



## **Kaigama condemns attack in Catholic Church in Nnewi diocese**

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The President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria Most Rev Ignatius Ayau  
Kaigama, in a message broadcast on the radio from his residence in St Philip's Catholic  
Church in Ozubulu in Nnewi diocese of Anambra State, attacks

In a recent interview at the Vatican Radio in Rome, the Prelate expressed shock and  
sadness about the attack.

“This attack is terribly inhuman and barbaric and we condemn the killings  
wholeheartedly” Kaigama said.

The CBCN President on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of  
Nigeria(CBCN) offered his thoughts and condolences to the Bishop of Nnewi, Most  
Rev Hilary Okeke, the Priests, Religious and entire laity of Nnewi diocese.

“Despite these attacks, Catholics in Nigeria will continue to be strong and committed Christians. We urge them to be ready and willing to continue to show their commitment to Jesus through a life of witness.” Kaigama advised.

At least 11 people were reportedly killed and 18 others wounded when gunmen opened fire on worshippers who had gathered early on Sunday (August 6) at St Philip’s Catholic Church in Ozubulu Nnewi diocese, Anambra State.

Police said they believe the attack may have been linked to drug trafficking and was carried out following a feud between local residents and member of the community living outside Nigeria.