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EASTER MESSAGE 2016.

PEACE BE WITH YOU.

I am here in Torit, with you this evening, on 22 march 2016, for the blessing of holy oils and for the special personal renewal: of priestly and Christian life.

We, catholic, know about the oil of catechumens, chrism and the oil of the anointing of the sick.

Today we are celebrating important occasions in our life, Christians. FOR ALL OF US HERE IN THE CHURCH. For us Catholic Priests, Renewing our promises, Especially Obedience to our Ordinary (Bishop). Obedience is renouncing our will; Obedience is humility and freedom of spirit, unity of mind. Priests with our Ordinary (Bishop) and Bishop (Ordinary) with Priests. Renewing Promise of Chastity, chastity is possible through Prayers, being chaste is being close to Jesus Christ. Being United with Jesus. When Ordained Catholic priests we embraced our Bravery, our Prayer Book, as our wives, if we priests do abandon our bravery, prayers we will embrace the worldly things, Money and others. It is not only for Priests but to all Christians.

My stay in Torit is very brief, as I have to travel back to Holy Trinity Peace Village, Kuron, where a peace meeting is currently taking place between some of the communities in that area, concerning local conflicts over cattle raiding and abductions of children. This is the gritty reality of daily life in South Sudan, but amongst these communities there is a real desire to resolve conflicts and to live together more peacefully. We need to recognise that the national conflict is poisoning the lives of the people at every level, right down to the grassroots. While this community question, "why are these people fighting?"

In the novel Quo Vadis? by Henry Sienkiewicz, a young Roman, has fallen in love with a girl who was a Christian.

Because he is not a Christian, she will have nothing to do with him. He followed her to the secret night gathering of the Christian Prayers and there he heard Peter preaching. As he listens, something happens to him.

He felt that if he wished to follow that Christian teaching, in order to marry that Christian girl, he would have to place on a burning pile on all his thoughts, bad habits and his bad character, his whole nature up to that moment, burn them into ashes and fill himself with a life altogether different, and an entirely new soul.

This is true repentance and true conversion of heart. Pope Francis named this year as a year of mercy, a year of forgiveness, a year of accepting that we are all sinners and not point fingers into the eyes of anybody, let us be humble and fill ourselves with a life altogether different and an entirely new soul.

This Year on 24 May 2016 I shall celebrate my 80th Birthday, Pray for Me. This day's ceremony is special for ME. May I be filled entirely with New Soul to be of hope for peace to God's people in south Sudan and the world, a witness of our savior Jesus Christ.

God bless and renew us all. Happy Easter.

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