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**Welcome to another weekly Catholic Church News on Radio Maria. I am Abigail Seta with the news.**

**Our stories for the week:**

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# News Item 1 – Pope:

# Pope Francis told Christians that the good works of every day, inspired by the love of Christ, allow us to await with serenity the feast of life beyond death.

# Addressing pilgrims in St. Peter's Square and gathered through various media platforms for his Sunday Angelus, the Pope reflected on the Gospel reading of the day (Mt 25:1-13), the parable of the ten virgins. He recalled that in Jesus’ time, weddings were celebrated at night and therefore lit up with torches. In the parable, some of the bridsmaids, the “foolish” ones forget to bring extra oil for their lamps, whereas the “wise” ones do. When the foolish bridesmaids realise they do not have enough oil for their lamps they go and buy more but return too late and are turned away from the wedding.

# Pope Francis said that the faith that truly unites us to Jesus is, “faith working through love”. This is what the wise virgins represent: “the spare oil they took with them along with their lamps, indicates the good deeds carried out in cooperation with grace”.

# He concluded that if we are vigilant and correspond to God’s grace by doing good, "the Lord will be able to come even while we are sleeping", as the bridesmaids were, and this will not worry us, because we have the reserve of oil accumulated through our daily good works.

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**News item 2 – Holy See Donates PPEs to CCHS**

The Holy See which is the universal government of the Catholic Church has donated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to the Catholic Church Health Services (CCHS).

A brief ceremony of the donation took place at the Catholic Bishops Conference on Thursday, 5th November where the Apostolic Nuncio to Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, His Grace Abp. Kurian Mathew Vayalunkal, presented cartons containing the much-needed PPE’s to the CCHS Secretary, Sr Jadwiga Faliszek.

The Apostolic Nuncio expressed how pleased he was to handover the PPE’s to CCHS and reminded everyone present about the Holy Father’s love to Papua New Guinea.

Sr Jadwiga Faliszek responded with plausible words of gratitude to the Holy See and affirmed the good use of PPE’s and immediate distribution to the 21 catholic dioceses for effective use in the effort to fight COVID19.

Present to witness the brief ceremony were Bp Francis Meli, Bishop of Vanimo, Bp Rozario Menezes, Bishop of Lae, Bp Donald Lippert, Bishop of Mendi,  Fr Giorgio Licini, Secretary for CBCPNGSI, President of the Catholic Professionals, Mr Paul Harricknen, board members from the Catholic Church Health Services, religious sisters with several other senior officers within the Health ministry from the Church and the Government.

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**News item 3 – Tribes Give Land to Catholic Church**

Two tribes in the Lower Mendi Local Level Government of Southern Highlands have given their land to the Catholic Church for the establishment of a parish.

The first thanksgiving mass for dedication of the Land was held in the open air at the new location at St Joseph Tepe Catholic Church which was celebrated by the Bishop of Mendi Diocese, Bp Donald Lippert. Bishop Donald extended his gratitude to the landowners and Tepe community for all this sacrifice and commitment to give this land to God and the mission of the church.

Representing the Ima and Suni-Yepi customary landowners, Catechist Michael Colman, said the elderly people have agreed to give the land to God as an offering for good of the future generations.

More than 1500 people from Christian communities from the different denomination and the 11 Catholic outstations came together to celebrate and witness the joyful, heartfelt celebrations.

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**News item 4 – Motorcade Marks End of Holy Rosary Month**

A first ever Marian Motorcade was held in the Archdiocese of Honiara, to mark the end of the Holy Rosary Month of the Blessed Mother of Jesus Christ.

Held from Friday 30th to Saturday 31st October, the motorcade was organized by Fr. Mark Misiwasi, Holy Cross Youth Chaplin, and had as its theme, ‘Through Mary to Jesus’. It had the participation of twenty communities from the North West Guadalcanal.

It began at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Visale, North West Guadalcanal, to Holy Cross Cathedral which was led by the Holy Cross Youths followed by Seminarians, Handmaids of the Lord, Catholic Sisters and Parishioners surrounding the Archdiocese.

The programme ended with a Holy Mass led by Archbishop of Honiara, Christopher Cardone OP, assisted by Fr. John Galvin, Fr. Mancent and Fr. Mark Misiwasi. The Archbishop thanked the youths and the parishioners who attended the prayer service for their faithful in prayers and encouraged those to continue live the life of Christ.

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**News Item 5 – Marriage Encounter and Child Protection Workshop**

A week-long retreat workshop on Marriage Encounter & Child Protection was conducted by Sr. Rose Mary Arulandu MSI the Diocesan Family Life Coordinator of the Catholic Diocese of Vanimo.

Held at the St. Anthony Pilgrim House in Vanimo on 26th to 31st of October, it had the involvement of 45 participants. Facilitating the program were Fr. Peter, National Spiritual Director from the Order of Holy Family, Goroka; Sr. Lucy D’Souza MSI, National Family Life Coordinator; and Robin Lesley from Caritas Australia.

Sessions dwelled on Child Protection, Lukautim Pikinini Act & the Catholic Bishops Conference taking ownership and implementation of this new Act, that had the attendance of family life coordinators and other stakeholders, including religious.

The retreat workshop ended on a high note with many of the participants expressing their satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment.

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**News item 6 – DBTSS Graduates 148 Students**

Fifty-three grade 12 and 136 trainee students have graduated from the Don Bosco Technical Secondary School (DBTSS), Vunabasco at its 27th graduation ceremony held on Sunday, 1st November.

‘Bosconian: Holy and Upright’ was the theme of the special occasion which was held in multipurpose hall of Don Bosco Rapolo. The program began with the Holy Eucharist which was presided over by Fr Albert Lenon, SDB and Fr. Moïse Paluku, SBD Rector.

In his homily, Fr. Albert asked the candidates and their parents to be grateful to the Lord and reminded the graduates to look to the future with courage and hope. Thirty-five students were awarded for Academic Excellence in in Science and Humanities, Technical and Electrical, Maintenance Fitting and Machining, Carpentry and Motor Vehicle Mechanic, and Deportment and Religion.

On behalf of the graduates, Luther Kangol, a Grade 12 Science graduate and awardee, presented his gratitude to the Salesians, teachers, parents and his companions for their achievement and for their readiness to face the great challenges ahead.

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**This ends the Catholic Church news for this week. Join us next week for more.**

**From all of us at here at Catholic Communications, we wish you all an enjoyable week.**