**News Compilation for Catholic Church News aired on Radio Maria**

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**Welcome to another week of Catholic Church News on Radio Maria. I am Nigel Akuani, and I am Isabella Saleu with the news.**

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**News Item 1 – Pope at Angelus: Jesus, way to fulfilling life**

“With Jesus, a new different life is always possible,” said Pope Francis to Christians as he celebrated Mass in Floriana, during his Apostolic Visit to Malta.

In his homily, Holy Father recalled the day's Gospel about the woman caught in adultery. He highlighted that the Scribes and Pharisees thought they already knew everything and did not need the teaching of Jesus.

The Pope called on the faithful to pay attention to how they treat others. "Whether we do this with a look of mercy, as Jesus shows us today, or with a look of judgment, even contempt, like the accusers," he stated.

Pope Francis reminded those present that with God, there is always a room for second chances and we can always find paths that lead to liberation and salvation.

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**News item 2 – Mingende sets up for Catholic Church General Assembly**

The deanery of Mingende and Diocese of Kundiawa, is currently preparing for the General Assembly of the Catholic Church of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands.

Scheduled to be held in the Mingende Parish Hall from 21st – 26th April, the assembly will serve as an occasion to celebrate the Catholic Faith; a proposition of a 5 year-Conference Pastoral Plan; and to share the experiences of journeying together in Synodality.

Going by the theme ‘Salt and Light - The Catholic Church and Society’, the 63rd AGM of the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNG&SI will be held from 26th April – 5th May, at Rondon Ridge, Archdiocese of Mt Hagen.

A total of 19 participants are expected to attend. These include 17 Bishops, the incoming Bishop-Elect for Goroka, and the CBC’s General Secretary. Due to border restrictions, Bishops from Solomon Islands will not be able to attend.

The Diocese of Goroka, will also be celebrating the Episcopal Ordination of its new Bishop, Fr Walenty Gryk svd on Saturday 7th May. Fr Walenty is an SVD priest from Poland, and has served in the Highlands region of PNG for more than 30-years.

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**News item 3 – 139 students graduate from DBTI**

Don Bosco Technological Institute saw 139 proud graduates advancing with diplomas and bachelors in various trades during the 20th graduation rites.

The graduation ceremony which was supposed to be held last year was deferred to this year due to COVID-19 and was held on Thursday 31st March 2022 at the DBTI gymnasium. It had as its theme, “Building a better tomorrow through Competence and Character.”

The graduates were urged to change society and build a better future through competence and character, being good Christians and honest citizens.

Prior to the celebration, a graduation mass was held on Wednesday, 30th March. Bishop of the Diocese of Kerema, Bp. Pedro Baquero sdb was the main celebrant.

He encouraged them to seek the Kingdom of God that was personified in Jesus. He asked them to be open and sensitive to finding God’s Kingdom wherever they would go after studies

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**News Item 4 – Formative Workshop held in Yule Island**

Aone-week Formative Workshop was recently held with OLSH Sisters on Yule Island, in the Diocese of Bereina.

Organized by the Right Relationship Ministry (RRM) of the Catholic Bishops Conference, the workshop was held from 21st – 25th March, at the OLSH Sisters Novitiate. Participants were three OLSH Sisters who are preparing for their Final Profession and four of their Novices.

The one-week program was facilitated by Sr Ancy John Chirayath SCSA, RRM Directress, to enhance and equip the young religious with the appropriate skills and knowledge in relationship issues as they journey in their Religious Formation in responding to their vocation.

With the focus on ‘Building healthy and mature relationships in our communities and in ministries’, the workshop dwelt on the main topics Boundaries, Right Relationships, Human sexuality, Values and Rights, foundation of Human Happiness, and a Happy Life is good Relationships.

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**News item 5 – LISTENING builds Love, Hope and Inspiration**

‘LISTEN! Do Everything with LOVE,’ was the empowering theme for the first Media Education Seminar (MES1) with students from ten catholic agency schools in Port Moresby.

Facilitated by the Social Communications (SOCOM) Commission, the seminar was held on Saturday 2nd April, at the Catholic Bishops Conference (CBCPNGSI) Centre and had the participation of Catholic Schools and Institutes from around Port Moresby.

The seminar had the engagement of 55 fortunate and talented students hand-picked by the 16-Animators. The 7-hour day-program had sessions that focused on: Media and Communication; Photos to Inspire; Logos with a Message; Prayer and Reflection. Group activities and lively energizers had participants fully engaged right throughout the sessions.

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**News item 6 – NCEC on Formation, Information and Transformation**

The National Catholic Education Commission hosted a week-long annual conference for its education secretaries and coordinators that focused on the theme ‘Formation, Information and Transformation’.

It was held from 28th March to 1st April and had the participation of forty-seven representatives from the dioceses within PNG.

The aim of the conference was on capacity building in education by getting the secretaries and the coordinators to be aware of the church partnerships and work collaboratively with the Department of Education.

NCEC Secretary, Mr Ova said that building good relationships with each stake holder and its partners especially the church and government department in the education sector to work together is for the common good of our children.

The conference had speakers from the Catholic Bishops Conference, Teaching Services Commission, PNG Education Institution and representatives from different organizations.

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**News item 7 – Protecting our environment starts with you**

PlanetEarth with all its marvels is our home and caring for it begins with everyone.

The reflective appeal was made by four outspoken Grade-12 students from St Joseph’s International Catholic College, during their discussion of the ‘Role of Youth in Caring for the Environment’ on the Chat Room on Wednesday 30th March.

A variety of aspects surrounding the topic were raised that covered the definition and essential role the environments constantly plays; ramifications of human activities; more widened scope for involvement of youth; the growing need for inspirational role models among youth; positive use of social media for tangible change; local cases studies and references proving environmental damage; a reflection of the Gospel of Genesis; policy change for societal betterment; and a call for parents and the government to regard the matter as one of urgency that requires swift action.

Chat Room on 6th April, will have students from La Salle Technical College discuss the topic ‘’Overcoming War on Covid and Violence’.

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

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