

Bishop's visit to Nila Parish

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Hundreds welcomed the Most Rev Bishop Luciano Capelli sdb during his visitation to people of Shortland on 6th-7th October.

His 3rd visitation to the parish of Nila, Shortland Islands, highlights 3 special occasions; Blessing of the Church Building of Nila Mission Station, Celebrating the 110 years of Catholic faith in the Shortland Island and the installation of the Paramount Chief in the Shortland.



During his visitation, he visited Tua Community High School, accompanied by his parish priests in the diocese and the 3 Good Samaritan Sisters in Tetere Mini-Hospital. There his delegation and the bishop challenged the teachers to take up their role as responsible teachers and encouraged students to be motivated in their school work.



Bishop Capelli also had the privileged to meet his priests, mainly of the renewal of the Church of the Diocese of Gizo. He also visited the Nila Rural Health Center with the Good Samaritan Sisters. A highlight was the opportunity to meet Famao, Counsel of Chief, and heads of other departments.

On the final day, more than 500 parishioners from villages around Shortland and Fauro Island flocked in for the Eucharist Mass Celebration. The Bishop said, "We bless the Church, not the building, but the heart, the communion of hearts." He said that the needs of the church are his priorities and that the good of the people is the priority of the church.

He then encouraged the parents for the vocation for youths in the diocese and reminds youths to involve in the Renewal of the Church of Diocese of Gizo so as to make the church stay young and strong. He also challenged Chiefs and their people for supporting church activities.

At the end of the Eucharist Celebration relatives and Chiefs from different villages escorted Sir George Lepping to the front of the Congregation. Bishop Capelli

anointed him as the new Paramount Chief.

St Peter Parish Gizo Welcome CCSI Members during Vanuatu Tsunami Alert

Parishioners in Gizo welcomed Bishop Chris Cardone and his Vicar general from Diocese of Auki and the Vicar general of Archdiocese of Honiara. They were escorted from Nusatupe airstrip to Gizo main wharf where warriors welcomed them. They were escorted, and with dancers from the youths accompanied them to the cathedral area.

On 9th-10th October, the Diocese of Gizo hosted its first Catholic Church Solomon Island (CCSI) Meeting. It concluded with the Golden Jubilee. Although the Vanuatu tsunami alert was announced during the welcoming ceremony, everybody in attendance remained calm.

