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Greetings from VoiceAfrique

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Welcome to a new week with *VoiceAfrique* Catholic, as we explore the vital landscape of African faith, culture, and resilience amid deep social crises. Through an examination of a pressing regional health emergency, reflections on celebrating the Holy Spirit amid religious persecution, and a deep theological exploration of Christian charity, our contributors unpack how communities navigate vulnerability. From the urgent call for international solidarity in the face of disease to the bold missionary courage required to overcome systemic violence and political exploitation, these reflections invite us into a deeper commitment to human dignity. Together, they challenge the Church and the continent to embrace prophetic courage and actively heal our world.

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Pan African Catholic Theology and Pastoral Network (PACTPAN)

1. This must not become another forgotten African tragedy: PACTPAN calls for urgent international solidarity in response to Ebola outbreak

By VoiceAfrique

The Pan-African Catholic Theology and Pastoral Network (PACTPAN) has expressed profound sorrow and deep concern over the rapidly escalating Ebola outbreak currently affecting the Democratic Republic of Congo and neighboring countries in East and Central Africa. The current outbreak, involving the highly dangerous Bundibugyo species for which there is no licensed vaccine, has already claimed more than 150 lives. PACTPAN emphasizes that this health emergency is unfolding in a fragile landscape already burdened by armed conflict, mass displacement, and weak health infrastructure. Commending the frontline healthcare workers and faith-based organizations actively providing care, the network strongly criticizes historical patterns of global inequity, isolationism, and unscientific travel bans. They urgently call upon the international community and African governments for increased emergency resources, accelerated vaccine research, and a long-term commitment to human dignity, asserting that the lives of African peoples possess equal worth.

Read more: <https://voiceafrique.org/press-release-on-ebola-outbreak/>

2. Pentecost in Africa: Courage and communion in a time of crisis

By Fr. Augustine Ikenna Anwuchie

Writing from the Maradi Diocese in the Niger Republic, Fr. Augustine Ikenna Anwuchie reflects on the celebration of Pentecost against a backdrop of rising violence, religious persecution, and severe economic hardship across the continent. Highlighting recent tragedies, including jihadist attacks on a historic church in Cabo Delgado, Mozambique, and ongoing bloodshed in Nigeria's Middle Belt and the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, Fr. Anwuchie reminds believers that Pentecost is not merely a historical event. Instead, the Holy Spirit serves as God's life-giving breath over human vulnerability, transforming fear into bold missionary courage. He challenges the African church to use this spiritual renewal to actively denounce political exploitation, tribalism, and systemic poverty, while fully incarnating the gospel into vibrant African cultures to work alongside other faith communities for lasting peace.

Read more: <https://voiceafrique.org/pentecost-in-africa/>

3. Being a church of Pentecost for our times

By Prof. SimonMary Asese Aihiokhai

Professor SimonMary Asese Aihiokhai reflects on the profound spiritual meaning of Pentecost as the birth of the Christian Church and a continuum of God's salvific history. Recalling his upbringing at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Benin City, Nigeria, and his formative missionary years with the Spiritans, Dr. Aihiokhai unpacks the theological virtue of charity as the ultimate gift of the Holy Spirit. Drawing on the parable of the Good Samaritan and the spiritual wisdom of Venerable Francis Mary Paul Libermann, he argues that true charity is a ritual of recovery that restores stolen human dignity and creates lasting bonds of friendship. For the modern church, celebrating Pentecost requires abandoning historical narratives of empire and fear, and instead embracing a future of prophetic courage. To truly be a church of Pentecost, contemporary Christians must use the fervor of charity to speak out boldly against the systemic structures of violence playing out across our world today.

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