



Message from Sister Mūmbi

Happy New Year, Friends of FiS.

I hope that the festive season was restful and enjoyable, and this new year has begun on a graced note. I have to admit that this is not my favorite time of the year, with the lower temperatures and the days without sunshine, but I do enjoy the feel of the crisper air in my lungs.

Last year marked a lot of transitions at FiS. Our dear Sister Barbara Buckley, RSM, who so beautifully did all the bits and pieces involved in grant writing and reporting, discerned that it was time for her to retire and move into the role of a volunteer as of Dec. 31, 2023. Barbara made my transition into this position so much easier by ensuring that so many things kept running smoothly as I learned the ropes and stepped in when I was indisposed in the latter part of the year. We celebrate Sister Barbara who also marked a milestone birthday last week.

We also bid goodbye to some amazing board members: Sisters Mary Beth Hamm, CSJ; Geraldine Hoyler, CSC; and Eucharua Madueke, SSND. Thank you, dear sisters, for your immeasurable support for this ministry. We have been blessed with the addition of three new board members whom we shall profile in our next newsletter.

So what's brewing? FiS is diversifying its social media and will be launching a TikTok account at the



beginning of next month. We invite you to follow us on [TikTok](#), as that account will be particularly lively in March as I travel to South Sudan once more and take you along with me through daily updates. You may also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter).

Our prayer is that God's love continues to enfold you as the year unfolds, and that we continue to walk together in supporting our siblings in South Sudan

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