

Catholic Health Training Institute

Wau, South Sudan



Newsletter

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Mock Examination

On May 11th, the Catholic Health Training Institute (CHTI), also known as Catholic Health Science Institute (CHSI), administered mock examinations to our third-year nursing and midwifery students. These comprehensive tests are a core curriculum requirement and represent a decisive step toward their national qualification. The evaluation is structured so that these exams account for 40% of the student's total grade, while the final licensing exams make up the remaining 60%. Together, these assessments determine their official readiness. To fully test our students, the examinations are highly demanding and cover both theoretical and practical competencies, including practical Papers I, II, III, and IV.



CHSI Pastoral

On May 17th, the Catholic Health Science Institute family joined the newly resurrected St. Bakhita Parish in the Diocese of Wau to celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This feast commemorates Jesus' physical departure from earth forty days after His resurrection, marking both an ending and a profound new beginning for the Church. The main celebrant was Rev. Fr. John Bonjo, Parish Priest of St. Bakhita. He urged the faithful to bridge Christ's earthly mission with the Church's ongoing work. He reminded Catholics not to gaze passively upward, but to become Christ's "hands and feet" in the world, equipped with the Holy Spirit to share the Gospel.





Academic Seminar

The faculty and students' academic committee hosted a preparatory exam seminar from May 25th to 29th. To maximize utility, candidates chose the specific topics and questions they needed to review. The five-day event featured three days of theory followed by two days of hands-on practice in the skills lab. This seminar successfully allowed students to focus entirely on preparing for their upcoming National Exams.

National Examination

Third year students at the Catholic Health Science Institute took their national examinations, administered by the National Board of Examination for Health Sciences, from June 15th to 19th. The assessments consisted of both theory and practical components, with Papers I, II, III, and IV dedicated to the practical exams.



Farewell Mass for Graduating Class

On June 26th, the Catholic Health Science Institute (CHSI) family gathered for a moving farewell mass for our graduating class, celebrated by His Lordship Bishop Matthew Remijio Adam (Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Wau). In his homily, the Bishop recalled the leper who said to Jesus, *"Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean,"* inviting everyone to turn toward healing grace. He then powerfully urged

the graduands to be job creators rather than job seekers, building new opportunities for others. Representing the graduates, Victoria Clement expressed deep gratitude to the CHSI staff for their unwavering care, advising continuing students to never give up. Finally, our Principal, Sr. Gaudencia Wanyonyi MMS, thanked the faculty for their dedication, concluding the day by awarding certificates of appreciation to outstanding staff members.



Graduation Ceremony: 53 new nurses and midwives for South Sudan

On June 30th, the Catholic Health Science Institute celebrated the graduation of 27 Nurses and 26 Midwives. The prestigious ceremony was attended by prominent dignitaries, including Fr. Hyacinthe Loua SJ, Executive Director of *Solidarity with South Sudan*, Dr. Francis Micheal, Honorable State Minister of Health of Western Bahr El Ghazal, Mr. Micheal Mayen, State Chairperson of the SSNAM Wau Chapter, and Rev. Madame Janet Micheal, Director General of Nursing and Midwifery.

Speaking on behalf of the graduates, Sarah Samuel thanked *Solidarity with South Sudan*, the Bishops' Conference, donors, and the CHSI administration for their unwavering support, requesting a future upgrade of the institute to offer Bachelor's degree programs. Mr. Micheal Mayen then congratulated the class but candidly highlighted the state's unemployment rate, strictly urging graduates to avoid unethical practices like facilitating abortions, reminding them it is a crime in South Sudan that will cost them their careers despite current economic hardships. The Principal of CHTI, Sr. Gaudencia Wanyonyi MMS, expressed immense pride, sharing her confidence that the graduates have acquired the prescribed knowledge, attitude, and skills to preserve every life entrusted to them. This was echoed by Fr. Loua, who praised the collective efforts of the administration and

families, encouraging graduates to be confident, dream boldly, and serve with humility. Rev. Madame Janet Micheal commended *Solidarity with South Sudan* and the Bishops' Conference for providing excellent facilities and a conducive learning environment. She urged stakeholders to prepare for future sustainability, while bringing the great news that the Nursing and Midwifery bill was recently passed, meaning licenses



will be issued soon. Concluding the event, Dr. Francis Micheal emphasized how desperately the country needs health professionals, strongly reinforcing medical ethics and declaring a strict "zero tolerance" policy for medical malpractices.

Congratulations to all the 53 graduates as they step forward to bring healing, hope, and professional excellence to their communities!