

You can change your life

- Theresa Dola, Catholic Communications Solomons

“You have zeal, energy and talent and you can make a difference in your life and the lives of your family members”, said Fr. Raffy Galve sdb, PNG-SI Delegate. “With faith and courage you can change your lives and the lives of your people”, he told the seventeen Media students in Honiara. Fr. Raffy



Galve sdb, newly appointed delegate was on his first visit to the Solomon Islands and was visiting the Salesians at Don Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson and Don Bosco Rural Training Centre, Tetere. The participants were attending the fourth media seminar for school students at Don Bosco House of Prayer, West Kola-Ridge held from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th August 2008.

It was enjoyable and inspiring with its many exercises and games. Carol Labbad, AYAD volunteer animated the students and led them to reflect and discuss on youth issues. The topics covered in the seminar included creative news writing, scripts, story writing and video shooting. The short video clips had as their themes – education, poverty and future goals.

Job Mauli, a committed media student said, “I have improved on my camera work and can now be sure of good shots, be they wide, medium or close-up shorts. These basic shots convey powerful messages in a story”.



“I am so pleased and lucky to have an Australian volunteer Coral Labbad with us during the seminar. The exercises we did were fantastic. There was a clear message of love and hope for the young. The film entitled ‘The Second Chance’ has strengthened my determination to live a

committed spiritual life”, said Josephine Bata’a, a Tanagai youth animator.

“Interacting with the youth, sharing their ideas and spending time with God, was a very rewarding experience for every participant”, said Carol Labbad, AYAD animator at the seminar. “I learnt how much creativity, energy and potential the youth have. This can be put to great use for the benefit of everyone”, she said.

“The Seminar has challenged youngsters to share their faith and their commitment to the values they hold dear”, said Camari Banivalu, principal of Don Bosco Technical School, Henderson. Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb, Advisor – Catholic Communications Solomons celebrated the thanksgiving Eucharist, and expressed his gratitude to the participants and the animators of the very enjoyable seminar.