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# Bamenda Update



The visit of Pope Leo XIV to Cameroon in April was a very special time for our sister Diocese of Bamenda. In a moment that reverberated far beyond the borders of the West African nation, Pope Leo XIV set foot on Cameroonian soil, marking a pivotal chapter in the country's troubled journey toward peace and unity.



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Archbishop Andrew Fuanya Nkea captured the sentiment that defined the Pope's visit: "...a tremendous blessing for which we render thanks to God who has blessed us with the presence of His messenger." You can read more [here](#).

## Youth Ministry

The project aim is to form 390 Young People as youth leaders who will form at their various deaneries about 3,000 youths to strengthen their knowledge on Catholic Doctrine. A further three formation and training sessions have taken place including speaking of the importance of church doctrine, the need to pass on the teaching to younger members of the church with the provision of resources to support this.



## Empowering Psychological Counsellors

This much needed project had a difficult start with the overall attendance on the low side. This was due to high costs of travel and the high risk of kidnapping as it targeted the more rural and less protected areas. However, the session covered a lot of ground with topics including: Understanding Trauma, Signs & Symptoms of Trauma, Effects of Trauma, Psychological First Aid, Coping skills, Group counselling Techniques, Creating Trauma Sensitive Communities and Trauma-Informed Pastoral Care. More local follow up sessions are planned for those who were unable to attend.



## St Patrick's School

Renovation works have begun at the St Patrick's Nursery and Primary School in Konene, a remote and underserved community. The school currently suffers from dilapidated classrooms, inadequate sanitation facilities, leaking roofs, and lack of safe furniture. This renovation will create a safe, child friendly learning environment for over 135 children aged 3 to 12.



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