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**To
All Monsignors,
All Clergy,
All Members of the Institute of Consecrated Life,
All Societies of Apostolic Life,
All Lay Faithful,
Diocese of Buea.**

Re: NEW YEAR MESSAGE 2026

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

As we stand at the threshold of this New Year 2026, we look back at 2025, with deep gratitude to God in our hearts. We thank God for the many blessings, guidance and protection which He has granted to each and every one of us as individuals, families, Parishes, institutions, as a Diocese and as a Country. There were equally many challenges within the course of the year 2025, but with God on our side we were able to overcome the challenges. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that to believe in God is to live in thanksgiving (CCC 227). Our Gratitude to God is not just some form of routine, it is a recognition that everything we are and have comes from God.

I am sincerely grateful to all the Priests, Religious and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Buea for their unwavering faith, their sense of sacrifice and commitment which have borne the fruits of great achievements in our Diocese. My heart goes out in deep acknowledgement and gratitude to all those who serve in the various Services and Institutions in the Diocese of Buea. Together, we made the year 2025 a remarkable year. I thank God specially each time I think of all of you, and when I pray for you, I pray with great joy (Phil 1:3-5).

By the grace of God, we have been given the opportunity to experience a New Year 2026. Let us offer this New Year 2026 to the mercy, guidance and protection of God. May this year be a year filled with God's blessings, a renewed Faith, Hope and Love. May our Diocese, our country and the world at large, know true Justice and peace especially in the areas torn by war, hatred and division.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother, continue to intercede for each and everyone of us. I wish you and your loved ones wonderful New Year 2026.

Yours in His service,

+Michael MIABESUE BIBI

Bishop of Buea

