

Translation of [official retraction](#):

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Father bishop, priests, young friends, brothers and sisters who are loved by God, abundant blessings to all of you. We want to convey something regarding the viral IYD cross belonging to the Purwokerto Diocese.

First, we thank our brothers and sisters for paying great attention to the cross we made. This cross was made in a long process. We as disciples of Jesus want to learn to express our faith in the context of our culture. We reflect, learn about faith, even pray for days until this cross occurs. We really make this cross out of our great love for God who gave Himself on the cross.

Second, we apologize for the long discussion regarding our reflections on this cross. We accept all forms of input, criticism, questions sincerely. In fact, we thank you for all the good input.

Everything will be a lesson for us and also for the young people we assist.

Third, we are aware that there are still many things that we need to improve in this cross. We are also aware that the reflection of our faith must also be placed in the reflection of the Church's faith and the reflection of the faith of all people. So, legally, WE DRAW OUR CROSS. We will not bring this cross to the IYD in Palembang. We ask for prayer for our next steps to be more complete in reflecting faith in the glorious mystery of the Cross of Jesus.

Thank you for your concern brothers and sisters. We join in praying for all of you to always be blessed with blessings from God.

Sincerely yours, Purwokerto Diocese Youth Commission.