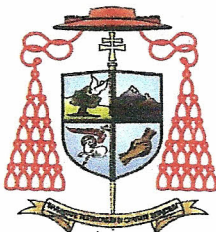


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24th May 2010

To whom it may concern

Greetings to you in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I take this opportunity to introduce Rev. Fr. Patrick Devine, a missionary who has served the Catholic Church in East Africa for 21 years. He has shown great faithfulness and solidarity with the mission of the Church in East Africa. He served as superior of the SMA missionaries in Kenya and Tanzania, and later completed two terms as Chairman of the Religious Superiors Conference of Kenya (RSCK), where he continues to serve as RSCK CEO. He also teaches in Tangaza Theology College (college of the Catholic University of Eastern Africa).

With the support of the Kenya Episcopal Conference (KEC) and the RSCK, he has established the Shalom Center for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation (SCRR) to assist the Church in the ongoing ministry of evangelization and development in East Africa. With regard to communion with the teaching and authority of the Church, SCRR works in faithful union with the Catholic Bishops and with the Church's institutional framework for addressing Justice and Peace in each Catholic Diocese.

As you are aware, there are many conflict environments in our country where people are killed, maimed and displaced. It is difficult for the Gospel to take deep root in such environments, and for development to take place. Families are denied true peace and the opportunity to live normal lives. SCRR is striving to fulfill the relevant propositions emerging from the Synod for Africa 2009, especially No. 21, to enable the mission of the Catholic Church to be more effective in spreading and planting the Gospel of Christ.

I would be grateful if you could avail him support financially and spiritually in this task. SCRR will be of immense value to the pastoral and mission activities of the Church in Kenya. The SCRR Information Booklet contains numerous letters of endorsement and support from the KEC and the RSCK of Kenya. Your assistance and collaboration with SCRR, can make a most significant contribution to the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I will be grateful for your kindness in this matter and be assured of my collaboration.

Your sincerely

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