



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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DIOCESAN ADVISORY FROM BISHOP STEPHEN BERG

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In fulfillment of my pastoral responsibility to guide, protect, and oversee the spiritual and temporal affairs of the People of God in the Diocese of Pueblo, I am issuing a critical pastoral directive regarding recent events within our diocese.

Notice Regarding Unauthorized Fundraising Activities

Please be advised that private, unauthorized fundraising activities have been occurring within our diocese and through various parish networks without the necessary canonical approvals. According to Diocesan policy and **Canon Law 1265**, all private fundraising through the Diocese of Pueblo or its parishes is strictly prohibited unless it has been formally presented to and approved by myself and the Diocesan Finance Council or is part of an official Mission Cooperative.

To prevent confusion and to maintain proper financial stewardship, **no parishioner, parish group, or apostolate is permitted to raise funds or coordinate collections** for the following individuals or organizations:

- **Rev. Canice C. Enyiaka,**
- **Rev. Chrysogonus Nwele**
- **Rev. Selvanathan Soosai**
- **Stewards of Hope Foundation**
- **Drops of Hope Foundation**
- **Providing Hope to Nigeria**

Any fundraising actions or promotions associated with these individuals or entities are entirely unauthorized and conflict with diocesan policies. I have spoken personally with the bishops and superior of the home dioceses and religious order about the establishment of these fundraising entities. The bishops have no knowledge of nor have authorized any such initiatives, nor do they know where the money has been applied nor how it has been spent. If any funds have been collected under these names, the diocese requires it should be immediately returned to the proper donors. We ask all the faithful to remain vigilant and ensure their good-faith charitable giving is directed through approved Catholic ministries and entities recognized by the Official Catholic Directory.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Stephen J Berg
Bishop of Pueblo