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To Our Muslim Brothers and Sisters in Nigeria

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

GOODWILL MESSAGE ON EID-EL-FITR CELEBRATION

1. On behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria, I extend to you warm greetings and heartfelt congratulations as you celebrate Eid al-Fitr, marking the completion of the sacred month of Ramadan. Your discipline in fasting, prayer, and almsgiving stands as a compelling witness to faith, self-restraint, and devotion to God, offering a timely and much-needed example in a world often marked by excess, distraction, and division.
2. This year carries a unique significance for us in Nigeria, as Christians and Muslims began their respective seasons of fasting on the same day. This providential convergence highlights our shared commitment to sacrifice, prayer, and reliance on God, and reminds us that we are bound together in a common pursuit of peace and righteousness. At a time when our nation faces serious challenges, including insecurity, economic hardship, and deep social divisions, it calls us to move beyond mere coexistence and to live as brothers and sisters, working side by side to build a nation founded on justice, truth, and mutual respect, while drawing on the enduring values of sacrifice, solidarity with the poor, forgiveness, and reverence for God for the healing and renewal of our land.
3. At this moment of joyful celebration, we join you in giving thanks to Almighty God, the source of all life and peace. We pray that the fruits of Ramadan may endure, renewing hearts, purifying intentions, and deepening compassion, and bringing abundant blessings to your families and to our nation. May this celebration of Eid bring you and your loved ones joy, serenity, and divine favour. May the Almighty God bless our nation with unity, protect all who dwell in it, and guide our leaders in the path of righteousness and in the service of the common good.

Once again, I wish you a blessed and joyful Eid al-Fitr.

Fraternally yours,

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