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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:** **May our Eucharistic Celebrations transform the world**

“The Eucharist is meant to nourish those who are weary and hungry along the way, and that a Church of the pure and perfect is a room with no place for anyone,” said the Holy Father during the Corpus Christi Mass on Sunday 6th June 2021, in Saint Peter’s Basilica.

Pope Francis celebrated Mass on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, reminding us of our need for the Lord’s presence and love, and the Food and Drink of eternal life to sustain us on our journey.

The Pontiff said the procession with the Blessed Sacrament, was the hallmark of the feast of Corpus Christi, that reminded all Christians to go out and bring Jesus to others. He said that the Eucharist heals us because it connects us to Jesus to adapt his way of living and his ability to be broken up and given to brothers and sisters, to respond to evil with good.

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**News item 2 – Spiritual Retreat for Priests**

Parish priests of the Archdiocese of Port Moresby had a week-long retreat at the Emmaus Conference Centre in East Boroko, Port Moresby.

The retreat from 24th May - 28th May, concluded with Fr. Gregory Bicomong sdb, Provincial Superior of the Salesians of Don Bosco PNGSI vice province, as the retreat master. His Eminence, Sir John Cardinal Ribat, Archbishop of Port Moresby, was also part of the retreat.

Using the story of Moses and the burning bush in the book of Exodus, Fr. Gregory encouraged the priests to have an intimate relationship with God and shared that their vocation was holy ground.

“The world today is hungry for authentic, sincere, credible and generous priests,” said Fr Gregory as he emphasized how their title and role as a priest was one that should not be taken lightly.

Cardinal Ribat gave a token of appreciation to Fr. Greg and thanked him for generously accepting the request to lead the retreat for the Priests of the Archdiocese.

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**News item 3 – Grants received to address Gender Based Violence**

In partnership with the Office of Religion National Department of Community Development, CBC PNGSI received grants for addressing Gender Based Violence.

This was confirmed on 1st June, by Ms Marie Mondu, Secretary of Church Institutional Strengthening Program (CISP). CISP administered the funds out to targeted primary service providers in the province. 14 applicants successfully applied and underwent a 2-day grant management course facilitated by CISP.

Sponsored by State Church Partnership Program and CBC PNGSI. Among the participants were Catholic Safe House Inc members, SARV Coordinators and Family Life Coordinators.

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**News item 4 – Chatroom highlights Environmentally Displaced People**

The Chatroom, a program for young people organized by the Catholic Bishops Conference (CBC) and the National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) kicked-off to a fantastic hype as it brought on stage for its first show for 2021, four vibrant young individuals to tackle the issue of Environmentally Displaced People (EDP).

The dynamic group, who are staff from the Catholic Bishops Conference PNGSI, went live on Wednesday 2nd June, via Radio, Television and Social Media, at the NBC Television studio. The program is a joint initiative of CBC Social Communications Commission and NBC Tribe 92FM studio, Boroko.

Chatroom’s next session on Wednesday 9th June, will be having Grade 12 students from St Charles Lwanga Secondary School take on the topic, ‘Declaration of PNG as a Christian Country’.

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**News Item 5 – Catholic Schools undergo Third Media Education Seminar**

A weekend program for media students from eight Catholic Church Agency Schools was held from June 4th - 6th at the Emmaus Conference Centre in Port Moresby, under the theme Hope amidst Covid-19.

The Media Education Seminar was animated by the Social Communications Commission led by the Secretary Fr Ambrose Pereira sdb. The program aims to encourage young and creative minds to communicate hope and solidarity through the use of media.

The program was a build-up of two other sessions that were previously held, and it focused on school news bulletins, issues young people face today, audio basics, radio interviews, video basics, problem trees and storyboards.

The participants were also spiritually enriched with faith-based activities such as prayer moments and the celebration of the holy Eucharist.

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**News Item 6 – DBTS Launches Project ‘Scraper’**

Don Bosco Technical School Gabutu, launched its “Project Scraper” on Friday 4th June, during the Salesian Mission Day celebrations held at the school.

The aim of this fundraising drive is to raise money to help in constructing a new building and purchase supply machines and medical equipment for the Don Bosco Salesian Centre run by the Caritas Sisters in South Sudan in Africa.

The project is part of the school’s concrete response to what the 2021 Salesian Mission Day is proposing- Mission Solidarity under the slogan “one Father, one Family”. Other fundraising activities include a raffle draw and a bingo and fundraisings will run from June to October.

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**News Item 7 – Life Relationships Session to be held at MHOC Shrine**

A day’s seminar focusing on ‘Life Relationships’ will be held at the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians (MHOC) Boroko, on Saturday 19th June, from 9am – 3pm.

The seminar entitled ‘Life Matters 2’ will be the second to be held after its first was held in February. It will dwell on empowering participants with the knowledge to make confident decisions when faced with choices.

It is expected to have presentations on the Catholic Sacraments and Faith, Songs of worship and praise, Sharing and questions, Adoration and confession, with a lively youth mass to conclude the day’s program.

Young people are encouraged to attend and participate. Registration is only K2.00. Please bring along a notebook and a pen. For more information, please contact: Fr Ambrose Pereira sdb, on 7296 5235, or Sr Alice Fulgencio fma, on 7982 2459.

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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.**