



## **DIOCESE OF BUEA**

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To:  
All Clergy  
Members of the Institutes of Consecrated Life,  
All Societies of Apostolic Life,  
All Lay Faithful,  
Diocese of Buea.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

### **RE: PASTORAL LETTER ON THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF BUEA**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, in communion with the Holy Spirit, give you grace and peace.

In my letter, **DB/B-BOL-271/2023/7** of July 23, 2023 a Steering Committee was established to prepare for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Buea. I am grateful and satisfied with the work that this Steering Committee has done for the past six months to establish the parameters within which we are going to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Diocese.

#### **1. THE JUBILEE YEAR**

Our Celebration will run from Thursday April 18, 2024 to Thursday April 24, 2025 which will constitute our Jubilee Year. The Church traditionally refers to this year as a Holy Year not only because it begins and ends with solemn holy acts, but also because its purpose is to encourage holiness of life. The Holy

Year is convoked to strengthen faith, encourage works of charity and brotherly/sisterly communion within the Church. In his Apostolic Letter, *Tertio Millenio Adveniente* No. 14, the Holy Father, Pope St. John Paul II lays emphasis on the expression of Isaiah: *to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour*. The Jubilee is precisely this “year of the Lord's favour”; a year of the remission of sins and punishment due to them, a year of reconciliation, a year of conversion; a year of solidarity, hope, justice and the commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters. The origin of Christian Jubilees really goes back to Bible times.

In the course of this Jubilee Year, we shall have the opportunity to be touched by these different dimensions of the Christian Jubilee as we participate in the different events that shall run through the entire year. These events have been arranged in such a way that everybody in this Diocese will have an opportunity to participate in this Jubilee. The events, established by the Steering Committee, and approved by me, are as follows;

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| 1. Opening Mass                                  | 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024                    |
| 2. Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2024     |
| 3. Molyko Deanery Celebration                    | 24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> May        |
| 4. Diaconal Ordinations                          | 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2024                     |
| 5. Mass with all Diocesan Services               | 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 (Thu)               |
| 6. Diamond Jubilee (60 <sup>th</sup> Ann) of CWA | 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024 (Sat)               |
| 7. Annual Priestly Retreat                       | 28 <sup>th</sup> July – 2 <sup>nd</sup> August |
| 8. 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday of Bishop Bushu     | 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2024 (Wed)               |
| 9. Celebration with all the Choirs               | 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 (Sat)             |
| 10. The Education Family (Teachers)              | 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 (Fri)             |
| 11. Limbe Deanery Celebration                    | 19 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2024  |
| 12. Bota Deanery Celebration                     | 26 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2024  |
| 13. Prayer and Action Groups                     | 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2024 (Thu)               |
| 14. Muea Deanery Celebration                     | 24 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October    |
| 15. Muyuka Deanery                               | 7 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024   |
| 16. 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BIROCOL      | 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024 (Fri)               |
| 17. Diocesan Advent Pilgrimage                   | 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024 (Sat)               |
| 18. Catholic Women Association Celebration       | 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2024 (Sunday)             |
| 19. Celebration with all the Youths              | 27 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2025  |

20. Welcome of NECC	4 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2025
- Dedication of the Co-Cathedral	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
21. Tiko Deanery Celebration	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
22. Celebration of All Religious Congregations	2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2025 (Sun)
23. Buea Deanery Celebration	21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2025
24. Catholic Men Association Celebration	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 (Wed)
25. 131 <sup>st</sup> Jubilee of Bonjongo Parish	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 (Tue)
26. Priestly Ordinations	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025 (Tue)
27. Peak Celebration	24 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Thu)

## **2. 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PRAYER**

In the course of the Jubilee Year, we shall pray after the post-Communion prayer in every Eucharistic Celebration, the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer and the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel as outlined below.

### **75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PRAYER**

Almighty Father, we praise and thank you for calling us into fellowship as your sons and daughters through Baptism. We thank you for the gift of the Diocese of Buea, erected 75 years ago. We thank you for all the shepherds you have provided for our Diocese throughout these years.

Lord Jesus Christ, you suffered and died for us. Forgive our sins, heal our past and lead us all to the full knowledge of your truth and love. Give us the grace to live in communion with one another and to bring your Good News to all peoples.

Holy Spirit, make our hearts your dwelling place so that we may work for the growth of the kingdom of God in our Diocese.

We pray for all those in this Diocese who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. May they be admitted into your presence, where we hope to be at the end of time. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, intercede for us. Amen.

## PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast Satan down to hell and with him, all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### 3. THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FABRIC

One of the fruits of the planning done by the Steering Committee is the fabric that has been designed for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese to serve as one souvenir among others for the occasion. I invite every Christian in this Diocese to participate in this Jubilee by getting this fabric which will cost 10.000frs a piece.

### CONCLUSION

I pay tribute to all the members of this Diocese; Bishops, Priests, Religious, Catechists and Christ's Lay Faithful, both past and present, who have worked hard to instill the faith in this Diocese and beyond. As we thank God for 75 years of Missionary work in the Diocese of Buea, we must not forget to thank God for them and for their contribution to what this Diocese has become. Let us build on the foundation they have laid over the years and make the Diocese of Buea, a true community of faith, hope and love.

Yours in His Service,

  
**+Michael MIABESUE BIBI,**  
Bishop of Buea

