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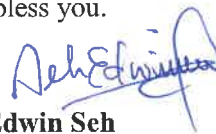
***Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,***

I am Rev. Edwin Seh, a priest of the diocese of Buea in Cameroon and Director of the Mission Office of my diocese. I currently serve in Arlington Diocese as a *Fidei Donum* priest. The Diocese of Buea was created in 1950 to serve the pastoral needs of the two English speaking regions of Cameroon. On behalf of Buea diocese I thank your Bishop Cardinal Blase J. Cupich for permitting us to come to his archdiocese for appeals; Ms. Megan Mio the Director of Mission Office; your pastor and you all God's people.

I would like to share with you about a great opportunity I have in serving God's people in Buea diocese. In November 2016, a socio-political crisis broke-out in our region and thousands of people have died. Our diocese is grappling with a series of needs like caring for the internally displaced persons, educating the young and underprivileged, sheltering the homeless, feeding those who are hungry, providing psycho-social care and reuniting families. Despite this painful reality, especially the ongoing war, our diocese has not relented in her effort to continue to preach the hope of the Gospel to the people. In the gospel of today, thousands of people, many of them sick and all of them hungry, walked for miles from towns throughout Galilee just to see and hear Jesus. How fortunate we are that Jesus is with us here whenever we gather in his name. This Sunday might be dubbed "hospitality Sunday" because it is a premier virtue in almost every religion.

For seven years (2017-2019) I was privileged to serve in Buea diocese, and I was helping young children by teaching in the elementary and secondary schools of our diocese. Our children number about 19,350 in our Catholic schools with most of their education subsidized by the diocese because many families cannot afford any longer to pay fees and the church sees her motherly role to teach and educate these young ones as part of her evangelizing task. I am a beneficiary of this initiative of the church. I received education from the diocese from elementary level right up to the major seminary and I am happy to be serving this same Church in her mission initiative despite the difficulties involved. It is our hope that your support will help us feed our people who are hungry and homeless in the midst of the ongoing civil unrest, provide for and help to educate the children who lack the means of education, take care of young girls who have been deprived of their rights or easily given to early marriages and support in the spread of the Gospel through evangelization. Our needs have increased again since the outbreak of COVID-19 making the Church's mission of evangelization in that part of our country Cameroon even more challenging.

We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you – your energy, your prayers and your funds – in this work to which God has called us. We trust that our project and mission are like "*trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season and their leaves do not wither*" (Ps 1:3). We remain united with you in prayers. Thank You. God bless you.



**Rev. Edwin Seh**  
**(Mission Director, Diocese of Buea)**