

BISHOP'S MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN.

Beloved in the Lord,

It is with a heart of genuine gratitude to God that We bring you greetings of love as we welcome you to this year's celebration of you-our precious gifts. It is always a feeling of joy and appreciation whenever we recount the blessedness of being called to secure the future and power of the Gospel of Christ by equipping you with the truth that can only be found in Christ our Lord and Friend. As we go across our Diocese and see your enthusiasm, innocence, and faith in our Church and the Gospel, we cannot but ask God for more grace to continue to serve.

We honestly thank all the leaders and teachers of our Children's Ministry at all levels. The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in life, but rather a legacy of character and faith. To you who are sincerely committed to this laborious but eternally rewarding assignment, we assure that the Lord whose Kingdom's future you are securing, will certainly secure a better future for you, even unto the salvation of your souls.

As we celebrate this year's Children's Day we must remind each and every one of you that the one needed character to achieve or accomplish success in life is **obedience**. And this must begin at home. For as the Bible reminds us "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.""(Ephesians 6:1-3 NIV). As a Diocese and your family of faith, we promise to do all within our power under God to always shine the light for you to follow. We therefore encourage you to be involved in all the activities that our Diocesan Children Ministry puts together from time to time for your physical, social and spiritual wellbeing.

In a time like the one we are in, when godliness and decency are eroding from the fabrics of our life and society, we charge all parents to make themselves available as godly and decent models for our children.

Despite the challenges in our country and society, it is important that we ensure the best outcomes for our children and young people.

Once again we congratulate you and the entire Diocese on this celebration and ask that we be mindful of and pray for all orphans, Children in warring regions of the world and all who are maltreated and victims of violence. May the spirit of this celebration bring joy and end to their situations.

HAPPY CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION TO YOU ALL!!

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

Your Friend and Father,

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