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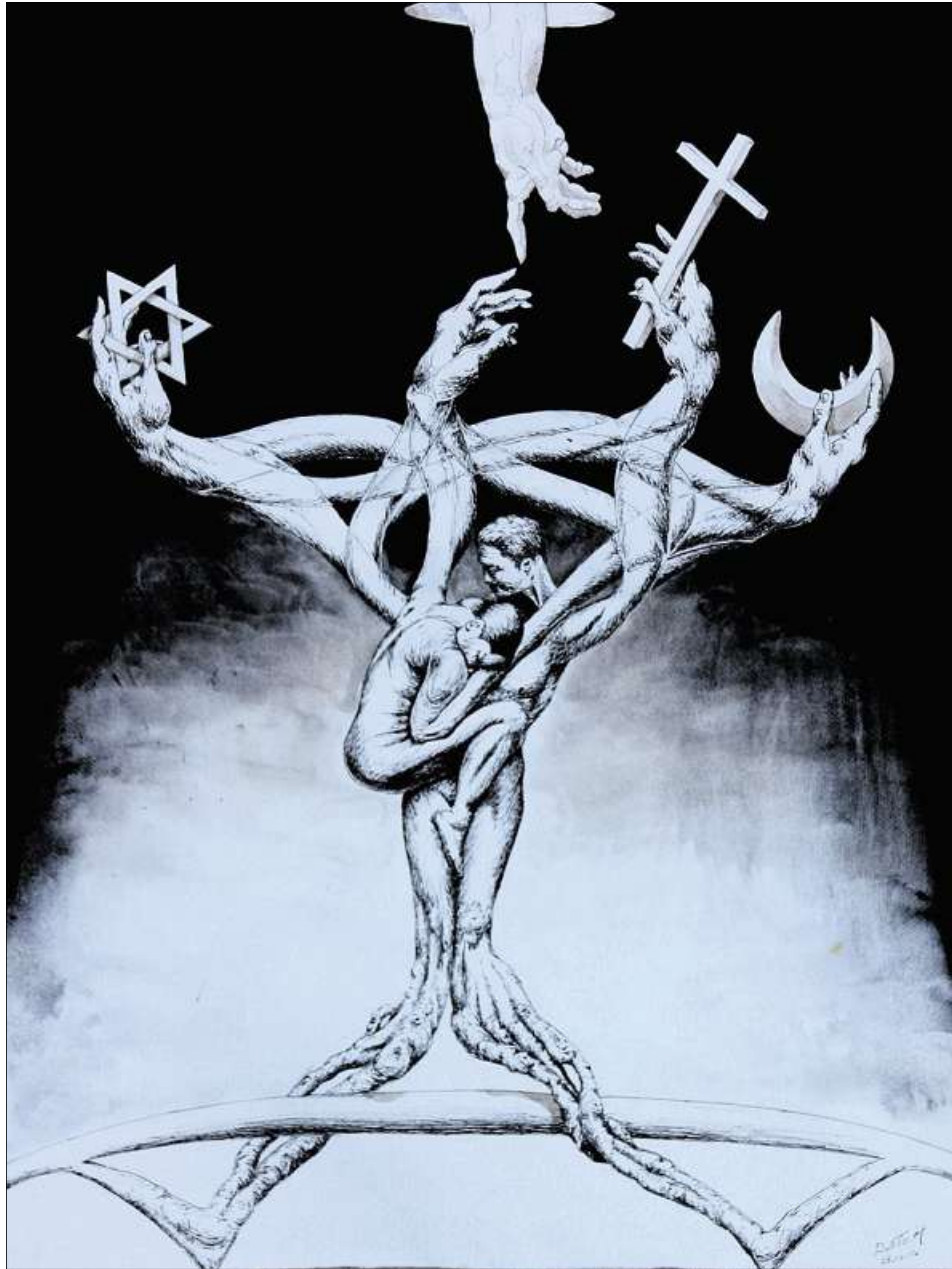


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Timely: exhibits from "The Bridge", a multifaith "peace-building" exhibition, organised by the inter-religious group, Caravan, opening in Paris on 2 February, to mark the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week; and moving to Cairo, and to St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, in the summer. www.oncaravan.org

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Archbishop: 'Nigeria needs spirit of Paris'

by a staff reporter

THE RC Archbishop of Jos, in Nigeria, where Islamic militants have killed many hundreds — possibly thousands — of people in the past week, has called for the same "spirit" to be shown in his country as was displayed by the international community after the Paris attacks.

The Archbishop, the Most Revd Ignatius Kaigama, said that the international community needed to respond to the attacks by Boko Haram in the same manner as it had to the French attacks.

Speaking to the BBC, he said: "We need that spirit to be spread around. Not just when it [an attack] happens in Europe, but when it happens in Nigeria, in Niger, in Cameroon."

He said that "international resources" must be mobilised to "face or confront the people who bring such sadness to many families". He said that the latest attacks had shown that the Nigerian armed forces could not cope.

The RC Bishop of Sokoto, the Rt Revd Matthew Hassan Kukah, told the *Financial Times* this week: "We would have loved to see a situation when the Prime Minister of Britain had a sense of responsibility to mobilise the international community on our side. You get a feeling almost of betrayal."

He said that the French were more willing to leap to the aid of their former colonies than the British.

The World Council of Churches also issued a statement comparing the international response to the French atrocity and the conflict in Nigeria: "As much as the WCC joins in the international solidarity with the people of France in the aftermath of the recent attacks in and near Paris, we are deeply saddened that the tragic events in Nigeria have not attracted equivalent international concern and solidarity," the statement said.

"A mindset which deploys young children as bombs, and which indiscriminately slaughters women, children, and elderly people, is beyond outrage, and disqualifies itself from any possible claim to religious justification."

An attack by the militants on the border town of Baga, earlier this month, killed up to 2000, reports from witnesses say, although the military in Nigeria has insisted that the number who died was about 150. Amnesty International has described the attack as the "deadliest massacre" in the conflict to date.

Suicide bombers also struck in the region last weekend, killing dozens more civilians. One of the suicide attacks is said to have been by a ten-year-old girl, who killed at least 19 people when she blew herself up at a market.

The UN secretary-general, Ban Ki-moon, has condemned the use of the girl as a "depraved act" by the militants, and promised "all available means and resources" to help end the bloodshed.

The executive director of UNICEF, Anthony Lake, said: "These images from northern Nigeria should be searing the con-

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Women priests for Southern Cone

WOMEN priests are set to be a reality in most of the Anglican Church in the Southern Cone of America. Six out of seven dioceses are likely to opt into the change. The province's canon law has been amended to permit the ordination of women if desired, and all dioceses apart from Argentina voted in favour of the new canons. A provincial spokesman told the Anglican Communion News Service that for a diocese to have women priests, each House of its diocesan synod needed to vote in favour by a two-thirds majority.

Ugandan Primate dismisses demons

THE Archbishop of Uganda, the Most Revd Stanley Ntagali, has told a convention of Ugandan young people not to live in fear of demonic attacks. It had been reported widely in Uganda that a previous Archbishop had claimed that he had been attacked by demons, but Archbishop Ntagali dismissed the suggestion. "I myself do not believe in the presence of demons, and, if they are there, tell them to come and attack me now," he said.

Romero killed 'in hatred of the faith'

OSCAR ROMERO, the assassinated Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Salvador, is reported to have been officially declared a martyr by the Vatican. Archbishop Romero was shot dead by gunmen in 1980, while celebrating mass, one day after he told soldiers to lay down their weapons. The Italian newspaper *Avvenire* reported that a panel of theologians had decided that Archbishop Romero had been murdered "in hatred of the faith", a decision said to pave the way for his beatification and canonisation.

Pioneer: Joyce Lamont, a US radio broadcaster for more than 50 years, and cradle Episcopalian, who died at the end of last month, aged 98. She hosted *Dayton's Musical Chimes*, and passed on recipes and shopping and travel tips throughout the day. At the height of her career, she received more than 10,000 letters a month. A colleague recalled: "Joyce was the most enthusiastic Episcopalian I have ever known"



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