



## South Sudan's Catholic Radio Network to receive 2021 Pax Christi International Peace Award

*Ceremony will be held in Juba on International Human Rights Day*

A ceremony honouring the Catholic Radio Network (CRN) of South Sudan and the Nuba Mountains as the laureate of the 2021 Pax Christi International Peace Award will take place on 10 December at the Catholic University of South Sudan in Juba (South Sudan).

Established in 2006, the radio network connects community-based radio stations in order to share trustworthy news and promote civic engagement. It also provides valuable public education about the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and democratic processes, which are critical for the world's newest country. It has a reach of upward of 7 million people across the region.

The CRN delivers programming that promotes reconciliation and the healing of trauma to the people of South Sudan. It provides an important platform for constructive dialogue, offers reliable information, and gives special attention to marginalised groups including women, children, and those who cannot read or write. A coordinated, grassroots public radio system is a vital tool for nourishing hope and peace in South Sudan as it effects change in homes and communities throughout the country.

In preparation for the award ceremony, Mary Ajith, director of the CRN, said, "The award will encourage the staff to double their efforts in delivering more services to our people. We dedicate this award to the radio listeners, the well-wishers, donors, partners and all the supporters of CRN in South Sudan and globally."

"We hope that the peace award will give well-earned recognition to the Catholic Radio Network," remarked Greet Vanaerschot, secretary general of PCI, "and promote international support for peaceful and democratic nation building."

*Established in 1988, the Pax Christi International Peace Award honours individuals and organisations who make a stand for peace, justice and nonviolence in different parts of the world.*

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