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Pope Francis: Seek unity with God, welcome His Word in face of temptation

the devil instead tries to divide Jesus from this unity and His mission of unity for us, the Pope went on to say.

Challenging the three "poisons"

The Pope then explained how the devil tries to take advantage of Jesus' tiredness and hunger after fasting forty days by trying to administer three "poisons" to jeopardize His mission of unity. The poisons are attachment, mistrust, and power, he explained, adding how insidious these dangerous temptations are: attachment to material goods when the devil tries to get Jesus to stop fasting and to transform the stones into bread; mistrust by trying to get Jesus to test the Father by throwing Himself off the highest point of the temple in order to be saved; and finally power when the devil suggests Jesus take over worldly kingdoms.

Defeating the temptations

Jesus rejects and defeats the three temptations by avoiding any debate and discussion with the devil and by answering with the Word of God, the Pope underscored, noting the importance of never discussing or dialoguing with the devil. The three verses from Sacred Scripture that Jesus pronounces that oppose the three temptations speak of freedom from goods (cf. Dt 8:3), trust (cf. Dt 6:16), and service to God (cf. Dt 6:13).

In conclusion, the Pope suggested we reflect on how the Word of God guides our own lives and how it can help us in our spiritual struggles. If we have a recurring temptation, we should seek help from a verse of the Word of God that helps us, something we can remember, recite, and pray by "trusting in the grace of Christ," he explained.

- Jessica Oata



Rome: On this first Sunday of Lent, Pope Francis speaks about the spiritual struggle of Lent and explains how in the desert Jesus defeats the temptations of the Devil, who is the "divider." He illustrates how we too must respond to temptation to sin by recalling the Word of God and putting our trust always in the Lord who is ever ready to help us in our journey of faith. The Gospel reading on this first Sunday of Lent highlights the spiritual struggle Jesus and we all face in our daily lives of opposing temptation through our trust in God and with assistance from our knowledge of the Word of God.

The Pope pointed out how the devil tries to "divide" or separate Jesus from His union with the Father. Jesus received His baptism from John and was called by the Father "My beloved Son," with the Holy Spirit descending upon Him in the form of a dove, the Pope recalled, showing the three divine Persons joined in love. Jesus came into the world to help us partake in this union of love, while

Meet your Bishop: Bp. Dariusz Kaluza MSF (Bishop of Bougainville Diocese)



"Going to Buka for my installation was actually the first time I set foot in the beautiful Autonomous Region of Bougainville," recalled Bishop Dariusz Kaluza MSF. Bishop Dariusz was born in November 5, 1967 in the little town of Pszczyna situated in the Silesian

Voivodeship, Poland. The call to join priesthood is attributed to his upbringing where all the boys in the village were required to become altar servers.

"I was around 7-8 years old when Fr Kazimiriez Niezgodza SVD came to be our parish priest after serving an 8-year mission in PNG and he used to show us pictures of places where he served, the people and the work he did. I was immediately inspired to do work for the mission"

Upon finishing high school, Bp Dariusz joined the Holy Family congregation and whilst being there, he was always amazed by the priests from his congregation who were serving different missions in Asia, America and then later PNG going back to Poland for their break.

After his ordination in 1993, he was posted back to his parish and was the assistant parish priest for three years before writing to his superior expressing his interest in going abroad as a missionary.

"I had two options at that time: Madagascar or Papua New Guinea. I wanted to go to Madagascar but the process of obtaining VISA was difficult so I chose to come to PNG instead."

Bp Dariusz was sent to lalibu in the Diocese of Mendi where he served for 18-years. That is where he picked up and polished his Pidgin and describes working alongside the very first missionaries in the Southern Highlands Province as a 'huge blessing'.

In 2015, he was transferred to Madang to start their congregation's community and the following year while he went home for holidays, he received what he describes as 'a very serious call' from the Nuncio.

"You know, it's not everyday you get to receive a call from the Nuncio and when he calls, it's always to discuss very serious matters."

The Nuncio had called to tell him that his name was put down as a candidate to be the bishop of the Diocese of Goroka.

"When the announcement was made, I told my mother and she didn't believe me at first until I went to the Vatican news page and showed her the article"

Bishop Dariusz returned to PNG and took up his post as the newly elected bishop of Goroka after his episcopal ordination.

Four years went by and in March 2020, he got another call from the Nuncio asking him if he was willing to take up a new post in Bougainville after the passing of late Reverend Bishop Bernard Unabali, to which he agreed.

After the announcement later that year on September 12, Bp Dariusz wrote his goodbye letter to his people in Goroka and prepared for his new post.

"So far, my biggest achievement being a missionary in PNG is living with the people in their communities, getting to know them and their culture, talking to them and listening to them and knowing their history, like in the special case of my people in Bougainville. By understanding our people's way of life, we can work together with them. In this way, we as missionaries and the people are also fulfilling the Pope's call for Synodality."

When asked what he enjoys most in his current post in Bougainville, this is what he had to say:

"I am most happy when I am sitting in a dinghy crossing the Buka passage, or in a vehicle travelling the Kokopau-Buin highway or Buka-Haku highway to be with my people and to serve them."

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The 'temptations' in the Lenten season



The Gospel reading on the first Sunday of Lent at the end for February said that "Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil" (Mt 4:1). That way, we superficially tend to believe that all three "temptations" took place in the desert. But that is only the case for the first one, "If you are the Son of God tell these stones to turn into loaves". The second temptation occurred while Jesus was "in the holy city", "If you are the Son of God throw yourself down" - Scriptures say that angels will prevent you from hurting stones. For the third trial Jesus was taken "to a very high mountain" in view of all the kingdoms of the world, "I will give you all these if you fall at my feet and worship me".

We see ourselves reflected in this biblical story and the experience of Jesus. Like him, at the threshold of our adult life we are called to make the fundamental decisions that will shape not only our

future, but our purpose on earth, the footsteps we leave behind, our legacy. The temptations of Jesus show that we are faced with multiple choices, the responsibility is basically ours and nothing can be taken for granted.

The three temptations in fact reveal the fundamental dilemma facing all human beings: try a life of prestige, possession, and power, which will just end with an anonymous death, or embrace values and efforts which include humanity and God, offering of life and service, contributing to leaving behind a better world and an inspiring legacy for generations to come?

The page of the temptations of Jesus raises the question. The narration of his life across the Gospel according to Matthew provides the answer. Whatever his decision on his life, Jesus would have died anyway, either by fighting the Romans or opposing the contradictions of the Jews or simply of old age. By the way he lived, instead, by service and not by power, sharing the life of the weak rather than that of the powerful, suggesting a liberation from evil

- Fr. Giorgio Licini, PIME, CBC General Secretary

and sin deeper than the liberation from an occupying power, even his body eventually experienced resurrection; much more his whole person, which continues to live in us and in his Church.

The Lenten season, therefore, becomes a precious time to assess our journey and priorities in life. For young people it can well be a never returning opportunity to reflect, pray, seek advice, and make the basic commitments that will shape their days on earth and the ultimate purpose in life. We embrace the Lenten season as a time of listening and introspection. Fasting and abstinence accompany and reveal a deeper exercise which involves mind and heart. It's the way of thinking and feeling, relating to others and seeking God, setting priorities and sacrificing for a purpose, that defines a life different than what physical and psychological instinct may suggest. Inevitably inclined to a self-centred and self-serving attitude. Hopeless result of just following the current. The product of the devil or the devil himself.

The Gospels: Authenticity of the Gospels



A document is genuine or authentic if it is actually written by the person to whom it is attributed. The problem of authenticity does not present any particular difficulty today: an author signs his work, indicating the place and date of publication. For ancient documents, however, this was not

usually the case.

The Gospels must also undergo the test for authenticity: who is their author? In examining the codices or manuscript scrolls of the Gospels, we find that they bear the names of four distinct authors: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. If we consider the fact that these codices, more than four thousand of them from the period between the fourth and the ninth centuries, came from every part of the Roman Empire, then we can appreciate the value represented by this unanimity. There is not a single exception: not one of them mentions the name of

any author other than these four. The authenticity of the Gospels is further corroborated by the historical testimony of ancient writers and Fathers of the Church who were familiar with the Gospels and informed about their real authorship.

In the year 125, Papias, the bishop of Hierapolis in Phrygia, wrote a commentary of five books on the "sayings of our Lord." He reports that every so often he had an opportunity to meet personally with people who had actually known the Apostles, and that he used to ask them questions in order to determine what the Apostles actually taught. Papias' testimony is most valuable because it was made only 50 years after the composition of the Synoptic Gospels, and comes from a person who had immediate contact with those who had actually seen the Apostles. No one could possibly be better informed.

Around the year 170, St Irenaeus shed some light on this problem. He was a disciple of St Polycarp, the saintly Bishop of Smyrna, who was a

disciple of St John the Evangelist. He makes mention of the four Gospels, and called Matthew, Mark, Luke and John as their authors.

Towards the year 200, Clement of Alexandria (150-215), speaks of the "four Gospels handed down to our own day." Also, in Egypt, Origen (185-255), one of the most learned men of antiquity, described both the names of the four Gospel writers and the order in which they wrote: first Matthew, then Mark, Luke and John.

Around the year 207, Tertullian (160-223), writing from Africa against the heretics, supports the value of all four Gospel writers, because Matthew and John were Apostles, and Luke and Mark were disciples of the Apostles.

Thus, the codices furnish us with the names of the evangelists, and historical testimony supplies information concerning their identity. Matthew and John were disciples of Jesus, Mark was the disciple of Peter, an Apostle of Jesus, and Luke was the disciple of St. Paul.

- Fr. Tomás Ravaioli IVE
Liturgical Catechetical Institute Director

Tips for positive parenting



Parents in modern Papua New Guinea have difficulties to bring up their children with good discipline. In some cases, the children end up with drinking and drug habits; or they become 'rascals'.

Some parents bring up their children very well and some struggle to bring up their children.

In this year of children, one of the possible ways of bringing up children is "Positive Parenting".

'Positive parenting' has its roots in the writings of Austrian psychologist Alfred Alder (1870-1937). He emphasized the importance of relationships and being connected to others. He believed that children have a real need to feel connected to those around them. When they are in a responsive and interactive environment, they thrive and are less likely to play up.

We have in-built negativity bias and are wired to focus on the wrongs and negatives in order to keep

ourselves and our tribe safe. Parents find it easy to focus on the child's wrongs and fix them up. But shifting your focus on their strengths is this theory of "Positive Parenting".

When you follow positive parenting tips, it improves social-emotional development of a child. It gives better chance of higher educational achievements years later. Improves their ability to cope with stressful situations and their physical and mental effects.

Here are some tips for Positive Parenting:

1. Recognize, reward and reinforce positive behaviors and impulses. Make it easier for your children to behave cooperatively and constructively.
2. Encourage your children's unique personality, abilities, talents and skills to flourish in life. He/she may be a musician, actor, gardener, cook and the like.
3. Try to understand the children's feelings: is he/she tired? Bored? Overwhelmed?

4. Catch children being good: when he/she eats his/her food without demanding the cellphone.

5. Praise your children for doing well; reward them with a simple 'well done'.

6. Anticipate a conflict that might happen and employ a distraction technique. Before he/she starts a quarrel with his/her cousin, give both of them similar toys.

7. When there is a problem, you don't agree with his/her demands but listen to his/her side of the story and give a fair and positive solution.

8. Have time for your child: having conversations and playing with your child are important.

9. Listening to them from a young age sets up a positive pattern of life.

10. Make sure the majority of your interactions are positive ones; even if that means ignoring some of your child's wrongdoing.

- Fr. Victor Roche SVD, Secretary for New Evangelization

Pope's Monthly Intention

February: For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Pope's Monthly Intention

March: For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Priests as communicators “par excellence”

Sr Daisy Anne Lisania Augustine MSC, Secretary for Social Communication



Carlo Martini, Italian Jesuit and a biblical scholar proposed a pastoral plan for his Archdiocese of Milan for two consecutive years under the heading of communication. His considerations are a special treasure in considering communication as a theological principle for pastoral work.

He divides his presentation for communication in biblical perspective into three chapters under the heading: Seeing, Listening, and Action. To really communicate is to see the actual situation in which others and the priests are in, to listen and contemplate on God’s gift of redemption to come this way to meaningful ways of communicating.

The pastoral communication formation for priests is vital as priests are supposed to be communicators “par excellence” not only in the understanding of skills, but rather to live and develop basic dispositions and attitudes of God’s communication with and to us.

The Priest is called to follow and be like Jesus – the Good Shepherd. His word gives us first insights into the kind of communication the priests should have and develop: “I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me and I lay down my life for the sheep...” (Jn 10,14). This description has important consequences for the communication ability and communication disposition of a priest!

“I know my sheep”: Does the priest really know his sheep? Does he know the people he is to care for, to preach to and to reach out? Does he know their struggles, their ambitions? Does he know the world his people live in – not only the outside conditions but also their mental frames and world view which are often influenced and sometimes even determined by what they see and hear in the Mass Media?

Pope John Paul II says: “The means of social communication have become so important as to be for many the chief means of information and education, of guidance and inspiration in their behaviours as individuals, families and within society at large. Particularly, the young generation is growing up in a world conditioned by the Mass Media...” (Redemptoris Missio 37c)

To know the sheep in this regard calls for the priest to have at least a basic knowledge about operations, production procedures of the Mass Media, and their impact on receivers. Here, the usual “media education” to be given to every person is probably not sufficient. The media have to be considered in a special way under the perspective of pastoral impact and needs.

The apostle Paul set an early example of knowing the audience when he addressed the Greeks at their market place (“Areopagus”) in

Athens in telling them about the altar to the unknown God he found in their city (Acts 17, 22ff)

Already St Augustine gave some basic rules for communication in his “De catechizandis rudibus”. He advises the deacon Deogratias who asked his advice to have an inner disposition in communicating with his students (No.4) or to offer a seat to make those he talks to more comfortable (No 18).

“And my sheep know me.” This statement challenges the communication formation of priests in a similar way. It means that the shepherd, the priest must be visible. The people must know him, in as much as he knows them. This calls for transparency and reliability, it means beside others that for the people the priest and his actions are predictable.

Pope Paul VI stresses in his Apostolic Exhortation “Evangelii Nuntiandi” the need for witnessing. “Modern man listens more willing to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses...” (41)

We pray during this lenten season for our priests for their credibility and authentic witness to Christ as communicators “par excellence” among God’s people.

Caritas PNG signs contract agreement on CPP with DT Global

- Jessica Oata

Port Moresby: A contract agreement on the Church Partnership Program (CPP) between Caritas PNG and Managing Contractor DT Global took place at the Catholic Bishops Conference on Thursday February 2, 2023.

Present at the contract agreement signing were representatives from the Australian Government’s Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), DT Global representatives engaged on the Building Community Engagement Program (BCEP), Caritas Australia, Caritas Papua New Guinea (CPNG) and staff of the Catholic Bishops Conference.

Speaking during the signing of the contract agreement, CPNG National Director Ms Mavis Tito thanked Caritas Australia for managing the CPP Phases 1-3 on behalf of the Catholic Church in PNG, as well as the initial stages of the transition process.

“It was a mammoth task - we looked at the list of the due diligence checks and the thought it was impossible, but here we are, at the signing of the agreement. This is testament to all the hard work

put in by individuals, in various capacities, on all sides.”, she said.

Ms Tito thanked the people and Government of Australia through DFAT for entrusting them with the funds and assured those present that as the custodian,

CPNG will aim to manage it well with utmost care and diligence.

Second Secretary for DFAT Mr. Joseph Manteit congratulated CPNG and the Catholic Church for being the direct recipient of the CPP funds.

He also commended CPNG for being a model organization for doing commendable work using DFAT funds to assist people in the communities.

DT Global and BCEP representative through the team leader Ms Doreen Iga, described the signing of the contract agreement as a milestone because localization of grants and funding has been a long-term ambition.

“The Catholic Church has paved the way for all the other CPP partners by embracing the opportunity to manage the funds directly and it demonstrates that localization is possible to other

partners”, she said.

Acting Country Director for Caritas Australia Roslyn Kuniata congratulated the CPNG team on this milestone achievement after 18 years.

“The journey was long and very challenging, but this occasion proves that the CPP can be localized and Papua New Guineans have the capacity to manage DFAT grants”

Under the Phase 4 of the CPP, \$2.7 million AUD will be given to CPNG to implement development activities over the next three years.



Group picture of partners involved in the contract signing agreement.

Call to ban all seabed mining licenses in Papua New Guinea

- Ahisha Mangot

Port Moresby: “Mining companies will come to PNG because our legislation is weak, our government is weak, our civil society is weak, and they know in advance that they will have an easier go in these places. They will not target the coast of Canada or United States, they will target us.”

This bold statement is made by the General Secretary of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands Fr Giorgio Licini PIME at a press conference highlighting the update on Wednesday February 1st, 2023.

The press conference was organized by Caritas PNG to shed light on the latest development surrounding the issue of seabed mining in the country and had as panellists, General Secretary of the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNGSI Fr. Giorgio Licini PIME, Director of West Coast Development Foundation Johnathan Mesulam and

Center for Environmental Law and Community Rights (CELCOR) Litigation Lawyer Anthony Walep.

In his address, Fr. Giorgio emphasised that PNG’s weak legislation is making the country



Panelists from left to right: Fr. Giorgio Licini PIME, Anthony Walep and Johnathan Mesulam.

vulnerable to big mining companies who take advantage of the situation.

Director of West Coast Development Foundation Johnathan Mesulam expressed his appreciation to PNG Caritas and other stakeholders who continue to stand together against seabed mining in Papua New Guinea.

“Some countries like Germany, France, Costa Rica and Egypt also support the call of ban on

Seabed Mining but for our case, the PNG Government is not coming out clear on where it stands, and this is something that authorities like Mineral Resources Authority and others need to clear out for us”, he said.

He added that as a New Irelander the shark calling culture is very important and if seabed mining is encouraged this can lead to the loss of our cultural identity with the ocean.

CELCOR’s litigation lawyer Mr Anthony Walep, representing Mesulam for legalities stressed that seabed mining project is a trial-and-error project, and the risk is unknown.

“I would like to acknowledge that we have filed a proceeding currently in the supreme court where we are trying to obtain some information from the registrar as to how the environmental permits and mining licenses are issued”

The panellists concluded the press conference by calling on the Marape-Rosso government to stand with other nations across the world to say no to seabed mining.

Light and Voice of the World

-Jessica Oata and Rosa Koian

Sabama, Port Moresby: The rhythmic beat of the kundu drums and dancing, angelic voices and joyous atmosphere filled the Mary Help of Christians parish, Sabama as the parishioners and visitors witnessed the installation of the new Parish Priest on Sunday February 12th, 2023.

His Eminence Archbishop Cardinal John Ribat MSC was the presider with Fr. Ambrose Pereira SDB as the con-celebrant. The theme of the Eucharistic celebration was 'Light and Voice of the World'. The celebrations began with a song entitled: Welcome to the Family and floral garlands to members of the Catholic Professional Society (CPS) who were present for the installation and the Opening Mass of CPS and blessing of the Action Plan for 2023.

Reflecting on the Gospel, in his homily, Cardinal Ribat encouraged the parishioners of Sabama to live their life with God and fulfil their promises and oaths to the Lord. "Tok bilong God em bilong yumi olgeta, olsem na taim yumi harim displa tok yumi mas hamamas. God i singautim yumi long kamapim sios bilong em long ples graun olsem na nau long parish, bai yumi installim parish priest long wokabaut wantem yupla long mekim dispela wok", he said.

At the rite of Installation, in front of the Parish Council members, parishioners and invited guests Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb made the profession of faith,



promised to be faithful to the church, dwell on evangelization and care for the spiritual needs of his flock.

He thanked the Cardinal for his presence and the installation, CPS members for their presence and support to a parish on the periphery, and all the parishioners and guests for their continuous support. He said, "We will journey together in the spirit of Synodality".

He asked the people to invoke the protection of Our Blessed Mother on their families and pray for peace in the homes. He also requested them to live good lives and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and that the young people must celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. He invited the

people to keep and fulfil the slogan: **Lik Lik lotu haus, wantim strong pela belif.**

The entire liturgical celebration was well prepared with joyful voices packed with emotion and feeling that brought tears to the eyes of several people. Dances at the liturgical celebration were by the Kairuku group of St. Dominic Savio, Kirakira LKK, Goilala group of St Raphael, Kilakila and Kogeve LKK and the Engan group of St John the Baptist LKK.

The parish also has the responsibility to care for Serakone, Vabukori and together with Fr Angelo Fazzini and Fr Pedro Sachitula who form the parish team and care for the pastoral needs of the people. Fr Ambrose is the Spiritual Director of Don Bosco Technical School, Gabutu and the Spiritual Director of the Catholic Professionals Society (CPS PNG).

At the end of the Eucharistic celebration in keeping with the spirit of Laudato Si, fruit trees symbolizing the fruitfulness of the parish were planted by Cardinal Ribat, Mr Paul Harricknen and Fr Ambrose Pereira sdb. The Catholic Professionals celebrated the occasion with lunch for the leaders and the parish pastoral team.

"Be dedicated" -Bishop

-Sr. Famita Somogod MSM

Hahela, Buka: "I ask each and every one of you teachers in the Catholic Education Agency Schools to be the best teacher you possibly can be. Be dedicated to your profession, to your teaching ministry, and love the children you are teaching. Be loyal to the children and their parents as well as their communities and also the Christian people you serve."

This heartfelt encouragement was shared by Bishop Dariusz Kaluza MSF at the celebration of the Catholic Teachers Commissioning and Consecration ceremony for teachers in the Catholic Schools in the Buka Deanery on Thursday February 16, 2023 at the Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral, Hahela.

The Commissioning Mass was celebrated with the theme: "Catholic Schools and Families walking together with faith and love".

During the Homily, Bishop Kaluza reminded the teachers that their role as teachers is not only limited to the classroom.

"As a teacher teaching in a Catholic school, your students will not only learn through textbooks, they learn more from the way you behave or act. Always remember your title as a teacher should not be taken off as dirty shirt at the end of the day".

Also present as guests was Bougainville Education Board Chairman Mr. Michael Pearson with some Board of Governor's.

"You become the light, it may be a little light but it's the light, so I encourage you to make it your dedication to the church and do your best as teachers" said Mr Pearson.

To commemorate the important event, 320 teachers from elementary, primary, high schools were each given a scapular and consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Bishop Dariusz Kaluza MSF giving his homily. (Picture supplied)

Caritas PNG launches Lenten Appeal

- CPNG Staff

Gordons, Port Moresby: The Lenten Appeal 2023, a disaster relief fund raising held throughout the Lenten Season, is now accepting donations.

Caritas PNG launched its annual Lenten Appeal at the CBCPNGSI Conference Room in Port Moresby on 22nd February 2023. The launch followed the Ash Wednesday Mass held to mark the beginning of Lent.

Speaking at the event was Ms. Mavis Tito, the National Director of Caritas, who gave a report on the funds raised last year and how they were spent.

"In 2022, Caritas PNG, through the generosity of Parishioners of the Catholic Dioceses, organisations and private individuals, provided over K73,000 in disaster relief support assistance to communities in PNG and overseas that were impacted by natural calamities", she said.

Ms. Tito noted that a third of the total funds raised were retained by the Dioceses to support them in response efforts in local emergencies, while the remaining unused portion was reserved for larger emergencies that met criteria laid out in the Caritas PNG Lenten Appeal Policy.

Bishop Paul Sundu of the Kundiawa Diocese and Fr Giorgio Licini, General Secretary of the CBCPNGSI were on hand to launch the appeal, which will be run nation-wide for the next six weeks.

According to the recent reports by the United Nations Office of Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), a significant portion of PNG's population is exposed to natural disasters and climate change risks, with conditions like challenging geography, low road connectivity, lacking infrastructure and high levels of poverty adding to the

exposure risks, making many communities extremely vulnerable.

To find out more on how you can contribute to the Lenten Appeal 2023, contact your local Diocesan Caritas Coordinator or email info@caritas.org.pg. If you would like to make a direct donation, you can do so through the bank account details provided below:

Bank South Pacific
Account name: CBC Caritas PNG
Account number: 7019215032
Swift Code: BOSPPGPM
BSB: 088-954



Fr. Giorgio Licini PM and Bp Paul Sundu showcasing the Lenten Appeal Posters. (Picture supplied)

Leaven Solidarity in communities

Boroko, Port Moresby: Don Bosco Technological Institute, East Boroko, opened the Academic Year 2023 on a high note on February 6. Over four hundred students turned up on the first day to attend the various activities set for them. Welcoming activities and fun games took place in the morning, and students met their class animators in the afternoon with a quick clean-up of the classrooms.

The staff activities concluded with the in-service meetings as a yearly undertaking of the Catholic schools in the nation's capital; DBTI Staff joined the Boroko Parish along with Caritas Technical Secondary School staff and St. Joseph International Catholic College staff for Teachers' Commissioning held in St. Joseph's church on the 27th of January, 2023 where Fr. Macatangay was the main

celebrant and the parish priest as con-celebrant.



A student taking part in the fun games (Picture supplied)

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