



SVD - PNG 21st Provincial Chapter

“Transformed by God’s Love in the Power of the Word“

15th-22nd
January; 2016,
Alexishafen,
Madang Province



It was beautiful and a blessed day when all the 33 capitularies came to gather at the 21st SVD-PNG Provincial Chapter in Alexishafen from 15th – 21st January 2018. There were 13 nationalities of Divine Word Missionaries and from all over the province who work for the Church of Papua New Guinea.

The theme of the Chapter is “Transformed by God’s love in the Power of the Word.” Conferes drew from the people of this land as our members help us to be grounded in the PNG context.

On Monday 15th January at 7pm we had a walk around the cemetery. We took this opportunity to remember all those who had already fulfilled their task. A moment of silence was made to give respect to them who, with sacrifice and passion, have served the Church of PNG and their legacy is to be continued by us who are still here living among the people. And with the same spirit we carried that task in our candlelight procession to the conference center where we began the Chapter. End of day one.

The following day, the Chapter began with a whole-day recollection and afterwards we shared together our individual experiences in

our missionary life. It was a day of reflection and prayer through the sharing of the words from the Bible personal experiences.

On the third day, Wednesday 17 January, there were presentations and reports from all Districts, communities and on the Four Characteristic Dimensions. We heard formal reports from all areas of our work and service. There was a general mix of participants. Quiet representatives found a place to speak at times; however, voices were loudest when it came to discussion of our property.

After dinner, we had visitor from town, “the clown group” led by Sr. Mary Claude. It was a fun and enjoyable night.

The next day was the continuation of the report from coordinator, institutions, formation, MER, Word Publishing, Treasurer, Rectors from different houses and Provincial. We completed all the reports that day at 4pm and each participant was given a cap with SVD name on it. The Chapter concluded with a group photo.

On the 5th day of the Chapter we mostly made evaluation, corrections and recommendations from the last Chapter. There were only two resolutions but many recommendations. Some were implemented and some are yet to



be implemented. After lunch we were given an opportunity to have sightseeing at RD Tuna Fishing at Vidar.

The session ended with a social night organized by Fr. Justin and Fr. Joe Durero.

On Saturday, the 20th and Sunday the 21st, all capitulars really committed themselves to the time and energy to sharing, discussing and making recommendations and resolutions to be carried out for the Provincial administration and the members of the whole SVD Province.

Important issues that surfaced included developing the relationship with lay people to further the aims of the mission, forming networks of missionaries who are active in responding to issues of violence particularly the issue of witchcraft accusation violence, and to become well-informed on how to deal with

the associated trauma of such violence.

Land matters also surfaced as an area of concern. We look forward to the finance committee becoming active and the formation of a finance Board drawing on outside expertise. Issues such as the development of the YC and Boiken land will be referred to the Financial Board.

After those days of discussion, we came to elect a delegate and his substitute to the General Chapter in June 2018. Fr Joseph Durero received s the majority vote to become our delegate and Fr. Norbert as a substitute.

At 2.15pm we closed our Chapter with a prayer by Fr. Justin Nenat who recently graduated for liturgy from St Beda University in Manila.

By: Father Itzo –Communications Coordinator

All Around The Province

Enga district confreres with their team... getting smaller in number



From Enga District we send our greeting to all of you. Here we are with the small number of confreres, but we are happy and will try our best to carry out The Word of God among the peoples in Enga.

Our DWC,
Bomana
Community
2018



It was blessing and privilege that all our 19-candidate come together in Bomana to start they study some will take religious studies and others to continue their theology study. They are come different part of PNG but call to serve God as SVD. No matter what, we believe that Jesus call us to follow His step through SVD.

Some activities
from
Wewak District



Opening of new Church in Suimbo community. After years of preparation and hard work finally finish with big celebration among the people in and around the community.

Br. Martin
from MI
try to build up
relation...



Br. Martin from MI try to build up relation between two countries Papua New Guinea and Indonesia in some key discussion and talks; formal and informal (churches, government bodies, border expert and grassroots community leader) on Cross-cutting issues including opportunities and challenges faced by communities living along the borders of two country in Melanesian ways.

By: Father Itzo –Communications Coordinator

Greetings from... winter Poland



Mark with bro. Simon and his two sisters Julia and Michelle.

Christmas is the time of joy by giving and receiving simple gifts. It is also paying visits to families and friends with greetings of joy because Christ is born into our families and into our society. He is the reason that we share the joy and so we get immersed into His brand-new culture. Let us grow in His society.

In the chilly cold winter of 23rd December last year, I received a warm welcome and hearty kiss from the Porwał family in the south of Poland. The bliss was the mixture of wonder and surprises as relatives and friends kept coming into the house to exchange gifts, greetings, and joy of Christmas. An outstanding custom which made me forget about my nationality was opłatek, a host-like bread we broke, shared and wished each other good luck. It was really a reunion. I felt bonded to the family and relatives because it was my first time getting immersed in the custom. I believe that this is why Christ is born into us, to reunite and bind us to the Father, the source of everlasting joy.

Mark with
bro. Simon sisters
Michelle and
niece Nataly.



Visiting
friends,
Rudi and
Vicki Wilczek.



Mark with
bro. Simon
niece Emily.



Wantoks are everywhere. With two Math students in Katowice.

By: Mark Okuk

A Great Semester One



My grup.

It's an end of the first semester of my studies at my school. I am extremely happy with subjects that I have and of course with my progress so far, I'm looking forward to the next semester. Because the school itself is a bit far from our provincial house in Warsaw I need almost an hour to get there and about the same time to come back if there is no traffic jam. Now, I'm very familiar with the public transportation in the capital.

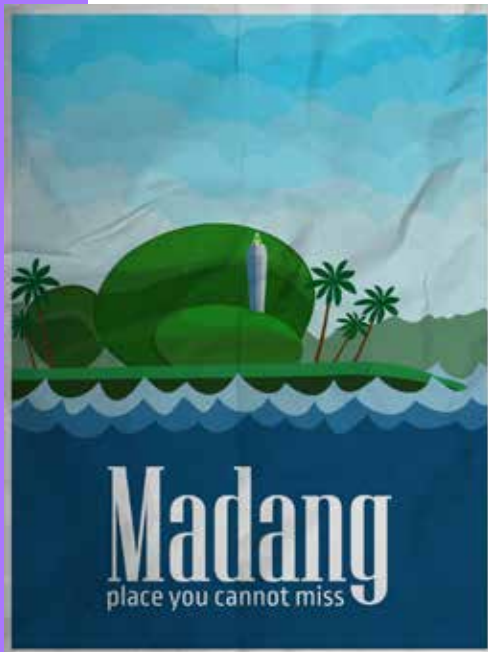
It's an amazing first semester. Not only that I have a great group, it didn't matter that I'm the oldest one. Most of the students in my group were students coming straight after high school. I could almost be a father to them :). Even some of my teachers were younger than me. My grades are good, I can even say that they are good and to be honest I had difficulty only with History of Art because there was so much timeline to go through and to remember all of that. But I was not worried because I was doing well. Besides History of Art, I had subjects like

- Visual Operations and Structures (a class about aesthetics and beauty, at least this has been described to us),
- Bitmap Graphics (learning the secrets of Adobe Photoshop from scratch),
- Vector Graphics (learning the secrets of Adobe Illustrator from scratch),
- Lettering (creating fonts and working with decorative text),
- Perspective Drawing (we learned perspec-

tive and correct placement of graphics, drawings etc. in space),

- Drawing (for now we paint the still life with watercolors),
- Painting (for now, we draw still life with pencil, pastels, anything, learning the proportion of objects and reflecting reality),
- Information Technologies (Microsoft office from beginning to more advanced),
- English language (English B1 lower language, we process Upper Intermediate material as that was how they allocated it). The general level is very high, though I have no problem with speaking. It is a good repetition of grammar and building an even wider vocabulary resources. At the end of the last year, we finished with everyone approaching TOEIC B2 higher, which is Business English. We will be preparing for this for three years.

Reading what I had, it's possible to imagine how busy I can be, and I will say that much more is approaching. All this sometimes influence my current situation; I do not sleep enough, and this winter does not help me at all. I really miss the beautiful and hot climate of PNG. I have been thinking about PNG all the time and I even used PNG as an inspiration in my projects. I love to talk about PNG to the people in my group and even to the teachers; sometimes I talk to myself in Tok Pisin and this makes people smile and I like that.



Photos of my of the student daily life and some of my many projects.



By: bro. Simon Porwol

Happy Birthday

February

01	Fr. Paul Bina	(1972)
	Br. Sudhir Tigga	(1974)
06	Fr. Stephan Tcergel	(1989)
09	Fr. Shadreg Ketiga	(1979)
10	Fr. Jan Czuba	(1959)
13	Br. Sjaak Swinkels	(1945)
14	Fr. Janusz Skotniczny	(1960)
15	Fr. Eric Ankamah	(1982)
16	Fr. Victor Roche	(1952)
17	Fr. Victor D'Sa	(1947)
19	Br. Paul Kearns	(1947)
20	Br. Lambert Buter	(1937)
	Fr. Joseph Cheng	(1987)
23	Fr. Walenty Gryk	(1957)

The death Anniversary

01	Br. Symmachus Stiller	(1932)
04	Fr. John Gehberger	(1931)
	Fr. Ferruccio Zuccolo	(2009)
06	Fr. Ralph Wiltgen	(2007)
08	Fr. Elmer Elsbernd	(2001)
	Fr. Frank Mihalic	(2001)
10	Fr. Ivo Ruiter	(1991)
12	Br. Firmatus Weddeling	(1943)
	Fr. Patrick Murphy	(1978)
	Bp. Raymond Kalisz	(2010)
14	Fr. Jacob Ziegler	(1956)
	Fr. Claire Risse	(1998)
	Br. Amandus van Neerven	(2008)
15	Fr. Joseph Erdweg	(1925)
16	Fr. Karl Morschheuser	(1934)
	Fr. Nikolaus Kuhn	(1998)
17	Fr. Anton Roesler	(1980)
20	Br. Heribert Stimmler	(1961)
21	Abp. George Bernarding	(1987)
	Fr. Alois Siegel	(1997)
22	Fr. Theo Tersteeg	(2012)
23	Br. Cunibert Cebulla	(1966)
	Fr. Clarence Howard	(1985)
	Fr. Frederick Girards	(1935)
	Br. Edelfried Pohl	(1965)
	Fr. William Kemmerling	(1989)
	Fr. Francis Scherer	(1911)
	Fr. Steve Palinkas	(1995)

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)

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, Gerard Prinz, John Romanski, William Waechter, Francis Winzenhoerlein.

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

18	Fr. Aegidius Boeven	(2000)
19	Fr. Peter Ladener	(1966)
20	Br. Bonfilius 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)

SOCIAL CONCERN January

Female victims
of violence filling up
morgue at Angau hospital
The National

The Angau Memorial Hospital morgue has received more female bodies than male bodies over the past two years, according to a hospital staff. Morgue attendant Naru Koria said female deaths were related to domestic violence and other related issues. He said there was also an increase in the number of infant deaths during childbirth and the bodies were left in the morgue and the parents had then failed to claim them. "Some bodies are in the morgue for far too long and more are coming in every week so the morgue cannot hold the bodies," he said.

Koria said there were two deep freezers and one cooler which have a holding capacity of 35 bodies each. "Now it is over that number and we are piling the bodies one on top of the other and that is not good," he said. "Those who know that they have bodies of relatives still in the morgue must make an attempt to get them and do proper burials. "It is like sending someone to prison to serve their term in jail, so we have to take them out and make a proper burial for them in order to release them."

Justice is a right for all
and everyone
Post Courier

Just last week in Goroka, a female employee of an Asian shop was ordered by the owner to do a thorough body check. The body check was done by a female Asian woman. The body check was done in an inappropriate manner. The Papua New Guinea woman employed by the Asian shop was accused of stealing some cash. At first a check was done from the security cameras that revealed nothing. Then the body check followed also revealing nothing. Sadly the traumatised woman was not released she was threatened by the Asian shop owner that she would be arrested and charged after going through two different methods of search with no proof of stealing. She was detained in their custody at that Asian shop until 7.45 pm and released. After being found out that she did not take any money whatsoever, she had to walk a long distance braving incidents that might happen to her as she walked alone that night.

She arrived home at 8.30pm. While all this was going on, her baby back at the house was suffering from hunger and deprived of breastfeeding.

Hence this case was promptly reported to the police to handle on Thursday 18/01/2018.

An officer on duty that day who handled this case was ordered by a senior officer who arrived in a white ten seater LandCruiser to drop the case. Our guess is the superior officer may have been in contact with the Asian shop owner concerned. This incident leaves us questioning and gives the impression that this is a common scenario throughout the country where justice is not served when necessary. More importantly women and youth are victims of such behavior and incidently, another female employee faced the same mistreatment prior to this case.

Aponegita Mota, Goroka

Fed up with atrocities
related to sorcery
Post Courier

I write because am fed up with atrocities like this, "Tortured –Woman accused of practicing sorcery" recently in the papers- and similar happenings across PNG.

And what about the arrest of the child abusers who attempted to burn and torture the girl whose mother was murdered, in Enga?

May I appeal to the leaders of the country (PM included) to make a public statement on where we stand on this issue that continues to make front page – whether PNG is for or against it? Parliament has a treasured Holy Bible which reiterates all citizens, including offenders, victims, witnesses, police officers or public servants do not have

the power to kill but only the Courts. No one is above that law!

Death penalty must be investigated by the courts, to apply to the perpetrators who afflict death on innocent persons, and this needs to be addressed aggressively.

We need to understand also that we have gross poverty in many settings, which is a huge factor, to many avoidable diseases and medical complications, for all ages and gender, yet we keep on blaming each other. Our lifestyles are a major cause to our own demise, and that to help prevent such experiences we need to start addressing poverty. Alois Nomenda, POM

Illegal gambling rife in
parts of Highlands
The National

Papua New Guinea needs a tougher law on the illegal hi-low game rife in the Highlands provinces.

This contributes to escalating law and order and illicit activities such as alcohol, homebrew, prostitution, robberies, pick-pocketing and stealing. The regulator, PNG National Gaming Control Board (NGCB) is turning a blind eye on the illicit activity that lures mostly school children, men and women to actively participate. Hard earned cash from daily sales or through savings are recklessly spent on gambling in the pretext of making huge profit for a day.

Western Highlands Yamka's community leader Timbi Kagul said children mainly students are hi-low addicted followed by adult men and women. Mr Kagul said the illegal hi-low game is discouraging people from active agriculture and commercial farming or people are simply lazy to work in their garden. "People are playing hi-low to make quick bucks; it's like free cash handouts but at the end of

the day, they are wasting valuable time and effort associated with law and order problems where people steal from other people's gardens and hi-low venues turn into brothels," he said. He said illegal hi-low operators are smart people who establish strong networks and collaborated well with police to keep the game in operation. "Law enforcement agencies like police are being bribed, they are also recipients of proceeds from the hi-low game and not enforcing the law by arresting and charging the operators. "There is no control mechanism in place because police are part of the hi-low syndicate," Mr Kagul claims. According to a research conducted recently, the illegal hi-low game is operating in the heart of Enga's Wabag town opposite Wabag police station where Enga Provincial Police Commander's office is followed by Porgera station, in Tari town, Kawi in the Western Highlands, Banz, Kundiawa, Goroka and Kainantu towns.