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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.**

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**News item 1- Pope on Angelus: Look at life starting from a different heart**

At the Sunday Angelus in St. Peter’s square, Pope Francis invited us to look at life and the world starting from the heart. The day’s gospel reading reminds us that our problems arise from within our hearts which causes us to blame others, the society and world for what happens to us.

The Holy Father stressed that blaming everything and everyone outside is a waste of time and it can only cause us to become more bitter and angry, keeping God away from our hearts.

To remedy this, the Pope said we need to ask the Lord to free us from the temptations that pollute the world.

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**News item 2- Episcopal Ordination of new Bishop for Daru/Kiunga**

Thousands rejoiced and celebrated their faith of 62 years, as they witnessed the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect, Joseph Durero SVD, the third Bishop of the Diocese of Daru-Kiunga.

The ordination was held on Sunday 29th August 2021, at the St Gerard Cathedral, the Eucharistic Celebration had as its theme: ‘*With You I am a Christian, For You I am a Bishop. Yes Lord I Love You’*.

His Eminence, Sir John Cardinal Ribat MSC, Archbishop of Port Moresby was the main celebrant at the Episcopal Ordination. His Grace Mons. Archbishop Fermin Emilio Sosa Rodriguez, Apostolic Nuncio to Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands and His Excellency Most Rev. Gilles Côté SMM were the co-consecrators. They were joined by nine other Bishops from different dioceses across PNG, Priests, clergy, Religious, laymen and women, youths and children, parishioners and Catholics from the entire diocese.

In his homily, Bp Gilles Côté noted that the position of the ‘Bishop’ was one intended to be that of service and not of power. He encouraged the new Bishop to become a Servant-Leader prepared to journey with his people.

The Apostolic Nuncio Mons Rodriguez described the occasion as ‘God’s goodness’.  He encouraged the new Bishop to ‘smell like his sheep’, have a ‘compassionate’ heart for his people and be a ‘Servant of Hope’.

**News item 3- A call for solidarity and resettlement**

The Catholic Bishops conference of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands has made a call for solidarity and resettlement of all Afghan refugees who still remain in PNG, Nauru, Australia and the general Asia Pacific Region.

This call was made on Wednesday 25th August in light of the unfolding situation that is causing major displacement within the country as well as compelling Afghans to seek refuge across the region.

Speaking at the press conference were Mr. Siwat, Migrants and Refugees desk, CBC PNGSI, Zabihullah Hussaini, Afghan refugee and Mr. Stanis Hulahau, Chief Migration Officer, PNG Immigration and Citizenship Authority.

According to the media statement presented by Mr. Siwat, there are about 20 Afghan refugees in Port Moresby, most of whom left behind family members when they departed in 2013.

Mr. Hulahau spoke on PNG immigration perspective on refugees in PNG specifically on Afghanistan under the Regional Resettlement Arrangements and the 20 Afghan refugees in the country.

Following the panel was a question-and-answer session open to the media and the audience to ask.

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**News item 4- Repentance Day well observed in Bulobulo, Alotau**

Students, staff and the neighbouring communities around Bolubolu Technical and Vocational Education Training Celebrated Repentance Day with a Holy Eucharistic Celebration at the St Paul’s Parish on the 26th of August, 2021.

The main celebrant of the mass was the Parish Priest of Bulobulo Parish Fr. John Kubali. The students from Bulobulo TVET led a very lively choir.

Fr. John told the congregation in his homily to wish, desire and will for true repentance and also urged the people to be true to prayer because prayer is one of the most important ways that leads us to repentance.

Games were held after the Eucharistic celebration and a banquet in the evening with entertainment from various groups.

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 **News item 5- Students attend Media and Life Retreat**

An intense four-day retreat was facilitated by the Social Communications Commission of the catholic Bishops Conference of PNGSI for grade 12 students attending Jubilee Catgholic Secondary School from 23rd -25th August at the Sivarai Namona Pastoral Centre with the theme, Media and Life Relationships.

The facilitators of the retreat, Jessica Oata and Isabella Saleu, two Social Communications personnel took in the challenge to address the young people on how the media has impacted relationships and distorted young people’s perception of the Christian values and influenced them to live and act according to what is portrayed din the media.

Sessions covered in the retreat were; Friendship, Infatuation, Love and Exploitation.

An additional sessions themed; Life after High School was also added to give the young students a fair idea of what they should expect next year in whatever pathways life takes them.

The Sacrament of reconciliation and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist eventuated at the end of each day with a little session of commitment during the mass for interested individuals who are ready to take on a challenge of living a responsible life.

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**News item 6: Students in Central Nakanai LLG take part in Shoe Parade**

Silanga Primary School in the Central Nakanai LLG of West New Britain Province hosted a successful Shoe Parade on Friday 27th August with the theme: ‘Standardized uniforms promotes better education.’

A Eucharistic celebration was held to kick-start the event with Fr. Anthony as the main celebrant and was well attended by students, teachers, parents and stakeholders.

The creativity and fascinating performances from the students kept the atmosphere alive and active during the presentation when the students presented their astounding marching patterns.

The event was enjoyed by everyone and also attracted many people from nearby schools and villages.

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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.**