

Dominican Meditation Circle

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Our commitment is mindfulness of one another, through contemplative prayer

Fr Laurence Freeman Visits Solomon Islands

Fr Laurence Freeman OSB, leader of the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) will visit the Solomon Islands in February 2009.

Fr Henry Paroi OP and Sr Veronica Boki OP have been working hard planning for this very special visit to Honiara and Gizo dioceses. The wider Dominican Meditation Circle is supporting this visit through prayer and financial assistance.

Solomon Islands Meditation Program

Tuesday 10 February

Arrival in Honiara (midday)

Gathering with OP Brothers & Sisters (Henderson)

Meeting with Archbishop Smith

Meditation in Honiara Cathedral (evening)

Wednesday 11 February

Morning Mass & meditation (Cathedral)

Day in Visale with school/parish leaders

Meditation in Honiara Cathedral (evening)

Thursday 12 February

Morning Mass & meditation (Cathedral)

Gathering with religious men & women of Honiara

Afternoon at Media Centre recording a broadcast

Meditation in United Church (evening)

Friday 13 February

Morning Mass & meditation (Cathedral)

Depart for Gizo (early afternoon)

Meeting with Bishop Capelli

Meditation in St Peter's 'tent' (evening)

Saturday 14 February

Morning Mass & meditation (St Peter's)

Day with OP Brothers & Sisters on Loga

Communal picnic

Meditation in St Peter's (evening)

Sunday 15 February

Morning Mass & gathering at Vanga for senior students
trainee teachers & RTC students

Return travel to Gizo

Rosary & Youth gathering in Gizo (early evening)

Solomon Islands Meditation Program (contd)

Monday 16 February

Morning Mass (St Peter's)

Travel to Honiara (mid-morning)

Overnight with Archbishop Smith

Tuesday 17 February

Morning Mass & meditation at Seminary

Refreshments at Henderson

Flight to Brisbane (midday)

Meditation Circle expands in PNG

Sr Rita Pitavavene OP attended a renewal course at Bomana during 2008. Two participants became interested in the way Sr Rita meditated each day, and asked to join her. At their request, the Dominican Meditation Circle has sent the Daily Reflection book, Leader Guide and timers to our newest meditators. We trust that the packages have reached them in Lorenzau (Manus Province) safely. Please welcome them to the Circle through prayer:

Sr Agatha Asah OLSH

Fr Lawrence Sapau

An updated copy of the PNG Meditation Circle is included with this newsletter.

It was a delight to have Sr Francesca Petros (FSM) and Sr Agnes Ake (FSM) in Australia for World Youth Day last July. Amazingly, they made themselves known to Noel Bentley via the meditation 'table' at the Canberra diocesan event. Noel made contact with the OP Circle in Sydney and, following several attempts, we were able to greet one another at St Francis Presbytery Paddington!

Website Travel

Follow the visit of Fr Laurence to the Solomon Islands by checking the website: www.wccm.org

Dominican Sisters of Holy Rosary Vicariate - Solomon Islands

Dominican Friars of Solomon Islands & Papua New Guinea

St Rose of Lima Group Tabarato (Choiseul); Village women of Choiseul & Shortland Islands;

St Peter the Apostle Group Gizo; Panatina Students Group (Honiara); Staff & students at St Joseph's Tenaru

DMI Congregation (8 Sisters); Fr Gerome Pelagio (Nila); Rev Mareta (Uniting Church)

Franciscan Sisters of Mary (Mendi PNG); Sisters in Meditation Circle PNG