THE BISHOP IS COMING!!!

Bishop Joseph Garang Atem, Renk Diocese, Episcopal Church of Sudan, will be visiting St. Michael's and the Chicago area from November 9th thru December 2nd. Besides attending the Diocesan Convention, he will be visiting many of the parishes in the area. The following are 4 opportunities for those of us at St. Michael's to meet and talk with the Bishop. Please contact Jackie Kraus if you have any questions or comments at 847-381-5518.

TUESDAY, NOV. 9TH - GREET BISHOP JOSEPH

Bishop Joseph will be arriving in Chicago on Tuesday, Nov. 9th at approximately 7 p.m. He will be flying from Virginia to O'Hare airport, so he won't have to go through customs. A welcome dinner is planned for him that evening at Chessie's 111 Grill in the Ice House Mall, 200 Applebee Rd., Barrington, starting at 8:00 p.m. Everyone in the group may order off of the menu and then pay for their own meal. It is \$5.00 Burger night on Tuesdays at Chessie's. If you would like to come and greet Bishop Joseph, please sign up outside the Community Room or call Jackie Kraus at 847-381-5518. That way someone can call you if the Bishop's plane is canceled or delayed!





FRIDAY, NOV. 12TH - COME TO THE PREMIERE

You're invited to come to St. James Cathedral to join in celebrating the amazing work of the companion relationships between the Dioceses of Chicago and Renk, and to view the premiere of a two-part documentary: "Voices of Faith: Diocese of Renk, The Episcopal Church of Sudan," and "Partners in Faith: The Episcopal Dioceses of Renk, Chicago and Virginia." St. Michael's has had a Covenant with Renk Diocese for over 10 years resulting in the building and support of the Renk Theological College. A reception, music, and photo exhibit will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the premiere at approximately 7:30 p.m. The Guest of Honor will be Bishop Joseph Garang Atem.

In 2007, Bishop Joseph asked Connie Wilson of All Saints' (Ravenswood) to capture via photographs, the people of the Diocese of Renk: the priests and their families; the churches, schools and teachers; Renk Theological College with Renk Clinic and the Women's Center, new parishes and various worshiping centers. In addition to a photographic record, Connie felt that there was an opportunity to tell the story of the faith of the people in the Diocese of Renk. She invited Charlie Simokaitis to capture the story in photographs and the Rev. Kevin M. Goodman to produce a video documentary. Bishop Jeffrey Lee accompanied the group to Renk last January. They traveled over 400 square miles of Sub-Saharan Africa on hot, bumpy, dusty roads, visiting many churches and villages, even travelling on the White Nile to reach communities west of the river. The resulting film and photographs will be shown for the first time. Also featured will be special music: a newly commissioned overture based on the moving ethnic songs heard by the media team throughout all of Renk.

FRIDAY, NOV. 12TH - COME TO THE PREMIERE (CONT.)

If you would like travel to this event with others from St. Michael's, there are 2 ways to do this.

1) You can ride in St. Michael's 15-passenger van which will be leaving from the church parking lot at approximately 5:00 p.m. The van will return from the church immediately following the film.

2) You can take the train from the Barrington station leaving at 5:18 p.m. (or catch it at Palatine at 5:25). You would then need to take a cab from Ogilvy Transportation Center to St. James Cathedral. Please sign up outside the Community Room for either of these options!



SUNDAY, NOV. 14TH - HEAR BISHOP JOSEPH PREACH AT St. MICHAEL'S AND MEET HIM AFTERWARDS

Bishop Joseph will be preaching at all 3 services at St. Michael's this morning. A festive reception will follow the 10:30 service in the Community Room where you can meet and talk to the Bishop.



Sunday, Nov. 21st - EAT with Bishop Joseph and Watch the Sudan Documentary

Coming to St. Michael's direct from St. James Cathedral will be the new, two-part documentary: "Voices of Faith: Diocese of Renk, The Episcopal Church of Sudan," and "Partners in Faith: The Episcopal Dioceses of Renk, Chicago and Virginia." If you didn't get a chance to see the film at St. James Cathedral on Nov. 12th, come to St. Michael's on the 21st. The evening will start with a light supper in the Community Room at 5:30 p.m. followed by the film at approximately 6:30 p.m. The book of photographs taken by photographer Charlie Simokaitis will also be available for viewing and orders for the book may be placed. For more information about the documentary, see the Nov. 12th Premiere write-up above. Bishop Joseph will again be our guest for the evening. With the upcoming referendum for Southern independence in Sudan taking place next January, there is a lot of uncertainty in the country. Bishop Joseph will be glad to speak to us about this and answer any questions. Please sign-up outside the Community Room if you plan to come to dinner. This will be a great opportunity to learn about the people of Sudan, their amazing faith, and our relationship with them.