

DIOCESAN NEW YEAR MESSAGE

“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31 KJV).

Beloved in the Lord,

Mama Aba Ngwa North and I joyfully welcome you all to the hope-packed year of 2018, as we ask you to join us as together we pour our Praises and Worship to our Father and God, not just for blessings received, but for the promise of a better tomorrow

As a diocese we cannot but be very thankful to our God and Father, that, in the midst of many challenges, He dealt with us with such immeasurable and undeserving mercy and love in the just past year. His grace was so much that we felt, smelt, touched, wore, drank, and lived in it in every facet of our life. His plans to prosper and give us a future was so evident that we are forced to declare that we will magnify the Lord at all times and that His praise will continually be in our mouth.

To some of us the year 2017 was wonderful and great. Yet to others it was not so; but to all of us a new dawn, 2018 is come and we ought to be glad for where there is life, there is hope.

As a state and nation we cannot thank God enough for keeping us afloat in the midst of great storms and uncertainties. We are so expectant as we believe that the year 2018 will begin the manifestation of God's plan for our prosperity and good future particularly in this state of Abia.

Therefore we charge all God's people to remain prayerful and committed to the worship of our great God who sits on the throne; and controls the affairs of men. As we welcome you all to this year of our divine visitation, we enjoin you to strive to live in love and peace with all people. Forbearing one another, and cling to the true, undiluted gospel.

It is our prayer that the New Year will be to you all, one filled with faith, hope, love, and joy. May you prosper, even as your souls do.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL AND MAY YOUR DAYS BE LONG AND BRIGHT

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

Your Brother and Bishop,

 **NATH ABA NGWA NORTH**
New Year 2018