**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 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: Ask the Lord for the Spirit of peace**

Speaking to pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis recalled the Sunday Gospel when Jesus bid farewell to his disciples at the Last Supper, saying “Peace I leave with you,” and immediately adding “My peace I give to you.”

In explaining ‘peace I leave with you’, he said that these words express Jesus affection and serenity despite the moment being anything but serene since Judas betrayed him, Peter denied him, and others abandoned him. The Pope observed that the Lord remains calm to the end.

He added that Jesus second phrase ‘my peace I give you’ can help us in our struggles to be peacemakers.

The Holy Father concluded by encouraging all to continually ask for the gift of peace from the Holy Spirit, especially when our hearts are upset, impatient or angry.

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**News item 2 – Nuncio to youth: Use technology to spread hope**

Apostolic Nuncio to Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands His Excellency Archbishop Fermin Emilio Sosa Rodriguez has challenged young people to use technology to spread hope and positivity.

He made this statement during the second Don Bosco Global Youth Film Festival (DBGYFF), held on Saturday 21st May 2022 at the Paradise Cinemas, Vision City that had 13 films screened.

The films covered issues of domestic violence, depression, alcohol and drug abuse, gender equality, environment, poverty and Covid 19. It provided an opportunity for reflection and sharing by those who were present.

The Nuncio told the audience how the films had really moved him as they portrayed issues that many families and individuals, especially young people, struggled with, not just in PNG but in the world.

In attendance were a hundred and eighty young people, priests, religious brothers and Sisters, those interested in the media, and others connected with the growth of young people. Also present as special guest was Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Rabaul, Abp. Rochus Tatamai.

The DBGYFF is a Salesian film festival for young people across the globe to create and share short films.

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**News item 3 – No election related activities on Church premises**

The Education Board of the Diocese of Alotau-Sideia has issued a mandatory policy and ordinance stating that no election-related activities are to be conducted within any of the catholic agency schools and church premises within the diocese.

The policy came into effect on 19 May and will continue until the end of the counting period and proclamation of winning candidates. According to Bp Rolando Santos, the Education Board issued the policy after a unanimous decision at a meeting on Tuesday, 17th May.

Bp Rolando said this ordinance was issued to safeguard the safety of the students and people, and to ensure that no untoward incidents will happen within our school and parish premises as the Church maintains its neutral and non-partisan position during the whole of the campaign and election periods.

He asked everybody to cooperate with government authorities and to pray so that the coming elections will be conducted in a peaceful and orderly manner.

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**News Item 4 – SOCOM Seminar for diocesan media coordinators**

A Social Communications (SOCOM) seminar for the catholic media coordinators from the Dioceses in Papua New Guinea was held from 16th to 20th May 2022 with the focus on print media and photography.

Thirteen participants made up of priests, religious sisters and lay personnel from the dioceses of Aitape, Wewak, Lae, Alotau, Kundiawa, Mount Hagen and Mendi gathered for the week-long training at the Catholic Bishops Conference (CBC) at Gordons in Port Moresby with the theme ‘Listen. Do everything with Love.’ Joining the participants was Archbishop of Rabaul, Rochus Tatamai MSC.

The participants were trained on Writing News Articles using the 5W’s and 1H, following the inverted pyramid style and understanding the difference between current news and stale news. The sessions highlighted creating diocesan newsletters and the tools needed and capturing photographs with a positive message. Spirituality of Communication, Misinformation, disinformation & malinformation and netiquette and online ethics were dwelt upon.

During the week, the participants paid a special visit to one of PNG’s daily newspaper *The National.* Theyalso visited the Adventure Park at 14 mile for a practical photography session.

The seminar was hosted by CBC SOCOM with the aim to promote a thriving network of Christian communicators who can regularly report, capture inspiring image and create diocesan newsletters to evangelise and spread the Good News.

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**News item 5 – UPNG Catholic Students First Visit to CBC**

Catholic Students Association (CSA) from the University of Papua New Guinea for the first time visited and attended a brief seminar at the Catholic Bishop’s Conference (CBC), the National Headquarters of the Catholic Church in PNG and Solomon Islands.

The 22 students visited on Wednesday 18 May and toured the facilities and had the opportunity to meet with the General Secretary, Fr Giorgio Licini PIME and the Commission Heads of CBC.

The staff explained to the students about the general structure and functions of CBC and the functions of each commission.

The visit was an initiative of the University CSA President Mr. Gordon Walimbu, 3rd year Political Science Students in the School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SHSS), who had arranged this with the Fr. Giorgio purposely to expose the Catholic University students to CBC.

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**News item 6 – RR formative workshop for Sisters of Nazareth**

A weeklong Right Relationships Formative Workshop was conducted for the CSN Sisters from 9th – 13th May 2022 at Nazareth Center for Rehabilitation, Chabai, Buka, Bougainville.

There were 18 participants made up of 15 sisters and 3 young girls who are in their formation program and was facilitated by Sr Ancy John SCSA, the directress of RR Ministry.

The topics covered for the workshop were Boundaries and importance of boundaries in life , Boundaries for healthy relationships, Relationships, Healthy and unhealthy relationships and mending broken relationships.

They also touched on Rights and values in relationships, Human Sexuality and celibacy, Ministerial relationships and Appropriate and inappropriate behaviours in ministry and Guidelines for ministerial relationships.

This Formative Program was designed for the young candidates and religious sisters who are still in their religious formation program. The objective of the workshop was to give them some kind of awareness to prevent themselves from any form of abuses particularly in their ministry as they will be sent out to work with different groups of people.

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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.**