

Pope Francis, Cardinal Tagle appeal for mercy

MANILA, Philippines – The biggest event in the Philippine Catholic Church this year ends on a historic note – with a message from Pope Francis.

Paterno Esmaguél reports.

The script of the video report:

For the first time, Pope Francis sends a video message to Asia's biggest Catholic country. Francis appeals for mercy for the poor and neglected.

POPE FRANCIS

"Don't get tired of bringing the mercy of the Father to the poor, the sick, the abandoned, the young people, and the family."

He also tells Filipinos to bring their faith to various fields.

POPE FRANCIS

"Bring Jesus now into the world of politics, business, arts, science, technology, and social media... *Mabuhay ang Pilipinas! Mabuhay ang Asia! Pagpalain kayo ng Diyos.*" (Long live the Philippines! Long live Asia! God bless all of you.)

Up to 5,000 people hear the Pope's message at the Philippine Conference on New Evangelization, a three-day event to revive the Catholic faith.

Tagle apologizes for the sins of the Church against non-Catholics, women, and the poor.

He also asks adults not to judge the youth as evil and rebellious.

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"*Tatapusin ko po sa pakiusap ng mga kabataan* (I will conclude by voicing the youth's request)... Listen to us, understand us, take care of us. Many of us come from broken homes. We need fathers among the priests. We need mothers, brothers, and sisters among the parishioners."

Tagle says God sends the crowd on a mission.

He says believers should preach not with a judging eye, but a listening ear.

Two leaders, one message. The Philippine Conference on New Evangelization ends on a note of mercy... key to reviving faith in a world of prejudice. Paterno Esmaguél, Rappler, Manila.

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