**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.**

**Our stories for the week:**

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**News Item 1 - Pope at Angelus: Christ signifies truth, service and life**

Pope Francis reflected on the Kingship of Christ on the solemnity of Christ the King for the Sunday Angelus of 21st November at the St Peter's Square.

He noted that Jesus came not to dominate but to serve others and we as Christians are called to do the same. The Holy Father also emphasized that we as Christians acquire dignity by following Christ.

The Pope concluded the angelus by telling the faithful present for the angelus that when Jesus reigns in our heart, we are freed from hypocrisy, deceit and duplicity because it is then that we bear witness to the truth.

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**News item 2 – Moved by Hope**

Fifteen films from the shortlisted 110 short films of the Don Bosco Global Youth Film Festival were screened at the Paradise Cinema, Vision City that focused on the theme ‘Moved by Hope’.

It was held on Friday, 19th November 2021 and had as special guests, the Apostolic Nunciature to Papua New Guinea, His Excellency Fermin Emilio Sosa Rodriguez, his secretary, Fr. Jacek Pinocy and Provincial Superior, Fr. Gregorio Bicomong Jnr sdb.

The Nuncio in his speech, said that God is the one who gives hope and that we cannot keep it but share it. He encouraged them to build the community and church with hope as we are part of it.

The two-hour program was a time of reflection and discussion that gave the opportunity to those present to truly understand the situations faced by young people in different societies of the world and relate it to a more local context.

The Don Bosco Global Youth Film Festival is a Salesian festival for young people to share short films at a global level. This year, a total of 1686 short films were sent into the festival and 110 short films were shortlisted for screening online from November 18th to 19th.

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**News item 3 – We Will Rise from the Ashes**

Have faith that we will rise from the ashes and pray for peace that we may continue to help those in need of help.

The sentiment was made by Archbishop of Mt Hagen, Douglas Young SVD, following the burning down of the St Joseph Catholic Church at Togoba in Western Highlands Province.

Although it was a tragedy for the Archdiocese, Abp Young strongly said the setback would not deter the congregation, but would strengthen them in their faith. He said fundraising for a new church building would begin shortly.

Vicar General of the Archdiocese, Fr Robert Noli, said the church was a holy place where people worshipped and confided in the Lord, and an essential vessel of evangelizing and developing society.

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**News item 4 – Abp Cardone held in Quarantine**

Since returning from the United States of America on 12th November 2021, Archbishop of Honiara, Christopher Cardone OP, will soon be released on 26th November from his 14-day quarantine at the Pacific Casino.

According to Abp Cardone, his first big mass should be on Saturday 27th November, at the Holy Cross Cathedral, for the Closing Mass of the one-week celebration of the Legion of Mary.

He thanked everyone for their prayers during his stay away, and made a special acknowledgement to Sr Nancy for arranging the flights.

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**News Item 5 – Finding Hope and Compassion in YOUTH**

Young people today are the Hope and Compassion needed to heal the world amidst these turbulent times.

The empowering remark filled the NCB TribeFM studio during the Chat Room of Wednesday 17th November 2021, that had three extraordinary women confidently speak on the topic: ‘Ensuring Equity in World Youth Day 2021’. They included Elizabeth Aribi, Youth Secretary of the Catholic Bishops Conference (CBC PNGSI); Jessica Oata, Social Communications Officer of CBC PNGSI; and Lasallian Youth Ministry Coordinator, Melinda Maro.

Their talk began with a definition of Equity and its need in Youth of the day; an insight of World Youth Day; effective ways of ensuring inspirational scripture and quotes; the need for equal participation and opportunities; the clash between Melanesian traditions and inclusiveness; and a call for parents and the government to do its due diligence in supporting the younger generation in their endeavours of improving society.

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**News item 6 – Communicating Christ Today**

The East Asia-Oceania (EAO) delegates for Social Communication and Missions Offices came together in a Zoom meeting to discuss and reflect on Communicating Jesus Christ Today to the Millennial and Gen Z Mindsets. The meeting held on the 16th and 17th November 2021, was organized jointly by the Dicasteries of Social Communications and Missions in Rome-Generalate headed by councillors Fr. Gildàsio Mendes, SDB and Fr. Alfred Maravilla, SDB.  
  
Around 34 participants joined the video conference all the way from the different circumscriptions in the culturally diverse region, together with team members from the Generalate.

The missionary delegates shared about their Missionary Animation, how to better animate the communities in the missionary dimension, accompany the missionaries in the province and foster greater cooperation with Social Communication.

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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.**