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**Welcome to another week of Catholic Church News on Radio Maria. I’m Jessica Oata, and I am Isabella Saleu with the news.**

**Our stories for the week:**

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**News item 1- May our Love for God and neighbour resound in us**

At the Sunday Angelus of October 31st, Pope Francis called on us to repeat Jesus' words and truly endeavour "to love God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and with all our strength and our neighbour as ourselves".

Greeting pilgrims gathered in Saint Peter's Square before leading the recitation of the Angelus, The Holy Father focused his Sunday Catechesis on the day's Gospel reading, which told of a scribe who approached Jesus asking Him which commandment is first.

Summarizing his thoughts, the Pope called on us to see that the Lord is looking for "docile hearts", more than "skilled Scripture commentators", who welcome His Word and allow interior conversion.

He encouraged everyone to always have the Gospel in hand, "to read and reread it, to be passionate about it and allow this "great commandment" to "resound in us" and become "the voice of our conscience", as the Holy Spirit makes the seed of the Word germinate in us.

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**News item 2 – Daru-Kiunga farewells Bp Gilles Cote**

A farewell mass was held for Emeritus Bishop Gilles Cote on Sunday, 1st November at St. Gerard's Cathedral in Kiunga.

He has contributed so much to the physical and spiritual growth of the Diocese of Daru/Kiunga over the last 50 years.

A thanksgiving mass to celebrate the life of Bp Gilles will be held on Monday, 8th November with the staff of Catholic Bishops Conference.

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**News item 3 - Don Bosco Technical Secondary School holds 28th Graduation**

Don Bosco Technical Secondary School held its 28th Commencement Ceremony on Sunday 24th October at the Mary Help of Christians Parish, Kokopo, East New Britain Province.

Fr. Gregorio Bicomong Jnr sdb, Salesian Provincial of PNG and SI, was the main celebrant of the Holy Mass. During his homily, he challenged the hundred and eighty-eight graduands to see the past and the future in line with the graduation theme: “Forward March with Hope” and the Mission Sunday Celebration. He invited them to go forward as missionaries into the world today.

Member for Kokopo and Minister for Planning and Development Honorable Emil Tamur

was also present for the Holy Eucharistic Celebration and reminded the youth to be always creative and in their future endeavors, especially after being equipped with technical and spiritual skills in a valuable school like Don Bosco.

Rector of the school, Fr. Moise Paluku sdb, acknowledged the effort of the parents and their trust in the school. He thighlighted that the graduates should truly march forward with hope, and by all means help to bring the message of God to all their dear ones.

Meanwhile, graduation for the students of Don Bosco Technological Institute in Port Moresby has been cancelled due to the pandemic.

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**News item 4 – CBC staff hold Marian Procession to end the month of the Holy Rosary**

The staff of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands held a Marian Procession on Friday 29th October to end the month of the Holy Rosary.

The Procession began at 3pm and had the CBC staff divide themselves into five groups to take lead in each mystery. The procession took place at different locations within the CBC compound and ended in the Chapel.

Speaking on behalf of the Liturgy Committee at the end of the program, Laity Commission Secretary Eva Wangihama thanked the staff for their dedication and participation in the program.

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**News item 5 - Realizing your Purpose through Self-Confidence**

Be confident and comfortable in who you are today to become the person you know in your heart you were born to be.

These were the inspiring words that resonated from the voices of Year-Eleven students of St Joseph’s International Catholic College, Port Moresby during the Chat Room of Wednesday 27th October 2021.

The students discussed the issue ‘Overcoming Peer Pressure and Living Healthy’ on the program and stressed the significant impact it had on the integral development of young minds. Their chat brought to light many issues that included: a detailed definition of Peer Pressure and what it meant to Live Healthy; the negative and positive impacts; examples of peer pressure; its detrimental consequences particularly in the age of and exposure to Social Media; healthy ways and habits of overcoming peer pressure; and hard call on governments and parents to start caring for the needs of the younger generation.

The students’ Animator, Mr Fabian Papenga, expressed how impressed he was by the students’ display of confidence in speaking concisely on Live-Radio, and said this was an excellent form of exposure in building their public speaking skills.

Students from Marianville Secondary School will be on Chat Room’s next session on Wednesday 3rdNovember, to discuss the topic ‘Importance in Human Networking’.

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**News item 6 – Don Bosco Global Youth Film Festival**

With over one thousand entries worldwide, the Don Bosco Global Youth Film Festival is now set for screening on the 18th – 19th November 2021.

The virtual film festival will showcase films from different categories with the theme ‘Moved by Hope’

While the screening of the films in PNG will be at Vision City, institutions, parishes and groups are encouraged to use the films to generate discussion on how the messages can be applied in our Papua New Guinean context.

For more information, contact Fr Ambrose Pereira sdb at the Catholic Bishops Conference or at Don Bosco Technological Institute.

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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 an enjoyable week.**