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Press Release

First Annual Plenary Meeting of the Episcopal Conference of Malawi

The Episcopal Conference of Malawi, the umbrella body of the Catholic Bishops in Malawi, is holding its first Annual Plenary Meeting from Tuesday, 28th January, to Friday, 31st January, 2014.

The meeting which is being held at the Catholic Secretariat in Lilongwe is attended by all the Catholic Bishops in Malawi, the Nuncio (Vatican Ambassador) for Zambia and Malawi, His Excellency Most Reverend Julio Murat and the Counsellor of the Apostolic Nunciature, Very Reverend Monsignor Hubertus Van Megen.

The meeting will, among other things,

- discuss the progress of the preparatory activities for the AMECEA Plenary Meeting to be held in Malawi from 16 to 26 July, 2014;
- discuss the progress of the preparatory work towards the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be held in Rome from 5th to 19th October under the theme of "Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization";
- discuss matters pertaining to the Catholic University of Malawi;
- discuss matters pertaining to the formation of clergy in Malawi;
- discuss and endorse the following documents:
 - ECM Child Protection Policy;
 - Pastoral Directory;
 - Diocesan Priests' Spirituality Handbook;
- appraise the social and political environment in the run-up to the Tripartite Elections;
- receive Progress Report about the Chichewa Missal and the new local languages translation of the Mass;
- and receive Progress and Status Reports from Commissions and Departments at the Catholic Secretariat and ecumenical filial bodies.

Fr. George Buleya
Secretary General - Episcopal Conference of Malawi

Date: 28th January, 2014

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