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## PRESS RELEASE

### GUIDANCE FOLLOWING THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE NATIONAL UGANDA MARTYRS DAY CELEBRATIONS AT NAMUGONGO ON JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

Following the Government's communication regarding the postponement of the national Uganda Martyrs Day celebrations at Namugongo, the Uganda Episcopal Conference provides the following pastoral guidance to the Catholic faithful, to ensure that this important occasion is prayerfully observed.

1. The commemoration of the Uganda Martyrs remains a profound witness of faith, courage, fidelity to Christ, and steadfast commitment to Christian values.  
Although the national gathering at Namugongo has been postponed, dioceses and parishes are encouraged to celebrate the day with the guidance of the Diocesan Bishop and the relevant Government authorities.
2. Let us all join in prayers for our nation, health workers, and all those affected by the circumstances that necessitated the postponement.
3. We urge you all to follow the guidelines given by the Government and the Ministry of Health.
4. We call upon media institutions to provide adequate coverage of the Ebola pandemic.

As shepherds of God's people, we invite all the faithful to remain calm, prayerful, united, and hopeful. The witness of the Uganda Martyrs continues to inspire the Church and the nation, reminding us that true faith is lived daily through love, sacrifice, truth, and fidelity to God.

May the Holy Martyrs of Uganda intercede for our nation and strengthen us in faith and unity.

  
Rt. Rev. Joseph Antony Zziwa,  
Chairman of Uganda Episcopal Conference, and  
Bishop of Kiyinda-Mityana Diocese

