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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.**

**Our stories for the week:**

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**News Item 1 – Pope: Remain hopeful and make room for Jesus**

Pope Francis’ homily during the Angelus of Sunday 5th December 2021, reflected on the Gospel reading of the day which spoke of Saint John the Baptist in the desert calling people to conversion.

The Pope stressed that often times, many were lost in this vast world of spiritual emptiness that caused them to endure many trials of adversity and sadness. He said it was only during these moments that we then turned to God.

He concluded by advising Christians not to let pride prevent God from visiting our lives and encouraged us to convert and go beyond where we were presently.

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**News item 2 – Mt Hagen witnesses First Priesthood Ordination**

Archbishop Douglas Young SVD ordained a priest on Tuesday 30th November, at St. Mary’s Ulga Parish, Mt. Hagen Archdiocese.

Since the establishment of the Parish in 1935, after Rebiamul, the Parish has never had a priesthood Ordination. Catholic faithful of Mt. Hagen, the priests, religious brothers and sisters, deacons, seminarians, as well as Christians from the other denominations gathered for the ordination of**Fr. Gabriel Wat Wama**.

Abp Young, in his homily explained the office and duty of Priesthood and urged the newly ordained priest with other priests to strive to be steadfast to the calling, and to be available for the Church.

Fr. Gabriel thanked his family, friends, benefactors, formators, SOLT community PNG & Philippines, priests and religious and everyone who has contributed in one way or another in his Priesthood discernment.

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**News item 3 – CCHS Lae commemorates World Aids Day**

Every year on World AIDS Day that falls on 1st December, Catholic Church Health Services staff and their patients around the country commemorate the day with dedication mass followed by awareness and Voluntary HIV Testing.

This year, Bishop of Lae Diocese, Rozario Menezes commemorated the day, with Lae’s Center of Mercy (COM) health centre’s staff, patients and the surrounding community based on the theme: " Pinisim HIV: Wankain Luksave, Nek bilong yumi."

During the speeches, a mother living with HIV stepped forward and thanked all the health workers at the COM health centre for their hard work and constant support to people living with HIV.

Health Integration Officer for Lae Catholic Church Health Services Samantha Tirang said that the story of this mother touched and encouraged a lot of people including other patients to come forward and get help.

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**News item 4 – When Pastoral Ministry Navigates the Web**

The fifth session of the East Asia Oceania (EAO) Salesian Communicators School of Formation entitled, ‘When pastoral ministry navigates the web’ was held on Wednesday 1st December.

38 participants of the EAO region attended this enlightening and reflective session that had Fr. Miguel Ángel García Morcuende, General Councilor for Youth Ministry presented in detail our situation amidst the anthropological context, the digital dynamics and the need for a credible and dynamic witness as we engage and network with young people.

His presentation consisted of 5 parts in guiding the Salesian Pastoral ministers in their internet navigation. The first point was Collaboration and Networking Dynamics of Social Communication; Media Generation; Two Paradigms, The two Educative-Pastoral Perspectives; The Anthropological Primacy of Digital Communication at the Service of the Person of the Young and A Friendly Hand for the Transmission of the Gospel.

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**News Item 5 – Camp held for Deanery One Youths**

A camp for the Catholic youths of deanery one of the Archdiocese of Port Moresby was held with the objective to help young people discern in mind their vocation in life and to take up the call willingly to serve.

It was an overnight program held from 27th - 28th November, at the Don Bosco Technical School, Gabutu with the theme, “To know our Vocation is to Love and Imitate Mother Mary”. Organized by Parish Youth Leaders and executives from Deanery One, the program was designed to have activities and talks that centred on the story of Mary answering to God’s Call.

The camp had over 100 youths in attendance representing four out of five Parishes that make up the Deanery. They were St. Mary Cathedral, Town; St. Michael Parish, Hanuabada; Christ the King Parish, Badili and Mary Help of Christians Parish, Sabama.

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**News item 6 – Students demonstrate Skills and Knowledge in Science**

As part of their final assessment for the year, the two grade eleven Science classes of Jubilee Catholic Secondary School had their Physics Oral Presentation that demonstrated skills and knowledge in science.

It was held on Thursday 25th November, at the Catholic Bishops Conference of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands and organized by Br. Francis Toliman, a teacher at the school.

The Mini Science Fair had presentations based on a Physics topic that the students in groups chose and researched on. Models were even created to assist in their PowerPoint presentations to give the audience a clear demonstration of their ideas.

According to Head of Department for Math, Mr. Basil Pere, the presentation was one aspect of collecting assessment through a panel made up of experts in the Science fields.

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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.**