

PIETY

Diocese of Torit

Be holy as your heavenly Father is holy

- Develop a Catechesis on what it means to be holy in prayer and action
- Use the Sunday homilies for the catechesis.
- Adoration in a weekly holy hour

Accompany the peace and reconciliation process with prayer and fasting p32

FEAR OF THE LORD

Archdiocese of Juba

- For knowledge of God, we want to know God's love, mercy and providence as seen in the daily scripture readings during the weeks of Easter-Pentecost
- A prayerful life of awe and wonder will bring us to a spirit of repentance and forgiveness.
- At least once a week, make an effort to identify by name, in your heart, someone with whom you need to improve your relationship. Take one step towards that.
- In respect of one another, share what you have with someone in need today.

We must refound our nation on democratic principles of dialogue, inclusion and respect for diversity, God's gift to humanity p30

Prayer for Unity in South Sudan

God of Mercies, we thank you
for your great love for us.
Guide our leaders in the process
of nation building.
Grant them wisdom,
compassion and fortitude.

Give us courage to reject resentment
as well as ethnic conflicts.
Through intercession of St Josephine Bakhita,
help us to overcome hurt,
hostility and bitterness in our hearts
so that we become reconciled citizens of
our new nation.

Renew in us the will for honest
and hard work. Bring us closer to you in the
spirit of service, unity and lasting peace.
We pray for our heroes,
our martyrs and all innocent people
who have died.

We thank you for all those who are in
solidarity with us to bring about peace. Unite
us from every tribe, tongue and people.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us. May your will
be done in us. God bless the Republic of
South Sudan in Jesus' name. Amen

Reconciliation must become the single most important priority at every level of national life. p10

All people will be equal and live in peace p3

REFOUNDING OUR NATION ON A NEW COVENANT

COME HOLY SPIRIT



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**NOW IS THE TIME FOR OUR NATION
TO RISE FROM THE ASHES**

Scbc Bishops' Pastoral Exhortation p5

Pastoral Commission SCBC-SSS

Pastoral Life Teams from the seven dioceses in South Sudan reflected together on the situation in the country and on the Bishops' Pastoral Letter, "Let Us Refound Our Nation on a New Covenant." Each diocese focused on one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit seeking to suggest prayer and actions that could be put into practice. This effort during the Easter- Pentecost cycle and beyond can help bring to life the vision of reconciliation and peace in South Sudan. All are invited to act on the suggestions put forth, especially focusing on the gift and actions of their own diocese. Include any action you are drawn to by the Holy Spirit. Together we work to refound our nation.

All quotes are from the Pastoral Exhortation of the Catholic Bishops of Sudan and South Sudan issued 30 January 2014.

WISDOM

Diocese of Yei

- To visit the County Authorities, municipalities and traditional leaders and pray with them for the gift of wisdom which they need in governance.
- To visit the security organs to tell them that we are praying for them and the situation in our country.
- Prayer for dialogue between the government and the opposition that they put the priority of the people and the country first.

Mature and strong leaders can help us to see beyond ourselves to that which is beautiful in our societies. p30

UNDERSTANDING

Diocese of Malakal

- To understand the root causes of suffering and pain of the people by reflecting on Bishop's Pastoral Exhortation
- To be compassionate for the spiritual and material needs of the people by attempting to do one concrete action per day to respond to a particular need of a person.
- To understand what has divided us and find ways of reconciliation through prayer, retreat and visiting the people.

The message of peace is the conviction that the unity brought by the Spirit can harmonize every diversity. p12

FORTITUDE

Diocese of Wau

- Use Radio Voice of Hope to reflect on the Bishop's pastoral letter
- Reflect on the Bishop's Pastoral Exhortation in Bible sharing groups
- Every Tuesday pray the rosary

We offer our Catholic Radio Network and other media resources to support the process of peace and reconciliation p28

COUNSEL

Diocese of Rumbek

- Adoration every Sunday of the seven weeks praying for the gift of counsel
- Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Pray the novena for Pentecost and Vigil Mass, especially pray for IDPs and refugees
- Approach some leaders in our state and discuss with them the great gift of peace
- Pray for the gift of reconciliation and peace and be reconciled with someone

Fundamental choices must be made about how we deal with our past and present. p30

KNOWLEDGE

Diocese of Tombura-Yambio

- Plan for audiences with groups of youth on the current situation. Dialogue with them about what has happened and the root causes.
 - Prayer for Peace in South Sudan to be said after all masses and gatherings
 - Plan for a Popular Mission at Pentecost
- The reconciliation we seek is a process that involves truth telling*** p10