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Greetings from VoiceAfrique

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This week, VoiceAfrique Catholic explores the critical intersections of human development, social justice, and the prophetic role of the Church in Africa. From the psychological foundations of religious formation to the structural failures fueling xenophobia in South Africa and the urgent call for national redemption in Nigeria, these reflections challenge us to look beneath the surface. Each story invites a deeper commitment to truth, integrity, and the shared dignity of all people as we navigate the complex landscape of faith in the modern world.

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Pan African Catholic Theology and Pastoral Network (PACTPAN)

1. Why psychosexual integration is no longer optional in formation

By Helen Kasaka. LSMI

In this analysis, the necessity of transparency and safeguarding in religious training is brought to the fore. Highlighting insights from a recent PACTPAN webinar, the article argues that vows do not negate biological nature but require a deeper integration of the human self. By moving beyond "spiritual bypassing" and confronting trauma, the Church can move toward a professionalized formation that fosters honest, self-aware individuals who live their vocations with joy and authenticity.

Read more: <https://voiceafrique.org/why-psychosexual-integration-is-no-longer-optional/>

2. South Africa: Xenophobic attacks and the dwindling fortune of pan-Africanism

By Augustine Anwuchie

The resurgence of anti-immigrant violence in South Africa serves as a stark reminder of the fragile state of continental solidarity. This piece examines how economic frustration and structural failures are often redirected toward fellow Africans through scapegoating. It calls for a return to the sacred tenets of pan-Africanism, urging leaders to choose the rule of law and human dignity over narrow nationalist rhetoric, especially in a time when global attention is focused on Africa's internal divisions.

Read more: <https://voiceafrique.org/south-africa-xenophobic-attacks/>

3. Which way Nigerian Catholics? Can the church lead a nation in

By Stan Chu Ilo

Nigeria stands at a crossroads of economic hardship, systemic corruption, and insecurity. This reflection asks whether the Catholic Church can serve as the moral compass needed for an urgent course correction. For the Church to lead national redemption, it must first address internal challenges, deepen its own sense of unity, and embrace a mission that is profoundly engaged with the nation's social fabric. It is a call for the Church to stand in solidarity with the suffering and forge a future rooted in justice and responsibility.

Read more: <https://voiceafrique.org/which-way-nigerian-catholics/>

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