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Apostolic Journey to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan

Links to Pope Francis' homilies
and addresses on his apostolic
journey to the Democratic
Republic of the Congo and
South Sudan 31 January to 5
February 2023.

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On 29 January, Pope Francis announced his upcoming ecumenical peace pilgrimage to South Sudan: "I thank the civil authorities and the local bishops for their invitations and for the preparations they have made for these visits, and I greet with affection those beloved peoples who await me.

"These lands, situated in the centre of the great African continent, have suffered greatly from lengthy conflicts. The Democratic Republic of the Congo, especially in the east of the country, suffers from armed clashes and exploitation. South Sudan, wracked by years of war, longs for an end to the constant violence that forces many people to be displaced and to live in conditions of great hardship. In South Sudan, I will arrive together with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Together,

as brothers, we will make an *ecumenical pilgrimage of peace*, to entreat God and men to bring an end to the hostilities and for reconciliation. I ask everyone, please, to accompany this Journey with their prayers."

Tuesday, 31 January 2023

ROME - KINSHASA

7:55 Departure by airplane from Rome/Fiumicino International Airport to Kinshasa

Greeting to journalists on the flight to Kinshasa

15:00 Arrival at Kinshasa "Ndjili" International Airport

15:00 **Official Welcome**

16:30 **Welcome Ceremony** at the "Palais de la Nation"

**Courtesy Visit to the
President of the Republic** in
16:45 the “Salle Présidentielle” of the
“Palais de la Nation”

**Meeting with Authorities,
Civil Society and the**
17:30 **Diplomatic Corps** in the
garden of the “Palais de la
Nation”

Wednesday, 1st February 2023

KINSHASA

9:30 **Holy Mass** at “Ndolo” Airport

**Meeting with Victims from
the Eastern Part of the**

16:30 **Country** at the Apostolic
Nunciature

Meeting with
18:30 **Representatives from some**
Charities at the Apostolic
Nunciature

Thursday, 2nd February 2023

KINSHASA

- 9:30 **Meeting with Young People and Catechists** in Martyrs' Stadium
- 16:30 **Prayer Meeting with Priests, Deacons, Consecrated Persons and Seminarians** in the Cathedral "Notre Dame du Congo"
- 18:30 **Private meeting with Members of the Society of Jesus** at the Apostolic Nunciature

Friday, 3rd February 2023

KINSHASA - JUBA

- 8:30 **Meeting with Bishops** at CENCO
- 10:10 **Farewell Ceremony** at Kinshasa "Ndjili" International Airport
- 10:40

Departure by airplane from
Kinshasa “Ndjili” International
Airport to Juba

**The Holy Father is making
the Journey to South Sudan
together with the
Archbishop of Canterbury
and the Moderator of the
General Assembly of the
Church of Scotland**

15:00 Arrival at Juba International
Airport

15:00 **Welcome Ceremony**

Courtesy Visit to the

15:45 **President of the Republic** at
the Presidential Palace

16:15 **Meeting with The Vice-
Presidents of the Republic**

**Meeting with Authorities,
Civil Society and the**

17:00 **Diplomatic Corps** in the
garden of the Presidential
Palace

Saturday, 4 February 2023

JUBA

**Meeting with Bishops,
Priests, Deacons,**

**9:00 Consecrated Persons and
Seminarians in the Cathedral
of Saint Therese**

**11:00 Private meeting with
Members of the Society of
Jesus at the Apostolic
Nunciature**

**16:30 Meeting with internally
Displaced Persons in the
“Freedom Hall”**

**18:00 Ecumenical Prayer at “John
Garang” Mausoleum**

Sunday, 5 February 2023

JUBA - ROME

**8:45 Holy Mass at “John Garang”
Mausoleum**

11:00

Farewell Ceremony at Juba International Airport

Departure by airplane from

11:30 Juba International Airport to
Rome

17:30 Arrival at Rome Fiumicino
International Airport

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