



Diocesi di
Assisi – Nocera Umbra – Gualdo Tadino



Commissione "Spirito di Assisi"

Dear,

For our spiritual meeting of prayer for peace on the 27th of each month we return to Africa, without forgetting all the people who continue to suffer violence and violations of various kinds. This month the "Spirit of Assisi" leads us to Chad. In that country, in fact, there are environmental problems caused by climate change, terror sown by the deadly attacks of Boko Haram and conflicts resulting from land-grabbing.

Before the one God of all humanity and together with our brothers and sisters who live their faith also as a way to proclaim and build peace, we want to share the anxieties, sufferings and hopes of this country, which is located in an area particularly affected by conflict. It is bordered by Libya, Nigeria, Niger, Sudan, Cameroon and the Central African Republic. During this month of August Chad has paid a very high price in terms of human lives.

If this situation could be overcome, Chad could become a laboratory of coexistence, making it possible for many people with different languages, ethnic groups and religions to live together within the same borders and this could constitute the true wealth of the nation.

To nurture this hope there is certainly a need for intelligent and far-sighted socio-political planning as well as for great international solidarity. We want to support the journey of the populations most exposed to violence and the most vulnerable sectors of society, praying that every political choice be oriented to the common good. Peace is at the heart of everyone's commitment, the horizon towards which every effort reaches, the good to be sown and nurtured.

The Lord give you peace.

+ Domenico Sorrentino

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