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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: May the Holy Spirit renew the grace of baptism in us**

Addressing the pilgrims gathered for the Sunday Angelus of 17th October, Pope Francis invited all to ask the Holy Spirit to renew the grace of Baptism in us, the immersion in Jesus, in his way of being, in service.

Focusing his reflections on the Gospel reading, the Holy Father pointed out that two types of thinking are happening. The disciples wish to 'rise up', while Jesus wants us to be 'immersed'.

Pope Francis noted that the quest for prestige can become a spiritual problem that hides good intentions whereas Jesus is inviting us to immerse ourselves compassionately in the lives of everyone we meet, just as he did.

The Pope concluded by asking us to go from 'rising' to 'immersing' ourselves or from an attitude of 'prestige' to one of 'service'.

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**News item 2 – 56th World Communications Day – Listen!**

Pope Francis has chosen the single word, “Listen!” as the theme for the 56th World Communications Day, which will be celebrated in 2022. Announcing this year’s theme, the Holy See says, “Pope Francis is asking the world to listen again.”

The World Communications Day message for 2021 was ‘Come and See’. After going and seeing, the Holy Father asks the world to ‘listen’.

The pandemic has had its effect on all of us and everyone needs to express themselves, be heard, listened to and be comforted. Listening is fundamental for good information. The search for truth begins with listening. And so, does witnessing through the means of social communication.

Jesus asks us to pay attention to how we listen (Lk 8:18). It involves a heart that is open and one that is without prejudice. At this time when the whole Church is invited to listen in order to learn to be a synodal Church, we are all invited to rediscover listening as an essential element for good communication.

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**News item 3 – Our Identity as Salesian Communicators**

The EAO Delegates for Social Communication and other Salesian Communicators gathered virtually in Zoom for the third conference of the Social Communications School of Formation organized by the Dicastery of Social Communications from the Generalate in Rome. Fifty-three (53) attendees participated in the online event.

Fr. Ricardo Campoli SDB, a member of the Dicastery gave the input to the group. His presentation centred on the question "What is our identity as Salesian communicators?”  He highlighted that the Salesian style of communication is a daily exercise of relationships, in the sharing of life with young people.

Before parting he challenged everyone to come up with a photo composition that will capture the provinces' understanding of Salesian communication today.

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**News Item 4 – Bishop of Alotau on World Youth Day**

Bp. Rolando Santos is encouraging the Diocese of Alotau to celebrate the 36th World Youth Day with the youth in the parishes and other communities.

He said that the celebration coincides with the Solemnity of Christ the King and that the parishes can hold a solemn public procession of the Eucharist and the Eucharistic Adoration.

This follows the Pope’s message for the World Youth Day that was recently released for 21st November that is held annually.

With the theme: “Stand up, I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen,” the Pope is inviting young people worldwide to take part in the spiritual pilgrimage leading to the celebration of WYD 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal.

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**News Item 5 – Religious sisters to prepare for Synod of Bishops**

Religious sisters in Port Moresby are gathering to prepare for the launch of the Synod of Bishops and dwell on the topic ‘Synodality – What is it?’

Hosted by Sr. Mary McCarthy, Chaplain of Port Moresby General Hospital, the program will be held at the Catholic Bishops Conference on Saturday, 23rd October.

Sr. Mary said that the Synod of Bishops will be held in 2023 and that there are many questions to address starting with an Evaluation of their own Conference Pastoral Plan and drafting of a Plan for the next 5 years.

The one-day program will focus on reports on COVID-19 and experiences of the sisters working in the clinics and hospitals and the opening of the Synod 2021 – 2023.

The Synod of Bishops was officially opened on October 10th by Pope Francis. It will not only be celebrated in the Vatican but in each particular Church of the five continents, following a three-year itinerary divided into three phases: diocesan, continental and universal.

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**News item 6 – Mission of Love**

"Don't go there to save anybody, don't go there to change anybody. Remember, you go there to love them!" This was the recollection of Czech Republic Salesian Volunteer at Don Bosco Gabutu, Emilie Novotna, when she first decided to become a part of the Salesian community more than ten years ago.

According to Ms. Novotna, her mission of love takes place in Don Bosco Technical School in Gabutu, Port Moresby, where she has the privilege to pray, eat and share the joys and troubles with her Salesian community.

Ms. Novotna who is both a nurse and teacher, said the Lord was very good to her and her involvement in the lives of students and the people from her parish brought much gratitude. She advised youth around the country to be strong and to embrace difference to be able to experience real growth, enrichment, and deepening of faith.

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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.**