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Newest saint for the world's Catholics

Saint Mother Teresa 'a light in the darkness for many

POPE Francis on Sunday declared Mother Teresa of Calcutta a Saint last Sunday, September 4th, saying that she shone a light in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering.

In his homily during the canonization Mass in St. Peter's Square, the Pope highlighted how the little nun who died in 1997 had taken in society's most unwanted, and shamed world leaders for the "crimes of poverty

they themselves created".

To the some 120,000 pilgrims who filled the Square for the canonization Mass, Pope Francis held up Mother Teresa as the model for a Church that goes to the peripheries to bring comfort and the light of the Gospel to poor and wounded souls.

"Let us carry her smile in our hearts - he said - and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer" he said.

Applause erupted in the Square even before the Pope finished pronouncing the rite of canonization.

And admitting that even he will find it hard to call her "Saint Teresa" because her holiness is so tender and fruitful that we will continue to spontaneously call her "mother", Francis praised her as the merciful saint who defended the lives of the unborn and those abandoned and discarded.

"She bowed down - he said - before those who were spent, left to die on

the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity".

"She made her voice heard before the powers of the world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crimes of poverty they themselves created" he said. "For Mother Teresa - he continued - mercy was the light which shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering".

(From Vatican Radio)



Official Portrait of Mother Teresa



St Peter's Square during the canonization ceremony

Pope offers lunch in the spirit of Mother Teresa

(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis is offering Neapolitan pizza to 1,500 people which will be served Sunday afternoon in the atrium of the Paul VI Hall following the canonization of Mother Teresa.

Invitees are the poor and needy, especially from the houses of the Sisters of Mother Teresa. They come from all over Italy including Milan, Bologna, Florence,

Naples and all the houses in Rome.

The lunch guests travelled at night in coaches to attend the lunch which will be served by around 250 Sisters of Mother Teresa, 50 Brothers of the congregation for men and other volunteers.

Those attending the lunch have also been invited to attend the Canonization Mass.

(From Vatican Radio)

Homily for the Canonization of Mother Teresa

Pope Francis on Sunday celebrated the Rite of Canonization for Mother Teresa of Calcutta, at a Solemn Mass offered in St Peter's Square.

During his homily, the Holy Father said, "Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defence of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded."

To the many volunteers in Rome for the Jubilee for Volunteers and Workers of Mercy, Pope Francis offered St Teresa of Calcutta as a "model of holiness."

Below, please find the full text of Pope Francis' prepared homily for the Mass for the Canonization of St Teresa of Calcutta:

Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis

Holy Mass and Rite of Canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Saint Peter's Square, 4 September 2016

"Who can learn the counsel of God?" (Wis 9:13). This question from the Book of Wisdom that we have just heard in the first reading suggests that our life is a mystery and that we do not possess the key to understanding it. There are always two protagonists in history: God and man. Our task is to perceive the call of God and then to do his will. But in order to do his will, we must ask ourselves, "What is God's will in my life?"

We find the answer in the same passage of the Book of Wisdom: "People were taught what pleases you" (Wis 9:18). In order to ascertain the call of God, we must ask ourselves and understand what pleases God. On many occasions the prophets proclaimed what was pleasing to God. Their message found a wonderful synthesis in the words "I want mercy, not sacrifice" (Hos 6:6; Mt 9:13). God is



Nuns carry Mother Teresa's relics

All photos: Vatican Radio

pleased by every act of mercy, because in the brother or sister that we assist, we recognize the face of God which no one can see (cf. Jn 1:18). Each time we bend down to the needs of our brothers and sisters, we give Jesus something to eat and drink; we clothe, we help, and we visit the Son of God (cf. Mt 25:40).

We are thus called to translate into concrete acts that which we invoke in prayer and profess in faith. There is no alternative to charity: those who put themselves at the service of others, even when they don't know it, are those who love God (cf. 1 Jn 3:16-18; Jas 2:14-18). The Christian life, however, is not merely extending a hand in times of need. If it is just this, it can be, certainly, a lovely expression of human solidarity which offers immediate benefits, but it is sterile because it lacks roots. The task which the Lord gives us, on the contrary, is the vocation to charity in which each of Christ's disciples puts his or her

entire life at his service, so to grow each day in love.

We heard in the Gospel, "Large crowds were travelling with Jesus" (Lk 14:25). Today, this "large crowd" is seen in the great number of volunteers who have come together for the Jubilee of Mercy. You are that crowd who follows the Master and who makes visible his concrete love for each person. I repeat to you the words of the Apostle Paul: "I have indeed received much joy and comfort from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you" (Philem 1:7). How many hearts have been comforted by volunteers! How many hands they have held; how many tears they have wiped away; how much love has been poured out in hidden, humble and selfless service! This praiseworthy service gives voice to the faith and expresses the mercy of the Father, who draws near to those in need.

Following Jesus is a serious task, and, at the same time, one filled

with joy; it takes a certain daring and courage to recognize the divine Master in the poorest of the poor and to give oneself in their service. In order to do so, volunteers, who out of love of Jesus serve the poor and the needy, do not expect any thanks or recompense; rather they renounce all this because they have discovered true love. Just as the Lord has come to meet me and has stooped down to my level in my hour of need, so too do I go to meet him, bending low before those who have lost faith or who live as though God did not exist, before young people without values or ideals, before families in crisis, before the ill and the imprisoned, before refugees and immigrants, before the weak and defenceless in body and spirit, before abandoned children, before the elderly who are on their own. Wherever someone is reaching out, asking for a helping hand in order to get up, this is where our presence – and the presence of the Church

which sustains and offers hope – must be.

Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defence of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded. She was committed to defending life, ceaselessly proclaiming that "the unborn are the weakest, the smallest, the most vulnerable". She bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity; she made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crime of poverty they created. For Mother Teresa, mercy was the "salt" which gave flavour to her work, it was the "light" which shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering.

Her mission to the urban and existential peripheries remains for us today an eloquent witness to God's closeness to the poorest of the poor. Today, I pass on this emblematic figure of womanhood and of consecrated life to the whole world of volunteers: may she be your model of holiness! May this tireless worker of mercy help us to increasingly understand that our only criterion for action is gratuitous love, free from every ideology and all obligations, offered freely to everyone without distinction of language, culture, race or religion. Mother Teresa loved to say, "Perhaps I don't speak their language, but I can smile". Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer. In this way, we will open up opportunities of joy and hope for our many brothers and sisters who are discouraged and who stand in need of understanding and tenderness.

(From Vatican Radio)

Cardinal Parolin: 'St. Teresa shows that love has to hurt'

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican Secretary of State, celebrated the Mass of Thanksgiving on Monday for the canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

In his homily for the Mass in St. Peter's Square, Cardinal Parolin recalled several key moments of her life and the thirst for God which drove her every action.

'Caritas Christi urget nos: the love of Christ compels us' was the recurring theme of Cardinal Pietro Parolin's homily for the Thanksgiving Mass.

These words, he said, summed up the flame of love which compelled the now-St. Teresa of Calcutta during her life and which compel us to follow her example.

Cardinal Parolin revisited several of the key events of Mother Teresa's life, including her self-definition as 'a little pencil in God's hands'.

'Mother Teresa,' he said, 'was a clear mirror of the love of God and an admirable example of service to our neighbor, especially to the poorest, most derelict, and most

abandoned of people.'

He also recalled her constant fight for the rights of the unborn, which he said grew out of her recognition that the worst form of poverty is 'to feel unloved, unwanted, scorned'.

He said, 'This recognition brought her to identify unborn children whose very existence is threatened as the "poorest of the poor". Each of them depends, more than any other human being, on the love and care of the mother and on the protection of

society.'

Cardinal Parolin went on the recall Mother Teresa's acceptance speech for the Nobel Prize in 1979, in which she said, 'It is very important to realize that love, to be true, has to hurt. It hurt Jesus to love us, it hurt him.'

He said these words 'are like a doorway through which we enter into the abyss, which surrounded the life of the Saint.'

Cardinal Parolin concluded his homily remembering the two simple words she had posted in every

house of the Missionaries of Charity: 'I thirst'.

'I thirst,' he said, 'a thirst for fresh, clean water, a thirst for souls to console and to redeem from their ugliness to make them beautiful and pleasing in the eyes of God, a thirst for God, for His vital and luminous presence. I thirst; this is the thirst which burned in Mother Teresa: her cross and exaltation, her torment and her glory.'

'St. Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!'

Bible Quiz

By Emily Akarum

DON Bosco Technical School concluded its week-long 31st Foundation Day celebrations with a Bible Quiz Bee and Variety Show.

The Bible Quiz was held as it coincided with the Bible Month of the Archdiocese of Port Moresby. Its purpose was to enable students get to know, love and appreciate the Bible.

Invitations were extended to Catholic Secondary Schools of Port Moresby to participate in the Bible Quiz. Three schools of Port Moresby consented to participate. They were St Charles Lwanga Sec-

ondary School, Caritas Technical Secondary School and Jubilee Secondary School. These joined the host school Don Bosco Technical School, Gabutu.

The program began with an opening dance. Fr. Angel Sanchez sdb, principal, then opened the Quiz and addressed the students. In his talk, he highlighted the love Don Bosco had for the Bible. He spoke of Don Bosco's ability to discuss and debate on its contents, background and its translation. He invited all to understand and study the bible and put its contents into practice.

Then followed the

Bible Quiz. It had three rounds - an easy, average and difficult round. After the different rounds were completed, the audience was given a chance to answer questions and were given prizes as well.

The winner at the end of the final round was Jubilee Secondary School, while the runner up was Don Bosco Technical School. The four participating schools received a Certificate of Participation and each participant received a prize.

A Variety Show was held with items being interspersed between the various rounds.

Mary, the answer for our youth today



Fr. Ambrose Pereira

32 students of Don Bosco Technical School, Gabutu received the Sacraments of Initiation on the Feast of Mary Help of Christians, 24th May, 2016.

The celebration, held at the beautiful Shrine of Mary Help of Christians, Boroko, Papua New Guinea and was attended by 1,100+ students, staff, parents and friends. 15 candidates were welcomed into the Catholic Church with the Sacrament of Baptism while the others received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Bishop Rochus Joseph Tatamai msc, Bishop of Berina, the

main celebrant at the Eucharistic celebration, was joined by Fr. Sonny Fagardo sdb, Fr. Angel Sanchez sdb and Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb. Several hymns, composed by Fr. Angel Sanchez for the occasion were sung powerfully by the youthful congregation. They were led by the music group under the direction of Rica Lavilla. The vibrant liturgy animated by the Pastoral Team had the ITC2 students perform Tolai dances and a dance from Milne Bay.

"Mary stands out as the answer for us today", said Bishop Rochus as he spoke to the congregation in the packed Shrine. He highlighted Mary's abil-

ity to crush the serpent and defeat evil and encouraged the students to avoid evil and follow the Lord as Mary did. He reminded them to make their intentions known to Mary and bring to her especially their loved ones and families, despite some of them having dysfunctional families.

The second part was held in the DBTI Gymnasium. Class presentations included 'A Hymn to our Lady' composed by Fr. Angel and a hymn of their choice. The program coordinated by the Marian Group led by Dylan Kossin was interspersed with questions on Mary and parlour games. The winners of the Singing competi-

tion were 12 Rua, 10 Carvario and 10 Calasanz. The poster competition was won by 11 Zatti and 12 Rua, while Ezra Towali won the digital competition. The judges for the occasion were Fr. Clifford Morias sdb, Sr. Carmencita A. Rodriguez fma and Mr Francis Bannania. A delicious lunch brought the program to a close. All returned home thanking God for a Mother that cares for us, her children.

At 5.30pm, Bishop John Ribat, Archbishop of Port Moresby celebrated a thanksgiving mass in the Shrine. The evening concluded with a family meal for the entire Salesian Family.



Bible Quiz with Caritas, St Charles Lwanga, Jubilee and Don Bosco.

Principal thank Angore SPA for new bus

PRINCIPAL of St John's Tukupawi Primary School in Idauwi village, Hayapuga LLG, Tari, Hela Province has thanked the Angore Special Purpose Authority (ASP) for donating a new school bus to the Catholic agency school.

Sister Jersey was very pleased to receive the brand new 25-seater Coaster bus on behalf of the school and thanked the chairman of ASPA, Peter Wakima, General Manager of ASPA, Hari John Akiye and the directors of ASPA for donating the bus to the school.

St John's Tukupawi primary school is run by the Catholic Diocese of Hela and ever since its establishment in 2000, it never received such a special gift.

This was the first time the school received a bus that will transport the students to school.

"We are very pleased to receive the bus. It will assist the school to do pickups and drop offs. Our school children will now have the



Principal of St John's Tukupawi Primary School, Sister Jersey (center) with school children and teachers in front of their new bus.

comfort of travelling on the new school bus to come to school," Sister Jersey said.

Sister Jersey also took the representatives of ASPA around the school grounds and showed them

their needs.

The ASPA has also presented another Coaster bus to the nearby Idauwi Primary School run by Evangelical Church of PNG.

ECPNG and Catholic churches

partner in providing health and education services to the remote Idauwi village.

The two buses were bought three months ago by ASPA at a cost of more than K380,000.

General Manager of the ASPA, Hari John Akiye, assured the principals, teachers, students and parents of the two schools that the operational expenses the buses will be fully met by the authority and they will not pay anything.

"The Angore SPA has bought the buses already. Salary for bus drivers and the two bus crew or secu-

rities, the ASPA will take care of it. We'll also take care of maintenance or service of the buses. Oil Search has agreed to freely supply fuel.

"All the expense for the operation of the buses will be taken care of by the ASPA. It is project and I assure the principals of the two schools, the parents and student, that they will never spend K1 on it. We'll take control of everything.

Mr Akiye said the ASPA will form a bus committee comprising of four committee members. He said the two principals of the two schools and chairman of ASPA will decide who to be on the committee members so that daily rounds, including pickups, drop offs and time offs are planned, scheduled and followed.

"The committee will draft schedules and handle the daily operations, in terms of reporting and compliance but ASPA will manage the buses.

A better future for our young people through personal development training

By Sr Mary McCarthy

“OUR students are always keen to attend Personal Development classes. The whole class scores well on all assessment tasks.

PD is taught not only in the classroom but in all other school activities as well. We have an excellent teacher – a married woman – she really knows how to communicate with young people so that they understand who they are and where they want to go in life; she challenges them to be all they can be.”

Sr Joan Takin reported on PD teaching in her school. She worked dili-

gently throughout the 5-day Annual Conference of Religious Education Coordinators participating fully in each session. The annual conference provides teacher In-service training focussed on Personal Development in Grades 9-12.

At the completion of each training session Sr Joan made her evaluation giving feedback to the facilitators on both content and presentation. She also identified positive outcomes for her school as a result of her involvement in the training.

The weeklong conference was held at Em-maus Conference

Centre, East Boroko in May with stress placed on improved performance and capacity of teachers to implement national level policies and curricula of the National Department of Education and the Catholic Bishops’ Conference.

The “outcomes for my school” on Day 5 were prioritized and evolved into an Action Plan for each of the participants to take home and implement with help from the rest of the school staff for the benefit of the students and the whole school community.

Next year each of the participants will return to report on their imple-

mentation of their Action Plans and Lessons Learned.

Another teacher, Mr Ismael Bega from St Jude’s High School, Mongop, summed up the week, “the conference was quite challenging.

I need more of such professional development training. I was new and I learned a lot.

I learned more about my role and responsibilities as the school’s Religious Education Coordinator.

I see now how I can be more effective and improve students’ learning and their spiritual development.”

Live the DREAM



Audience at the “Live the Dream” musical play.

By Rica Lavilla and Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb

DON Bosco Technical School, Gabutu staged its first ever live musical entitled ‘Live the DREAM’, on August 15, 2016 at the school’s Kurongku Hall, to a packed audience of 1,800 guests.

The musical, an adaptation of the Spanish presentation of ‘Don Bosco, a cantata’ by Fr. Belarmino Sánchez sdb, was translated into English by Mumbai based Salesian Fr. Ian Doulton sdb. It was localized for Papua New Guinea by Fr. Angel Sanchez sdb and Ms. Rica Lavilla.

The Salesian family headed by the newly installed Provincial of PNG-Solomon Islands Fr. Peter Baquero, SDB, Fr. Nicolas Guidi, first secretary of the Apostolic Nuncio, Mrs Coretta Naig, Executive Director of TFF-Education, different religious orders in Port Moresby, performers’ parents, guardians and friends came to watch and musical play staged by a cast of three hundred and twenty members.

Live the Dream, presents key moments in the life of Don Bosco, his youth, his joyful vision of faith in what was in store for him, his cheerful and attractive sanctity. It is about St. John Bosco’s first extra-ordinary dream when he was nine years old. In his dream Little Johnny Bosco found himself fighting a large crowd of rowdy lads who were cursing and fighting. He tried to stop them but they refused to listen to him. Suddenly, a man appeared, who said, “Not with blows will you help these boys, but with goodness and kindness! In his autobiographical

Memoirs of the Oratory, Don Bosco said, his first dream was the most important one.

It was the dream that set the course for his entire life.

The theater performance was excellently rendered live with instrumentation and a back-up choir by the music group.

Little Johnny was played by Christopher Naukue of Gr. 9 Besucco class while Don Bosco was portrayed by Howard Unna of Gr. 11 Srugi. Mrs. Abono Miwasa one of the school’s ancillary staff played the character of Mama Margaret. As she sang, ‘Now you’re a priest forever’ she brought tears to the eyes of many in the audience. Groups of performers from different departments including the teaching and non-teaching staff added color and excitement to the musical. The narrators and present day images of parents and students brought the message closer to everyone in the audience.

“The musical inspires the young to make a positive change as the characters portray the dream of Don Bosco with feeling and emotion”, said Fr. Ambrose Pereria sdb, coordinator of the production.

Every scene was challenging, in that it invited the audience to look attentively at the problems that youngsters grapple with today. It strives to encourage the youth to move from the mere statement of a problem to follow the example of the Saint of youth. Live the Dream is not just sight and sound to behold, it also encouraged everyone who watched and took part in the different roles to share in living today Don Bosco’s

dream at nine. A grateful director, Ms Rica Lavilla was filled with emotion as she expressed her thanks to every member of the cast and crew for the weeks of hard work, sleepless nights and endless practice.

Expressions of appreciation were on the lips of all in the audience. Here are a few comments:

“Congrats! I was impressed by the many staff, students and collaborators who put in their best to present an inspiring and entertaining show. Thanks and God bless”, - Fr. Ariel Macatangay sdb, Principal of Don Bosco Technological Institute, Boroko.

“It has been an excellent and overwhelming performance. My son is a quiet by and we were overwhelmed to see him on stage”, - Mr Pukari Tore, who came to Port Moresby with his family specially for the performance.

“The musical was very enjoyable and a real treat to Don Bosco”, - Fr. Clifford Morais.

“Awesome! I loved the performance and am proud of my Alma Mater. I was touched by the message to relive the dream”, - Emil Vake, PTCA President and past pupil.

Earlier in the day, Fr. Roger Miranda sdb, celebrated the solemn Eucharist in honour of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother. He was joined by Fr. Paul Kote, Radio Maria, Fr. Angel Sanchez sdb, Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb and Fr. Sonny Fajardo.

Bosco Got Talent, the Community Day and the Bible Quiz will follow in the days ahead. All these are part of the 201st birth anniversary celebrations of St. John Bosco.

DBTI 3rd Year commences Practice Teaching

By Ms. Arlene Abital

AS the academic year moves on, students at Don Bosco Technological Institute, Port Moresby are preparing themselves for what lies ahead.

The Third year Bachelor students at Don Bosco Technological Institute attended the Practice Teaching orientation on September 2, 2016 at the institute’s main library in preparation for the six-week practical training.

Fr. Louie Castañeda, SDB-Rector, Fr. Ariel Macatangay, SDB, Principal and the new Delegate for Formation of the Salesians and aspirants in PGS Vice-province, Mr. Simon Wapiyu, Practice Teaching Coordinator at the institute and Mr. Joseph Ake, Academic Head addressed the trainees in preparation for their practical training.

Fr. Rector encouraged them to teach their students keeping in mind Don Bosco’s educational system of reason, religion and rapport.

“Let your students feel the love of God through the knowledge, skills and character that Don Bosco has formed in you. Educate them with accountability to their parents and interact with the coordinating schools by always carrying the good name of Don Bosco,” he said.

Fr. Ariel, SDB shared with them the DBTI’s Core Values and its application in Practice Teaching. Servant Leadership, Rapport and Loving Kindness, Life-long learning, Spirituality, Honesty, Respect and Solidarity were a few of the Core Values that he discussed. “Try to develop the habit of reflection at the end of each day and include it in your personal



Fr Ariel (top) and Fr Rector (bottom) addressing the students at Don Bosco Technical Institute.



prayers,” said Fr. Ariel. On behalf of the Third Year students, Sr. Augusta Gaglu, BED-COT/ENG, congratulated Fr. Ariel on his new assignment and wished him the best in his new assignment. A deafening ‘Yes Clap’ for Fr. Ariel was done by the 3rd year students led by Tatu Akoi, BED-MVT/ENG.

Mr. Joseph Ake, Academic Head dealt on the importance of communication skills and the over-all bearing during the training.

He emphasized that students should give due respect to all –

staff, students and non-teaching staff. “Your smile can make a difference. You know how to plan your lessons, know that your presentation matters as well”, said the academic head.

The students were also reminded about the Practice Teaching guidelines by Mr. Wapiyu as he discussed ‘Bosconian behavior’. “Be prepared and fulfil all the requirements throughout the 6-week training and avoid any excuses,” the Coordinator concluded.