

News & Bits!

- from the *Diocese of Gizo*

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Moli assist new Cathedral

Moli Parish Church Project Committee on Friday 6th March handed over SBD \$5,000.00 to their Parish Priest – Fr. Jacob on behalf of the Bishop of Gizo towards assisting the construction of the newly build Cathedral in Gizo. Committee's chairman, Mr. Edwin Kimata expressed his committee's desire on – behalf of the people of St. Joseph's Parish Moli to assist the Bishop in building the new Cathedral of the Diocese. "Though small it may be, this is our commitment to show that we are part of the building of our new Cathedral," said Kimata. Fr. Jacob thanked the committee and the people of Moli Parish for their generous giving and assured them to deliver the gift to Bishop for its purpose. The handing over ceremony was witnessed by the Diocesan Pastoral coordinator – Mr. Joseph Lalaubatu at Moli Catholic Mission Station.



Flag- raising – Nila

Our Solomon Islands National Flag is rich in colour and symbols. Likewise, our National Anthem with strong message of unity and hope. This is our identity as one people and one nation of Solomon Islands.

Nila Parish has reminded us of this through the initiative of their Parish Priest – Fr. Vincent Yee Concepcion. After Holy Mass every morning, Nila Students and Community assembled in-front of the flag –pole outside the Church, singing the National Anthem while the flag was raised for the day. This action of singing our National Anthem and raising our National Flag every morning enriches us with our message of journeying together as One People, One Nation in Love, Peace and Joy.

Congratulation Nila for leading the way!

St. John Vianney Group on the move

St John Vianney Group, on the move again, helping pre-seminarians and seminarians by providing them financial support to continue their program at NAC.

The group from Moli parish, headed by Gerome Kuibatu, carried out fund raising such as Bazaars, bring and buy, offerings, family targets, donations etc. Last year the group raised about \$8,000.00 (Eight Thousand Dollars) and this year, the group will meet and implement this years activities.

The main objective of this movement is to develop devotion to St. John Vianney for the intention to increase priestly and religious vocations in the parish, to promote priestly and religious vocations in the parish through vocation campaign and to support both financially and spiritually those who are studying for priestly and religious life.

During 2007 the program came to a stop because of the tsunami and other activities which the parish (Moli) had committed to which made it impossible for the group to get themselves organized. Upon the recommendation of Bishop Bernard O'grady OP, every parish in our Diocese should promote vocation to priesthood and religious life, and with this, the parish of St. Joseph Moli came to organized to carry out the program to support the St. John Mary Vianney movement.