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NEW REPS FOR MOMASE REGION

The National Catholic Women's and Catholic Youth's Desk has been phased out by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of PNG and put under Regional level. The Bishops and Youth and Women's representatives of Momase Region gathered in Wewak from the 20th to the 21st of June where they appointed new Regional representatives of Youth and Women. The Regional Coordinator for Women is Mrs. Anne Barnabas of Lae Diocese while the Momase Regional Youth Coordinator's task was given to Mr. James Taku of Wewak Diocese. Fr. Tomy Thomas, Vicar General of Vanimo Diocese was appointed the chaplain for Momase Regional Women's Office and Fr. Albert Kalakoi of Madang Archdiocese is the chaplain for Momase Regional Youth Office. The Bishops moved the two offices under the regional level so there will be better cooperation and improvement in communications and activities.

TEACHERS ATTEND SEMINAR

Teachers from the Coastal and Bush Deanery of Vanimo Diocese gathered for a-week-long seminar starting on June 19 till 23. The workshop was on 'Personal and Sexual Development' and was conducted by Sr. Helen Warman, National Catholic Christian Education Coordinator.

The 28 teachers were instructed on better and Christian ways they could teach children to look after their lives. There were also talks given by Bishop Cesare Bonivento and representatives from the Family Life Apostolate and AIDS offices.

At the end of the seminar, the teachers were presented certificates of participation during the Holy Mass presided by Bishop Cesare.

DIOCESAN CARITAS COORDINATORS MEET

All Diocesan Caritas Coordinators gathered for their National Conference in Madang from June 12 to the 23rd. There were two parts to this gathering: in the first part they presented reports and discussed major issues affecting the lives of people in their respective Dioceses; in the second part, they attended a course on personal viability.

CARITAS CONCERNED ABOUT BORDER ISSUES

One of the main issues discussed during the National Caritas Coordinators' Conference in Madang recently was the trend in which people in Vanimo are giving all the money over to Indonesia. Mr. Samson Mesambe, Caritas Coordinator of Vanimo Diocese told his colleagues that there is a cash flow problem in Vanimo town and there will be no development in Vanimo town and its communities because people are giving all their money away to Indonesia when they buy products sold at the border. The National Caritas Office will send a letter to the authorities concerned asking them to look into this problem.

INSPECTIONS OF PRIESTS' HOUSES

On June 26, the Administrator, Fr. Prakash and Willie of DOV Construction went to Idam and Yapsi Parishes to see the condition of priests' houses. They returned to Vanimo on June 29.

IT'S HOLIDAY TIME

All schools in the country are closed for holidays and the two seminaries here in Vanimo are no exception. But one thing different is that while other students put all they've learnt at school aside, the seminarians will put to practice what they've learnt at school. They will try to be as good as possible among their peers and within their communities.