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**Message of Catholic Bishops' Conference of Myanmar (CBCM)**

**Calling all parties to peace and reconciliation**

Date: 21.2.21

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Myanmar and those in power:

Greetings of Peace to each one of you.

We, Catholic Bishops representing sixteen Catholic dioceses, spread all over the country, send this appeal to specially those in power, pleading for restrain in the streets and return to dialogue. This comes amidst deep anguish and pain of witnessing more blood in the streets. The sad and shocking recent events have brought huge sorrow to our nation.

The heartrending scenes of youth dying in the streets wound the conscience of a nation. This nation has a reputation of being called as a golden land. Let not its sacred ground be soaked in fraternal blood. Sadness of parents burying their children has to stop. Mothers' tears are never a blessing to any nation.

Just a month ago, this nation held in her heart a great promise: dreams of enhanced peace and robust democracy. Despite the onslaught of global pandemic, the nation held an election. The world admired our capacity for managing our differences. Today the world weeps with us, shattered by the fragmentation of this nation once again. Our youth deserve better.

With prayers in our hearts, we plead with all the stakeholders, return to dialogue. As a nation known for its pristine spiritual spring, let us invest our energy in reconciliation. Healing needs to start with release of detained leaders.

We join with the reverend "Ma Ha Na" monks and urge the leaders to heed their warning: Myanmar can become history and wiped out of the map of the world, if it cannot solve problems in a peaceful way! We concur with their call for reconciliation through dialogue.

Urgently, the recourse to violence has to stop. The past lessons warn us violence never wins. Seventy two years after independence, those in power need to invest in peace. The peace dividend will heal this nation. Give peace a chance. Peace is possible, peace is the only way.

With prayers and best wishes for peace.



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