

# Pastoral Program Newsletter

March 2024



## YCS Training in the Diocese of Torit

More than 300 participants from various schools and institutions in the Diocese of Torit took part in a two-day training course (7 and 8 March) for Young Catholic Students (YCS) facilitated by Santo Lokule, promoted by Solidarity with South Sudan. The training concluded with a Mass and YCS enrolment ceremony for primary and secondary school students and the launching of the YCS and the International Movement for Catholic Students (IMCS) on Saturday 9 March attended by more than 400 people. Most Rev. Emmanuel Bernardino Lowi Napeta, the bishop of the diocese of Torit, presided.



## Faith & Light – Reflection day at GSPC

On 16 March 2024 at Good Shepherd Peace Center (GSPC), Fr Emmanuel Tredou, M. Afr, director of the Solidarity Pastoral Service, led a day of reflection for “Faith and Light”, an international ecumenical movement, the aim of which is to support the families and caregivers of children, especially those with mental disabilities.

The theme of the reflection day was service and vocation in the Faith and Light movement. How can caregivers support families, and especially disabled children, more effectively? This is a special vocation in a society where the cult of perfection rejects all deficiencies, including children and adults with disabilities.

Forty-five people participated in the day, twenty family members and twenty friends and caregivers, as well as five disabled brothers and sisters.





## Visit by members of ICM

On 15 March 2024, Sisters Adrienne Bonzangani and Maria Cora Sastre from the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (ICM) honoured us with their presence. Their visit to our mission site in the Jebel IDP camp in Juba offered a profound opportunity to connect with our beneficiaries and dedicated volunteers, fostering a deeper understanding of the challenging mission of Solidarity with South Sudan. During their visit, Sisters Adrienne and Maria engaged in experiential sharing sessions with members of Kit's Solidarity pastoral team, nurturing our spiritual growth and strengthening our collaborative efforts. Their presence and insights have inspired continued dedication to our mission of service to the people of South Sudan.



## Visit by Friends in Solidarity

From 19-21 March 2023, we had the honour of hosting Sr. Mumbi Kigutha, CPPS, President, and Ms. Mary Ngugi, Assistant Administrator, of Friends in Solidarity, United States. During their visit, they engaged with various stakeholders, promoting collaboration and planning for the future. One of the highlights of the visit was a meeting with the director and staff of the Blind School Buluk, where they exchanged ideas and explored possibilities for support. In addition, the Solidarity Pastoral Team volunteers had the opportunity to share their requests and discuss future plans with our Mary and Sister Mumbi.



## New borehole for the GSPC

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Sister Cecilia and the pastoral team, and the generous support of St. Martin de Tours Schoolin Los Angeles, California, as well as the US Province of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus (SHCJ), the Good Shepherd Peace Centre (GSPC) now has a vital new industrial borehole. This ensures water security during drought seasons, fulfilling a long-standing need. We sincerely thank our donors and commend Sister Cecilia for her tireless efforts in making this project a reality.

## Goodbye Sr Jane and Welcome Sr Catherine!

Farewell to Sister Jane Ozania Rose, Sister of the Sacred Heart, who returns to her congregation after three years of dedicated service to Solidarity with South Sudan. Sister Jane served selflessly in the pastoral service, contributing significantly to the success of the team. We express our gratitude for her tireless dedication and wish her all the best as she embarks on her new mission.

We warmly welcome Sister Catherine Akello, Sister of the Sacred Heart, as a new member of Solidarity with South Sudan. Sister Catherine will serve as a member of the Solidarity Pastoral Service, with a focus on the Good Shepherd Peace Centre in Kit. We are thrilled to have her on board and wish her every success in her mission with our pastoral team.

