

STTC Newsletter - AUGUST 2026

Solidarity Teacher Training College, Yambio, South Sudan

TOP STORIES



Inservice One Certificate Students

In Service 1 trainees began their journey at Solidarity Teacher Training College (STTC) in February 2026 and will complete Term Three of their first year in November 2026. They are scheduled to begin their second year in mid-January 2027.

Balancing work, family responsibilities, studies, and other commitments has not been easy, yet the trainees have remained steadfast in their determination to grow professionally. Their experience at STTC has been enriched by the college's quality services, supportive learning environment, appropriate infrastructure, and conducive facilities.

Above all, they deeply value the professionalism, competence, commitment, and experience of their tutors. Through lessons, discussions, assignments, teaching practice, and continuous guidance, they have acquired both valuable knowledge and practical teaching skills.

Since joining STTC, the trainees have undergone significant growth and transformation. They have become more confident, organized, effective, reflective, and competent in lesson preparation, classroom management, learner engagement, assessment, and in responding to learners' diverse needs. Their journey illustrates that teacher education is not merely about earning a qualification; it is about transforming knowledge, skills, attitudes, values, and professional competence. The lessons gained at STTC will continue to shape their teaching careers.



Inservice One Certificate Students

Though they arrived with prior experience, the combination of quality training, supportive services, conducive infrastructure, and highly professional tutors has elevated them into better, more effective teachers. They will never remain the same.

As they conclude their first year in November and transition into the second year, I am confident they will continue to uphold professionalism, excellence, commitment, and service as they grow into even more impactful educators. (Mr. Emmanuel Apiku (Class Tutor).

CAREER DAY AT IBBA GIRLS

On 15 August 2026, Madam Foiza and six former students from Solidarity Teacher Training College returned to Ibba Girls Secondary Boarding School to inspire current students during Career Day. Through candid storytelling, they shared their educational journeys, challenges, and achievements, showing that success requires resilience, patience, and determination.

The speakers emphasized the value of education, self-belief, and perseverance, reminding the girls that setbacks are opportunities to grow. Their presence highlighted the power of mentorship and gave students a chance to imagine themselves as future leaders, teachers, and role models.

The interactive session encouraged questions about the girls' experiences at Solidarity Training College, reflection, and renewed ambition. More than a showcase of careers, the day was a celebration of possibility—proof that with focus and effort, dreams can become reality. It is hoped that this inspiration will motivate more Ibba Girls to join Solidarity Teacher Training College in the coming year. It is understood that Friends of Ibba Girls (FIGS) is ready to sponsor another six girls from Ibba Girls to pursue the Certificate in Primary Education at STTC.



Career day at Ibba girls



CURRICULUM WORKSHOP IN JUBA

The latest Curriculum Design workshop took place in Juba from 6–12 August 2026, focusing on reviewing and advising materials for Year 1 of the newly titled *Certificate in Teacher Education (Pre-Primary and Primary)* and *Diploma in Teacher Education (Pre-Primary and Primary)*. STTC colleagues have been at the forefront of the painstaking revision process, which is being led by a team from Kenyatta University on behalf of the national Ministry for General Education and Instruction (Juba), with the involvement of all national stakeholders.

Contributions in writing, in person, and through visits to STTC Yambio by University of Juba and Ministry officials have ensured that the concerns and hopes of Solidarity are well represented. Sr. Jacinta Prunty's participation in the workshop added valuable expertise to this collaborative effort, helping to strengthen the quality of the final curriculum design.



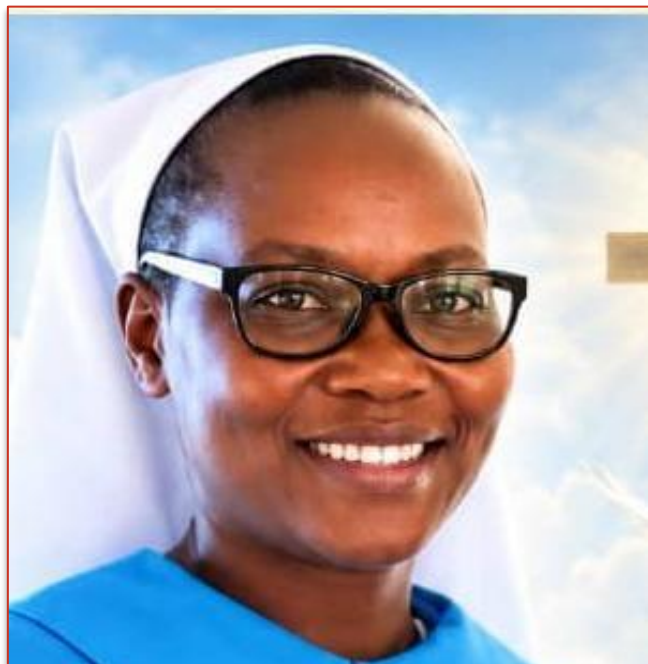
Curriculum Workshop in Juba

This joint endeavor will serve all teacher training institutes and organizations—both in-service and pre-service—across South Sudan well into the future. We remain committed to pressing forward with this important and rapidly advancing work.

SR. ELVIRIA MIIDIE, RIP

The Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary recently suffered the sudden loss of one of their members, a passing that brought deep sorrow. On August 8th, Religious from Yambio and Nzara gathered in the STTC chapel to celebrate Mass and pray for the soul of Sr. Eliviria Miidie. Together, we asked God to grant her eternal life and to bring comfort to all who mourn her.

After the service, the Solidarity Community shared a simple meal around the table. In breaking bread and recalling cherished memories, grief was gently transformed into a celebration of a faithful life. Everyone departed with renewed hope and the strength that comes from shared support. Sr. Elviria, rest in perfect peace!



EXTERNAL SUPERVISION OF YEAR 2 FINAL SCHOOL PRACTICE



From 4–6 August 2026, Mrs. Akwero Christine Obwoya and Ms. Regina Massimo Bakheit (University of Juba) supervised Year 2 STTC students' final school practice, complementing ongoing tutor supervision. Thirty-seven students were assessed, receiving detailed individual and group feedback. The report praised their professionalism and teaching skills, while noting areas needing improvement such as learner assessment, record keeping, and follow-up. The exercise offered valuable insights into STTC's teacher education standards.

Left top-External Supervision of Year 2

BR. ISMAEL JUMA – PRONOUNCEMENT OF PERPETUAL VOWS

On August 29, 2026—marking the anniversary of the death of the founder of the Christian Brothers (CFC) and the Presentation Brothers (FPM)—Br. Ismael Juma, after six years of living under temporal vows, made his perpetual profession as a Christian Brother. Together with his two confreres, Brs. Isak Odongo and Alphonse Oroche, he vowed to dedicate himself wholly and irrevocably to the service of God and humanity for the rest of his life.

In their solemn act, the three Brothers professed the **evangelical counsels**, the vows that Catholic religious men and women embrace when consecrating their lives to God in a special way. Rooted in the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels, these counsels are:



Right, bottom -pronouncement of perpetual vows

- **Poverty:** Choosing simplicity and renouncing personal ownership, so that life depends on God and the community rather than material possessions.
- **Chastity:** Embracing celibacy, foregoing marriage and family life, in order to love God and serve others with an undivided heart.
- **Obedience:** Surrendering one's will to God, expressed through the guidance of religious superiors, so as to follow Christ more closely.

Together, these vows free religious from worldly attachments, enabling them to live more fully for God and in service to others.

We extend heartfelt congratulations and prayers for God's abundant blessings upon Brs. Ismael Juma, Isak Odongo, and Alphonse Oroche as they begin their journey as perpetually professed Christian Brothers.



Br. Ismael Juma cutting cake with his colleagues during the Ceremony

