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Dear Communications Director/Editor,

The Church in Africa is marked by a vibrant spirituality that makes it a source of peace, justice, and reconciliation. However, the people of Africa also face incredible challenges like poverty, the high incidence of disease, food shortages, and migration. The Church needs our solidarity as it confronts such challenges while developing greater self-sufficiency in the midst of amazing growth. Pope Francis underscored the needs of the Church in Africa when he addressed the Malawi bishops, saying that as the Church “continues to mature, it is imperative that the strong foundations laid by generations of faithful missionaries be built upon by local men and women evangelizers” (Nov 6, 2014). The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports those projects that ensure the people of Africa have the support they need to be nourished in faith.

Considering the many challenges for the people in the southern region of Africa, the media is a compelling tool for promoting much-needed peace and reconciliation. However, many media outlets openly support certain political parties and provide only biased information. The bishops in this region are working to promote Catholic media as an alternative source of news that can provide information about the Church’s initiatives toward peace and reconciliation.

Thanks to a grant from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, the bishops of southern Africa have joined together to provide media training for journalists already working in the area. Eighteen journalists participated in a three-day workshop, where they learned from experts how to present more effectively peace issues and provide an alternative platform for a peace-building agenda.

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With gratitude,

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