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## MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

"Come the blessed of my Father, receive as an inheritance the prepared Kingdom for you since the foundation of the world" Mt 25:34

It is with great sorrow and sadness that I learned of the passing of His Eminence Richard Kuuia Cardinal BAAWOBR, Bishop of the Diocese of WA in Ghana and President of the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM); whose death occurred on Sunday, November 27, 2022, in Rome, Italy.

The Universal Church has, thus, lost one of her worthy sons and Pastors who served the Lord and his brothers and sisters with dedication and generosity.

On behalf of the Presidency of the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM), I offer my deepest condolences:

- to His Holiness Pope Francis, who has, thus, lost a precious collaborator;
- to all the Bishops of Africa and Madagascar;
- to the Bishops of Ghana;
- to the clergy, consecrated persons and lay faithful of the Diocese of WA;
- to his religious family, the Missionaries of Africa;
- to his biological family;
- and to all the people who knew him.

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I invite all the faithful of the Church, Family of God in Africa and Madagascar, to pray for the eternal rest of this illustrious departed in the House of the Father.

Fridolin Cardinal AMBONGO, ofm cap.

Metropolitan Archbishop of Kinshasa and

1st Vice-President SECAM