

MESSAGE OF HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF KENYA (KCCB) IN TIME COVID-19

Our dear Christians and all people of goodwill, greetings and the peace of the Risen Lord.

We are all aware of the great threat to life and livelihoods that has been posed by Covid-19 or Coronavirus. It is worrying that 830 persons have been confirmed with COVID-19 as at 16th May 2020, out of who 50 have passed away. We sincerely condole with the bereaved families. We also empathize with the families of those who are still recovering from COVID-19 and other diseases. We are grateful to God and the health workers for the recovery of over 300 persons.

We are convinced that consistently undertaking the measures as guided by the Ministry of Health, the spread of this virus will be contained sooner than later. We wish to emphasize on every individual's responsibility to protect oneself, the family and the community from Covid-19. I urge all individuals, including children and youth, to adhere to the protective measures given by the Ministry of Health as we continue to entrust ourselves in the hands of God for His protection. These protective measure may seem simple but they are the key determinant to the to the defeat of COVID-19.

We express our deep appreciation and admiration to health care workers that have continued to work to save lives despite the challenges they are facing in this noble cause. We pray to God to guide and protect you all at this difficult time. We also appreciate the Government's effort to provide necessary resources and equipment to combat COVID-19. We acknowledge that a lot more needs to be done to ensure our health care workers are fully prepared to carry out their daily duties effectively.

Currently, the Faith Based Health Facilities are playing an important role complimenting the services offered by the Government in response to infection prevention and treatment, thus easing congestion in the Government Facilities. We, therefore, appeal to the Government to enhance support to the Faith-based Facilities in respect to supplies related

to infection, protection and control, in order to upscale the output of these Facilities.

We also acknowledge with appreciation the great work that Journalists do daily to keep the population informed real-time. We, however, call upon our Journalists to maintain professional ethics by avoiding the spread of fake news and misinformation on Coronavirus and any other issues. This is to safeguard the mental and psychological health of the consumers of your information. Let verified facts and objectivity form the basis of your reporting. As Journalists, you serve a fundamental purpose in society when you speak the truth and report it fairly, objectively and accurately.

We equally appreciate the commendable work done by the Media Houses and Journalists in ensuring Kenyans are informed about Covid-19 and other important news. Thank you very much KBC, Capuchin TV, Ukweli Video, and other Media Houses for streaming live our Sunday Masses from this Holy Family Minor Basilica. May God bless you abundantly.

Finally, we invite all Kenyans to continue praying God for the end of this global calamity, for God is able.

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