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To the Priests, the religious and the lay faithful
Archdiocese of Kaduna.

Dear brothers and sisters,

**POPE FRANCIS DECLARES MAY 14, 2020 A DAY OF PRAYER, FASTING AND
WORKS OF CHARITY TO IMPLORE GOD'S HELP AGAINST THE COVID-19
PANDEMIC.**

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

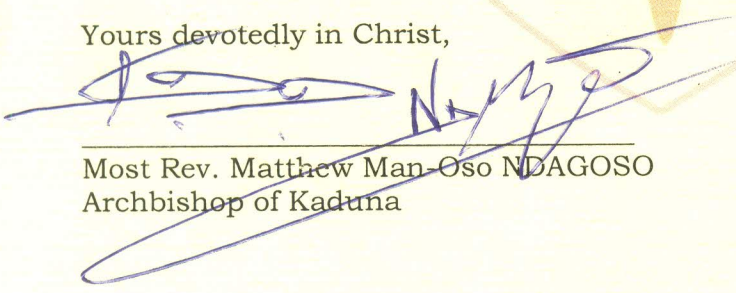
As humanity continues the war against the coronavirus pandemic from all fronts especially through the concerted efforts of scientists and researchers to find both a cure and a vaccine to defeat the enemy, men and women of faith must continually have recourse to their strongest weapon, namely, prayer, to seek divine intervention in the war that the enemy is invisible.

It is in this vein that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in conjunction with other religious leaders of the world have set aside May 14, 2020 as a day of prayer, fasting and works of charity to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus pandemic. Declaring the day during the Angelus on Sunday, May 3, 2020 the Holy Father said among other things: "And, as prayer is a universal value, I have accepted the proposal of the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity so that next May 14 believers of all religions unite spiritually in a Day of Prayer and Fasting and Works of Charity, to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus pandemic. Remember: May 14, all believers together, believers of different traditions, to pray, fast, and do works of charity."

Consequently and in communion with the universal church and indeed all believers of different religious traditions I herewith direct that all pastors in the Archdiocese of Kaduna inform all the faithful under their pastoral care of this day and encourage them to actively participate in it.

Thanking you for your anticipated kind cooperation and active participation and, with the assurances of my continued spiritual closeness, I remain,

Yours devotedly in Christ,



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