

JPIC workshop for the young friars

Jayapura, 3 January 2005. SKP commenced the new year of 2005 with conducting a workshop for the friars in initial formation with the theme “Integrating the spirituality of justice, peace and integrity of creation (JPIC) into the formation of the friars in the context of the Church in West Papua”. This theme was reflected on by the participants for a week (3-7 January 2005) in Sentani assisted by SKP team consisting of Friar Budi Hernawan, Ms Frederika Korain, Friar Rudolf Kambayong and Ms Rosa Moiwend. This activity was part of initial formation program for the friars that aimed at exploring the dimension of JPIC in the social-political context of West Papua.

“JPIC spirituality is an essential part of the Franciscan spirituality and has become a major concern of the Order since the Vatican Council II 1962-1965” explained by Budi during his presentation on the history of JPIC involvement within the Franciscans. He also outlined the Franciscan concerns over injustices in the world manifested in the establishment of Franciscans International, an NGO with a consultative status with ECOSOC. Rika encouraged the participants to trace back the history of the struggle of the Bishop of Jayapura, Msgr. Staverman ofm, during the political turmoil in 1960s through her impressive power point presentation.



The participants then explored the possibilities to manifest the JPIC spirituality in various ministries. In creative ways, Rosa guided the participants to express their reflection by role play exercise. As a conclusion, Rudolf encouraged the participants to explore various ways in making the JPIC spirituality concrete in daily life.

24 friars attended the participants who are mostly coming from Jayapura since all of them are in initial formation. One friar came from Bade, Merauke, and one from Pugima, the Baliem Valley. All of them happily shared their experiences, questions, reflection and joy, particularly during the happy hour in Amai beach (*)

