



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

8th June, 2022 will mark the 9th year of my episcopal ministry. Since my appointment as Archbishop of Suva I have been working very hard, researching, trying new pastoral programs, facilitated our second diocesan synod, and currently implementing our Archdiocese Pastoral Mission Plan.

I thank you for your prayers and support for my ministry as your Archbishop. At the beginning of this year, I reviewed our Pastoral Mission Plan and together with the Commission, identified important programs and ministries that we need to work on. These are:

1. Ongoing Formation for Clergy and Parish Leaders

This year we begin a new model of Parish Leadership Team (PLT). PLT is a group of lay people 3-8 who share the responsibilities of the pastor. One of the goals of the Pastoral Mission Plan is to enhance effective leadership and good governance in parishes. This month we begin a series of workshops on Parish Leadership Teams.



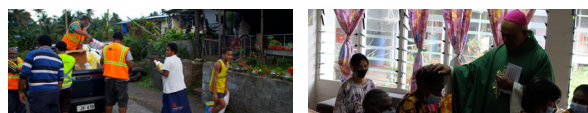
2. Catechist Training Center

Catechists have played an important role since the beginnings of Catholic Church. Today they continue to play an important role in rural villages where priest visit once a month. The St Thomas Aquinas Catechist Center forms new catechists and conducts renewal programs for catechists. Every year about 60 catechists come to the Center for formation. Two years ago, I started to commission women (catechist's wife) as catechists. Women Catechists play an important ministry to families, women and young girls.



3. Social Ministry to the Poor and Seniors

The Archdiocese runs a number of charitable organizations such as Caritas, Fr. Law Home, Ra Maternity Hospital, Scared Heart Kitchen, and some parishes have St Vincent de Paul groups. Through these organizations we are able to reach out to victims of natural disasters, poor seniors (aged), homeless & street peoples. Through Caritas, the Archdiocese is empowering vulnerable communities to protect their environment and natural resources.



4. Formation of our seminarians

The formation of our future clergy is an important aspect of the Archdiocese. The seminarians spend 7 years of formation at the Pacific Regional Seminary before they are called to the priesthood.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal will also help care for our retired and sick priests.



5. Catholic Character Team for Catholic Schools

Catholic Schools have been an important component of the Church's mission. Today we have 43 primary schools, 19 secondary schools, I teachers' college, pre-school teacher training center, and a number of kindergartens. We have a Catholic Education Office that oversees our Catholic Education Team. Since the introduction of the government's Open Merit Recruiting System (OMRS) we have no influence of the appointment of our Catholic Teachers. As a result, catholic teachers are a minority in Catholic Schools. This makes it hard to teach religious education in our schools. Moreover, some catholic students do not attend catholic schools. Religious education and faith formation is a pastoral challenge. So we will establish Catholic School Character Teams for promote the Catholic culture of our Catholic Schools. We will also develop faith formation programs for students in the parish.



6. Youth Ministry

Our youths are the Church today and the future. 70% of Fiji's people are made up of young people. Youths are on the cross roads of human development and social change. The Church must accompany our young people in uncertain times and in the transitions of life. Our parishes must be youth-friendly. We are introducing 'The Total Youth Ministry Framework' which will cater for the different categories of youths; early adolescents, Forms 6-7, Tertiary Students or youths from 19-21, and young adults (22 ff). The programs ensures that our youth programs are age-appropriate and diverse.



Archdiocese Annual Appeal Prayer

Loving and merciful God, we are your family, brothers and sisters entrusted with the mission of your Church in the Archdiocese of Suva. We call upon the Sacred Heart of Jesus, patron of our Archdiocese of Suva, to give us a generous-loving heart to help us commit to the your mission in the Fiji and the World. Look upon us, loving Shepherd, the people you have redeemed by your Precious Blood. We offer you our grateful prayer and ask your blessing on all our Annual Appeal. Amen.



Archbishop's Annual Appeal

To run the above programs and ministries we need funds. The largest expense is our seminarians' studies and formation which cost approximately \$16,000 per seminarian. There are currently 13 seminarians at the Pacific Regional Seminary. Three more aspiring young men will join the seminary in September 2022.

The Catholic Women's League and Monsignor Brian Rayner of Sydney have been supporting part of the seminarians' tuition.

Monsignor Brian Rayner during his tenure as parish priest of St. Catherine, Gynea, Sydney, would send containers load of pre-loved items, kindly donated by his parishioners. At the beginning of my episcopal ministry 9 years ago, I directed that the proceeds from the sale of these pre-loved items towards the seminarian formation. Mon. Brian Rayner retired in July 2021 which also saw the cessation of these containers of pre-loved items.

I am ever grateful to the Catholic Women's League and Mon. Brian Rayner for their loving support of our young seminarians. I also take this time to thank the families and friends of these seminarians for nurturing and supporting them listen to God's call.

Beginning this June, in the 9th year of my episcopal ministry, I will introduce the Archbishop's Annual Appeal to help the Archdiocesan ministries.

100% of your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will go directly to these Catholic ministries. Your gift matters.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal target this year is \$500,000. Our Catholic population is around 80,000, which means, \$6.25 per catholic person. This is a very small amount compared to the one tenth tithing that some Christian denomination demand from their members. Fijians are known for our generosity. If the Catholic Women's League can raise \$200,000 a year, I am confident that 80,000 Catholics in Fiji can raise our target of \$500,000.

This is year I ask you to not only pray for me but help me in my pastoral leadership. This is a one-time gift or a pledge for the month of June. If you plan to give me a gift for my 9th anniversary as Archbishop, please gift it to the Archbishop Annual Appeal (AAA).

Yours sincerely in Christ

Archbishop Peter Loy Chong

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Kemuni na noqu itokani lomani,

Au vakavinavinataki kemuni yadudua ena nomuni masu kei na nomuni dau tokoni au ena noqu cakacaka vaka-Ajibisovi. Ogo na imatai ni gauna meu sureti kemuni kina mo ni duavata kei au ina noqu cakacaka vakaveiliutaki. Sa na yabaki ciwa ena ikawalu ni Jiune ogo na noqu veiliutaki vakaBisovi. Mai na gauna au digitaki kina meu nomuni Ajibisovi, eda sa cakacaka vata mai vakaukauwa, eda vakadeuca na veiwalewale se porokaramu eso me baleta na ituvatuva ni veiqaravi ina loma ni Ajidaiosisi, eda veitauriligataka vata na ikarua ni noda Sinoti ka vakayacori tiko ogo na sasaga me baleta na kena cakacakataki na ituvatuva ni veiqaravi se na ituvatuva ni kena cakacakataki na matanitu ni Kalou ina loma ni noda Ajidaiosisi. Au vakavinavinaka vakalevu vei kemuni kece na dauvakasalataki au ena noda ilakolako ogo.

Ena itekitekivu ni yabaki ogo, au vuvica vinaka tale na noda ituvatuva ni veiqaravi ka digitaka eso na porokaramu kei na veitavi se veiqaravi e vakayacori tiko ina loma ni Ajidaiosisi e dodonu meda soli igu kina. Me vaka na:

1. Porokaramu ni kena vakaikuritaki na nodra kila ka na Bete (Ongoing Formation for Clergy and Parish Leaders)

Sa tekivutaki ena yabaki ogo e dua na ituvatuva vou ni veiliutaki ina loma ni noda veikoronilotu ka vakatokai tiko vakaperitania na Parish Leadership Team (PLT). E tiko ina ituvatuva me cakacakataki i na loma ni Ajidaiosisi na takete me vakaqacacotaki na veiliutaki kei na veiliutaki vinaka ina noda veiparisi. Sa tauyavutaki ina vula ogo na vuli ni veivakararamatiki me baleta na PLT. E vakayacoritale tiko ga na vuli ni veivakararamtiki me baleta na kena vakaikuritaki na nodra kila ka na Bete.



2. Koronivuli ni veivakarautaki vukudra na ivakavuvuli (Catechist Training Center)

E vuqa saran a itavi lelevu ka yaga era dau vakaitavitaki ira kina na ivakavuvuli mai na ivakatekivu ni Lotu Katolika me yacova mai nikua. Na vanua ni veivakarautaki e Navesi se St Thomas Aquinas Catechist Center e vanua ni bucibucini kei na veivakavoui vei ira na ivakavuvuli. Au sa tauyavutaka na nodra vakacurumi na marama me ra ligu ni veiqaravi vakaivakavuvuli ina loma ni noda veikoronilotu. O ira na ivakavuvuli marama era vakaitavitaki ira vakalevu ina vieqaravi me baleta na vuvale, marama kei ira na goneyalewa.



3. Nodra qaravi na dravudravua kei ira na qase cake (Social Ministry to the Poor and Seniors)

E tiki tiko ni Ajidaiosisi o Suva e so na soqosoqo me vaka na Caritas, Father Fr. Law Home, Ra Maternity Hospital, Scared Heart Kitchen, ka tiko talega na isoqosoqo ni St. Vincent de Paul ina so na noda parisi. O ira na isoqosoqo ogo era qaravi ira na qase, o ira na bula tu ina noda veitolo ni sala, kei ira na vakaleqai mai na cagilaba, kama kei na veileqa tale eso. E mata ni katuba ni Ajidaiosisi o Suva na valenivolavola ni Caritas me vukei ira na itaukei ni qele kei na qoliqoli me ra taqomaka na nodra iayu bula



4. Nodra icurucuru ni vuli na vuli bete (Formation of our seminarians)

Na nodra bucini kei na nodra vakavulici na vuli bete e dua na cakacaka yaga ka sau levu ina loma ni Ajidaiosisi. Au vakavinavinaka vei ira na dau tokona tu na cakacaka yaga ogo. Au vakavinavinaka tale ga vei ira na itubutubu ni gone era vuli bete tiko ena gauna ogo, vakauasivi ena nodra veisusu matau rawa ni ra vakaio tiko na luvadra me ra mai rogokaci.



5. Yavutaki na timi e baleta na ivakarau vaKatolika ina vei Koronilotu (Catholic Character Team for Catholic Schools)

Na koronivuli ni Lotu Katolika e dua vei ira na tiki ni veiqaravi yaga ni Lotu. Nikua, e tiko ina loma ni Ajidaiosisi e dua na koronivuli ni muri vuli, 43 na koronivuli me baleti ira na kalasi e ra, 19 na koronivuli vei ira na kalasi e cake, dua na koronivuli ni vuli qasenivuli, dua na koronivuli ni vuli qasenivuli me baleti na muri vuli. E tiko na valenivolavola ni vuli baleta na vuli e na koronivuli ni Lotu Katolika. Mai na gauna e veisau kina na lawa me baleta na nodra vakacakacakataki na qasenivuli Open Merit Recruitment System (OMRS) e sega ni dua na kaukauwa e tiko vei keda me baleta na nodra veilesiyaki na qasenivuli Lotu Katolika. E lailai sara na iwiliwili ni qasenivuli Lotu Katolika era tu ina noda veikoronivuli. Sa qai dredre ga na kena vakavulici na vuli lotu ina noda koronivuli. Ogo na vuna e sa na tauyavutaki kina na timi e baleta na ivakarau vaKatolika ina vei Koronilotu me tutaka na ivakarau vaKatolika ina noda koronivuli. Eda na vakatorocaketaka tale ga nodra vakabauta na gonevuli ina noda veikoronilotu me vaka ni so na luvada era vuli tiko ina veikoronivuli tale eso.



6. Tabagone (Youth Ministry)

Vitusagavulu na pace na lewe i Viti era okati vaka itabagone. O ira na noda itabagone era tu ina basoga ni sala ka basoga rua kina na vakatorocaketaki na bula vakatamata kei na veiveisau ni bula veimaliwai vakaitikotiko. E dodonu me taubale lako tiko na Lotu kei ira na itabagone ena gauna dredre ogo ka vakaitavi ina nodra vakayaco digidigi me baleta na nodra bula. Esa tauyavutaki e dua na ituvatuva dei me baleti ira na itabagone ka mera qaravi ina loma ni nodra yabaki ni bula; o ira na luvada tiko na yabaki ni bula mai na 17 kina 18, o ira na vulitoroake 19 kina 21, kei ira na tiko na yabaki 22 lako yani.



Masu me baleta na Noqu Kumuni Lavo ogo se Archbishops Annual Appeal (AAA)

Tamai keimami dauloloma, keimami nuitaki me keimami tutaka tiko na cakacaka ni nomuni Lotu ina loma ni Ajidaiosisi o Suva.

Keimami vakamamasu yani vua na Uto tabu i Jisu, na ivakatawa ni Ajidaiosisi o Suva, me vakaiyautaki keimami ena loloma kei lomadola; ka vukei keimami me keimami yalodina ina nomuni cakacaka ni veivakabulai e Viti kei vuravura.

O ikemuni na ivakatawa vinaka, ni raici keimami mai na nomuni tamata sa vakabulai mai na nomuni dra tabu. Keimami cabora yani vei Kemuni na neimami masu ka kerea na nomuni veivakalougataki ena neimami sasaga ogo. Amen.



Archbishop's Annual Appeal

E gadrevi e lima na drau vakacaca na udolu (\$500,000) me cicivaki kina na veiporokaramu kei na veiqaravi sa koto oqori e cake. Mai na vei porokaramu kece oqori, e levu duadua na ilavo e dau vakayagataki me nodra icurucuru na vuli bete ka toka vakacaca ina \$200,000 dua na yabaki. Ena veiyabaki sa oti era dau veivuke sara vakalevu na tinada mai na Catholic Womens League i na nodra icurucuru na vuli bete. Na ikarua ni vurevure ni lavo me baleti ira na noda vulibete e vu mai na kena volitaki na vei yaya e dau vakauta mai o Rev. Monsignor Brian Rayner. Ia, sa cegu mai na nona cakacaka o Monsignor me vaka ni sa qase ka sa sega ni rawa ni vakau iyaya tale mai. Au via taura na gauna ogo meu vakavinavinakataki ira na tinada ena isoqosoqo ni Catholic Womens League kei Rev. Monsignor Brian Rayner ina nodra loma soli kei na nodra dau cau i na Ajidaiosisi o Suva.

Ena yabaki ogo, au tauyavutaka kina na noqu kumuni lavo ni veiyabaki ka vakatokai tiko vaka Peritania Archbishops Annual Appeal me vukea na kena cicivaki na veiporokaramu kei na veiqaravi sa tukuni oti toka e cake.

Na nomuni cau ni loloma kina na Archbishop Peter's Annual Appeal ena vukea na veiqaravi kei na porokaramu oqori.

E takete tiko ni yabaki ogo e \$500,000. Ke vidavidai vakalailai, e tautauvata ni \$6.25 dua na tamata Katolika. Na iwiliwili ni Katolika ena gauna nikua e 80,000. Au vakabauta ni rawa ni da yacova na takete oqori kevaka eda vakaitavi vata kece kina.

Au kerei kemuni mo ni kakua walega ni masulaki au ena yabaki ogo; au kerei kemuni mo ni vukei au ena noqu veiqaravi vakatama ni vakabauta ina loma ni Ajidaiosisi. E yalataki ga na soli ka ogo ina loma ni vula o Jiune. Kevaka o ni nanuma mo ni solia vei au e dua na iloloma ena noqu vakananuma na ikaciwa ni yabaki ni noqu veiqaravi vakaBisovi, ni solia kina kumuni lavo ogo.

Wekamuni iKarisito

+ Archbishop Peter Loy Chong

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