

 The Jesuit Eastern Africa province runs St. Peter Faber Primary School in the remote village of Akol Jal, South Sudan.



Emmanuel Lokoba/AOR

## “DO NOT BE AFRAID. I AM BRINGING YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR ALL THE PEOPLE.” | (LUKE 2:10)

The universal message of salvation, love, hope and joy is at the heart of Christmas.

When an angel appeared before the shepherds, who were in the fields near Bethlehem on the night of Jesus’ birth, they were afraid. However, the angel told them, “Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.” A Saviour was born – a momentous occasion that today still brings hope and peace to a broken world.

No matter how bleak the past year has been, we are called to remember that this is what Christmas is all about. Many of the problems that have plagued our world remain intractable – wars and conflicts such as those in Ukraine, Gaza and Sudan, poverty and inequality, the climate crisis, violence against women, human rights abuses and more. However, despite these

challenges, we can dare to hope, and we can dare to act knowing that God’s grace and promise will carry us through.

Our Jesuit partners in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, along with you, our loyal supporters, embody the life-affirming message of Christmas. Thanks to their work and your generosity Indigenous governance and justice systems are strengthened, intercultural education that promotes care for our common home is provided, disadvantaged rural children are given an education, and small-scale rural farmers are trained, among others.

May we continue, in our own way, to be bearers of good news and great joy, especially for those who are hungry, poor, and marginalized, and are fighting for justice and dignity in the world.

**WE WISH YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS.**

## CJI VISION AND MISSION

The **VISION** of Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) is a world of peace, justice and integrity of creation, transformed through active commitment and finding God in all things.

The **MISSION** of CJI is to love and serve by working with people struggling for social justice and dignity in the world. Together with Jesuit and other partners, CJI responds in solidarity, through awareness raising and advocacy in Canada and by supporting partnerships in the Global South.


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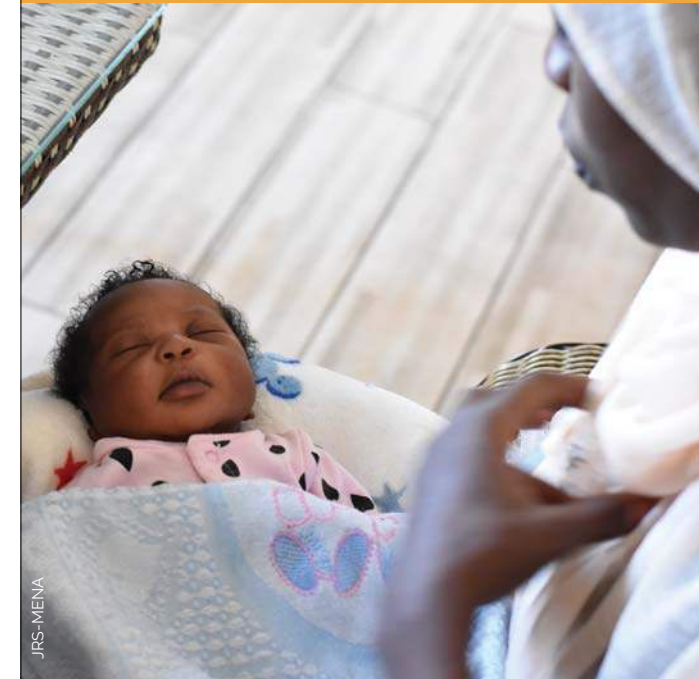
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CHRISTMAS APPEAL



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Fe y Alegría

 The Fe y Alegría schools promote integral ecology among students, educators and communities in Indigenous Amazon territories.

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30 November 2025

*“Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!” – Isaiah 2:5*

CARING FOR OUR **COMMON HOME:**  
**INTEGRAL** ECOLOGY, **INTERCULTURAL**  
AND **BILINGUAL** EDUCATION

Fe y Alegría, Pan-Amazon

Fe y Alegría is implementing a project that aims to strengthen Amazonian identities and promote integral ecology among students, educators, and communities. With support from Canadian Jesuits International, the project will be completed across seven countries and will train 50 instructors through a certified diploma program, integrating ecology into the curricula. The project expects to directly benefit 350 teachers and community leaders and indirectly benefit thousands of students – nurturing ecological awareness and driving social change.



### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7 December 2025

*“May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another.” – Romans 15:5*

**STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE,**  
**JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION**

Indigenous Rights Centre (CEDIAC)

In Chiapas, Mexico, a Jesuit-led initiative is training Tselal communities in their Indigenous normative system to strengthen governance, justice and reconciliation. The program includes a diploma course, workshops, and youth-led initiatives to strengthen the social fabric through Tselal values. Led by the Indigenous Rights Centre, and supported by Canadian Jesuits International, the project has received positive feedback. Young people describe the experience as transformative. The initiative aims to expand regionally, deepening impact through continued training and stronger grassroots and academic partnerships.

 Tselal communities receive conflict resolution training based on an Indigenous governance that emphasizes reconciliation and community integrity.

CEDIAC



Juan Emilio Hernandez/CJI

 The Multi-Educational and Agricultural Jesuit Institute provides small-scale farmers in Rumbek with bicycles to help them bring their produce to the market.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14 December 2025

*“The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow.” – Psalms 146:9*

**SOWING SEEDS OF TRANSFORMATION**

Jesuit Eastern Africa Province, South Sudan

Canadian Jesuits International supports the *Sowing Seeds of Transformation* project, led by the Jesuit Eastern Africa Province across nine schools and centres. The project empowers communities in South Sudan through education, vocational training and capacity-building activities. Programs include the Loyola Secondary School in Wau, improving girls’ access to education; teacher training at Mazzolari College; and human rights education at Jesuit Hakimani Centre. St. Peter Claver Ecological and Computer Centre runs vocational courses, and the Multi-Educational and Agricultural Jesuit Institute trains small-scale rural farmers in climate-smart agriculture.

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

21 December 2025

*“And they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, ‘God is with us.’” – Matthew 1:23*

**EDUCATION FOR RURAL CHILDREN**

Jesuits in Nepal

Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) supports St. Xavier’s Sadakbari School in rural Nepal, founded by the Jesuits in Nepal to educate children from the marginalized Santal community. Initially run in a bamboo shelter, the school now has classrooms, a play area, and sanitary facilities, thanks to support from CJI. With a “no child left behind” policy, 80% of students receive scholarships. The school fosters academic excellence and social responsibility. Its next goal is to build a canteen to promote healthy eating, improve hygiene, and offer free snacks to underprivileged students.

 St. Xavier’s School in Sadakbari heavily subsidizes tuition as part of its commitment to a “no child left behind” policy.

St. Xavier’s School Sadakbari

