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

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**News Item 1 – Pope: Incarnation calls us to recognize Jesus in others**

In his Sunday Angelus address, Pope Francis reflected on the “scandal” of the Incarnation of the Son of God. He urged Christians to draw near to Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

The Holy Father’s message on Sunday 22nd August, was taken from the day’s Gospel of (Jn 6:60-69), in which Jesus’ disciples react to His speech following the multiplication of the loaves.

Jesus had told His disciples that only those who “eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.”  The Pope noted that Jesus invited His disciples to interpret the Sign of the multiplication of the loaves and to believe in Him.

He highlighted the reaction of Jesus’ disciples, many of whom refused to believe such a hard saying, stopped following Him, and returned to their former ways of life.

Pope Francis concluded his catechesis urging Christians to pray for the grace to be converted to Jesus’ “words of eternal life.”

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**News item 2 – Mendi marks International World Sorcery Day**

The Catholic Christians in the Mendi Diocese of Southern Highlands and members of other churches joined in the peaceful march to mark the 2nd International World Sorcery and Witchcraft Accusations Violence Day on 10th August, at Momei Oval.

The peaceful and Awareness march was led by Kumin Community Health Workers Training School, (CHWS), Christian from the other church, youths, Clergyman, (old/young), religious sister and the Seminarians joined the group, chanted with placards not to kill innocent mothers, sister, crying for justice for young girls and Respect our mothers, sisters.

Bishop Donald Lippert of Mendi said that “the doctors so called glassman and bamboo man we hired, they make business out of these false accusations by pointing fingers to destroys the dignity and identify of our poor mothers and girls in society".

It is not the way Christ has taught us to follow and Papua New Guinea is a Christian country and why we are believing in these Sanguma accusations, causing violence and abuse to our innocent mothers and girls in our country,” he said.

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**News item 3 – Bp Rozario Menezes signs MOA with UNITECH**

The Memorandum of Agreement with the Diocese of Lae, in the person of Bishop Rozario Menezes SMM and the University of Technology (UNITECH), in the person of Dr Ora Renagi the Vice Chancellor, was signed today. His Eminence Sir John Cardinal Ribat was the witness at the signing of this agreement.

The agreement between Lae Diocese and the University seeks to promote Catholic faith and ethics among the Catholic students at the University. Both Cardinal Ribat and Bp Rozario emphasized the need for faith and spiritual formation in all learning institutions in our country PNG.

After the signing of the Memorandum, Bp Rozario and Cardinal Ribat visited the hostel of Catholic students at the University and spent a few minutes in prayer for them in their chapel.

Present at the signing was the Vicar General Fr. Roland Matoyi CMM, the University chaplain Fr. Nicholas Radei, Radio Director Fr. Brian Nonde and the team, the faith leaders as well as lecturers of the university.

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**News item 4 – Mothers celebrate Feast of Assumption at Holy Cross**

The Alotau Deanery Women Convention together with the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated at Ladava Parish on 15th August. His Lordship, Bishop Rolando Santos of Alotau, was the main celebrant with Fr. Joe Ensing and Father Otto as concelebrants and assisted by Deacon Japhet.

Bp Rolando, in his homily urged everyone, especially the women to follow the examples of Mother Mary; to live an ordinary life with Mary in a holistic approach.

Meanwhile, joining Catholics worldwide to mark the Feast of the Assumption, women from three parishes of the Diocese of Gizo came together at Holy Cross Cathedral from Friday 13th August, to the actual feast day on Sunday 15th August, to honour the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Under the theme “Holy, formed and sent for service” more than 500 women from Kukum, Holy Cross and Tanagai parish formally concluded the program with a service led by Fr James Ereai, assisted by Deacon Vincent Anea and graced with beautiful singing and procession by the host, the Holy Cross Parish women.

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**News Item 5 – Parents urged to be Better Listeners**

Before parents start setting the bar and laying expectations from their children, they should first learn to listen, understand and identify their child’s strengths and weaknesses.

The insightful call was made by five Grade-9 students of La Salle Technical College during the Chat Room on Wednesday 18th August, as they took on to discuss the topic ‘Parents’ Expectation of Kids’.

Commencing with a brief introduction of each speaker, the discussion provided a brief definition of the term ‘Expectation’, the essential role of parents in establishing realistic expectations as opposed to unrealistic, benefits of encouragement and parental support, adverse effects on young people resulting from failure to meet parent’s expectation, and the need for parents to reprioritize their child’s needs and start focusing on building their strengths and reducing their weaknesses.

Chat Room’s next session on Wednesday 25th August, will have once more students from La Salle Technical College discuss the importance of 'Protecting and Preserving Human Life.

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**News item 6 – Bosconians Encouraged to Live in the Fullness of Life**

As the second week of August drew to an end, Salesians, FMA Sisters, staff, and students of Don Bosco Technological Institute (DBTI) gathered together on 13th August, in the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in Boroko, to celebrate an opening Mass indicating the beginning of the Annual Foundation week celebrations.

The Mass was animated by students from provinces in the Southern Region with lively singing and dances for processions, in honor of the Patron Saint of the Bosconians, St. John Bosco. The main celebrant was Fr. Gregorio Bicomong, SDB, Provincial Superior of the Vice province of PNG/SI, assisted by other Salesian priests.

In his homily, Fr. Gregorio reminded everyone to be grateful and live in the fullness of life. He stated that more than hundred years ago, Don Bosco was in the mission to save souls of the young people and gave them fullness of life.

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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.**