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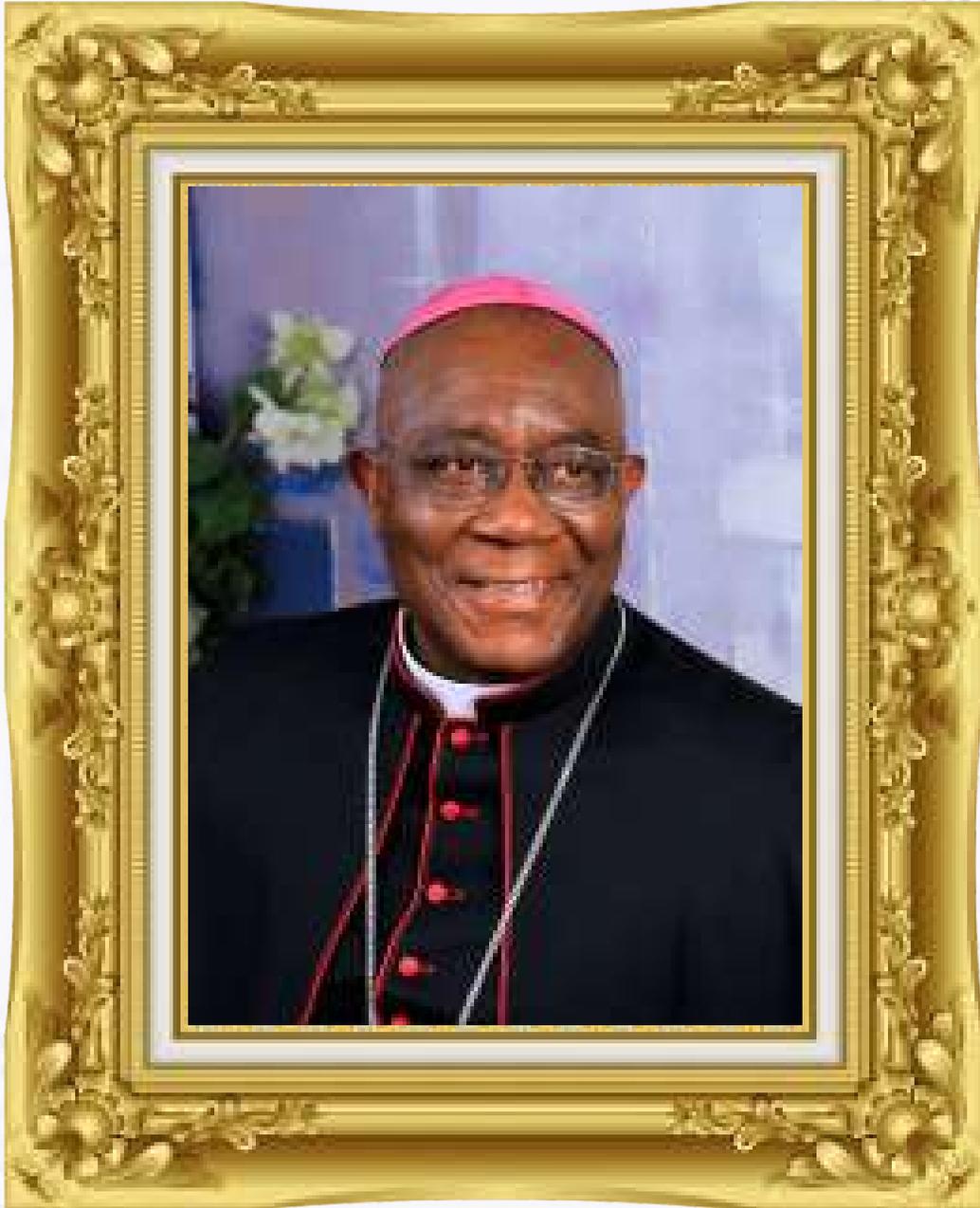
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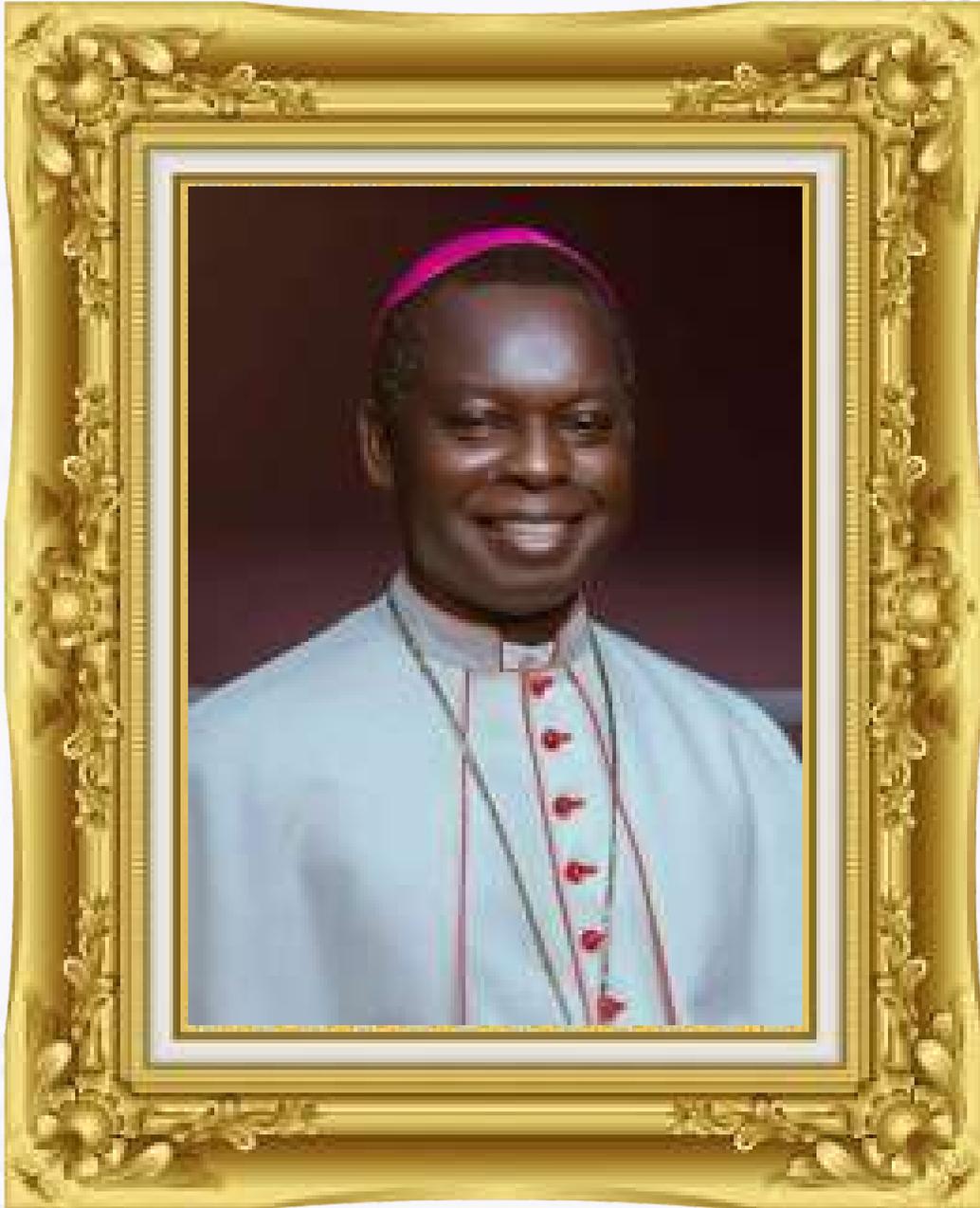
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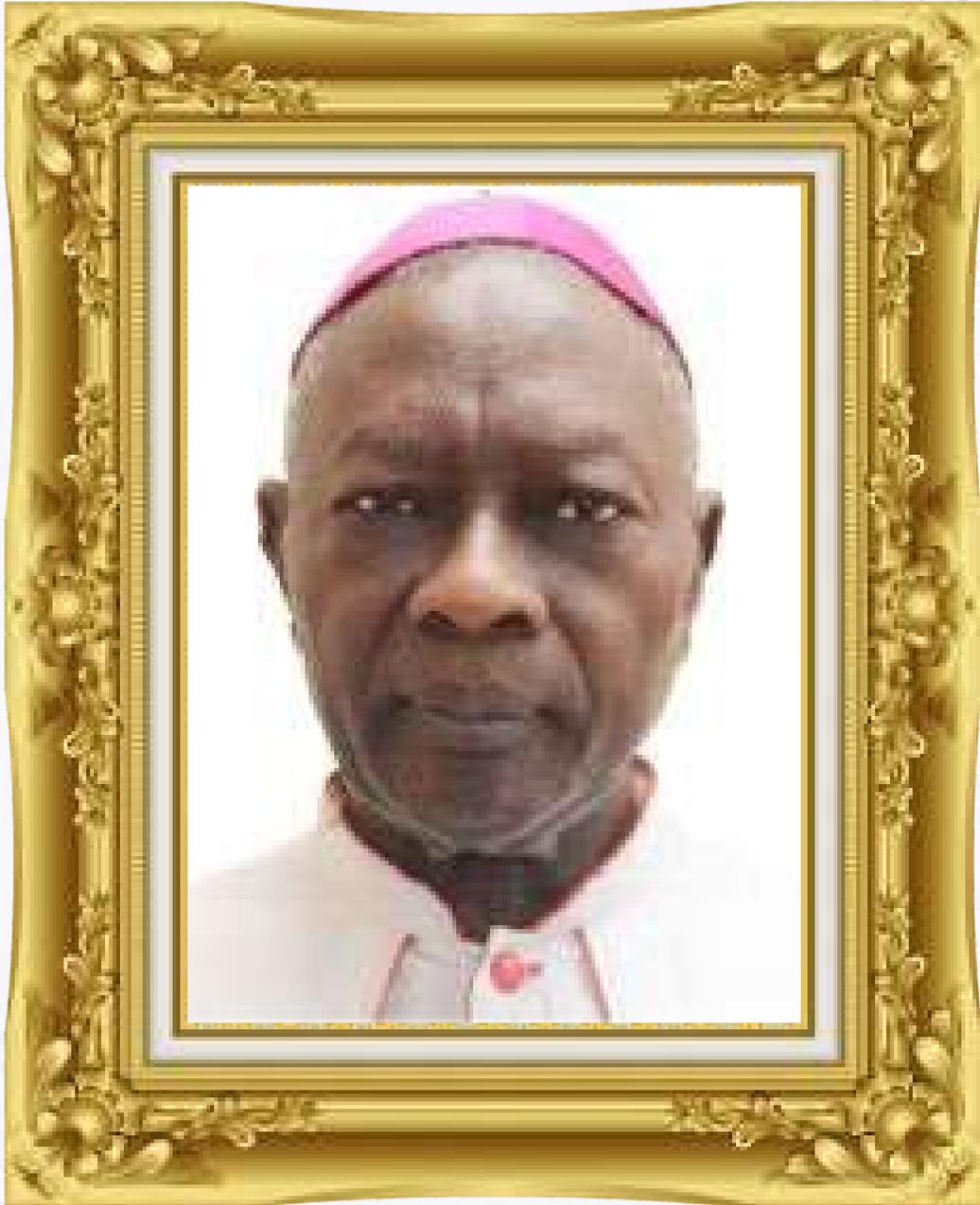
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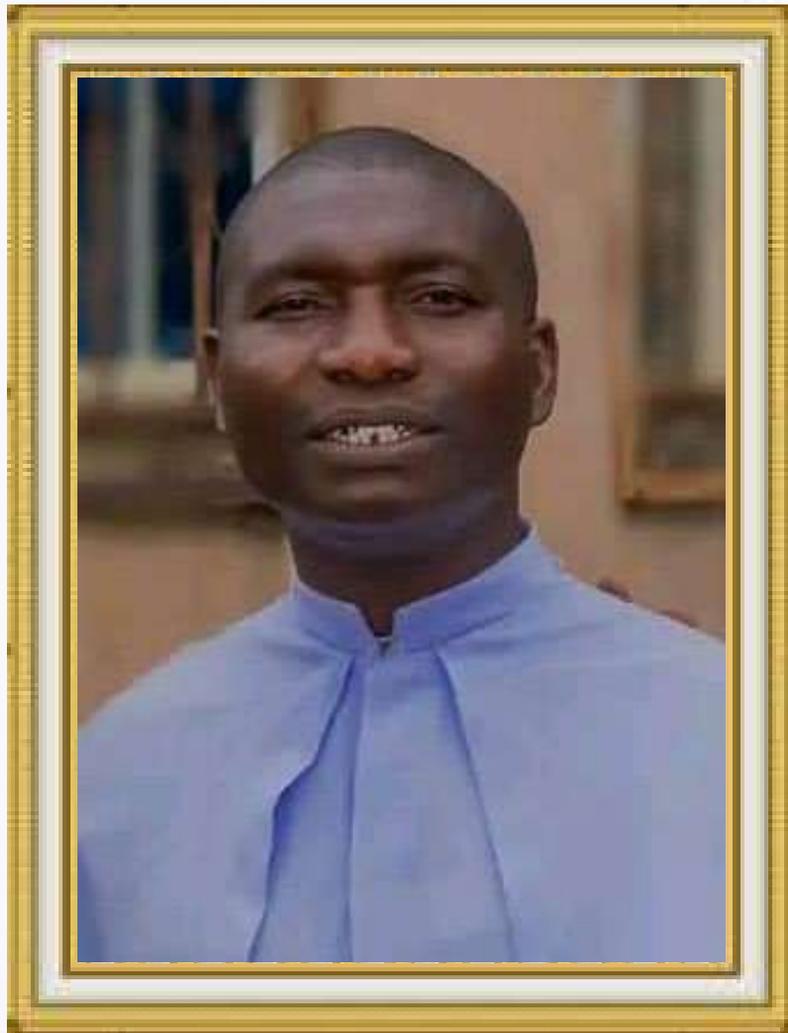


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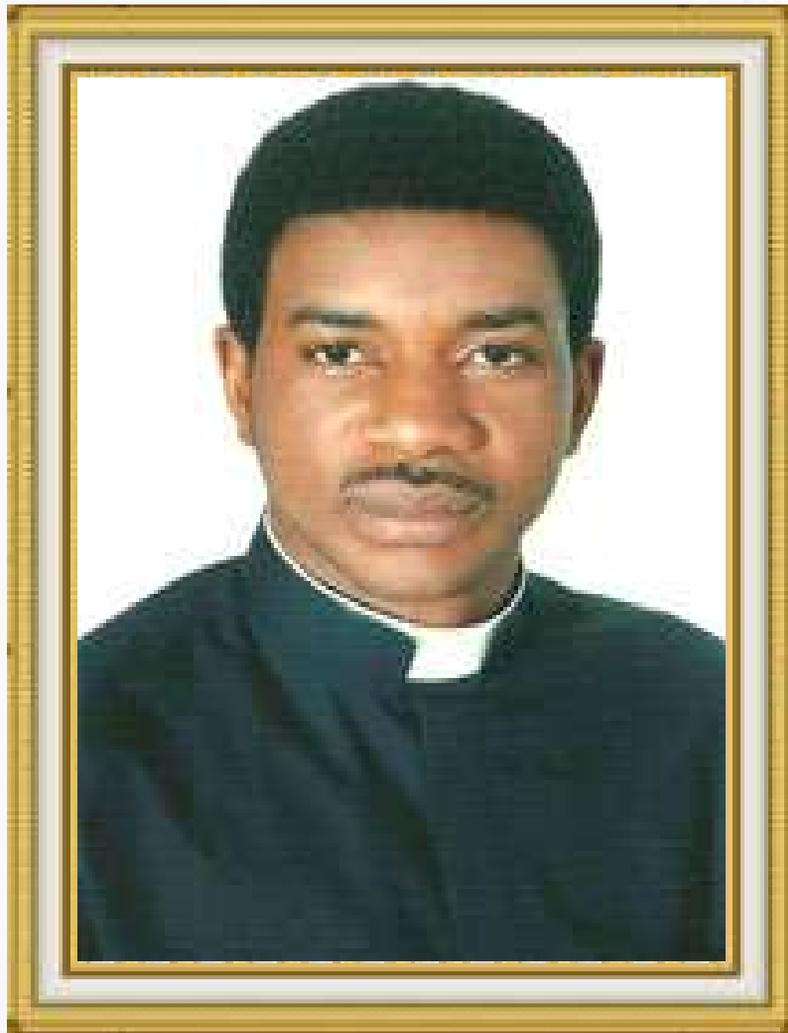
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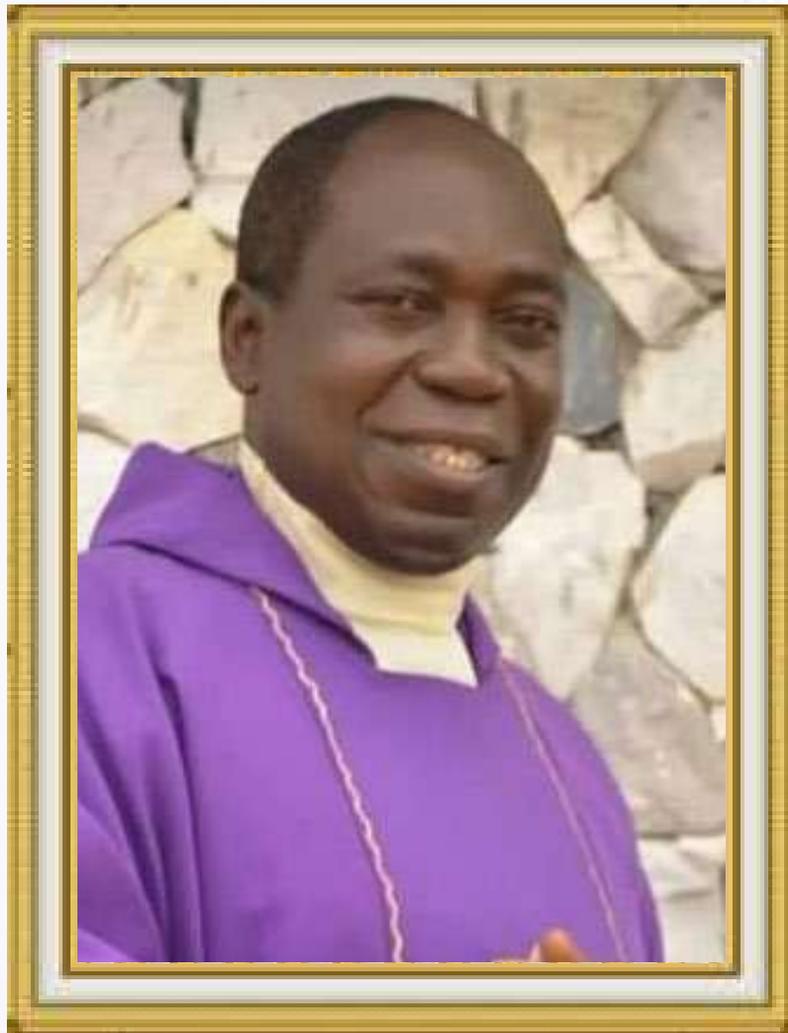
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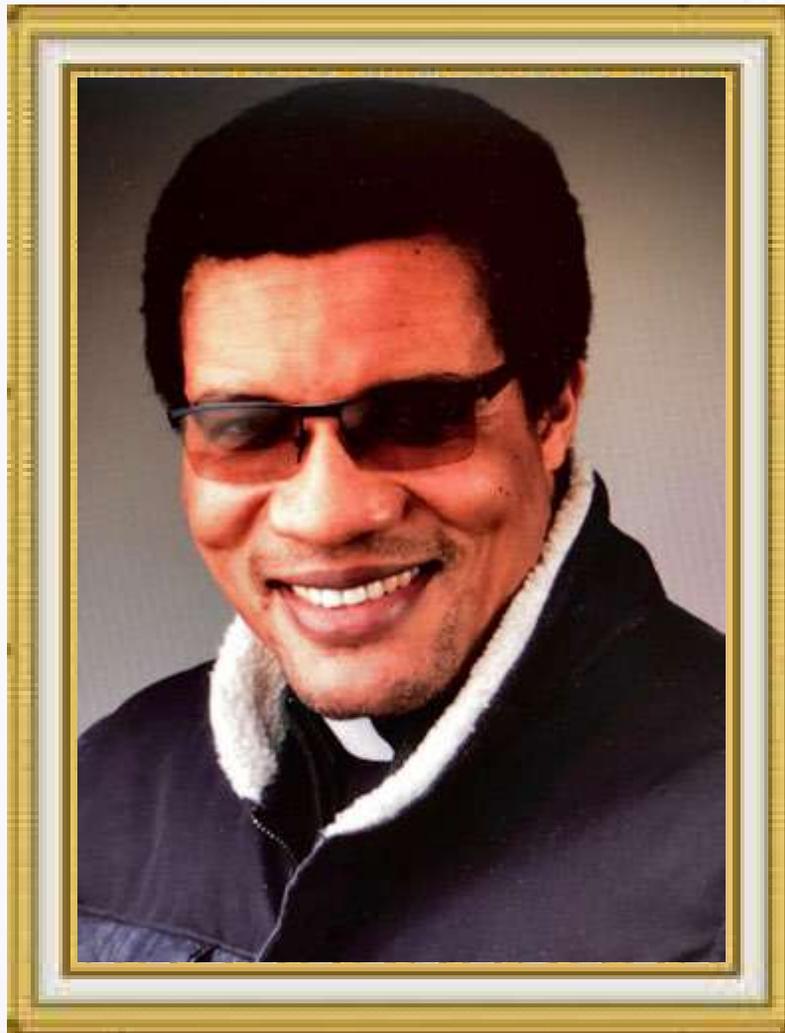
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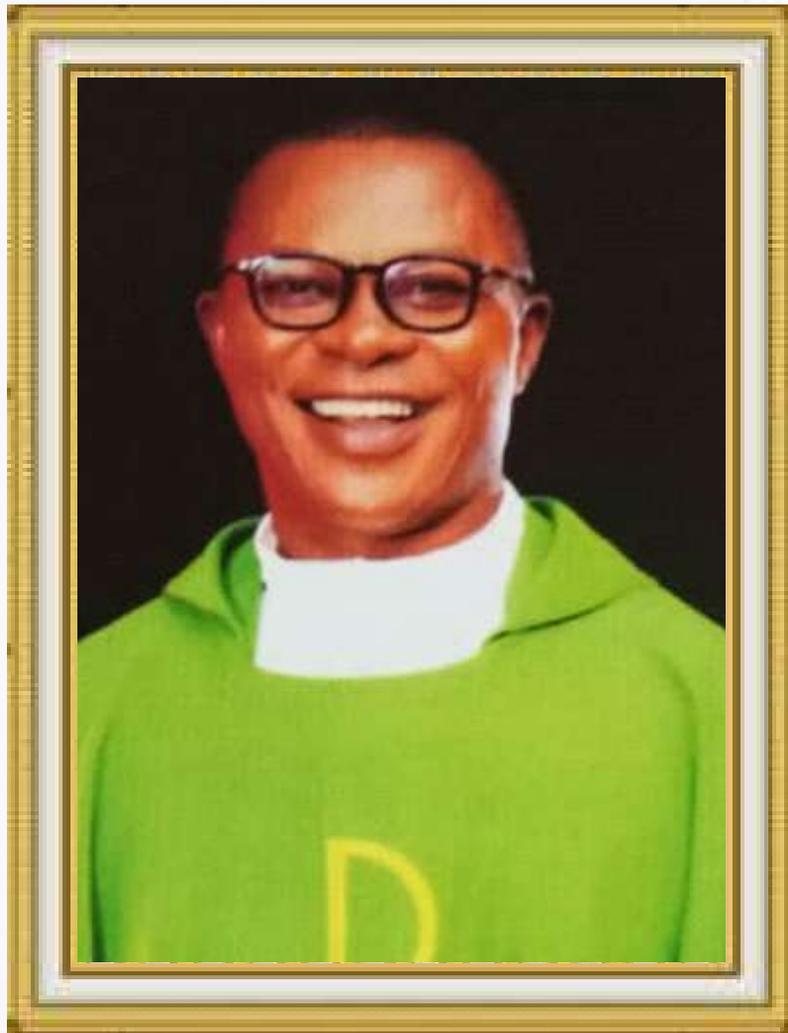
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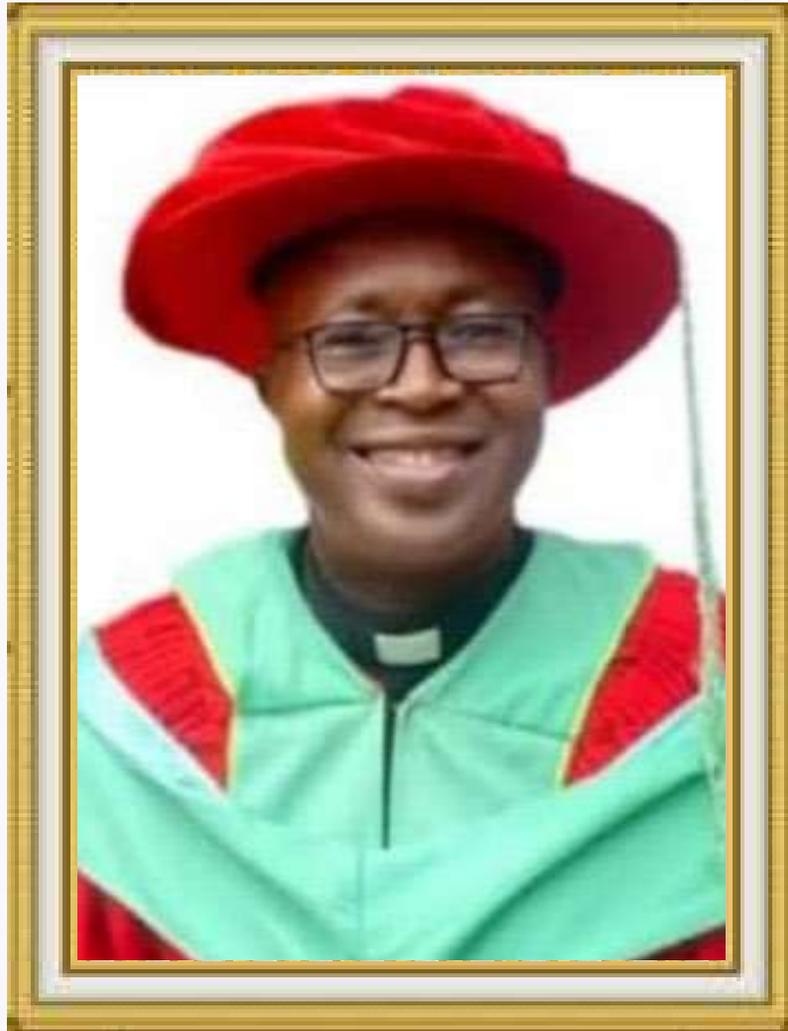
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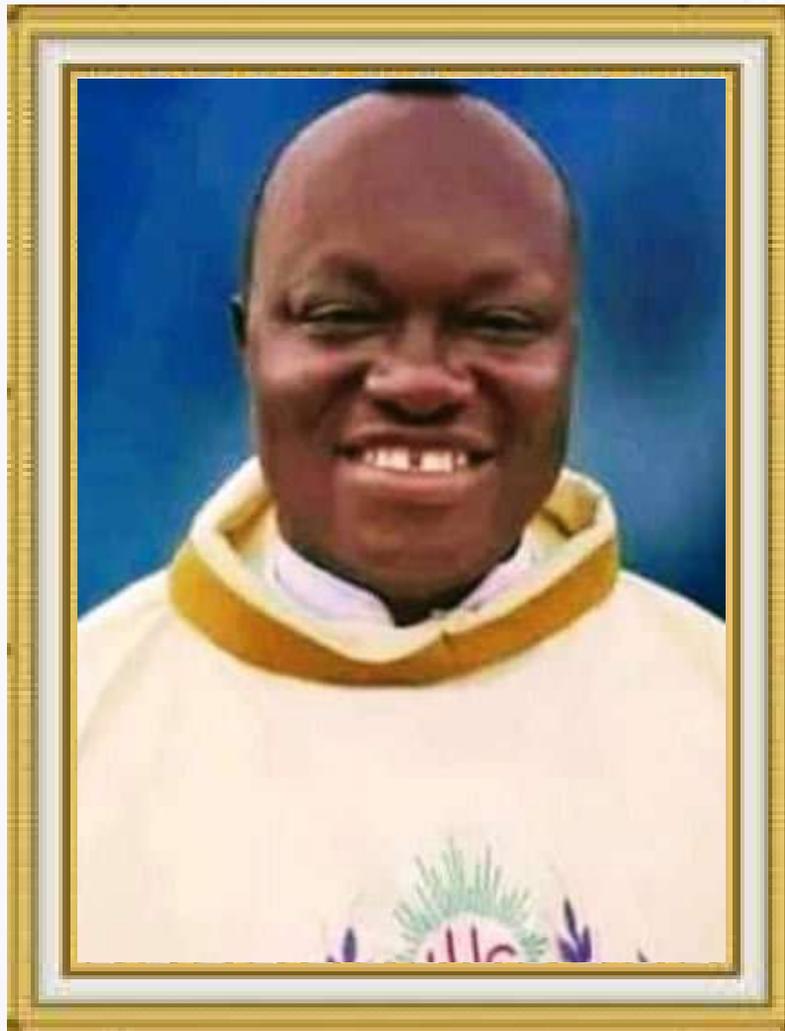
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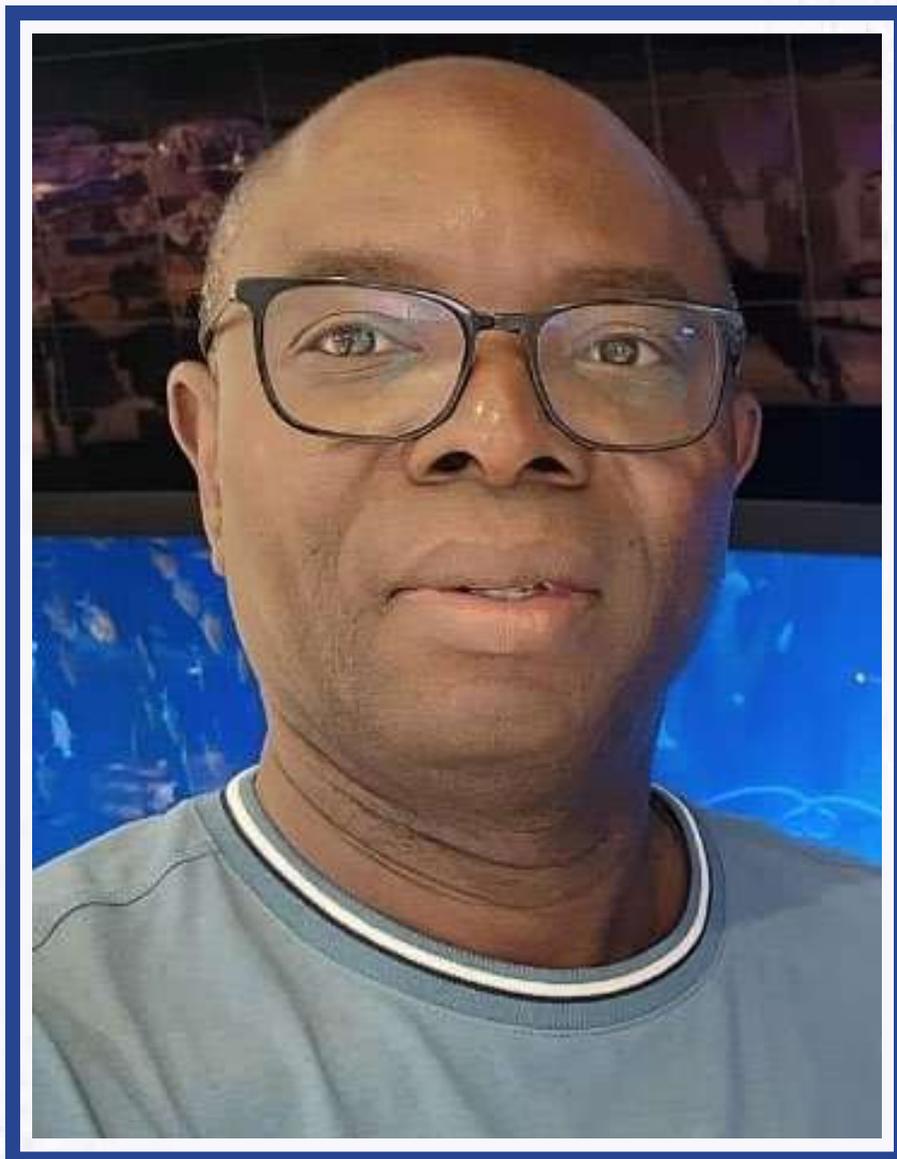
Former Chaplain of CG Aba Diocese

A portrait of Professor Anthony Nnamdi Okere KSJ, a Black man with a warm smile, looking slightly to the right. He is wearing a black academic cap with a red tassel and a red and black academic gown. A red sash with green and white stripes is draped over his left shoulder. A patch on the gown reads "4TH DEGREE". The background is dark blue.

Professor

**Anthony Nnamdi
Okere KSJ**

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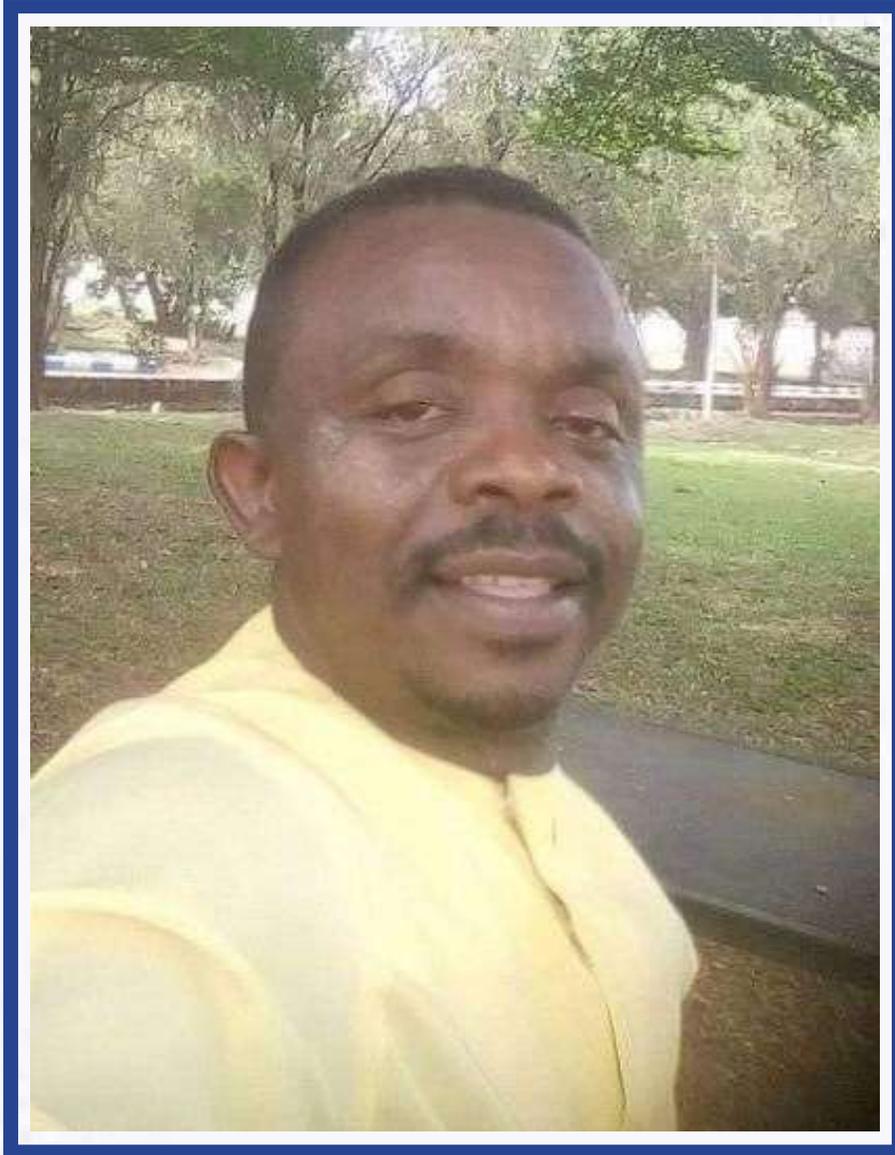


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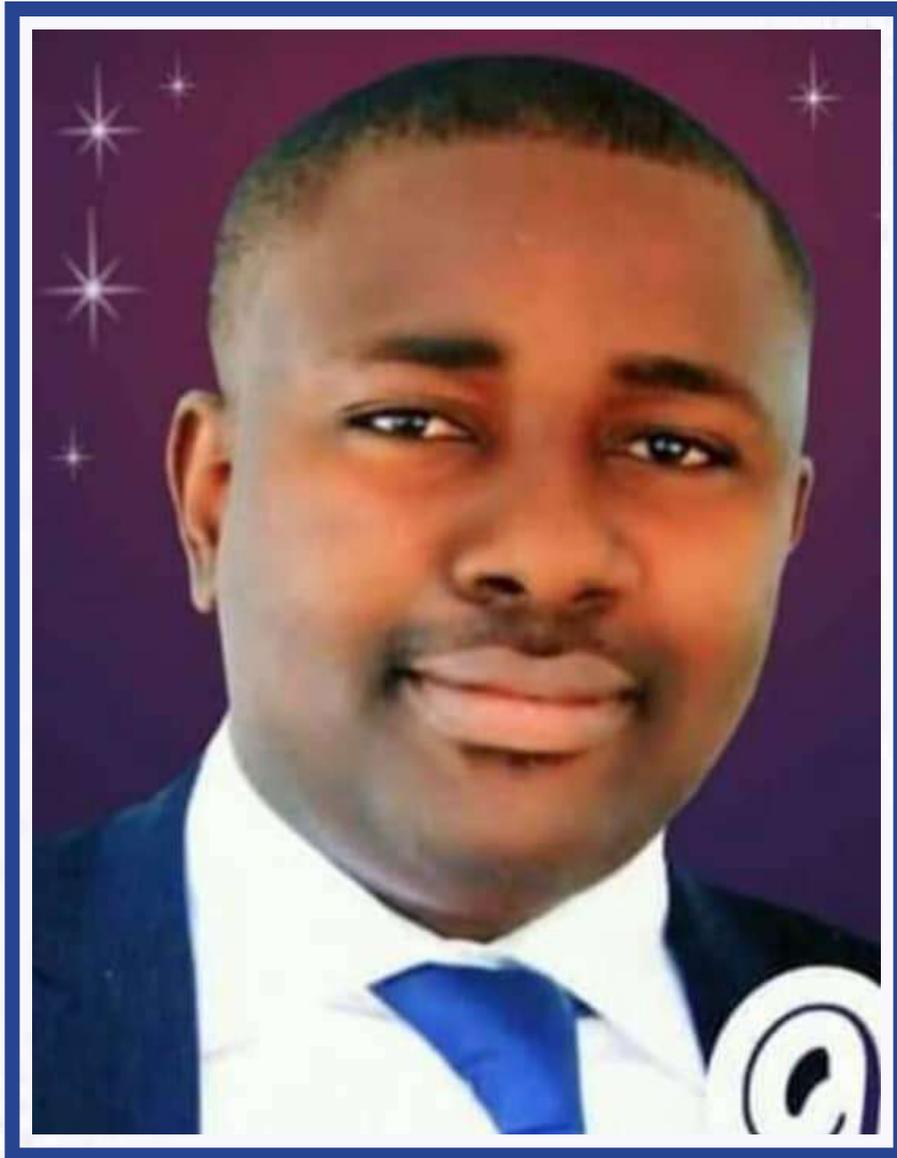
1ST SPEAKER AT CG REUNION - 1999



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FORMER PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT (AG.) JAN-AUG 2019.



BRO. UCHE OHIAGU (RIP).
FORMER PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT.



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Mr.

**EUSTACE
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CHAIRMAN, JUBILEE CENTRAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



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NATIONAL PRESIDENT ACADEMIC STAFF UNION OF UNIVERSITIES (ASUU)

CHAIRMAN OF THE OCCASION

BRIEF HISTORY OF CATHOLIC GRADUATES- CG (NFCS ALUMNI)

IDEATION AND BIRTH

Catholic Graduates (CG), formerly Nigeria Federation of Catholic Students-(NFCS) Alumni was birthed following the profuse family love that existed between members (especially officers) of Nigerian Federation of Catholic Students (NFCS) Provincial Executive Council-PEC from the various higher institutions within the Owerri Ecclesiastical province.

With the support of the first and second Chaplains of NFCS Owerri Ecclesiastical Province, Rev. Fr. Joseph Ejimofor and Rev. Fr. Prof. Mike Ukah, respectively, the occasion of the send-forth organised by the then Provincial Executive Council members (1998-2000) led by Bro Chigozie Onwukwe in honour of the first Provincial Executive Council-PEC members (1996-1998) of NFCS - Owerri Province led by Bro McDonald Ofurum respectively, on the 8th of August 1998, at Federal Polytechnic, Nekede, provided a launching pad to propagate the idea and desire to continue as NFCS ALUMNI as unanimously agreed by the out-going PEC and graduating NFCS members. With this solid agreement, some members of the out-going PEC worked all through the 8th August 1998, to give flesh to this idea in terms of organizational structure, membership requirements and other key issues like name, vision and purpose of the proposed NFCS Alumni. This was very critical because the inauguration of the new NFCS Alumni members and Exco was set for the next day, Sunday, 9th August 1998. Selecting the pioneer executive of the new body was the toughest conversation of the day as Bro McDonald Ofurum who had played prominent roles in the formation of NFCS Alumni declined to continue to lead after graduation. Among the graduating members present at this auspicious meeting were Bro. McDonald Chukwubuikem Ofurum, Bro Chinedu Nnaemeka Ogbuji, Bro Chimobi Nwoke, Bro Eustace Tooche Ohaji, Bro Sixtus Nwaneri, Sister Thecla Onyeanya, Bro Ikenna Affam, Bro Jude Anyanwu (Now Rev Fr. Dr. Jude Anyanwu) and few others.

In the spirit of God and Catholic love, Bro Chinedu Ogbuji was selected and after much prompting accepted to lead the organization as its pioneer President. The other pioneer officers were Late Sister Chinwe

Onyenagada (Vice President), Bro. Chimobi Nwoke (General Secretary), Bro Eustace Tooche Ohaji (Assistant Secretary). Bro. McDonald Ofurum (Financial Secretary) and Sister Thecla Onyeanya (Treasurer). These officers and others in the graduating class of NFCS present at the send – forth Mass celebrated by Fr. Hilary Diachelem (Now Bishop of Bauchi Diocese) the next day, were inaugurated, commissioned and inducted with the responsibility of nurturing the growth and development of this young association. This marked the beginning of the body-CATHOLIC GRADUATES-CG (NFCS ALUMNI) Owerri Province, with the motto, LIGHT OF THE WORLD as subsequently suggested by Bro McDonald Ofurum on a later date and generally adopted by all.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT:

One must not fail to point out that the moment CG was born, the then Archbishop of Owerri, His Grace Most Rev. Dr. AJV Obinna and our Pioneer Chaplain, Rev Fr. Dr. Jude Ike gave us ample invaluable support to skyrocket the growth of CG. Bro. McDonald Ofurum who often interfaced between CG and the then Archbishop was equally very instrumental to the growth and development of CG. Due to the untiring efforts of Bro McDonald, the Archbishop then often jokingly referred to us as ***ndi otu McDonald;*** anytime we were opportune to have audience with him.

As a way of ensuring sustainability, it was agreed by members that an annual Reunion, General meeting and Dinner be held every 2nd weekend of August. The early years of CG Annual Re-union, General Meeting and Dinner was championed by Bro. McDonald C. Ofurum and Bro Eustace Tooche Ohaji with support from the then Exco led by Bro Chinedu Ogbuji. Pioneering the growth and development of CG was not an easy task as the National Youth Service Corp program and search for greener pastures scattered the pioneer members to different parts of the country. The absence or at best, paucity of effective internet enabled mobile communication did not make it any easier.

The foundation members of CG thought out the following subsisting aim and objectives as guiding principles and core values.

AIM AND OBJECTIVES: The aim and objectives of the Association are;

- i) To unite all Catholic Graduates of Owerri Ecclesiastical Province
- ii) To enrich the faith of its members through its various activities
- iii) To help its members understand more deeply the beliefs, teachings and, practices of the Catholic Church and to correct any misconceptions therefrom
- iv) To help its unemployed members secure jobs
- v) To help members live more practical Christian lives thus being the light in their environment
- vi) To build an Information Resource Centre (IRC) in the Owerri Ecclesiastical Province when the need arises.
- vii) To ensure that each chapter of NFCS forms her own Alumni (CG)
- viii) To help the alleviation of the sufferings of the less privileged people in the society.

Membership of CG was also proposed and later adopted in the constitution to be open to all Catholic Graduates subscribing to Owerri Ecclesiastical Province irrespective of age. The definition of "Graduates" includes all Catholics that have concluded their degree, diploma or certificate programmes of study in a recognized higher institution in Nigeria including but not limited to Colleges of Technology, Schools of Nursing, Colleges of Education, Polytechnics; Universities and Senior seminaries.

Over the years, CG has grown and supported its members, NFCS, the Church and the society in different aspects and will continue to do so.

His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. AJV Obinna, the then Archbishop and Metropolitan of Owerri Ecclesiastical Province further manifested his unflinching support to CG by appointing in succession the first three Chaplains of CG namely, Rev. Fr. Dr. Jude Ike, Rev. Fr. Ignatius Nze, and Rev. Fr. Dr. Stephen Egwim respectively. Rev. Fr. Dr. Kingsley Ekeocha is the current CG Provincial Chaplain. The first grand patron of CG was Justice Chukwudifu Oputa (RIP).

In 2008, CG celebrated its 10 years of existence. This celebration was very symbolic as it marked a peaceful transition from the pioneer executive led by Bro Chinedu Ogbuji to a new executive led by Bro Henry Ogu as president. In the past 25 years, CG has held its Annual Reunion, General Meeting and Dinner which has also helped to strengthen relationships, partnerships and support to its members, NFCS, the Church and society.

Moreso, CG has fully established its presence across some other Dioceses including Aba, Umuahia and Enugu. Bro. Charles Chigozie Onwukwe and Sister Nkiru Ogbonna (Nee Nnadozie) were instrumental to the establishment of CG Aba Diocese with other members like Bro Shiwobi Obinna, Bro Ikenna Okoroafor, Bro Peter Ekenachi etc who played prominent roles at the early years of CG Aba. That same spirit of CG and the relocation circumstances to Umuahia helped Sister Nkiru Ogbonna (Nee Nnadozie) and Brother Alloy Adibe to form CG Umuahia with others. Attempts to establish CG in Okigwe, Ahiara and Orlu dioceses did not yield commensurate fruits but nevertheless we shall continue to push to extend the frontiers of CG.

ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

The major activities of CG over the years have reflected its objectives. These activities are categorised under provincial and diocesan/chapter level activities. At the provincial level, the pilot activity is the Annual Reunion/General Meeting/Dinner that holds every second weekend in August. Since inception, CG has only missed to hold this epoch activity in the year 2020(due to Covid 19 Pandemic) and 2022.

The following are the themes of the various annual lectures with the corresponding guest speakers;

1999	Rich in God	Mr. Ifeanyi Lebechi
2000	God's will	Rev. Fr. Dr. Jude Ike
2001	Path to success	Prof. Jude Njoku
2002	Leadership challenges ahead	Rt. Hon. Justice C. Oputa (Late)
2003	Building to greatness	Prof. Nolue Emenanjo
2004	Harnessing your potential s	Prof. Gabriella Nwaozuzu
2005	Catholics and professionalism	Prof. Gab. Umezuruike (Late)
2006	Seizing opportunities	Dr. Eddie Iroh
2007	Rekindling the light	Rev. Fr. Dr. I. M. Osuagwu
2008	New beginning	Rev. Fr. Kelechi Anyanwu
2009	Overcoming limitations	Prof. Mrs. Viola Onwuliri
2010	Impacting the world	Prof. Greg Nwizu
2011	Sustaining the legacy	Rev. Fr. (Prof) Jerome Okonkwo
2012	Catholicism in insecurity	Prof. A. M. Okere
2013	Catholicism in politics	Bishop Calistus Onaga
2014	Catholicism and bioethics	Dr. Philip Njemanze
2015	Catholics and entrepreneurship	Mr. Ide J. U. Udeagbala
2016	Dynamism of mercy	Rev. Fr. N. Izuagba
2017	Midlife crisis management	Prof. Mrs Gladys Ahaneku
2018	Catholic conscience and political voting	Rev. Fr. Dr. I. M. Osuagwu
2019	Catholic graduate working in solidarity with the church	Rev. Fr. John Obilor
2021	Maintaining security at a time of persistent insecurity	Very Rev. Msgr. Innocent Osuagwu

Other activities at the provincial level include the first Saturday of the year Stakeholders meeting, executive committee meetings etc. At the diocesan/chapter level, there are usually monthly general meetings, special business meetings, valentine luncheon and easter retreats etc. Other activities may be scheduled as events demanded.

On the part of projects, CG has not faired badly especially in recent times. Even though the Information Resource Center- IRC project was earmarked from inception, it has not really been easy to actualise due to financial and time constraints. This is why this Silver Jubilee celebration is targeted at raising funds to fully embark on the INFOTECH RESOURCE AND ENTERPRENEUSHIP CENTER-IRC project. This notwithstanding, CG as a body was able to register a cooperative society with the Registrar of Cooperatives in Owerri Municipal named- Ihe Nke Uwa (Owerri Municipal) Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society. The membership of this Cooperative Society was instrumental in achieving a major milestone in terms of project by establishing the CG

Land/Housing Estate Project which acquired parcels of land from some kindreds in Oforola Community to grant CG and non-CG members cheap access to landed properties for housing and commercial purposes. Details of this project are contained in the Land Committee report.

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF CG

The association being a Church body made up of professionals in different fields and situated in the Catholic church recognises the supremacy of the mother Church. Borrowing from this, the Archbishop of Owerri Archdiocese appoints a Provincial Chaplain with the authority to provide both spiritual and administrative leadership and control. This notwithstanding, most chaplains in the past had chosen to allow individual members of CG exercise their democratic franchise in choosing their leaders over the years and, this has worked very well for the association. The highest decision-making body of CG is the General Meeting presided over by the Provincial president. Other arms of CG are the Board of Trustees (BOT) with pioneer Provincial President as Chairman, The Provincial Executive Committee (PEC), the Diocesan/Chapter General Meeting and the Diocesan/Chapter Executive Committee.

Past CG Presidents and Secretaries:

S/N	Name	Position	Date
1	Bro. Chinedu N. Ogbuji	ProvinciaPresident	1998– 2007
2	Bro. Eustace Tooche Ohaji	General Secretary	1998– 2007
3	Bro. Henry Ogu	ProvinciaPresident	2007– 2011
4	Bro. Andy Osuagwu	General Secretary	2007– 2011
5	Sis. Sylvia Onyinyechukwu Anyadoh Nwadike	ProvinciaPresident	2011– 2017
6	Sis. Anthonia Ogbonna	General Secretary	2011– 2014
7	Modestus Tochukwu Opara	General Secretary	2014– 2017
8	Bro. Uche Ohiagu (RIP)	ProvinciaPresident	2017-Jan. 2019
9	Bro. Andy Chima Osuagwu	Ag. ProvinciaPresident	Jan-Aug 2019
10	Bro. Regis Nwogu	President	2019– Date
11	Sis. Nnenna Charles Chigozie	General Secretary	2017– Date

Compiled by:

1. Bro. Chinedu Ogbuji
2. Bro. Eustace Tooche Ohaji
3. Bro. McDonald Ofurum
4. Sis. Sylvia Anyadoh Nwadike
5. Bro. Chigozie Onwukwe

Witnessed by:

- Rev. Fr. Dr. Kingsley Ekeocha -
(CG Provincial Chaplain)
- Rev. Fr. Dr. Jude Anyanwu (SDV)-
CG Foundation Member.

11th August 2023.

Program Of Events

FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST

3:00pm - 6:00pm	Arrival, Accommodation And Relaxation
6:00pm - 6:30pm	Penitential Service
6:30pm - 7:30pm	Opening Mass
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Members Introduction, Dinner And Exchange Of Pleasantries
9:30pm - 10:30pm	Relaxation And Indoor Games
10:30pm -11:00pm	Team Members
11:00pm	Lights Out



Program Of Events

SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST

5:00am - 6:00am	Morning Exercise
6:00am - 6:30am	Morning Prayers
6:30am - 7:30am	Breakfast
7:30am - 9:30 am	Conference 1
9:30am - 10:00am	Team Meetings
10:00am - 11:30am	Jubilee & Induction Mass
11:30am - 12:00pm	Cultural/ Choral Displays
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Panel Conversation
1:30pm - 2:00pm	Unveiling of IRC
2:00pm - 3:30pm	Choral Competition
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Business Meetings & Networking
4:00pm - 5:30pm	Conference 2
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Provincial Election
6:30pm - 7:00pm	Chapter And Diocesan Meetings
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Free & Happy Hour
8:00pm - 10:30pm	Jubilee Dinner & Dance/ Display Competitions
10:30pm - 11:00pm	Nights Out

Program Of Events

SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST

5:00am – 6:30am	Morning Exercise
6:30am – 8:00am	Breakfast
8:00am – 10:00am	Conference 3
10:00am – 11:30am	Closing Mass
11:30am – 1:00pm	Conference 4
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Closing Formalities



ORDER OF MASS & SONGS

FRIDAY - 11th AUGUST, 2023

St. Clare, Virgin, Religious Founder Obligatory Memorial

ENTRANCE HYMNS

O God, Thy People Gather (CHB 24)

O God, thy people gather, obedient to thy word,
around thy holy altar to praise thy name, O Lord;
for all thy loving kindness our grateful hearts we raise;
but pardon first the blindness of all our sinful ways.

Thou art our loving Father, thou art our holiest Lord,
but we have sinned against thee by thoughts and
deed and word. Before the court of heaven
we stand and humbly pray our sins may be
forgiven, our faults be washed away.

Though sinful, we implore thee to turn
and make us live; that so we may adore thee,
and our due offering give; and the prayers
and voices of thy glad people rise, as thy whole
Church rejoices in this great sacrifice.

KYRIE...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy 4:32-40

Moses said to the people: ³²"Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? ³³Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? ³⁴Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with his strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? ³⁵All this you were allowed to see that you might know the LORD is God and there is no other. ³⁶Out of the heavens he let you hear his voice to discipline you; on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard him speaking out of the fire.

³⁷For love of your fathers he chose their descendants and personally led you out of Egypt by his great power, ³⁸driving out of your way nations greater and mightier than you, so as to bring you in and to make their land your heritage, as it is today. ³⁹This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. ⁴⁰You must keep his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever.”

This is the word of the Lord! - Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm – Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 AND 21

R. I remember the deeds of the Lord.

¹²I remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I remember your wonders of old. ¹³And I meditate on your works; your exploits I ponder. *R*

¹⁴O God, your way is holy; what great god is there like our God? ¹⁵You are the God who works wonders; among the peoples you have made known your power. *R*

¹⁶With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. ²¹You led your people like a flock under the care of Moses and Aaron. *R*

Gospel Acclamation cf. Matthew 5:10

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

¹⁰Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness; for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 16:24-28

²⁴Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay each according to his conduct. ²⁸Amen, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom."

This is the Gospel of the Lord! - Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ!

HOMILY...

OFFERTORY

BRINGING IN THE SHEEVES (CHB 47)

Refrain:

Bringing in the sheaves, Bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;
Bringing in the sheaves, Bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

CONSECRATION

ALMIGHTY FATHER, TAKE THIS BREAD (CHB 45)

Almighty Father, take this bread,
Your people offer You;
Where sins divide us, take instead
One-fold, one family.

The wine we offer soon will be
Christ's blood, redemption's price;
Receive it, Holy Trinity,
This holy sacrifice.

O God, by angels' choirs adored,
Thy name be praised on earth;
On all earth be that peace outpoured
Once promised at his birth.

SANCTUS...

PATER NOSTER...

AGNUS DEI...

COMMUNION

BREAD YOU HAVE GIVEN US (CHB 73)

Chorus

Bread you have given us, Lord, That we may see;
Wine you have given us, Lord, That we may see;
Your heart and your flesh are forever one with us,
Lord, that we may see, Lord, that we may see.

We come to sing at the table of love,
We come to sing at the table of love,
We come to sing all the songs we know
To bring our love, to bring our love.

We come to laugh at the table of love,
We come to laugh at the table of love,
We come to laugh all the joy we know
To bring our love, to bring our love.

We come to die at the table of love,
We come to die at the table of love,
We come to die all the death we know
To bring our love, to bring our love.

We come to be at the table of love,
We come to be at the table of love,
We come to be all the life we know
To bring our love, to bring our love.

I come with you to the table of love,
I come with you to the table of love,
I come with you whom I long to know
To bring our love, to bring our love.

DISMISAL

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT (CHB 133)

Fight the good fight with all your might,
Christ is your strength and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up your eyes, and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
his boundless mercy will provide.
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;
he changes not, and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see
that Christ is Lord eternally.

ORDER OF MASS & SONGS

SATURDAY - 12th AUGUST, 2023

ENTRANCE HYMNS

Hold the Fort (CHB 15)

Refrain:

“Hold the fort, for I am coming,” Jesus signals still;
Wave the answer back to heaven, “By Thy grace we will.”

Ho, my comrades, see the signal, waving in the sky!
Reinforcements now appearing, victory is nigh.

See the mighty host advancing, Satan leading on,
Mighty ones around us falling, courage almost gone!

See the glorious banner waving, Hear the trumpet blow!
In our Leader’s Name we triumph over every foe.

Fierce and long the battle rages, but our help is near,
Onward comes our great Commander, cheer, my comrades, cheer!

KYRIE...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy 6:4-13

Moses said to the people:

⁴“Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! ⁵Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. ⁶Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today. ⁷Drill them into your children. Speak of them at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest. ⁸Bind them at your wrist as a sign and let them be as a pendant on your forehead. ⁹Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates. ¹⁰“When the LORD, your God, brings you into the land which he swore to your fathers: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that he would give you, a land with fine, large cities that you did not build, ¹¹with houses full of goods of all sorts that you

did not garner, with cisterns that you did not dig, with vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant; and when, therefore, you eat your fill, ¹²take care not to forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. ¹³The LORD, your God, shall you fear; him shall you serve, and by his name shall you swear.”

This is the word of the Lord! - Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm – Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 AND 21

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer. *R*

My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim!
And I am safe from my enemies. *R*

The LORD live! And blessed be my Rock!
Extolled be God my savior!
You who gave great victories to your king,
and showed kindness to your anointed,
to David and his posterity forever. *R*

Gospel Acclamation cf. 2 Timothy 1:10

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death
and brought life to light through the Gospel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 17:14-20

¹⁴A man came up to Jesus, knelt down before him, ¹⁵and said, "Lord, have pity on my son, who is a lunatic and suffers severely; often he falls into fire, and often into water. ¹⁶I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." ¹⁷Jesus said in reply, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long will I be with you? How long will I endure you? Bring the boy here to me." ¹⁸Jesus rebuked him and the demon came out of him, and from that hour the boy was cured. ¹⁹Then the disciples approached Jesus in private and said, "Why could we not drive it out?" ²⁰He said to them, "Because of your little faith. Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord! - Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ!

HOMILY...

OFFERTORY

WE BRING OUR GIFTS, LORD (CHB 62)

We bring our gifts Lord, bread and wine,
We bring our gifts Lord, bread and wine,
We bring ourselves, Lord, heart and mind,
O Lord, Kumbaya.

Make us one, Lord, as we prayed,
Make us one, Lord, as we prayed,
Grant us peace, Lord, hear our prayer,
O Lord, Kumbaya.

Let us love, Lord, as you loved,
Let us love, Lord, as you loved,
In this banquet, Lord, we find strength,
O Lord, Kumbaya.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

CONSECRATION

TAKE OUR BREAD (CHB 60)

Refrain:

Take our bread, we ask you,
Take our hearts, we love you,
Take our lives, oh Father,
We are yours; we are yours.

Yours as we stand at the table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the signs of your life with us yet;
We are yours; we are yours.

Your holy people stand washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.
We are poor, but we brought ourselves the best we could.
We are yours; we are yours.

SANCTUS...

PATER NOSTER...

AGNUS DEI...

COMMUNION

GUIDE ME, O MY GREAT REDEEMER (CHB 80)

CHORUS

Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore;
Feed me now and evermore.

Guide me O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak but thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.

We gather Lord around your table
Waiting for the Bread of life.
Make us worthy, make us holy,
Take away all sin and strife.

Living bread come down from heaven,
He who eats it shall not die.
Come and eat and live forever,
You shall live with God on High.

DISMISAL

SWEET SAVIOUR, BLESS US ERE WE GO (CHB 150)

Sweet Saviour bless us ere we go,
Thy word into our minds instil,
And make our lukewarm hearts to glow
With lowly love and fervent will.

CHORUS

Through life's long day and death's dark night,
O gentle Jesus, be our light.

The day is done, its hours have run,
And thou hast taken count of all,
The scanty triumphs grace has won
The broken vow, the frequent fall.

Grant us, dear Lord, from evil ways
True absolution and release,
And bless us more than in past days
With purity and inward peace.

Do more than pardon, give us joy,
Sweet fear and sober liberty,
And loving hearts without alloy,
That only long to be like thee.

Labour is sweet, for thou hast toiled,
And care is light for thou hast cared,
Let not our words with self be soiled,
Nor in unsimple ways ensnared.

ORDER OF MASS & SONGS

SUNDAY - 13TH AUGUST

ENTRANCE HYMNS:

SING A NEW SONG (PSALM 96) - (CHB 31)

Sing a new song to the Lord of the world,
Speak of his glory and power.
Go and proclaim all the wonders of God
Tell of his deeds to all men.

Sing a new song to the Lord of the world,
God is alone to be praised,
God the great maker of heaven and earth
Glory and splendour are His.

Sing a new song to the Lord of the world,
Praise to the name of the Lord.
Enter his temple to offer your gifts
Gifts from your labouring hands.

Sing a new song to the Lord of the world,
Ocean and earth sing His praise,
God will protect all mankind with His love,
Justice and mercy and truth.

Sing a new song to the Lord of the world,
Praise to the name of the Lord,
Father and Son and the Spirit of Light,
Glory and praise without end.

K'anyi Jee N'ulo Chukwu Ab 2/4 (By Jude Nnam)

CHORUS:

Sop: E nwere m anuri ogem nuru ka ha n'ekwu si: \$ k'anyi jee n'ulo Chukwu,
n'ulo Chineke Nna mo o, ulo Chukwu. D\$

Alto: O--di m'uto o ka ha n'ekwu u; \$ k'anyi jee n'ulo Chukwu, n'ulo Chineke
Ewoo, Ulo Chukwu. D\$

Tenor: Enwere m anuri ogem nuru ka ha n'ekwu si: \$ K'anyi jee nu-- n'ulo Chineke e Nna mo o, Ulo Chukwu. D\$

Bass: O--di m uto o o - o di m uto, \$ K'anyi jee n'ulo Chineke mo o o o, Ulo Chukwu. D\$

VERSES:

1. E - - nwere m anuri oge m nuru ka ha n'ekwu si: K'anyi jee nu n'ulo Chukwu -u. Ngi bu Jerusalem, anyi nozi n'onu'zo ama gi.
2. Ewuru Jerusalem dika oke obodo kwusiri ike, dika oke obodo kwusiri ike. Ebe ahu ka mba nile n'aga; mba nile nke Dinwenu.
3. K'anyi jee n'ulo Chukwu, Ulo Chukwu R** Nihi ihunanya nke umunne m...R** Na ndi enyi m ana m'ekwu si...R** Udo, udo, udo diri gi...R** N'ih iahunanya m nwere maka ulo nke Dinwenu...R**Aga m ario mak'odimma gi...R**

Ecce Sacerdos

Ecce Sacerdos Magnus
Ecce Sacerdos Magnus
Qui in diebus sui, placuit de--o
Ecce Sacerdos Magnus
Ecce- Sa-cerdos Magnus
Qui in diebus sui, qui in diebus sui -
Placuit Deo

Tenor and Bass

Non est inventus, similis i-Ili
Qui...

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 74(73):20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

KYRIE - ONDU CHEJU MO MI WA

Ondu cheju mo mi wa
Ondu cheju mo mi wa

Kristi cheju mo mi wa
Kristi cheju mo mi wa,

Ondu cheju mo mi wa,
Ondu cheju mo mi wa

GLORIA – IGBO

Refrain

Otito diri Chineke n'elu kacha elu, n'uwa udo diri ndi madu ndi ihe ha na-aso
Chukwu

Semi refrain

N'uwa udo diri ndi madu ndi ihe ha na-aso Chukwu

Anyi e to gi, anyi e kwuputa oru oma gi [semi refrain]
Anyi e sekpuoro gi, anyi e do gi ebube [semi refrain]
Anyi e kele gi n'hi nnukwu ebube gi [refrain]

Osebruwa Chineke eze nke eligwe [semi refrain]
Chukwunna onye ji ike n'ile [semi refrain]
Onyenwanyi Jesu Christi so otu nwa Chineke muru [refrain]

Dinwenu anyi bu Chukwu [semi refrain]
Nwaturu nke Chineke, nwa nke nna [semi refrain]
Onye n'ekpochapu njo nke uwa mere anyi ebere [refrain]

Onye n'ekpochapu njo nke uwa nuru aririo anyi [semi refrain]
Onye no na-aka nri nna, mere anyi ebere [semi refrain]
N'ih na so gi di aso, so gi bu Dinwenu [refrain]

So gi o Jesu Christi [semi refrain]
Kacha di elu nyere muo nso [semi refrain]
N'ebube Chineke nna [refrain]
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

⁹At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. ¹¹Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²After the earthquake there was fire but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. ¹³When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

This is the word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm – Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

⁹I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD for he proclaims peace.

¹⁰Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land. *R*

¹¹Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.

¹²Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven. *R*

¹³The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.

¹⁴Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps. *R*

2nd Reading

A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters:

¹I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness ²that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation cf. Ps 130:5

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:22-33

²²After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. ²⁴Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. ²⁵During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. ²⁶When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. ²⁷At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²After they got into the boat, the wind died down. ³³Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord! Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ!

HOMILY...

CREED

Do you believe? Yes, I believe

Chorus

Do you believe? Yes, I believe, in the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Yes I believe.

Refrain - yes I believe

Mighty Father I believe, do you believe?
Who created heaven and earth, do you believe?
I believe in Jesus Christ, do you believe?
Everlasting Son of God, do you believe?

Equal in the Father's power, do you believe?
And in him all things were made, do you believe?
It was he, who saved us all, do you believe?
Of the Virgin Mary born, do you believe?

By the Spirit was made flesh, do you believe?
Suffered death was crucified, do you believe?
And he rose up from the dead, do you believe?
He ascended into heaven; do you believe?

In the Spirit I believe, do you believe?
Lord the vivified of all, do you believe?
With the father and the Son, do you believe?
Is adored and glorified, do you believe?

I believe in holy Church, do you believe?
And one baptism professed, do you believe?
I shall see him in heaven, do you believe?
Living in the world to come, do you believe?

And his kingdom has no end, do you believe?
Amen-Amen, do you believe?
Amen-Amen, do you believe?
Amen-Amen, do you believe?

Prayer of the Faithful

R. Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight we pray oh Lord!

OFFERTORY

CHINEKE, CHUKWU KERE ENIGWE KEKWA UWA

Chineke, chukwu kere enigwe kekwa uwa, onye nwe uwa, onye kere ndu niile, anyi abia taa I chu aja wee n'eto gi, Chukwu nna nara aja ekele. (Nara Gozie ha)

CHORUS

R. Biko nara chukwu nara aja ekele anyi, Chukwu nara.
Sop/Alto: Achicha na mmanya anyi *R.*
Tenor/Bass: K' ha buru nri nke ndu *R.*

Chineke, ihe nile anyi nwe bu nke gi, gi nwe uwa na ihe juru uwa n'ile, were aja nke a anyiji we n'eto g, Chukwu nna nara ga ekele. (Nara Gozie ha)

Chineke, n'afoma gi ka anyi siri nwe, achicha nkea anyi ji n'ekele gi, anyi ario gi k' I naraya gozie ya, mee Ka oghoro anyi nri nke ndu. (Nara gozie ha)

SALEKA MAKONZI

Chorus

Salelaka Mokonzi okoyoka esengo (x2) Salelaka Mokonzi iya e (x2)

Moko Mokonzi moko Mokonzi, Moko Mokonzi moko Mokonzi

Salelaka Mokonzi iya e, Salelaka Mokonzi okoyoka esengo.

1. Bolingo wa nzambe boleki bonene, wanatindeli biso Yesu mobikisi (x2)
2. Lolaka la ngelu loye Marie, Ndiabuti Emmanueli Kristu mosikoli (x2)
3. Maseli wa nzambe nandi meli yo, Impo manso malobi yond eyel ngai (x2)
4. Olisumu Iya eva, liwa liye, Boyambi bwa Marie tozwi libiki (x2)
5. Paradisu ya Adamu, nzeri ezipani, Lelo Kristu bunoi nampe nzela (x2)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

CONSECRATION

In Thanksgiving and Love - Sir Jude Nnam

Chorus

O Yes in the presence of the Lord, I will bring my gifts, In thanksgiving and love, there is joy in my heart. It is flowing like a river; I will praise the Lord, In thanksgiving and love

1. God our Father, everlasting King, please accept this gift we offer in thanksgiving and love. Take our bread upon your altar, and our wine in the chalice, in thanksgiving and love.
2. With thankful hearts and joyful songs, we approach your holy altar, in thanksgiving and love. Bearing gifts of your creation, we return what you have given, in thanksgiving and love.

SANCTUS

O mai sarki

O mai sarki (2x) Ubangiji (2x) Allah, mai ruduna O mai sarki, sama da kasa a ciki suke da darjarka.

Ref: Hosanna, a cikin samaniya (x2)

O mai sarki(x2) mai albarka ne ya mai sarki. Wanda yake zuwa (x2) a cikin suna ubangiji.

PATER NOSTER...

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis (2x),
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem

COMMUNION – ENGLISH

TAKE ME DEEPER IN LOVE WITH YOU JESUS

Chorus

Take me deeper in love with you, Jesus take me deeper in love
Hold me closer in love with you, Jesus hold me closer in love with you

1. Lord there is a longing only you can fill, a raging tempest only you can still, my soul is thirsting for you oh my God, Lord quench my thirst, Lord feed my soul...
2. In your love is found great faithfulness, your love is filled with hope and peace, your love is filled with compassion and love, Oh teach me Lord to love thee back...
3. Yes from sunrise to sunrise I seek your face, from day to day I long for your touch, to hold my hand Lord lest I fall, to draw me nearer closer to thee...

UCHE CHUKWU Ab 4/4 Ancestor Jude Nnam

Chorus

Onyenweanyi meenu ka ime uche gi buru nri m, (Uche Chineke); Ka aguu ime Uche Gi, chuwe m ura, ka ime uche gi, nyewe m afo'juju. (DC)

1. Ngozi di elu na-agba ha okirikiri n'ezie; amara zur'oke n'awa ka iyi na ndu ha, bu ndi na-anabata uche Chineke
2. Jesu, Vejin Maria na ndi nso nile (ndi) mer'uche Nna; ha hujuruanya, mana ha nozi n'otito ugbua (Nna) Nna mee, mee, ka anyi si n'ahuhu mez'uche gi wee keta anuri (Anuri Gi); anuri gi, di ebighebi

3. Uche Chukwu, uche Chukwu (alto, tenor and bass enter in turns). Ka ndi mmuoma mer'uche gi O Chineke; ka ndi nso mer'Uche gi norube anyi okirikiri, mgbe ebiri nk'uwa ji atu anyi. (DC)
4. Jesu, onye nri ya bu ime uche Nna, riotara anyi ngozi imee na inabata uche Nna, ka n'ahuhu ka n'anuri.

ANTHEM...

DISMISSAL

THE MAGNIFICAT 3 {d/m: r:d :r/l: - d/t :-:r/d:-:}

1. My soul now glorifies, the Lord, my God,
My spirit sings his praise, the Lord, my God,
Rejoice for who am I, from now all ages,
Will call me blessed, the Lord, my God.
2. Most holy is his name, the Lord, my God,
His gift has outpoured the Lord, my God,
In me is manifest, God's greatness and His glory,
I magnify the Lord, the Lord, my God.
3. His mercy forever, the Lord, my God,
For those who keep His law the Lord, my God,
He puts His arm in strength, and down He brought the proud,
He exalts the lowly, the Lord, my God
4. He feeds the starving poor, the Lord, my God,
And sends the rich away, the Lord, my God,
Fulfilling His promise, to father Abraham,
In ages long ago, the Lord, my God.

SATURDAY PROGRAM OF EVENT.

12 AUGUST 2023

1. Choral displays
2. Introduction of Guests
3. Opening Prayer
4. Chairman's opening speech
5. Kolanut
6. Archbishop's remark
7. Goodwill messages
8. Music display
9. Introduction of panelists and panel conversations
10. Question and Answer series
11. Choral displays
12. Unveiling of the CG IRC Project
13. Cutting of Jubilee Cake
14. Award ceremony
15. Refreshment
16. NFCS Choral competition, awards and celebrations
17. Business section, business networking and conversations
18. Cultural Display
19. More Goodwill Messages
20. Vote of Thanks-
21. Closing Remarks
22. Closing Prayer

CPC CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

THE NEXT TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IS OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE. OUR TODAY COUNTS FOR OUR TOMORROW.

For every tasks, challenges, successes or war that the Israelites passed through, Yahweh requested them to mark or make a memorial or celebrate in a significant manner that even generations yet unborn will remark. They passed through tribulations, hopeless situations and unimaginable conditions. One of the toughest as recorded by the Holy Bible remained till date, the exit from Egypt and the crossing of the red sea. The road was tougher, the city they left was terrible and they will not go back. The future looked hopeless, the most vulnerable of them were fading out. The only hope was for Moses who hears from God to speak and direct them further. Lo and behold, Moses had his staff for action. The voice of Yahweh is never late. God is God indeed.

In our journey from 1998 to 2023, we have passed through successes, reflections, temptations and turbulent times and have even lost some of our members. We are indeed, moving on stronger. Our brotherly spirit prior to graduation was bounded by love, mutual respect, trust and care for one another. We cherish the need to remain in the spirit and we are happy today that we are alive to celebrate that bond after twenty-five years.

We have come a long way in the preparation for this Silver Jubilee and we are glad that we received maximum support from the members of the association and most especially the members of the Silver Jubilee Central Organizing Committee and the Executives. Our provincial chaplain and other chaplains and priests were wonderful at all time.

This jubilee has remarkable events to unveil like the proposed INFOTECH RESOURCE AND ENTERPRENEUSHIP CENTER which hopefully will drive the new vision of CG to empower its members and the anticipated support to the church and society. We are confident to say today that the storm is over, the light is shining and the brighter future is assured. We are optimistic that the support of our invitees and members will catalytically drive the spirit to a higher level.

To God be the glory that CG is expanding and growing stronger in spirituality, love and better focus. We are driving into the digital world and hopefully with the pool of professionals in CG, the united front and the reignited passion, we will tap into our inner strengths and move CG to greater results.

We highly appreciate our current and previous Provincial Chaplains, Our Diocesan Chaplains, pioneer members, members, patrons, the NFCS and all who have made our existence very fruitful. We remain grateful to the mother church most especially our Archbishop, His Grace, Most Rev Lucius Iwejuru Ugorji, the Axillary Bishop of Owerri Archdiocese, Archbishop Emeritus His Grace Most Rev. AJV Obinna, our other Lordships of Aba, Umuahia and Enugu for your support at all times. In all we say, unu emeela maka nke unu mere taa, na nke unu ga eme n'ihu.

IN YOU O' LORD, WE REST OUR STRENGTH.LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Bro. EUSTACE TOOCHI OHAJI.

Chairman, Silver Jubilee Central Organizing Committee.

Pioneer member and Pioneer Elected General Secretary.



25 HEARTY CHEERS TO THE CATHOLIC GRADUATES

Life's more than everyday stuff. It's about sharing moments of joy and pain with those that make each day memorable and worth-living.

We pray that CG, like the symbolic mustard seed, will keep faith and grow into a shelter for everyone, high and low.

Congratulations!

McD & Ng Ofurum & Family



Goodwill Message

We, the family of **Ike & Chinwe AFFAM**,
heartily congratulate the
Catholic Graduates
on the occasion of their
25th anniversary celebration.



FELICITATION

The family of **Mr Eustace Toochi and Nkechinyere Ohaji** are happy to be part of the CG SILVER JUBILEE celebration. May the good Lord continue to bless all our families, Chaplains, members and the good intentions of CG Amen.



Goodwill Message

The family of **Chigozie Onwukwe**, Congratulates the members and Chaplains (past and present) of the Catholic Graduates (NFCS Alumni), Owerri Ecclesiastical Province on the occasion of our 25th Anniversary Celebration. Over the past quarter-century, the dedication, unity, and unwavering commitment of everyone involved have contributed to the continued existence of this association. Together, we have not only thrived, but also managed to make a profound impact on the lives of members, the church and society at large. As we commemorate this significant milestone, may it serve as a reminder of the enormous task ahead and the need for our continuous support for the association. Here's to 25 years of accomplishments, growth, and the promise of an even brighter future! May the coming years be filled with continued success and inspiring opportunities. CG..... **LIGHT OF THE WORLD**



Goodwill Message

The family of **Mr. & Mrs. Evans Nnabuife Ukwueze** (President Emeritus Catholic Graduates, Enugu Diocese) joyfully congratulates our entire CG members on the occasions of Silver Jubilee Celebration and 2023 Reunion. We wish you God's torrential love, blessing and fortification in all your life endeavours. Congratulations!



Goodwill Message

The family of **Mr and Mrs Iyke Osuji** felicitate with CG Owerri province on her silver jubilee celebration. May we continue to be the light of the world through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mr Iyke Osuji.

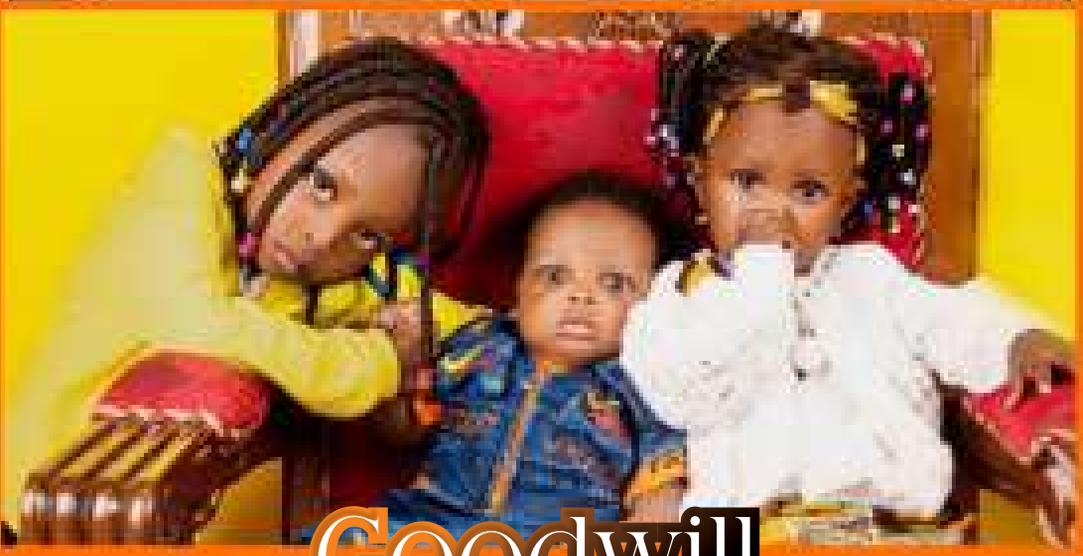


Goodwill Message

Mrs Olivia Ijeoma Philip nee Amuchie

On behalf of my family, I congratulate Catholic Graduates for her Silver Jubilee Year Celebration. May the Light of Christ in us always radiate in all our ways and endeavours. I pray that our good Lord will continue to give us the grace to grow in peace and love, above all to serve him in spirit and in truth.

I am a Public Health Care Worker, am also into Character Formation and human development including Guidance and Counselling. Sodalities in the church... Am a chorister, charismatic, a consecrated member of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus." CG Light of the World"



Goodwill Message

A VERY BIG CONGRATULATIONS!

The Digital family of **Comrade & Mrs. ONYEABOR Chigøziem Juøchim** heartily congratulate all our Catholic Graduates members on their 25 Years Anniversary.

We are grateful to GOD for what HE has done for us as a family of Christ. May the Almighty GOD grant you bless,favour and continue to protect every CG member during and after the anniversary.In a special way we congratulate our super Chairman of Jubilee Committee Bro.Tochi E.Ohaji and his led team, including my fellow provincial Exco for organizing this event to lift the name of GOD high.

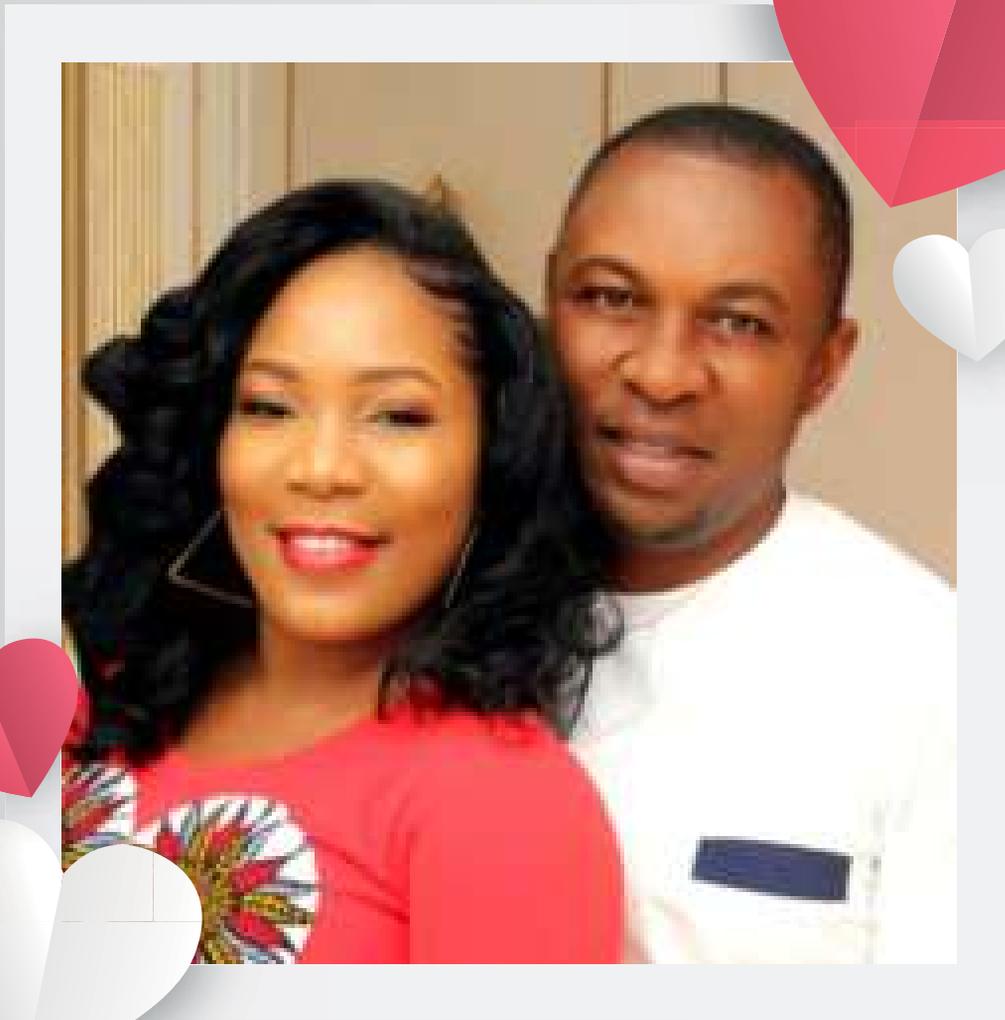
We are indeed the light of the world,one happy people.

Once more, congratulations to everyone.



Goodwill Message

Aloysius and Prisca Adibe celebrate with the Catholic Graduates Owerri Province at the Silver Jubilee Anniversary. We pray for growth, progress and divine blessings on all the members of the organization both at home and in diaspora.



Goodwill Message

The family of **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Iwuji** felicitates with the Chaplain and members of CG Owerri Ecclesiastical province on the occasion of her Silver Jubilee Provincial Reunion (Owerri 2023). God bless and favour all catholic Graduates in Owerri Province.
CG... Light of the world.



A Good will Message as we Celebrate our Silver Jubilee of existence.

It is With immense joy in my heart and gratitude to God that I commemorate with every member of this noble Association on the memorable occasion of 25 years anniversary of the Catholic Graduates' Association .I also Felicitate with all our Archbishops, Chaplains, Pioneer Members, and Members too.

This indeed is a Moment of Celebration and Sober reflections where we look back to where we are coming from to gain strength that will spur and increase our hope and unity.

Today, I return all the Glory and Honour to God for bringing us this Far. As we celebrate this day; May the peace of Lord like the river fill our hearts and may we not go astray from the Lord's calling and our Mission to take this Association to Greater heights.

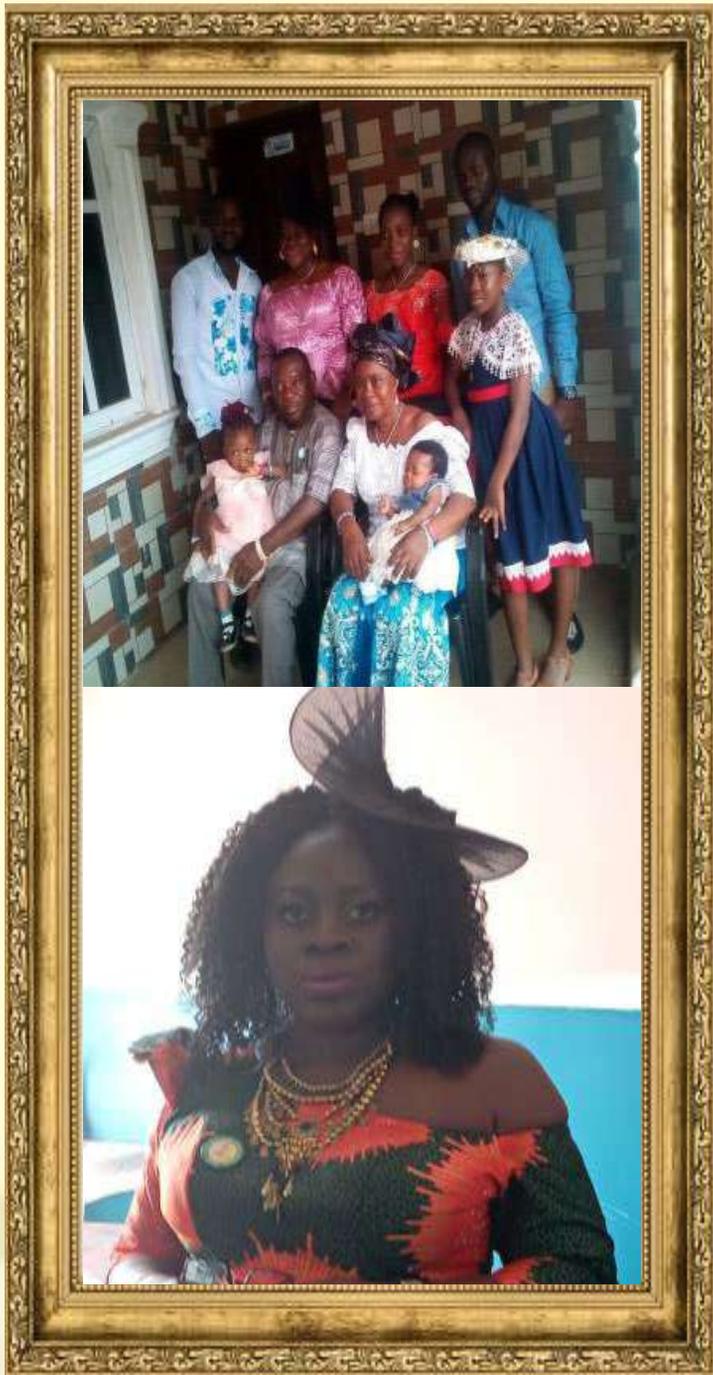
I pray that the Lord's love and Presence continue to dwell richly among us in Jesus name Amen.

Long Live CG.

CG.....Light of the World.

Ijeoma Amakwe (CG Owerri Chapter Coordinator)

Goodwill Message



On behalf of my family, I **Dtn. Azurunwa Chigozie (A.K.A. LOLO)** heartily congratulate the Catholic Graduates (CG) Owerri Ecclesiastical Province on her 25 years Silver Jubilee celebration, Annual Reunion, General Meeting and Dinner.

We pray the Lord will continue to uphold CG members and may His Blessing and Grace abide with them and may through this association all Catholic Graduates all over the nation and world at large will come together in Love and Unity. Amen

Congratulations CG!!!!



Goodwill Message

Mmadu Marcellinus E

On behalf of my family, we heartily felicitate with Catholic Graduate on the 25th jubilee celebration.

May God grant us the grace to reach a greater height in Jesus name. Amen



Goodwill Message

It has been quite a journey, CG at 25. The love among as then members of NFCS has been sustained this far - to the glory of God.

Therefore, we joyfully congratulate the Metropolitan of Owerri Ecclesiastical Province His Grace Mmesoma Lucius Iwejuru Ugorji, our Provincial Chaplain, Provincial President the planning Committee and the entire members of Catholic Graduates Association (CG) on the occasion of the silver jubilee celebration of the existence of CG.

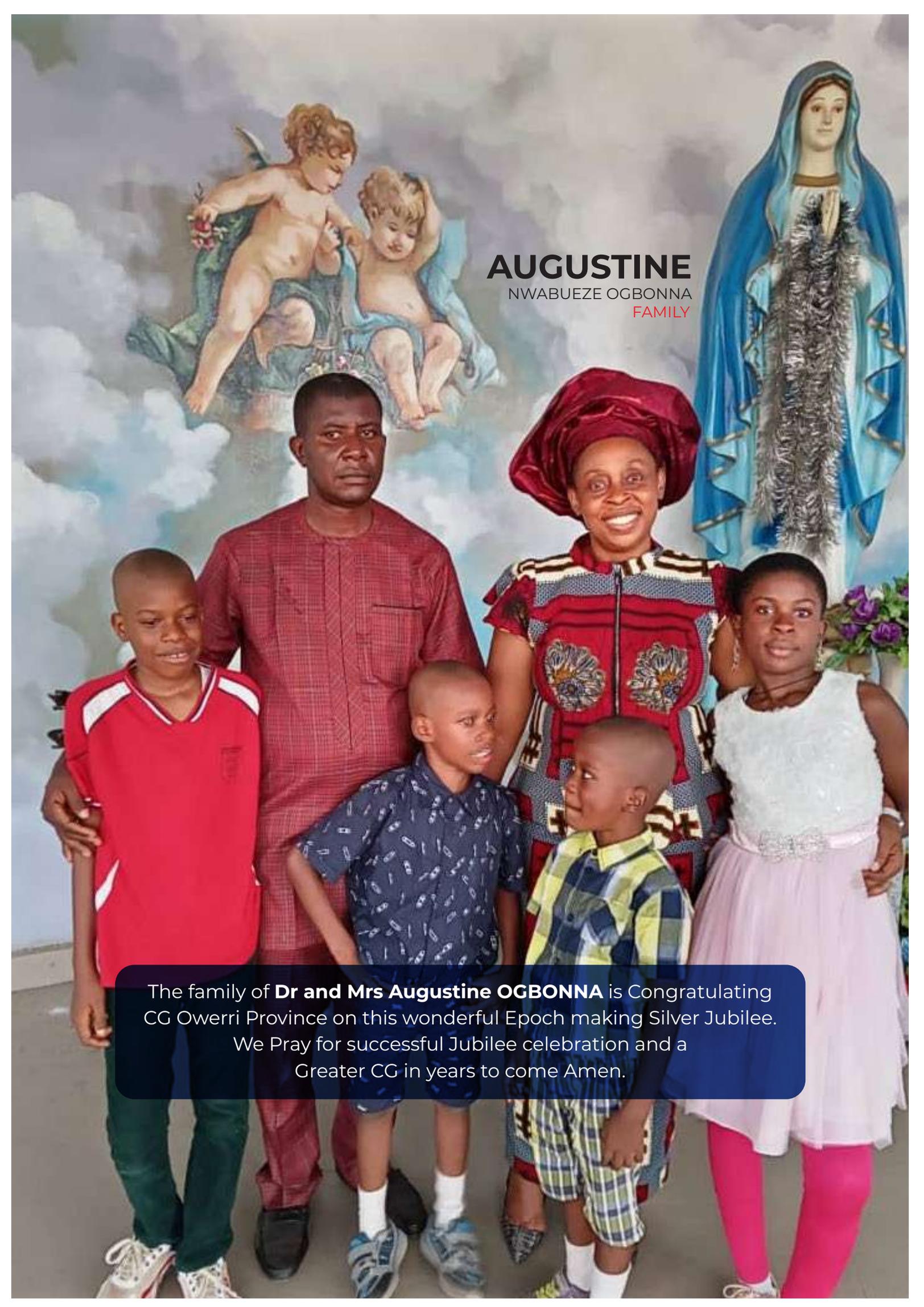
May the Almighty God continue to unite us in love, peace and unity.

To God be the glory



Goodwill Message

Lady Ogechi Paulette Obiodu (KSJI) felicitates with Prof. Chinedu N. Ogbuji and all members of CG Owerri Province on the occasion of their Silver Jubilee celebration today 12th August, 2023.



AUGUSTINE

NWABUEZE OGBONNA
FAMILY

The family of **Dr and Mrs Augustine OGBONNA** is Congratulating CG Owerri Province on this wonderful Epoch making Silver Jubilee. We Pray for successful Jubilee celebration and a Greater CG in years to come Amen.



Goodwill Message

CONGRATULATION The family of **Mr & Mrs Innocent Chinagorom** congratulates the Chaplin and all Catholic Graduates on our silver jubilee celebration. May the good Lord continue to bless us all.



Goodwill Message

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Goodwill Message

**Ezinwa Prisca Nwanyibuife Anyadoh
(Odiukon'mba)**

Come alive!

What more beautiful way to mark the passing of 25 years than to tell you to COME ALIVE, CG.

Come alive to what our Provident God has done for you in these past 25 years and what the Holy One still has in store for you.



FELICITATION

I and my family felicitate with my fellow amiable and dynamic catholic graduates as we celebrate our silver jubilee this year, 2023. We have been blessed with strong foundation. i have no doubt that the good Lord who has brought us this far will continue to be with with us at every step of the way.

MAY God bless us all.
Cheers to 25!
We look forward to 50!

In Jesus name, Amen.
Nneka Ikwuakolam

Goodwill Message

The management and staff of Don Kreations congratulate their Chairman, Prof. Chinedu N. Ogbuji and the entire Catholic Graduates Owerri Province on the occasion of the celebration of their Silver Jubilee Anniversary. We also congratulate the Chaplain Rev. Fr. Dr. Kingsley Ekeocha,

Mrs Pauline O. Ogbuji (MD)



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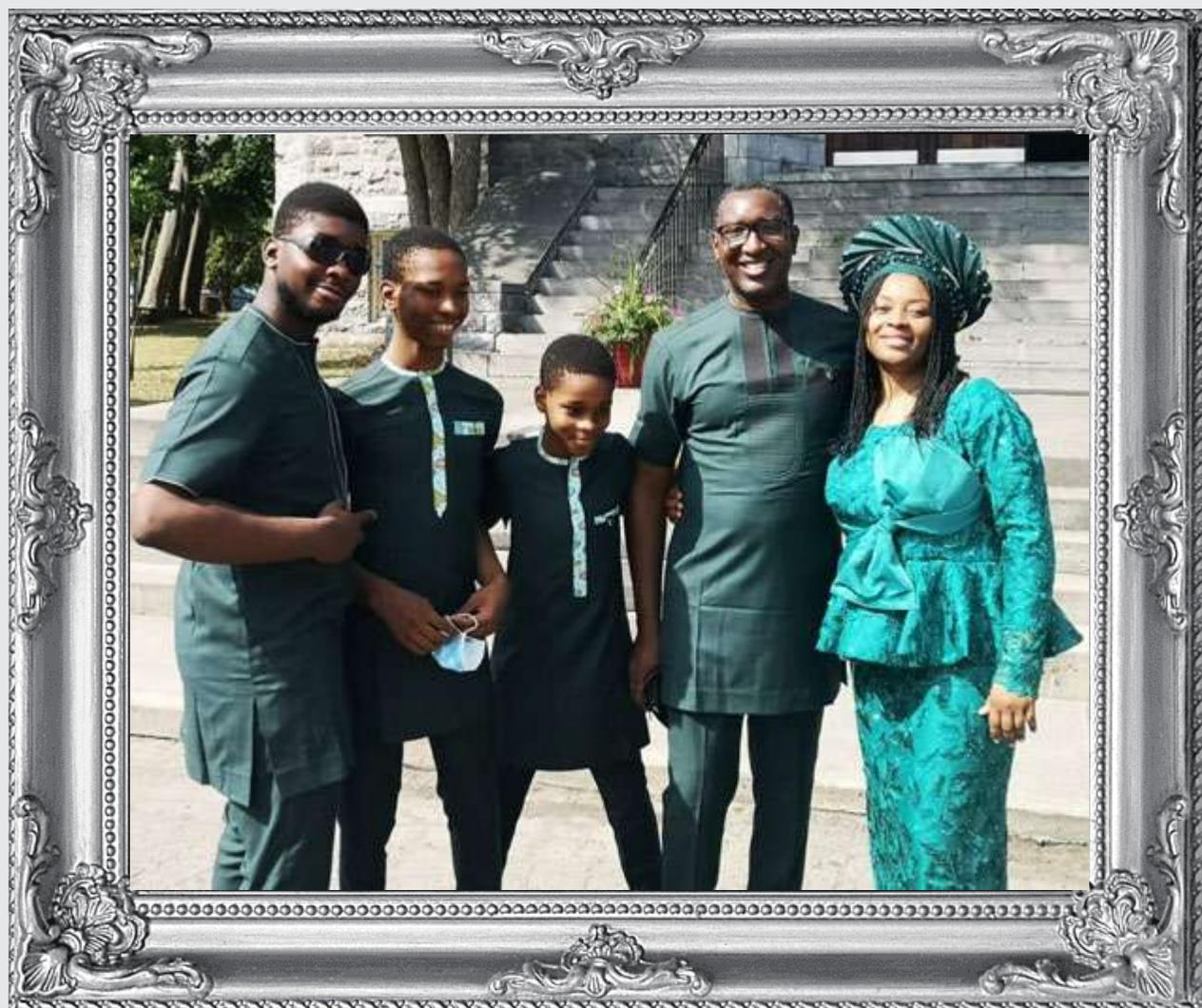
FELICITATION

The family of **Peter and Sylvia Nwadike** felicitated with Mr. Toochukwu Ohaji (chairman silver jubilee planning Committee), the Chaplain, President and indeed all members of CG Owerri Ecclesiastical Province on this auspicious occasion of annual reunion and Silver Jubilee celebrations.

May God continue to lift us to higher grounds in Jesus name. Amen.

Long Live CG!

Signed: Dr. Peter Nwadike

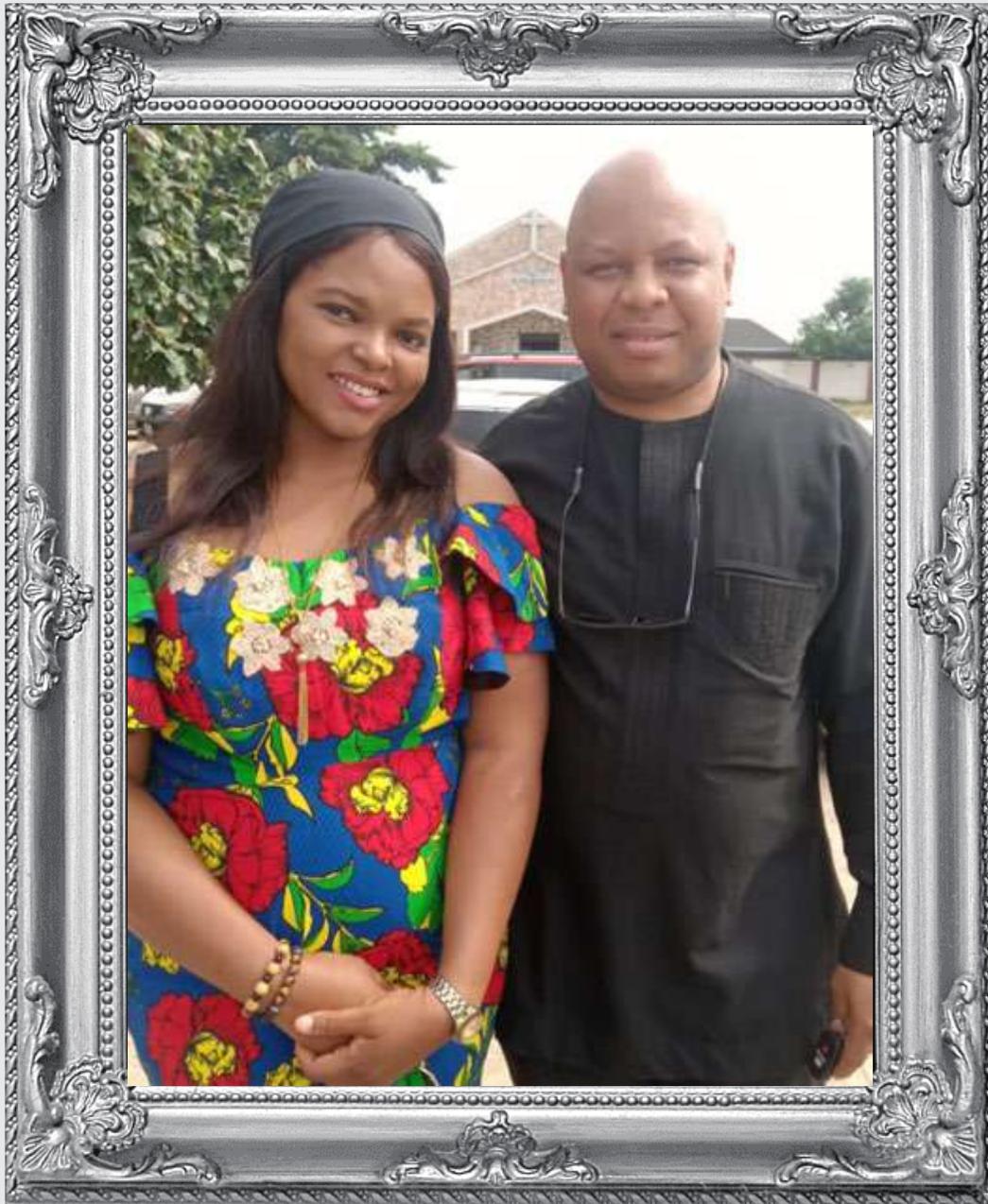


Goodwill Message

Ezinụlọ Mazi Chimobi na Odoziakụ Ogochukwu Nwoko ji obi ụtọ na-ekele ndị Catholic Graduates (CG) Owerri Ecclesiastical Province, n'emume iri afọ abụọ na ise (Silver Jubilee) ya.

Akunyere mkpuru alụmdi na nwunye anyị na CG afọ iri abụọ gara aga; n'afọ 2003, bụ afọ Ogochukwu Nwoko (nee Uradu) bụ onye isi oche kọmitii na-ahazi ọgbako mbiakota ọnụ ọzọ na nri abalị nke afọ ahụ.

Anyị ji ohere a na-arịọ Chukwu okike Abjama ka o chekwaa CG n'igbasa ozioma nke alaeze Chineke, site n'ọrụ ọma dị iche iche ha na-arụ. CG! Ihe nke ụwa!



Goodwill Message

The family of **Mr. & Mrs Celestine and Nneka Akubeze** felicitates with Prof. Gregory Nwizu on the award of Ezi Enyi CG by Catholic Graduates Owerri province and all members of CG Owerri Ecclesiastical Province on the occasion of her annual reunion and Silver Jubilee celebration. Long Live CG!



Goodwill Message

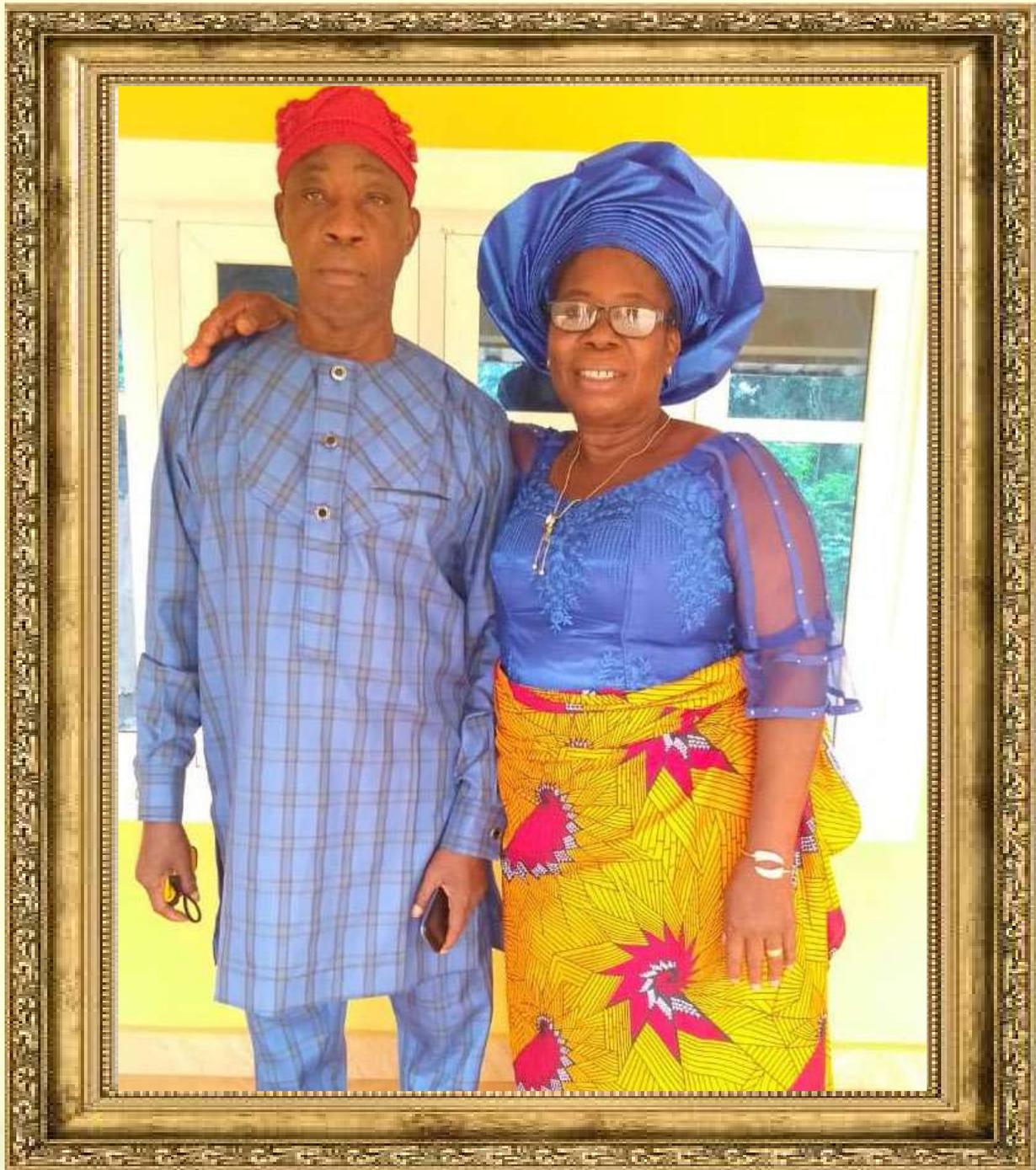
The management and staff of **Viffrancel Ventures** congratulate Prof. Chinedu N. Ogbuji on the conferment of Pillar of CG by the Catholic Graduates Owerri Province on the occasion of the celebration of their silver Jubilee Anniversary.

Signed Mrs Nneka Akubeze (MD)



Goodwill Message

Mrs. Ogbonna Anthonia celebrates with the Catholic Graduates Owerri Ecclesiastical Province on the occasion of our Silver Jubilee celebration. May God bless us all in our efforts towards lifting CG to an enviable height. CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Goodwill Message

The Family of **Nze & Lolo Alex Onyegbule** felicitates with you Catholic Graduates as you celebrate your silver Jubilee.

We pray for more grace to always spread the gospel and to shine out to the world through all your professions. Congratulations to you all.

Bravo to the planning committee.



Goodwill Message

We heartily felicitate with our dear Chaplains, the President, the BOT, the Organizing Committee and the entire Catholic Graduates of Owerri Ecclesiastical Province and beyond, on this auspicious occasion of our Silver Jubilee. May the good Lord continue to grant us inner strength and more grace to our respective endeavours. Happy celebrations & Best wishes!

Dr. & Mrs. Henry Ogu



Goodwill Message

Toochukwu M. Opara (PhD) and Family felicitates with CG @ 25
We pray that CG may be blessed abundantly to go forth for the golden
years to come. Amen

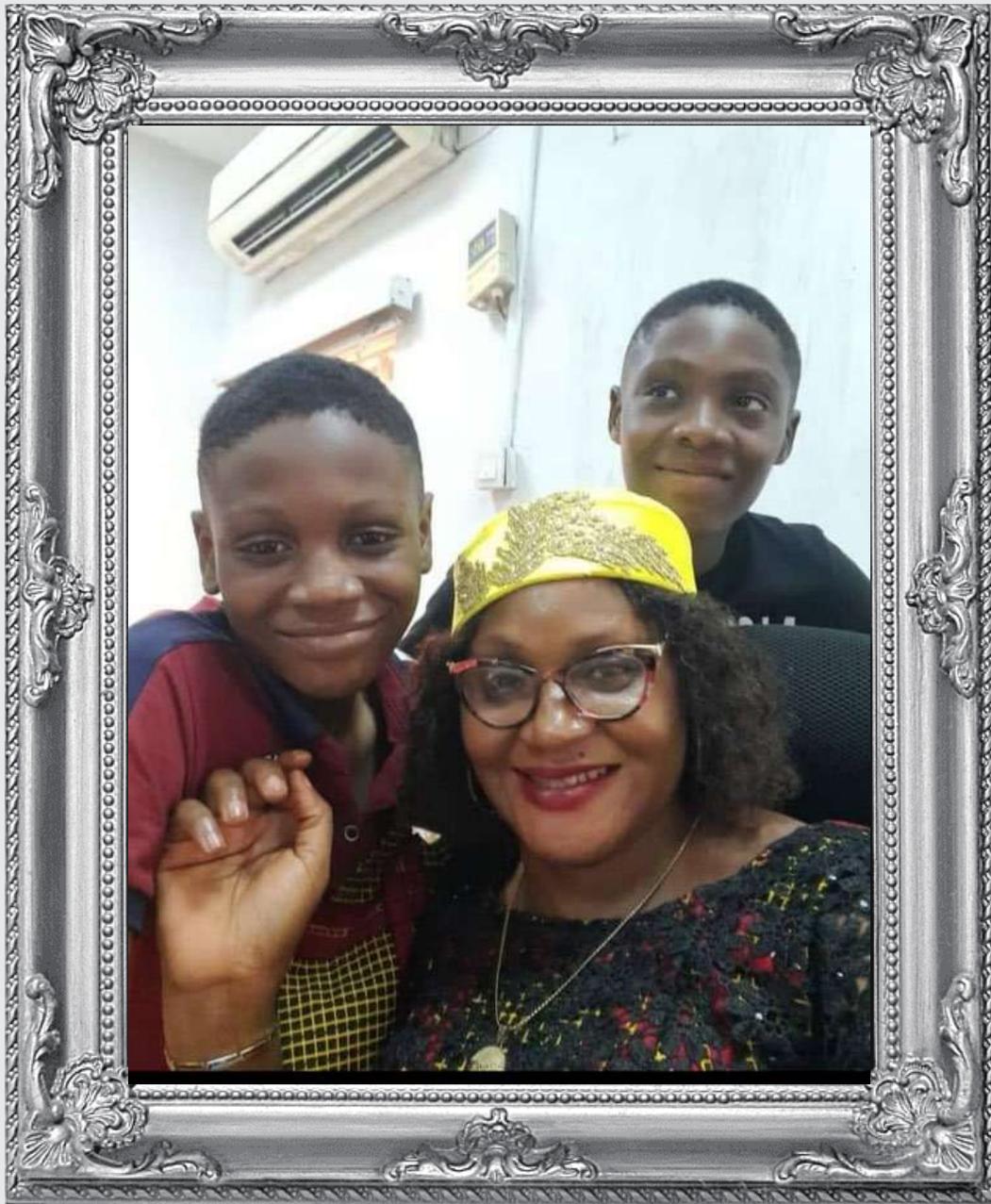
Congratulations!



Goodwill Message

We are highly elated to be part of this wonderful celebration of the 25 years of Catholic Graduates Owerri Ecclesiastical Province. We felicitate with all CGians and pray for a successful event marking the silver jubilee event. Once again we say congratulations.

Sir & Lady Okezie Uchenna and family (KSM)



Goodwill Message

Chinwe Ofori and family congratulates CG on
her 25th Anniversary



HURRAY the Catholic Graduates of Nigeria Association is 25 solid years. Indeed being "THE LIGHT TO THE WORLD" has really spoken for its self through our stand in our faith showing doggedness without relenting by pushing through these whole years evangelizing, learning more and standing strong for one another as one family. We therefore pray for more heights to attain and growth in faith especially in this era of proliferation of churches and money- consciousness amongst us in faith (both the clergy and the laity). We pray that through the Powerful Intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary we shall overcome and eventually fulfil our mission and vision of our existence. I thank the Arch Bishop Emeritus Amarachi AJV Obinna for having led us this far and also in a special way thanking 'Mmesoma anyi' His Grace Most Rev Dr Lucius Iwejuru Ugorji for his acceptance to be with us as a 'Father' during this jublillee celebration. Not forgetting our past Chaplains and present Chaplain Rev Fr Kingsley Ekeocha for ur love, care and directives. I also salute all chapter coordinators especially Owerri Chapter Sis Ijeoma Amakwe for ur hardwork, also the planning committee crew, weldone in ur goodworks, praying that we shall have a hitch-free occasion and quite- enriching outing to all CGians Amen. **Sis MaryJane Odunna.**



Goodwill Message

Here's to 25 years of success, growth, and teamwork. Your passion and commitment to CG have been a source of inspiration for us all.

Mr & Mrs Ikenna Oguledo and Family



PROF. B. CHIMA ONUOHA

B.Sc (Hons) (Mgt); MBA (Mgt); M.Sc (IAD); MBA (B/Finance);
Ph.D (Mgt); PGDE; FIMC; CMC; MNIM; FTAMN

Professor Benedict Chima Onuoha, a Nigerian, is a management teacher, author, consultant, administrator, trade unionist and public speaker. He started his academic career as a graduate assistant, being the best graduating student in his department. He is a Professor of Management, Faculty of Management Sciences, University of

Port Harcourt and a visiting Professor at the University of Port Harcourt Business School. He is also an adjunct Professor of Business Administration, Federal University, Otuoke. He had previously held tenured, visiting and adjunct-ship appointments and Professorships in many institutions, and had produced and still producing Hundreds and Thousands of graduates.

He holds six degrees, including 5 higher degrees in the following disciplines: Management, Banking and Finance, International Affairs and Diplomacy and Education. He is external examiner (mostly for post graduate students) and external assessor for lecturers seeking promotion to professorial cadre in many Universities. He is also a veteran of NUC's accreditation programmes.

Prof. Onuoha is trained consultant and a federal government accredited management trainer. He is a member or fellow of relevant professional bodies. He was the Editor-in-Chief of Nigerian Academy of Management Journal (2019-2021), a publication of The Academy of Management, Nigeria. (TAMN). He has held several administrative positions and chaired so many committees in many universities; was former Vice-Chairman (for many years) and acting Chairman (for one year) of ASUU, ABSU Chapter and once a member of the Governing Council of Abia State University, Uturu, and currently the Director of the University of Port Harcourt Press.

His research interests include: general management, corporate strategy, entrepreneurship, government-business relations, international business and economic development. He has written extensively in all these areas. He has authored and co-authored over 300 professional publications, including 25 books. He is also passionate about and a commentator on development, national and societal issues and has written extensively on them.

He is the founder of African Entrepreneurship and Leadership Initiative, and B-SCAF Consulting Ltd. He is a committed and strong long-serving community leader; married with four children.



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- **University of HAMBURG, Germany** **2000**
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- **University of Madras, India** **1994**
Qualification: Master of Arts in Political Science (M.A)
- **University of Madras, India** **1992**
Qualification: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (B.A)
- **Gurunanak Matriculation Higher Secondary School** **1989**
Madras, India
Qualification: Pre-University Certificate (PUC)
- **St. Paul's Secondary School, Ikenanzizi, Obowo** **1987**
Qualification: West African School Certificate (WASC)
- **St. Theresa's Primary School, Ikenanzizi, Obowo** **1982**
Qualification: First School Leaving Certificate (FSLC)

OTHER CERTIFICATE:

- **National Youth Service Corps** **1994 - 1995**
Awarded: NYSC Discharged Certificate
- **University of Goettinge, Germany** **1997**
Awarded: Advanced German Certificate
- **University of Goettinge, Germany** **1996**
Awarded: Advanced Certificate in Spoken German

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Lecturer 1. Department of Political Science	1994 1995
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University of Hamburg, Germany Centre for Africa Research and Political Development, Position Held: Assistant Director	1999 - 2001
National Assembly Abuja Senate Committee on Rules and Business Position Held: Consultant	March 2004
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Imo Newspaper Ltd, Owerri Publishers of Statesman and Govt. Press Bulletins Position Held: Chairman, Board of Directors	2008-2010
National Open University of Nigeria Position Held: Lecturer	2019 -2020
Office of the Deputy Senate President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Position Held: Special Adviser	2019-2020
Hon. Commissioner for Foreign/International Affairs Imo State Government	March 2020-April 2022

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- Passionate and Hardworking
- Honest and Integrity-driven

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**CATHOLIC GRADUATES
UMUAHIA DIOCES**

**Goodwill
Message**

The executive and members of Catholic Graduates Umuahia Diocese felicitates with CG Owerri Ecclesiastical province on her Silver Jubilee Provincial Reunion holding in Owerri. May God Continue to bless and protect all catholic Graduate in the Province and also grant us a successful silver jubilee reunion. CG... Light of the world.

CATHOLIC GRADUATES ENUGU DIOCESE



Mothering Sunday celebration with members. Sponsored by a CG Enugu member



Hospital visitation CG Enugu to one of our member July 2023



Annual Easter Retreat at Ugwu Ndi Nso Enugu State, 2022



Visitation to Red Cross of Nigeria Enugu.

CATHOLIC GRADUATES ENUGU DIOCESE



CG Enugu 10th anniversary in the year 5th December 2021



CG ENUGU Diocese's
Annual Medical Health Outreach 2019



CG ENUGU DIOCESE
Visitation to correction centre 2019



Wedding attended by CG Enugu members.
Both celebrants were CG members



CG ENUGU Members at one of their
general meetings which holds
last Sunday of every month

CATHOLIC GRADUATES ENUGU DIOCESE



CG ENUGU Annual Medical Health Outreach to mark World Hepatitis Day 2022



CG ENUGU Annual Easter Retreat at Ugwu Ndi Nso 2023



CG ENUGU DIOCESE Hospital visitation 2021



CG ENUGU DIOCESE during its 10th anniversary celebration 5th December 2021



Propagation at different parishes in Enugu



Wedding attended by CG Enugu involving two CG members

CATHOLIC GRADUATES OF NIGERIA
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FELICITATION

The Catholic Graduates (CG) Enugu Diocese heartily felicitate with the Catholic Graduates Owerri Archdiocese on her Silver Jubilee Anniversary Celebration.

As you celebrate this milestone, may the good Lord continue to bless you in all ramifications and renew your strength like the eagle. May his presence never depart from you and may you continue to dwell under his wings.

Congratulations.

We wish you more fulfilling service in the Lord's vineyard.

Ad multos et felices annos!

Chigozie Azurunwa
(President)

Tochukwu Nebo
(Secretary)

Very Rev.Fr. Benjamin Achi
(Chaplain)

**CATHOLIC GRADUATES FROM
CG ABA DIOCESE**

**Goodwill
Message**

On behalf of Young Energetic Chaplain Rev. Fr. Chibuikem Victor Ekezie, we the entire Diocesan Exco, the Parish Liaison Officers and the entire members of Catholic Graduates Association Aba Diocese happily congratulate our Provincial Chaplain, the Provincial President and his Exco, the Jubilee Committee Team Led by Bro. Eustace T. Ohaji and the entire family members of our Provincial CG on this 25 Years Anniversary Celebration.

We will not forget the Pioneer members and Pioneer Chaplains of this noble association for their initiative of establishing CG.

We wish all our CG members a joyous jubilated Jubilee celebration.

To GOD be the glory.

Long live CG!

Long live the Church!!

Signed:

Comr. ONYEABØR Chigøziem Juøchim (Digital)

Diocesan Coordinator

Bro. Chizaram Kennedy Kanu

Diocesan Secretary

Mr. Jay Jay Okite

Diocesan

CATHOLIC GRADUATES ABA DIOCESE



BRIEF HISTORY OF CATHOLIC GRADUATES ABA DIOCESE

BEGINNING:

Like the mustard seeds, the CG Aba Diocese began its operation in the year 2001 having Bro. Chigozie Onwukwe as its First Acting Diocesan Coordinator whereas Bro. Ethel Nwachukwu became its first elected Diocesan Coordinator.

THE JOURNEY:

On February 24th 2001 the first meeting was held at Abia State Polytechnic Aba. In attendance at the first meeting were:

Bro. Onwukwe Chigozie
Sis. Nkeiru Ogbonna
Bro. Kelechi Korie
Bro. Emmanuel Osuoha
Sis. Maureen Anyanwu
Engr. Peter Ekenachi
Bro. Ethel Nwachukwu
Dr. Jude Shiweobi

and few others, this was how the journey began in Aba Diocese.

DIOCESAN CHAPLAINS:

Rev. Fr. Peter Obinna Umekwe became the first Diocesan Chaplain. He was so passionate for the establishment of CG.

He assisted CG Aba in getting the recognition and approval of the Bishop which he succeeded doing. After Fr. Obinna, Rev. Fr. Henry Uzoigwe also worked with CG Aba at the earlier stage. Followed by the immediate past Super Chaplain Rev. Fr. Kelechi Alphonsus Øhanachøm who served as our Chaplain for over 8 years.

Mid 2021 year, the 2nd Catholic Bishop of Aba Most Rev. Prof. Augustine Echema appointed Rev. Fr. Chibuiké Victor Ekezie as the substantive Chaplain who is still the current Diocesan Chaplain of the Association. Fr. Chibuiké as the current Chaplain has been given his supportive role in making sure CG Aba become productive, progressive and innovative.

THE PAST AND THE PRESENT DIOCESAN COORDINATORS AND THEIR SECRETARIES:

- (1) Bro. Chigozie Onwukwe (First Acting Coordinator) and Sis. Nkeiru Ogbonna (First Acting Secretary) from 2001-2003.
- (2) Bro. Ethel Nwachukwu (First Elected Coordinator) and Bro. Kingsley Evule (First Elected Secretary) from 2003-2006.
- (3) Dr. KALU, Peters

- (Elected Coordinator) and Mr. Nnaemeka Nwokeocha (Elected Secretary) from 2006-2011
- (4) Pharm. Ikenna Okoroafor (Elected Coordinator), with Late Bro. John Ufiem (as Elected Secretary), and Bro. Benson Ameke (continued as the Secretary) and (Elected Secretary) from 2011-2013.
- (5) Bro. Chima Collin (Acting Coordinator) and Bro. Michael Obinna Osuji (Secretary) from 2013-2019.
- (6) Comr. Onyeabor Chigøziem Juøchim (Acting Coordinator) and Sis. Anastecia Amadi (Acting Secretary) 2019-2021
- (7) Comr. Onyeabor Chigøziem Juøchim (Elected Coordinator) Bro. Kennedy Chizaram Kanu (Elected Secretary) 2022 till date.

INAUGURATION:

Two years later, 2003 to be precise God use his servants (the then Chaplain and the pioneer members) to take the CG Aba to the next level. The CG Aba was inaugurated in that year. It might interest you to know that CG Aba Diocese is the only inaugurated Chapter in Owerri Province.

The Association was inaugurated in the Cathedral by the first Catholic Bishop of Aba Diocese Most Rev. Dr. V. V. Ezeonyia (Cssp). It was a great occasion. The memory is still fresh in the minds of its pioneer members.

At a point they were meeting in the cathedral until the meeting venue was relocated to Sedes Sapientiae Chaplaincy NFCS Abia State Polytechnic Aba.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

To mention a few achievements of the chapter:

- Registration of a Cooperative Society
- Periodic business luncheon that attracted captains of industries, retreats,
- spelling Bee competition for primary schools in Aba, and
- Active participation at the Diocesan Annual Cathedraticum.
- Attending Members function
- Visitation to the less privilege and motherless babies home.

OUR RESTORATION

As a matter of urgent importance the National and Provincial Body sent delegates to Aba for its restoration, our restoration journey of re-awakening the CG Aba Diocese began on Sunday 28th July, 2019 when the National Coordinator of CG Bro. Chigozie Onwukwe and the Provincial Secretary Mrs. Stella Nnenna Chigøzie paid a visit to CG Aba Diocese at Sedes Sapientiae Chaplaincy NFCS Abia Poly as directed by the Current Provincial Executive.

In 2020, the INTERIM EXECUTIVE then in their wisdom suggested to the general house for the rotational of the meeting to Parishes in the Diocese with the aim of establishing CG in our various Parishes to give CG a wider coverage.

OUR MISSION:

Our primary mission as the light of the world is to draw more Catholic Graduates closer to God, and at the same time reaching people with the gospel of Christ.

OUR DIOCESAN SLOGAN:

CG...People Possibilities

GENERAL MOTTO:

CG...Light of the world.

Arranged & Compiled by Diocesan Executive
26-03-2023



THE PROGRESS REPORT OF CG UMUAHIA CHAPTER FROM SEPTEMBER 2021– JUNE 2023 PRESENTED AT THE PROVINCIAL GENERAL REUNION HELD AT PASTORAL CENTER, OWERRI.

INTRODUCTION: We are grateful to God for His mercies, goodness, favours and protection upon us. We have witnessed a significant breakthrough in terms of growth and membership though we are still praying for God's grace, unity amongst us and increased membership.

Our chapter made progress in the following areas.

MEMBERSHIP : We are about fifty on the nominal roll. However, not all members are regular in their attendance to CG meetings and activities.

CG AWARENESS ACTIVITIES: For a couple of years now, we started membership drive to parishes in Umuahia township to create awareness about the catholic Graduates. We have visited some parishes like St. Finbarrs Parish, St. Ann's parish Ahieke, Madonna hospital chaplaincy, St. Michael's parish Ugwunchara, Stella Maris parish mission hill for this CG awareness were we got some persons who joined CG Umuahia chapter. We intend to continue this awareness campaign with the agreement of our chaplain as it is our intention to create awareness of CG in more parishes within Umuahia diocese.

MONTHLY MEETINGS: Our monthly meetings holds every fourth (4th) Sunday of the month and it is been rotated amongst various parishes in order to encourage the established CG branch to remain steadfast, zealous and committed in the activities of the association. The meeting commences immediately after Mass in these parishes.

ELECTION/CONSTITUTION REVIEW: In line with the directive from the Catholic Bishops Conference, the chapter held her elections and elected active members at the executive body to oversee the activities of the chapter for the next four (4) years. The present executives of the Catholic Graduates Umuahia chapter are

- (i) Bro Charles Iwuji – Coordinator
- (ii) Bro Calistus Nwachukwu – Asst. Coordinator
- (iii) Bro Kelechi Okoro – Secretary
- (iv) Sis. Abigail Eze – Asst Secretary
- (v) Bro Brendan Asogwa – Financial secretary
- (vi) Sis. Cynthia Igwe- Treasurer
- (vii) Chinedu Ibeleme - PRO

Our Chapter bylaw was reviewed within the period of this report to capture some necessary change.

CHARITY WORKS: We celebrated the feast of St. Valentine's Day on 14th February with a visit to St Vincent De Paul Umuafai. We made both cash and material donation to them. We applauded and encouraged the Rev. Sister in charge for her diligence in taking care of the children and prayed for God's grace for her to carry out her duties.

LENTEN RETREAT: This took place on 18th March, 2023 at the Marian Shrine of Mater Dei Cathedral, Umuahia. The activities of the event included: Mass celebration, Rosary procession,

Stations of the Cross and Intercessory prayers. Our Chaplain Rev. Fr. George Aham. Ukara was present.

PROJECTS: We partnered with Connak Foundation to train our members and fresh graduates for requisite skills to be acquired. The CG Umuahia chapter cooperative society called “Diplomats Multi-purpose Cooperative Society Abia State is still running the established Bee Hive at Arondizuogu which is under the care of one of our members and we intend to harvest by the end of the year.

SOCIAL EVENT: Our end of the year party for 2022 was held on December 18th, 2022 at Kolping Society event centre. It was well attended by both old and new members. We are also planning to go for a picnic at the chapter level.

SUPPORT FROM OUR CHAPLAIN: Our current Chaplain in the person of Rev. Fr. George Aham. Ukara has been so supportive and always comes to our assistance whenever we seek his help towards our activities.

FINANCE: We do not have enough fund in our account due to slow response to payment of dues by members.

CHALLENGES: Our major challenge is poor turnout of members to monthly meetings and activities and insufficient fund to carry out our activities but after the creation of the two new branches, there has been slight improvement in the chapter.

CONCLUSION: We thank God for the gift of life and blessings upon us. We pray for His grace to be more committed and dedicated in carrying out CG activities.

Signed,

Bro. Okoro Kelechi O.
General Secretary

Bro. Charles Iwuji
Co-ordinator

CATHOLIC GRADUATES UMUAHIA DIOCESE



VISIT OF CATHOLIC GRADUATES UMUAHIA CHAPTER EXECUTIVES TO
THE BISHOP OF UMUAHIA DIOCESE.



END OF YEAR THANKSGIVING OF CATHOLIC GRADUATES UMUAHIA CHAPTER
AT ST THOMAS AQUINAL CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY UMUDIKE.

CATHOLIC GRADUATES UMUAHIA DIOCESE



VISIT OF CATHOLIC GRADUATES UMUAHIA CHAPTER MEMBERS
TO ST VINCENT DE PAUL DESTITUATES HOME UMUAHIA



FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING OF CATHOLIC GRADUATES UMUAHIA CHAPTER HELD
AT ST THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY MOUAU ON 14TH JUNE 2013.

CATHOLIC GRADUATES UMUAHIA DIOCESE



AFTER THANKSGIVING MASS AT ST THOMAS AQUINAS
CHAPLAINCY UMUDIKE ON DECEMBER 2023





CATHOLIC GRADUATES

(NFCS ALUMNI)

OWERRI ARCHDIOCESAN CHAPTER

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Secretary: 08036683122

Our Ref:.....

Your Ref:.....

Date: 5/5/2023

OWERRI ARCHDIOCESAN CHAPTER REPORT SPANNING FROM 2002 -2023

Catholic Graduates (CG), Owerri Archdiocese is the second chapter of Catholic Graduates that was established in the Province and this was in 2002.

AIM & OBJECTIVES: One of the major aims and objectives is to encourage interpersonal relationship among members with a view to inculcate in one another the basic and mutual principles of good and sound Christian Life.

STRUCTURE:

Membership: membership of the association is open to all Catholic Graduates that reside in Owerri Archdiocese .The group comprises of active members (Executive and non executive members) both at home and in Diaspora.

Chaplain:

The Chaplain appointed by the Archbishop oversees the spiritual and temporal affairs of the association

Our current chaplain is Rev. Fr. Dr. Kingsley Ekeocha

NUMERICAL STRENGTH: Over the years, our number has grown from below 20 to over 70 members.

GENERAL MEETING: Holds on the 3rd Sunday of every Month

PROGRAMS:

Luncheon: Apart from the social/entertainment aspect of the programme, the performance of the association in the outgoing year is assessed and financial report rendered.

VALENTINE CELEBRATION: Members seize this opportunity to celebrate Christian love. This love is also extended to homes for special children.

Lenten Retreat: The Chapter also holds Lenten Retreat annually before the Easter celebration proper.

Visitation/Outreach: The Chapter adopts house visitation (in different

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circumstances) as an effective means of Evangelization and encouragement to members. We also visit parishes to promote our Association.

Archdiocesan Programs: The Chapter has participated in some Archdiocesan programs like sent forth program of the Archbishop Emeritus, His Grace AJV Obinna/ INSTALLATION of the new Archbishop Lucius Iwejuru Ugorji, the Cathedraticum, Odenigbo Lecture etc.

Outstanding Projects: The Chapter has a Skills Acquisition Centre (St .Joseph's Skills acquisition and Entrepreneurial Development Center) established in 2018, the center is equipped with facilities for training in the following areas: Fashion Design, Catering, Cosmetology, Computer Training and livestock production. The chapter organizes holiday lessons for both Junior and Senior Students from various schools.

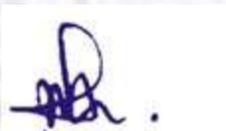
WELFARE: The welfare of our Chapter members has always been our utmost priority. We provide enabling environment for networking, business promotion and opportunities. We have also been charitable to non Members especially during COVID-19 pandemic.

FUTURE PROJECTS: The Owerri Chapter desires to purchase a Bus, Organize more Training/ Workshop, Seminars, Webinars etc in Areas such as; Leadership, Skill Training etc. The Chapter is also preparing a Loan support Scheme for her members.

CHANGE OF CHAPLAIN: In February 2023, the Archbishop, in his wisdom, appointed Rev. Fr. Dr. Chidiebere Kingsley Ekeocha as the new CG Owerri Chapter/Provincial Chaplain.

Fr. Ekeocha replaced Rev. Fr. Dr. Stephen Egwim who served as CG chaplain for about 11years (2012-2023). We believe God willing, our good heart desires in this Chapter will be achieved through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Sis Clement Vivian C. (Mrs.)
Secretary



Sis Ijeoma Amakwe
Coordinator



Rev. Fr. Dr. Kingsley Chidiebere Ekeocha
Chaplain



At a member father's burial



Chapter Luncheon Photo



Induction of new members of Owerri Chapter



Member's visitation photo



Incoming and Outgoing Chaplain with the Chapter Excocs



Owerri chapter retreat at Pastoral Centre



Representatives at their Patron Jubilee celebration



Owerri Chapter at their member's Churaching



Reunion at Umuahia with the present Arch Bishop Lucius Ugorji



Reunion photos with some chapter members



Rev. Fr. Dr. Stephen Egwin with chapter members during one of the reunion



1st Owerri Chapter Luncheon (Rev. Fr. Ignatius Nze)



CATHOLIC GRADUATES-CG HOUSING ESTATE (IHE-NKE-UWA HOUSING ESTATE)

The Catholic Graduates-CG Housing Estate is the brainchild of some members of the CG Cooperative- (Ihe-Nke-Uwa (Owerri Municipal) Agro Industrial Multipurpose Cooperative Society. This project which is in line with one of the objectives of CG of carrying out activities and projects that will be of much benefit to CG, the church and wider society was first mooted by Sister Sylvia Anyadoh-Nwadike in 2018 and reviewed by Brothers Chinedu N. Ogbuji, Eustace Ohaji and Celestine Akubeze. Subsequently, the idea was sold to the then provincial President, Brother Uchenna Ohiagu (late) who after due discussions in the Provincial Executive Council adopted it as a provincial project with the full blessing and support of the then Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Dr. Stephen Egwim, who set up a committee with Bro. Chinedu Ogbuji as Chairman. Other members of the committee are Bro Eustace Tooche Ohaji- Secretary, Bro. Celestine Akubueze- Financial Secretary and Sister Sylvia Anyadoh-Nwadike as Project Advisor. Several conversations, visits and engagements happened between CG team and various kindred leaders mostly in Owerri North and Owerri West in a bid to see that a sizable parcel of land is acquired for the purpose at hand.

The mandate given to the committee was to:

- Initiate conversations with prospective individuals or communities to locate safe plots of land for purchase.
- To negotiate for and consolidate prices, terms and conditions for such plots of land.
- In collaboration with the CG members to market any of such acquired plots of land
- To fix reasonable prices and conditions for sale of such plots of land to CG and non-CG members
- Manage the processes of buying and selling of such plots of land and issue relevant documents to the appropriate individual in conjunction with the CG Chaplain and Exco
- Manage any other necessary actions and conditions relating to the land to the benefit of CG.

The above mandate and other agreed roles as the engagements progressed were vigorously pursued by the committee. To ensure stronger engagements and wider consultations, more CG members were coopted into the central committee like Bro. Andy Osuagwu, Bro. Chigozie Onwukwe, Sis. Stella Nnenna Chigozie and Bro. Udechukwu Egbuhuzor.

The process of scouting for plots of land that will meet the expectations of CG as well as confirmation of the real owners of such took a long time from 2018 to 2019. This was so because CG was looking for at least, 500 plots of land that will accommodate the vision for the housing estate.

The process of a possible agreement and commencement of the housing estate business had a serious delay following the demise of the then Provincial President, Bro. Uche Ohiagu which occurred on 12 January 2019. For close to one year, every conversation about the business was put to a complete halt. To ensure that the dream doesn't die down, the new Provincial President, Bro. Regis Nwogu who was a close ally of the late President, keyed into the dream and ensured that it was actualized. The first potential agreement with the Umuakalawom kindred in Oforola, Owerri West for the proposed 400 plots of land was encumbered due to the death of the President. CG decided not to continue a conversation on land matters while the architect of the business was lying in the morgue. From the time of his burial to the time declared by CG for mourning was about a year, during which time, the Umuakalawom kindred opened discussions with other possible buyers citing delay on the part of CG. It is worthy of note that before the death of the President, CG had paid two-million-naira (N2,000,000) to the community which served as commitment fee and part payment of the total agreed sum of one hundred and forty million (N140,000,000) naira for the expected 400 plots. An MoU was also signed with the community which spelt out the terms and conditions for the complete payment for the land within two (2) years. This is in addition to almost one million naira expended by CG on the creation of access road to the land as well as other expenditures for each visit to the landowners. To the best of our knowledge, the said land is still not sold out completely and therefore, open for peaceful re-negotiation, other things being equal.

With the Umuakalawom business suspended, the committee was able to engage other kindreds in the same Owerri West LGA, Imo state. The first acquisition of land was eventually made in May 2019, from the Umushiamia kindred. Since then, other parcels of land have been bought from Umualala kindred and some individual landowners around that territory. All the acquired parcels of land have equally been allocated to relevant subscribers.

The CG Housing Estate: (Ihe-Nke-Uwa Housing Estate) is located at CG Close, Oforola, Off Obinze-Umuokanne road (about 3 minutes' drive from FUTO junction, along Owerri-Portharcourt road, Owerri Imo State. The allocated plots are in three (3) phases within the Estate. Details of the plots

can be found in the registered survey plans and details of the financial transactions will be evident in the Statement of accounts of CG.

NEXT STEPS:

Part of the CG responsibilities in the estate is to ensure perimeter fencing and allottees compliance to the set standards of the estate.

Other expected deliverables in the estate include.

- Deliver hard copy survey plans to the remaining allottees.
- Secure registration for fencing
- Build the perimeter fence round the estate.
- Ensure compliance as buyers develop their allocated plots.
- Ensure all development levies are collected from the few remaining buyers.

THE WISH

Beyond achieving the above results, it is the wish of CG to build its own CG secretariat closer to the estate. This will be another phase of the housing project which may be beside the estate or any other good location in Imo state. The secretariat could be together with the **CG INFOTECH RESOURCE AND ENTREPRENEUSHIP CENTER-IRC** being unveiled and planned now. Such projects will help to provide support to the members, the church and to the society at large.

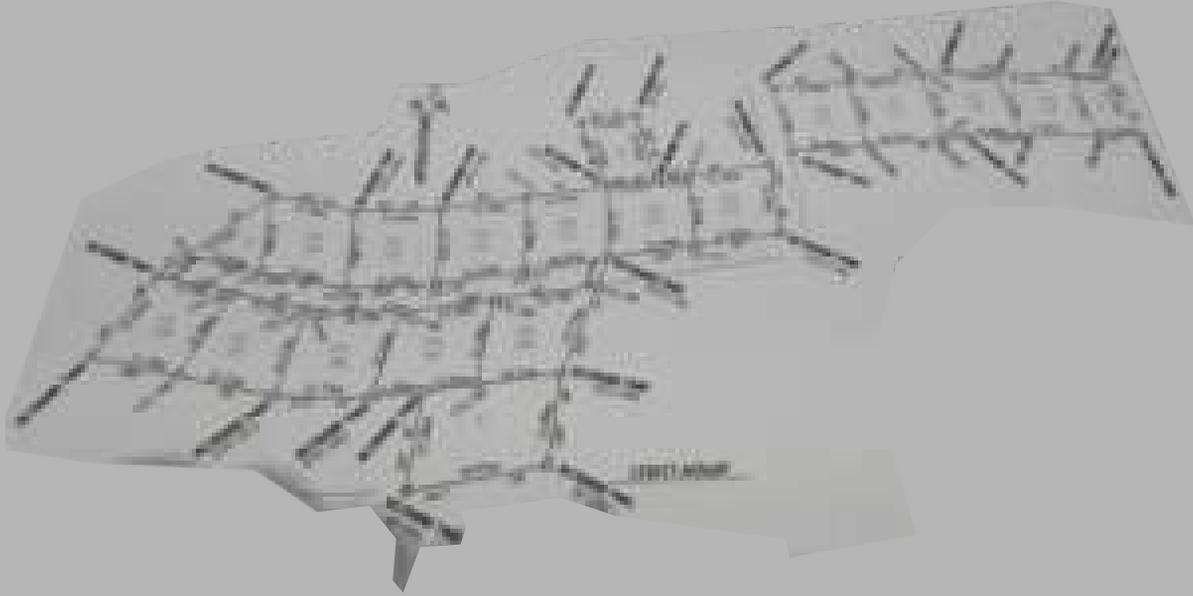
CONCLUSION.

The committee is hopeful that all the plans of CG concerning the estate will be achieved and beyond. We thank God for leading the CG thus far and pray that more of God's Grace and protection will continue to lead us Amen.

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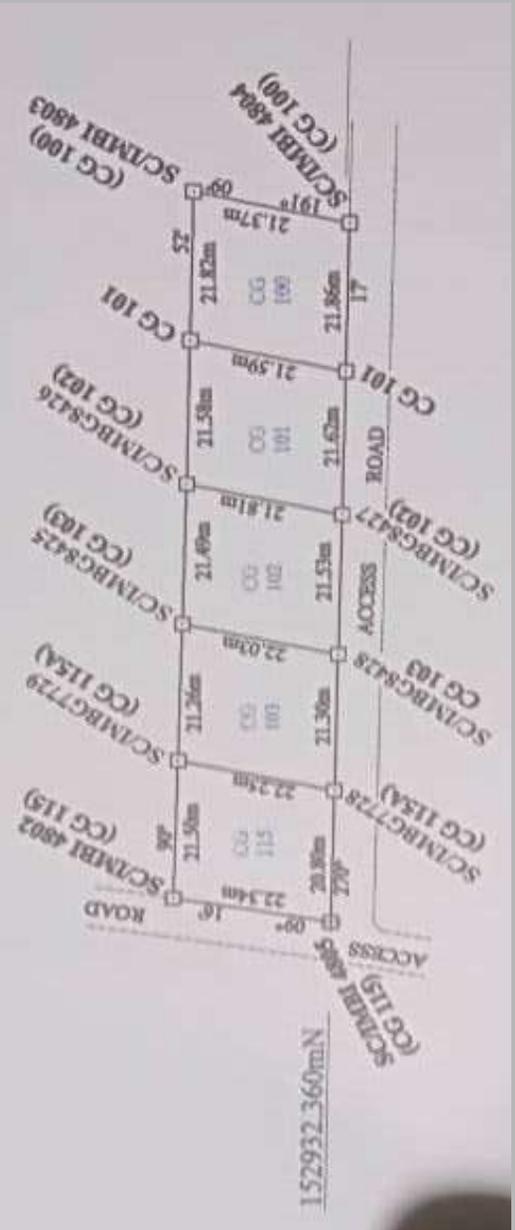
- Bro. Chinedu Ogbuji
Chairman
- Bro Eustace Tooche Ohaji
Secretary

**CATHOLIC GRADUATES-CG HOUSING ESTATE.
PHASE 1, 2 & 3 COMPLETELY ALLOCATED TO CLIENTS.**



Handwritten table listing housing units and their allocations. The table is organized into sections labeled 'ROAD I', 'ROAD II', and 'ROAD III'.

Unit No.	Area (sqm)	Allocation Status
CG-130	30.05	Allocated
CG-131	30.00	Allocated
CG-132	30.20	Allocated
CG-133	30.05	Allocated
CG-134	30.60	Allocated
CG-135	30.70	Allocated
CG-136	30.20	Allocated
CG-137	30.20	Allocated
CG-138	33.15	Allocated
CG-139	31.40	Allocated
CG-140	30.01	Allocated
CG-141	30.40	Allocated
CG-142	30.40	Allocated
CG-143	31.65	Allocated
CG-144	31.40	Allocated
CG-145	31.95	Allocated
CG-146	32.20	Allocated
CG-147	15.70	Allocated
CG-148	15.80	Allocated
CG-149	15.80	Allocated
CG-150	15.70	Allocated
CG-151	16.70	Allocated
CG-152	16.80	Allocated
CG-153	17.30	Allocated
CG-154	17.20	Allocated
CG-155	16.50	Allocated
CG-156	16.45	Allocated
CG-157	14.40	Allocated
CG-158	13.70	Allocated
CG-159	14.50	Allocated
CG-160	13.15	Allocated
CG-161	26.50	Allocated
CG-162	27.60	Allocated
CG-163	28.70	Allocated
CG-164	30.60	Allocated
CG-165	32.00	Allocated
CG-166	22.01	Allocated
CG-167	18.80	Allocated
CG-168	15.60	Allocated
CG-169	15.70	Allocated
CG-170	14.70	Allocated
CG-171	14.20	Allocated
CG-172	14.50	Allocated
CG-173	20.10	Allocated
CG-174	25.95	Allocated
CG-175	17.35	Allocated



CG HOUSING ESTATE PROPOSED NEXT STAGE FOR PHASE 1, 2 AND 3



PROGRESS REPORT BY THE NIGERIAN FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC STUDENTS OWERRI ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE, FROM AUGUST 2021 TO AUGUST 2023 PRESENTED AT THE RSH SILVER JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY/ANNUAL RE-UNION OF CATHOLIC GRADUATES AT ASSUMPTA PASTORAL CENTRE, 162 WETHERAL ROAD, OWERRI IMO STATE.

INTRODUCTION: To the glory of God we bring you warm greeting, we thank Almighty God for good health, long life and success of our members. Our profound gratitude goes to him for his love, Protection, guidance and kindness to us. We have witnessed a significant breakthrough in terms of growth and membership though, we are still praying for God's grace, unity amongst us and increased membership Amen.

Membership: Our province has continued to work unanimously in love to ensure we maintain and increase in our numeral strength and also Sustain the band that unites us. We have established NFCS in 3 chapters, Revive 3 Dioceses and 2 chapters in the province from August 2021 till date.

MEETINGS: The chapters hold monthly meeting with members.

- Aba Diocese – 1st Saturday of the month and 3rd Saturday Diocesan Mass/General meeting.
- Okigwe Diocese -
- Owerri Archdiocese – 3rd Saturday of the month
- Orlu Diocese – 3rd Saturday of the month
- Umuahia Diocese -
- The Provincial Meeting is 2nd Friday to Saturday Bi-monthly

EVENTS HELD BOTH DIOCESES AND PROVINCE

- 11th Biannual Provincial Conference on the 2nd to 4th September 2022 at Annunciation Seminary Amaudara Owerri, Abia State.
- Provincial Leadership Summit with the Theme: 21st century leadership Strategy vis-a-vis Digital strategy and critical thinking for sustainable. Development Christ the on the 17th to 18th of February, 2023, at Nneoma Conference House King Cathedral, Aba.
- National Meeting /Leadership Seminar on the 27th to 30th of April 2023 at St Mary's Propedeutic Seminary Azumini Abia state, Owerri Ecclesiastical Province.
- Aba 1st Biennial Diocesan Conference with the theme: Living thy faith in our Society Today on the 2nd to 4th December, 2022 at Nneoma Conference House Christ the King Cathedral, Aba.
- Aba 1st Biennial Diocesan convention with the theme; Defining your Relationship from God's Viewpoint as NFCSer on the 27th to 31st October 2021, at Immaculate Heart Girls College Umungasi, Aba.
- Aba Diocesan Leadership Summit with the theme Building the right Culture for Effective leadership on the 9th July 2022 at St Anthony School of Nursing Aba.
- NFCS Day with the Bishop of Aba Diocese on the 27th May 2023 Sedes Sapientiae Chaplaincy, Abia State Polytechnic. Aba
- Owerri Archdiocese 2nd Annual Convention with the theme Catholic Youths; proclaiming and living the truth on the 1st of July 2023 at FUTO Owerri.
- Aba Diocesan Leadership Summit with the theme Leadership for Service on the 8th July 2023 at Abia State Polytechnic Aba.

UPCOME EVENTS BOTH DIOCESES AND PROVINCE

- NFCS National Convention on the 16th to 20th of August 2023, Abuja 2023 at Varitas University Abuja.
- Aba 2nd Biennial Diocesan Convention on the 7th to 10th September 2023.
- 12th Biannual Provincial Conference on the month of November host Orlu Diocese.

MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

- Aba Diocese – 6 active Chapters
- Okigwe Diocese – 6 active chapters and 2 non active.
- Owerri Archdiocese – 7 active chapters.
- Orlu Diocese – 7 active Chapters.
- Umuahia Diocese – 3 active chapters and 3 non active

PROJECTS

- NFCS Provincial Polo
- NFCS Provincial Prayer Bulletin.

ACHIEVEMENT BOTH DIOCESES AND PROVINCE

- Successful Review of provincial bye-law.
- Reviving 3 Dioceses
- Building & Relationship with laity Council and cyon in Aba Diocese.
- Attending cathedraticum collection yearly in Aba Diocese.
- Attending Diocesan Program and Pastoral council meeting in Aba Diocese
- Building a good and working relationship with the Bishop of Aba Diocese
- Courtly visit to the Archbishop of Owerri.
- 1st NFCS day with the Bishop of Aba Diocese
- 1st Diocesan Baptist, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in Aba Diocesan Organizing competition Chapters among Every year in Aba Diocesan

CHALLENGES

- lack of funds for Provincial activities, leading to the use of Personal finance to run Provincial functions
- Chapters/Dioceses non-chalet attitude towards Paying of dues/levy /debts
- Chapters Chaplain's Indifferent attitude towards the province and her activates
- Improper handover by the Past Provincial Executives

APPEAL

- Visitation to the Dioceses to support, advice and encourage them
- Financial Support for National Convention.
- 3 Appointment of Provincial chaplain by the Archbishop

Election

The Past Executives was resolved at the 11th Biannual Provincial conference held on the 2nd to 4th of September 2022 at Annunciation Seminary Amaudare Owerri Abia state and a four man caretaker committee was appointed and Inaugurated

- NFCserChinwe Maureen Nwalie as Caretaker Committee Chairman
- NFCserNnaji Doris Udoka as caretaker committee Vice-Chairman
- NFCSer David Uchem as caretaker committee Secretary.
- NFCserJennifer ChinagoramOkwel as Caretaker Committee PRO

They were charge with the responsible of revering the Dioceses, making sure that the Dioceses got a Diocesan Chaplain and to conjunct Provincial election. The Provincial meeting/leadership Summit was held on the 17th to 15th of February 2023 at the Nneoma Conference house at the Christ the King Cathedral Aba while Screening and election was done by the PEC members the Inauguration was done by Rev. Fr. George Ekemezie the Chaplain of Aba Diocese and the been handover was done on the 22ndof April 2023 at MOUAN.

Below at the names of the executives and their various offices

- Chibuoke Stanley Uchechukwu as the President
- Ihekwoaba Janefrances Chinelo as the Vice President
- Nkemdirim Precious Ifeoma as the Secretary
- Ezuru Godgift Eberechukwu as the Assistant Sec.
- Omaro Esther as the Treasurer
- Asomugha Chidera Chrisjohn as the Financial Sec.
- Agunwa Dorothy Uzochukwu as the Prayer's Coordinator
- Abara Prisca C. as the Provost
- Ezeanyi Chiagozie Godfrey as the PRO
- Doris Okafor as the Welfare 2
- Bruno O. Iwuchukwu as the Coordinator 1
- Amajuoyi Chrysogonus I. as the Coordinator 2
- Igwebuike Daniel as the Mr. NFCS
- Clement Chidera Deborah as the Miss NFCS

CONCLUSION: Once again we thank the Almighty God for the gift of Life. We appreciate His grace to witness another reunion despite the ugly situation in the country. We pray for His grace to also witness another reunion. We pray for this continuous guidance and renewed Spirit as we Stout another year in the Life of our association. We therefore play r His presence in our midst and at the end of this program lead us safely to our various home.

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NFCSer Stanley Uche Chibuoke
Ifeoma Nkemdirim
Provincial President.
Provincial Secretary

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ORDER OF INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

1. Immediately after PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION, those to be inducted will be called out to the altar for induction rituals
2. The chief celebrant will lit the candle and hand it over to the CG Provincial President, who goes ahead to light the candle of the new members
3. The OATH OF MEMBERSHIP follows.

OATH OF MEMBERSHIP

I,(each inductee will mention his/ her name) do solemnly pledge before God and members of the Catholic Graduates Owerri Ecclesiastical Province, that I shall be a member of the association; that I shall put in my best towards the realisation of the aims and objectives of the association; that I shall participate in all her activities, defend the constitution and support her officers; that I shall live a life worthy of the calling and thus be LIGHT wherever I am, SO HELP ME GOD AMEN. THIS SHALL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PRIEST'S BLESSING.

NB: All newly inducted members are advised to sign their membership oath

A WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT AT THE 23RD ANNUAL RE-UNION AND GENERAL MEETING OF CATHOLIC GRADUATES, OWERRI ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE.

His Grace, most Rev Dr. Lucius Iwejuru Ugorji
The Provincial Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Dr. Kingsley Ekeocha
Chapter Chaplains and all Priest present
Our Guest Speakers
Our Grand Patrons and Patrons here present
Chairman of the occasion
NFCS Provincial President and members
Dear CG members
Distinguish Ladies and Gentlemen

I wish to welcome all of us to the 23rd Annual Reunion/General Meeting and Dinner of our great Association. This year's reunion is unique because we are marking the silver jubilee of our great Association. We appreciate God Almighty for life

As an association, we have every reason to thank God for sustaining us for the past 25 years under different stages of growth and I can gladly inform us that all the storms could not break us, rather we are stronger, more united and focused in our course to be "The Light to the World". The choice of the theme "Reigniting our Passion" cannot come at a better time than now. The past 5 years has been the most difficult and challenging period for our association. Early 2019, we lost our dear provincial President, Bro Uchenna Ohiagu to the cold hands of death. May God rest his soul. Amen. The year 2020 came with the worldwide Corona virus pandemic which paralyzed almost all activities and led to the non observance of our yearly reunion that year. And in 2022, the protracted ASUU strike and nonpayment of salaries to lecturers affected most of our members and that led to the deferment of the reunion. We thank God who saw us through these periods and who made it possible for us to witness this event. I wish to sincerely thank our past provincial Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Dr. Stephen Egwim for the fatherly role played during those periods.

As part of the JUBILEE celebration, we will unveil the proposed INFOTECH RESOURCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE- IRC. The centre when completed will have six (6) departments of Health, Home Care, Moral, Social Service, Academics and Entrepreneurship Centre. Each of these sections will develop programs that will impact positively on local and global society. A lot of other wonderful and exciting programs have been incorporated into

this year's reunion for the benefit of our members in particular and NFCS members at large. Some of the highlights include; lecture/interactive/entrepreneurship and business networking session, NFCS choral competition and other special presentations.

I thank our Archbishop, Most Rev. Dr. Lucius Iwejuru Ugorji for being supportive both spiritually and morally. Your love for CG cannot be overstretched and this is evidenced with the reception you gave us during our Y2021 reunion held in Umuahia. We promise not to disappoint you and soon, all your expectations from us as you highlighted during our first meeting with you this year will be met. To our provincial chaplain, Rev. Fr. Dr. Kingsly Ekeocha, I thank you for all your counsel and efforts in uniting all of us as we mark our jubilee. We pray for more wisdom from God and preserve you for us.

Finally, I want to appreciate and congratulate the Committee Chairman of this year reunion and JUBILEE celebration, Bro. Eustace Tooche Ohaji, all the subcommittee chairpersons and their members, Owerri Chapter Coordinator and her team members, all other CG members including those in Diaspora who worked so hard to make this day a reality. I owe a huge depth of gratitude to the executive members of the province and our patrons for their contributions and services. To everyone here present, thank you for being part of this history.

Sit back, relax and enjoy. May God bless us all and preserve our lives. Amen.
God bless CG.

CG.... Light of the World.

Dr. Regis Kenechukwu Nwogu
CG Provincial President, Owerri Province.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CG PROGRAMME











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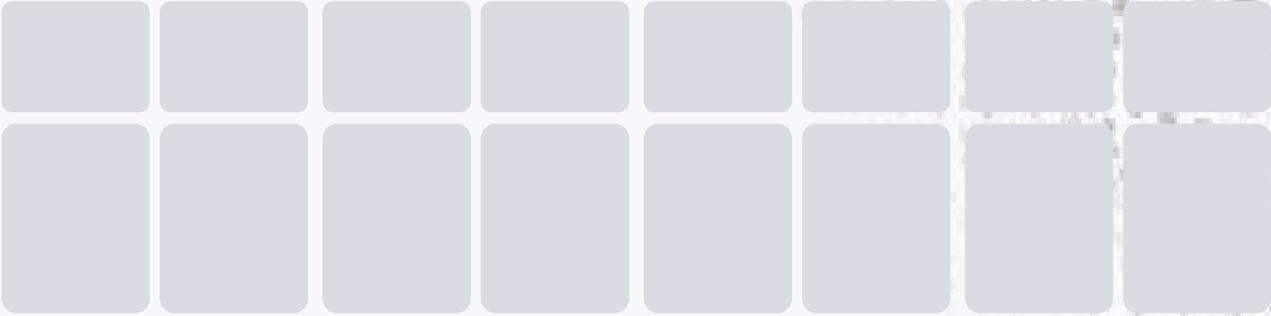
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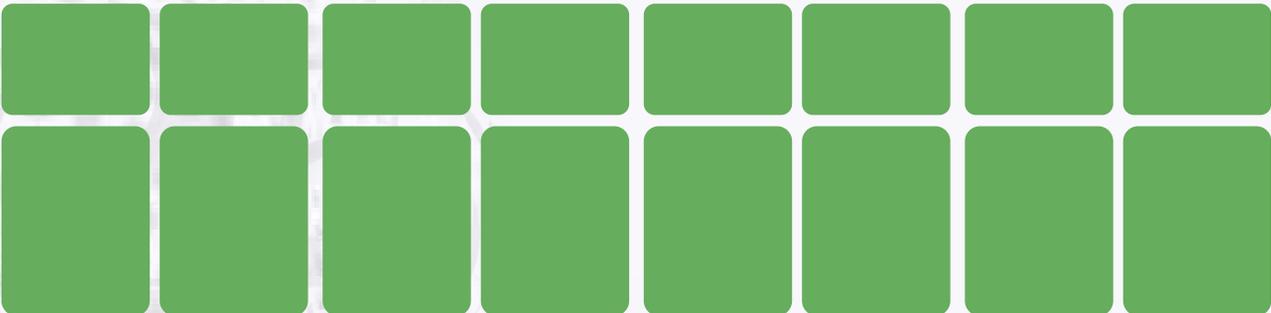
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25yrs is a sign of God's mercy and sustenance. We appreciate all our Chaplains, Executives, members and supporters for their assistance. May God continue to bless and prosper CG and its desires Amen.

Bro. Eustace Tooche Ohaji.

*Chairman, Central Organizing Committee.
Silver Jubilee & 2023 Reunion Celebration.*