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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**

In his reflections before leading the recitation of the Angelus, Pope Francis recalled the day’s Gospel when Jesus restored the hearing and speech of the deaf man. He said we can ask Jesus to touch and heal our own interior deafness, since the healing of the heart begins with being able to listen.

The Holy Father pointed out that the deafness of the heart is worse than physical deafness because we can become resistant to our brothers and sisters and even to the Lord.

The Pope asked us to reflect on how our capacity to listen. The Holy Father concluded that by listening and letting ourselves be touched by people’s lives, we can learn to live and grow in faith.

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**News item 2 – Diocese of Wabag welcomes 3rd auxiliary bishop**

The Diocese of Wabag officially welcomed its third Auxiliary Bishop, Bp Justin Ain Soongie, at the Episcopal Ordination witnessed by nearly five thousand Catholic faithful and friends.

It was held at the Sangurap parish on Thursday, 2nd September 2021 and had as its theme ‘Yumi stap laip long Krais.’

Bp Arnold Arowae was the main celebrant and consecrator at the Episcopal Ordination. Abp. Douglas Young of the Archdiocese of Mt Hagen and Bp Donald Lippert of Mendi were the co-consecrators.

Present to witness this momentous occasion was His Excellency Archbishop Fermin Emilio Sosa Rodriguez, Apostolic Nuncio to Papua New Guinea. Eight other bishops and priests concelebrated at the event.

In his homily, Bp Arnold Arowae spoke on the power to make a choice. He encouraged the new bishop to focus on Jesus as the Way and the Life and to choose Jesus.

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**News item 3- Two new deacons ordained in St Charles Lwanga Parish**

Parishioners of St Charles Lwanga Parish in Gerehu stage two came together to celebrate and witness the ordination of two deacons by his Eminence Archbishop Cardinal Ribat on Saturday September 4th.

Cardinal Ribat in his homily urged everyone to be appreciative of the gifts from God. He also

stressed that prayer is a very important aspect in our lives, even if we face challenges. The Cardinal reminded the candidates that being a leader is never easy and encouraged them to lead in their vocation.

Deacons John Peni and Benedict Saua will be joining the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Congregation.

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**News item 4- School launches golden jubilee preparations**

Students, teachers and invited guests of Limana Vocational Training Centre came together on Tuesday 31st August to witness the launching of the preparations towards the school’s golden jubilee.

The launching began with a Eucharistic celebration which had Fr. Michael SVD as the main celebrant. A lively choir and colourful processions led by the students from the different cultural groups added a pre-independence touch to the occasion.

Fr. Michael stressed in his homily about the role of Mother Mary in the Catholic church, more so her inspiration to the sisters of our Lady of the Sacred Heart to establish the school in the 1980s to provide a learning avenue for the young people of our country.

Performances by different student and cultural groups continued after the Celebration of the Eucharist to observe the joyous occasion.

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**News item 5- DBTS holds Academia in honour of St John Bosco**

Don Bosco Technical School staged an Academia that took its inspiration from the Dream of St John Bosco.

The Academia was directed by Ms Rica Lavilla and involved two hundred and fifty students. It was staged on two separate occasions; Sunday 29th August, for parents and Monday 30th August, for students.

The presentation had three parts; Don Bosco’s Dream for Oceania, the first Salesian Missionaries to PNG and a brief history of the establishment of DBTS.

Currently there are 9 Salesian houses in the Vice Province of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands; 7 in PNG and 2 in SI under the watchful eyes of 45 Salesians.

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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.**