



ARCHBISHOP KAIGAMA LAUDS SENATE'S DECISION ON ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF ELECTION RESULTS

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The Catholic Archbishop of Abuja, Most Rev. Ignatius Ayau Kaigama has commended the Nigerian Senate over decision to support electronic transmission of election results in future elections in the country.

Archbishop Kaigama gave the commendation on Sunday, October 17, 2021 in his homily during the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, at St. Luke's Parish, Kubwa, Abuja.

“A good and commendable example of sensitivity to the people’s wish is the Senate rescinding its earlier decision against the electronic transmission of election results by the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC, to ensure credible polls.”

According to the Chief Shepherd of Abuja, power and honour in themselves are not evil, but could become a problem when people desire them in the wrong spirit. “As we approach the 2023 elections this reality is not far from us, where many will be driven by desperation to occupy juicy positions of leadership. The eagerness of politicians to occupy strategic positions does not amount to the eagerness to serve the teeming youths, people with disabilities, widows, orphans, senior citizens, women discriminated against, children, etc., but to be served and to command power.”

He advised that we must all shun the mentality of “not what you know but who you know”. “This mentality of nepotism and favouritism has unfortunately become noticeable in appointments, recruitment and admission into important institutions, etc. To make Nigeria better, and our religious practices relevant, we, who claim to be religious, must embrace the life of service in the spirit of truth and holiness, and learn to wash the feet of one another.”