



Loreto Rumbek Newsletter



November 2018



**Loreto Girls Secondary School
Class of 2018**

Continuing the Legacy— The Loreto Girls Secondary School (LGSS) relies on the excellence of its students to continue a strong legacy of success. With over 60% of graduates having already graduated or attending tertiary level educational programs, this year’s graduates are setting their sights even higher. This year 48 girls from the LGSS program are preparing to sit their exams. This national level exam will determine their opportunities going forward. Our students remain hopeful and confident as they sit mock exams covering material they have studied over the last 4 years. This is the largest



Class of 2018 sitting Mock Exams in the newly expanded Dining Hall.

class of girls the school has ever graduated and they are all working to maintain the school’s 2 year achievement of 100% pass rate.



Remembering Our Own—

On the 14th of November, Fr. Victor Odhiambo (pictured left), a Jesuit Priest working in Cueibet, about 45 kilometers from Loreto Rumbek was killed in an attempted robbery by unknown assailants. Fr. Victor was the first Kenyan Jesuit Priest in Cueibet and committed himself daily to the community. After coming to South Sudan, he served in Wau, and then worked in Cueibet within the Diocese of Rumbek from January 2017. He provided holistic education as part of a teacher training program in Cueibet, training future educators in South Sudan. Fr. Afulo, who offered his eulogy, recalled him as living a simple life - a man who believed in social transformation through the provision of holistic education. His loss is felt acutely among the religious working in the region and his memory and legacy continue to inspire this community.

Primary Health Care in Maker Kuei— The Loreto Primary Health Care Unit (PHCU) has provided primary health care services to the community of Maker Kuei, focusing its resources on women and children, since 2016. Today they provide over 1800 clinical consultations each month but also provide essential health education to primary and secondary school students as well as community members. The PHCU has provided these services from a classroom and is preparing to move into a full facility funded by Sign of Hope and BMZ. This month Sr. Penina, the Head Nurse of the program received a visit from the Western Lakes State Minister of Health who called on our community to elevate the PHCU to a Primary Health Care Centre (PHCC).



This was in recognition of the quality and quantity of services provided by our dedicated team and an eagerness to incorporate our program more heavily into the state’s health initiative.

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