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

**Our stories for the week:**

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**News Item 1 – Pope at Angelus: Pray for those who wrong you**

Pope Francis invites people to follow the example of Jesus and react to wrongdoing with kindness rather than anger or violence.

In his catechesis during the Sunday Angelus 20th February 2022, Pope Francis turned his thoughts to the Gospel of the day focusing on the basic life guidance that Jesus gives his disciples.

The Pope explained that Jesus’ meekness is a stronger response than the beating he received. In conclusion, the Pope urged people to pray for those who do us wrong and ask the Holy Spirit to act in our hearts.

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**News item 2 – Serve with dedication and loyalty**

A dedication service for public servants of Milne Bay province was held at the Alotau Cathedral on Wednesday 16th February, with the theme ‘To serve with dedication and loyalty.’

Addressing priests, sisters, teachers, nurses, pastoral workers and public servants, Bp Rolando Santos reflected on their mission to serve and fulfill their service for the good of the people.

Bp Rolando highlighted that the good of the people is everyone’s common responsibility and urged those present to work together in building God’s Kingdom and making Milne bay Province a place where they all can live together peacefully as brothers and sisters.

He reflected on 6 points to discern together and become better and more effective servants of the Lord. The points touched on possessing the gift of wisdom; discernment and obeying God; walking in the Spirit; being humble servants; recognizing the face of Christ in every person and listening to the cries of the poor.

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**News item 3 – Caritas PNG launches Awareness on 2022 Election**

Caritas Papua New Guinea (CPNG) officially launched its Electoral Education and Awareness Program in preparation for the 2022 National General Elections.

Held on Tuesday 15th February, at the Catholic Bishops Conference Centre in Waigani, the launching was a way of creating awareness on individual rights and responsibilities particularly among women and youth.

According to CPNG National Director, Mavis Tito, “Caritas PNG believes that women and youths can only vote for good representatives if they know their rights and responsibilities, the value of their votes and are also given the opportunity to vote without fear or favour.”

Fr Giorgio Licini PIME, General Secretary of CBCPNGSI, described the launch as the preparation phase for much of the work that will centre around the population residing around the rural areas and electorates.

Director of Migrants and Refugee Desk, Jason Siwat, said the Electoral Education and Awareness Program already had in engagement tertiary students from the PNG University of Natural Resources and Environment, Divine Word University, and the University of PNG.

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**News Item 4 – All have responsibility for New School Year**

Despite the challenge’s children are going back to school, and it is everyone’s duty especially adults to ensure that all children are given a safe and conducive environment to learn in.

The statement was highlighted in an article by Fr Giorgio Licini, that was recently published in the February edition of the Catholic Reporter.

He said parents needed to guide and check their children’s studies and progress in school more frequently, and called on the relevant authorities to also impose hefty fines to negligent and constantly absent teachers.

Fr Giorgio described the reality faced by many schools in the country and cautioned that without light, space and a silent space, it was hard for students to learn effectively. He made a call to the government to not only invest in education but to discourage social practices that hindered the learning capability of children.

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**News item 5 – Elections must not repeat same culture**

The National General Elections of 2022, must not repeat the same culture. The strong sentiment was made by Catholic Professional Society PNG on Friday 18th February, during their CPS 2022 Convention, held at the 8-mile Pastoral Centre in Lae.

The Catholic Professional Society PNG is taking a strong stand in a campaign to make a difference in the coming 2022 National General Elections. The group of professionals said this election must not be a repeat of the same culture of politics in previous elections because the country is riddled with corruption and mismanagement.

CPS President Paul Harricknen, said the country was at the crossroads and this election was crucial. He said this was the first time the CPS had taken the initiative due to the many issues faced, and emphasized how the process of election was an important part of the formation of good political leaders.

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**News item 6 – Academic Year begins for DWU**

The launching of the 2022 Academic Year for Divine Word University Madang, began with a mass at the St Joseph Freinademetz chapel on Friday 11th February.

The eucharist had Fr Vincent Agbeyome as the main celebrant. In his homily, he spoke about ‘love’ in light of the theme for the year ‘Run to win together’. He emphasized that in order for all to live according to the theme, every person needed to show God’s love to all.

Fr Vincent encouraged the congregation with the example of the disciple Peter in the boat when Jesus called him to walk on the waves, and urged for them to listen carefully to the voice of our Lord Jesus.

The mass was followed by the launching of the Academic year at the SVD Memorial Auditorium.

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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 all an enjoyable week.**