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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 Regina Coeli: Love means serving others, not controlling them

“To love *as* Christ means to put yourself at the service of your brothers and sisters, as He did in washing the feet of the disciples,” said Pope Francis at the Regina Coeli of Sunday 9th May 2021, in St Peter’s Square.

The Pope reflected on the Gospel of (Jn 15:9-17), and said this meant making ourselves available by showing our love not just in word alone but by deed as well. He said abiding in Jesus’ love was an expression of self-giving service to others and urged all Christians to experience the full joy of His Love.

He said this love has its origin in God the Father, who is love, and flows like a river through Jesus, His Son, to us. Pope Francis said loving like Christ means going beyond our own selves and opening up to those in greater need.

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**News item 2 – Kimbe Prepares for Birth of Pastoral Plan**

Thanks to the positive participation and input of Kimbe’s 2021 Catholic Diocesan General Assembly, the birth of its Pastoral Plan now seems more than likely.

The overwhelming feeling of achievement was felt among all participants after the General Assembly held from 3rd - 8th May in the Diocesan Hall of Kimbe. The Assembly called for by Bishop John Bosco Auram of Kimbe, was designed to help in the formation of a much-needed Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

Bp Auram stressed the need for a diocesan pastoral plan and described its process as painful and burdensome, yet all had a responsibility to share in the pain of seeing it through.

The occasion brought together Priests and representatives from twenty different parishes of the three Deaneries of the Diocese, and was presumed to be the first successful assembly after two failed attempts in its 21 years as a diocese.

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**News item 3 – Annual Conference for Catholic Education Secretaries and Coordinators**

A week-long Annual Conference aimed at updating catholic education secretaries and coordinators on education policies and enhancing teaching skills was held from 3rd to 8thMay.

Hosted by the National Catholic Education Secretariat (NCES) of the Catholic Bishops Conference, the program had 33 representatives from the dioceses in PNG gathered at the Emmaus Conference Centre.

Officially opening the conference was Secretary for Education, Dr Uke Kombra, where he spoke about the interventions and reforms of the education department.

Following this, Bishop of Kerema, Bp Pedro Baquero sdb, gave a talk on identity, dialogue and on new evangelisation in the schools. He highlighted retreats, morning and afternoon prayers and religious education in the lessons. Resolutions were then made to promote these activities in schools.

The sessions throughout the week focused on the 1.6.6 Structure, FODE Expansion, Project Proposals, School Minimum Standard Frame work, Curriculum updates (ECE & CCVE), Board of Management Roles and Responsibilities, Teacher Appointment Process, Education Policy Formulation, SLIP Policy, Child Protection Policy and IT Training.

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**News item 4 – Media Students focus on Print Media**

With the theme ‘Hope amidst COVID-19’, the Social Communication Commission (SOCOM) conducted its secondMedia Education Seminar that had a total of 50 participates and animators.

Held on 8th May, at the Catholic Bishops Conference (CBC), the seminar had sessions that focused on the theme and dealt with writing articles, capturing pictures with an inspirational message, anatomy of a newspaper, and an introduction to writing news articles aimed at educating students on the different parts of a newspaper. Other sessions included the 5W’s and 1H, basic elements needed in newswriting, inverted pyramid, photography and basics in camera use.

According to Fr Ambrose Pereira sdb, SOCOM Secretary, there is the need to share the positive stories that occur every day that brings about a change of mentality in the minds of people, and our Catholic faith must find its place in our media landscape.

The student representatives were from 7 Catholic institutions which consisted of Don Bosco Technological Institute, De La Salle Secondary School, Marianville Secondary School, Don Bosco Technical School, St Charles Lwanga Secondary School, La Salle Technical College and Limana Vocational Centre.

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**News Item 5 – CBC sets up for World Communication Day and World Family Day**

As World Family Day and World Communication Day for the 2021 approaches, the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNGSI has already began preparations to commemorate both occasions.

The celebration will be held on Friday 14th May, from 10am – 12pm, and will have as guest speakers Rev. Fr Ambrose Pereira sdb, Social Communications Secretary; Mr Paul Harricknen, President of Catholic Professional Society of PNG; and Mr Jimmy Son, Business Manager of CBCPNGSI. The occasion is also expected to have Bishop Francis Meli of Vanimo, and Fr Giorgio Licini PIME, General Secretary of CBCPNGSI.

Presentations to be given will focus on Truthfulness in Communication, Appreciating Journalists, Responsibilities of Catholic Families and its Associated Benefits, and personal sharing’s and reflections.

With its theme ‘Our Daily Love-in Family’, World Family Day will be celebrated on Saturday 15th May, while

World Communications Day 2021 will be celebrated on Ascension Sunday 16th May, under the theme ‘Come and See’, (Jn 1:46).

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**News item 6 – Youths Celebrate Vocation Sunday**

More than 200 youth from fourteen Christian communities of Christ the King parish gathered together to commemorate Vocation Sunday.

A first of its kind, the youth gathering took place from 23rd - 25th April, in Tetere Solomon Islands, with the theme ‘Youth Holy, formed and sent for service,’ and was narrated by Ms. Winnifred Arehu.

On Vocation Sunday the youths animated the Sunday liturgy with parishioners and prayed for vocations. Vibrant erythematic dances and prayers were celebrated by youth that made the celebrations very meaningful for the youth.

Various sessions were presented that stressed the need for young people to become formed in Christ for the service of the people and Church. A presentation that dwelled on the theme "Maturing in Christian faith" was given by Salesian Cl. Anthony Wale sdb, where he urged youths gathered to be connected with Jesus to grow into Christian maturity.

It was an occasion for youths to be reminded of their Christian faith in baptism and confirmation and the need to commit themselves to outreach programs especially for people who were in need.

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**This ends the Catholic Church news for this week. Join us next week for more.**

**From us all here at Catholic Communications, we wish you an enjoyable week.**