

# DOV *Nius* Bulletin

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## **VISIT TO ST. GEMMA'S CENTRE**

Fr. Phillip Smith, Superior of the Passionist congregation accompanied Br. Graham Leech of the Callan Services in Wewak, to St. Gemma's Senta bilong Helpim here in Vanimo on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. Br. Graham was here to see if Callan Services could work together with St. Gemma's Centre and improve its educational programs. The St. Gemma's Senta Bilong Helpim is run by the Passionist community here in Vanimo.

## **BISHOP VISITS PARISHES**

Bishop Cesare Bonivento visited several parishes this month to formally install parish priests. Holy Family Parish, Wasengla had its Parish Priest, Fr. Donatus formally installed when Bishop Cesare visited there on the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. He returned to Vanimo on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May.

Bishop Cesare also officially installed Fr. Mateo Joy as the Parish Priest of Idam when he visited there from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of May.

And on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May he went to Utai where he blessed and installed Fr. Ricardo and returned on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **SISTER SUPERIOR VISITS**

Sister Hubertine, the Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) Sisters in PNG was in Vanimo from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> of May. She was here to visit her sisters in the two communities based in Vanimo town and Wasengla. She also spoke with the priests working with the sisters and met with Bishop Cesare Bonivento before she left on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

## **CHURCHES MEDICAL HEADS MEET**

The Churches Medical Council of PNG held its national conference in Port Moresby from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. All heads of church run medical services in the country gathered there including the Vanimo Diocesan Health Acting Secretary, Mr. Brian Treron. The theme of this conference was 'strengthening partnership and service delivery'.

## **STUDENT LEADERS MEET**

Student leaders of Don Bosco Technical Secondary School in Vanimo gathered at St. Paul's Pastoral Center, Lote, for their annual leadership seminar from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. The 30 young men were school prefects, class and dorm captains from Grades 9 to 12. They learnt how to be good leaders and to lead the other students by example. The school holds this seminary every year after its SRC elections.

## **FAMILY APOSTOLATE REPS MEET**

Sexual Reproductive Health was the main topic discussed when all the Diocesan Family Apostolate Coordinators from Momase region gathered in Madang from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of May. Sr. Lucy from DOV Family Life Center was one of the 15 participants who discussed issues relating to sexual reproductive health and planned programs to deal with such issues in their respective dioceses.

## **MCST SISTERS RETURN**

Two Missionary Catechists of Saint Therese (MCST) sisters based in Leitre returned on Sunday 28 after a year and three months away in Philippines. Of the two sisters, Sr. Rosenda was coming back after the break while Sr. Dolores was coming back in place of another sister who has been assigned somewhere else. However, this is not the first time for Sr. Dolores to be in Vanimo, she had worked in Leitre from 1991 to 96. After 10 years away she is back and still fluent in Tok Pisin! Another sister, Sr. Melba, who is also returning after the break, will join them later as soon as she receives her visa.

## **WOMEN FROM ALL CHURCHES MEET**

Sandaun Ecumenical Women's Group had its first general gathering on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May where women representing all churches in Vanimo, including the Catholic church, gathered to share experiences and find solutions to major problems they face. The theme of this gathering was 'In Christ We Are One'.