

Dear Christians,

Accept greetings from Bishop Jean Bosco Ntep and all the Christians of the Catholic Diocese of Edea. We wish to express our immense gratitude to the Missions Office of Catholic Diocese of Columbus for having given us the opportunity to do the Mission Appeals in the Diocese of Columbus this year.

The Catholic Diocese of Edea in Cameroon is still a young diocese relatively. It is still a very dependent diocese. In the past, the main source of income for the diocese was the financial assistance it received from the Vatican. Currently, the diocese cannot rely on the funds from the Vatican, which are insufficient given the personnel needs, financial cost of running the diocese, training of seminarians and more importantly the lack of resources to carry out the evangelization mission in the diocese, a great part of which is not accessible to vehicles, which are not four-wheel drives. Currently, the diocese has 35 parishes, 8 female religious congregations and 1 male religious congregation. The number of diocesan priests is greatly increasing. At the moment the diocese is in serious need of financial for four specific areas: education of the under privileged, provision of curriculum material for schools run by the diocese, feeding the poor and formation of young people to help them learn a trade so that they can at least be able to put food on the table. These, among others, are the four principal areas we hope to address in the short run given the current situation of the pandemic, which has greatly affected Cameroon. Your support will be of tremendous help. We really depend on you.

Rest assured of the continuous prayers of the Christians of the Catholic Diocese of Edea. May God continue to bless you. May you stay safe.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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