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All the Clergy,
Religious Men and Women,
Lay Faithful,
Diocese of Kumbo.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

RIGOROUS MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF
CORONAVIRUS IN THE DIOCESE OF KUMBO.

It has come to our notice that despite the many reminders and recommendations about the prevention measures on the spread of this deadly disease among us, many people including some priests and religious still have not taken it seriously at all. Taking into consideration the gravity of the situation, I hereby, decide as follows:

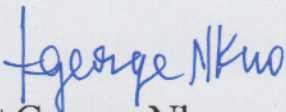
- 1) As of the moment of publication of this circular **all Public Masses in all the parishes in the Diocese of Kumbo are hereby suspended.** However, the **parish priests must celebrate Holy Mass every day** for the Faithful and at the time when the Christians know and can follow spiritually at home. They can avail themselves of Spiritual Communio.
- 2) During Holy Week the Directives from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments must be followed rigorously. In accordance with the Directives received from Rome, on **Palm Sunday** there shall be **no procession with palms, no washing of feet** during Holy Thursday and **no procession with the Eucharist.** On Good Friday **no Veneration of the Cross** but the Cross can be simply lifted and all bow where they are. On

Saturday night, there will be **no fire and no procession with the Easter Candle**, as well as no celebration of Baptisms. You will only have the renewal of Baptismal Vows.

- 3) During the Triduum (i.e. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) each Parish Priest is under obligation to celebrate the Sacred Ceremonies for his Christians in the Parish Church. At each celebration there must not be more than **fifty (50) people** present with the social distance of at least **one meter** respected.
- 4) **All Parish Offices will remain closed. All priests, consecrated Men and Women and all the Faithful are strongly warned to quarantine themselves** and stay at home as much as possible in the coming weeks to avoid contracting this virus or spreading it.
- 5) The other recommendations and directives given in our previous circulars remain valid unless otherwise indicated.

Let us pray imploring the maternal intercession of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception to spare us of this virus and that a rapid solution for a cure be found. I wish you all very Happy Easter and May God bless and protect you all as you engage in all the preventive measures to keep this virus out of the Diocese of Kumbo

Yours devotedly in Christ,


+George Nkuo
Bishop of Kumbo.

