



## End of Year Message from the Director

As this year draws to a close, I am delighted to reflect on what has been a very successful year for the Solidarity with South Sudan Pastoral Team. Focused on our collaborative mission of service delivery aimed at empowering the South Sudanese people to be pastoral agents in their local church and society, the Pastoral Team helped to roll out a variety of pastoral programs during the year, 2023. 2023 was a fruitful year for us and the pastoral programs we rolled out positively impacted the lives of people across the 7 Catholic Dioceses of South Sudan: 1158 women participated in empowerment workshops dedicated to them; 705 participated in workshops on trauma healing and facilitator training; 326

people took part in the formation of small Christian communities, catechists and support to diocesan Pastoral Teams, and the ongoing formation of priests and religious. More than 700 youth were involved in activities and workshops. We could not do this without the support of our friends and donors, and I wish to extend our most sincere 'Thanks' to all who have been with us on this journey. Without funders and partners such as: Sudan Relief Fund, Friends in Solidarity, Congregation of Sisters of Mercy – Americas and Nairobi, School Sisters of Notre Dame. SSND – Gospel Fund, Missio Aachen, Missio Munchen, Maryknoll Fathers – USA, Koch Foundation, Claretians Missionaries – Province of Germany and other individual funders, our ability to carry out such impactful programs would be significantly curtailed. Thank you again for your support. It is a direct result of this that the Pastoral Team is set to upscale its pastoral activities to reach even greater heights in 2024.

It now only remains for me to wish you all a very happy Christmas season and to offer my best wishes to you for the coming year. We look forward to the onward journey with friends old and new in the year ahead.

Blessings,

*Sr. Scholasticah Nganda, RSM*



*The Solidarity Pastoral team, December 2023*