

Solidarity with South Sudan



Let's Celebrate Together!

Dear congregational leader,

Many greetings to all of you from Solidarity with South Sudan, together with best wishes for Holy Christmas and the New Year 2024.

2023 is a special year for Solidarity as we celebrate 15 years of mission in South Sudan. Firstly, we would like to acknowledge and thank you for the various ways in which you have supported Solidarity and our Mission in South Sudan. As an intercongregational initiative, Solidarity does not belong to any one congregation but truly belongs to all those who have participated and continue to be engaged in its mission.

The enduring appeal of Solidarity points to some underlying realities. The intercongregational aspect of the project is something that both attracts and challenges us to live and work together in harmony and in humility. No one congregation, no one spirituality, no one way of doing is superior to all others. In Solidarity, we learn from each other and we contribute to each other in view of a common mission. This is the attraction and the challenge.

At the heart of Solidarity is the ideal of seeking a new way of religious living together. The term "a new paradigm of religious living" was coined at the start of Solidarity. This entails living together, respecting each other's difference while working collectively for a common goal, which sees the church as an active participant in personal and social transformation.

Another appeal of Solidarity is the sad reality that South Sudan, its Church and people, continue to need concrete expressions of support, even after 15 years of our presence there. The call to respond to those on the periphery is as valid today as it was in 2006, when various religious went to investigate the reality in that war-torn.

Solidarity was born as an association of congregations affiliated to the UISG/USG. Since its inception, 48 congregations have contributed personnel to the various projects, while multiples of that have contributed financially or with moral support. At present 22 religious from 16 different congregations are with the project in South Sudan.

Altogether, during these 15 years, we have made a modest but widely acknowledged contribution to the development of human resources and skills for South Sudanese people: we have established and run a Teacher Training College (STTC), a Health Training Institute (CHTI), a Sustainable Farm with outreach programs. Furthermore, we have been present for internally displaced people offering them compassion, hope and the tools for healing themselves and others. Our pastoral programs, undertaken in close collaboration with the local church, seeks to form agents of change who seek to equip and empower the women and men of South Sudan to create a more sustainable future, promoting the values of the Gospel.

In recent years the challenges and obstacles have increased, but you have always sustained us, you have always been on our side giving us the resources (human and monetary) to continue this inter-congregational mission.

With the hope that you would like to renew your help also for 2024, we send to you all our Best Wishes of a Christmas full of Peace and Love.

Fr Jim Greene, M Afr
Executive Director



WHAT WE WILL DO WITH YOUR DONATION



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Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined by a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society
(Laudato Si', 91)



HEALTH:

\$5.000 contribute to cover all the recurrent costs (room, food, board, tuition and transportation...) for one nurse or midwife student for one year of a three-year program at our Catholic Health Training Institute in Wau, which prepares qualified nurses and midwives who go on to provide their professional services throughout the country.

What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?
(Laudato Si', 160)



AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMME:

\$2.500 helps 10 households to increase and enhance technical capacity of best agricultural methods, improve food security at household level with surplus for the markets, prevent malnutrition among children under 5 years, reduce post-harvest losses and maintain natural resources through protection measures.

If we want to bring about deep change, we need to realize that certain mindsets really do influence our behavior. Our efforts at education will be inadequate and ineffectual unless we strive to promote a new way of thinking about human beings, life, society and our relationship with nature
(Laudato Si', 215)



EDUCATION:

\$4.500 contribute to cover all the recurrent costs (room, food, board, tuition and transportation...) for one teacher student for one year of a two-year program at our Solidarity Teacher Training Centre in Yambio, recognized as one of the finest providers of primary teacher training and women's' literacy programs in South Sudan.

A spirituality that forgets God as all-powerful and Creator is not acceptable. That is how we end up worshipping earthly powers, or ourselves usurping the place of God, even to the point of claiming an unlimited right to trample his creation underfoot. The best way to restore men and women to their rightful place, putting an end to their claim to absolute dominion over the earth, is to speak once more of the figure of a Father who creates and who alone owns the world. Otherwise, human beings will always try to impose their own laws and interests on reality
(Laudato Si', 75)



PASTORAL PROGRAMME:

\$3.500 contribute to cover one cycle of workshops conducted by the Solidarity Pastoral Team. After decades of conflict, the pastoral needs are almost limitless. Our Pastoral Team works in the areas of Trauma Healing, formation of Catechists, Youth, Women, and Priests.

SOLIDARITY COMMUNITY:

\$7,000 supports one Solidarity staff member for one year. You may not be able to send a member of your congregation to Solidarity in the coming year, but a financial contribution will assist other congregations who have personnel to send.

HOW TO DONATE

Email to: financeofficereurope@solidarityssudan.org



ONLINE DONATION

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Here the link and the QR code

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Your continued support will allow us to define medium and long-term actions with better planning and distribution of resources!

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