



ONLY A COMMON FRONT DEVOID OF ENVY AND OTHER DIFFERENCES CAN PUT AN END TO CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC - Archbishop Kaigama

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The human race is presently engaged in a global war for the survival of humanity and only a common front, devoid of envy, colour differences, religion and status can ensure victory for mankind in this situation, the Catholic Archbishop of Abuja, Most Rev. Ignatius Ayau Kaigama has declared.

Archbishop Kaigama made this assertion in Abuja recently while flagging-off the first phase of the multi-million-naira worth palliatives for vulnerable persons in the Archdiocese, to help them cushion the impact of the Corona Virus pandemic lockdown imposed by Government to check the spread of the contagious disease. According to him, the palliatives shared were to support vulnerable people in rural parishes, the prisons and orphanages.

While expressing hope that the Government will support the Church in her humanitarian activities, Archbishop Kaigama disclosed that what the Archdiocese was giving out was donated by the people of God in the church. He further called on well-meaning Nigerians who have enough, groups and organizations in the country to reach-out to the needy and poor around them, so that these people will not suffer at this critical time.

According to the Archbishop, the Church's gesture is not premised on tribe, religion, age gender or status, and we are to do our best to support these vulnerable people in the society in this critical time. Archbishop noted that the

war against the Corona Virus pandemic does not involved lethal weapons but yet very serious and devastating as “social lives are crumbling; the economy is degenerating and religious gatherings are now impossible.” He added: “There are going to be consequences, so we must all be part of this war.”

While admonishing the people to move forward with faith, trust, hope and confidence in God that the humanity will overcome Covid-19; Archbishop Kaigama emphasized that “This difficult period requires goodwill and show of love to minimize the hardship and suffering of vulnerable people in the society.

Also speaking at the ceremony, the President of the Catholic Women Organization, Abuja Archdiocese, (CWOAA), Mrs. Mary Imaezue assured that the CWO will mobilize her members, not only in Abuja, but all over the country, to ensure support for the vulnerable in the society. She also disclosed that members of the association will help in the parishes to ensure that the palliatives are equitably shared and promised a donation of half a million Naira (N500,000: 00k) from the association’s purse to support the Archdiocesan project. She noted that the association feels the pains of her indigent and vulnerable members, especially those in the rural areas, and has put in place a plan to raise the sum of Four Million Naira to help them address their challenges.