

# STTC Newsletter - April 2025

Solidarity Teacher Training College, Yambio, South Sudan



## Transition



Fr. Jim Greene, the outgoing Executive Director, and Fr. Hyacinthe Loua, his successor, visited STTC and Riimenze from 13th to 17th of March. This visit was part of their whistle tour of all the Solidarity Projects before Fr. Jim departs for good. We expressed our gratitude to Fr. Jim and acknowledged his commitment to Solidarity for the past 6 years. We will miss his deeply inspiring reflections during the celebration of the Eucharist. We welcomed Fr. Loua as he prepares to succeed Fr. Jim in this onerous but nevertheless very important ministry. You have a good sense of humour, Fr. Loua. This is a great asset to have in this challenging ministry.

## Marking International Women's Day

International Women's Day which fell on March 8, 2025, was celebrated in the college on Monday March 10, 2025. All the ladies in STTC were honoured with beautiful words of commendation from both male students and male staff. The gentlemen also presented each lady with a beautiful gift in recognition of the invaluable contribution women make to the growth and development of this college and of society at large. All then shared food and drinks together.





## Orientation for New Tutors

The Human Resource Office successfully organized an orientation session for new tutors at Solidarity Teacher Training College on April 1, 2025. Br. Francis Agoah, Sr. Elizabeth Blok, and Br. Ismael Juma gave some reflections on **History of SwSS** - an overview of the background and purpose of the solidarity initiative in South Sudan, **History of STTC** - a detailed discussion on the establishment and growth of the college, **Vision and Mission of SwSS and of STTC** - Understanding the core values and goals that guide the college, and **Preparation and Presentation of Lessons** - a practical session on effective lesson planning and delivery to ensure quality education for students. Towards the end of the session, we took time to reflect on the various Lenten invitations and calls, acknowledging our responsibility as a Catholic institution to uphold spiritual and ethical values in our daily engagements. Together, we continue to foster an environment of learning, growth, and commitment towards excellence.

## Pastoral

Spiritual nourishment offers us the opportunity to have deeper and clearer insights into one's values and purpose in life. It helps us to develop inner peace and emotional maturity to be able to see challenges as opportunity curves inviting us to soar. In STTC, the spiritual welfare of our students and staff is as important as their intellectual development. The official setting up of a pastoral office with Sr. Sherly as the lead person is a step in the right direction. Together with her team, they organize a Eucharistic celebration, daily recital of the rosary and a weekly observance of the Way of the Cross. Counselling services are also available to all students.



## The principal's official visit to bishop Eduardo Hiiboro

Br. Francis paid a courtesy call on the bishop after taking over as principal from Br. Chris. That morning, there was a launching of the First National Lenten Campaign under the theme: "HOLINESS OF LIFE, RECONCILIATION, HEALING, SOCIAL JUSTICE, LEVILHOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL CARE" After the launching which comprised music and song, speeches, poetry recitals and prayers, Br. Francis finally had a brief encounter with the bishop. This encounter builds on the already good relationship and collaboration between the bishop and STTC.

## Fr. Morris, a member of the advisory Board of STTC visits Solidarity Community

The STTC community extends its heartfelt thanks to Fr. Morris for his invaluable contributions as a member of the College Advisory Board. We bid him a fond farewell as he departs for the Archdiocese of Juba to continue his important ministry at the Major Seminary.





## First meeting with student leadership

The principal held a maiden meeting with the college's student leadership on Saturday, March 1. Several issues pertinent to the smooth-running of the college were discussed. The principal also explained what the role of student leadership is.



## Sports Update



The Diploma giants beat Certificate students by 5 goals to 3 (Sunday, March 2)



STTC versus a local team called CCEWO (Saturday, March 29). The match ended with a draw of 5 goals each.

## Sr Veronica and Sr Agnes, ICM Sisters – To Riimenze

On March 10, 2025, we arrived in Yambio, where Sr. Elizabeth warmly welcomed us at the airport. Our stay at the STTC Community served as a transitional period while we awaited the completion of renovation of Riimenze's rooms. This experience allowed us to immerse ourselves in the mission of Solidarity with South Sudan particularly in the training ground of teachers.

During our leisure time after supper, we enjoyed walking around the campus while praying the Rosary. We noticed that the students were studying in a well-lit and secure environment with ample space, which is conducive to learning. They are so fortunate to have such excellent facilities. We were impressed by Bro. Francis, Sr. Elizabeth, Sr. Sherly and Sr. Jacinta, whose commitment and dedication to education and to inter congregational living is truly inspiring.

In a world marked by conflict and suffering, the life-witness of radical kinship expressed by this community serves as a powerful testament of unity in diversity. This commitment to understanding and embracing our differences stands as a beacon of hope.



We are truly grateful to all of you STTC Community in Yambio! God bless you a hundredfold.

Sr. Venonica and Sr. Agnes