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Pope: 'Be proud of your work'

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Rome: Addressing over 1,000 altar servers from France who are on pilgrimage in Rome, Pope Francis says they are a model for many young people of their age, and reminds them that their mission does not end at Mass. "It is an honor to serve Jesus when He gives His life for us in the Eucharist", but "serving the Mass requires a follow-up." Pope Francis underscored this point as he addressed a pilgrimage of some 1,200 young altar servers from France gathered in the Paul VI Audience Hall in the Vatican in August, 2022.

A model for other young people

Reflecting on the theme chosen for the pilgrimage, led by Archbishop de Moulins-Beaufort of Reims – 'Come, Serve and Go!' – the Pope said they should be "proud" of what they do, because through their participation in the liturgy, they "offer everyone a concrete witness of the Gospel" and "can be a model" for many young people of their age. At the same time, Pope Francis remarked that their mission does not end at Mass, but continues in serving their neighbours in need. "After serving Jesus at Mass, He sends you to serve Him in the people you meet every day, especially if they are poor and disadvantaged, because He is particularly united with them," said the Pope. He, therefore, urged them to reach out in particular to their peers who face great suffering and even addictions, and to young migrants and refugees.

Prefer "real friendships" to "virtual ones"

Insisting on the importance of "closeness", Pope Francis further called on the French altar servers not to fall into the temptation of selfishness, of withdrawing into themselves, in

small groups, and in virtual social networks. He said they should prefer "real friendships" to "virtual ones", which are "illusory", imprison them and separate them from reality.

Cherishing relationships with grandparents

Pope Francis went on to encourage the young pilgrims to cherish their relationships with their grandparents, reiterating once again that the elderly are a "necessary resource" for young people's human maturity and for their faith.

Dream big

At the same time, Pope Francis encouraged the French altar servers to "dream big" and to cultivate their aspirations, including that of becoming a priest or entering a religious order. "Never give up on your dreams; never bury a vocation definitively," he said.

Entrust yourselves to Mary

Finally, before imparting his blessing, Pope Francis urged the young pilgrims to entrust themselves to the Lord through the Virgin Mary who made "herself a servant with her generous, fruitful and joyful 'yes'." "On your paths, in your moments of difficulty and loneliness, do not forget to entrust yourself to her," he concluded.



Season of Creation

SEASON OF CREATION
CELEBRATION GUIDE 2022

1st September to 4th October
Listen to the Voice of Creation

Family Festival and Congress

- Bp Rolando Santos cm, Diocese of Alotau-Sideia

The 1st and 2nd of October 2022 are two big days for the Catholic Church in Papua New Guinea. We will be holding the first National Family Festival and Congress at the large auditorium of the Caritas Secondary School in Port Moresby. We are expecting more than 2,000 participants for this big occasion. It will be the closing celebration of the Amoris Laetitia Year of the Family. The bishops of Papua New Guinea and the apostolic nuncio will be present. The prefect of the dicastery for the Evangelization of Peoples, Card. Luis Antonio Tagle, will be our extraordinary special guest. He will preside at the closing Mass on the 2nd of October.

The over-all theme of the two-day Family Festival & Congress is Family Love: a Vocation and Path to Holiness. The theme of the closing Mass is *Evangelized and Evangelizing Families - Salt and Light of Church and Society*. The two days will be a grand festival to give thanks to God for the gift of love in the family, and a wonderful occasion to re-commit ourselves to the Christian

values of marriage and family.

The first day of the Congress will be given to catechesis. There will be talks by bishops, and testimonies by lay people on how they live their Christian vocation as married couples and families. The second day, Oct. 2, will be dedicated mainly to celebration. There will be a one-hour festival of prayer to be presented by young people, followed by the closing Mass with the bishops. Before the end of the Mass, there will be a launching of the 5-year conference pastoral plan of the CBC Family Life Commission, and the giving of the Missionary Mandate to couples and families.

We expect delegates and participants to come mainly from the archdiocese of Port Moresby, but also from the other dioceses and archdioceses in Papua New Guinea. We ask the faithful of the different dioceses to hold a second collection so that they can send delegates to this important occasion. We also ask families in the different parishes of Port Moresby to open their homes and provide hospitality to participants coming from other dioceses and archdioceses. We ask families to bring food on the 2nd day and share this with others just like brothers and sisters in the one big family of God. Whatever collection we get from the two Masses will go to helping poor families.

May I ask you to recite during your Sunday Masses the prayer provided for the *Amoris Laetitia* Year of the Family so that the Lord and his Blessed Mother may bless this extraordinary occasion for the glory of God and the good of all families in Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and the rest of the world.

Family Congress

Welcome

The Catholic Church of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands welcomes His Eminence Cardinal Louis Antonio Gokim Tagle, Pro-prefect of the office of the Evangelization of Peoples 1st to 6th October 2022



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- Mrs. Joyce Raphael, Diocesan Women Coordinator

Like Mary, be open to the will of God

Kiunga: The women from Kiunga Region St John Parish, Matkomnai, St Brigid and St Gerard parishes celebrated the National Catholic Women's Day on 14th August, the

Synodal Church, church of Participation, Communion and Mission and Fr Aloysius Banggur SMM spoke on True Devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary. On Friday 12th August the session was given by Sr Fidelis Rickie FMI on the titles of Mother Mary. The participants then had the possibility of Confessions. A Talent show and Bible drama was held on 13th August, and the women displayed their hand crafts with different items by the different parishes. The program concluded on the Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with Mass, food and gift presentation.

The modules were very meaningful and inspiring, and the women said that they learnt and gained something new. Several youth and men helped the women in music and liturgy at the opening mass. The closing mass was led by women and youth.

In 2023 the Assumption will be celebrated in the Northern Region with four parishes.

25th Death Anniversary



5th September



Participants at the celebrations

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 247 women, 20 youths and 15 men were part of the program.

The theme of the week was 'Women: Voice of the Heart' and the slogan was: Like Mary, be open to the will of God. A novena was held to prepare for the event. The program commenced on Monday 8th August with the arrival of the participants.

A march from St Brigid Parish to St Gerard Parish was held on 9th August. Bishop Joseph Durero SVD then opened the celebrations with a Eucharistic celebration. Sessions on the Catholic Church and Its Teaching were given by Bp Joseph on 10th August. The next day Fr Yulianus Gunawan CM spoke on

- Fr Ambrose Pereira sdb

SIGNIS World Congress

Seoul, Korea: SIGNIS, World Catholic Association for Communication, a Vatican-accredited organization brought together 300 participants for the World Congress held in Seoul, Korea from 14th to 18th August 2022. Among the participants were 96 international participants from 35 countries working as Catholic lay journalists and communicators in the fields of TV, radio, film journalism, internet, and media education. The Congress was held in a hybrid form in person as well as virtual. Participants across the world were able to connect via ZOOM, YouTube, metaverse and follow the sessions in four languages – English, Spanish, French and Korean. The message of peace emerged in a variety of ways from this land of martyrs, a divided country, and the global IT powerhouse. The cultural and historical tour at the start of the Congress gave us an opportunity to understand the historical background of this divided country. A culture of disciplined, dedication and strong commitment to committed faith emerges in all that the people do. Each study session opened with a lively presentation in song, dance, or an insightful video.

The topic for the first day was: **'Hyper connected yet alone.'** Dr Paolo Ruffini, Prefect of the Dicastery for Communication dealt with this paradox of our time. A time when we are so connected and yet a victim of loneliness. He invited us not to legitimize the web, that imprisons everything on a spider's web, but to weave a web of truth and beauty, faith, and hope. Fr Anthony Le Duc svd, Thailand, summarised the various forms of disconnection and offered pastoral challenges for the synodal church in our digital age. Kenyan Loreto sister focused on the violence in schools and advocated for non-violence as a spirituality and a

way of life to prevent violence at all levels. Dr Natasha Govekar dealt with spiritual communication through art and symbolic language. The Sustainability Developmental Goals were presented as visions from a Sustainable future by Dr Paolo Granata from Canada.

Divisions caused by **Fake News** was discussed on the second day, highlighting the negative impacts on individuals and on society and the possible solutions to this problem that brings about conflicts within society. Nobel Prize winner for 2021, Mr Dmitry Muratov, Russia, shared his experience as he worked in the hotspots of violence in Afghanistan and Chechnya. Mr Sinasi Alpago and a Myanmar Sister spoke of their experience of dealing with fake news in political circles in Turkey as well as among the young people in Myanmar. Fr Minsoo Kim Ignatius, Korea dealt with the role of the church to infuse trust. While Prof. Jaime Carril highlighted the need for 'Rights and Ethics' in communication stating the need for public policies in education and values. The reality of our 'Fake Lives' today was projected dramatically by Conrad Saldanha, India, as he pleaded for transparency and the need for us to recognize the 'true, good, and beautiful' that is all around us.

Protecting our Common Home was dealt with on the third day. Pope Francis' 'Ecological Conversion', by Prof Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, USA reminded us to build a sustainable relationship between humanity and the environment, thus building social justice among and within people. Dr Raekwon Chung, Korea spoke of the new normal that requires a new paradigm, requiring a long-term development in people and the planet that will



Sessions in progress

deliver a higher ecological and social quality of life. Ms Solange Didiogo, Argentina shared her life changing experience as one of the nine youth communicators who participated in the four-month SIGNIS training in India, and the final product 'Unfold Nest'. Mr Kike Delgado invited us to reflect on the need to respond with compassion on the cultural paradigms inspired by the Gospel. And Ms Junkyeong Choe, Korea, focused on 'plogging' which looks at ways to utilize digital technology to spread 'environmentalism in everyday life.'

The international Journalists Forum explored the roles and tasks that journalists must undertake to safeguard peace. The International Youth Forum strengthened ties among young people to realize the common good of peace. Papua New Guinea has much to learn - the need to offer our journalists the freedom to promote and highlight the voices of the young, the poor, the deprived and the underprivileged.



Fr Ambrose together with Salesian participants

Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord

- Fr Cleetus Vargheese, MMI

Central Province: The Archdiocese Catholic Youth Council were blessed to be guests at the Cape Rodney, Boregaina Youth Convention that was held from 7th to 11th July 2022. The convention had as its theme 'Taste and See the Goodness of The Lord,' and was an eventful gathering of which talks were given to enlighten the hearts and minds of the young people.

The program was coordinated by Fr. Cleetus Vargheese, MMI parist priest of St. Stephen, Miss. Kabai, facilitator and the St. Stephen's youths, had the participation of Holy Trinity parish from Boregaina. The

event opened with the presentations of the ACYC Catholic youth guidelines. This included the eligibility of being part of a youth group. Sr. Agnes, ACYC youth Coordinator outlined the terms of a youth leader. The presentation also saw team building activities after which the participants shared their reflections.

The next day, Fr.Cleetus took the youths on a Bible trip from Genesis to Revelation. Sr. Agnes then dealt with *Christus Vivit*. The presentations included a Quiz from the Bible and sharing by Fr. Cleetus and Fr. Alex.

The convention allowed the young people to express their talents, through dance, song, and mime, while the others cheered on. This event allowed the youths to enjoy the activities that took place while giving Glory and Honour to God through song, dance, games, debates, discussions and sharing. The program concluded with the presentation of awards for the participating teams.

The initiative of the St. Stephen and Holy Trinity parish youths has encouraged youth to live life to its fullness and experience the Goodness of the Lord.



Participants at prayer

Silver Jubilee

- Rellysdom Aaron Malakana

Gizo: Sr. Anna Maria Gervasoni FMA celebrated the Silver Jubilee of her Religious Profession on Saturday 6th August, 2022 with the celebration of a Thanksgiving Eucharist at St. Peters parish, Gizo.

Sr Anna is an Italian Salesian sister who arrived in Honiara, Solomon Islands in 2007. In 2018, the congregation opened another center in Gizo to which she has been assigned. She has taught theology in schools and institutions.

Sr Anna Maria Gervasoni



A Synod for change

Fr. Giorgio Licini, PIME, CBC General Secretary



The Catholic Church worldwide is busy with a synodal process and trying to become "synodal" herself. What does it mean? Synod is the combination of two Greek words which mean "walking or journeying together". Pope Francis has summarized the task with the theme, *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*, and launched this exercise in Rome on 10 October 2021.

During the past twelve months or so all dioceses with the parishes, the religious communities, the laity and the people in general have prayed, reflected and shared on how to be more engaged in life within our common family, the Church, how to make ourselves more sensitive to the sufferings of the world, how to feel responsible for one another's conversion and the path towards love of God and service to people. For the Church in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands the focal point was the General Assembly in Kundiawa on 21-26 April with the theme, *Salt and Light: The Church in Society*. From those and other inputs, a five-year pastoral plan for our two countries is being worked out and will come into force by the end of the year.

The synodal process (October 2021-October 2023) for the meantime will move from the local to the continental stage. The reflection and contributions of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands will merge with those of Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Island Countries, which also correspond to our four Bishops Conferences. Not only that. But the worldwide reports from the diocesan phase are now being summarized in Rome and will be made available by the end of October in the form of a "Document for the Continental Stage" (DCS) of the Synod.

A group of people, representing the different sectors in every country, will then meet again between October and December this year and reflect on the DCS to further deepen the journey at the local level and consolidate it with the rest of the continent. In the case of the Pacific, a writing group from the four Bishops Conferences will produce a summary in January 2023 and present it to the Assembly of the FCBCO (Federation of the Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania) in Fiji on 4-10 February 2023. This is a meeting scheduled every four years and deferred from 2022 due to the Covid pandemic. It will be at that point that the synodal contribution from Oceania will take final shape to be

delivered to the Secretariat of the Synod in Rome by the end of the continental phase (31 March 2023).

This work is crucial for the final phase (March-October 2023) of the synodal process which will begin with the consideration of the contributions from all over the world to be summarized in a working document (*Instrumentum Laboris*). This will guide what is in fact traditionally known in ecclesiastical terms as the *Synod*: a periodic gathering of representative Bishops from around the world to offer suggestions and inputs to the Pope and support him on matters of pastoral service, decision making, and leadership.

The theme of the Synod of Bishops this time (October 2023) is "synodality" itself: a Church where everybody feels responsible, participates, shares and contributes; where everything is everybody's business; and all have a right to be welcome, heard and supported. Selected Bishops from all countries will meet in Rome only for a few days in October 2023. Their work will be made easier by the two-year sharing that is now taking place all over the globe. But their task will remain daunting, with the responsibility of inspiring a new model of "synodal" Church focusing on communion, participation, and mission. In facts, of course, not simply in words.

- Simon Mokot

St Joseph's Mun Parish celebrates 50 years with its founder

Dei District, WHP: St. Joseph's Mun Parish, in the Dei District of Western Highlands, was spiritually set alight on Sunday, August 21 as they marked the 50-year anniversary with the presence of founder, Fr. Joseph Bisson, SVD. Fr. Bisson, who spent 53 years (1964-2017) of his life as a Catholic missionary serving the

church in the highlands of PNG, returned from Boston, USA, to mark the special occasion with the Holy Eucharist. The eucharistic celebration started at 11am with all the beautiful dancers, prayers, music and choir. In his homily Fr. Bisson told the story of how the parish church building was built, then that of the patron saint, and ended with a brief explanation of the gospel.

After the eucharist, parishioners had time to come in their smaller outstations to present gifts in cash and kind to Fr. Bisson, followed by acknowledgement and appreciation speeches. The celebration ended with sharing of food that gave the true meaning of reunion and celebration.

For many elders of Mun Parish, it was a deeply emotional moment. It was through Fr Bisson's determination, sacrifice and labour that brought them to light of Christianity and civilization. St. Joseph's Mun Parish has now grown to 18 to 21 outstations with several more still in the establishment process. Fr. Joe Bisson is from Boston, USA. He comes from a family of seven, and he is the 3rd child in these seven. He was born in 1936, ordained priest in 1963 and came to Papua New Guinea in 1964 when he was 28 years old. He spent 53 years as priest in Mt. Hagen and served Mun Parish in Dei District for 22 years, and 30 years (1988-2018) in Kiripia Parish of Tambul Nebilyer. He retired as a priest and returned to the USA in 2018. He is now 86 years old.

- Sr. Marylou Borbor, RM

Identify the presence of Christ with Wisdom

Nuku: On 31st July to 5th August 2022, Rev: Bishop Siby Mathew and the Priests from the Catholic Diocese of Aitape had a week-long retreat at Holy Trinity Church, Wati. The theme was: Identifying the presence of Christ among us with Wisdom. It was preached by Fr. Mathew Panachipuram CST. Fourteen Priests attended the retreat including Bp Siby Mathew Peedykayil, HGN.

The Catholics of the parish welcomed priests with traditional song and dance on Sunday 31st July after which the retreat commenced with the Divine Office prayer and Holy Mass. The talks given were very reflective, inspiring, and enriching and all the priests gave themselves wholeheartedly to the Lord in solitude and silence, with prayer and meditation.

"To Identify the presence of Christ among humanity they should have wisdom, the inner knowledge of God to identify him. This is achieved through dialogue with God in prayer, as prayer keeps humanity coherent with God. By doing so with wisdom, we can identify the presence of God in all we do in our priestly ministry", said the preacher.

The purpose of their retreat was to renew, regain and restrengthen their Spiritual life and their Priesthood Vocation by the Spirit of their Patron, St. John

Mary Vianney. The retreat concluded on 5th August with a Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Siby Mathew HGN. At the homily, Fr Mathew presented St. John Mary Vianney as a man of prayer, who offered his life for the souls of millions through the Sacrament of Confession and the Eucharist. He urged the priests to imitate the example of their patron and serve with love and dedication in their Priestly Ministry. He asked the people to pray always for the Bishop and Priests so that they may receive more strength from the Lord and remain united with him forever.

Over hundreds of people came for the conclusion. It was well prepared and led by Marianitas Sisters and Holy Spirit KST, Namblo.



Bp Siby with the priests at the end of the Retreat

- Fr Ambrose Pereira sdb

Go into all the world ...

Priestly Ordination

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea: The Priestly be 'a Man of God, a person of discernment, a man of prayer and to love Don Bosco'.

6th August 2022 at the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians, Boroko. 'Go into the world and preach the Gospel to all creation', Mk 16:15 was his priestly motto.

Bp Pedro Baquero jr, sdb, Bishop of Kerema was the Ordaining prelate. He was joined by Fr Gregory Bicomong sdb, Provincial Superior of the Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands vice province, Salesian and diocesan priests, religious, lay persons, and students.

Several Vietnamese people also joined the celebration. In his homily, Bp Peter highlighted aspects from the Feast of the Transfiguration. He dwelt on: 1. The figures of Christ, the Old Testament, Moses and Elijah, the Law and the Prophets; 2. The Glorification of Jesus and 3. The need to 'Listen to Him'. He then encouraged the newly ordained to

the celebration concluded with group photographs of the different sections of people. A reception was later held at the Emmaus Conference Centre.



Ordination of Fr Peter Nguyen Hoai Van sdb

- Fr. Tomás Ravaioli IV

Second Marian Dogma: The Immaculate Conception in the Tradition



The dogma of the Immaculate Conception was defined by Pope Pius IX in his famous Bull *Ineffabilis Deus* (December 8th, 1854). He says: "We define that the doctrine which declares that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted to her by Almighty God, through the merits of Christ Jesus, Saviour of mankind, was preserved from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore must be held firmly and constantly by all faithful Christians." The Bull not only defines the dogma, but declares that it is "revealed by God." We already said

something about this when we studied the Biblical foundation of this dogma (Catholic Reporter of July). **We must understand properly this dogma.** The subject of this singular privilege is the person of Mary, and it has nothing to do with her progenitors. The privilege itself consists in Mary's actual preservation from original sin through the merits of Jesus Christ. Mary also needed a Savior and Redeemer, and it was her Divine Son. So, the Immaculate Conception constitutes a most extraordinary personal privilege, which our Lady received not for her own sake but for the sake of Christ. As the glory of a child reflects honor on his parents, so the shame of a parent brings disgrace upon the child. Hence any sinful taint in Mary would

have reflected unfavorably on her Divine Son. Besides, the granting of such an extraordinary privilege to His mother redounds to the glory of Christ in His capacity of Redeemer. As Mother of God, Mary undoubtedly surpasses Eve and all the angels of heaven in dignity. Now Eve and the angels were created in a state of original holiness, hence it would not be reasonable to suppose that Mary, whose dignity is so far superior to theirs, and who is rightly called the "Heavenly Eve" and "Queen of Angels," was created in the state of original sin. If Mary surpasses them in dignity because of her Divine Motherhood, so she also surpasses them in grace and virtue.

Artificial Intelligence

Its presence and consequences

Fr Ambrose Pereira sdb, Secretary for Social Communication



Artificial intelligence (AI) is changing the face billions of people in the world today. Object detection, Facial recognition and Natural Language processing are in use today and often it goes unnoticed. It has transformed the society in which we live. What does it mean for us today? "AI is a fundamental risk to the existence of human civilization", said business magnate and investor Elon Musk. We need to realize the importance of artificial intelligence and its effect on communities and society, its value systems and its ethical implications in our life today.

What is Artificial Intelligence? As early as 1956, John McCarty coined the term, Artificial intelligence and stated that it is the science and engineering of making intelligent machines. It is getting machines to work and behave like humans. Often, we think of them as robots. Artificial intelligence has permeated every aspect of our lives today and is present in Health Care, Marketing, Business Analysis, robotics, etc. Have we ever thought of how we get accurate results in our Google search or how our Facebook feeds give us content based on our interests?

Basic concepts: AI is the science of getting machines to mimic the behavior of humans.

Machine learning is a subset of AI that focuses on machines to make decisions by feeding them data and **deep learning** is a subset of machine learning that uses the concept of neural networks to solve complex problems. The three are interconnected and use algorithms to solve and analyze different problems. There are three types of Artificial Intelligence: **Artificial Narrow intelligence** is machine learning to perform general tasks, **Artificial General Intelligence** which dwells on Machine intelligence to solve complex tasks faster and quicker than the human brain can do. **Artificial Super Intelligence** is smarter than the human brain. AI can solve problems and deal with several tasks. However:

1. Will AI take over our lives and our world?
2. What will be the effect on our values, faith, actions and behaviour?
3. Can we have an ethics based AI value system?

We need to be conscious of what is happening all around us. We need a human-centred AI that is for the greater interest of the people, not the other way around.

God bless you and your families.

Film festival highlights values

- Abigail Seta

Port Moresby: The Social Communications Commission of the Catholic Bishops Conference (CBC SOCOM) hosted its annual Short Film Festival on 6th August 2022, at the Paradise Cinema on the theme 'Listen. Do everything with Love.' The screening was the conclusion to the series of media education seminars held throughout the year that had ten schools participating. Present on this occasion were Fr Giorgio Licini, PIME, General Secretary of the Catholic Bishops Conference, Fr Gregory Bicomong sdb, Provincial Superior of the Salesians of Don Bosco, priests, religious brothers and sisters, students, and their families.

"Each of us is in search of our identity and each of us builds our identity. We should have in mind how we want to portray ourselves. We continue to work, build and be responsible for ourselves," said Fr Giorgio. "The message is very clear, if you want to remove violence in this world and even our country, if you want to remove all the depression in this world and all the social ills of this world, I believe there are two solutions, listen more and do more acts of love," said Fr Gregory.

Among the films screened were nine films by the schools that reflected the theme, 8 jingles produced by the students and recorded by Radio Maria. Certificates were awarded to the students who were present for all the sessions. Each school also had the opportunity to share what they had learnt during the media education seminars.

Prizes were awarded to the schools with the best films. Coming in 1st Place was Marianville Secondary School with their film titled 'Value System'; 2nd Place was De La Salle Secondary School on 'Social



Cutting of the cake at the Film Festival

Media'; 3rd Place was Don Bosco Technological Institute on 'Women'; 4th Place was Don Bosco Technical School on 'Love starts at Home' and 5th Place was La Salle Technical Secondary School titled 'Our Response'.

Consolation prizes were given to Limana Vocational Centre; St Charles Lwanga Secondary School, St Joseph's International Catholic College and Jubilee Catholic Secondary School.

"Social Communications is not about using a digital device, but it is about communicating a message that is powerful and a message that brings about a change. It is harmonising the voices, the issues, the situations, giving it a wider frame, bringing it out to the public and making sure there is policy change at the level of government," said Fr Ambrose, Secretary for Communications and facilitator of the event.

The Media Education Seminars have been supported by SIGNIS, MISSIO, Caritas Australia, SVS, CBC SOCOM, Salesians of Don Bosco, Media outlets and all those committed to sharing the good news through the media.



Abp Cardone with those confirmed

Honiara: Archbishop Christopher Cardone op, spent a week in Makira during which time visited the parishes and celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation.

"The people were filled with joy at the visit of the Archbishop", said Fr. Richard, who accompanied the archbishop. He was welcomed on 23rd August by the people of Naharahau village where he confirmed 75 young people. On 24th August the Archbishop confirmed 165 candidates at Our Lady of Sorrow Parish at Wainoni Bay, and then later traveled to Baro

Receive the Holy Spirit

- Leotina Akwai, Catholic Communication Solomons

Community. On 25th August, he joined the communities from the 4 regions Basu, Makohigo, Nagau and Goge of Baro community, in St. Anthony of Padua Local Church under Wainoni Parish, for the Eucharist and Confirmation.

His message to the newly confirmed brothers and sisters during these 3 confirmations focused on the work of the Holy Spirit. "The work of the Holy Spirit is very much alive in our lives and of the church today. Receiving the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of confirmation we are to be like the Disciples of Christ. When you receive the Holy Spirit you will have no fear but new life. With the Holy Spirit, you can remain steady and strong with Jesus. The Spirit helps us to remain steady and strong and to make wise decisions." To the parents he said, "Tell your children you love them. Give them good advice and when you see your children do something wrong, guide them and encourage them to do what is good".

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