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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 Regina Choeli:** **May we rediscover the impulse to do good**

At the Sunday Regina Coeli prayer, Pope Francis encourages us to look beyond the "empty nets" we can find in life and look always with courage to the Lord who can fill our nets with his overflowing love and consolation, renewing our desire to do good.

Speaking to pilgrims gathered in St Peter's Square for the recitation of the Regina Coeli, Pope Francis reflected on the Gospel reading which recounts the third appearance of the risen Lord to the Apostles.

The Holy Father said that we become disappointed with 'empty nets' like Peter when we do not dialogue much in our families by pursuing our own interests or we forget to pray or be charitable and encouraged us to courageously set out to begin anew and seek Jesus to help us when 'our nets are empty in life'.

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**News item 2 – Become Salt and Light**

A special Eucharistic Celebration was held to mark the commencement of the 3RD General Assembly in Mingende Parish of the Diocese of Kundiawa.

The mass held at the St Joseph’s Grand Stand on Friday 22nd April 2022, was celebrated by His Eminence Sir John Cardinal Ribat MSC, and had the homily given by Bishop of Daru-Kiunga, Joseph Durero SVD.

Concelebrating the occasion were Bishops, Priests, Religious, Lay men and women, staff of the Catholic Bishops Conference PNG&SI, Parishioners of Mingende, surrounding communities throughout Kundiawa, students and Catholic Media personnel.

Cardinal Ribat said the General Assembly served as an occasion to help build better the Catholic faith practiced in the different dioceses throughout the country.

Provincial Administrator of Simbu Province, Sebastian Ki, thanked the Catholic Church for its constant provision of aid in humanitarian and social works around Simbu Province despite numerous limitations.

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**News item 3 – Encountering Jesus Christ through Prayer**

A final Eucharistic Celebration was recently held to officially bring to an end the 3RD General Assembly of the Catholic Church of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands.

The closing mass held on Monday 25th April, at the St Joseph’s Grandstand in Mingende Parish, had as its main celebrant, Archbishop Anton Bal of Madang, with the homily given by Bishop of Lae, Rozario Menezes.

Also presiding over the celebration were 15 Bishops, Priests, Religious, Seminarians, Lay personnel, Officials from the Catholic Bishops Conference PNG&SI, parishioners, families, and media personnel.

Bp Menezes delivered a captivating homily that stressed the need for Catholics and Christians alike to rise and boldly speak for Jesus against current notions that contradicted his teachings.

Bishop of Kundiawa, Paul Sundu, expressed great joy at the accomplishment of the 3rdGA in his diocese and thanked each participant for their combined efforts in formulating a new Conference Pastoral Plan for the Catholic Church.

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**News Item 4 – Harim Singaut bilong Holi Spirit**

“Harim singaut bilong Holi Spirit. Let us learn to ‘LISTEN’ and let the Holy Spirit guide us in all our works of Evangelisation,” said Bishop Dariusz Kaluza MSF, of the Diocese of Bougainville, after officially declaring open the 3RD General Assembly (GA) of the Catholic Church of PNG&SI.

The declaration was made by Bp Kaluza on the evening of Thursday 21st April, in the Fr Stanislaus Auditorium of St Mary’s Technical School, as he formed part of the panel to moderate the assembly’s progression. Forming part of the panel were Dame Jean Kekedo; Fr Andrew Moses, Vicar-General of the Diocese Daru-Kiunga; and Fr Victor Roche SVD, Head of the GA Organising Committee and New Evangelisation Secretary of the Catholic Bishops Conference PNG&SI.

In his description of the General Assembly, Bp Kaluza referenced Pope Francis’ message of ‘Communion and Caring Together’, and said that it was about walking and journeying together in our Catholic faith through communion and participation.

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**News item 5 – Caritas Business College registered under DHERST**

Caritas Business College (CBC) is now officially registered under the Department of Higher Education, Research Science and Technology (DHERST).

On Thursday, 28th April, Mr. Thimon Bune, Deputy Secretary of DHERST, with Mr. Jacob Sonny Abba and Mr. Jorem Rema, handed the official certificates for Caritas Business College’s Institutional Registration and two Programme Accreditations for Diploma in Office Administration and Diploma in Tourism and Hospitality Management.

The registration and accreditation of Caritas Business College under the Department is a step closer to ensuring that most, if not all, students are given equal opportunity to quality education and become drivers of productivity and valuable assets in society.

Caritas Business College extended its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped the school in one way or another in achieving this milestone.

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**News item 6 – More awareness needed for Cyber Laws**

More awareness needs to be done to educate the public, especially young people about the cyber laws that we have in place to guide them when they are conducting themselves on the different social media platforms.

This was the sentiment shared by six lively grade 12 students from Jubilee Catholic Secondary School who took the Tribe FM studio by storm during their appearance on Wednesday 27th April, on the Chatroom talkback show to discuss the topic *‘*Social Media and its impact on young people’*.*

Animator of Jubilee Catholic Secondary School Mr. Tommie Kaekae said that he was pleased with initiatives such as the Chatroom that not only involve young people but also build their character and self-esteem as well.

The Chatroom for 4th May will have the students from St Charles Lwanga Secondary School.

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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.**