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To whom it may concern

Greetings of peace in our Lord Jesus Christ! I write to you to briefly introduce and warmly recommend a long-cherished Social Apostolic Project, namely the CMI-HUDUMA CENTRE in Kibiko, which is now nearing completion in my Diocese of Ngong.

In 2016, I personally laid the foundation stone for this project on a plot specifically designated for social initiatives run by the Indian Congregation of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI). This initiative was conceived as a concrete response to the "Year of Mercy" proclaimed by the late Pope Francis in 2015. The project comprises three main components: 1. A Day Dispensary, where all patients receive free registration, consultation, and treatment; 2. A Special School for mentally and physically challenged children and youth up to the age of 18, with boarding facilities; 3. A Therapy and Rehabilitation Centre for persons with various physical and mental disabilities. From time to time, I personally visit the project and have witnessed its steady and encouraging progress.

Through the dedicated efforts and committed leadership of Fr. Paul Chummar CMI, the construction of all buildings and nearly all infrastructure has now been completed. Since April 2024, the Day Dispensary has been serving the surrounding population—especially the poor—with the assistance of competent staff and Religious Sisters. In addition, German and other European medical specialists generously offer their professional services free of charge. Since its inception, the Day Dispensary and medical facilities have served more than 5,500 patients.

As of the current academic year (January 2026), the CMI-HUDUMA Special School for mentally challenged children and youth has begun operating, though still with significant limitations. Due to the lack of essential furniture, electrical installations, boarding facilities, kitchen and laundry equipment, disability-friendly internal fittings for washrooms, and other necessities, the institution is not yet fully operational as originally envisioned.

At present, the monthly deficit required to run this social project amounts to 350,000 KES, due to various factors including the significant increase in material costs and salaries. Fr. Paul Chummar is currently working on a sustainability plan with the support of economists and consultants, so that, in time, the centre may become self-sustaining. Thus far, many kind-hearted and generous individuals have contributed selflessly. At this stage, I would like to commend this noble project to your generosity and kind support for its full completion.

Thanking you sincerely for your generosity, and assuring you of my humble prayers for you, your family, and all your undertakings, I remain,

Yours in the Lord,

