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This week, *VoiceAfrique* Catholic invites us to deepen our understanding of the forces shaping our continent, from the structural challenges of security to the profound mysteries of our faith. As we continue our Lenten journey, we are encouraged to move beyond surface-level observations and seek the truth that restores justice and offers spiritual clarity.

By Sr. Helen Kasaka, LSMI

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This week's spotlight: A pilgrim of hope on African soil

In the third episode of this series, host Sr. Helen Kasaka and the PACTPAN Coordinating Servant, Fr. Stan Chu Ilo discuss the shifting centre of gravity in the global Church toward the Global South, particularly Africa. Statistics now identify Africa as a demographic powerhouse of the Catholic faith, producing more seminarians and candidates for the priesthood than any other continent. This marks

a significant transition from being a recipient of mission to becoming a primary source of mission for the universal Church.

Fr. Stan emphasizes that while this growth is a reason for gratitude, it is not a time for triumphalism. Instead, it is an invitation for the Church in Africa to model the reign of God through tangible transformation. The discussion highlights the need for a "church that attracts," where faith is not abstract but manifests in addressing root causes of suffering, supporting the continent's youth, and maintaining accountability within both religious and civic structures.

Watch the full session on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmKbfZW7ev0>

Inside Nigeria's terror architecture

By Augustine Anwuchie

The security landscape in Nigeria remains a critical concern as new investigations shed light on the complex structures driving instability. This analysis explores the sophisticated architecture behind these persistent threats, examining how various factions operate and the socio-economic factors that sustain them.

Beyond the immediate headlines, the report delves into the systemic challenges facing regional stability and the profound impact on local communities. Understanding these dynamics is essential for developing lasting solutions that prioritize the safety and dignity of all citizens.

Read more: <https://voiceafrique.org/inside-nigerias-terror-architecture/>

Did God create hell?

By Fr. Stan Chu Illo

In the second part of this deep theological exploration, the discussion continues regarding the origins and nature of divine justice. This segment examines historical and scriptural interpretations, seeking to reconcile the concepts of a merciful Creator with the traditional understanding of eternal separation.

By revisiting the linguistic and cultural contexts of sacred texts, the reflection provides a nuanced perspective for those navigating complex questions of faith and the afterlife. It invites readers to move beyond fear-based narratives toward a more profound understanding of the relationship between God and humanity.

Read more: <https://voiceafrique.org/did-god-create-hell-part-ii/>

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