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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.**

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**News Item 1 – Pope at Regina Coeli: Hear and follow the Lord, our good Shepherd**

Before leading the recitation of the Regina Coeli, Pope Francis' Catechises focused on the loving bond between the Father and each of us.

The Holy Father encouraged us to hear the Lord when he calls us, to realize that he knows us better than ourselves and to follow him as our Good Shepherd.

The Pope said that today we are often overwhelmed with work, families and personal situations but we must stop to listen to hear the word of the Father like a listening child, curious and with open hearts that allow us to be in communion with the Lord and our brothers and sisters.

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**News item 2 –Wok Bung Wantaim Grasia bilong God Papa**

“Yupla save long mi na mi save long yupla, em nau taim we bai yumi wok bung wantaim grasia bilong God Papa na mekim nem blong em kamap bikpela,” said Bishop Valentine Gryk SVD, after his Episcopal Ordination on Saturday 7th May 2022, as the new Bishop of Goroka.

A jubilant vibe filled the atmosphere and grounds around the Kefamo Parish, as thousands gathered to witness the ordination of their new Bishop. Key consecrators to the ceremony included His Eminence, Sir John Cardinal Ribat MSC; and Archbishop Douglas Young SVD of Mt Hagen.

The consecration was graced by the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio to PNGSI, Fermin Emilio Rodriguez, thirteen Bishops, Priests, Religious, Seminarians, delegates from Rome, Poland and the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) Congregation, parishioners from surrounding communities, families, friends from far and near, media personnel.

Bp Gryk in sharing his sentiments as the new Bishop, thanked both clergy and lay who had gathered to celebrate the Diocese’s prestigious milestone and reminded all of their important roles as Christians.

In his speech, the Nuncio urged for all people to stand firm as Christians and to walk with their new Bishop in the path of righteousness.

Cardinal Ribat congratulated the Catholic communities of Goroka and described Bp Gryk’s ordination as being an achievement for all Christians throughout the country.

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**News item 3 – Bishops call for morale judgement in national elections**

“Use this opportunity and privilege to support parties and candidates who have good moral conducts, good family life and good political platforms,” was the strong emphasis highlighted in the statement presented by the Catholic Bishops Conference PNG&SI at a media briefing held on Thursday 5th May 2022.

The briefing was part of the Annual General Meeting of CBCPNG&SI, held from 26th April – 4th May 2022, at the Rondon Ridge Lodge in Mt Hagen, that had as its theme ‘Salt and Light’.

Forming the distinguished panel of presenters were Archbishop of Port Moresby, His Eminence, Sir John Cardinal Ribat; President of CBCPNG&SI, His Excellency, Archbishop Anton Bal of Madang; and Vice-President of CBCPNGSI, His Excellency, Bishop Otto Separy of Bereina.

The statement reaffirmed the stance of neutrality in politics the Catholic Church of Papua New Guinea was taking, but also made clear the Church’s urging voice for citizens to be rational and of sound mind for the common good of all.

Abp Bal cautioned that if this year’s elections were not guided by good decisions, the long-term impacts would be detrimental for the entire country.

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**News Item 4 – Bishops meet for 63rd AGM**

The 63rd Annual General Meeting of the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNG&SI took place from 26th April to 5th May 2022, at Rondon Ridge, Archdiocese of Mt. Hagen.

18 PNG Bishops along with the General Secretary Fr. Giorgio Licini PIME attended the AGM. Unfortunately, the Solomon Islands Bishops were not able to join due to Covid restrictions.

His Excellency Abp. Fermin Emilio Sosa Rodriguez, the Apostolic Nuncio, addressed the Bishops Conference and shared communications from the Holy See.

Highlights of the AGM were visits to the missionaries’ cemetery at Rebiamul and the National Shrine of Divine Mercy at Ruquist, Jiwaka Province, including a welcome dinner hosted by the Governor of Western Highlands Province Hon. Paias Wingti.

The AGM concluded on Thursday May 5th and the Bishops delegation proceeded on to the Diocese of Goroka for the Ordination and Installation of the new Bishop Valentine Gryk SVD.

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**News item 5 – Students focus on Print Media**

Print Media was the focus of the 2nd Media Education Seminar that had representatives from ten catholic agency schools learning new skills and producing creative content.

With the theme ‘Listen. Do everything with Love,’ the seminar was held on 7th May at the Caritas Business College and hosted by the Social Communications Commission of the Catholic Bishops Conference (CBC SOCOM).

Fifty-six students were present for the program that had sessions on news writing, the 5W’s and 1H and school news bulletin boards.

The ten schools participating in the series of seminars are Don Bosco Technological Institute, Don Bosco Technical School, Caritas Business College, La Salle Technical College, Jubilee Catholic Secondary School, St Joseph’s International Catholic College, St Charles Lwanga Secondary School, Limana Vocational Centre, Marianville Secondary School and De La Salle Secondary school.

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**News item 6 – Critical thinking essential for Media Freedom**

Be critical thinkers and always question the credibility of the news you receive.

This was the powerful message given by five lively grade eleven students from St Charles Lwanga Secondary School as they discussed the topic: *Critical Thinking of Media-Importance of Media Freedom in PNG*, during their appearance on the Chatroom program on Wednesday May 4th.

In their discussion, the students highlighted the role of media in society, as the fourth estate and how it is used today. They concluded the intense discussion by calling on the public, especially young people who are often naive to everything they see to be critical and practical thinkers.

Chatroom for Wednesday, May 11th will have the students from Don Bosco Technological Institute.

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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.**