when, church activities are on we become angels and righteous people immediately.

"Think about a man picking a little fly out of his drink and then swallowing a camel. You hypocrites! You wash clean the inside of your cups and dishes. But inside they are full of what you got

by cheating others and pleasing yourselves." (Mt 23: 24 – 25).

If Jesus gave his whole life on the cross to show us to be inclusive in loving our enemies, respect other people's dignity as human beings, forgive those who fails us then, where did we get this kind of discipleship we are now practicing? Which Jesus are we following?

Anthony De Mello hit the nail right on the head when he said, and I quote, "Most people, even though they don't know it, are asleep. They're born asleep, they live asleep, they marry in their sleep, and they bred children in their sleep without ever waking." This is what most of us do as so-called Catholics. We are so caught up in so many church practices that the real essence of genuine discipleship is no longer of meaning in our lives.

Let's be realistic Catholics. Let's not fool ourselves especially for those who think themselves better than everybody else. Let us realign and reassess our focus on Jesus. The rituals and the practices that we do will make no sense but a mere lip service if we do not take Jesus and his message seriously today.

Look upon Jesus and follow his example and do not be a lukewarm disciple.

Fr Rex on break with his people ...Departs for the Brazil mission

By Bishop Josef Roszynski, SVD

ON the feast of St. Patrick, this great missionary, left his homeland of the Sepik plains for the mighty Amazon River.

After being 15 years in Brazil, Fr Rex Stephen Simangi, SVD, has taken a year to reconnect with his people, culture and values.

His presence with us in the Diocese was enriching and his joy of priesthood and of being a missionary was

contagious.

He did not just sit and chew buai. He did this, too, as it is a part of the culture but most of all he was always reaching out to the people who were like sheep without a shepherd.

His warm smile and gentle talk was uplifting and consoling for all those he met.

He distributed sacraments in Passam as well as in his home parish of Mambe, and motivated the people to take more responsibility for the Church by taking an activity part in the life of the parish

and in the passing on of the Faith.

Fr. Rex's visit was a very blessed time for everyone.

It was sad for many of us to see him go but we know that such is life of a missionary.

May God's blessing and protection go with him wherever the Lord will lead him.

May his witness of faith and love of God and the Church bear fruit a hundred fold.

Our prayers will accompany him.

Thanks you Fr. Rex.



Fr. Stephen Rex Simangi, SVD with his family and friends at Wewak airport.



Fr Rex with youth after Confirmation. Photos: Bishop Josef Roszynski, SVD

Malolo long Wewak



Pater Rex Simanji SVD i raitim

Epril 2015 inap long mun Mas 2016, mi bin stap klostu wanpela yiamalolo long Wewak, PNG bihain long 15 yias mi bin stap long Brazil long Amazon, long Saut Amerika.

Mi bin kamap long Wewak long taim bilong ordo bilong nupela bisop bilong Wewak.

Bihain long tripela stap holide long asples bilong mi long Urimo, long Kubalia, mi go askim bisop long helpim long Emmaus Peris Passam.

Bisop i tok orait na mi stap long Passam inap long taim mi lusim Wewak long 18 Mas na kam long Mosbi long go bek long Brazil long Amazon.

Long dispela taim mi pilim na lukim tru sios long Wewak na PNG na Solomon Ailan long as tingting o pastoral plen bilong CBC. Dispela i helpim mi long kam bek insait long sios bilong mi hia long PNG na Wewak.

Bikos bihain long ordo bilong mi na narapela tripela daiosisen pris long Wewak long yia 2000 long mun Oktoba, mi bin go stap long Manam Ailan inap Epril 2001 na Jun 2001, mi go long Brazil.

Long dispel taim long Passam, mi traim long serim gutpela tingting bilong PNG na long Brazil na helpim ol pipel long Wewak Daiosis.

Stap bilong mi long Emmaus peris long Passam, mi no wok olsem pris pris, nogat, mi stap olsem helpim pris bilong Bisop tasol. Mi amamas long stap long Passam.

OL KLASTA PERIS

Daiosis i organais long ol dineri na klasta peris. Long ol haiwe klasta peris, Passam i bung wantaim Mambe, Sassoia na Turingi long mekim kamap haiwe klasta.

Long klasta mipela traim long mekim ol pastoral wok namel long ol dispela peris. Ol Yut na ol Lijen bilong Maria oli wok bung namel long ol yet pinis.

Nau em ol pris na olgeta Katolik manmeri na ol pastoral long wok bung wantaim long skuruim wok na as tingting bilong Daiosis.

Dispela i helpim ol 4- pela peris long serim sampela gutpela wok namel long ol yet na ol pris i helpim long kamapim dispela tingting na pastoral plan bilong daiosis.

SELF RILAIENS - PASTORAL DO DIZIMO

Wanpela tingting mi bin traim long kamapim long bihainim tingting bilong Wewak Daiosis em long self-reliance. Mi soim wanpela we bilong Brasil long wanpela pastoral ol i kolim DIZIMO (decimal) one tenth, 10%, olsem wanpela pastoral long Emmaus Peris long Passam na long Urimo.

Dispela em i olsem ol bilip manmeri i givim wanpela hap bilong 10- pela samting ol i kisim long God na laik givim long God long Sios long wok misin. Dispela ofa i save kamap long wanwan mun long las Sande bilong mun long misa o long lotu long olgeta komyuniti.

Envelop i gat nem na nem bilong

Hos em i wanpela rot bilong trenspot i go long ol ples na hia, Pater Rex wantaim ol lain long misin i kalap i kam aut long wanpela bot na nau, ol i laik go long misin stesen long Brazil, Saut Amerika.



Pater Rex i go long wok misin long dingi wantaim wanpela famili long kantri Brazil, Saut Amerika.

ples long husat i laik givim dizimo. Mak mani em laik bilong wanwan hamas ol i laik givim. Baible i tok yu mas givim 10% tasol sios i tok yu givim long laik bilong yu yet.

Sapos yu tink nogut yu sot no ken givim, givin long arapela mun bihain. Em tingting na skul mi givim long ol. Ol komyuniti i wanbel na i mekim dispela. Planti i no klia na sampela sios lidas ol i mekim gutpela wok long dispela tingting bilong dizimo.

SERIM LOKAL MISIN

Long Misin Sande las yia Oktoba, mi go wantim bisop Joe, Fr. Michael (peris pris bilong Timbunke, Kankingara, Chambri, Amboin na Biwat), diken Joe (nau em stap wantaim Fr. Michael) na Rosay na SSps sisters long Kaningara. Na mi lukim Sios long Sepik wara long taim bilong san wara i drai.

Na mi tingim Amazon em tu i wankain olsem. Wara i stap longwe, na trenspot kos i go antap. Wanpela samting i tasim mi em long ofa bilong lotu na misa.

Planti komyuniti i no save givim ofa o ol i givim liklik tru. Long wanpela visit bilong pater i ken givim 50t or 2,00 kina. Yu ting dispela em i inap long baim petrol long go na kam bek long peris.

Nogat tru. Dispela pasin tu i stap long Amazon long Brazil taim mi go kamap long 2001.

Na nau long ol bus liklik komyuniti long Amazon long rot bilong dizimo ol i helpim kos bilong fuel long kar na bot na sip. Planti ol peris long Wewak na

PNG tu i wankain.

Long Amazonia mi ran long sip tam mi go long we na klostu mi go long spit boat. Sipi kamap olsem haus bilong mi.

Wanpela nait mi stap long rum long Wirui SVD haus na mi harim tripela pater i toktok.

Na Pater Michael bilong Timbunke i tok, sapos Kunjigini, Dagua na Ulupu i helpim long givim K70 long wanwan mun bai helpim mi tru long baim petrol long go long ol peris long Chambri, Kaningara, Amboin na Biwat.

Na mi kam ausait na joinim ol. Bihain mi askim Fr. Michael, haumas lita petrol yu nidim long Timbunke na go long Kaningara na kam bek.

Na em tok mi nidim samting olsem 50 litas.

Taim mi go bek long peris long Passam na toktok wantaim ol lida manmeri na ol i tok yesa long givim 100 kina wanwan mun long helpim Fr. Michael long baim petrol long go visit long Kaningara.

Dispela ol i statim long Novembar i kam inap Februari dispela ya. Mi bilib ol i bai givim dispela mak mani long Fr. Michael long helpim wok misin long Kaningara oltaim.

VOKESAN

Planti Katolik manmeri i tok maski yu stap wantaim mipela long Passam na Wewak. Tasol mi tok nogat, mi bin askim long kam holide na i no trense long Brazil na kam bek long PNG. Wewak Daiosis i gat samting olsem 46 peris.

Na hap bilong ol peris nogat pris.

Long Brazil tu em wankain stori. Na bai mi mekim wanem, mi stap o mi go bek long Brazil. Mi ting mi mas go bek long Brazil.

Singaut na salens nau i kam long Wewak na PNG long ol Katolik famili, inap yupela larim na helpim, sapotim ol pikinini bilong yupela long kamap pris na rilijes brata na sista?

Long pastoral wok long ol peris mipela nidim gutpela kateklis long wok bung wantaim pris. Planti yanpela manmeri i no laik kamap katekis tu.

Em nau wok i stap long mipela ol pris na relijes long strongim famili laip, na yut ministri bai ol yangpela pilim tru olsem God i gat tok na wok long ol tru.

Em i wok bilong mipela ol wanwan pris na relijes brata na sista long lukluk long laip bilong mipela wanwan long wanem kain laip mipela i stap nau. Wanem we mi givim wites long long vokasation bilong mi?

Wanem we mi livim promis (vows) bilong mi? Wanem we mi helpim ol yangpela manmeri long kamap pris na relijes?

Mipela ol pater i mas helpim na strogim famili laip long ol peris. Kamapim famili laip apostolate na yut ministry long ol peris mipela i stap.

Olgeta peris i mas i gat Famili laip apostolate na yut ministry na dispela ministri i mas wok (function). Santu famili kamapim santu sios.

Em taim bilong sensis wantaim taim yumi stap nau.

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