



BIG DAY FOR CELEBRATIONS AT SVD CENTRAL HOUSE

On Monday, 05 March 2018, we came together to SVD Central House in Madang to celebrate the following: 79th Birthday Celebration and Farewell Party for Bro. Anthony who is moving from Madang to Mt. Hagen; Birthdays of Br. Rudi (86th) and Br. Wiktor (51st) and Installation of Fr. Ziggy as the new Rector of the House.

The celebration started with an evening prayer at the Chapel with invited guests, priests, sisters and friends including the two Archbishops of Madang, the former Archbishop William Kurtz, SVD and the current Archbishop Stephen Joseph Reichert, OFM.

From the chapel all proceeded to the dining hall for the dinner party.

The dinner party started with a prayer by Archbishop. Stephen Reichert, OFM.

And followed by dinner and fellowship:

The three birthday celebrants then cut their cake and the guests sang the "Happy Birthday" song to them.



After the dinner, guests and friends said meaningful memories for Br. Anthony and there were stories of his humble life and beautiful character. All the beautiful remarks could be summarized in one sentence: "Br. Tony is goodness from within, radiated in his actions, giving light and inspiration to everyone who got to keep in touch with him".

In his simple reply, Br. Tony says thank you for everything, all the acceptance and love showed to him all throughout these years.

"I have become strong because of all of you, and because of the sense of mission here in this land. I have been here for years, educating myself about the culture, and the values of Melanesian people and Papua New Guinea. The quality of life here and now helps us to envision the quality of life that we are going to have. It is proper to celebrate the present and this time, however, the present cannot exist without the past. My past saved my present to embrace it and to look for the future with an optimistic outlook of my life, my religious commitment and my commitment to the Papua New Guinean Church through the Society of the Divine Word." I celebrate this day not as a person but as a community with you all here."

He thanked the Lord and the SVD for the all the opportunities they continue give him. He said: " it is easy to become a religious, a priest, brother and a nun, but it is not easy to live



it. He challenged his fellow colleagues that they must be content, happy and accept themselves and acknowledge the brokenness they face. He thanked those who helped and supported him to serve the people of Papua New Guinea. In the end he said he is so happy that he doesn't take any medication in his old age except for his daily dose of vitamins: the "VEGEMITE...". A special slide show of Br. Anthony's life was shown to the guests with Br. Anthony explaining each picture in the slide show.

After the tribute to Br. Tony, Fr. Provincial announced the appointment of Fr. Ziggy as the new Rector of the House.

- Thank you very much for your love, hospitality and dedication in this Mother House Br. Tony and wish you all the best!
- Congratulations Fr. Ziggy!
- Happy Birthday to Brs. Anthony, Rudi and Wiktor!

By: Father Itzo –Communications Coordinator



18 February 2018 inside the Parish Church in Hanuabada, Fr. Fredy Jehadin SVD as the Representative of the Provincial Superior handed down the Mission Cross to our new confrere Fr. Andrew Masi, SVD. He was ordained last year in Wirui Sepik and now he is already in East Timor. Wish you all the best Padre.



Greetings from Fr. Cosmas Combla.

Gifts from the lay missionary group “Queen of peace”

You may be aware that last year the Catholic Church had celebrated the centenary of the appearance of Virgin Mary in Fatima, Portugal. Closely connected to this event, three of our parishes in the Southern part of Simbu Province in Papua New Guinea: Dirima, Yuri and Nondri had received beautiful gifts from the lay missionary group “Queen of peace”. They had bought and sent to us 19 statues of Virgin Mary from Fatima, rosaries and two big crucifixes.



Unfortunately, these gifts became a headache for Fr. Peter Kim, SVD, our Parish Priest. He had to assertively deal with the bureaucracy of the Custom Service of PNG. It took a long time; so many papers from the parish and diocese were needed as well as two personal visits at the offices in Lae were made. But after this crazy nervous time and payment of a lot of money for the tax and custom services, the people of our parishes had the privilege of receiving those wonderful gifts.

I think that for more of the people of Dirima the 12th day of December would be a memorable day. That afternoon we had a well-prepared great welcome program for the statues of Virgin Mary from Fatima. In the afternoon two cars safely came back from Lae carrying all the gifts for three parishes. Two groups of our parishioners had worn traditional dress, brought the kundu (local drums) and were singing and dancing expressing their gladness.

Another special day at Dirima Parish was the 31st of January when we had beautiful and colorful welcoming procession for our special guest from the - Mr. Joseph Dongsoo Kim, a member of “Queen of peace missionaries”. During this program we had so many traditional dances, songs and thanksgiving speeches. He was really impressed and surprised with such hearty welcome at Dirima.

Activities continued in the next days. Some communities had been preparing the grottos for these statues of Virgin Mary. Firstly, we had an hour-long procession, welcome program, solemn Mass and great meal at Bretopa which took all the time of the 2nd day of February. Together with many believers we brought one statue of Mother Mary and the tabernacle. Unfortunately, in the next day our friend Mr. Joseph Dongsoo Kim became so sick and had some painkiller medicines; he lay in bed for four days.

Secondly, we had a beautiful Mass and installation of the statue in a renewed grotto near the church at the main parish in Dirima on 4th February. Afterwards we had a few well-attended and nice processions with the statue of Mother Mary going to a few more outstations such as Gumine, Kawaldian and Oldale, the last of which is located in a really remote area and the pilgrimage to it took long hours under the hot tropical sun. But each of these processions was full of joy and happiness of the Catholic people.

In the morning of 9th February, we had another occasion to see a good number of parishioners who came to say “Good-bye” and “Safe trip” to our important visitor Mr. Joseph Dongsoo Kim. After many memorable photos, friendly hugs and handshakes with the people he left Dirima. Some of the people were even crying at this moment. Our parishioners still remember and pray for all of the members of the “Queen of Peace” lay missionary group. May God bless them all for these great and wonderful gifts to the Catholic people at South Simbu, Papua New Guinea.

Fr. Steven Tcergel, SVD



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Fr. Provincial attended the Australian Province Assembly

From 19 till 23 February, Fr. Provincial attended the Australian Province Assembly and the Chapter. He met those missionaries who used to work in PNG province. They all wanted to greet the confreres in PNG and to refresh our, the photos were taken. They said, "We shall never forget you PNG. Keep up the good work. How are things?". There were many questions to be answered.

For our younger confreres, in the photos are (in the larger group, from left):

1. Fr. Anton Bulla, SVD who used to work in Goroka and Simbu dioceses.
2. Fr. Jan Szweda, SVD who used to work in Wewak and Madang Diocese, LCI and was our Provincial in PNG.
3. Fr. John Le, SVD who used to work in Dirima and is famous for his magic hands.
4. Fr. Henry Adler, SVD who used to work in Porgera, Enga and is now the Provincial of Australian province.



Happy Birthday

March

02	Fr. Joseph Tran	(1987)
04	Fr. John Bere	(1974)
	Fr. Francis Hungan	(1981)
06	Br. Rudi van Lier	(1932)
	Fr. Samuel Kokut	(1966)
	Br. Victor Kanarski	(1967)
08	Br. Tony Hollenstein	(1939)
12	Fr. Ignatius Jeyaraj	(1959)
19	Fr. Thomas Ottarackal	(1939)
22	Fr. Andrew Falat	(1983)
26	Fr. Jozef Maciolek	(1955)
	Fr. Yosep Mesa	(1960)
27	Fr. Andreas Neansugel	(1974)

April

01	Br. David Nikins	(1981)
	Fr. Peter Kim	(1967)
04	Br. Jerzy Kuzma	(1961)
05	Fr. Marian Faliszek	(1944)
06	Fr. Francis Pisztor	(1990)
12	Fr. Lukas Tiala	(1979)
13	Fr. Joseph Durero	(1968)
	Fr. Wilson Jacob	(1975)
	Fr. Cosmas Kombla	(1976)
15	Br. Paulus Boli	(1964)
20	Fr. Gabriel Kokon	(1969)
25	Fr. Peter Wiagolu	(1986)
26	Fr. Grzegorz Kubowicz	(1960)
28	Fr. Paul Liwun	(1959)

The death Anniversary

02	Fr. Nicolaus Spoelgen	(1901)
	Fr. John Roelofs	(2015)
03	Br. Leonard Althoff	(1997)
	Br. James Wilkins	(2010)
06	Fr. Reinhold Stefanski	(1991)
07	Br. Seraphicus Schmale	(1969)
	Fr. Heinrich Lehner	(1993)
10	Fr. Joseph Much	(1964)
	Fr. Albert Olah	(1997)
11	Fr. Piet Hesen	(2007)
12	Fr. William Tropper	(1975)
	Fr. William Saiko	(1990)
13	Br. Magnus Bauknecht	(1969)
14	Fr. Alois Kasprus	(1978)
	Fr. Anton Mailander	(2012)
15	Fr. Otto May	(1943)
	Fr. William Reif	(1943)
17	Fr. Joseph Kotrba	(1943)
	Br. Raphael Schwarz	(1943)
	Fr. Matt Lunzer	(2008)

Killed on board the 'Akikaze' in 1943:

Bishop: Joseph Loerks,

Fathers: Georg Bernd, Gerard de Bruyn, Paul Hansen,
Arthur Manion, Henry Meyer, Andreas Mueller, 23
Gerard Prinz, John Romanski, William Waechter, 24
Francis Winzenhoerlein.

Brothers: Ananias Posmik, Andreas Matyl, Ansgar Warnke, 28
Augustine Wolf, Melchior Bukkems, 29
Batholomew Kubitz, Benignus Franken, 29
Ephrem Pint, Fabian Brockhaus, Heldemar Berg, 30
Hyacinth Budde, Raphael Schwarz,
Rupert Ganahl, Siegbert Komar, Victor Salois.

18	Fr. Aegidius Boeven	(2000)
19	Fr. Peter Ladener	(1966)
20	Br. Bonfilus Kloesters	(1946)
	Fr. Henk van Wissing	(1999)
22	Fr. Christ. Schleiermacher	(1900)
	Fr. Louis Luzbetak	(2005)
23	Fr. Anton Jaworsky	(2002)
24	Fr. William Hagan	(1987)
25	Br. Peter van der Wiel	(2015)
27	Fr. John Bartoszek	(2011)
28	Br. Odoricus Aldegoer	(1927)
	Br. Jacob Montag	(1968)
30	Br. Emmerich Roderhoff	(1986)
	Fr. John Labor	(1990)
	Fr. Jim Franks	(1992)

01	Br. Ben Seng	(1981)
	Fr. August Schwarz	(2004)
02	Fr. Ernst Ferlej	(2000)
03	Fr. August Becker	(1959)
	Fr. Michael Bodnar	(1989)
04	Fr. Leo Brouwer	(1994)
05	Fr. John Hannaher	(1983)
	Fr. Werner Shadeg	(2006)
06	Br. Florian Leissing	(1942)
	Br. Edelbert Wasner	(1944)
07	Fr. Albert Aufinger	(1960)
	Fr. Dominic Sary	(1956)
	Br. Cherubim Kaufman	(1994)
11	Fr. Michael Langan	(1998)
13	Fr. Joseph Niedenzu	(1939)
15	Abp. Adolf Noser	(1981)
	Fr. John Daly	(2001)
16	Fr. Ricard Kunze	(1959)
	Fr. Vito Romani	(1978)
18	Br. Gregory Zimmet	(1950)
21	Br. Josef Wort (Wieczorek)	(1995)
	Fr. Werner Angenent	(2002)
	Fr. George Miozga	(2007)
	Fr. Joseph Jurczyk	(2009)
	Fr. Charles Boehm	(1986)
	Br. Aventinus Holzbauer	(1976)
	Fr. Paul Tryba	(1993)
	Fr. Paul Hesse	(1937)
	Fr. Rudolf Jischke	(1971)
	Br. Aufridus Muurlink	(1944)

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Teachers without pay for 12 months

Post Courier

Teachers who graduated and were posted to schools around the country last year have not been paid their wages for the 2017 Academic year. This was revealed by PNGTA General Secretary, Ugwalubu Mowana last week. Mr Mowana blamed the Department of Education for the delay, adding that it is not only new graduates who are affected but also includes teachers who have transferred from one school to another. He said the Department of Education through Teacher Education has the responsibility of registering teachers, issuing each teacher a file number which will then be provided to the Teaching Service Com-

mission (TSC) for admission and payment. He added that this has however not been done and the delay in payment has continued. "All graduates from 2017 and teachers who have transferred from one province to another or have left and come back into the teaching service have not been paid," he said. Mr Mowana asked why the affected teachers have not been paid their salaries; further adding that there are a lot of problems within the teaching service and these outstanding issues need to be settled. Mr Mowana said that teachers sacrifice a lot and these issues must be settled to give them relief.

Sisters working on safe house for victims of violence

The National

NUNS in East New Britain are establishing the first safe house for victims of violence in province. The FMI Sisters are setting up the safe house in partnership with the Archdiocese of Rabaul, ENB Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee (FSVAC) and Roar 4 PNG, a non-governmental organisation which supports survivors in crisis.

The safe house will provide a sanctuary for women and children who have experienced family or sexual violence. Survivors will be able to access services such as healthcare,

police and legal aid.

The project began a few years ago when the ENB FSVAC decided to build a safe house as a priority for the province. The Archdiocese of Rabaul provided land and donors have supplied shipping containers which will be used to build the safe house. The FMI Sisters are being trained as fulltime staff, and the ENB FSVAC is working on a referral pathway network between service providers to ensure holistic care for survivors.

K3.2 million Child protection Project mysteriously stopped

Post Courier

The government's child protection effort that commenced in 2017 has derailed less than a year into its operation. According to 2018 Budget books, the Child Protection project under the Integrated Community Development Scheme of the Department of Community Development has ceased operations for lack of funds. Tabled in the '2018 Budget estimates of Revenue and Expenditure' which was released during the 2017 November Budget session, K3.2 million was afforded to a mysterious child protection project. Efforts to find traces of tangible outcomes of this multimillion kina child protection project were in vain, but it was gleaned from the expenditure report that the sole project was funded by a donor agency in collaboration with the government.

It was confirmed that the Australian Agency for International Development provided funds for this ad hoc project that tackled a rather vital societal issue but that funding ceased due to the lack of government drive. While the now

discontinued child protection project was a foreign intuitive both financially and operationally, it would seem the government of the day did not take heed of community deficiency indicators to do with childcare and protection.

The Asian Development Bank's Aaron Mathews said recently while commenting on child protection in the country that security starts with ensuring youngsters and children are safe.

"It is not only logical but practically proven that the foundation of dealing with security in any capacity is by first having a decent enforcement entity. "You have that in the RPNGC, your Defence Force and relating enforcement authorities. "All the country needs to do is back such initiatives like the child protection project that is now unfunded and abandoned as these are societal gaps that analysts have identified as potholes that need to be filled," explained Mr Mathews.

Many Students miss out

Post Courier

12,234 grade 12 students have been selected for further studies at tertiary institutions this year, according to the Online selection system. The successful ones were out of the 25,848 school leavers who had applied to further their education. According to Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology Minister Pila Niningi, all students with a grade point average of 2.3 and above that met respective GPA and subject to related entry requirements were allocated space within a higher education institution. He said 3204 school leavers will continue their studies at a study program at the six major universities.

According to initial data compiled from the 2018 selection document published on the higher education website,

University of PNG selected 1002, PNG University of Technology selected 599, University of Goroka selected 561, University of Natural Resources and Environment selected 200, Divine Word University selected 565 and the Pacific Adventist University selected 277 for the 2018 academic year. The other 9030 grade 12 students were awarded a study program in various government-recognised tertiary colleges.

Last year's school-leavers total was 25,848. Students continuing were 12,234 (47 per cent), non-continuing students: 13,614 (53 per cent), universities: 3204 (12 per cent) and colleges 9030 (35 per cent).