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MESSAGE OF CONSOLATION TO THE CONTE FAMILY

The news of the fire incident in Batoke last night, that claimed the lives of four innocent children from the same family has shocked not only the members of that community, but every other Cameroonian. Three of the Children, Negou Mariana Britney (class 6), Negou Prince David (class 5), Elizclaire Maya (class 1), were all pupils of the Catholic Primary School in Batoke. The fourth child, Mbong Bella, their kid sister of about one year and some months, died along with them in the fire.

I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the **CONTE family** for this loss of their dear children; four children, from two sisters. We extend our condolences to the family and to the wider community in Batoke, including the Primary School staff and pupils and the Parish Community, for this painful and traumatizing experience. As a Church, we pray for the peaceful repose of their souls, and for God's consolation on the entire family. May our God keep you strong in this moment of trial.

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