

**Ondo State has received the blessings of the Catholic Bishop of Ondo Diocese, Most Reverend Dr. Jude Arogundade.**

The urban renewal programme of Mimiko-led administration in Akure in particular and Ondo State in general has received the blessings of the Catholic Bishop of Ondo Diocese, Most Reverend Dr. Jude Arogundade.

In his homily at the 45th World social communication Day at the Sacred Heart Catholic Cathedral Akure Bishop Arogundade said it is the type of infrastructural development and beautification of the environment that enhances health living happening in Ondo State that makes for developed and beautiful places in world.

He decried the way some of us live in surrounding littered with dirt, buildings defaced by illegal structures and shanties with abandoned vehicles all over our landscape. Bishop Arogundade said in New York, where he lived for 15 years, it is a law that landlords must paint their houses every six years.

The clergyman stressed that any community that wants development must have laid-down rules, including building plans, which should not be broken, to give room for orderliness, discipline, good and healthy living.

He commended Governor Olusegun Mimiko for his plan to transform Ondo State saying apart from Lagos, Akure is next in terms of purposeful physical development and beautification. The cleric called on media practitioners to challenge the people to carry out their own responsibilities. On communication, Bishop Arogundade charged the media practitioners to ensure that every news they transmit should be such that will benefit the society.

He noted that the world community has changed as information travel faster than hitherto saying therefore that there is no hiding place for anybody anymore in the world. The Bishop appealed to parents to work hard to control the information their children receive while the media should work hard to ensure that our culture and tradition are maintained.

Bishop Arogundade then called on citizens to come together, think together as a nation and a society urging that we should build a home and make our country a home.