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

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**News Item 1 – Pope at Angelus: Fidelity to God means willingness to Serve**

Pope Francis reflected on the theme of service at the Angelus on Sunday 19th September in St Peter’s Square. He said that when we serve others, we receive God’s embrace.

The Holy Father stressed that, “greatness and success” are not measured by social position, job title, or wealth, but by service; “not on what someone has, but on what someone gives. Pope Francis reflected on the Sunday's Gospel where Jesus’ disciples were discussing among themselves which of them was the greatest and encouraged us to follow Jesus' path of service to others with love and humility.

Pope Francis concluded by inviting us to ask ourselves, in response to the challenge of the Gospel, whether we are truly interested in those who need our help, or whether we are like the disciples in the Gospel, seeking our own personal gratification.

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**News item 2 – Be Compassionate and Rooted in CHRIST**

Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Daru-Kiunga, Gilles Côté SMM has encouraged Catholic faithful and Christian communities of his diocese and all in Papua New Guinea to have a heart and care for everything. Be compassionate toward others and be rooted in Christ as He is the foundation of our lives.

After spending 50-years in the Western Province of Papua New Guinea, he described how the country moulded him into a ‘winner-in-Christ’ and said he would return home fulfilled, triumphant and spiritually enriched.

He reassured the people that the new Bishop of Daru-Kiunga, Bp Joseph Durero SVD, was capable of caring for the diocese and will work closely with the diocese’s clergy, religious, laity and youth.

The sharing by Bp Gilles was made during a brief interview on Thursday 9th September. It gave an insight of the bishop’s hopes and intentions for the diocese after he departs from the diocese and the country in November 2021.

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**News item 3 – EAO Social Communication School of Formation Inaugurated**

The Social Communication (SC) Department kicked off its School of Formation in East Asia and Oceania Region (EAO) with more than 60 SC delegates, Salesians of Don Bosco, Lay, and young people as participants. The nearly 3-hour session was held on the 15thSeptember at 3.00pm PNG time.

SC General Councillor Fr. Gildàsio Mendes SDB, in his welcome address thanked Fr. Joseph Phuoc, EAO Regional Superior for his steadfast commitment and formidable support to the School of Formation.

Fr Gildàsio expressed his satisfaction for the preparation, presence, and participation at the program. He invited the participants to consecrate the School of Formation to the maternal intercession of Mary Help of Christians.

Participants from the different countries were Pakistan, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Philippines, East Timor, Myanmar, Mongolia, Japan, Korea, Australia and Solomon Islands.

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**News item 4 – Caritas PNG launches new Logo**

Caritas Papua New Guinea (CPNG) officially launched its new logo, vision and mission statement at a brief ceremony on Monday, 20th September at the Catholic Bishops Conference (CBC), Port Moresby.

Present to unveil the logo and statements were Abp Anton Bal, President of CBC and Bp Jozef Roszynski, Deputy Bishop of CPNG. Joining the ceremony were the CBC Central Committee members, staff of CBC and media personnel. Connected via zoom was the Caritas Oceania Secretary, Sophie Jenkins, the Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand Director, Julianne Hickey and Caritas coordinators in PNG.

According to Bp Jozef, it was in 2020 that a decision was made to change the logo of CPNG, and the design of the logo was outsourced to schools in the country with rewards being offered for the best three entries.

In his speech, Abp Anton Bal spoke of Caritas being the expression of the Churches love and concern for the poor and the needy. He said that the launch of the logo, vision and mission will give direction and help us to focus on areas of responsibility so we can respond accordingly.

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**News Item 5 – Right Relationship Ministry Workshop for Contact Persons**

The Catholic Bishops Conference – Right Relationships Ministry hosted its third Training of Contact Persons at the Catholic Bishops Conference head office from 6th -10th September.

The intense one-week training was facilitated by Right Relationship Ministry Directress Sr. Ancy John and Ms. Esther Igo. Nine Contact Persons from the Archdiocese of Port Moresby, Diocese of Bereina, Diocese of Daru/Kiunga, Diocese of Alotau and the Diocese of Kerema, representing the Southern Region were participants at the program.

The purpose of the workshop was to train and equip Contact Persons with the knowledge to carry forth their duties with diligence when assisting their Bishops to deal with cases of sexual abuse by Clerics, religious or church workers.

Guest presenters at the training included NCD Family Life Welfare Services Child Protection Officer, Mr. Otto Trur. He gave a short presentation about the *Lukautim Pikinini Act*based on penal sanctions on abuse and clarified some of the questions raised by the participants.

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**News Item 6 – Mt Hagen celebrates Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

The ‘Diwai Kros’ Ministry Group of the Archdiocese of Mt. Hagen gathered at Panga Outstation, Wurup Parish to celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Tuesday 14 September.

Among those present for the event were the Archbishop Douglas Young SVD, Fr. Michael Akel, spiritual director of the Diwai Kros group, and Fr. Paul Gunbi, the Parish Priest of Wurup, Mr. Michael Kat, Chairman of the Diwai Kros group and other church leaders.

In his homily, the Archbishop spoke elaborately of the Holy Cross and what it means for Christians. He stressed that as Christians, the Cross should always go before us and guide us in everything we do.

This year’s feast day celebration also coincided with the 4th anniversary of the Diwai Kros group in the Archdiocese.

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**News item 7 – Effective Social Change begins with Conversation and Dialogue**

Ongoing successive conversation and dialogue are the main components for positive and effective change to manifest itself for the betterment of society.

These powerful and reflective words were highlighted by six students from Don Bosco Technological Institute in the Chat Room of Wednesday 15th September, during their talk on ‘Importance of Conversation and Dialogue among Young People’.

The students all in their Second Year of Studies brought into their discussion a range of important aspects revolving around the concept of Dialogue and Conversation. Importance of writing in building effective communication skills, fundamental role of critical thinking in discernment of social issues, demand for more constructive and productive dialogue among youth, need to practice and promote better speaking skills, contribution to integral development of young people, with a call to parents and governments to take more seriously and support communication programs intended to build the minds of the younger generation.

The next session of Chat Room on Wednesday 22nd September will have Journalism students from the University of Papua New Guinea speak on the topic, ‘Empowering Young People through Creative Arts’.

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**News item 8 - Don Bosco Global Youth Film Festival 2021**

The Don Bosco Global Youth Film Festival 2021, a world class film festival platform welcomes entries that showcase and voice out young creative filmmaking talents.

The two-day festival from 18th - 19th November, that takes place simultaneously in almost 135 countries featuring young filmmakers and new voices has as its theme, ‘Moved by Hope – Youth Beacons of Hope in the post-pandemic world’. All films must possess a storytelling element related to the theme.

This is an opportunity for young people to share their novel ideas with the world through the short films. Winners of the Youth Film Festival 2021 will have fabulous cash awards totalling to 100,000 Euros. The Deadline for films is **15th October 2021.**

For more information, visit the Don Bosco Global Youth Film Festival website today.

Website: [www.dbgyff.com](http://www.dbgyff.com)

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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.**