



OUR SOCIETY NEEDS NEW PATRICKS; Bishop Bagobiri

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KAFANCHAN - The Bishop of Kafanchan diocese, Most Rev Joseph Bagobiri avowed that our nation is in dire need of new Patricks, people who are ready to embrace the spirit of gratuitousness and giving, people imbued with strong faith, and the Holy Spirit-inspired courage to face the challenges of our time.

The bishop made the call in his homily at the formal opening of St. Albert the Great Institute of Philosophy, Fayit-Kagoma on Saturday 17th, 2012. The ceremony coincided with the feast of St Patrick whom the bishop described as a saint who is known for his strong faith, and great exploits in spreading the good news amidst all odds.

St. Patrick faced trials and hardships we are told : from bad weather, betrayed by friends, criticized by his fellow clergy for labouring among a people described as barbarians, belittled by his colleagues-bishops-for lack of formal learning, and was many times threatened with death. But in all of these, St. Patrick did not give up, but rather he braved up to the challenge of evangelisation in his time, and the results were tremendous he said.

The Bishop emphasized that The odds and challenges notwithstanding, the Lord is still raising many today, preparing them and imbuing or empowering them with the Holy Spirit to the world that still stands in need for his Gospel of salvation. He further noted that the evangelizer today is called to engage a world that the centre seems to be caving in. It is one faced with the threat of becoming a collapse or failed State.

According to the prelate, the vices bedevilling our society are expressions of the monster called sin. And the

solution is to follow the path of conversion....â€” Thus the need for â€”new Patricks with strong faith, and the Holy Spirit-inspired courage to face the neo-paganic- world of our timeâ€”, he said.