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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:**

1. **Pope at Angelus: Christian Communion built by welcoming, not dividing.**
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**News item 1- Pope on Angelus: Christian Communion built by welcoming, not dividing.**

At the Angelus address on Sunday, 25th September, Pope Francis reflected on the day’s Gospel in which Jesus reprimands his disciples for seeking to hinder those who are doing good.

Pope Francis added that every type of closure separates us from those around us “who do not think like we do” and urged us as Catholics to be vigilant about a similar closed-minded attitude in the church as well.

The Holy Father stressed that the Holy Spirit does not want ‘closedness’ and encouraged everyone to choose ‘openness’ and welcome communities where there is a place for everyone.

The Pope went on to say that Jesus also offers an appeal in the day’s Gospel: “instead of judging everything and everyone, let us beware of ourselves!”

The Angelus address was concluded with an invitation to better our lives.

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**News item 2 – Aitape Celebrates Episcopal Ordination of 6th Bishop**

A positive and promising ambiance flowed across the whole Diocese of Aitape as it witnessed the Episcopal Ordination of its Sixth Bishop, Most Reverend Siby Matthew Peedikayli HGN.

The Ordination and Eucharistic Mass had as its theme ‘The Love of Christ Impels Us’ and was held on Saturday 26th September at St Ignatius Secondary School, Aitape.

Archbishop Fermin Sosa, in his homily, highlighted the mission and the need to fulfil it in a faithful manner. He urged Bishop Siby to be attached and obedient to the call of God to fulfill his new mission.

Bp Siby called on the people of Aitape to commit their lives to Jesus placing Him before everything to experience the blessings of God’s love. Bp Siby from the Congregation of Heralds of Good News was born on 6th December 1970 and entered into the seminary on 3rd July 1986. He was ordained a Priest on 1st February 1995. He was the former Vicar-General of the Diocese of Vanimo.

The ordination was attended by nearly two thousand people from the Aitape, Nuku and Lumi deaneries.

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**News item 3 – First Salesian Educators’ Congress**

The first Don Bosco Educational System Salesian Educators’ Congress was held from 23rd-25th September at the Don Bosco Technological Institute, Boroko with the theme *“The only Way Forward is Together.”*

With the primary objective to officially launch the Don Bosco Educational System of PNG and SI, the occasion focused on three main areas:

1. fellowship among the teachers of the different Don Bosco schools;
2. to foster awareness of the current state of basic, higher and technical education in the country; and
3. to help participants keep abreast with recent trends in curriculum, instruction and pastoral ministry.

The three-day program was a time of learning and reinvigorating as talks were presented on the Salesian system of education in line with the Education System of the country. The plenary and break-out sessions were conducted by the Salesians of Don Bosco, the Education Department, TVET and DHERST.

The congress was organized for the teachers of Salesian institutions in the vice province of PNG and SI and had in attendance 160 participants from Salesian schools around the country. However, participants from SI were not able to join due to the pandemic.

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**News item 4 - Queen of Paradise Orchestra Tours Port Moresby**

The Queen of Paradise Orchestra comprising of about 100 children and youths from Vanimo wooed the crowd with their magical symphony as they performed in various parts of the city during the Independence Week Celebrations.

The Orchestra arrived in Port Moresby on Friday September 10 and used Saturday to rehearse for their performances and to visit some of the attractive sceneries Port Moresby had to offer.

They attended the Sunday Eucharist at the Catholic Bishops Conference before going to Ela Beach for their concert. The group had the opportunity to perform at the Parliament House and at Lamana Hotel where the concert was live streamed via Facebook by Radio Maria.

The Queen of Paradise Orchestra has come a long way since it began as a project back in 2018 and was called the Queen of Paradise Project and attributes its inspiration to the model “El Sistema” Choirs and Orchestras from Venezuela.

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**News item 5 – DMI Sisters conduct trainings for mothers**

Throughout the month of August, the DMI sisters have conducted trainings for mothers in 5 settlements in Port Moresby on saving money

The sisters facilitated short sessions of ‘Savings Record and Deposits’ to train the mothers how to go about filling in deposit slips and depositing money in the bank for their savings.

Sr Catherine DMI said that it is important for the women to understand the way of following savings without fail to pay their regular savings and social fund this would help them to do better development within a year.

The women also learned how to record the savings and follow the DMI sisters’ method of saving. Apart from the financial literacy trainings, the sisters and the mothers in the community did hospital visits and prayed with the sick and hosted a street ministry program.

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**News item 6- Positive thinking key to transforming lives**

Throughout history, Positive Thinking has proven to be and will always continue to remain as a force of good and balance, to be used for the transformation and salvation of humanity and their home planet Earth.

The emphasis was made by four young and vibrant journalists during their discussion of the topic, ‘The Power of Positive Thinking’ on the Chat Room of Wednesday 22nd September 2021.

Representing the Social Communication Commission of the Catholic Bishops Conference PNGSI, the media officers took their discussion of the topic to a meaningful and higher level that sought to create progressive societal change.

Their discussion gave a brief definition of the topic, its connection with the youth today, its countless associated benefits, methods of cultivating a positive mindset to change attitude, power of self-belief, famous quotes by historic figures and verses from the Holy Bible on Positive Thinking, ending off with a strong encouragement for young people to always keep their heads high, and for parents to be more supportive in the dreams of their kids.

Chat Room’s next session on Wednesday 29th September will have Journalism students from the University of PNG dwell on ‘Empowering Young People Through Creative Arts’.

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**Recapping our headlines for this week:**

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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.**