



Good Shepherd Peace Center

Kit, Juba, South Sudan

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Newsletter

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Good Shepherd Peace Center Activities

Following the inauguration of the Center on 15 October, the first event was scheduled for the following weekend. In the first six months October through mid-April, twenty groups have enjoyed the environment of Kit and made use of the facilities to promote their goals and deliberate in a peaceful environment.

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| 1. SCBC Pastoral Handbook Committee | 6 | 21-22 Oct |
| 2. Diocesan Pastoral Teams 7th Workshop | 17 | 24-31 Oct |
| 3. Superiors' Leadership Workshop | 14 | 6-13 Nov |
| 4. Introductory Course to South Sudan | 41 | 14-21 Nov |
| 5. CUAMM Students for Exams | 22 | 18-26 Nov |
| 6. ASCEC Basic Computer Course- Sisters | 12 | 21 Nov-17 Dec |
| 7. Juba Diocesan Clergy Retreat | 27 | 27 Nov-4 Dec |
| 8. On-Going Formation of Clergy SCBC | 18 | 5- 11 Dec |
| 9. Journalists' Trauma-Healing Workshop | 25 | 13-15 Dec |
| 10. South Sudan Council of Churches | 28 | 13-14 Dec |
| 11. Sacred Heart Sisters' Retreat | 21 | 4- 11 Jan |
| 12. Diocesan Peace and Justice Coordinators | 10 | 10-14 Jan |
| 13. Local Commissioners, Community leaders | 9 | 14 Jan |
| 14. Celebration of Consecrated Life | 80 | 2 Feb |
| 15. Sacred Heart Sisters Conflict Resolution | 8 | 16-20 Feb |
| 16. Juba Parishes Justice & Peace Committees | 53 | 9-11 Mar |
| 17. Juba Trauma-Healing Workshop | 28 | 14-17 Mar |
| 18. Diocesan Pastoral Teams 8th Workshop | 22 | 20-27 Mar |
| 19. SCBC Pastoral Handbook Committee | 7 | 27-28 Mar |
| 20. SSCC Anyuak Community Dialogue | 60 | 2- 8 Apr |



Easter Alleluias Echo Hope

The cosmic sunburst of the Good Shepherd Chapel wall speaks a message to our broken world of transformation in the Risen Christ. The cross is very present in the lives of the people of South Sudan. Yet the cross will be transformed. That is the hope with which we live and send Easter Greetings and blessings.



Workshop Participants Feeling At Home

At the end of most workshops participants are asked for evaluation. A few comments that have been shared: "Now we are in our HOME at this Center, facility and environment conducive to do work; it is quiet we are able to do what we are supposed to do; Food is delicious: workers good. Here it is togetherness, being one people these days." May this spirit continue for all who come.





Celebrating Consecrated Life

February 2nd is the day on which religious women and men all over the world celebrate Consecrated Life. This year at the invitation of Br Daniel Loding, acting chairperson of RSASS (Religious Superiors of South Sudan) invited Religious of the Juba area to gather at the Good Shepherd Peace Center in Kit to celebrate the Eucharist and enjoy a festive meal together. About 80 religious men and women gathered. Fr Gabriel Asida, newly named Vicar of Terekeka Vicariate, presided at the liturgy encouraging the religious in their mission.

Peace-Makers at Work

Bishop Paride Taban, Episcopal advisor joined the group facilitated by Fr Mathew Pagan of the Catholic University and Fr John Opi of Torit. The newly re-organized Justice and Peace Commission for the SCBC met with the department leaders from each of the Dioceses to articulate their Vision and Mission as well as set goals to respond to the situation and needs in their areas and the country.



Juba Parishes Form Active Justice and Peace Committees

Fr Raimundo MCCJ facilitated a workshop for newly formed Justice and Peace Committees of the Archdiocese of Juba along with their parish priests using the recently published Manuals by the Comboni missionaries offering guidance for Parish Committees.



Building Relations with Kit Community Commissioners

Fr Paolino Tipo Deng, Director of the Center, (far right) has spent many hours visiting and building good relationships with local Commissioners and

chiefs in the spirit of respect for their roles and cooperating in efforts to maintain security in the area. In January the local commissioners came to the Center to reflect and share with each other.





Sacred Heart Sisters Retreat

In Memorium +
The Good Shepherd Peace Center Community deeply feel the loss of Sacred Heart Sister Rose Jane Adiero who was the ASEC (African Sisters Education Courses) Coordinator for South Sudan. newly based at the Center. In November, Sr Rose went door to door encouraging Sisters "Do not be fearful to come to the Center". At the Closing Certificate Ceremony, Sr Rose thanked the Sisters for being "Witnesses of Courage", a reflection of her own courageous spirit. May she rest in God's loving embrace.

On-Going Formation of Clergy Five Dioceses Participate



South Sudan Council of Churches Neutral Dialogue with Anyuak Community



Healing from Trauma Workshop for Juba Parish / Community Leaders



Diocesan Pastoral Teams Meet Planning actions to respond to situation





The GSPC Center Team represent Religious of South Sudan. They are from left to right, Fr Andrew Rusatsi SJ, Br Godfrey Bunnya SMB, Sr Annette St-Amour IHM, Fr Paolino Tipo Deng MCCJ and Fr Manny Ginete CM



Fabulous Cooks and Kitchen Assistant

Ater Okello and Esther Ahmed Khamis give the guests and staff nourishing tasty meals, served by Stella Sebit



House-Keeping Staff

Head of Housekeeping, Fida Mawumba, (left) has trained a very good team of Cleaners. Together with two of her assistants, Nadia and Caroline help keep the Center a clean beautiful place of peace and hope-filled environment.

KEEPERS OF THE CENTER



Management Team

Tito Solomon Odwok and Pauline Namayanja ensure the welcoming reception of guests and see that needs of the Center and the guests receive prompt and capable attention.



Drivers

Ayom and Abdalla are ready and on call for trips to town for the many Center tasks.

Grounds-Keepers

Loro, Barakah, Nicola and Okello keep the grass and trees growing to bring refreshment and beauty to all who come to the Center.

