



• The late Rev. Fr. Odia

2 Two Catholic priests killed in Kaduna, Edo

From Bisi Olaniyi, Benin City
Catholic Archdiocese of Kaduna, Rev. Fr. Christian Emmanuel, confirmed the incident in a statement on Sunday, saying the cleric was killed on Saturday.

Emmanuel said: "Fr Boro-go was aged 50 and was the chaplain of the Catholic community of the Kaduna State Polytechnic, and the Chairman of the Nigerian Catholic Diocesan Priests Association (NCDPA), Kaduna Chapter.

"Most Rev. Matthew Man-Oso Ndagoso, the Catholic Archbishop of Kaduna condoles with the immediate family, the NFCS Family of Kaduna Polytechnic, and indeed

the entire Kaduna Polytechnic Community and assures them of his fraternal closeness and prayers," Emmanuel said.

Police spokesman Mohammed Jalige said he would get information on the incident.

The abducted Catholic priest, Rev. Fr. Christopher Odia, 41, has died in the den of his kidnappers in Edo State.

Information on the death of the cleric was released yesterday evening by the Director of Social Communications,

Catholic Diocese of Auchi in Edo North Senatorial District, Rev. Fr. Peter Egielewa, in a press statement.

Egielewa said: "With heavy hearts, but with total submis-

sion to the will of God, we announce the death of our priest, Rev. Fr. Christopher Odia, who was killed by his abductors, after being kidnapped on June 26, 2022 at about 6.30am in his rectory, while coming out to go for Sunday Mass at St. Michael Catholic Church, Ikabigbo, Uzairue, Edo State.

Until his death, Rev. Fr. Odia was the Administrator of St. Michael Catholic Church, Ikabigbo, and also the Principal of St. Philip Catholic Secondary School, Jattu. He was aged 41. May his soul rest in peace."

Two vigilantes were reportedly killed during the abduction of the priest.

THE Chaplain of the Catholic Community of the Kaduna State Polytechnic, Rev. Fr. Vitus Boro-go, has been killed by terrorists on his farm off Kaduna-Kachia Road.

The Chancellor of the