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Begin your week with Sr. Helen Kasaka, Pan-African Catholic Review and PACTPAN weekly updates

As an African proverb wisely states, "When cobwebs unite, they can tie up a lion." This serves as a poignant reminder that our collective efforts in leadership, stewardship, and youth mentorship create an unbreakable force for transformation across our continent.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings from Zambia, truly the heart of Africa! As we navigate through the Season of Creation, our reflections focus on our shared responsibility for sustainable stewardship and structural renewal. This period invites us to listen attentively to the diverse voices across our continent, dedicating ourselves to strengthening parish financial management, empowering our youth through education and digital evangelization, and reaffirming our commitment to ecological justice and human dignity.

Updates from PACTPAN This Week

Our network convened the fourth week of the PACTPAN Special Series on the Renewal of Priestly Ministry in Nigeria, centered on the theme "Care for the Future – Welfare, Sustainability, and Retirement."

In the first session, Mr. Elias Igbinakenzua, MD/CEO of Globus Bank and a respected financial expert, offered a comprehensive analysis of financial planning, accountability, and effective money management for parish administration. He delved into practical principles of financial stewardship, transparent resource management, and long-term planning, all of which are essential for strengthening parish structures and preparing the Church for future challenges.

In the second session, Rev. Fr. Prof. Hyacinth Ichoku, Vice-Chancellor of Veritas University, shared valuable insights on financial accountability and prudent management within the context of priestly ministry. He discussed how ethical resource administration, organizational transparency, and sustainable welfare models directly contribute to the well-being of priests and the enduring mission of the Church.

On Friday, the VoiceAfrique Catholic podcast hosted a thought-provoking discussion recorded during the 21st AMECEA Plenary Assembly in Nairobi with Rev. Prof. Elias Omondi Opongo, SJ, the newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of the Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA). Fr. Opongo articulated his vision for the future of Catholic higher education, emphasizing the critical need to guide young people in digital spaces, promote wealth creation, and cultivate leaders who are committed to the common good.

To watch the complete conversation, please follow this link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beHR_JHG3X8

Lastly, VoiceAfrique's online Catholic news analysis continues to showcase insightful essays that address key socio-pastoral challenges. Last week, Fr. Stan Chu Ilo authored a compelling reflection titled "Remove the Rubbish, Not the People: Celebrating the Season of Creation Amidst the Ruins of a Landfill Disaster." This article reframes environmental care through the lens of human dignity and calls for systemic ecological conversion that protects vulnerable urban communities instead of marginalizing them.

To read the full article, click here: <https://voiceafrique.org/remove-the-rubbish/>

As we commence this new week, let us embody the spirit of collaborative action and compassionate care in our local communities. May our shared commitment to faith, youth, and ecological integrity continue to yield positive outcomes across Africa and beyond.

Wishing you a grace-filled, inspiring, and fruitful week ahead.

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