



INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF CATHOLIC KNIGHTS

ABUJA, NIGERIA, NOVEMBER 2007

POST CONFERENCE STATEMENT

The 22nd International Alliance of Catholic Knights (IACK) meeting held at Reiz Continental Hotel, Abuja, Nigeria from 17 to 22 November 2007 deliberated on a number of issues of concern to the delegates present and highlighted the following:

1. That since not enough attention is given to the defence of the rights of women; there should be a more concerted effort to promote the solidarity and welfare of our women folk in Africa.
2. That as the incidence of migration, refugees and the tragic loss of life has increased in recent years there should be coordinated advocacy directed towards resolving the matter by the authorities concerned.
3. That the catholic Faith needs to be preserved and strengthened to resist any attempt on the part of adversaries to destabilise it and discredit its adherents.
4. That more attention should be given to “Life” issues and the prevention of abortion, euthanasia and other threats to the Christian way of life.
5. Catholic Knights ought to use their many and precious God-given gifts for the benefit of their communities and their own spiritual development.

At the close of the meeting:

- a) Bro. Samuel K. Barnes of Ghana was installed as President of the Alliance and Bro. John Starmans of Australia as Deputy President for the period 2007 – 2009. The nomination of Bishop Joseph Osei-Bonsu of Ghana as International Chaplain for the same period was confirmed.
- b) Bro. Niall M. Kennedy of Ireland was re-elected as Secretary General of the Alliance for the ensuing two years.

The statement was signed by:

Bro. Dr. Fidelis Rex C. Ezemenari, Supreme Knight, Knights of St. Mulumba, (Nigeria)

Bro. David Huppertz, Supreme Knight, Knights of the Southern Cross (Australia)

Bro. Peter P. Hauser, Supreme Knight, Knights of St. Virgil (Austria)

Bro. Charles Kelly representing Bro. Paddy Byrne, Supreme Knight, Knights of St. Columbanus (Ireland)

Bro. Anthony S. Njie, Supreme Knight, Knights of St. Peter and Paul (The Gambia)

Bro. Gene A. Phillips Snr. Supreme Knight, Knights of Peter Claver (USA)

Bro. Edward A. Prah, Supreme Knight, Knights of Marshall (Ghana)

Bro. William Lee, representing Bro. Gerard Kelberg, Supreme Knight, Knights of St. Thomas More (Belgium)

Bro. Vicente N. Barra, Supreme Knight, Knights of da Gama (South Africa)

Done at Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria this twenty second day of November 2007.