



## **DIOCESE OF BUEA**

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To:

**All Clergy,  
All Members of the Institutes of Consecrated Life,  
All Societies of Apostolic Life,  
All Lay Faithful and People of Goodwill,  
Diocese of Buea**

### **RE: MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE AND CONSOLATION TO VICTIMS OF THE BONDUMA ACCIDENT**

The evening of Tuesday January 23, 2024 saw the unfortunate incident of a ghastly motor accident around CONGELCAM entrance leading down to Bonduma road in Buea.

Information reaching us indicates that it was some minutes after 6pm when many were anxiously watching the football encounter between Cameroon and the Gambia that a truck malfunctioned and engaged about twelve vehicles along the way, leading to the destruction of nearby structures and the injuring of many persons. The Buea General Hospital reveals the recording of two deaths from the accident and the reception of thirteen other individuals (eight women and five men) who sustained some injuries. A few others were rushed to different medical units around Buea where they are currently receiving medical attention.

Whenever incidents like this occur, the Church remains close to the victims and their families, imploring the Heavenly Father to have mercy on all who lost their lives as a result of the accident while praying for divine healing and mercy on those injured.

The Church further teaches that "every individual, precisely by reason of the mystery of the Word of God who was made flesh (cf. Jn 1:14), is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Therefore every pain to human life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart; it cannot but affect her at the core of her faith in the Redemptive Incarnation of the Son of God, and engage her in her mission of proclaiming the Gospel of life in all the world and to every creature (cf. Mk 16:15)." (St. John Paul II, The Gospel of Life [Evangelium vitae], no. 3)

I hereby call on all Christians of the Diocese of Buea to kindly pray for the speedy recovery of those injured as a result of the accident and equally extend heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families inviting all to pray for the souls of the departed victims that God in his mercy may forgive their sins and grant them eternal life in his kingdom.

Yours in His Service,

  
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Bishop of Buea

