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Prof. P. Dr. Wolfgang Buchmüller OCist,

Rektor der Hochschule Heiligenkreuz, A-2532 Heiligenkreuz, Markgraf-Leopold-Platz 1, Österreich,

Dear Prof. Buchmüller,

Greetings of Peace and Love!

We write to express our solidarity with you and the entire Staff and Students of University of Navarra over the current situation caused by the Covid-19 epidemic. Although few cases have been confirmed in this part of the world, we acknowledge the global nature of this deadly virus. As a Diocese, we are deeply concerned with what happens to our brothers and sisters in different parts of the world. Like St. Paul rightly affirms that, if one part suffers, every part suffers with it and if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it (1Cor.12:26), we all share in this sad story.

Currently, our Diocese has taken the necessary preventive measures and we are also ensuring that the recommendations of the World Health Organisation (W.H.O.) are duly observed. We wish to also inform you that our Priests are consistently offering Holy Masses for you and for the whole world. The Faithful of our Diocese have also been invited to join in praying for a quick end to this dangerous global situation.

While we continue to thank you for the assistance offered to our Diocese, may we reassure you of our prayers and closeness in this difficult time in history. We continue to look up to God who is the Creator of the world and all within it, to our Lord Jesus Christ who is our Saviour, and to the Holy Spirit who is our Comforter. May our Lady, Health of the sick intercede for us all. Amen.

We wish you a Blessed Easter Season.

Yours in Christ,

+ Camillus Raymond Umoh Bishop of Ikot Ekpene Diocese

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