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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: We are created to make God’s dreams come true**

“Let us not give up on great dreams. Let us not settle only for what is necessary because we are created to make God’s dreams come true in this world,” said Pope Francis in his address that focused on the young people of the day.

The Holy Father made the emphasis during his celebration of mass for the Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday 22nd November in St Peter’s Square. The Solemnity of Christ the King is observed annually on the last Sunday of the liturgical year.

The Holy Father used the day’s Gospel, with Jesus' discourse on the Last Judgement, as the starting point for his homily. He recalled how Jesus poured out His love for humanity and said that the good we did unto our least brothers and sisters, was a deed done to Him.

He called on Christians to reflect on their current ways toward the less fortunate to better understand and improve their practices of upholding the words of Jesus in caring for the ‘least’. Pope Francis ended his homily urging for faithful to always turn to Jesus for courage in making the hard choices, to enable them to follow Him in the way of love.

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**News item 2 – Yumi mas sanap long Tok Tru na Laikpasin**

***‘****Yumi mas sanap antap long tupela lek wanpela em tok tru na narapela laikpasin,’*Bp Dariusz Kaluza emphasized on the occasion of his Episcopal installation as the 6th Bishop of the Diocese of Bougainville.

The installation was held on Sunday, 15th November, a significant date that marked the 54th anniversary of Bougainville becoming a Catholic Diocese of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands.

Present to witness this momentous occasion were Abp. Mathew Kurian Vayalunkal, Apostolic Nuncio to PNGSI; Cardinal Sir John Ribat MSC; Emeritus Abp. Francesco Panfilo sdb, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Bougainville; fellow Bishops from around the country; priests and religious sisters. Also present was the President of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, His Excellency Ishmael Toroama.

The Diocese of Bougainville welcomed the newly installed Bishop, Bp. Dariusz Kaluza to the sound of the famous bamboo band, traditional dancing, joyful singing, presentation of gifts and inspiring speeches.

Despite the heat of the sun, over three thousand people, young and old, gathered at the field outside the Cathedral to listen to the speeches from the guests and watch cultural items of song and dance being presented by the different parishes in the diocese.

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**News item 3 – PNGCC officially launches Constitution and Policy Manual**

The National PNG Churches Council (PNGCC) officially launched its Constitution and Policy Manual to provide a framework to the Secretariat of the National Church’s Education Council who will voice matters from church agency schools to the Government.

The launching was held on Tuesday, November 17that Laguna Hotel, Port Moresby and had as special guests Dr Uke Kombra, Secretary for National Department of Education, Bp Peter Baquero, Bishop of Kerema representing Cardinal Sir John Ribat and Mr Geoff King, representative from the Australian High Commission.

In his keynote address, Dr Kombra commended the approach that the National Church’s Council had taken in drawing the Constitution and Policy manual for their operations. He briefed those present about the new reforms of the education systems before he called for cooperation among the mainline churches to compliment these new changes by working closely with the government.

Bp. Baquero thanked the government for recognising the efforts of the churches and said the launching shows a strengthening and deepening of the partnership between the church and the government. The representative of the Australian High Commission congratulated the PNGCC and highlighted the unique relationship that PNG and Australia have.

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**News Item 4 – Priests on renewal on Vangeke Institute**

Twelve priests are currently participating in the 9th Vangeke Institute Program that focuses on the personal renewal of priests.

It is being held at the Kefamo Conference Centre, Goroka and has priests from the Archdiocese of Mt Hagen, the Dioceses of Alotau, Vanimo, Kerema, Mendi, Wabag and Goroka. The six-week program began on 15th October and will conclude on 24th November, 2020.

Fr Robert Gigmai, Coordinator of the program, said the Vangeke Institute program gave participants the opportunity to reflect on their priestly ministry and integrate and update what they have learnt at the sessions into their priestly ministry. It also gave them a chance to care for their personal health and well-being, as being out in the different villages they lack this possibility.

The six-week program dwelt on various topics that was animated by different facilitators, and had the participation of Priests based around the country.

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**News item 5 – CTI graduates 49 students**

Forty-nine students graduated from the Catholic Theological Institute (CTI) in theology and philosophy in a heart-warming ceremony on Saturday, 14thNovember in Bomana.

The graduation had its theme as “Put out into the Deep” and had as special guests, Bp Otto Separy, Bishop of Bereina and Dr Maxon Mani, representative from the Christian Leaders Training College (CLTC).

Dr Maxon Mani reflected on the first eleven verses of Mathew chapter four and how Jesus encountered temptations on three areas but strongly refused all three, and urged graduates to always strive for sanctity.

Fr Joseph Vnuk OP, President of CTI congratulated the graduates and specified to the audience the struggles that these students had throughout their journey of education at CTI especially during the time of COVID-19.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and limited spacing, the graduation ceremony was divided into two separate sessions. More than a hundred people made up of family and friends gathered to witness the occasion.

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**News item 6 – Adapting well to ‘Nupela Pasin’**

There was joy and enormous relief in the air during the Conference of Women Religious of Port Moresby, held at the Caritas Technical Secondary School in East Boroko on Saturday 21st November.

The gathering of the Religious Sisters was a time joyful time of sharing and reflection of how they were all coping with the ‘Nupela Pasin’ in place. It also had the presence of Fr Alfred Maravilla, SDB Provincial Superior

Year 2020 was described as being a painful time of “drought” since the COVID 19 lockdown came into effect immediately after the Lenten Recollection in March, forcing many of the usual programs of the year to be suspended.

Fr Alfred facilitated a reflective session that dwelt on the phrase, “Stay Awake and Keep Watch!” that was based on the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids found in (Mt 25:1-13). This echoed the earlier gospel reflection that Sisters were called to be stewards of a precious charism and mission.

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**News item 7 - St Peter Gizo Graduates 26 Youths**

A simple yet touching graduation ceremony was held in honor of graduating students attending the St Peter Urban Training Center in the Diocese of Gizo, Solomon Islands.

The Center ran by the Don Bosco Sisters held its 10th official graduation on Friday 20th November, that commenced with a Thanksgiving Mass led by Bishop of Gizo, Luciano Capelli SDB, and was complimented by the liturgy delivered by the center’s students.

The occasion saw twenty-six vibrant young people graduate in flying colors after two years of committed hard work in improving their attitudes and building their skills. The students graduated in the following traits of Carpentry, Mechanics, Electrical, and Life Skills. Present to witness the celebration were parents, guardians, friends, priests and religious.

Since its establishment in 2010, the center has graduated more than 250 young men and women. The Training Center’s staff and management intend to gather the youth of Gizo, the second largest town in the Solomons, to work on concrete plans of bettering their lives based on the Christian values of truth, honesty, and hard work.

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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.**