

BISHOP'S MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN

Beloved Children in the Lord,

It is with joy and gratitude to God, our Father and creator of heaven and earth, that we bring our greetings of love to you, our hope of joy, and future of our faith and society. We express our hearty appreciation and congratulations to all parents who labor tirelessly towards your godly upbringing and nurture. As a Diocese, we remain indebted to all our ACM teachers and leaders for their commitment and selfless services towards your Christian character molding and future Churchmanship. We bless you all.

My dear children, as we celebrate this year's children's day, remember it is your duty and obligation to obey. You must always obey God who created you and has provided you with a home and church community. This you must do by obeying your parents, guardians, teachers, and all elders under whose care you live, study or serve. Always remember that it is in total obedience that you are guaranteed the fulfillment of your life destinies, long life and a place in the bosom of Christ. You must also *avoid bad companies* and speak the truth at all times. Do not let the horrible stories and events around us frighten you, rather look up to Jesus, your Lord and Friend who has promised to guide you towards the fulfillment of your life destinies. Commit yourselves to the word of God you hear and study, and the inspired Diocesan programs, and you will find hope and joy in all you do.

As your Bishop, we are committed to doing the best under God, to provide a godly and enabling environment for your physical, spiritual, social, and mental wellbeing and stability.

We therefore charge all parents to always remember that children are to be looked upon as blessings, not as inconveniences. They are a reward from God. And so It is our duty as their parents and first teaches to make sure they are led through godly and decent examples. Therefore we enjoin you to trust God with your children and make conscious efforts to see that they attend Diocesan Children Ministry programs designed for them and support our ACM teachers and leaders who are committed to catching them young for Christ.

Once again, We bless and congratulate you all as we pray that your days be long and bright.

! And to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you spotless before His throne; to the only wise God be all glory honor and majesty now till the end of the age. Amen.

Your Father and Friend,

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