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Prof. Attahiru Jega, "for the improved effort towards a free, fair and credible elections" during the April general elections.

The Conference expressed her belief in the common origin and destiny of humans, noting "that authentic practice of religion enables a person to discover God at the depth of our common humanity inviting us to His love. This is an incentive for greater inter-religious dialogue and cooperation, which found expression in the warm welcome of the Catholic

Bishops by the Sultan of Sokoto, His Eminence, Sa'ad Abubakar III, in his palace on the eve of the Episcopal Ordination there. We hope to continue to explore more avenues for greater dialogue and collaboration.

The Catholic Bishops exhorted Christians not to follow the standards of this passing world (2 Corinthians 4:18, Ephesians 4:22) but, "as salt of the earth and light of the world (Matthew 5:13-14), be exemplary in forgiveness and love, striving for the things above".

Auto crash: 32 perish in Katsina

AT least 32 persons were burnt to death in an accident that occurred in Rimaye village in Kankia Local Government Area of Katsina State on Thursday.

An eyewitness told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Friday that four other persons were injured in the accident, which occurred at about 11 p.m. when a Volkswagen golf car and a J5 bus coming from the opposite direction collided.

According to an eyewitness, the driver of the Volkswagen car with registration number AG 59 MAN, carrying eight passengers, lost control while negotiating a sharp bend and had a head-on collision with the J5 bus.

It was gathered that the impact of the collision resulted

in a fire which engulfed the two vehicles.

A total of 24 persons were said to have died in the bus, which was going to Funtua from Katsina, while all the eight passengers in the Golf car travelling to Katsina from Funtua, died.

The remains of the victims were buried in a mass grave, while the four persons who sustained various degrees of injuries were rushed to the Kankia General Hospital.

ASP Ibrahim Mohammed, the Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the Police Command in the state, confirmed the incident, saying that four survivors of the incident were now receiving treatment at the Kankia Hospital.

He further said investigation was being carried out on the incident.