

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF KITUI



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11th August 2026,

**To all the Priests,
Religious, Catechists,
Parish Councils,
Faithful and Friends of the Diocese of Kitui,**

RE: APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING MY EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

Greetings and Peace of Christ.

I convey my heartfelt gratitude to all parish communities across the Catholic Diocese of Kitui for the great support extended towards the preparation and successful celebration of my Episcopal Ordination on 8th August 2026. Your generous contributions, mobilization efforts, Prayers, choir ministry, hospitality, and participation demonstrated the spirit of communion and shared responsibility that characterizes our local Church in Catholic Diocese of Kitui. The commitment shown by every parish reflected the unity and vitality of our Diocese.

I am grateful to the Parish Priests, Priests, Parish leadership teams and religious men and women who coordinated preparations within their respective parishes and encouraged the faithful to participate in this historic event. Your dedication and sacrifice were instrumental in ensuring the success of the celebration. The large turnout, joyful celebration, and spiritual enthusiasm witnessed during the ordination were clear signs of God's presence among His people. Your prayers sustained me throughout this journey and continue to be a source of strength as I assume the responsibility of shepherding the Diocese entrusted to my care.

I am deeply touched by the sacrifices made by individuals, Small Christian Communities, parish groups, church movements, youth, women, men, and all parishioners who contributed in various ways to make the celebration successful. As your Bishop, I commit myself to serving you with humility, compassion, and dedication. Together, let us continue building a vibrant Church rooted in Faith, Hope, and Love,

while responding to the pastoral and social needs of our communities. I invite all our parish communities to continue journeying in faith, deepening evangelization, nurturing vocations, supporting families, empowering the youth, and extending Christ's love to the most vulnerable among us.

Thank you all for walking with me on this memorable occasion. May the Lord bless you and your families abundantly, reward your generosity, and grant you peace and joy.

Our call is inspired by the fact of being chosen by Christ to be his servants (Isaiah 43: 1.. *"I have called you by your name, you are mine"*).

Yours Sincerely,



Rt. Rev. John Mwandi
Bishop of Kitui

