

# Voice of Hope

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#### NATIONAL REPENTANCE DAY AT GAIRE BEACH

The National Day of Repentance fell on the 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2022. Prior to the Day of Prayer and Repentance, Gaire Beach had been selected for the leisure and picnic for both seminarians and formators. It was very entertaining bus ride along the Magi Highway that for most of us it was for the first time. Along the highway, we just had some betel nuts, fresh cucumbers and juicy kulau on the process of trying to visualize the natural beauty and panoramic wonders of the new environment. Just within an hour we finally arrived at the designated venue.





Gaire Beach echoed in my ears for sometimes but I literally set foot for the first time and it was cool and calm environment surrounded by a few coconut palms. It was in the morning so the sea was calm while the inhabitants were caught in amazement as we got into several fraternal clubs to organize and to display various activities. The kids made up the larger proportion of the community at Gaire Beach. There were few elders who passively kept quiet all throughout event except few mothers and the kids actively traded handmade crafts and marketable goods which



Fr. Jacek, the Rector bought some of the carefully-chained crafts and we also bought some as the take-home souvenirs.

Mini sporting events were held and literally everybody was taking part in various activities like swimming, volley, blindfolded luck game, spoon-egg race, coconut-scraper race

and other little fun games that getting involved with the little kids. The best ingredients of the day was the variety of food from the sugary candies down to the surpluses of whatever diets that you could imagine supplemented the National Day of Repentance. The collaborative efforts of the seminarians and the formators substantiated the community spirit, fraternity and the National Day of Repentance as one of the memorable events we had ever celebrated.



**Bro. Mathew Timbalu** 

#### WE LEARN THROUGH EXPERIENCES



In every moment of our lives, we tend to learn many things through our own personal experiences. By staying with others, or just seeing what they do so that we gain experiences through our associations or interactions with them. The printing of the seminary T-shirts was not an easy job, especially for myself but with the little experience I had and together with the help of Seminarian Danny Tokapip of Bougainville Diocese and collective efforts other brothers. It brought

much joy and satisfactions to the Holy Spirit Seminary when we had the first printing done. As we are going towards the end of the second trimester, Fr Rector asked us if we could print some more T-shirts for the seminary.

Despite little bit of delay I told Fr. Rector if we could stay in the seminary during the second term holiday to continue with the printing of T-Shirts. The first thing we did was to cut the print



but it demanded our complete concentrations, because you have to cut accurately according to the letters which we successfully managed it. It went through certain processes before the actual printing was carried out, I approached Mr. Raymond see if he could help us make two frames for the two separate printings, and he made them available what we requested. At last everything was finished, but the last job was to stick the two prints onto the two frames then finally our expert Danny completed the rest. The hardest part had been handled confidently so I told the brothers that the first week of our holiday we would begin the printing of T-shirts.

## Seminarians got Talent



Almost two weeks of holiday were committed to the job assigned to us to express our zeal and commitment towards the brothers and the formators. The brothers were very helpful whenever I and Danny would ask for help. My heartfelt credit goes to those brothers who made their time available whom I owe them utmost gratitude. Their support was very much appreciated which

we all have developed and gained experiences from each other. Thus, our calling to priesthood is just the same either being a religious or a diocesan. We need to learn and enjoy the treasury of companionship of our fellow brothers, and to maintain educative fraternity, because at the end of the day our vocation is first and foremost to serve God and the humanity. Finally, you shall not underestimate any little experiences you have in life, because it is like the mustard seed that can certainly make a giant difference in your vocation to the priesthood.



**Bro. MATHEW GONA** 



#### Love is Inventive to Infinity

St. Vincent de Paul

## Birthday Celebration of July Brothers



#### An Incredible Journey since Birth

After nine months in the mother's womb, we come to this world according to the divine plan of God in collaboration with the mutual love of our Parents. I am filled with much pleasure because it is a very joyful moment for me to remember as I am moving from one stage to another, going through hardships which give me so much courage to persist every odd on the journey of life. I thank God for such a beautiful vocation to priesthood and current seminary formation. One of the early spiritual writers says, "God writes straight on the crooked lines". This year I am turning 27 years of age, as I reflect back my life has

encountered the real facets of life. I went through bad and good experiences but I have never given up. The most important thing is that I have come to know many people who have helped me to realize that God has called me to do His mission on earth. With that, I shall continue to thank God for the immense gift of life, my vocation and above all those who have contributed directly or indirectly so that I keep on persisting through this journey of life, especially to my beloved parents, formators, friends and relatives.



#### BY EPHRAIM KEH

### Birthday Celebration of August Brothers



## Feast of St. John Mary Vianney The Patron Saint of all the Priests

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of August in the Holy Spirit Seminary, we had the privilege to invite the diocesan priests from the CTI Campus and all together we celebrated the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney, Which was preceded by Fr. Joseph Tuan CM.



After the Holy Eucharist everyone gathered in the dining hall at that time we came to know that Fr. Edward is celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the priesthood so we enjoyed celebrating all together...

