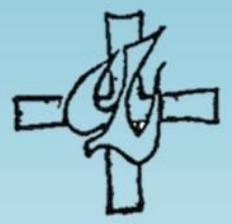


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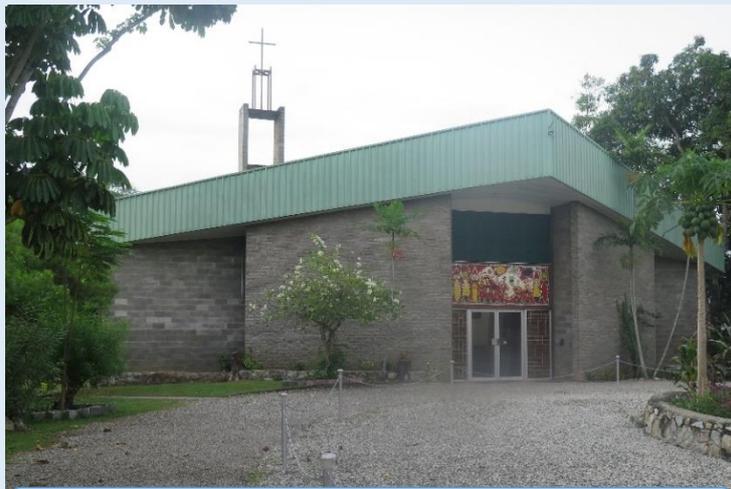
**ST. PETER'S HOUSE**



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***The Temple of the Holy Spirit***

**Bl. Peter To Rot Hall**



**The Staff House**



**Bl. John Mazzucconi Hall**





# The Paraliturgy For Peace



On the third Sunday of Lent, 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2022, we had the Paraliturgy service led by the Vincentian Family. The participants in the service were priests and brothers from different religious communities within the Catholic Theological Institute (C.T.I), nuns and Catholic lay faithful from Marianville Secondary, Sacred Heart Teachers College, and the surrounding residences. The service intentionally aimed at praying for the reign of peace in Ukraine and Russia. We joined mother church



praying for peace and harmony between these two nations, as the Lord taught us in the beatitudes that “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matt 5:9). We are in fact children of God through the rite of baptism. Thus, we are simply exercising our kingly, prophetic, and priestly roles, by interceding with and on behalf of the needy. We are peacemakers in the sense: that we are offering our prayers like incense before God’s throne for peace.



The Paraliturgy began with the opening prayer by **Fr. Amith CM**. After the opening prayer the hymn, ‘For the Love of the Lord is the Essence,’ was sung by the Holy Spirit Seminarians. Whilst singing **Fr. Jacek CM, Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary**, led the procession with the Blessed Sacrament towards the venue; the field of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Congregation (M.S.C).



The glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary were recited along the way. The first decade: the resurrection of Jesus was offered for peace between Ukraine and Russia. The ascension of our Lord into heaven; the second decade was offered for the suffering mothers and children.

The descent of the Holy Spirit was intended for the fathers and the youth. The Fourth decade, Mary’s assumption into heaven was dedicated for the refugees. And the final decade of the glorious mystery was for the old people and the grace of a happy death.



Having arrived at the venue the Blessed Sacrament was placed on the altar, and the representatives of each religious community, institution and the laity took turns offering their prayers to Jesus.

We united with mother church in one mind, heart, soul and spirit for peace among these two warring nations,



that through Mary's powerful intercession and ours, God may restore peace in his own time, and according to his will. When placing ourselves in their shoes, reflectively we could sense the profound human suffering caused by the war.

Imagining a life lived in the midst of war, where there is the absence of peace. The air fully occupied by bombardments of missiles, gunfire, roaring-war tanks, etc. Families are forced to separate, whereby men and youths risked their lives for their own land and for the common good. There're rising food shortages, refugee's numbers, and death tolls rises. It isn't easy and safe to be in this situation that's why we, as the pilgrim church have to ask God to intervene, by our prayers and our good deeds. That's the intention of the Paraliturgy facilitated by the Vincentian Family to join mother church; praying for peace.



In brief, after the service the Blessed Sacrament was brought back in procession to Holy Spirit Seminary Chapel, with the glorious mysteries recited.



BY BRO. HENRY TADE



*"BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,  
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD"*



**PRAYER  
FOR  
PEACE**

## **CONSECRATION OF UKRAINE AND RUSSIA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

*One Spirit in Prayer with the Holy Father Pope Francis for our Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine and Russia*



On the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of March the Holy Father Pope Francis invited all the children of the Universal Church to pray with him in consecration of Ukraine and Russia to end the war and may God's peace reign in the lands of Ukraine and Russia.

As for the Holy Spirit Seminary community, with the help of the **Rector Fr. Jacek CM**, we bought some candles with the flags of Ukraine and Russia. Our **Spiritual Director Fr. Amith CM**. helped us with the arrangement and the

setting up of our prayer arena which took place in our St. John Mazzucconi Hall. This was on the evening of Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March.

The evening prayer was led by the Seminary Liturgy Master Seminarian Robert Waiek and he was assisted by Fr Jacek CM and Fr Amith CM. Fr Jacek brought the Blessed Sacrament with the assistance of two seminarians from the chapel to the prayer arena. We placed the Holy Bible, the Blessed Sacrament and the Statue of our Blessed Mother on the decorated table with the theological understanding that the “*Word became flesh through Mary*” because this was on the evening of the Solemnity of the Annunciation.



We began our prayer with the recitation of the Holy Rosary and we dedicated each decade of the Sorrowful Mysteries in offering prayers and intercessions into the hands of our Blessed Mother. The brothers from PH1 to TH3 offered their prayers before each decade and after the prayer we all went into silence meditating on the intercession that was offered by one of our brothers. After the silence we began a hymn and then we continued to recite the holy Rosary till the fifth decade. We ended the consecration prayer with the solemn blessing from the Lord.



**BY BRO. JEFFREY PENSOKSOK**

# **THE FRUITS OF ATTENTIVE LISTENING**

As usual Holy Spirit Major Seminary has formation sessions every Monday. During these sessions our four formators will have their turn to impart their knowledge, skills and experience based on the four pillars of formation (physical, pastoral, intellectual, and spiritual) which they are in charge of. And from this, I am going to elaborate more on one of their talks given by Fr. Jacek (Rector) based on the Listen Church. But for now, I will focus only on the benefits or fruits of attentive listening.

Listening is very vital for better communication with God, others, and oneself. A good listener will always have a successful life and there are three positive approaches to follow. Firstly, a good listener must developed his personal communication through the solitude way of life. To be in a solitude way of life is not to separate yourself from the others but it is time for you to create a space and time for God to speak to you. From this stage, you will recognized the Call of God within you. God will speak through you when you are in a solitude or lonely place. From there, you will recognized your potential and gifts before you expose yourself.

Secondly, when you recognized yourself then you have to practice these God given gifts and talents for the service of the others. This means that, you have to be part of the community in which you are living in. A community is a place where everyone come together to share and care for each other for the glory of God. You cannot separate or isolate yourself from a community because we are social beings.

Thirdly, a good community must have rules and regulation for the common good of everyone. Therefore, discipline comes in to make sure that the welfare and wellbeing of everyone is being fulfilled. If there is no discipline then the community will be in chaos. There will be no peace and harmony because the channel of communication has been neglected due to poor listening.

Finally, a good listener will have a successful life. Those who are not good listener often have obstacles in their lives. A good listener will always make right decision or choice in life and be obedient to the higher authorities. When you developed this virtue of listening your door of life will be open.



**BY BRO. RUARRI CONSTANTINE**

## **KIDNEY FAILURE BECOMES A GRAVE CONCERN**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, 2022, Holy Spirit Seminary, Bomana invited Dr. Eric Mange who is specialized in kidney complications. Dr. Mange is 29 years old and a visionary medical professional who hails from the cold geographic terrain of Ialibu in the Southern Highlands Province. He comes from a devoted Catholic family and is an active member of St. Michael Parish Tente in the Diocese of Mendi. Currently, he is attached to Mendi General Hospital in the Southern Highlands Province. His Catholic upbringing has shaped him to be humble and open to the needs of others when it comes to medical issues.



Back in 2018, when he was a medical student studying at the School of Medicine in the University of Papua New Guinea, he took part in the fundraising drive towards the renovation of Holy Spirit Seminary. He said, “I felt humbled and privileged to visit the seminary again as a medical doctor to disseminate my expertise to the future priests so that they must know the basic awareness on the alarming issues of chronic kidney failures”. Dr. Mange had a great privilege to address more than 80 seminarians and the formators of Holy Spirit Seminary. He beautifully presented on the local and global situation on kidney failures and how to prevent them or take care while one is clinically diagnosed.

### **Global Health Perspective**

Globally, there are 5 to 7 million people who develop chronic kidney disease every year, and out of that figure, about two to three million people die annually. In PNG, more than 1000 people develop kidney failures or complications in a year and from that number more than 950 people die annually. He further stressed that everyone is most vulnerable. However, chronic kidney disease primarily targets people who smoke heavily, are alcoholic, obese or overweight and those who lack physical exercise. He strongly advised the seminarians to be conscious of lifestyle diseases and other related health issues that shorten the lives of many people either out of ignorance or failure to attain to the regular medical checkups. He further added that most of the kidney failure victims are referred abroad for further medical treatment which is very expensive. At the moment, the first chronic kidney disease referral centre is taking shape in Mendi General Hospital, so that hopefully it will branch out to other provinces. Dr. Mange’s key message was that we need to share the information with others and learn to respect our body, so that if we take the



information or awareness seriously, we may not have to spend too much money in the hospital.

### **Preventive Measures**

As the saying goes, *prevention is better than cure*. The noble advice from Dr. Mange to the seminarians who would become future priests was to refrain from smoking, chewing of betelnuts, and excessive alcohol consumption, while limiting the intake of foods high in sugar, salt and fat, and soft drinks. He advised everyone to start eating healthy organic food from the garden (fruits and vegetables), to drink plenty of water, to keep hydrated at all times, and to exercise regularly and keep fit. The session was formally acknowledged by Fr. Jacek CM, (Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary), and as a token of appreciation, Dr. Mange was presented a gift that signified the absorption of vital information for the greater benefit.



**BY BRO. MATHEW TIMBALU**

**(II YEAR THEOLOGY)**

### **A FRESH PAWPAW FROM HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY**

At the heart of Holy Spirit Seminary stands a fruit bearing-pawpaw tree. I always admire this pawpaw because despite the poor weather pattern, it keeps bearing fleshy and juicy pawpaw. What makes it so special among all the fruit bearing trees in the Holy Spirit Seminary? There are three key economic components that offer me great inspiration: the *Nutritional value*, since it provides nutrition for the body to remain healthy and strong; the *Medicinal value*, which boosts the immune system to fight against all kinds of diseases (its seeds are believed to be a choloriquine substitute for malaria tablets); and finally the *Economic value*, as it generates so much money that the pawpaw growers are millionaires today. It generates wealth for hardworking farmers.



### **Theological reflection**

I see myself as the pawpaw tree receiving intellectual, pastoral and holistic formation to discover the multiple talents that I can share with others after I finish at Holy Spirit Seminary. Just like the pawpaw tree, I will administer the seven sacraments: the *Spiritual*

*food* which is the Eucharist, the food for the soul; the *Medicinal value*, which is the sacrament of healing of the soul through baptism and reconciliation or confession and finally the *Economic value* of encouraging the couple to live a fruitful and productive life. I shall be involved in the various pastoral ministries at the parish level that can be the source of Eucharistic community.

Thus, the pawpaw can teach me so many lessons that are more practical and pastoral than just living an aimless life in the seminary. It gives me sufficient strength to use the pawpaw as a microscope to look into the pastoral realities of today where the priests and pastoral workers struggle to attend the sacraments for the people of God. It is really important to know that I have not come to seminary accidentally, but it is the path by which the good Lord is preparing me for the greater commission. “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19-20). Therefore, pawpaw gives me sufficient strength to persist despite so many hiccups and hindrances of life, until finally I reach the altar on Mt. Calvary to offer the greatest sacrifice, which is the Holy Mass.



**BRO. MATHEW TIMBALU**  
**II YEAR THEOLOGY**

## *Birthday celebration of "March Boys"*

So as usual for all the brothers who are born in March their birthdays are celebrated on the last Sunday of the month. In March there were seven brothers who were born in March, particularly: Martin Peter, Jeremiah Tainki, Issac Joseph, Joseph Palme, Danny Tokapip, Russel Bateri, and Eugene Uluna.





Celebrating your birthdays may not seem important or necessary to some of you, and for me too, but as my birthday comes it gives me a certain kind of feeling that compels me to look at my own life and try to reflect on the journey I am taking my achievements, struggles, weaknesses, strengths, blessings, opportunities and above all God's work in my own life.

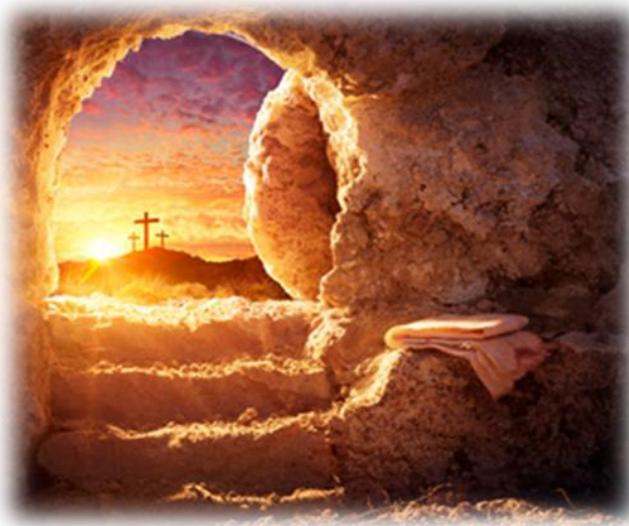
Another important thing I realized about celebrating the birthdays is that, by celebrating the birthdays we first of all appreciate the gift of life that was given to us by God and secondly the very gift of ourselves to the other brothers and also to the HSS community. And thank you father rector for producing these birthday cards with these short and compact words of thanks giving to the birthday celebrants saying, *"Thank you for being born and being among us, Holy Spirit Seminary."*

And again thank you to the Holy Spirit Seminary to for celebrating the day of our birth and also to give us the opportunity to cut a cake too. May be for some us it was and will be our first time to cut a cake on our birthday ..... hahhahah.

Finally, most times we just enjoy cake and ice cream during the celebration and forget to reflect and thank God and our brothers too as gifts of God to us.



**BY BRO. RUSSELL BATERI**



*The spirit of Easter is all about  
hope, love, and joyful living.  
May you have a blessed day!*

BY

BRO. SAMUEL NOGLAI

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THIRD YEAR THEOLOGY

BRO. RAPHAEL GOBI

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