The Bishop’s Message

Bishop Carlos Ximenes Belo exercised his right to vote with a call for national unity in the soon-to-be independent East Timor. The Bishop cast his ballot shortly after the two presidential candidates voted, and at the same polling place, St. Paulo’s High School in Dili. The counting process is underway with the IEC giving regular updates on preliminary results from the districts. The UN in East Timor has praised the Timorese for turning out in high numbers to elect their first president.