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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 at Angelus: ‘Go against the current, choose meekness and mercy’

“Choose purity, meekness and mercy while entrusting ourselves to the Lord and dedicating ourselves to justice and peace,” said Pope Francis at the Sunday Angelus of 1st November.

Pope Francis reminded Christians of their personal and universal vocation to holiness as they celebrated the Feast of all Saints. He invited faithful to reflect on the *great hope* that is based on Christ’s resurrection, and upheld the Saints and Blesseds as the most authoritative witnesses of Christian hope.

He reflected on the second and the thirdBeatitudes, that Jesus preached and which resound in the Liturgy of (Mt 5:1-12), and described them as the path to holiness.

Pope Francis concluded saying that this evangelical path was taken by the Saints and Blesseds and that today’s solemnity, that honours All Saints, proposes sure models for this journey that each person walks in a unique and unrepeatable way, according to the “imagination” of the Holy Spirit.”

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**News item 2 – Imposition of Pallium on Archbishop Bal**

The pallium was imposed on Archbishop Anton Bal, Archbishop of Madang by Archbishop Kurian Mathew Vayalunkal, Apostolic Nuncio to Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, on 25th October at the Holy Spirit Cathedral, Madang.

Archbishop Emeritus William Kurtz, Bishop Rozario Menezes, Bishop of Lae and priests of the Archdiocese concelebrated at the Eucharistic celebration. Religious, Parish Pastoral Counsel members of the Archdiocese of Madang and Catholic lay faithful filled the cathedral for the celebrations. A large group of prisoners were also present for the celebrations.

The Pallium is a liturgical sign of communion that unites the See of Peter and his successor to the Metropolitans and through them the order of Bishops throughout the world. Two other events of significance were the blessings and presentation of the Pastoral Plans of the Archdiocese of Madang to the Deaneries and the commissioning of the Catholic Professionals.

32 Catholic Professionals made their commitment to be ‘light and voice’ to the people of the diocese. Each was then presented with a ‘cross of courage’ by Archbishop Anton Bal. They were reminded to be witnesses to Christ by their way of life.

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**News item 3 – DMI Sewing School Graduates 48 Women**

48 women from the Kogeva and Sabama Communities graduated after their three-month Tailoring Training Course, organized by the Daughters of Mary Immaculate Sisters.

The graduation ceremony was held on 27th October, at the Kogeva Community Centre in Kaugere Port Moresby, and had as its theme, ‘A powerful woman can make a powerful world’. Special guests at the ceremony were His Eminence Sir John Cardinal Ribat, Archbishop of Port Moresby; Mr Justin Tkatchenko, Member for Moresby South; Fr John Glynn, Founder of WeCare Foundation; Sr Catherine DMI, Country Director for DMI Mission in PNG; and Mr. Kalyana Ranman, Social Activist. Also present to show their support were friends and families from the surrounding communities.

In his address, Cardinal Ribat congratulated the graduates reminding them of how their achievement was a blessing and urged for them to use it in helping others. He said the training they acquired was a lifelong gift that could never be taken away and described it as a tool they could use in alleviating poverty from their communities.

Mr Tkatchenko commanded the efforts made by DMI Sisters in empowering women in the area and reassured all present that he would continue to support their efforts in human development.

According to Sr Catherine DMI, Country Director for DMI Mission in PNG, the Tailoring program introduced in June 2020, is intended to promote women’s rights and to sustain their economy and life.

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**News item 4 – Archdiocese of Mt Hagen on print media training**

A three-day print media seminar was held in the Archdiocese of Mt. Hagen focused on writing articles, creating newsletters and capturing photographs with a message.

Held from 27th to 29th October, the seminar dwelled on the importance of news, news writing and editing, writing feature articles, creating newsletter, inverted pyramid and taking inspirational photographs.

Ms Abigail Seta, Social Communications Officer of the Catholic Bishops Conference, facilitated the program at the Trinity FM studio that had seven participants present. The participants were five staff from Trinity FM Radio Station and two youths from the parishes in the Archdiocese.

Ms Seta told of how the interactive program invoked critical discussions about the media in PNG and urged for participants to put into practice what they had learnt. Triniti FM’s journalist, Simon Mokot, said that there was a need for more skill training for media personnel involved in print media.

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**News Item 5 – Planted in the Land of the Unexpected**

The 3rd Provincial of the Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands vice-province (PGS), Fr Gregorio Bicomong Junior sdb was installed on the 29th October, feast of Blessed Michael Rua, the successor of St John Bosco, at the Archdiocesan Shrine of Mary Help of Christians, Boroko.

The Eucharistic celebration was celebrated by Bp (Peter) Pedro Baquero sdb, Bishop of Kerema. Concelebrating with him was Fr Alfred Maravilla sdb, Councillor for the Missions and nine priests including Fr John Curtis CP, Parish Priest of St Joseph’s parish, Boroko.

The new Provincial thanked everyone present and all participating in the Eucharistic celebrations via the online transmission. As he takes up his role as Provincial, he requested prayers that he may become holy and a real shepherd with a pastoral heart.

He stressed the need to encounter and deal with the new trials and challenges amidst the COVID-19 pandemic to journey together to seek new ways and help young people filled with fear, anxiety and the uncertainty of their lives.

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**News item 6 – DBTS Hosts Wantok Bosco Camp**

220 participants from the Salesian Institutions in Port Moresby gathered at Don Bosco Technical School, Gabutu, for the yearly WANTOK BOSCO event. Participants came from Don Bosco Technical School, Gabutu, Don Bosco Technological Institute, Boroko, Caritas Technical Secondary School, Boroko and Mary Help of Christians Parish Sabama.

The well-planned event had as its theme the Strenna for 2020: Good Christians and Upright citizens. Caring for the environment, learning to manage waste using the 3Rs, experiencing and participating in prayer were objectives that the participants dwelt on while at the program.

Interactive group sessions by the speakers kept the participants attenuative. Sessions dwelt on the theme, the documents of the Holy Father and opened the participants to possible outreach activities. Practical activities harnessed their creative talents and enabled the participants turn waste materials into something useful. Concrete resolutions have been the highlight of the event that will have promoted the need to care and protect the environment.

The loving presence of the Salesians, the sisters and animators highlighted the family spirit. The event was made special by the presence of Fr. Alfred Maravilla and of Fr. Gregorio Bicomong, Provincial. The event concluded with the Eucharistic celebration on the Solemnity of All Saints.

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**News item 7 – Advancing Partnership to End Violence**

Members of the Church Development Council and representatives from the Government displayed solidarity to end all forms of violence in families and communities during a meeting held from 14th to 15th October, at the Dream Inn in Port Moresby.

The meeting had as its theme “Churches and Government to work together to End Violence in the Family and Communities” and had the participation of ten prominent figures from the Church Development Council and the Ministry of Youth Religion and Community Development.

Advancing Church/State partnership in service delivery through health, education and community development, were few of the commitments reviewed and strengthened by the church and government in the meeting.

Present for the occasion was Bishop Deputy of the Laity commission of Catholic Bishops Conference, Bp Otto Separy.  Bp Otto told of how the partnership would draw a positive influence to the nation and urged for proper advocacy and awareness to be carried out among the young generation of today.

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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.**