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Christmas Message 2015 from Bishop Emeritus Paride Taban

My dear Brothers and Sisters:

Thank you for your support.

Merry Christmas 2015 and a Prosperous New Year 2016.

Life is a curve, a mystery; we must continue improving life throughout, discovering, learning, and straightening the curve in prayers.

Empires, governments and kingdoms last for some years, twenty, a hundred years; the same with human life on earth, human sufferings, human mistakes; all these will pass away. We shall carry nothing with us from this world. Only God is eternal.

Let us, as Human Beings, learn from the curve of life. Learn from nature. Let us learn from God. Let us learn from our Saviour Jesus Christ: "Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away."

We, human beings, have to respect, understand and accept that we don't know everything; we are learners.

God is the answer to everything in our life. We have to continue straightening our life, perfecting our life and praying for the unknown, praying for what is beyond our human capacity. As I said, only God is eternally perfect, who knows all things and lasts forever.

Let us love one another as God loves us. Forgiveness does not have an end; as long as we human beings are alive on earth, we must continue forgiving one another

Pope Francis said, "Replace revenge with forgiveness and replace hatred with love." We continue to pray for each other.

These twenty-eight words are my Christmas gift to you:

LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, COMPASSION, SYMPATHY, KINDNESS, TRUTHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL, HUMILITY, POVERTY, FORGIVENESS, MERCY, FRIENDSHIP, TRUST, UNITY, PURITY, FAITH, HOPE, I LOVE YOU, I MISS YOU, THANK YOU, I FORGIVE, WE FORGOT, TOGETHER, I AM WRONG, I AM SORRY.

With this, living out the spirit of these words, let us bring Lasting Peace to South Sudan and to the whole world.

GOD IS LOVE.

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