**News Compilation for Catholic Church News aired on Radio Maria**

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

**Our stories for the week:**

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**News Item 1 – Pope at Easter:** **May we be won over by the peace of Christ**

In his Easter "To the Church and to the World" message, Pope Francis announces that Jesus, the Crucified One, is risen, and he remembers victims of war, all those suffering around the world, and appeals ardently that the peace of Christ may enter our lives, our homes, and our countries.

The Holy Father presided over the Easter celebration in St Peter's Square crowded with pilgrims in a way not seen since before the pandemic.

Pope Francis called on us to open our hearts as we welcome the Easter message 'Peace be with you', especially in times where we are witnessing the opposite.

The Pope prayed for peace throughout the world and encouraged everyone to know that despite the grief and suffering caused by war and calamities, that "Jesus Christ, the victor over sin, fear and death, exhorts us not to surrender to evil and violence."

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**News item 3 – Youths are the future of the Catholic Church**

“Believe in the Father and be alive in Christ by fully participating in Church activities to make the Catholic Church young again”.

This was the encouraging message of the Bishop of Daru/Kiunga Bishop Joseph Durero SVD in his homily during the closing mass of a two-week Youth Leaders Capacity Skills Building Workshop on Friday April 8th 2022.

Bishop Joseph said that although he has not yet visited all the parishes in his Diocese, he was pleased to meet the youth leaders and animators and looks forward to working with them.

“The Catholic Church is more than 2000 years old and it brings me so much joy to see young people in the church taking part in activities because they are the future of the Church and they make the Church young again”, he said.

The Bishop also thanked the youth leaders for portraying leadership characteristics that enabled them to be elected as leaders.

Concluding his homily, the Bishop challenged the youths to be active in their parishes and utilise the skills that they acquired during the two-weeks workshop.

The Youth Leaders Capacity Skills Building Workshop was held at the Peter ToRot Formation Centre from March 28th – April 8th.

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**News item 5 – Reach Out and Become The INSPIRATION**

Start reaching out to those in need and become their source of comfort and inspiration.

The warm and heartfelt advice was given to four Salesian Brothers from Vunabosco and Araimiri, on Tuesday 19th April 2022, during a Communication Presentation at the Salesian Provincial House in Port Moresby.

Had the participation of four Salesian Brothers, two from Vunabosco Agro Technical Secondary School, Kokopo in East New Britain, and two from Don Bosco Araimiri Secondary School in Kerema of Gulf Province.

Facilitated by Social Communications personnel from the Catholic Bishops Conference PNGSI, headed by its Secretary, Fr Ambrose Pereira sdb.

Sessions presented included Pope Francis’ encyclical message for World Communication Day 2022 ‘LISTEN. Do everything with Love’, Moral sEthics

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**News item 6 – Youths enriched with Media Skills**

A hectic but enriching two-day sessions on Media and Communication saw the participation and interaction of twenty eager youth leaders and animators from April 7th – 8th 2022.

The sessions on Media and Communication were presented by the Social Communications representative from the Catholic Bishops Conference of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, Miss Jessica Oata.

The first day focused on the World Communications Day and SOCOM theme for the year: ‘LISTEN. Do everything with LOVE’, writing inspirational news article followed by practical activities on identifying the different elements of an article and news writing.

The second day of the program had sessions on logos and posters, newsletters and photography. Practical activities enabled the participants to capture inspiring photographs and come up with creative logos and posters and discuss ideas for their youth newsletter.

Expressing his gratitude and joy, Vicar General for the Diocese of Daru/Kiunga Fr. Andrew Moses said he was very happy with the participation of the youth leaders and also thanked the Diocesan Youth Coordinator for involving young facilitators from the Catholic Bishops Conference.

When addressing the youths, Diocesan Youth Coordinator, Mr. Ambie James encouraged the youth leaders to utilize the skills they learnt when they go back to their parishes.

“My intention is to have this program every two years to upskill youth leaders from every parish within the diocese so that they can effectively play their role as leaders”, he said.

The sessions on Media and Communication were part of a series of sessions from different topics presented to the youth leaders during the Youth Leaders Capacity Skills Building Workshop by different facilitators.

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**Recapping our headlines for this week:**

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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.**