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**A Catholic priest in Liberia wants the country's president to take a definite stance by speaking out strongly enough against homosexuality and same sex rights.**



The parish priest of the St. Kizito Catholic Church in Paynesville, outside [Monrovia](#), Reverend Father **Ambrose D. Kroma**, has asked the Government of Liberia to take a definite position on same sex marriage in the country.

The priest blamed the country's president for not speaking out strongly enough against gay rights. He urged the western African nation's leaders to take a definitive stance on same-sex marriage.

Liberia's president, [Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf](#), has not joined her peers in other African nations in forcefully denouncing same-sex marriage, and that was the Easter nightmare of the priest.

Kroma suggested that Johnson-Sirleaf's silence on the issue was tacit acceptance of same-sex marriage, something already illegal in Liberia.

Earlier this month, the Catholic archbishop of Monrovia, **Lewis Zeigler**, warned that any acceptance of same-sex marriage could hinder Liberia's progress and undermine the fabric of society, according to [AllAfrica](#). Speaking at the National Fast and Prayer Day hosted by the Liberia Council of Churches, Zeigler also denounced corruption and greed.

Homosexual activity is illegal in Liberia, with penalties of up to one year imprisonment. In 2012 a Liberian senator introduced legislation that would punish same-sex marriage with death. That year Liberian Senate passed a bill criminalizing same-sex marriage, but the House of Representatives has yet to vote on it. While the western African nation is about 85 percent Christian, only 6 percent of the population is Roman Catholic.

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