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Greetings from VoiceAfrique

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This week, *VoiceAfrique* Catholic confronts the deep moral, cultural, and spiritual wounds tearing at the fabric of African solidarity. Through a profound examination of the recurring xenophobic violence in South Africa, our contributors unpack how systemic failures are giving rise to a severe erosion of our collective identity. From the spiritual betrayal of the divine image in the migrant to the historical fragmentation left by colonial borders and the structural breakdown of communal ethics, these reflections call for a radical return to love, dignity, and shared belonging. Together, they challenge the Church and the continent to move beyond mere tolerance and actively heal the African soul.

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1. Africa must confront the moral crisis of xenophobia

By Helen Kasaka. LSMI

The recent resurgence of anti-immigrant violence in South Africa is far more than a socio-economic issue; it is a profound spiritual failure. This analysis reminds us that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God, meaning that violence against a fellow African is a direct assault on the Creator. Grounded in Scripture and the compassionate stance of SECAM, the piece argues that economic frustrations can never justify the dehumanization of migrants. It calls on the faithful to cultivate an ethic of closeness, ensuring that vulnerable brothers and sisters are never left forgotten or alone.

Read more: <https://voiceafrique.org/the-moral-crisis-of-xenophobia/>

2. How the crisis of Ubuntu in South Africa exposes black nakedness and homelessness

By Stan Chu Ilo

Once the global beacon for the communal philosophy of Ubuntu, South Africa is now witnessing a painful internal rupture marked by black-on-black violence. This reflection critically explores how decades of historical conditioning, cultural suffocation, and the failures of black liberation have eroded the collective consciousness of a shared African destiny. Highlighting declarations from African bishops, the article frames this violence as a deep moral crisis. It urges a recovery of our historical memory to heal the self-inflicted wounds that threaten the very soul of democratic South Africa.

Read more: <https://voiceafrique.org/crisis-of-ubuntu-in-south-africa/>

3. Unmasking the “foreigner”: Xenophobia and the crisis of the African soul crisis?

By Jackie Nsom, SST

The concept of the "foreigner" in contemporary Africa is largely a toxic colonial hangover rooted in the arbitrary borders drawn during the 1884 Berlin Conference. This piece reveals how modern political entrepreneurship weaponizes these artificial divisions, scapegoating migrants to deflect from systemic governance failures. Drawing on the rich traditional African history of fluid integration and the profound insights of Pope Francis's *Fratelli tutti*, the article calls for an immediate dismantling of the "culture of walls." It challenges African leaders to reclaim an authentic pan-Africanism rooted in regional accountability and mutual flourishing.

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