

# GIVE THE GIFT OF REAL LOVE THIS CHRISTMAS THROUGH CATHOLIC MISSION

IT IS OFTEN A CHALLENGE TO THINK OF THINGS TO BUY FOR PEOPLE AT CHRISTMAS. CATHOLIC MISSION'S ONLINE GIFT REGISTRY IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS AND HELP PEOPLE IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD AT THE SAME TIME.

Buy a gift from just \$20 to help Children, Communities and Church Leaders around the world. You can contribute to a meals program in Haiti to fight malnutrition for \$35. We feed 4,000 children a year at one of our centres there. Contribute towards the construction of an orphanage in India, or towards a medical centre in Ghana that treats 10,000 children per year. There are over 50 gifts available from all over the world to choose from. The recipient of your gift will receive a certificate in acknowledgement.

If you would like to donate a particular amount that you can't find, please call us and we'll find one especially for you.

The Gift Registry is designed for those people who are difficult to buy for, who may have everything they need, but would appreciate a donation on their behalf. You choose the gift and the recipient of the gift will receive a certificate explaining which area of work your donation will go to.

*"The most popular gifts last year were things like education for girls in remote areas of India, and contributing towards a medical centre in Choggu, Ghana"* said Martin Teulan, National Director of Catholic Mission. *"People love to help children at Christmas and we find those who receive the certificates are very happy too."*

You can receive the certificates by email as a pdf or by post. In order



for certificates to be sent by post before Christmas, gifts must be purchased by December 22. If you wish to have the certificate emailed, they can be purchased until December 24.

Help Catholic Mission achieve 'Life for All' this Christmas. Visit [www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au) or call 1800 257 296 to purchase a gift.

## AN EXTRA DONATION OR FOR PASSING ON TO A FRIEND

### My donation is:

\$50  \$75  \$25  \$100

My choice \_\_\_\_\_

### I'd like to make this gift:

Monthly Gift  Quarterly Gift

Yearly Gift  Single Gift

### Please send to:

Catholic Mission

GPO Box 9948

In Your Capital City

Phone 1800 257 296

For receipting purposes, please tick one of these:

I/We require a receipt but for non tax deductible purposes.\*

I/We require a tax deductible receipt.

\*Enables funding of projects outside Government's criteria for tax deductible gifts..

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Rev/Sr/Br

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

Donor ID if known

I/We:  Enclose a Cheque/Money order **OR**

Wish to pay by Direct Debit (from my Savings/Cheque account). **OR**  
(An authorisation form will be sent to you – For regular donations only.)

Please debit my/our  Visa  Mastercard  AMEX

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# FRIENDS IN FAITH

PARTNERING LOCAL CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES

## A NEW FORMATION HOUSE IN KEROWAGI, PNG

THE FORMATION HOUSE WAS BUILT MAINLY WITH DONATIONS FROM TRUE FRIENDS IN FAITH. THEY WERE SHORT OF FUNDS SO HAD TO MODIFY THE BUILDING, BUT WERE GRATEFUL FOR ANY SUPPORT THEY HAVE RECEIVED, AND CONTINUE TO RECEIVE.



*Listening to the class on Religious Life*



*Novices Martha, Winnie and Bridgitte learning sewing skills*



*Sister Alice Teaching Religious Values*

With the help of donors they were able to complete the house within two years of starting the project.

Local people also helped out the sisters by clearing and levelling the site ready for building. They also collected materials like stones and white sand to assist and they fed the workers. The building was completed and blessed on the 24th of January 2007.

The Salesian Sisters of Mary Immaculate have been in Papua New Guinea for the past 20 years. Currently there are 12 sisters doing various ministries such as

Pastoral care, teaching and healing, and now forming young girls who are interested in becoming Religious.

*"There are 10 formees and a few more are expected this year", writes Sister Ancilla, Regional Superior in the Region of Papua New Guinea.*

The sisters lead busy lives. *"We sisters live in Parishes and are part of the Parish community, helping spiritual groups like young couples, Legion of Mary, Youth Group, Sunday School, Parish Pastoral committee, Catholic women's groups, counselling families and individuals etc."*

They also encourage the 'formees' to visit the sick in nearby hospitals, along with many other Pastoral outreach programs.

Self sufficiency is also taught with skills like sewing, music and craft works taught along with working in the garden to grow and provide their own food.

The SMMI Formation house is a definite success and Sister Ancilla is positive about the impact your donations have made.

*"In Union of prayers I remain."*

# MAKING WAVES

CATHOLIC MISSION SUPPORTS PROJECTS ALL OVER THE WORLD, SOME OF WHICH INCLUDE RADIO PROGRAMS. WE RUN THESE PROGRAMS IN REMOTE AREAS OF MANY COUNTRIES INCLUDING PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

Father Victor Roche is a Divine Word Missionary in the highlands of Papua New Guinea (Diocese of Mount Hagen) working on radio programs like health, hygiene, and catechism classes.

It might not sound so exciting, but for many people in remote areas, this is the only way they can receive information from the outside world. Much like our parents and grandparents used to huddle around transistors and the crystal sets, people in small villages all over the world do much the same.

Father Victor Roche was a recent guest in Australia, doing some

training so that he could improve his services.

Fr Victor joined the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS) for two courses in Sydney. Director of Radio Steve Ahern said:

*"It was great to have Father Victor in the course. He was able to give the other students an insight into the importance of radio in countries such as PNG, and in return we gave him a taste of what it is like to make radio in state of the art studios and facilities. He was hungry for knowledge from our guest lecturers and we hope the skills he learnt serve him well when he goes back to his radio station in PNG."*



Above: Father Victor Roche with Martin Teulan, National Director of Catholic Mission in Australia

Your donations to projects like radio programs assist many people, not just those who write, produce and run the programs, but the many thousands of people listening all over the world.

## NEW CURIA FOR DIOCESE OF MONZE, ZAMBIA

THE BISHOP OF MONZE, BISHOP EMILIO PARTIARCA OFFICIALLY OPENED THE NEW CURIA FOR THE DIOCESE ON 10 OCTOBER 2008. MANY PEOPLE, PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS AND LAITY WITNESSED THE OCCASION, WHICH WAS CHARACTERISED BY PRAYER, SONG AND DANCE.

After the Diocese celebrated 100 years of Christianity in 2006, the church of Monze thought it wise to have a conducive place of work; where all the necessary work could be carried on without any disturbance.

The whole idea was initiated in 1995 after realising the old offices were not enough to accommodate all the departments, commissions and councils of the diocese. The offices were also situated within the cathedral premises. The parish, diocesan commissions and councils will now use the old offices.

All the people who gathered for this celebration were very happy to see this dream that came true. People danced for joy and thanked God for this. Each and every parish of the diocese and some from outside the diocese joined in celebrating this wonderful moment. The new structure is a sign of unity to the people of the diocese, the church in Zambia and above all the universal church. Catholic Mission has helped the Monze Diocese fund this new structure. The New Curia was a concrete gesture of solidarity between the local and universal

church. The needs of the Church are numerous. There is need for Catholic Mission to be creative and generous to reach out to all the sections of the people of God.

The Bishop thanked Catholic Mission's Society of the Propagation of Faith, and all the people for their continuous support spiritually, financially and materially.



Above: Celebrations at the opening of the new Curia in Monze

# A TALE OF TWO SISTERS

THE OLDER SISTER WAS MARRIED OFF AT THE TENDER AGE OF 11 AT THE FATHER'S INSISTENCE. THE YOUNGEST WAS SENT TO AN ORPHANAGE FUNDED BY CATHOLIC MISSION AT THE AGE OF SEVEN AFTER HER FATHER DIED.

The younger sister's name is Veronica Babo, who is now 21 years old and full of hope and ambition as she completes a three-month internship at the Fair Trade Coffee Company in inner city Sydney.

Veronica was a baby when her older sister was married at age 11. At age seven, after the death of her father, Veronica was handed over to the orphanage Quelicut in the Baucau Diocese in East Timor. She became one of the 125 girls looked after by the Salesian Sisters.

Veronica recalls her nine years at the Orphanage as very special. She has particularly fond memories of Sister Maria Fei who not only taught her much, but gave her cuddles often. She goes on to explain that all of the sisters were incredible: Sister Maria Laticia, Sister Aurora, Sister Cecilia, Sister Alma. *"They were very good to me,"* says Veronica.

After she completed her schooling, Veronica met up with a Palms volunteer called Linh at

the Venilale Vocational school. On the suggestion of Christine, Palms Programme Coordinator, Linh along with the Sisters applied to Palms for a 'reverse volunteering' experience for two young ladies. Veronica was one of the chosen candidates.

The ladies have spent three months learning everything they can, and by the time this goes to print, they will have returned home.

*"When I go back I will teach in Venilale Vocational school for three months, then go on to Dili to look for a job."* Veronica is optimistic about finding work even though jobs are scarce. *"It will be much easier with this experience and the certificate."*

Veronica's sister is now 31 years old. *"My sister has many daughters and she has no education."* She has six daughters and two sons and is concerned, particularly for her daughters. *"She says I give you my daughters to look after, but I cannot because I don't have a job. There are lots of situations like this."*



Veronica Babo at the Fair Trade Coffee Company coffee shop in Glebe, Sydney

Veronica is looking forward to getting a paying job so that she can look after her nieces and hopefully give them an education and thus opportunities.

Catholic Mission funds the orphanage run by the Salesian Sisters, and supports Palms with their wonderful work.

It is through your donations that education programs like this one can be run by sisters like those that Veronica warmly mentions, for children and for adults in remote communities all over the world.

## WINE AID UNCORKS A REAL WINNER

Wine Aid is an initiative of Catholic Mission and Cork Pty Ltd that allows wine lovers to enjoy a selection of quality wines at very affordable prices delivered to your door. Each case of wine purchased through Wine Aid generates a \$12 donation to Catholic Mission which is directed towards such programs as health, hygiene, nutrition and literacy for adults and children in over 160 developing countries. To date over \$180,000 has been donated through the program.

All wines purchased through Wine Aid carry a 100 per cent money

back guarantee on quality meaning you can buy with confidence. There are no membership or joining fees and no hidden charges. Also Wine Aid offers FREE DELIVERY within Australia.

Wine Aid offers a choice of two selections. The Partners Dozen or the Mission 16 Pack. The Partners Dozen is only \$139.80 (that's only \$11.65 a bottle delivered) and the mixed dozen includes 12 different wine, six whites and six reds from major producing areas across Australia. The Mission 16 pack \$159.84 (\$9.99 a bottle average)

mixed includes eight different wines, two bottles of each. Both packs are available in All White, All Red or a Mixed and are delivered to your door every March, June, September and December. With each delivery you receive Tasting Notes detailing each wine along with a brief newsletter updating you of the projects Catholic Mission is supporting.

If you would like to join and support Wine Aid or need more information please call Wine Aid on 1800 800 837. Remember, you can help!