



A Statement of Clarification

December 7, 2006, Fairfax, VA—In a recent *Washington Post* article, Archbishop Peter J. Akinola was characterized as “an advocate of jailing gays.” That is not true.

Archbishop Akinola recently spoke with Martyn Minns and stated that he believes that all people—whatever their manner of life or sexual orientation—are made in the image of God and deserve to be treated with respect. “We are all broken and need the transforming love of God,” Archbishop Akinola said during this recent conversation.

Archbishop Akinola also said, “Jesus Christ is our example for this. He refused to condemn the woman caught in adultery instead he said, ‘Go now and sin no more.’ That is an essential part of the message of the Gospel and the teaching of our congregations.”