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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Greetings to you and yours at this most sacred time, as we reach the end of our liturgical year and prepare our hearts for Advent, the season of hopeful anticipation and preparation for the joy of Christmas.

With the Jubilee Year ending, it is good to take a moment to reflect on how we have been Pilgrims of Hope during this past year. For me, one of the great blessings has been to see the many ways that people from all walks of life have lived out their respective celebrations. Whether you have walked through a Holy Door or have shared your hope among your own family and community, I thank God for your unique joyful witness.

Perhaps some of the most striking Holy Year commemorations have come from the work of the **Holy Childhood Association (HCA)**, where children themselves become witnesses of faith, hope and charity to one another.

In Nigeria, dioceses across the country organized youth events for the Jubilee Year. Children gathered for celebration, prayer, and spiritual formation and nourishment. The festivities included pilgrimages for the children to visit cathedrals and sacred sites throughout the country. There were talks, catechesis sessions, and guided reflections on how the children could become missionaries in their own homes, churches and schools. The Pontifical Mission Societies' National Director, Rev. Fr. Solomon Patrick Zaku, even organized a "young saints" quiz competition to encourage the children to learn more about inspirational child saints like St. Dominic Savio and St. Carlo Acutis.



Many dioceses also organized parades where the children could march with colourful signs and banners sharing messages of faith, love and missionary zeal.

As we approach Advent, may the example of these youngest missionaries rekindle in us a spirit of hope and missionary joy. It is through your own prayers and generous support of the **Holy Childhood Association** that these beautiful encounters of faith become possible, both abroad and at home through our parish and school outreach. This is the great work that you accomplish when you support the Pontifical Mission Societies.

So, as we look towards the future with hopeful eyes and loving hearts, I invite you to continue your relentless and inspiring support of Holy Childhood Association and Pontifical Mission Societies and to join me in expecting more miracles and graces throughout this new liturgical and calendar year.

With sincere thanks, and personal and collective prayers for you,

Bishop John A. Boissonneau
National Director

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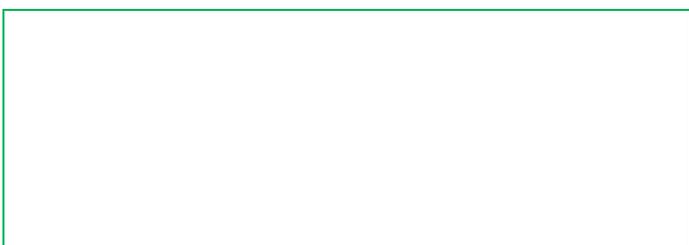
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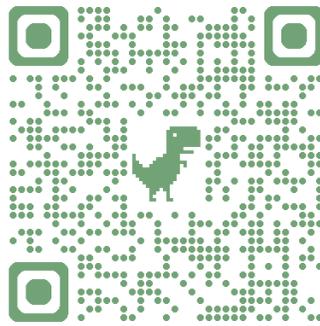
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