

# DOV *Nius* Bulletin

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## **VISITOR FROM ROME**

The Secretary General of the PIME Society, Fr. Giulio Mariani was in Vanimo for a week to preach retreat to the Parish Priests and also to give recollection to the students of the St. Charles Borromeo Major Seminary in Lote. All Parish Priests within the Diocese of Vanimo gathered for a-week-long retreat which started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April and ended on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April.

Before leaving for their respective parishes, the priests co-celebrated Mass with Bishop Cesare Bonivento for the blessing of the Holy Oils on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April.

Fr. Giulio left for Rome on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April.

## **DIOCESAN EDUCATION HEADS ATTEND WORKSHOP**

The Catholic Education Secretaries and Religious Instruction Coordinators in PNG and Solomon Islands gathered in Port Moresby for two weeks for a workshop and a national conference from 27 March to 7<sup>th</sup> April.

The workshop was organized by the National Catholic Education Office and conducted by the Divine Word University through its Flexible Learning Office. It was on leadership, communication, teamwork, office management and finance management.

Vanimo Diocesan CES, Mr. Jerome Saweni and the RI Coordinator, Sr. Daisy Jacob both attended the workshop and conference. Sr. Daisy said the workshop was enriching and helpful, especially the topics on office and financial management.

## **DOV HEALTH EMBARKS ON A NEW TB PROGRAM**

The Diocesan Health Office is preparing to take on the new Tuberculosis program approved by the National Government aimed at eradicating TB in the country.

DOV Health Office has targeted Wasengla as the first area to introduce this program because Wasengla has the highest rate of TB cases in the province. All the Church-run health centers will combine in this program and conduct awareness and workshops on how to combat TB.

This new medicine is much more effective than the old one and takes a much shorter term of medication.

## **DOV HEALTH OFFICE GETS A CARE-TAKER**

The Health Office of the Diocese of Vanimo has a new care-taker. He is Mr. Brian Treron, a nursing officer with the Diocesan Health Agency. The former Diocesan Health Secretary, Sr. Lorna Kawa, left on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2005. After she left Mr. Michael Kalele, a staff of the Health office acted as the care-taker until the 17<sup>th</sup> of March this year when Mr. Treron was appointed as the new care-taker. He will be acting on this position till October when the new Secretary takes office.

## **DIOCESAN AIDS OFFICE VISITS CIS**

The Diocesan AIDS office this week visited the Correctional Institute Services here in Vanimo to carry out awareness on the killer disease AIDS. The DOV AIDS office has been busy conducting awareness in the coastal schools and villages of Vanimo Diocese.

## **SDB SUPERIOR VISITS**

The Salesian Community in Vanimo had a visit from their Superior, Fr. Luciano Odorico on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. Fr. Odorico also visited Bishop Cesare Bonivento on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March before he left for Port Moresby.

**NOTICE** Hello everyone! In this second issue of DOVNius Bulletin, we are happy to let you know that our Diocese is very much awake and preparing to meet the Great Feast of Easter. All Parishes, with their parish priests, have prepared programs that involve everyone. All these activities started off when everyone joined in processions on Palm Sunday in all parishes throughout the Diocese.

There are also new programs within our Diocesan offices as you can read in this issue.

See you in the next issue.