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MESSAGE ON OPENING OF DIOCESAN PASTORAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER BISHOP LAWRENCE SYDNEY NICASIO

THE LORD BE WITH You!

We thank our God for this day He has made for us his children. And we are grateful to Him for it. As the creation story goes, He created us very good in his own image and likeness and as a loving God to his children, He filled the earth with all that we need to live a full and happy life on this earth, we call our COMMON HOME.

In a Common Home people ought to share life; we ought to get along with each other; we ought to serve God as we serve each other. Jesus gave his Apostles a taste of what it means to serve him. He calls for FAITH and TRUST in Him; He calls for a good line of communication with each other. The Apostles were very obedient to Jesus. Scripture says that because they followed his instructions, they returned home to Jesus' rejoicing. They had a very good mission.

The mission is to Evangelize, serving God through our service to each other as God's *pickney*. The Apostles did it in the form of going house to house revealing to others the powerful hand of God working in the lives of those who believe in Him.

In this day and age, we have the new way of being Church, using the various technological tools/forms provided to us.

Don't take me wrong, the house to house is still a good option to being Church. A mission involves going out and being that God given gift that we are to each other.

A communication Center in a Diocese is about using another form of mission, of evangelization, spreading God's Word, the Gospel Message far and wide. There is no end to the work this Center will take up because the battle between good and evil, God and Satan/World is even stronger in this generation. Many people still do not really know God. Many Christians need their faith strengthened or they have lost that faith totally because they have walked other paths.

Lots of people have invested in this new office in the form of Human Resources and Financial Resources.

I am inspired and impressed at how the Communication Center in Trinidad serve God's people in the region.

Our work has just began. With God on our side and our desire to be a new way of being Church, we too will be rejoicing when we see the hand of God working in our ministry to his people in Belize and beyond. May God bless you all!