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There is one all important law of human conduct. If we obey that law, we shall almost never get into trouble. In fact, that law, if obeyed, will bring us countless friends and constant happiness. But the very instant we break that law, we shall get into endless trouble. The law is this; **“Always make sure the other person feel important.”** Desire to be important is the deepest urge in human nature, and the deepest principle in human nature is the craving to be appreciated.

For centuries great men and women have been telling the same things in different ways. Jesus puts it this way; “do unto others as you would have others do unto you.”

I look after a parish in the National Capital District of Papua New Guinea, the parish is made up of people from all the provinces of the country, majority come from the highlands regions of PNG. 9 months since I assumed the responsibility of the parish, I am beginning to see the difference in the attitude of the people. Church is getting filled, collection going up, people are beginning to take ownership of the parish; number of people volunteering for different activities is on the rise. Neighboring parish priests, even the archbishop is asking me, what are you doing, what is the secret, I told them “IFHIM” where I learnt the golden rule of “LOVE” the three criteria’s of LOVE;

Look at everyone as a human person

What is good for you is good for all

Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

If we follow this we will be good MONTFORTIANS!

Peace!

Fr. Rozario Menezes s.m.m



An obedience to PNG comes always with a programme of preparations.

MAN PROPOSES ! GOD DISPOSES !



Dear Confreres, I came to PNG in September, 1967. But it is fair to say that since July 1966, my life is with and for the Diocese of Daru-Kiunga.

I was then a young smm priest waiting for my first obedience and I was at the Provincial House for that great moment. The Provincial of the time told me that I was chosen for PNG if I had no objection. A bit surprised, I answered: do you think I am fit for such a work ? He said: “Yes, I accepted but he gave us a few days to think about it. I had more or less in my mind that we have to be outstanding people to go to PNG and I do not have the qualification for

such a great work. However, I had always a great admiration for what as being done there and for the SMM priests and brothers preparing themselves for PNG. This was happening at the time of my novitiate (1959-1960) and my scholasticate (1960-66).

They depend totally on the Providence of their *Buwarai*go (God) and never forget to smile.



Fr. Vinod D'mello is the new pastoral vicar of the diocese of Daru-Kiunga, he is from Bombay, India. Prior to being the pastoral Vicar he was the parish priest of St. Louis de Montfort parish in Daru. We wish Fr. Vinod all the best in his ministry.

DARU, MADIYAWO (DARU! I LOVE YOU!)

As I gaze at my 1 ½ year life experience with my brethren in St. Louis Marie De Montfort Parish, Daru, the words of St. Montfort linger in my heart and mind, “They (The Company of Mary) will in general, prefer rural areas to the towns and the poor to the rich.” (RM #6).

This is the rule, the will and the special aim of St. Louis De Montfort when he formed the “Company of Mary” (Montfort Missionaries). The Montfortian Family through their option for and rendering of the services to the poorest of the poor of PNG that is the Diocese of Daru-Kiunga in Western Province having been a living witness to the words of St. Montfort

I, as a Montfort Missionary, was privileged to be a part of this missionary endeavor, as I was given my first obedience to work in St. Louis Marie De Montfort Parish, Daru, a Montfortian Parish. Daru is a multinational and multicultural beautiful small island of Western Province PNG. Our parishioners live in the most polluted area of the Province. It is an island where everyday life is challenged by death, without any barriers right from one second old child to 70-80 years old elders.



At times, it is due to the challenges of deadly diseases like cholera, malaria, typhoid, TB hitting the people and many a times it is malnutrition. Many families, struggle to have a meal a day. A piece of sago or just a glass of water is the only nutrition for the day. The deprivation of basic necessity of food, shelter and clothing has put their life at stake.

But as they face these challenges everyday of their life, “Noken Wari” (don’t worry) of the Gospel of Mt 10:31: is their rule of life because they depend totally on the Providence of their *Buwarai*go (God) and never forget to smile. Life is a gift of God and it has to be celebrated is what they believe in. Dancing both at Liturgy and Festive celebrations is their style of life. Finally, whether it is joy/pain, they never forget to bend their knees every day before God, expressing their Marian devotion in the prayer of the Rosary.

Jesus has not died and has ascended to heaven 2012 years before but he still lives and suffers in and among our Kiwai brethren. Hence, on one hand, St. Montfort called me to serve the suffering Christ in my Kiwai brethren. On the other, through their dependence on Providence and Marian Devotion, they called me to imitate them as I walk in the footsteps of St. Montfort in serving Jesus.

*Daru! Madiawo! Moro Kiwai Namturubi Madiawo!
Daru! I love you ! My Kiwai brethren I love you !*

Fr. Vinod D'mello, SMM

Inspiration from a hard working Montfortian

On the 3rd – 11th August, 2010, Fr. Aloï and I went for Pastoral Visit along the six border villages of Kavorabip I & II, Atemkit, Marengtikin, Wentum, Korkit via Mine Pit. He was accompanied by Mr. Edmund Kini who was the Catechist at Finalbin, along with Xavier, Adolf, Cynthia and Br. Michael – a pastoral seminarian from the home of black man, Boganville.



This was the second pastoral visit of Fr. Aloï for 2010. We went through the mine, with Abip Patrol then, walked all the way to Kavorabip. It took us eight hours to walk. But this was only the beginning of the one and a half week walk. It is all about lifestyle, nature and more deeply the faith rooted in Christ that brought us, to journey together. For some, it was once in a life time experience to these villages, mountains, valleys, ridges, cane bridges, steep wooden-steps, bridges, mud, sharp tree roots, slippery limestone, fresh rivers and creeks. Above all its not only about walking, but really being with the people, playing games, knowing them, praying with them, sharing the Gospel values, whilst the climax was, Eucharistic celebration for strength.

Fr. Aloï continuously stressed on the Catholic Social Teaching on **“ORA ET LABORA”** faith and works during his homily so as to avoid the cargo cult mentality and philosophy that is concurrent. Respect one another, peace, love, remain where you are because we are all God’s children. He gave very inspirational homily. He spoke the language Pidgin and Malay which the people understood. During Tok Save, Fr. Aloï explained briefly the Parish Feast Day, preparation activities, such as volley ball, Bible Quiz, Reflection Night, Nine days Novena and further extended the parish’s invitation. He also clarified the establishment of the Small Christian Communities and the SCC leaders training work shop. On Sunday, 8th August, we had a colourful liturgy for the blessing of the new church at Atemkit. The church was filled with great hymns and dance for procession.

Fundamentally, it is all about the unity of the people of God, Church and to feel the reality that we all are the part of the Universal Church. The pastoral visit had a huge impact. It added value and meaning to their ordinary lives and faith as such. Having the presence of the parish priest was the greatest moment of hope for them. There was always a warm welcome at every village, to the extent that, with their generosity and humility, the people gave us food, gifts, even their house to sleep along every stop-over during our visit. By 11th August, we were at the Abip Bus Stop with our weak wounded bodies



ready to be picked up with heaps of great memorable experiences and stories but that is only one among the many experiences to come if God wills.

Br. Michael, Diocese of Buka

Respect one another, peace, love, remain where you are because we are all God’s children.



Bro. Michael if a Papua New Guinean seminarian from Buka, he was doing his spiritual year with Fr. Aloï in Tabubil, he was impressed with the work of Montfort Missionaries in the diocese.

God Proposes..... An obedience to PNG comes always with a programme of preparations. I could see that my superiors of the time had very high dreams about me. They were counting on me to be trained to be as a pilot, to follow a course in electronics to maintain our radio-transmitters and to learn English. At the same time, I have to prepare myself to leave Canada in January, 1967. It is difficult to imagine a more loaded programme, we are already in July 1966, after a few days, I went again to see my Provincial to confirm my willingness and happiness to be a missionary in PNG. I shared also with my objections to be a pilot. I express also my desire to pass my first year of ordination in Canada. It was his turn to reflect about my suggestion, he has listened attentively.



Not long after, the Provincial offered me a new programme. I will not be a pilot. I was also a year in Canada and I will follow a course in Missiology in St. Paul University for my preparation for PNG. I enjoyed this year of studies and reflection with new appointed missionaries like me and others having an experience in mission fields in other countries. During this year, I gave pastoral help in surrounding parishes during the weekends.

Then the time came to prepare for the departure fixed on 24th September, 1967. I was leaving Canada without being a pilot, knowing nothing in electronics, and far to be fluent in English. I was full of good will and fit to work at grass-root level. In fact, it is there I am more at ease. **Fr. Richard s.m.m**

Some news updates for you:

From June 4, 2012 all the confreres working in Kiunga began to live together in the Wisdom house of the daughters of Wisdom. We thank the daughters of Wisdom for lending us the house temporarily, our dream of living together in a community of our own became a reality.

We are beginning to take the new vocation from October this year, they will be in Kiunga community under the care of Bro. Nirina

We are still struggling to gather enough funds to extend the parish house in Morata, Port Moresby, we hope by the end of this year we would be able to complete the work and start the formation program.

Three more confreres are preparing to join us in our PNG mission— one from India and two from Madagascar, please continue to pray that the Lord be with them as they prepare themselves to join our mission.

OUR WORLD

Our world needs strange people.
 Who have love without reserve and without limits.
 Who will either give everything, and share all.
 Their knowledge, their roof or their food.
 Who have no limits.
 Always to help his neighbour or the world meets everyone in God.

Our world needs strange people.
 The revolt against themselves
 For all revolution is inside of them,
 Getting out of their egoism, their interest.
 In evil to fill with wonder, an continuously respect for all life.
 Our world needs strange people.
 Be it to fight for peace to reign on earth.
 Always go beyond far to welcome others.
 Accepting the demands of the Eucharist.
 Knowing that is possible go to God through the human being.
 Our world needs strange people
 The wise disciple of Christ knows that.
 He is with us and in us.
 The true Christians, the music of God.

The singer of the same refrain,
 With hope, joy and happiness.
 Some either a commotion of the
 matter human.
 Whatever the load in our daily lives
 WILD.
 Br. Nirina Regnier SMM