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The Church of the Sacred Heart in Waghina – a lively monument of the Gilbertees

By Fr S Tony

MARCH 19th 2017 saw the consecration of this beautiful Church, by Archbishop Emeritus Adrian Smith in a very colourful concelebrated mass.

It was the best Church in Solomon Islands that I have seen so far and it will stand as a monument to the faith and love of the Gilbertee community.

THE Gilbertees are a praying community, very pious. I will send my blessings there. Proceed straight to Waghina. I appreciated the Bishop's pastoral concern.

I Landed in Waghina on May 5th, and spent about 45 days there in 2016.

The Sacred Heart Church on the island was 30+ years old, nestled in the bosom of a hillock. But the old Church was falling apart. And so in 2014 the PPC (parish pastoral committee) decided to build a new Church. One climbs 50 steps to reach the new church.

The bishop Luciano willingly approved the plan. Materials and labour from Bishop and his friends came up to SBD (Solomon Bank dollars) \$500,000, and the rest, a whopping amount of SBD 700,000 came from the people, a major



New church on top and old church at the bottom.



Archbishop Emeritus Adrian Smith celebrates mass of consecration.

share of which was contributed by Auspac, a business house of Honiara.

"When Edmund Hilary and Tenzing climbed on top of Mount Everest, they were dumbfounded at the scenic beauty of the mountains. So too people who climb up to this Church would be awestruck with the enveloping 'shekinah' of YHWH," said Archbishop Adrian.

The Bishop Luciano, the PP Fr Stanis and his craftsman assistant Bro Juvitar and all those who contributed their mite for this beautiful structure will be remembered by the Gilbertee community, as it mediates the 'shekinah', the dynamic presence, dwelling of God in the midst of His people in Waghina.

The name Gilbertee is derived from Captain Thomas Gilbert who sighted these islands in 1788. And in 1857, one Hiram Bingham, a protestant minister is said to have devised a written form of the language, known also by the name 'kiribati'. And as some weapons testing had led to the death of the livelihood sources of the people, the Gilbertees had been moved to Waghina by the British. That was in 1963.

Mary Help of Christians Parish holds retreats and prepares for Easter

By Bomai D Witne

LENT is a time of reflection. The call for Christians to come to God in prayer allows for self-awareness, confession and reconcile with neighbours.

The strength and compassion to forgive and reconcile with others comes from the Holy Spirit. Fr Michele Morando ensured Parishioners understand the Gospel guided intrinsic values and motivations kept Lent alive.

Mary Help of Christians Parish at Kefamo held a number of retreats during the time of Lent, focusing on the message from his Holiness Pope Francis, titled 'The word is a gift'. Other persons are a gift'.



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The retreats were conducted separately for men, women, youth and a combined one. It took four weekends. Parishioners of differ-

ent ages and walks of life attended and shared the message from Pope Francis. The Gospel on the rich man and Lazarus provoked

deeper reflection and action. The Gospel draws participants to see their own lives in comparisons with others around them and understand God's plan for everyone.

God does not create people to face misery, hunger, pain and poverty. God created everyone to share life and resources with others and be happy. However, greed, selfish and abuse of power to squander and accumulate wealth by a few people and countries forced the majority of people and countries into poverty.

The youth were equipped with cameras to take pictures current scenes of poverty in Goroka town to share and explore the underlying cause of the issues. Adults

supported the youth to cook food and share with patients at Goroka Base Hospital. Some shared food while others played guitar and sang. They shared the joy of the Gospel with the patients who openly expressed joy with tears. A caretaker at the hospital commended that it was the best visit he ever witnessed.

A few adult parishioners openly confessed to quit bad habits such as gambling and drinking beer and commit extra money to support the cause of improving poverty and justice. Fr Michele and Seminarian Thomas worked hard to prepare over 23 young Catechumens to receive the sacraments of Baptize, Confession and Eucharist during Easter Vigil.

Catholic Education Secretaries gain insights into Social Media

- Nyleptha Kenny, National Catholic Education Commission

The Catholic Education Secretaries and Religious Education Coordinators from all the dioceses in PNG are currently having their annual conference at the Hideaway Hotel 27-31st March 2017.

The Catholic Social Communications Secretary, Fr Ambrose Pereira sdb, facilitated the session on Social Media on Tuesday 28th March.

Fr Ambrose engaged the participants to do an activity prior to introducing the topic by getting their views of what social media is. He defined social media, what it is and what it does. He stressed that the Education Secretaries should help teachers and students back in the dioceses to use social media in a positive way.



Catholic Education Secretaries learn digital communication during the annual conference at Hideaway Hotel, Port Moresby.

He gave concrete examples of how some pictures posted on social media can 'inspire' people to open their hearts to others in need.

An interesting aspect was the understanding of the concepts of digital natives, digital immigrants and digital tourists. For many, it was the first time for them to learn about it.

They were keen to gain more information on the different kinds of social media used today and the number of users all around the world.

They also got information on the different spheres within social media, i.e. the private, public, social and corporate sphere. Fr Ambrose also explained the different types of selfies and their positive

or negative aspects.

Finally, he stressed on upholding ethics while using social media as a means of positive evangelizing in families, among teachers and students within the dioceses and the different dioceses in the country.

He requested all to think of what commitment they all should take regarding the use of social media.

Several good comments and questions were raised. The session on social media was timely for this group of educators, who are agents of evangelization for Catholic Education throughout PNG. Many participants said they would like to have this session facilitated back in their dioceses.

The participants have had a session on the Catholic Social Teaching with an input by Raymond Ton on Elections.

The bulk of the sessions will dwell on Strategic planning. The measurement services Division and Curriculum Division will also have input sessions.

Reporting of the different regions is also part of the agenda.



Election Matters

with Fr. Roger Purcell msc

Reconciliation: restoring good relationships

In Melanesian culture there are many ways of restoring peace and good relationships, for recreating peace and harmony of families and communities, between clans and tribes. We have rituals for this that involve the whole community, that demand giving and receiving, that need willingness and an openness of heart and mind. To use a big word, we call this "reconciliation".

The dictionary tells the meaning of this word: "the restoration of friendly relations" and "the action of making one view or belief compatible with another".

It is not hard to break friendly relations, and we have ways of restoring them. We have many different views and beliefs, we have a right to our these, and there is nothing wrong with this.

However, these differences can cause us argument, disputes, fights and violence. To be reconciled is to be able to live with the differences.

In the coming time of the National Election there will be many different views and belief, and we will argue, debate and discuss, but I certainly hope we will not fight.

We will be asking, what are the issues, what are the solutions, who is the best candidate, who will (should) we vote for? We will debate these things at all levels and in all situations: in the family and community, in the workplace and the market, on television and in the newspapers, on radio and in the streets.

The challenge for us is to find the way forward together, to accept the views of others, but to have our own mind.

This process of reconciliation demands the dialogue we spoke of last month. It demands of us great respect for the dignity of each person; respect for the opinions of others, even if we differ.

Respect for the right of others to differ. In a democracy, such as ours we have a right to speak, a right to our opinion, a right to our beliefs. In the time of Election our differences come out clearly and with energy, conviction and passion.

At this time of Election, the need for reconciliation, respect and dignity must come out even more clearly.

Catholic Diocese of Alotau-Sideia - Circular Letter RS15 YOUR VOTE IS SACRED

To all the faithful and people of good will in Milne Bay Province:

ELECTIONS are fast approaching. Since we have not received any funding for election awareness, I am writing to offer my guidance on this important matter and to ask you to discuss and share this with others. The love of country and our commitment to build God's Kingdom on earth demands that we and others vote conscientiously and wisely for the right persons who will lead and govern our country, province and community for the glory of God.

We, from the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNG, have issued a pastoral letter last year entitled "Your vote is your power". We appealed to you to vote for candidates who display competent leadership, personal integrity and commitment for the common good.

Let me now offer you some guide questions to help you choose our next leaders.

1. Does the person you are voting for have the competence to lead? What is his experience and educational background? How has he performed in public and civic life? Does he know what he is doing? Does he have a platform in governing the country or province? Does he have a reasonable and workable plan? Who are the people behind him? Are they also reliable? Is he all talk and sweet promises but has no capacity or mechanism to deliver what needs to be done?
2. Does he have personal integrity? Is he honest, truthful? Does he keep his promises? Does he do as he says? Is he morally upright? Is he just in his dealings with people? Is he respectful, or is he rude and arrogant? Does he have a sincere love and concern for people, esp. the poor and less privileged? Does he know how to listen to them? Does he entertain not just friends and business associates, but also ordinary people esp. those who have no voice and power? Does he have time to be with and to listen to the voices of the people, esp. those who live in the informal settlements and the remote islands? Has he unduly enriched himself or his family while he was in office? Has he been convicted of corruption? How is his private life? Does he pray? Go to church? Is he faithful to his wife and family? Has he been accused and convicted of embezzlement, child abuse, adultery? Is he a gambler? a heavy drinker?
3. Is he truly concerned about the common good? While he was in office, did he use the funds of the people to serve everybody regardless of church or party affiliation? Are there tangible proofs that he was truly

concerned about the well-being of all his constituents and not just his own self-interests, or those of his family or wantoks? What was his track record in helping the less privileged and the disadvantaged poor? Does he promote and defend the equal dignity of every person, esp. women and children? What has he done to help the homeless and people with disabilities? Does he respect the life of the unborn? Does he promote artificial contraception, tubal ligation, and implants, which are abortifacients and has bad side effects on the body of the woman?

4. What are his beliefs about the environment and climate change? Does he have a genuine concern and care for the environment ... our seas and our forests? Or, is he just interested in exploiting our natural resources because of greed for money ... without any regard for the rights of ordinary people and those who suffer because money and not people is what is important for them? How does he plan to resolve the problem of unemployment and the growing number of those who live in informal settlements? Does he support free education and free health services for all? What has he done to support our schools and health centres? How does he intend to stop drug and human trafficking, prostitution, child abuse and violence against women and children? Does he believe in the right of women to equal participation in politics, community development and nation-building? How does he plan to achieve the integral development of each and every person in this country and province?

Things we should NOT do in the coming elections:

1. The Church should not campaign for any particular candidate.
2. We should not allow our Church grounds, facilities or personnel to be used to benefit any particular candidate.
3. We should not disparage or speak against any candidate without checking or knowing the facts.
4. We should not be engaged in disseminating false information against any candidate.
5. We should not be involved in vote-buying or selling votes, falsifying documents, stealing and changing ballot boxes.
6. We should not use violence, intimidate or threaten anybody to vote against his personal wishes or judgment.
7. We should not be involved in "busing" or bringing people from one electoral district to another just to increase the number of votes for a certain candidate.
8. We should not vote more than

once.

What we should DO:

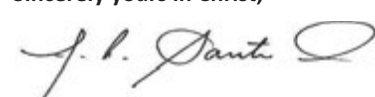
1. Know the issues, needs and concerns of your country, province and community.
2. Know your candidates and their background.
3. Gather information, listen and share with others.
4. Reflect, pray, discern and make your own personal decision.
5. Vote conscientiously in the presence of God, and vote not only for today but for the future generation.
6. Protect your vote, and report any election irregularities to the proper authorities. REMEMBER THAT YOUR VOTE IS YOUR POWER AND YOUR VOTE IS SACRED.
7. Support and pray for those who will be duly elected, and do all you possibly can to help your people and country without waiting and depending entirely on what your government can do.

Prayer Before An Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our district, province/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (With due acknowledgement to USCCB)

Sincerely yours in Christ,


+Rolando C. Santos, CM
 Bishop of Alotau-Sideia

Rev. Fr. Pedro Baquero Jr SDB ordained 4th Bishop of Kerema

Article and Photographs: Fr. Ambrose Pereira SDB, Fr. Angel Sanchez SDB and Karl David Valmonte
Kerema, Papua new Guinea, 25th March, 2017:

The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Pedro Baquero Jr. SDB, of the Diocese of Kerema, took place, on 25th March, 2017, Solemnity of the Lord's Annunciation, at the Holy Spirit Cathedral, in Kerema, Gulf Province, Papua New Guinea.

The Principal Consecrator was His Eminence John Cardinal Ribat MSC, DD (Archbishop of Port Moresby). Archbishop Kurian Mathew Vayalunkal DD, Apostolic Nuncio to PNG & SI and Archbishop Francisco Panfilo SDB, DD (Archbishop of Rabaul) were the principal co-consecrators. 15 bishops and more than 40 priests were present for the consecration of the 4th Bishop of Kerema, a See that was vacant for the past 4 years. As his motto, Bishop Peter has taken, "Caritate et Misericordia." It was an inspiration drawn from Article 2 of the Salesian Constitutions: "Sign and Bearer of God's Love and Mercy."

"As a Salesian priest, I follow the very call of a Salesian of Don Bosco, that is, to be a sign and bearer of God's love for the young. The motto for my Episcopacy is expressed in Latin in this short phrase, CARITATE ET MISERICORDIA. In English, it may be expressed in various ways: From (the) LOVE AND MERCY (of God), He has called us to be His own children through Baptism. By (the) LOVE AND MERCY (of God), He has called me to be a Salesian, a priest, and now, a

bishop. Before (the) LOVE AND MERCY (of God), I submit to His Will and to the guidance of the Holy Spirit In (the) LOVE AND MERCY (of God), this sacred episcopacy is lived and offered for the Church, the Bride of Christ, and to the faithful of Kerema. With (the) LOVE AND MERCY (of God), we pray that this episcopacy is exercised and fulfilled, keeping in mind and heart that every thought, every word, every plan and decision, every reflection and action be done with Love and Mercy. And may our journey as Church truly lead us to the LOVE AND MERCY of God."

Fr. Pedro Sachitula SDB, was the Master of Ceremonies. The altar servers were the aspirants of Savio Haus. The Liturgy was made more colourful by the dances of traditional "singsing" groups from Mary Help of Christians Parish (Lariau) and St. Mary's Parish (Lese Oalai). The Holy Spirit Choir coordinated by George Evara sang hymns in the Kamea language (mountains), Toaripi language (East Kerema) and the Orokol language (West Kerema). Rica Lavila conducted the Don Bosco Technical School (Gabutu) staff choir as they sang the Responsorial Psalm entitled "Here I am, O Lord," The Litany of Supplication, Da Mihi Animas and Caritate et Misericordia all composed for the occasion by Fr. Angel Sanchez SDB who also accompanied the singing with the keyboard.

In the homily, Archbishop Francesco Panfilo SDB DD highlighted the mystery of God's call that demands a response, a sincere 'Yes'. He recalled some "call" stories from

the Old Testament: that of Abraham, Moses, Isaiah and Jeremiah. Turning to Mary who had a very important role in the history of salvation, Archbishop Panfilo reminded the faithful that it is in Her 'yes' that all vocations (lay, religious, priestly, episcopal) find their inspiration. Addressing the young Bishop Peter, he said, "Let your Episcopal ministry be characterized by 'Love and Mercy' and be carried out in 'Love and Mercy'. He recalled the words of Pope Francis to the Italian Bishops, 20th May, 2014, "Be simple in your style of life, detached, poor and merciful ... be close to the people, learn their language, approach each one with charity, ... be with people in their nights of loneliness, anxieties and their failures". He concluded his homily by entrusting the Pastoral Ministry of Bishop Peter to Mary Help of Christians and St. John Bosco and by invoking the Holy Spirit that the joy of the Gospel may reach all corners of the challenging Diocese of Kerema.

There was a very prayerful atmosphere as the congregation witnessed the laying on of hands, the putting of the open book of the Gospels on the head of the bishop, anointing with Holy Chrism, investiture with ring, miter and pastoral staff. As the new bishop ascended the cathedra, the congregation gave him a thunderous applause.

The Holy Spirit Cathedral was filled to capacity. Priests, Religious sisters from different congregations, seminarians, lay faithful, close friends, representatives from different parishes joined in the celebrations. Sofia and Pedro Baquero, parents of the bishop

together with Clotilde Baquero, sister and Rex Marciano Baquero, brother travelled from the Philippines to pray for and with their son and brother on this solemn occasion. Several of the congregation outside the cathedral, watched the service projected on a screen.

Words of congratulations were expressed by Cardinal Ribat. He invited the congregation to thank God for this great gift. He thanked all those who assisted him in the administration of the diocese, especially Fr. Valeriano Barbero SDB. The Apostolic Nuncio had the Diocese of Kerema as a priority and he requested the people to pray that they be given a bishop.

On his first visit to the diocese in November last year, he also promised them that his next visit would be for the ordination of the new bishop. True enough! God heard the prayer of God's people. In congratulating the youngest bishop, he spoke of him as, "father, brother, friend and a gentle negotiator". Fr. Alfred Maravilla SDB, Provincial of the PGS vice-province commented on the 37 years of our presence in Araimiri and that we now have a gift to the Church in Kerema. Tony Malaisa, Catholic Education Secretary spoke on behalf of the Diocese of Kerema and asked the faithful to cooperate and work together with the new bishop.

Bishop Peter responded and expressed his thanks to all who prepared the celebration. He pointed out briefly how Mary is an important part of his life and vocation. He was ordained a deacon on March 25, 1999 and a priest on December 8, of that same year. He concluded by entrusting his ministry to the maternal guidance and protection of Mary.

One day recollection with Bishop Donald Libert



Seminarians during the formation session with Bp Libert.

By : Fr AB Rosi. Sp Dir HSS DC

His Lordship Bishop Donald Libert ofm, minor is a member of the Holy Spirit Seminary, Diocesan College and the Staff asked him to come a day or two before the board's meeting on the 15th March 2017.

We very much appreciate the availability of His Lordship in accepting our request for the Seminary One Day Recollection.

Bp Libert based the Recollection on one of

Pope Francis' Documents, "Ratio Fundamental Institutionis Sacerdotalis," and the main focus was on THE GIFT of the Priestly Vocation.

Bp Libert encouraged seminarians to take good care of what God has placed in them and so to nature it as a precious gift from God.

But that precious gift is the responsibility of the Church in her various ways of formation.

Bp Libert says, this would mean that the church must guard and foster it {Vocation}to

bear mature fruit.

Bp Libert likened Vocation as "uncut diamonds" that must be formed both patiently and carefully, respecting the conscience of the individual, so that they may shine among the People of God.

This, Bp Libert says, by sighting Pastores Dabo Vobis that formation could be done in a four dimensions:

1. Human formation
2. Intellectual formation
3. Spiritual formation and

4. Pastoral formation.

Because the church so treats this precious gift with great care it takes ten to twelve years or more in trying to form seminarians to become good and holy priests. Bp Libert emphasized very strongly the need to have good and holy priests in the church.

Bp Libert also encouraged that after ordination they should continue to have an on-going- formation in their diocese or in their region.



Seminarians during mass with Bishop Libert at the Holy Spirit Seminary, Diocesan College.

Print seminar highlights urgency

- Sheryll Extra-Isoaimo Gabutu, Port Moresby

The second session of the CBC-initiated Media Education Seminar 2017 was held at Don Bosco Technical School, Gabutu, Port Moresby on the first Saturday of April. Aside from the student participants and media coordinators of the different schools, representatives from mainstream media also graced the event.

The sessions focused on print media with the objective of producing newsletters, school newspapers and even write ups of events to be sent to the media and posted on a school news bulletin board.

Mr. Ian Zuasula toured the participants through the anatomy of a newspaper, citing sections from the two daily newspapers of the country. Mrs. Sheryll Isoaimo guided them on how to write news reports while Ms. Cecilia Amala gave basic tips on producing a news bulletin.

The seven schools that participated - Don Bosco Technical School, Gabutu; Don Bosco Technological Institute, Boroko; De La Salle Secondary School, Bomana; Sacred Heart Teachers College, Bomana; Jubilee Catholic Secondary School, Marianville Secondary School and St. Joseph's International Catholic College all scrambled to complete their news bulletin before the deadline. Fr. Ambrose Pereira, sdb was insistent that they keep to the deadline, which highlighted the importance of time, the urgency and immediacy of writing news reports as soon as the event occurred. This was a lesson all participants learned from

the sessions. Reporters from the National Broadcasting Corporation captured the event on film and also interviewed a few participants.

Each school had the opportunity to display and explain their choice of articles and layouts of their School News Bulletin. These products will now be displayed on their own school notice board. It is hoped that the Media group will produce news bulletins in the year ahead.

The evaluation after the session was positive.

"We have learnt that presenting an article is just as important as its contents", said a participant, while a Jubilee school student said, "Our school bulletin boards can display messages and articles from the students, that can inspire our readers".

A Marianville Secondary school student summarized the seminar beautifully. She said, "The session was informative, hectic and exhausting but satisfying when deadlines were made".

"I enjoyed today's session and I look forward to the third session that will give us insights into the Video media", said a Don Bosco Technical School participant.

The next Media Education Seminar will be for an entire day and have sessions on Video Production. It will be held on May 6, 2017 at the Emmaus Conference Centre, Boroko on Don Bosco Technological Institute.

Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb Don Bosco Technical School, Gabutu, Papua New Guinea

New Caritas Secondary Technical School in PNG opened!

By Sr. Florentina Cho, CSJ, Kimbe, Papua New Guinea

After the first missionary work in PNG (Araimiri Don Bosco, Kerema diocese in 1986) the Caritas Sisters open the Caritas Secondary Technical Girls School in East Boroko, Port Moresby in 1996.

Twenty years later the courageous missionary sisters open another missionary frontier in the diocese of Kimbe, Eastern New Britain, PNG. After few years of negotiations and busy preparation Sr. Sara Park and Sr. Florentina Cho, two founders, settled in Kimbe in early December 2016.

First school year 2017 started like in Bethlehem, they rented a hall of local Catholic parish and

with two make up classrooms started their humble new school. Official start happened on February 6, 2017 when they finalized the registration of first students (graduates of grade 8) and held the first school year opening ceremony.

Another group of 10 grade graduate girls of Kimbe did request the Caritas Sisters to be accepted as well.

Sisters Sara and Florentina decided to welcome those out-of-school girls and on February 13 was started the first class of grade 10 students with 10 students and on February 20 another grade 11 students with more than 100 new students. At this moment there are studying in Kimbe 'Caritas Sec-

ondary Technical School' 115 girls.

The Caritas of Jesus Sister are among the 31 official members of the Salesian Family, with about 980 Sisters living in 15 different countries. The Korea - Seoul province of Caritas Sisters of Jesus is in charge of the Papua New Guinea missions in Port Moresby and Kimbe, now with two Secondary Technical Schools staffed with 7 Sisters. Some of their PNG candidates for religious life are now being formed in their formation house Quezon City - Manila, Philippines.

Caritas Sisters of Jesus are asking your prayers for this newly started fragile mission in Papua New Guinea. Their first Kimbe 'convent' is still a wonderfully colored 20 tons red container!



Students and teachers during a school mass.

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Information on Worldwide Telecasts Easter 2017

(The times noted below are for the scheduled start and conclusion of each celebration.

The actual satellite feeds will begin earlier to allow for lineup.)

For the latest updates, visit worldtelecast/Easter2017

Celebration Satellite Distribution

14 April 2017
Good Friday
Way of the Cross at the Colosseum

Celebration
Time
19.15 – 21.00 approximately

UTC/GMT

16 April 2017
Saint Peter's Square
Mass of Easter Sunday
followed by the
Holy Father's Easter
Message and
Blessing 'Urbi et Orbi'
at 12 noon from the
central loggia of
Saint Peter's Basilica

Celebration
Time
08.00 – 10.30 approximately

UTC/GMT

Offered freely to ALL broadcasters via Eurovision Worldfeed

Way of the Cross / Easter Sunday: satellite feeds will begin about 10 minutes earlier to allow for lineup.

To be confirmed:
Africa: Eutelsat 5 West A (ex AB3) @ 355° E
Americhe: SES-6 @ 319.5° E
Asia: Asiasat 5 @ 100.5° E
Europa: Eutelsat 7A @ 7° E
US Domestic: Galaxy @ Vatican Radio audio commentaries in English, Spanish, and French available on satellite audio channels.

The commentaries begin about 10 minutes before the start of the celebration.

For Catholic Television Outlets:
Europa: Eutelsat Hotbird 13B (HD) @ 13° E
Americhe: Hispasat 1E @ 30° W

Audio commentaries in other languages provided by Vatican Radio via ISDN. Availability is limited and request should be addressed to the international Relations Office of Vatican Radio relint@vatiradio.va (tel. +39 06 698 83945), which will assign them on a first come, first served basis.



Katolik Bisop Konprens Sosel Komyunikesen bod i tok tenkyu long olupela edita bilong Wantok Niuspepa, Veronica Hatutasi husat i bin pinisim moa long 20 yia wok bilong em wantaim Wantok Niuspepa long Janueri 27, 2017. Piksa hia i soim Veronica i kisim wanpela presen long Seketeri bilong Katolik Bisop Konprens bilong PNG na Solomon Ailan, Pater Victor Rouche long las mun. foto: Fr. Ambrose Pereira, sdb.

APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND SOLOMON ISLANDS

Prot. No. 193/17/E-22

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Your Lordships,

I am pleased to send you herewith information on the transmission of World Wide Telecasts of the liturgical ceremonies of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, for Holy Week and Easter 2017. The three ceremonies are: the Way of the Cross on Good Friday, and Holy Mass and the Urbi et Orbi Message and Blessing on Easter Sunday. The information was recently provided to me by the Vatican Television Centre.

I would be grateful if you could pass this

information to the local television stations encouraging them to transmit, even in a delayed telecast, part or all of the ceremonies.

In other Pacific Islands, these ceremonies are broadcast live or are re-broadcast at another time. It would be good if Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands followed this lead, also considering that the broadcasts are offered freely.

After the eventual (re-) broadcast, please complete the enclosed information sheet, to be sent, by M15 and via email, to the Vatican Television Centre. Please also send copy of this Apostolic Nunciature, for its records.

Updated information on the broadcasts can be found at: <http://www.ctv.va>, at the link Worldtelecast-Mondovisione.

Thanking you for your assistance, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ

Archbishop Kurian M. Vayalunkal
Apostolic Nuncio