

Archbishop Msusa urges Catholics in Malawi to be missionary agents of peace.

Most Reverend Thomas Luke Msusa of Archdiocese of Blantyre has urged Catholics in the country to be agents of peace and be missionaries to people that are yet to be reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ as they commemorate one hundred years since Pope Benedict XV wrote the famous letter “Maximum Illud.”

Archbishop Msusa, made these marks in Malawi at the National Celebration of the World Mission Sunday in the Extraordinary Missionary Month of October 2019 at St. Pius X Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Blantyre.

“The reason Pope Francis guide the Church to celebrate the Extraordinary Missionary Months that everyone should be reached with the gospel of salvation by all the baptised. He wants every baptised person to renew his/her missionary enthusiasm and be in state of mission so as the reach out to many people in the world. Added Archbishop Msusa.

At the same celebration, Archbishop Msusa has urged politicians in Malawi to unit for peace to prevail in the country. The Archbishop’s remarks follow the post-election ugly scenes the country has witnessed that have claimed lives and property of citizens in Malawi.

“Instead of raising our hands in prayer as St. Paul has advised in the second reading of the Mass, men are throwing stones to other people and killing them. St Paul is advising Timothy that believers should gather and pray for their leaders for peace to prevail in this country” said Archbishop Msusa.

Following the May, 2019 election, Malawi has witnessed violate demonstration as some opposition political parties are challenging the results of the election in court.

Pope Benedict XV’s letter ‘Maximum Illud’ that came after the first world war, called for peace and urged Catholics to “Go to the whole world and preach the Gospel to all creation” (Mark 16:15).

As the Catholic Church is commemorating one hundred years of Maximum Illud, through the Extraordinary Missionary Month of October 2019, Catholics are being encouraged to deepen their prayer life and pray for all missionaries to be successful in their work of preaching the gospel.

At the same celebration of World Mission Sunday at St. Pius Parish, Catholics have been urged to contribute generously towards missionary work of the Church in whole world especially in most needy countries and where the gospel is not yet preached, as guided by Pope Francis.

All Catholics are being advised to hear and internalise the Lord’s voice, to St. Peter, “Launch out into the deep waters” (*Lk* 5:4), so that the Catholic faith should be taken and shared to all corners of the world.

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