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

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**News Item 1 – Pope at Angelus: Strive to see clearly and speak Charitably**

Reflecting on the Sunday Gospel reading of 27th February, Pope Francis invites us to reflect on how we look at ourselves, others and how we express ourselves in order to purify our gaze and our speech.

The Pope recalled the Sunday Gospel where Jesus observed how we can sometimes focus only on the faults of others while completely overlooking our own.

The Holy Father says we need to focus on the content and tone of our speech. He says the way we speak reveals what is within our hearts.

After leading the recitation of the Angelus, Pope Francis appealed for prayers for the people of Ukraine.

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**News item 2 – Cardinal Ribat encourages development of School Infrastructure**

Archbishop of Port Moresby, Sir John Cardinal Ribat, has applauded parents for being a major contributor towards the development of school infrastructures.

The statement by Cardinal Ribat was made during the opening of a three-storey school building on Thursday 24th February, at the St Charles Lwanga Secondary School at Gerehu. The ceremony was also witnessed by Acting National Planning Secretary Roger Kara; Principal of St Charles Lwanga Br Joymon Mathew; Project Stakeholders; School Board Members; teachers and students.

Cardinal Ribat challenged leaders and parents to continue working together and to be smart and encourage more infrastructure development.

Br Joymon said the building was part of the school’s ‘parents and citizen’ project for year 2021/22 and was built at a total cost of K1.9Million.

Mr Kara said their support to the school was because of the perseverance and commitment shown by their students, and their outstanding performance to continuously be rated one of the best schools in the country.

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**News item 3 – FirstBishop of Daru-Kiunga passes on**

The first bishop of Daru-Kiunga Emeritus Gerard Deschamps S.M.M passed away in Canada on 25th February 2022 at the age of 92 with 73 years of Religious Profession.

The General Council of the Missionaries of the Company of Mary and the Vice-Province of Canada recommend to your prayers the repose of the soul of Mgr. Gérard-Joseph DESCHAMPS, S.M.M.

He was Bishop of Daru-Kiunga from 1966 until 1999, when he became bishop of the Diocese of Bereina.

From the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNG and SI, may his soul rest in peace.

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**News Item 4 – Chaplaincy Workshop for Chaplains**

An intense one-day program for Chaplains was held on Saturday February 26th at the Catholic Bishops Conference to discuss and share ideas to draft a CBC Chaplains Handbook.

The program began with a moment of prayer to commemorate the 1st anniversary of the passing of the late Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare followed by discussions and presentations.

Present at the program were representatives from the different sectors where Chaplains are needed such as health, education, correctional services, police and defence.

Also present during the program was Bishop deputy for the Commission of Chaplaincy Bishop Rozario Menezes.

The program concluded with a discussion on the way forward in drafting the handbook.

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**News Item 5 - DBTS opens Academic Year 2022**

Don Bosco Technical School, Gabutu (DBTS) celebrated the Mass of the Holy Spirit on the 25thof February. Provincial Superior for Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, Fr. Gregorio Bicomong, SDB presided at the Holy Eucharist.

Fr. Pedro Sachitula, SDB, Rector and Fr. Ambrose Pereira, SDB, Spiritual Moderator were the concelebrants. Over a thousand staff and students joined in a well animated Eucharistic celebration.

In his homily Fr. Gregorio proposed Saints Saint Aloysius Versiglia and Callistus Caravario as models of commitment to protect the life, dignity, and faith of three young women. “Life is holy and sacred”, said Fr Gregorio as he invited the congregation to pray for peace in the world especially in war-torn Ukraine.

Dwelling on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, he highlighted ‘Knowledge’ inviting all to aim at intellectual maturity. He then dwelt on ‘Fear of the Lord’ and highlighted character and the virtues of integrity, selfishness, and responsibility.

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**News item 6 – Basic Digital skills for Salesian Animators**

The Social Communications Online School of Formation commenced its Second Layer of the School of Formation for the Social Communication delegates, Social Communication teams and members of the Salesian Family.

It was established last year by Fr. Gildasio Mendes, SDB, General Councillor for Social Communications, to provide updating and formation to Social Communication teams.

At the first session, Fr. Albeiro Rodas, SDB, SocCom Delegate for Cambodia, presented his session entitled "Basic Digital Skills Training and Development for Salesian Animators". The session was held online on the 24th March 2022.

Fr. Rodas stressed the need for us to humanize the internet again, and said that the lack of personal and physical communication cues should not distract us from the fact that on the other side of our screen is another human being. Those interested in joining the sessions can contact the Social Communication team.

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**News item 7 – Students urged to uphold moral practices**

Students of Mainohana Catholic Secondary School in the Central Province have been urged to uphold good moral practices in their respective communities.

The positive message was made by Chief Censor of the National Censorship Office, Jim Abani, on Thursday 24th February, during the presentation of laptops, printers, and smartphones, to the students to use in the Censorship Ambassador School Awareness program.

Mr Abani said the twenty selected students from 2021, that underwent the one-week school ambassador training and awareness on the responsible use of smartphones in the modern technology era would be using the gadgets received to continue the awareness.

Deputy Principal of Mainohana Catholic Secondary, Oscar Won, thanked the Censorship Office for choosing their school and said that the program would enhance the students’ learning capabilities.

Student Ambassador, Jalala Ume said she learnt self-respect and human decency and that she would be a strong advocate on the responsible use of mobile phones.

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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.**