“I Rejoice with the Students of the Solidarity Catholic Health Training Institute.”

...says Dr. Marianna Santin, cms who teaches the nursing and midwifery students during their practical work at St. Daniel Comboni Hospital in Wau. The CHTI students had told us about Dr. Marianna and how they loved to work with her and learn from her.

This is what Dr. Marianna has to say about the CHTI students:

“I am a young Comboni missionary sister and medical doctor. I help in the Saint Daniel Comboni Hospital in Wau.

I feel blessed by the joyful and passionate presence of the students of CHTI among us. They are eager to learn, generous in helping and ready to sympathize with our patients. Their academic preparation is very good, thanks to their excellent and very dedicated teaching team. I appreciate very much their many questions. I do believe we learn together every day.

I rejoice with them when they insert the intravenous lines at the first attempt, when they conduct their first deliveries or, even more, when they cheer up a young patient! Most of all, I try to share with them the importance of the holistic care of our patients. I often ask them to help me to listen to the feelings and worries of our patients, to understand and help them better. I find that our students are very sensitive at this kind of attentive listening.

The life of an African hospital is very busy. I feel that there is never enough time to offer our students all they may need. However, when night falls, I find peace as I entrust them to God who knows them and who is making them the competent and compassionate health workers that the South Sudanese people greatly need.”

We at Solidarity with South Sudan are very grateful for people like Dr. Marianna Santin, who by her example and through sharing her knowledge and experience, support and prayers, are giving our CHTI students such an excellent preparation and training for their future professional work as nurses and midwives – and as citizens of South Sudan.