



Loreto Rumbek Newsletter

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United Nations Cultural Festival

This festival was organised by the UN to promote social cohesion through the collaboration of the young men and women from the various secondary schools in the Lakes State. Cultural dances, dialogues, poems, and dramas were performed sharing a message about the importance of peace in the community. One of the ministers told the students, “Culture is the mark of your identity.” She encouraged the students to embrace their cultural identity and use it as a tool for peace building.



Women’s Day March 8th

To celebrate the progress and achievements of Women’s Day, the Loreto girls marched to Freedom Square for a special commemoration. On this occasion, the first-lady of the State elaborated on the theme about accelerating equality and empowerment, pointing out the injustices suffered by the women. She encouraged the girls to work hard to bring about change to South Sudan. As they raise their hands, they show that they are empowered and ready to stand for their rights as women.

Senior 4 Prayer Day

Seventy young women graduated from Loreto Secondary School this year. This is the highest number since the beginning of the school. We congratulate them for their perseverance, and we hope they will continue with such great spirits in the future. The prayer day was a special event graced with the presence of two bishops and the Minister of Education. As they approach their final exams, the Loreto family wishes them success and good luck with God’s grace.



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Confirmed in their Faith

The preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation was an exciting journey of faith for sixteen students who were confirmed into the Catholic faith after receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. This will strengthen their bond with their Church and God and will furthermore give them the courage to have strong faith in their beliefs as Christians. We pray that God continues to bless and guide them on their journey and help them to make good decisions, living their lives to the full!



Peace Concert

A road show peace concert organised by the Loreto Peace Club was held in one of the local areas. This was to create awareness among the community on how conflicts can be settled without involving any violence. A lot of music, dancing, and drama were performed by the girls and all the attendees were impressed. This event strengthened the bond between the young girls and elders in relation to their rights and capabilities.

S4 NATIONAL EXAMINATION.

It is always a pleasure to reap what we sow as our candidates commence their National Examinations. We keep them in our daily prayers, so that they may finish their exams successfully and pass with flying colours. We wish them good health as they work hard for next two weeks to achieve their awaited goal which they endeavoured for the last four years. Following Mary Ward's dream that, "Women in time shall do great things," we hope that our sisters will go on to do great things in South Sudan and in our world.



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