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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.**

**Our stories for the week:**

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**News Item 1 – Pope at Regina Coeli: True love never stifles but leaves us free to love**

Pope Francis reflected on the liberating love of Jesus who never leaves us as he ascends to the Father during the Regina Coeli in St. Peter’s Square on the feast of the Ascension.

The Pope said Jesus’ ascension allows him to become close to all humanity in the Holy Spirit, instead of remaining beside only a few people.

The Holy Father added that Jesus goes to prepare for us with God the Father in heaven and concluded by inviting all Christians to pray for one another and them instead of our own interests.

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**News item 2 – Catholic Professionals Society calls for free, fair and safe election**

The Catholic Professional Society President Mr. Paul Harricknen has joined other concerned groups and sections of the society in advocating and calling for a free, fair and safe elections.

This is in light of reports and learnings from the past, especially the 2012 and 2017 elections that saw great malpractices.

According to a Media Statement by the Catholic Professional Society, the biggest concerns are on allowing every citizen to vote without harassment, for election processes to be safeguarded and not rigged and for the entrusted officers of the electoral commission and the disciplinary forces to carry out their responsibilities as required by the law of the nation.

CPS is also calling on Christians and people of faith to pray and entrust the elections to the grace and love of God.

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**News item 3 – Health professionals attend upskilling training.**

Seventeen participants from eight provinces representing their dioceses attended a weeklong National Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) Prescriber Training in the Archdiocese of Mt Hagen from May 21st – 27th 2022.

The ART purpose of the Prescriber training was to upskill and certify participants in the medical field such as doctors, nurses and community health workers to be ART prescribers to prescribe right medications for their HIV and AIDS patients at their own dioceses and provinces.

The training was facilitated by the Australian Society of HIV viral, Hepatitis and sexual Health Medicine, an international organization in partnership with the Catholic Church Health Services.

Participants who took part in the training came from the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, East and West Sepik, Eastern Highlands, Western Highlands, Western, Morobe and NCD.

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**News Item 4 –Catholic Principals attend effective Management and Administrators conference.**

An intense but insightful weeklong conference with the theme: *Formation, Information and Transformation* had the participation of 29 Principals from Catholic Agency Secondary Schools around the country.

The conference was held at the Emmaus Conference Centre in Don Bosco Technological Institute from May 23rd-27th with the aim of training the Principals to be effective Managers and Administrators back in their dioceses.

Facilitators of the conference were from Divine Word University, Inspections Division from the Department of Education, Principals from the top performing schools and assistant Bishop Deputy Bp Pedro Baquero SDB.

The conference also allowed for tours of the model schools in the country for motivational purposes.

Sessions covered in the conference include, expectations of the National Catholic Education Commission, Financial Management sessions, Ethical Leadership sessions, National Quality School Standard Framework and National Approach to School Assessment, Flexible Open Distance Education Learning and NATHS Inspections, Inspection Issues and a recollection session.

The conference was helpful for the new Principals and served as a refresher for the others.

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**News item 5 –Archdiocese of Mt Hagen commemorates Laudato Si Week**

Staff of the Archdiocese of Mt Hagen commemorated the Laudato Si Week with a tree-planting ceremony at the Sir Michael Somare Garden at Rebiamul on Tuesday May 24th.

Led by the Diocesan Caritas Coordinator Mrs Barbara Dinbi, the initiative saw more than a hundred young trees planted with the aim of taking action positively in connection with the Catholic Christians around the world in observing this year’s Laudato Si Week.

The Sir Michael Somare Garden was dedicated to late Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare by Archbishop Douglas Young SVD as part of the Green Campaign counteracting the effects of Global Warming and Climate Change.

With the theme, “Listening and Journeying Together”, Catholics around the world are working on “bringing the human family together to protect our common home”, the guiding Laudato Si’ quote for the week’s celebration.

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**News item 6 – St Joseph Students: Young people must harness the skill of self-reliance**

Young people must harness the skill of being self-reliant at a young age so that they grow up to be independent members of society.

This was the powerful message given by five dynamic grade 12 students from St Joseph’s International Catholic College during the Chatroom program on Wednesday May 25 as they discussed the topic ‘Importance of self-reliance for students and youths.’

Key points highlighted by the students were; importance of depending on one’s own powers and resources, benefits of self-reliance and the disadvantages of being too self-reliant, the biblical aspect of self-reliance, and recommendations to other young people, the parents/guardians and the government.

Chatroom for June 1st will have the students from Don Bosco Technical School as they discuss the topic of the importance of teamwork in the Society.

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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.**