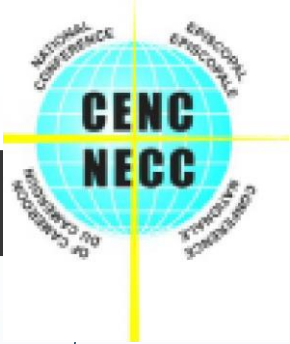


PASTORAL AND FORMATIVE EXPERIENCES: THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE ON CHILDREN, WOMEN AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE

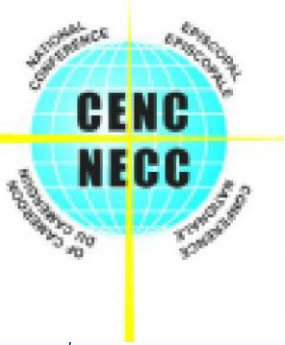
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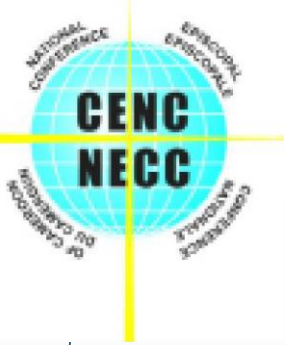
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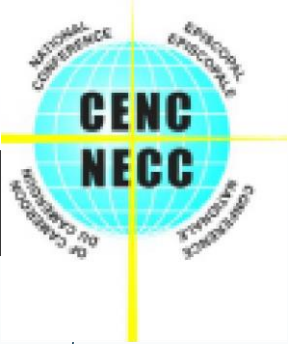
TEACHING MODULES

- MODULE 1: FUNDAMENTALS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
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- MODULE 3: THE CHURCH AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE 21ST CENTURY
- MODULE 4: THE EFFECTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON VICTIMS, PERPETRATORS AND CHILDREN



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- MODULE 5: EFFECTIVE PASTORAL RESPONSES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- MODULE 6: LIVING LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE: SKILLS FOR LIVING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST
- MODULE 7: BRIEF INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF VICTIMS AND AGGRESSORS
- MODULE 8: PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: INTEGRATION INTO PASTORAL WORK



RESOLUTIONS AND FOLLOW-UP

RESOLUTION

- Training for those involved in the pastoral care of the family and leaders of movements with a marital spirituality

FOLLOW UP

We have held the following training courses:

- How to live the joy of love in families
- Helping vulnerable individuals and people Living with HIV in Families"
- Dr. Christauria Welland course online in French, English and Spanish
- Online course/training
- <https://health-transformations.learnworlds.com/home-francais>
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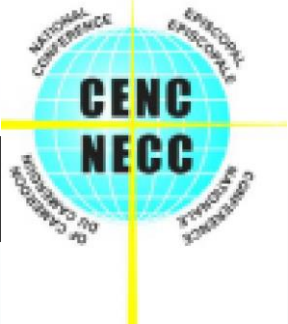
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- RAISING AWARENESS among christians and people of goodwill



- RAISING AWARENESS in all 26 dioceses of Cameroon





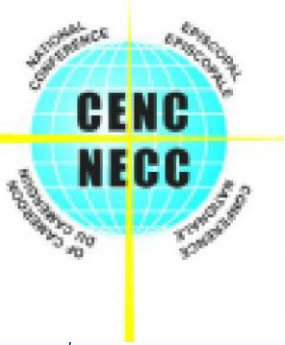
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- Raising awareness in the diocese of BAMENDA



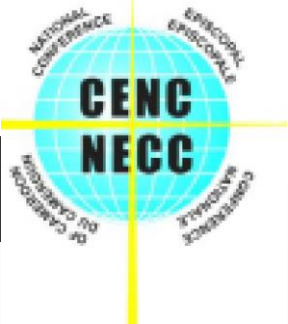
- Raising awareness in the diocese of KUMBO





RESOLUTION AND FOLLOW-UP

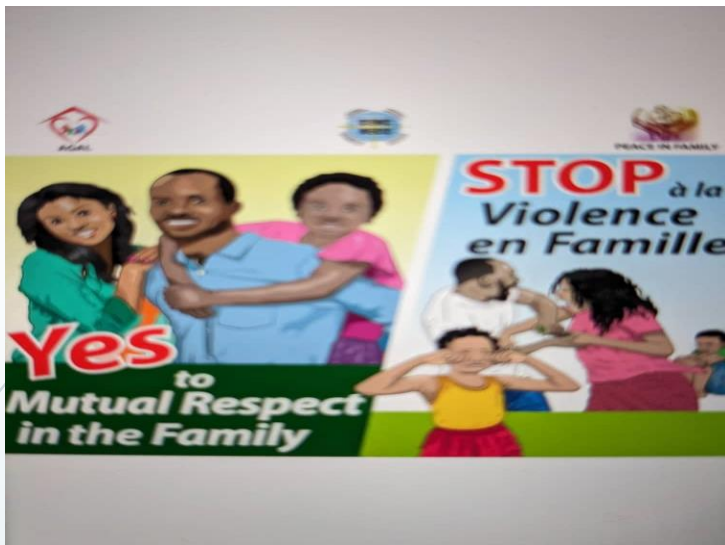
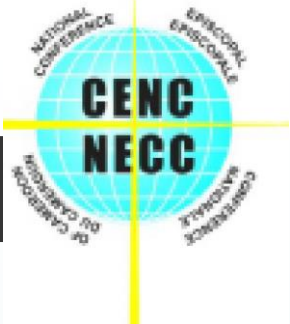
- Training in Non-Violence Permanently
- A module on domestic violence is included in marriage preparation and post-marriage accompaniment.

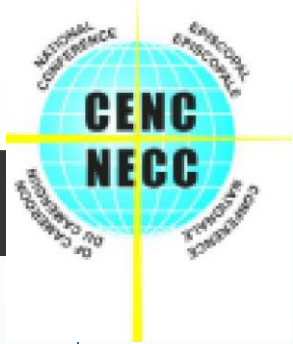


RESOLUTION AND FOLLOW-UP

- WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ONG AND THE STATE
- RUNNING A TRAINING WORKSHOP WITH BIBLE APOSTOLATE AND BIBLE ALLIANCE OF CAMEROON



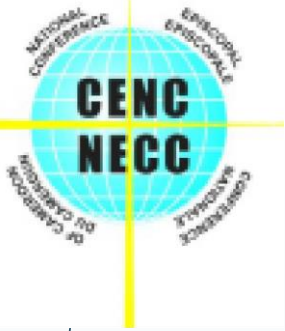




RESOLUTIONS AND FOLLOW-UP

➤ BUILDING SHELTERS FOR
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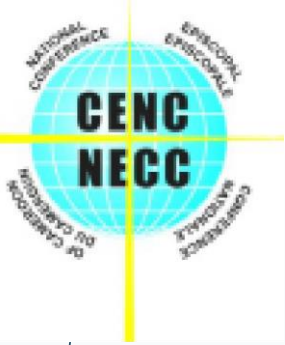
➤ We're not there yet



WHERE ARE WE?

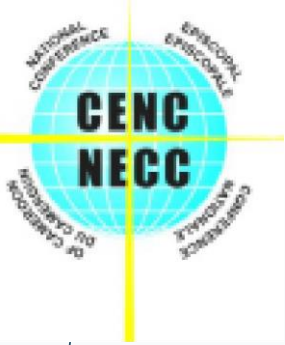
- A Directory on the pastoral care of families and life is currently being validated by the bishops.
- Awareness of non-violence among couples and families is ongoing in parishes. The desire to be non-violent is taking root in people's hearts.
- The training of pastoral workers and leaders of marital spirituality movements is ongoing.
- We would like to start training pastoral workers to help survivors of violence and to help abusers get out of their situation.





OUR EXPERIENCE

- **Regarding the objective**
- we can say that the goal here is to evangelize families: to accompany them in the task of building their Christian identity. If the Christian family is a community of persons equal in dignity in rights and duties, then respect for life at all stages of its development is inscribed in it at the same time as violence is prohibited. We do not lose sight of the fact that the evangelization of families must lead to their sanctification: to enter into heavenly happiness.

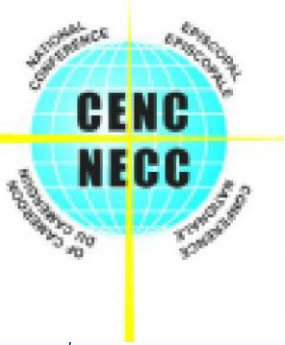


OUR EXPERIENCE

► Regarding its target

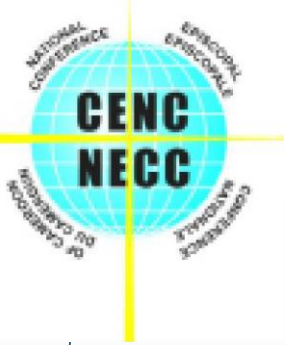
in our daily work, we observe that:

- Abortion is common in families.
- The entrusted children, especially orphans, are not always well treated.
- Elderly people, especially those with Alzheimer's disease, are accused of witchcraft.
- Incest and sexual abuse are common in families.
- The practice of eugenics.
- The practice of popular justice.
- Internally displaced persons constitute a category of people whose rights are violated. Consequently, those involved in these situations should be protected.



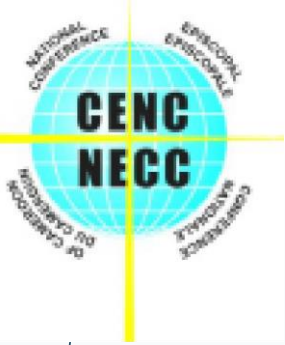
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- The document DIGNITATIS INFINITAS confirms what we have experienced, namely that the dignity of the human person encompasses both ontological, moral, social, and existential dignity. It follows from this that the dignity of the human person is regularly violated.



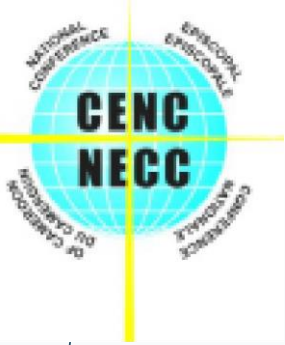
OUR EXPERIENCE

- **Regarding its content,**
- family pastoral care must integrate everything concerning the family: starting very early in the family to talk to children about respect for life at all stages.
- Prayer holds a central place in the life of the Christian family. The prayer is here part of the setting up of the domestic Church: reading of the Word, personal prayer, prayer of the spouses, prayer of the children, prayer of the whole family.
- Family evenings, understood as a time when parents exchange with their children in all simplicity and freedom, constitute strong moments for the transmission of values to children through role-playing games.



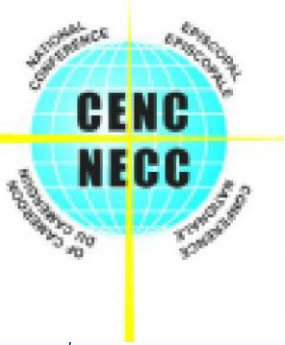
OUR EXPERIENCE

- From the point of view of the apostolic workers that we are
- We see our work as an act of evangelisation and, as always, we must first receive Christ and bring him to others with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Our starting point is therefore our own Pentecost.
- Experience teaches us that as couples and parents, we are the primary beneficiaries of our apostolate. We only give the overflow of our heart.
- We do our best, but it is the Lord who transforms hearts and disposes them to follow Him. We accompany them along this path.
- How can the work of pastoral workers be remunerated? Today, pastoral workers are volunteers. Will this still be the case tomorrow?



THEMES FOR REFLECTION

- Showing that the pastoral care of human life includes proposing income-generating activities to families.
- How can work and family life be reconciled?
- Family life and the media
- How can media use be reconciled with married and family life?
- The sanctification of families: "A crown for two".
- Training pastoral workers to care for survivors of domestic violence and other forms of violence.



CONCLUSION

- Pastoral care of the family is above all a service of evangelisation and sanctification of families. If the family is evangelised, it will evangelise the whole of society. Domestic non-violence will then extend to vulnerable beings such as zygotes/foetuses (abortion), albinos and people at the end of their lives... Furthermore, pastoral workers need to be trained to care for survivors of domestic violence and all other forms of violence.