



## COMMUNICATION ALSO HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FORMATION

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The communication apostolate is also for the formation of the human person, apart from informing and educating the people, the Auxiliary Bishop of Onitsha Archdiocese and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria (CBCN), Episcopal Chairman for Social Communications, Most Rev. Denis Chidi Isizoh had declared.

Bishop Isizoh made the assertion in his address to the staff of the Directorate of Social Communications, Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria (CSN), in his opening remarks, during their five-day recollection interactive session with him, at Aguleri, Anambra State. The CSN Social Communications Directorate team was led by the Director, Very Rev. Fr. Mike Umoh.

The Bishop Chairman reminded the CSN communications office staff, that communication is of absolute importance to the mission of the Church, therefore, there is the need for the staff of the office to be committed and discharge their duties with passion and dedication. Emphasizing that communication is not only about the dissemination of news and information but also about formation of people, Bishop Isizoh stressed the need for the staff to cooperate and collaborate and work as a family, in spite of their individual differences and background.

This, he said, will facilitate the realization of the objectives of the Bishops' Conference. He urged the staff to

cooperate with the new director to enable him realize his programmed objectives aimed at enhancing the communication apostolate of the Church in the country.

In his own remarks, the new National Director, Rev. Fr. Mike Umoh reiterated his plan to make the Church in Nigeria to be more present in the social media and enhance the communications apostolate of the Church in all ramifications. He gave an outline of his proposed social media applications that will make the presence of the Church in the social media more vibrant and effective.

He added that his plans include ensuring that the church in Nigeria is effectively connected through the social media and facilitate cordial relationship between the Church and the secular media as well as all the stake holder groups in the country. Fr, Umoh expressed gratitude to the Bishop Chairman for his able leadership of the communications apostolate and his invaluable contributions to the work of the office.

Also in the CSN team were: Otunba Jide Fadugba-Pinheiro; Mr. Josef Ishu, Mrs. Lucy Arogundade, Mr. Steve Ofurum, Miss Fidelia Angbalaga , Mr. Emma Eko and Mr. Henry Mba.