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BISHOP WISHES EVERYONE THE JOY OF RISEN LORD

As his Easter message for his people, the Bishop of Vanimo, Most Rev. Cesare Bonivento told them that true happiness does not come from following satan and his lies. He wished that everyone would give space to the Risen Lord Jesus in their hearts and experience the true happiness of Easter. Only then would there be true happiness and peace in the families, communities and society as a whole.

31 RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS

More than 30 babies and children were welcomed into the Church and received Jesus in the Eucharist on Easter Sunday at the little community of Dawong. Fr. Marian Faliszek from the St. Charles Borromeo Major Seminary was happy to baptize 13 babies and children and give the Sacrament of Body and Blood of Jesus to 18 children and some youth. Bishop Cesare Bonivento, on his way back from Waromo where he celebrated Easter Mass, stopped to express his happiness and welcomed them into the Catholic Church. The little community-prayer-house was too small to hold the number of people who turned up to witness the event and to part-take in the liturgy.

WOMEN ON CHARITY MISSION

Patients at the Vanimo General Hospital and inmates at the Provincial Jail look forward to every Tuesday because that's when they get more than enough of variety of deliciously cooked garden food generously brought to them by the women from the Baro Catholic Women's Group.

The Group has also started bringing food, cooked and raw, to the two Diocesan Seminaries. President of the Group, Ms Lucy Tokoyo said they want to help the students physically, so that they will be mentally and spiritually fit and will be alert to follow God's will in their lives.

MOTHERS LEARN TO READ AND WRITE

Thirty women have started learning to read and write in an adult literacy program run by the Waromo Parish, which kick-started on Thursday April 27. The women were divided into two groups, first level is from 0 to 1 and the next is from 2 to 3. Those in level 0-1 are ones who have no idea how to read and write and those in level 2-3 are those who can read but can hardly write. Each woman pays K2 as an enrollment fee.

DIOCESE AIDS FLOOD VICTIMS

More than 10 villages have been devastated and food gardens destroyed when River Yapsi, situated in the Telefomin District of Sandaun Province, flooded during the heavy rains in April. The villagers have been surviving on fruits and other plants not destroyed by the flood. They have also been deprived of clean drinking water and are now suffering from illnesses like diarrhea, stomach aches, malaria and other flood related diseases. Vanimo Diocese through it's Caritas Office, has donated 450kilograms of rice which the Diocesan airplane, DOVAir delivered to the affected areas. The Provincial Disaster Office has not responded to the situation so far.

HEAVY RAINS STOPS VISIT

The continues heavy rains this week worsened the condition of the road leading to St. Michael's Parish, Ossima which is situated about 40 kilometers inland from Vanimo town. Bishop Cesare Bonivento tried going to Ossima but the road condition was so bad that he had to cancel his trip.

BISHOPS MEET IN CHIMBU

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands gathered in Mingende, Chimbu Province for a week for their Annual General Meeting. The meeting went well but not all bishops attended. The Bishops of Solomon Islands were not present due to the unrest in their country. Bishop Cesare Bonivento of Vanimo left the Diocese on 21 April for the meeting and returned on the 28.

MINOR SEMINARY GETS A NEW WING

A new wing is being built at the Saint John Vianney Minor Seminary to cater for more students next year. The ground breaking ceremony for the construction was initiated by the Bishop of Vanimo, Cesare Bonivento on the 18th of April. Diocesan Construction company, DOV Construction has already started working on this project.