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To: Diocesan Bible Coordinators

Diocesan Pastoral Coordinators

Parish Priests

Dear Rev. Fathers,

RE: BIBLE MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2025

Greetings from the Catholic Secretariat!

The Bible Month of September is here again, offering us the opportunity to deepen our relationship with God by listening attentively to His Word, reading it, meditating on it, and acting upon it. Bible Month is a celebration of God's Word as the very foundation of Christian life.

The Malawi Conference of Catholic Bishops (MCCB) declared September to be observed every year as Bible Month in Malawi, inviting all Catholics to celebrate, study, and spread the Word of God. This celebration is meant to strengthen awareness of the importance of the Word of God in our lives as individuals, families, and communities. We are therefore invited to make it a habit to read and meditate on the Bible, so that we may grow in appreciation, love, and witness to God and His Word.

The theme of this year's Bible Month is: "Pilgrims of Hope: Seeking Servant Leadership." This theme draws inspiration from the Jubilee Year theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*, while also addressing our national context as we approach the forthcoming general elections. It seeks to unite our spiritual pilgrimage of faith with our civic responsibility of promoting leadership rooted in service, integrity, and the common good.

The following are some of the proposed activities for Bible Month:

- Bible processions and Enthronement of the Bible (designating a special place for the Bible in our churches and homes).
- Wearing of the Bible cloth by Christians.
- Decorating churches with the Bible cloth.
- Carrying Catholic Bibles (e.g., Buku Loyera, Mazgo gha Chiuta, The New Catholic Answer Bible) to Small Christian Communities gatherings.
- Encouraging families to read the Bible daily.
- Reading Bible booklets prepared by the National Bible Apostolate.
- Following Catholic media programmes on the Bible (Radio and Luntha TV), especially Tidziwe za Bible.

Parish priests and all pastoral ministers are encouraged to help the faithful appreciate the importance of the Bible in their homes and to promote Bible programmes that the National Bible Apostolate will broadcast on Radio Maria, Radio Kuwala, Radio Alinafe, Radio Tuntufye, and Luntha TV.

The Bible Month will be launched on 31st August 2025 in all Arch/Dioceses. The national launch will take place at Bembeke Cathedral, Diocese of Dedza. On this day, there will also be a Special Collection in all parishes to support the activities of the Bible Apostolate at both national and diocesan levels. The entire collection must be remitted to the Diocesan Treasurer General, who will forward 20% to the Catholic Secretariat and retain 80% for the Diocesan Bible Apostolate. Treasurers General are kindly requested to ensure that the money reaches the National Office by 15th October 2025.

Wishing you every blessing during this Bible Month.

Fraternally in Christ,

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