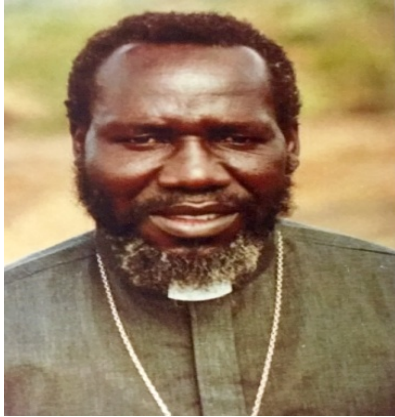


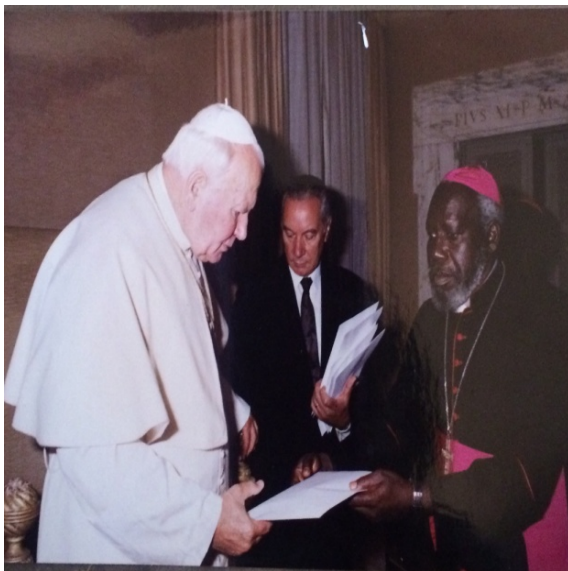


## HOLY TRINITY PEACE VILLAGE KURON

**Thanks giving day to God for having created me and made me a Christian in the Catholic Church, a priest and finally a bishop.**



I Taban Ibrahim Kenyi was baptized a Christian in the Catholic Church on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1950 on the Feast of St. Peter and Paul at the age of fourteen in Primary four. I joined the Minor Seminary in 1951 in Okaro and joined Major Seminary in Tore in 1957



**Ordained as a Bishop by Pope John Paul II**



**The team who attended the Ordination in Kinshasa**

I was ordained a priest on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1964 and ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Juba Archdiocese on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1980 and was appointed the Bishop Ordinary of Torit Diocese on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1983.

I retired from the administration of the Catholic Diocese of Torit on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2004 in order to found the Holy Trinity Peace Village in Kuron. This is to keep my motto of Priesthood and my motto when I became a bishop.

My motto when I became a catholic priest on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1964 was "**Help your brothers and sisters in their difficulties**" My motto as bishop is "**God is Love**". The third is the command of Jesus to His disciples- Mk 16:15. "**Go into the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation**".

By the grace of God, the encouragement of my parents, relatives, communities and the support of friends, all organisations who have taken the course of supporting the poor in the world, I still persevere in serving the needy in the world. I had gone through three decades of war in Sudan/South Sudan, from the time I was ordained a priest in 1964 till today I am still waiting to see the end of war in south Sudan.

Jesus said, "Don't be afraid, I am with you until the end of the world." There is nothing impossible to God. I am always optimistic, I always say **yes** but never **No**. I am not afraid of Covid-19 either. Many friends ask me to rest, I believe, if God still wants me to serve, I say like Prophet Samuel "Here I am Lord to do your will"

My dear friends, Jesus called us as friends. I have chosen this year, on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 you celebrate with me my eighty forth birthday, seventy year of baptism, fifty sixth year of priesthood and forty years as bishop, wherever you are to thank God with me for His greatest Love. I look at this God's gift to me, as He gave Moses to lead His people to the Holy Land. Moses could not do it alone but with the help of Aaron and Joshua. Jesus could continue to carry God's salvation to all creatures, through his disciple and all those He has chosen including you and me.

I finally thank God and all our dear friends who have gone before us to God and ask them to continue to support us from Heaven.

I pray, you my dear friends, continue supporting my dreams. I shall never give up in the service of the people of God in this world till my last breath.

God bless you

God is Love.



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