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

**Our stories for the week:**

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**News Item 1 – Pope at Regina Coeli: Risen Jesus dispels our fears and unbelief**

Pope Francis marked Pentecost Sunday inviting believers to heed the Holy Spirit who “makes the Gospel of Jesus enter into our hearts” and teaches us how to overcome distances.

Speaking after the celebration of the Holy Mass in St Peter’s basilica before praying the Regina Choeli, the Holy Father invited those present to reflect on the actions of: teaching and reminding because it is in this way that he makes the Gospel of Jesus enter into our hearts.

By teaching, the Pope continued, the Spirit helps us to overcome an obstacle that presents itself to us in the experience of faith: that of *distance.*

Pope Francis concluded inviting Christians to heed the Holy Spirit, because “without the Spirit reminding us of Jesus, faith becomes forgetful.”

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**News item 2 – Holy Spirit Seminary celebrates Solemnity of the Pentecost**

Over a hundred Catholic faithful joined the Priests, Brothers and Seminarians of the Holy Spirit Seminary to celebrate the Solemnity of the Pentecost and their Feast Day on 5th June 2022 at the Catholic Theological Institute Bomana.

Celebrating Mass was the Apostolic Nuncio to Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, His Excellency, Archbishop Fermin Emilio Sosa Rodriguez. Concelebrating with him were seven other priests including the Rector of the Holy Spirit Seminary, Fr. Jacek Tendej CM.

In his homily, the Nuncio encouraged the people to be open to the Spirit because each one had a mission. He said that sometimes it was frightening and confusing, but if we were open to the Spirit, we would be at peace to go where the Lord sends.

He added that those who were filled with the Spirit not only evangelized through words but also through the way they lived their lives. He emphasized that it was the true fulfilment of our life’s mission on earth.

Following mass, the celebrations saw entertainment from different groups and refreshments.

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**News item 3 – Students create inspiring films and jingles**

With the theme ‘Listen. Do everything with LOVE’, the third Media Education Seminar held at the Marian Hall, Don Bosco Technological Institute on Saturday June 4th, 2022 had the participation of 48 dynamic students and animators from eight Catholic agency schools in the nation’s capital.

Facilitated by the Social Communications Commission of the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNGSI, the intense but insightful seminar focused on Audio and Video basics. It was aimed at equipping the students with basic knowledge on how to use audio and video to bring about positive and inspiring messages to others.

Sessions included introduction to radio and jingles, creating inspiring jingles and video basics and allowed time for practical activities to enable students to put into practice the skills they acquired during the sessions.

The day ended on a high note with jubilant spirits as the students and animators appreciated and critically analysed the films they produced during the presentations.

The eight schools that participated in the third Media Education Seminar were Marianville Secondary School, St Charles Lwanga Secondary School, Limana Vocational Centre, La Salle Technical College, Jubilee Catholic Secondary School, Don Bosco Technical School, Don Bosco Technological Institute and St Joseph’s International Catholic College.

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**News Item 4 – Counselling and Pastoral Accompaniment Workshop for priests**

A successful Capacity Skills Building workshop on ‘Marriage Counselling and Pastoral Accompaniment’ held from May 23rd – 1st June at the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNGSI had the participation of 34 Diocesan priests, 2 Bishops and 3 Religious nuns.

Organized by the CBC Family Life Commission, the workshop was aimed at equipping the participants, especially priests with marriage counselling skills so that they are able to implement these skills in their pastoral ministries when dealing with families in their respective parishes and dioceses.

The informative sessions facilitated by Fr. Nelson Mathew Mapiria JCL touched on the topics of Marriage Counselling and Pastoral Accompaniment, Influence of Law on Marriage and Family, Basic Concepts-Foundations of Catholic Marriage Law, Grounds of nullity, Diriment Impediment and Canonical Form of Marriage.

Also present as a guest facilitator was Diocesan Child Protection officer Mr. Clement Waiker who presented sessions on Basic counselling skills.

The workshop also allowed for Bishop Deputy for Family Life Commission Bishop Rolando Santos CM and Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Rabaul Abp. Rochus Tatamai MSC to present on the topics of Reaching out: Parish Mission/Marriage Campaign, Canonical and Civil Requirements for Marriage and Mitis Ludex (The Lord Jesus, Clement Judge) respectively.

The two-week program concluded on Wednesday June 1st with presentation of certificates and a little ceremony to commemorate Bp Rolando’s 48th years of Religious life.

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**News item 5 – Child Protection workshop held in Mingende**

A three-day Child Protection Training Workshop was held in Mingende Pastoral Centre in the Diocese of Kundiawa from 30th May to 1st June. The theme of the training was ‘Protect Our Children. Save Our Simbu, A Child Safe PNG’.

A total of 40-Religious Instructors, Early Childhood Development Teachers and Sunday School Teachers attended the workshop. The purpose of the training was to reach out and inform communities on Child Protection.

The training was facilitated by Sr Ancy John, Directress of Right Relationships Ministry of Catholic Bishops Conference of PNG and Solomon Islands. It was organized by the Child Protection Office of Kundiawa with funding assistance from the Church Institutional Strengthening Program of CBC.

Sr Ancy stressed the important role parents played in the lives of children and urged to show at all times care and love while being mindful of how they behaved around their kids.

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**News item 6: Students challenge peers to be team players**

Five students from Don Bosco Technical School on the Chat Room of Wednesday 1st June 2022 have sent out a strong reminder to their peers that teamwork is essential for personal growth and policy change.

The five boys, all in year eleven, spoke with confidence as they spoke on the topic: Importance of Teamwork.

Topics covered during the discussion included importance of young people to become team players, benefits of teamwork and examples, the importance of teamwork in the society and how young people can become team players in the society

Chat Room for Wednesday 8th June 2022 will have students from La Salle Technical College speak on the topic, “Freedom of Expression.”

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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.**