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The Clergy
Religious Men and Women
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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2020.

THEME : "YES, TO LIFE AND NO TO DEATH."

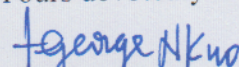
This year again, it is practically impossible for us to make our pilgrimage to Boyong Hill as a result of the persistent socio-political situation with a heightened level of insecurity. Our annual pilgrimage this year shall be at deanery levels and only where it is practically impossible at Parish levels. The Deans, Parish Priests and Fathers in charge of Pastoral Zones should first take into consideration the concrete security situation on the ground before fixing a date and choosing a Pilgrimage Centre where the faithful from each deanery shall congregate for this spiritual encounter and nourishment. **Posters produced by Caritas are being printed.**

I wish to invite the Deans, Parish Priests, Fathers in charge of Pastoral Zones and all pastoral agents to mobilize their Christians to come out massively for this Holy Journey and to take all the measures necessary to ensure a fruitful and successful Pilgrimage. In the spirit of the invitation from the National Episcopal Conference of Cameroon to all the Christians to have a day each month to pray for an end to this crisis of killings, let us during this Our Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage exploit this theme: **'Yes, To Life and No To Death,'** when breaking the Word of God with the People of God, with great emphasis on the **value, importance, sacredness and respect for human life.** Besides, the numerous intentions to be presented individually to God, I equally wish that collectively as a Diocesan family, we should pray for God's intervention in the ongoing crisis, divine consolation to the affected and afflicted persons, families and communities. We also commit into prayers the homeless of our homeland and for justice and peace to reign, so that our people may once again know of better days. Let us embark on this pilgrimage with the unwavering assurance that God has not forsaken us and that He will never abandon us.

I leave it to the deans and the clergy of each deanery to determine the details of your pilgrimage. However, as we did at Boyong Hill, your programme would include **the Stations of the Cross and recitation of the rosary, penitential service and sacramental confessions, and finally, to be crowned with the Holy Sacrifice of Mass.** The programme is to be managed within good time so that all can move back to their respective homes and parishes in safety.

May this Pilgrimage, the encounter between God and humanity be for all a deeply moving encounter and help us to experience the life of Christ in a new and profound way.

Yours devotedly in Christ,


+George Nkuo
Bishop of Kumbo



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