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## **OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

The National Catholic Church (NCC) wishes to clarify the ecclesiastical status of **Bishop Merveil Steve Nonga of Yaoundé, Cameroon.**

Bishop Nonga is **no longer affiliated with, authorized by, or recognized as a member or representative of The National Catholic Church.**

The NCC previously issued a mandate permitting Bishop Nonga to be raised to the episcopate. Since that time, however, the leadership of the NCC has become aware of behaviors, practices, and ecclesiastical positions that are not in accordance with the standards, discipline, and direction of our Church. As a result, our ecclesiastical relationship with Bishop Nonga has been terminated.

Bishop Nonga currently operates a church using the name **Église Catholique Nationale**. This organization is **not a parish, mission, diocese, jurisdiction, or other authorized body of The National Catholic Church (NCC).**

Accordingly, Bishop Nonga has **no authority to speak, act, minister, appoint clergy, establish missions, or otherwise conduct ecclesiastical business in the name of The National Catholic Church.**

This statement is issued to prevent confusion among the faithful, clergy, and public and to make clear that the activities of Bishop Nonga and Église Catholique Nationale are independent of, and should not be represented as activities of, The National Catholic Church.

Yours in Christ,

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