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URGENT APPEAL from the Catholic Bishops of South Sudan for Pastoral Agents

"During the night, Paul had a vision. A Macedonian stood before him and implored him with these words: 'Come over to Macedonia and help us'." (Acts: ch. 16, v.9)

Greetings of peace to you. We, the Bishops of South Sudan, gathered in conference in Juba are moved to write to you about the urgent needs in the Dioceses of South Sudan.

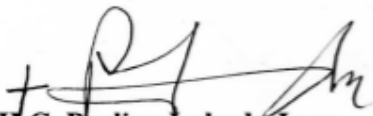
We are saddened by the violent conflict that erupted in Juba, the capital of our young country of South Sudan, on 15th December, 2013. The violence spread rapidly through some parts of South Sudan, setting back the course of development in this young nation. During this emergency meeting of our Catholic Bishops, we looked firstly at the root causes of the conflict and why it has spread so rapidly to ~~some~~ regions of our country. The most affected areas are in the Diocese of Malakal which covers three States: Upper Nile, Jonglei and Unity State.


The pastoral resources of the Church in this Diocese are sparse: much of the Diocese of Malakal is not evangelized. Just as St Paul had a vision of the Macedonian people imploring him to come and help them, so we are moved to seek the services of more priests, sisters and brothers to carry out evangelization and peace building. We are appealing to you, the various leaders of religious congregations and institutes, to consider seriously coming to our dioceses, particularly the Diocese of Malakal, to help us build Christian communities.

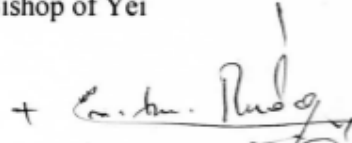
No doubt the conditions will be challenging and difficult in the rural areas, but we need zealous missionaries who can ~~undertake~~ primary evangelization. The increased presence of the Church among the pastoralist communities would help provide development and stability.


We pray for a positive response to our Appeal. Direct contact with the Ordinaries of our Dioceses can be arranged, or further information can be obtained, by contacting Father Charles Abbud, Secretary of the South Sudan Bishops' Secretariat (fr.abbud@gmail.com). If your own congregation is unable to assist directly, we ask that you forward this appeal to any other congregation who may be able to assist us.


Yours sincerely in Christ,

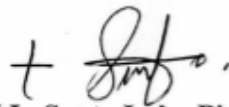

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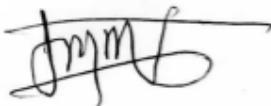

2. **H.L. Erkolano Lodu Tombe,**
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