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TO: APDESAM AND SECRETARIES OF EVANGELIZATION
RE: EVALUATION OF THE WORKSHOP ON PASTORALISTS –JUBA 6-9 MAY, 2014-

Dear Confreres,

The present letter is to offer you a short evaluation of the work done by members of the Provinces of South Sudan, Kenya and Ethiopia during the workshop organized by the Secretariat of Evangelization of South Sudan on the apostolate among pastoralists in East Africa.

Most of the confreres called for the meeting were present, though the Ugandan representation was not among us. The group expressed its great desire that future meetings of the kind may count also on their presence.

Fr. Enrique Sánchez wrote a letter of solidarity with the confreres gathered for this workshop. In his letter, Fr. Enrique thanked the confreres working on this pastoral field, so unique in the Congregation. He encouraged the group to reach conclusions that favor an evangelical witness that may lead the local cultures to assimilate gospel values.

The proceedings of the workshop were clearly stated by the facilitator, Br. Alberto Parise. The consistent effort of the participants, together with the experience on the field were praiseworthy, the foundation for sound conclusions.

Hereby, I would like to include the evaluation shared by the Secretariat of Evangelization of South Sudan, done soon after the conclusion of the workshop, through its Secretary, *Fr. Markus Körber*:

Evaluation Workshop on Pastoralists

The workshop on pastoralists held in Comboni House (Juba) from the 6th to the 9th of May 2014 was appreciated by all the participants. Br. Alberto Parise has been asked to be the facilitator. The Secretary General for Evangelization from Rome, Fr. Mariano Tbaldo, and representatives of various communities from Ethiopia, Kenya and South Sudan came together in order to elaborate a common vision and approach to the work of evangelization among nomadic/semi-nomadic people in East Africa. Starting from various success stories in our missions the group worked out general principles and priorities with a concrete action plan for the different provinces.

Besides the very good facilitation of Br. Alberto the participants valued positively the fact that this workshop was the first one in which Comboni Missionaries and Sisters from various provinces reflected together on the experience of evangelization among pastoralists. We intend to continue this work in the next future with the hope to welcome among us the participants representatives of the Comboni Brothers and the Ugandan Province.

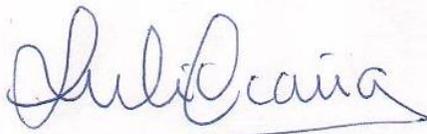
The different contributions and results of our reflections shared during the workshop shall be compiled, edited and printed in a book in order to make the collected material available to a broader audience.

The different stages of the workshop led the group to gather by Provinces to focus on proposals relevant to each circumscription. These proposals will be passed on to the respective provincial councils for consideration and implementation.

We therefore, wait for the editing of the minutes of the workshop to carry on the homework given to the respective circumscriptions. We also hope that this material may be useful for all confreres of the APDESAM.

I express, in the name of Provincials/Delegate of the APDESAM, our thanks for their commitment to Fr. Daniele Moschetti, the Secretariat of Evangelization of South Sudan, the members of the community of Juba who offered us such kind hospitality, to Br. Alberto Parise and all participants (including the Comboni Sisters.)

United in St. Daniel Comboni, I greet you fraternally,



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