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Greetings from *VoiceAfrique*,

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This week, our narratives examine the significant intersections of global diplomacy, spiritual renewal, and the Church's essential mission of protection. We commence with a comprehensive analysis of the Vatican's resolute position on international justice, followed by a critical emphasis on the necessity of safeguarding youth from the scourge of modern slavery. Additionally, we reflect upon the universal contributions of African faith and the Holy Father's compelling invitation for inner transformation as we enter the Lenten season. These discussions reinforce the notion that, whether within the corridors of power or in the quietude of our inner selves, our fundamental calling remains consistent: to uphold truth and human dignity.

By Sr. Helen Kasaka, LSMI — PACTPAN Communication Director

1. Why the Vatican said no to Trump's Palestine peace board

By Stan Chu Ilo

This week, we highlight a detailed look at international diplomacy. The analysis discusses the Holy See's choice not to take a seat on the proposed peace board. Instead, the Vatican is promoting neutral, multi-party talks and protecting holy sites. The story emphasizes the Vatican's support for a fair, two-state solution rather than one-sided political plans that might ignore international law.

Read more: voiceafrique.org/why-the-vatican-said-no-to-trumps-palestine-peace-board/

2. Human trafficking awareness outreach to students

By Grace Akunna John-Emezi

In an urgent mission of protection, this report highlights the vital outreach to secondary schools in Eastern Nigeria. By educating students on the deceptive tactics used by traffickers—ranging from fake job offers to social media recruitment—the Church is actively building an "army of conscience" to protect the dignity of every person created in God's image.

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3. Beyond the borders: The abundant gift of the church in Africa

By Cosmas Ajawara

A profound reflection on the changing face of global Christianity. This piece explores how the Church in Africa has risen from a "mission field" to a "mission force," offering vibrant vocations and a unique ecclesiological vision of the "Family of God" to help renew the faith of the universal Church far beyond the continent's borders.

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4. Return to God: Pope Leo Lenten message

By Stan Chu Ilo

As the season of Lent begins, we bring you a reflection on the Holy Father's invitation to inner transformation. Pope Leo XIV calls the faithful to "place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives," suggesting a contemporary fast from words that wound and a return to the "ancient spiritual grammar" of divine mercy and solidarity.

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