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**Welcome to another weekly Catholic Church News on Radio Maria. I am Nigel Akuani, and I am Rosemary Yambune with the news.**

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**News Item 1 – Pope introduces new encyclical of ‘Fratelli Tutti’**

On the conclusion of the Sunday Angelus of 4th October in St Peter’s Square, Pope Francis introduced his new Encyclical *Fratelli* *tutti*, and said he had the joy of giving the new Encyclical as a gift to those present.

A special edition of *L'Osservatore Romano* containing the Encyclical was given as his gift to everyone in the Square. The document was signed on 3rd October 2020, on the occasion of Pope Francis's visit to the tomb of his namesake, Saint Francis of Assisi, and was published the following day, the saint's feast day.

The message of the Pope’s new social encyclical proposes a fraternal society of friendship that is not overrun by war, hatred, violence, indifference and new walls.

Five years ago, Pope Francis published the Encyclical *Laudato si’* in which he clearly described the connections that existed between the environmental crisis, the social crisis, war, migration and poverty. In it he also indicated the goal to reach a more just economic and social system, one that would respect creation.

The document of *Fratelli* *tutti*, he said showed the concrete way to reaching this goal, by recognizing ourselves as brothers and sisters, everyone in the same boat, as how the COVID19 pandemic has made it more evident.

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**News item 2 – Installation Mass held for First Local Archbishop of Rabaul**

A grand Installation Mass of the first local and 8th Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Rabaul, His Grace Rochus Josef Tatamai MSC was held on Tuesday 29th September 2020, at the Vunapope Sacred Heart Cathedral, East New Britain Province.

The Installation had as its theme: “God Wantaim Yumi”. Archbishop Rochus Tatamai was the main celebrant. Concelebrating with him were 14 bishops. Amongst them were the Apostolic Nuncio to PNGSI, Archbishop Kurian Mathew Vayalunkal; Sir John Cardinal Ribat MSC; Archbishop Emeritus, Francesco Panfilo SDB; and a large number of priests. Also present were religious, seminarians, family and friends and the people of the Archdiocese of Rabaul and the other dioceses.

In his homily Abp Rochus gave thanks to God for the years and experience as Bishop of the dioceses of Bereina and Kavieng. He compared his return to Rabaul similar to that of Jesus’ return to Nazareth.

He reminded the people to continue to support the Church in their efforts to drive forward the Province and its people. He urged parents to pray and encourage their children to live a Holy Life in the Church.

A vibrant cultural extravaganza followed the prayerful Eucharistic celebration on 29thSeptember, at Vunapope, Rabaul. Governor of East New Britain, Nakikus Konga and former Prime Minister, Sir Rabbie Namaliu were among others who spoke and appreciated the work of the Catholic Church.

Cultural dances and presentation of gifts continued through the afternoon as the people celebrated their joy and happiness.

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**News item 3 – Emotional Farewell given to Archbishop Francesco Panfilo**

Archbishop Francesco Panfilo sdb, was given an emotional farewell by the people of the three deaneries of the Archdiocese of Rabaul. The celebration was held at Vunapope on the 28th September.

Over the past few weeks, the people have expressed their gratitude and thanks to their shepherd Archbishop Panfilo. Amidst expressions of gratitude at Vunapope, were tears of appreciation for the much-loved shepherd for the past ten years.

Abp Vayalunkal farewelled Abp Panfilo and said that he was a generous man, an extraordinary missionary and a Good Shepherd. Quoting Cardinal Tagle, he said that the Holy See appreciated the work of Abp Panfilo and wished him all success in his future apostolate.

The former Prime Minister Sir Rabbie Namaliu praised the efforts of Abp Panfilo in education, and said Abp Panfilo was committed to the people of ENB.

Archbishop Panfilo has spent his life as a missionary ready to serve the flock he was entrusted with. He has spent 23 years in Papua New Guinea, 19 as a Bishop, 9 in Alotau and 10 in the Archdiocese of Rabaul.

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**News Item 4 – Retreat held for Graduating Students of DBTI**

An energetic youth retreat intended to highlight care for creation was held for graduating students of Don Bosco Technological Institute.

The retreat on 25th and 26th September, had the engagement of 55 students and was held at the Emmaus Conference Centre, Boroko. The theme of the Retreat was: ‘Protect Creation Respect Life’.

The weekend had moments of prayer and reflection, participation of students in lively action songs, sharing and personal experiences, recollection of scriptures from the bible, sessions on life’s challenges and the need to care and protect God’s creation.

Christalyn Sowi, a final-year studying the Diploma in Information Technology, said the words “You are beautiful just as you are”, was a constant reminder of the beauty and wonder of all of God’s creation and the need to be ever grateful for all His gifts.

Third-year student of Instrumentation Technology, Harold Womosa, said that though the Earth had a lot of problems at present, all could be easily solved if humanity started acting responsibly together for the common good of all.

The following weekends will have the different groups joining in this spiritual exercise.

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**News item 5 - Catholic Students launch Charity Association**

Catholic alumni students from the University of Technology will be launching an Alumni Association on 18th October 2020, at the St Augustine Parish in Lae, Morobe Province.

The launching ceremony of the charitable association will include a blessing of the association with its delegates, a blessing of the Association’s Constitution by His Eminence Bishop of Lae, Bp Rozario Menezes, confirmation for youths, a hand-over take-over by Catholic students of UNITECH, with the launch of the official website of the alumni association.

According to President of the Association, Zoomary Apini, the association was fuelled by former male Catholic students of UniTech who once resided in the College’s hall of Fr Anthony Mulderink. He said the Association’s official name was ‘Fr Anthony Mulderink College Boys Alumni**’.**

As a way to complement the Year of the Laity, the small charitable association had as their theme: “To share God’s Love through Service and Charity with Kindness and Humility where needed”.

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**News item 6 – Participants reminded of Role of Laity in Church**

Forty-one participants in Wagina were part of a two-day workshop that focused on the purpose of laity, the Bible and family life.

The workshop held from 4th to 5th September, at the Wagina parish in the Catholic Diocese of Gizo in the Solomon Islands, had presentations from Jerome Kuibatu with the help of Rev Fr Humberto, parish priest of Wagina.

Participants included Religious, youths, Sunday school teachers, men and women, and village leaders from the village’s different zones. The participants were representatives of the different ministries in the parish.

Various sessions were given that dwelled on the responsibility of Laity, the role of Clergy in the formation of the parish, the need for closer engagement between priests and their parishioners, a call for people to read the Bible more often and to apply its principles in their lives.

The workshop was a new experience for all the participants that created a heightened sense in awareness and understanding of the meaning of being baptized and sent.

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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.**