

## **Summary of Issues Discussed and Strategic Action Plan for JDPC**

Presented on Day 2 (18<sup>th</sup> November, 2021)

1. Resource Mobilization for JDPC works. The need to face the challenges by creating awareness of the works of JDPC among the priests and the people on regular basis. Also, writing of proposals addressing the problems within your locality.

2. Active engagement by All JDPCs on:

Pre- elections activities

Election activities

Post elections activities

All preparations should be made well ahead of the time.

### **\*Strategic work plans as agreed\*:**

First, from now till December all JDPCs in provinces and Dioceses should come together to build common goals on how to effectively collaborate to contribute towards the coming census and elections of 2023.

Second, from January to March; there should be engagement on voters registration, civic education, sensitization and regular meetings.

Third, April to June : Press conferences and advocacies to major stakeholders and community engagement for development of charter of demands.

Theme for the conference is : \*Rekindling Hope\*

Fourth, June to August and September: monitoring of campaigns and party primaries.

Fifth, October- Voter education, campaign finance monitoring, organising debates for contestants.

Then, from National office, there should be training of observers and creating an app for monitoring of elections. Also, engaging INEC for Observers Accreditation.

The need for continuous advocacy was seriously encouraged. This should be repeatedly done to avoid voters apathy.

Encouraging press media to be part of what we are doing and in this regard, collaboration between Catholic Media Practitioners is highly encouraged.

Pushing for the signing of the electoral law should be done if possible before the 2023 elections.

Peacebuilding and conflict prevention programs among the youth should be aggressively engaged to help the youth shun thuggery.

The need for Bishops to speak about elections next year is necessary to encourage our people, and JDPCs should follow up on this.

Caritas office should move around all the regions and if possible Provinces to find out how JDPCs are working together and where there are issues it should be resolved before our next AGM to enable effectiveness.

The need for Zoom meetings at specific times was emphasized to enable reporting and proper documentation of issues.

Post elections activities must be carefully followed up by all JDPCs. And community engagement must be talking seriously. While all JDPCs should be registered with CAC for localisation to enable support and funding..

Lenten Campaign: Theme: Rekindling Hope in the Nigeria project. This would be followed with sub-themes.