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NOTIFICATION ON THE LIFTING OF SUSPENSION

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I wish to inform you that, following a period of reflection, prayer, and discernment, I have decided to lift the suspension *a divinis* previously imposed on **Deacon CHRISTIAN ETUGE EKWELLE** by decree dated 7 October 2024.

During this period, Deacon CHRISTIAN ETUGE EKWELLE reflected on his situation and, on **13 October 2025**, addressed a petition to me in which he expressed his regret for his shortcomings, asked for forgiveness, and renewed his commitment to obedience and faithful service within the Diocese of BUEA.

Having considered his petition and the period of reflection undertaken, I have judged it appropriate to restore him to the exercise of his diaconal ministry. He is therefore **fully restored to ministry** and appointed to pastoral service at **Holy Family Parish New Town Limbe, Limbe Deanery, and Chaplain of St. Anne Girls' High School**, where he will serve under the direction of the Parish Priest and in communion with the Bishop of the Diocese. This period will also serve as a period of probation, after which if recommended positively, he will complete his seminary formation in view of the ministerial priesthood.

I ask the faithful to receive him with Christian charity and to pray for him as he begins this new chapter of service to God and His people.

May the Lord bless this new beginning and grant **Deacon CHRISTIAN ETUGE EKWELLE** grace, humility, and fidelity in his ministry.

Given at Bishop's House, Small Soppo – Buea, this **1st day of October 2026**


+Michael MIABESUE BIBI
Bishop of Buea

