

'To Bear Witness to the Light'- Jn 1:7

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Pope Francis offered heartfelt words of appreciation to the people of Canada, as he prepared to depart from Quebec to make a brief stop in the northernmost city of Igaluit. He said, "I bear in my heart the incomparable treasure of all those individuals and peoples who have left a mark on me; the faces, smiles and messages that remain with me: the unforgettable stories and natural beauties: the sounds, colors and emotions that touched me deeply."

'Pain for wrong inflicted'

The Pope went to Canada as a pilgrim and as "a friend in order to meet you and to see, hear, learn, and appreciate how the indigenous peoples of this country live." "I have come as a brother, to discover firsthand the good and bad fruit borne by members of the local Catholic family in the course of the years," he said. "I have come in a spirit of penance, to express my heartfelt pain at the wrong inflicted on you by not a few Catholics who supported oppressive and unjust policies in your regard." The Pope expressed his hopes that his visit may

Pope: 'I leave Canada greatly enriched by indigenous peoples'

advance the "search for truth" to help in healing and reconciliation, while sowing "seeds of hope" for future generations.

Greatly enriched'

As he prepared to depart Canada to return to Rome, he said that he was "greatly enriched" and felt particularly moved by the "indigenous realities of these lands". The celebration of the feast of St. Anne was a special highlight, said the Pope, as it offered a reminder to conserve the bond between young and old and "to maintain a healthy and harmonious relationship with all of Creation.'

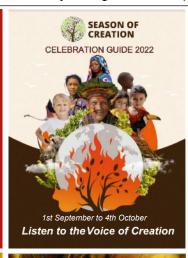
Weave anew reconciliation

Pope Francis went on to encourage all Canadians - indigenous and non indigenous alike - to entrust the fruits of his visit to three holy women: St. Anne, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Kateri Tekakwitha. St. Anne, he said, recalls the gifts of tenderness and protection; Mary points to our pilgrim path to heaven; and, St. Kateri offers an example of exemplary devotion to prayer and work, as well as the "ability to endure many trials with patience and meekness".

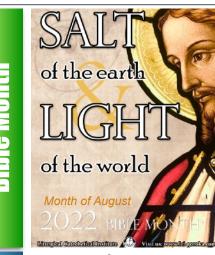
Journey toward healing

In conclusion, the Pope encouraged the people of Canada to follow the dreams God has planted in their hearts with "meekness and determination" in the footsteps of these holy women. "May they bless the journey we now share," he prayed, "and intercede for us and for this great work of healing and reconciliation that is so pleasing to God.'

Season of Creation









Family Love A vocation and a path to **Holiness**

An event for the entire family

Date: 1st & 2nd October Venue: CARITAS, Port Moresby

The Church:

- Agenzia Info Salesiana

Edmonton, Canada: As part of the "Penitential Pilgrimage" Pope Francis is making in Canada, on July 25 he went to the Sacred Heart of the First Peoples Church in Edmonton, one of the city's oldest, for the second meeting with



indigenous peoples. The Pontiff was welcomed by Fr. Susai Jesu, OMI, who thanked him on behalf of the indigenous people and the parish community. The Pontiff was pleased with the work carried out by the parish, a meeting place for indigenous people and descendants of the former colonizers where the Catholic faith is expressed in the context of indigenous culture.

During his remarks, Pope Francis admitted that shame "must never be erased," for the pain caused even by so many Christians to the detriment of the cultural distinctiveness of indigenous communities and dwelt on the authentically Gospel meaning of reconciliation. Pope Francis stressed, "Here is a home for all, open and inclusive of all, just as the Church should be, a family of the children of God where hospitality and welcome are paramount, the distinctive values of indigenous culture: and where everyone should feel welcome, regardless of past events and individual circumstances of life."

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- Getrude Gabi Strategy Plan Workshop Successfully Completed

Port Moresby: Catholic Church Health Services (CCHS) National Office facing with health organized a three-day workshop for the unpacking of the CCHS 10-year Strategic Health Plan 2021 – 2030, in Port Moresby from the 10th-13th May

The workshop was attended by Health Managers, Officers in Charge (OIC), Diocesan Health Services Integration Officers, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) officers, and other senior employees of CCHS across all 19 Dioceses of Papua New Guinea (PNG).

The aim of the unpacking was for the participants to understand what the CCHS Strategy Health Plan is and how it aligns with the PNG National Health Plan for 2021-2030. The workshop was facilitated by Bruce Parnel and co-facilitated by NCCHS Project Director Graham Apian, Project Officer Maureen Lesley, and Covid-19 Project Manager Gaius Sabumei.

Participants were provided with a significant opportunity to review the monitoring and evaluation framework and share their views and recommendations. They were able to share the challenges that they have been

service delivery in their respective diocese and learn from the other dioceses how the other dioceses address similar challenges.

The participants expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to learn, understand,

Friday 14th May 2022.

and have a say in the changes that needed to be made in the Strategic Health Plan. The workshop ended with the launching of the CCHS Strategic Health Plan 2021-2022, on



- Participants at the Workshop



environment.

After two years marked by the letter.

and trust as a prelude to the renewal mercy. and rebirth that we so urgently desire," he said. "That is why I have chosen as The last Ordinary Jubilee was the the motto of the Jubilee, 'Pilgrims of Great Jubilee of 2000, celebrated by Hope.

Rome: Pope Francis announced in a The first-ever "Holy Year" was instituted letter Friday, 29th July that hope will be by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300 and was the central theme for the upcoming initially celebrated every 100 years. 2025 Jubilee Year, voicing his desire Then, following biblical tradition, it was for the year to foster a greater sense of marked every 50 years, and it was global brotherhood and solidarity with finally decided by Pope Paul II in 1490 the poor, as well as care for the to observe the jubilee year every 25 years, so that each person could experience one in his or her lifetime.

coronavirus pandemic and the crisis Jubilees, designed to be a time of left in its wake, "We must fan the flame conversion and increased emphasis on of hope that has been given us and God's mercy and forgiveness of sins, help everyone to gain new strength are marked by the opening of the Holy and certainty by looking to the future Door in St. Peter's Basilica. The Holy with an open spirit, a trusting heart and Doors, present in each of the four far-sighted vision," the pope said in his papal basilicas in Rome, are destination points for pilgrims who travel to Rome during the Jubilee and The coming Jubilee "can contribute who pass through seeking special greatly to restoring a climate of hope graces and outpourings of God's

Pope John Paul II.

SIGNIS Peace in the **Digital World**

World Congress 2022 Seoul, SWC2022



Rome: Signis (World Catholic Communication Association), a Vaticanaccredited organization of lay Catholic journalists and communicators working in the fields of TV, radio, film, journalism, internet and media education, holds World Congresses every four years.

The theme of the 'SIGNIS World Congress 2022 Seoul'to be held at Sogang University in Seoul this coming August is 'Peace in the Digital World'. 'Peace in the Digital World' is the message to be delivered to people and Catholic communicators around the world, from Korea, a divided country that desperately needs peace.

"It is appropriate that, in these days marked by new outbreaks of violence and aggression in our world, you have chosen as the theme of your World Congress "Peace in the Digital World". The digital media revolution of recent decades has proved to be a powerful means of fostering communion and dialogue within our human family. Indeed, during the months of lockdown due to the pandemic, we saw clearly how digital media could bring us together, not only by disseminating essential information, but also by bridging the loneliness of isolation and, in many cases, uniting whole families and ecclesial communities in prayer and worship", said the Holy Father in a message to the organizers of the Congress.

This event will also be held using the Metaverse platform. In the world of the SIGNIS metaverse, each program of the General Assembly, as well as members' meetings and various activities take place. An exhibition introducing the status of Catholicism in various countries around the world, Catholic films, Catholic media, and a pilgrimage to Korea will also be held in the virtual world of Metaverse.

Signis World headquarters is located in Brussels, Belgium, It's Secretariat is located in Rome, Italy. There are more than 100 SIGNIS member countries around the world, and about 600 members are active in Korea.

Corpus Christi Eucharistic celebrati

- Leotina Akwai



and Blood of Christ. It is the festival in honour of the and how the Lord strengthens us. real presence of the body (corpus) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

On 19th June, a Corpus Christi Procession was held from Bishop Epalle Catholic School Hall to Holy Cross Cathedral, led by Fr. James Ereai, Fr. Selerino Diau and the Bishop Epalle Mass Center.

Many gathered and knelt, meditated, prayed as they honoured the Body and Blood of Christ as represented in the Blessed Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The procession stopped at the 4 Altars along the road. Prayers were said that the Lord bless the Street, shopping centres, Government offices and Businesses and the Grace of Conversion of True Faith. It concluded at 11am at Holy Cross with a Eucharistic

Honiara: Catholics in Solomon Islands joined with the celebration presided over by Fr. James Ereai and Fr. Universal church in commemorating the Feast of Selerino Diau. At the homily, Fr James spoke about the Corpus Christi or the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body importance of the Holy Eucharist, the real presence





End sorcery violence in Enga!

Fr. Giorgio Licini, PIME, CBC General Secretary

women, which resulted in four of torture and murder of the women. them dying and five sustaining serious injuries, following the death of a prominent business figure in

Enga, Mr. Jacob Luke of Mapai Transport, is one of the worst human rights violations on record for Papua New Guinea. We strongly condemn this heinous act of a few human beings who continue to disturb the peace and harmony of mostly the womenfolk in Enga province.

Though troubled by the loss of four innocent lives, we are comforted by the brave actions of the police in Wabag, and the local church volunteers who managed to rescue five of the victims. This act is a sign of hope that there are good men who stand for the justice of others. It tells us that there are committed police officers who are against these senseless crimes and are working hard to help the people. At this, we hold the Enga Provincial Police Commander and the Police Commissioner to their word to make sure they carry out arrests and

'This case involves late Mr. Jacob Luke, a high-ranking person in the country; so, it will definitely send a message to would-be perpetrators to stop this inhuman atrocity when there are arrests made in this case", Wabag Auxiliary Bishop Justin Ain said in the aftermath of the events. In fact, as Police Commissioner Mr. David Manning stated on incoming government to prioritize eradication of on 29 July, "This barbaric, senseless, and evil act is an insult to the memory of a great man from Enga. Jacob Luke was kind, honest, and a hard-working man who was against such evil acts".

ongoing work they do, either with or without support and four at the Yampu Health Centre. from the central government in Port Moresby.

or re-elected leaders of Enga, led by the governor to peace for those who lost their mothers, daughters, prosecution as quickly as possible of all those who make it the first order of business, once assuming sisters, and caregivers. May God Bless Them All.

The gruesome torture of nine were involved, either directly or indirectly in the office, to seriously plan and inject resources and commitment towards eradicating sorcery accusation related violence (SARV) in Enga province. This would be the greatest justice they can do for all the womenfolk of Enga. Without such strong leadership, vulnerable women will be left to the whims of sick humans and their evil intentions.

> Furthermore, we want to also call on the SARV in Papua New Guinea as a whole. We encourage the government to be more proactive in its approach than to be reactive. As a Church, we would welcome any support or partnership that we We commend the cooperation between the can forge with the government to eradicate SARV police and the local Churches who took decisive and sorcery beliefs in Enga, and other parts of PNG. actions against this evil and who continue to work For the meantime, the badly tortured victims are together to educate the people of Enga about the recovering well under the care of the Catholic value of human life. We also commend them for the diocese of Wabag, one at Wabag General hospital

We pray for the spiritual and physical At this juncture, we call on all newly elected healing of the five women and their families and



Buka Island, Bougainville: The vibrant Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Hanahan, Buka Island celebrated 100 Years of the Gift of Faith. The three-day celebration commenced on 14th July 2022 and had as its theme: 'Gratitude to the Almighty Father for the 100 years of the Catholic Faith'.

The Three Days Centenary Celebration started on 14th July 2022 with blessing of the monument where first missionaries landed at Banis (Karula). Fr. Biljohn Arienza, MSP, Chancellor of the Diocese of Bougainville, was the main celebrant with concelebrants Fr. Victor Nanaha, Parish Priest of Hanahan and

Celebrating the Gift of Faith

- a hundred years!

- Fr Biljohn Arienza, MSP

the 6 priests from the diocese. Cultural Presentations from the Parishes in the Diocese and Communities of Hanahan were then presented at Banis Primary School.

On 15th July 2022, Fr. Brian Sigere, Marist Bougainville Sector Delegate blessed the monument for the first Catechist. This was followed by Holy Mass at Hahalis where the first missionaries settled before they transferred to Hanahan. Dances and presentations from different parishes of the Diocese and communities from Hanahan then followed.

The Third Day was the highlight of the Centenary Event and also the Parish Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Polycarp Kaviak, Vicar General of the Diocese of Bougainville celebrated the Mass. In his homily, Fr. Polycarp reminded the people to imitate the Blessed Virgin Mary. He also highlighted on the importance of prayer and the holiness of life. 30 Priests, Marist, MSP & Diocesan priests concelebrated at the Eucharistic celebration. Parishes from all over the Diocese presented items and took part in the centenary celebrations.

Families: Salt and Light of the Church

Closing of the Holy Year of the family year

Sandaun, West Sepik Province: About 3000 people from 11 parishes had a prayers and closing Mass celebration for the year of Holy Family at St. Christopher, Nuku intentions of the Deanery on 23rd June 2022.

Among the people gathered for the Eucharistic celebration were Fr. Dominic and Fr. Tommy who were the main celebrants. Also present were appreciation, Marianitas Sisters, Patrician Brothers, and the students and teachers from St. the Deanery Francis Secondary School.

In his homily, Fr. Tommy urged the families to live by the Christian Apostolate and light of Christ" each family should imitate the Holy Family of Nazareth, to be the family of prayer, forgiveness, trust, and faith, said Fr. Dominic.

Following the homily were the presentation of gifts. The Parishes same time the petitions of the people were burned signifying the rising of the

- Sr. Marylou Borbor R.M

people of God. In

Family Life

values which is love, respect and communion. With the theme: "Families are salt presented Holy Family posters to each parish. The large congregation and joyous atmosphere of the catholic faithful in the deanery of Nuku was a sign of the many blessings received by the families of the parishes. Meanwhile, the work done by the 3 Priests, Marianitas Sisters, Parish chairman, KSTs and brought in gifts in cash and kind to present them as an offering to God. At the Family Life Apostolate bears much testimony to the fruit in the lives of the people.



- Sr. Arul Jenifer SMMI

Sacred Heart parish celebrates

Wagina: Initiated by the missionary from Argentina Fr. Humberto and the Kindy teachers had the privilege to celebrate the 44th Independence Anniversary of Solomon Island at Sacred Heart parish, Wagina, on the 7th July, 2022. The kindy children were presented with gifts during the program. celebrations attracted attention as they were circulated on Social Media. Other rural communities are now encouraged to celebrate events of this nature.



Earlier, on 26th June, 3 0 candidates were confirmed by Bishop Luciano Capelli. Filled with the Holy Spirit, we pray that will live out their Catholic Faith in their daily lives.

The Power of Praver

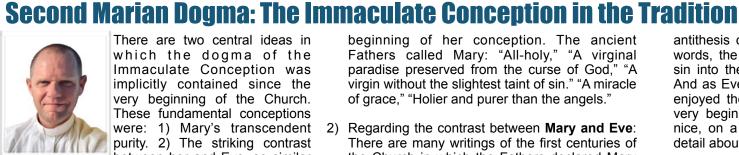
Kundiawa: Priests, Religious, Institutional Heads, Church leaders and devotional groups heeded the message of Bp Paul Sundu, Bishop of Kundiawa. He appealed to the people to promote peace during the elections. Eucharistic celebrations and awareness programs to communicate the message of peace were held.

The Legion of Mary implored peace through the intercession of Mother Mary. The statute of Mary was kept in the prayer houses (Beten Haus).

Different denominations joined in processions, especially during the month of May. The encouragement through talks, homilies and prayers has borne fruit, as people have been able to travel to towns and access different services and facilities without fear.



- Fr. Tomás Ravaioli IVE



There are two central ideas in which the dogma of the Immaculate Conception was implicitly contained since the very beginning of the Church. These fundamental conceptions were: 1) Mary's transcendent purity. 2) The striking contrast between her and Eve, so similar

to that existing between Christ and Adam.

1) Regarding Mary's transcendent purity: It is impossible to assume that the early Christians believed Mary to have been subject to original sin, since the Fathers of the Church honoured her with so many titles that show the special grace that shone in Mary's soul since the

beginning of her conception. The ancient Fathers called Mary: "All-holy," "A virginal paradise preserved from the curse of God," "A virgin without the slightest taint of sin." "A miracle of grace," "Holier and purer than the angels."

Regarding the contrast between Mary and Eve: There are many writings of the first centuries of the Church in which the Fathers declared Mary to be "the second Eve." Saint Paul teaches us that Adam "is a figure of him who was to come," namely, Christ (Rom 5:14). He says also, "For though by the offense of one [Adam], many died, yet much more so, by the grace of one man, Jesus Christ, has the grace and gift of God abounded to many." (Rom 5:15) As Adam was the counterpart of Christ, so Eve was the antithesis of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In a few words, the Fathers declared: as Adam brought sin into the world, so Jesus brought salvation. And as Eve fell under the curse of sin, so Mary enjoyed the grace and favor of God since the very beginning of her conception. It would be nice, on a different occasion, to write more in detail about this.

Last fact: Already in the year 485, the popular belief in the Immaculate Conception was introduced in the liturgy with a feast day called "Conception of Saint Anne." This festival was introduced to celebrate the fullness of grace that shone in the soul of Mary since the very beginning, and it was the exact equivalent of our solemnity of the "Immaculate Conception."

The dark side of **Social Media**



Social media connects us with family and friends We have all benefitted from the tremendous role that social media plays in our life, the lives of our families and above all in business. But there is a dark side to social media that we as educators, parents and consumers need to be aware of. Awareness will enable us to deal with the dark side of social media. Then, we need to address the unintended consequences of social media use and counteract its effect on consumers.

"My pictures of several years ago, return to remind me of the events of the past", said one teacher. "I realized that my profile picture has been used by someone not in my friend list", said another. This was at a recent Social Communications Seminar with teachers at a school in Port Moresby. While priests realized that the social networks are not about using media to connect with their flock, but that they are business platforms.

It is therefore necessary to be careful in what we post online. Know that the moment you use the electronic media, multiple copies are made and stored. Sometimes this may be because of a virus or malware that your computer is infected with. Or this could be the task of a variety of algorithms written by multinational companies who then send you posts based on your age, gender, interests, and internet searches. But know that there are teams of engineers whose job is to sift through posts and send you tons of advertisements that entice you to purchase items that you never dreamed off. Know that in the digital space, nothing is private and that everything is public. The 'dark side' of social media can include cyberbullying, fake news, trolling, addictive use, and privacy abuse.

"The World Health Organization has recognised the need for further research on information technology addiction and the need to develop strategies for preventing and treating this problem," said Dr Eila Erfani, Deputy Head of the UTS School of Information, Systems and Modelling. She is fascinated by the impact of digital technology on individuals, society, health, and environmental stability.

> Let us share this awareness with others. and protect ourselves and our loved ones from crime, violence and abuse.

> > God bless you and your families.

Chaplaincy service:

a "ministry of presence.". - Bp Rozario Menezes

Port Moresby: The Chaplaincy services commission of the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNG/SI organized a one (1) week workshop for the chaplains of Educational Institutions, Hospitals, Disciplinary forces, (Police, Army, Prisons) from 27th June to 1st July at CBC headquarters Port Moresby.

The workshop was attended by 26 chaplains from different dioceses based on two topics; 1. The Chaplain as pastoral/spiritual carer and; 2. The Chaplain as an agent of healing.

Dr Graham Redding from the University of Otago, New Zealand, who is lecturer in chaplaincy studies, spoke to our chaplains for two days via zoom. It was very enriching experience for all the participants, as reconciliation and joy, a movement from chaos to Dr Graham spoke about the chaplaincy service with



passion and encouraged the partakers to dedicate their life to this mission as it is very important service outside the walls of the church.

The important lesson learnt during the workshop was that the chaplaincy service is a "ministry of presence." It is a ministry of healing, reconciliation and giving hope. The importance is given to listening and comforting. It is "shalom" bearing presence, which has connotation of peace, wholeness, completion, harmony, prosperity, security, order, healing by restoring the relationship.



Hahela, Bougainville: An intense and challenging Social Communications Media Seminar was held from July 18th - 21st, 2022 at the Hahela Youth Centre Hall for priests, nuns, and lay persons. It had the theme: Listen. Do everything with love. 32 participants were present for the seminar, among whom were 29 priests 2 religious nuns and a lay

- Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb <u> Vangalize</u>via Social Media

> The Social Communications Media Seminar was aimed at helping the participants reflect on social media and equip them with basic writing skills to enable them to write inspiring articles of events happening in their parishes and within the diocese. The sessions were reflective and practical and opened up avenues for using media

for networking, communication, and evangelization. Short films about global and national issues in the society were screened in the evenings.

Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb dwelt on the spirituality of communications. "We need to move away from the old idea of an equipment, gadgets and devices to one of communication, networking and inspiration", he said.

Diaconate Ordination

- Sr. Maria Tongop PBVM Aitape: On 25 June, 2022, Cl. Patterson Mutuwai (Diocesan Seminarian) and Cl. Walter

Kalana OFM had their Diaconate Ordination at St. Ignatius Cathedral Parish, Aitape.

Rev. Bishop Siby Mathew Peedikayil HGN presided over the celebration. Several priests, seminarians, religious and lay people joined in

the celebrations. Fr. Hugh Kuam OFM presented Cl. Walter Kalana OFM and Fr. Gregory Los, Vocation Director, presented Cl. Patterson Mutuwai. Then their families brought them forward to be ordained by the Bishop.

In his homily, Bp. Siby praised and thanked God for the gift of the ones to be ordained. He also thanked God for the families and their communities who offered them to the Church. The bishop then explained the meaning of the promises they make, particularly, to be consecrated for the Church's ministry, to hold fast to the Catholic faith, to proclaim the faith in word and deed and to live a life of prayer.



You are invited to send in your articles, photograph and reflections on events and happenings in your parish, community, institution and diocese. Please send in your material to: socom@catholic.org.pg on or before 20th of the Month, 2022. SUB-FDITOR

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