

# Catholic Health Training Institute

Wau, South Sudan



## Newsletter

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### The Objective Structured Practical Examinations

On 2 April, the Objective Structured Practical Examinations (OSPE) began for our 2nd year nursing and midwifery students, who did their clinical practice at St. Daniel Comboni Hospital and the Wau Teaching Hospital. In the OSPE, every aspect of clinical skills is uniformly and objectively tested for all students when they take a practical examination in a given ward. The students are assessed primarily on the nursing process; each student is asked to present the results of a complete medical history and a physical examination of five patients. Each student was assessed by two tutors and grades were awarded using an established checklist. The assessment was successfully completed on 12 April 2024. All students then returned to class to continue with their theoretical lectures.



### CHTI Entrance Exams for the new intake

CHTI conducted entrance exams on the 15 April 2024 for both the nurse and midwife programs across all the dioceses of Sudan and South Sudan. The candidates were subjected to written and oral interviews and the assessment was done in CHTI to ensure a fair process of distributing the vacancies along all those who qualify. The consistent practice of CHTI is that students are selected from across the country without regard to their tribe, gender, or religion.



## Swearing-in ceremony

On the 12th of April, CHTI administration alongside the electoral committee organized a swearing in ceremony for the new guild executives and their members. The purpose of this ceremony was to swear them in by taking an Oath pledging their loyalty and commitment in service for entire CHTI family. In addition to this, the outgoing guild team handed over the offices and official documents to the current leaders. The ceremony was attended by the Solidarity members who are currently serving in CHTI, the Principal, the tutors, and the entire student body. Students were enriched with words of wisdom from different perspectives. Out of these speeches one statement that greatly inspired the students was that “the first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is first a servant; therefore, do what you feel in your heart to be right, for you'll be criticized anyway”.



## Students' Guild Leadership Training

On the 20 April, the administration of CHTI held a one-day leadership training for the newly elected student guild leaders. The training was facilitated by *Solidarity* member Sr. Jessica, who talked about leadership and the qualities of a good student leader. Fr. David Dagsou, CHTI chaplain, enlightened the group with a presentation on leadership according to Christian values. Fr. David was followed by Ms. Rose who trained the group on non-violent communication. Finally, the day was summarized and concluded by Mr. Henry who talked about his experiences as a previous guild president in CHTI. The purpose of the training was to prepare the guild leaders both intellectually and emotionally for the challenging roles that await them as they continue to serve the student body. The guild president, His Excellency Peter Mour, expressed his sincere gratitude to the administration of CHTI and the facilitators and promised to apply the knowledge and skills acquired from the training in his service of the entire CHTI family.



## Mock Exams

On the 29 April CHTI candidates—both nurses and midwives—started their internal college qualifying exams, also called “mock” exams. The exams began with the theoretical component consisting of the completion of three papers for each cadre completed over a three day period. This was followed on 2-3 May by the practical examination (OSPE) for nurses and midwives. There were ten stations—with each station having a different procedure to complete—prepared for both nurses and midwives, facilitated and supervised by different tutors.

