

Monday 13th October 2025

His Lordship
Michael Bibi Miabesue
Bishop of Buea

My Lord and Father,

Re: Seeking Your Fatherly forgiveness and Blessing

Your Lordship, I come before you with deep humility and filial reverence, seeking your fatherly forgiveness and understanding for all that has transpired between us. I acknowledge my shortcomings and the pain that my actions may have caused, and I wish to express my sincere regret with an open and contrite heart.

When I received my visa to travel to Canada, my initial intention was to take a short holiday and return to Cameroon in time for school, as instructed. However, due to complications surrounding the release of my Permanent Residence card, I was unable to return at the expected time. Although I had a genuine desire to obey your directive to come back, I feared that travelling before receiving my documents might jeopardize my legal status here. Unfortunately, this situation led to misunderstanding and disappointment. For any act of disobedience or delay in fulfilling your instruction, I humbly ask for your forgiveness.

My Lord, I would also like to clarify that when I last met with you on the 10th of July 2025 in your office and you gave me the instruction to write this letter, my silence thereafter was not out of negligence or disregard for your paternal word. Rather, I desired to take some time in prayer and deeper reflection so that my response would come from a place of sincerity, humility, and true discernment.

After returning to Canada, I entered a period of quiet reflection and spiritual retreat. I devoted myself to prayer, the Holy Rosary, and meditation, seeking the intercession of our Blessed Mother and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I also sought counsel from my spiritual director and other priests here, whose advice and spiritual guidance helped me to discern God's will more clearly. Through this time of silence and prayer, I have come to a deeper awareness of my call and my need for humility, obedience, and reconciliation.

Your Lordship, I now write to you out of that reflection and love for the Church, asking for your fatherly mercy and understanding. I beg that you lift the suspension placed on me so that, reconciled to you and the Church, I may again serve God's people with renewed zeal, sincerity, and obedience. The call of God continues to burn in my heart, and I long to exercise it under your guidance, in full communion with the Diocese of Buea.

In the same spirit of filial obedience, I will not ask for excommunication, but will remain faithfully under your paternal authority and within the Diocese of Buea. I offer myself entirely to the service of the Church and to wherever your Lordship may find me worthy to serve.

Please, my Lord, receive this letter as a gesture of my repentance and renewed commitment. I remain grateful for your patience, your pastoral care, and the fatherly love you continue to show toward me. I ask for your blessing as I strive to walk faithfully in obedience and humility.

With filial devotion and renewed obedience, Your son in Christ,

Deacon Christian Etuge Ekwelle

