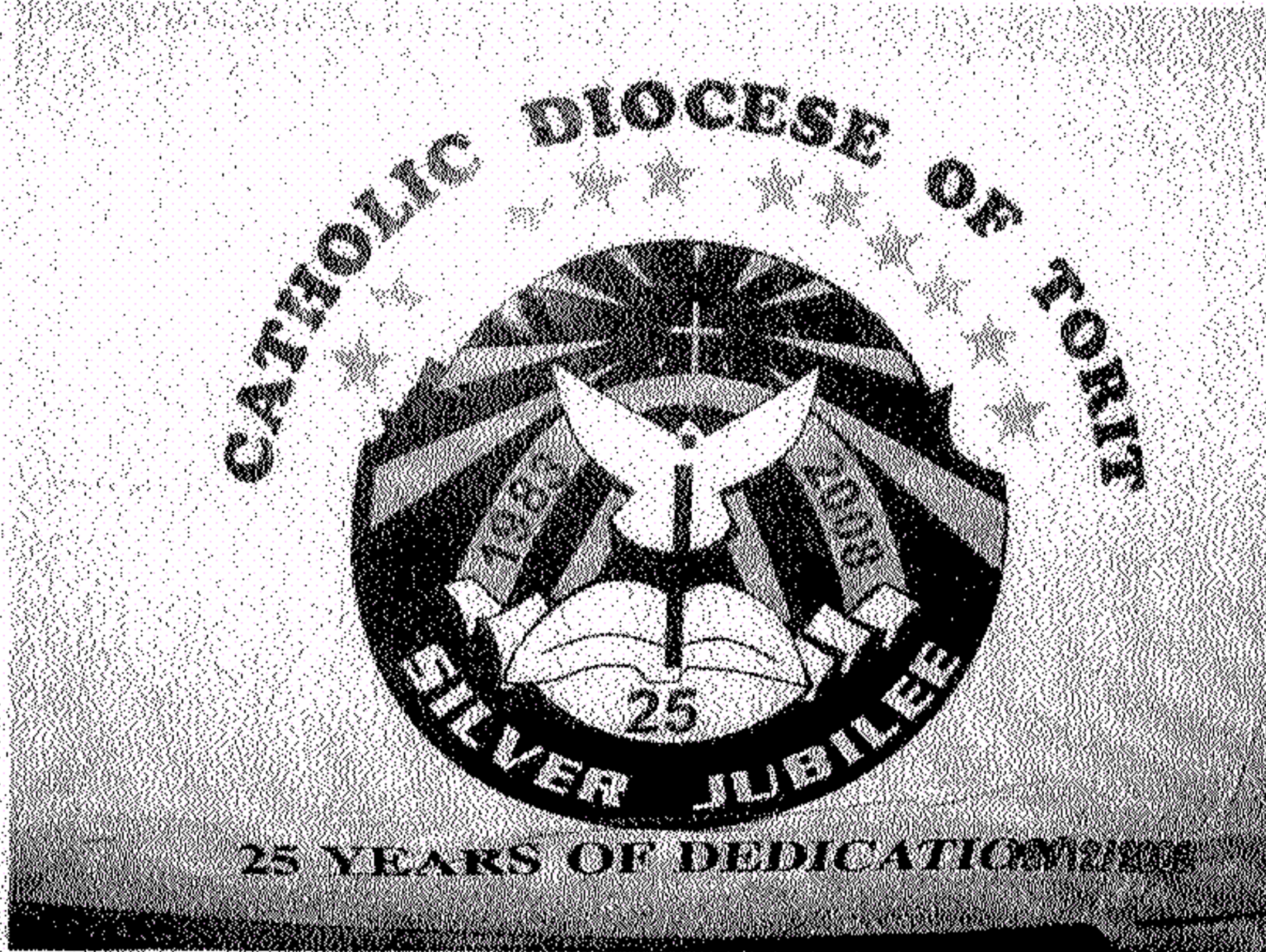


Merry Christmas 2008



When will Christ be born?

He was born on 25th December 2008 years ago.

Thank you God for sending us our savior long waited for. God is now with us.

This year on the 8th of December the Diocese of Torit celebrated its birthday. The Diocese was created 25 years ago, during the war, which lasted 22 years. The Diocese of Torit became a Diocese of hope for many lives and it saved many lives. *We called the 25 years of dedication to the service of people of God.*

Million of thanks to God who gave this diocese to the people of Sudan and I thank all those who supported and are still supporting the Catholic Diocese of Torit.

When the diocese was created in July 1983 somebody asked "What can this poor diocese do? Like a baby, it can not talk, can not feed itself and cannot even dress itself, it's useless." I replied "Oh my God, my dear friend, give it time."

Again as the first Bishop of this diocese, I say thank you God and thank you friends for having given us time.

With my prayers of thanks giving, I wish you a Merry Christmas 2008 and prosperous New Year 2009.

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