



NIGERIANS URGED TO EMBRACE THE INVALUABLE LOVE AND UNITY OF THE BLESSED TRINITY

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The Catholic Archbishop of Abuja, Most Rev. Ignatius Ayau Kaigama has stressed the need for oneness and collaboration among all Nigerians for the common good, as exemplified in the oneness of the Blessed Trinity. The Archbishop made the call in his homily at the celebration of the Mass for the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, held on Sunday, June 7, at the Holy Cross Church, Gwarimpa, Abuja.

Archbishop Kaigama spoke on the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, describing the triune God as ultimate love and “a truth that we cannot fully comprehend or explain since we are limited in understanding”. He affirmed: “From the very beginning God showed himself to be a mysterious God, when in Genesis 1:26, he says, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...”The collective words “let us” and “our” show that the Father is in communion with the Son and the Holy Spirit. In the light of our sharing in the image

of God creates a special union between God and humanity. Therefore, according to the Archbishop, “no human life should be more precious or less precious than the other but all persons should be treated with equal dignity and respect. Archbishop Kaigama condemning man’s inhumanity to man, noted that the brutal murder of George Floyd in the United States by a police officer is very inhumane, adding that the same goes for the cases of domestic, ethnic and religious violence and violence perpetrated by unknown gunmen, kidnappers, armed robbers and rapists in the country. He declared: “As the Trinity is a community of persons, we as humans need to be mutually interdependent and concerned for one another”.

Speaking on the Coronavirus pandemic and the measures put in place by government to control its’ spread, especially as it affects places of worship, Archbishop Kaigama reiterated the invaluable role of prayer and communal worship in the life of the country, emphasizing that it can facilitate peace and stability. In his words, he said, “The view that religion is a non-essential service ignores the fact that a highly religious nation such as Nigeria relies on religious peace and harmony for its social integration, economic and political progress. To argue that prayers can be said at home and not necessarily in worship places is to betray ignorance of the potency and efficacy of communal prayers.”