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Special Circular

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**TO ALL PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS WORKING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LAGOS, AND
THE LAY FAITHFUL**

Dear Msgri./Frs., Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Some important information as we begin the new year:

A. The Covid-19 Second Wave: with the second wave of the Covid-19 sweeping through the country, it is important to renew our call to all Priests, Religious and lay faithful not to let down our guards. We must individually take personal responsibility to help overcome this pandemic by taking the protocols and the safety precautions more seriously and at all times. It is clear that the City of Lagos remains the epicenter of the pandemic in Nigeria with the highest number of cases. We must therefore do all that is necessary to stem the spread of the virus.

We must **wear the face mask properly, wash our hands frequently, maintain the required physical distance and avoid going to places that we do not really need to be.** We notice that the practice of using the face mask properly has been on a steady decline and so we encourage everyone to wear the face mask even if inconvenient. A little inconvenience is a price worth paying for keeping oneself and others safe from the virus.

In this regard, we hereby direct that **priests and other ministers on the sanctuary should henceforth wear the face mask even while celebrating Mass and other sacraments within the Archdiocese.** It is important that we pay attention to this precaution not only as a safety precaution to curb the spread of the virus but also as a symbol to demonstrate the need for everyone to do the same.

B. Further Appointments: you will recall that in the Special Circular of December, 2020, we indicated that there were other appointments that would be made in the year. We hereby appoint the following to the various positions in the Archdiocese:

I. Chaplains of Associations of Lay faithful:

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| 1. Director, Pontifical Mission Society: | Rev. Fr. Simeon Irabor |
| 2. Coordinator, Holy Childhood Association: | Rev. Sr. Doris Gali SHCJ |
| 3. Chaplain, CMO/Catholic Confraternity of Christian Fathers: | V. Rev, Fr. Francis Ike. |
| 4. Chaplain, Association of Papal Knights and Medalists: | Rev. Fr. Joseph Anokerie |
| 5. Chaplain, Board of Lectors: | Rev. Fr. Anthony Okoro |
| 6. Chaplain, St. Jude Society: | Rev. Fr. Alexander Oboh |
| 7. Chaplain, Blue Army: | Rev. Fr. Andrew Abhullime |
| 8. Chaplain, Society of St Vincent de Paul: | Rev Fr Jude Uche, CM |
| 9. Chaplain, St Pio Prayer Group: | Rev. Fr. Augustine Oni OFM Cap. |
| 10. Guild of St. Anthony | Rev. Fr. Gabriel Fatoye |

II. To complete the placement of priests, the following postings are hereby made:

Parish Priests:

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| 1. St. Christopher, Oke Odo | Rev. Fr. Matthew Ogunyase |
| 2. St. Timothy, Ojodu: | Rev. Fr. Fidelis Umole |
| 3. Mother of Perpetual Help, Ijegun-Imore: | Rev. Fr. Anthony Okoro |

Associate Parish Priests:

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| 1. St. Benjamin's, Olowora | Rev. Fr. Callistus Afangideh |
| 2. Holy Redeemer, Shibiri | Rev. Fr. Joseph Okafor |

NOTA BENE: there is an adjustment to the last special circular to the effect that Parish priests and Priests-in-charge going on transfer should prepare their Handover Notes in **TRIPLICATES**. These are to distributed as follows: One copy to the **CHANCERY**, another copy to the **DEAN of the Deanery concerned** and the third one to the **INCOMING PRIEST**. These should be submitted not later than **20TH JANUARY, 2021**.

C. Parishes in the Deaneries: With the creation of new Deaneries announced at the Priestly Ordination held on 18th December, 2020, the jurisdictions of Deaneries in the Archdiocese have been redefined. The following is a list of the Deaneries and the Parishes in each of them:

1. AGEGE DEANERY

- i. Church of Presentation, Abule-Egba
- ii. Our Lady Health of the Sick, Onipetesi
- iii. St. Catherine, Alakuko
- iv. St. Charles Lwanga, Omotoye Estate, Agege
- v. St. Christopher, Ijaiye
- vi. St. Christopher, Oke-Odo
- vii. St. Cyprian, Oko Oba, Agege
- viii. St. Kizito, Iju
- ix. St. Raphael, Ajegunle-Ilo,
- x. St. Rita, Obadeyi
- xi. St. Sabina, Idimangoro
- xii. St. Theresa, Ifako Ijaiye
- xiii. St. Thomas, Onilekere
- xiv. Mary Mother of God Police Chaplaincy, Elere-Agege

2. AJAH DEANERY

- i. Good Shepherd, Moba
- ii. Immaculate Conception, Ira Nla
- iii. Our Lady Mother & Queen, Badore
- iv. Our Lady Mother of Perpetual Help, Ajah
- v. Our Lady Mother of the Redeemer, Ogombo
- vi. St. Athanasius, Oke-Ira, Kekere
- vii. St. Peter, Ado - Langbasa

3. APAPA DEANERY

- i. Christ the King, Old Ojo Road, Ajegunle Apapa
- ii. Immaculate Conception, Snake Island
- iii. Our Lady of Lourdes, Orile Iganmu
- iv. Sacred Heart, Apapa
- v. St. Charles, Olodi
- vi. St. Joseph, Kirikiri Town
- vii. St. Kizito, Alaba-Oro
- viii. St. Margaret, Olodi

- ix. St. Mary, Ajegunle
- x. St. Matthew, Amukoko
- xi. St. Vincent, Olodi
- xii. St. Joseph Navy Chaplaincy, Navy Barracks, Ajegunle
- xiii. St. Michael Military Chaplaincy, Tamandu Barracks, Apapa

4. BADAGRY DEANERY

- i. Holy Family, Ajara
- ii. Sacred Heart, Badagry
- iii. St. Andrew, Kweme Sea Beach
- iv. St. Anthony, Ibereko
- v. St. Francis, Apa
- vi. St. Joseph, Aradagun
- vii. St. Leo, Ikoga Zebbe
- viii. St. Anne Military Chaplaincy, Ibereko

5. EPE DEANERY

- i. Church of Annunciation, Abraham Adesanya
- ii. Church of Assumption, Awoyaya
- iii. Holy Rosary, Ibeju Lekki
- iv. Immaculate Conception, Ibonwon
- v. Our Lady Mother of Mercy, Abijo
- vi. Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Lakowe
- vii. Regina Caeli, Bogije
- viii. Regina Pacis, Sangotedo
- ix. St. Peter, Agbowa-Ikosi
- x. St. Peter, Odoragushin
- xi. St. Pio, Ayeteju
- xii. St. Theresa, Epe

6. FESTAC DEANERY

- i. Holy Family, Festac Town
- ii. Church of Annunciation, Festac Town
- iii. Church of Nativity, Festac Town

- iv. Church of Presentation, Festac Town
- v. Church of Visitation, Festac Town
- vi. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Amuwo Odofin
- vii. Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, Okota
- viii. St. Cyril, Okota
- ix. St. Joseph, Abule-Ado
- x. St. Monica, Mazamaza
- xi. St. Stephen, Agboju
- xii. Holy Trinity Military Chaplaincy, Mile 2

7. IBA DEANERY

- i. Church of Assumption, Igbo-Elerin
- ii. Immaculate Heart, Iba New Town
- iii. Madonna Catholic Church, Egan
- iv. Ss. Joachim & Anne, Ijegun
- v. Ss. Timothy & Titus, Isheri-Oshun
- vi. St. Augustine, Iba
- vii. St. Hilda, Obadore
- viii. St. John, Igando
- ix. St. Joseph Guardian of the Redeemer, Agodo
- x. St. Joseph, Victory Estate, Iba
- xi. St. Maria Goretti, Abaranje
- xii. St. Rita, Akesan
- xiii. St. Stephen, Pacific Estate

8. IJANIKIN DEANERY

- i. St. Cecilia, Ijanikin
- ii. Blessed Tansi, Magbon
- iii. Holy Spirit, Aiyetoro
- iv. St. Anthony, Era
- v. St. Augustine, Morogbo
- vi. St. Michael, Ilogbo-Eremi
- vii. St. Perpetual & Felicity Era-Awori

9. IJEDE DEANERY

- i. Blessed Virgin Mary, Elepe
- ii. Corpus Christi, Egbin
- iii. Holy Trinity, Ewu-Owa
- iv. St. Andrew, Itamope
- v. Divine Mercy Chaplaincy, Ijede

10. IKEJA DEANERY

- i. Church of the Ascension, Airport Road, Ikeja
- ii. Church of the Presentation, G.R.A
- iii. Holy Spirit, Omole, Phase II
- iv. Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Ogba
- v. St. Francis, Oregun, Ikeja
- vi. St. John the Evangelist, Ladipo, Oshodi
- vii. St. Jude, Mafoluku
- viii. St. Leo, Ikeja
- ix. St. Peter Claver, Ajao-Estate
- x. St. Timothy, Ojodu
- xi. St. Anthony Police Chaplaincy, Ikeja
- xii. St. Augustine Chaplaincy, Air Force Base, Ikeja
- xiii. St. Martin De Porres, NAFRC, Oshodi

11. IKORODU DEANERY

- i. Archangels, Agbede
- ii. Good Shepherd, Owode-Ajegunle
- iii. Sacred Heart, Odogunyan
- iv. St. Augustine, Ikorodu
- v. St. Michael, Ajaguro
- vi. St. Monica, Igbogbo
- vii. St. Patrick, Owode-Ibeshe
- viii. Army Chaplaincy, Odogunyan

12. ILEMB A DEANERY

- i. Christ the King, Sabo-Oniba

- ii. Holy Redeemer, Shibiri
- iii. Ss. Cosmas & Damian, Ilogbo-Elegba
- iv. St. Andrew, Ilemba
- v. St. Gerald Majella, Jakande Estate
- vi. St. John, Ilufe
- vii. St. Joseph, Ketu

13. IPAJA DEANERY

- i. Christ the King, Akowonjo
- ii. Church of Annunciation, Ishefun
- iii. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Shasha
- iv. Ss Joachim & Anne, Meiran
- v. Ss. Peter & Paul, Baruwa
- vi. St. Alphonsus, Aboru
- vii. St. Anthony, Agbelekale
- viii. St. Anthony, Alagbado
- ix. St. Bernadette, Shagari Estate, Ipaja
- x. St. Ferdinand, Ipaja
- xi. St. Joseph, Gowon Estate
- xii. St. Louis, Egbeda
- xiii. St. Patrick, Igbogila
- xiv. St. Pius, Ayobo
- xv. Christ the King Military, Nigerian Army Chaplaincy, Ipaja
- xvi. Maria Assumpta Airforce Chaplaincy, Shasha

14. ISOLO DEANERY

- i. St. Peter, Ejigbo
- ii. Church of Annunciation, Orioke
- iii. Holy Rosary, Arida
- iv. Jesus The Saviour, Bucknor
- v. Ss Peter & Paul, Oke-Afa
- vi. St. Francis, Idimu
- vii. St. Lawrence, Isheri-Olofin
- viii. St. Lawrence, Paiko-Idimu

- ix. St. Mary, Isolo

15. LAGOS ISLAND DEANERY

- i. Church of the Assumption, Falomo
- ii. Holy Cross Cathedral, Lagos
- iii. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Victoria Island
- iv. St. Charles Borromeo, 1004 Flats
- v. St. Joseph, Elegbata
- vi. St. Michael, Lafiaji
- vii. St. Patrick, Idumagbo
- viii. St. Joseph Military Chaplaincy, Dodan Barracks
- ix. St. Peter Police Chaplaincy, Obalende
- x. St. Theresa Military Chaplaincy, Bonny Cantonment

16. LEKKI DEANERY

- i. Ave Maria, Ikate
- ii. Catholic Church of the Divine Mercy, Lekki Phase I
- iii. Catholic Church of Epiphany, Ologolo
- iv. Catholic Church of Pentecost, Jakande
- v. Catholic Church of the Transfiguration, V.G.C.
- vi. Our Lady Star of the Sea, Northern Foreshore
- vii. Ss. Philip & James, Lekki
- viii. St. Theresa, Ikota

17. MARYLAND DEANERY

- i. Church of Presentation, Mile 12, Agiliti
- ii. Church of Resurrection, Magodo
- iii. Our Lady Queen of Peace, Ifako-Gbagada
- iv. Sacred Heart, Ojota
- v. St. Agnes, Maryland
- vi. St. Benjamin, Olowora
- vii. St. Flavius, Oworonshoki
- viii. St. Gerald, Soluyi
- ix. St. Michael, Ketu

- x. St. Raphael the Archangel, Anthony Village
- xi. St. Charles L'wanga Military Chaplaincy, Ikeja Cantonment

18. SATELLITE DEANERY

- i. Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Onireke
- ii. Holy Trinity, Isashi
- iii. Mother of Perpetual Help, Ijegun
- iv. Queen of All Saints, Adaloko.
- v. Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Satellite Town
- vi. Ss Peter & Paul, Tedi
- vii. St. Alphonsus Maria De Liguori, Ira Quarters, Ojo
- viii. St. Anne, PPL-Alaba
- ix. St. Martin De Porres, Ojo-Agric
- x. St. Patrick, Alaba
- xi. St. Thomas, Okokomaiko
- xii. All Saints Military Chaplaincy, Ojo
- xiii. Our Lady Star of the Sea Chaplaincy, Navy Town
- xiv. Sacred Heart Military Chaplaincy, Ojo Cantonment
- xv. St. Joseph the Worker, Chaplaincy, Trade Fair, Satellite

19. SURULERE DEANERY

- i. Christ the King, Ilasamaja
- ii. Our Lady of Fatima, Aguda, Surulere
- iii. Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Ilupeju
- iv. Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Sanya, Aguda
- v. Regina Mundi, Mushin
- vi. Ss. Mulumba & David, Lawanson
- vii. St. Anne, Itire
- viii. St. Anthony, Gbaja,
- ix. St. Brigid, Ijeshatedo
- x. St. Pio, Doyin-Orile
- xi. St. Luke Chaplaincy, LUTH

20. YABA DEANERY

- i. Our Lady Queen of Nigeria, Clegg
- ii. Ss Peter & Paul, Shomolu
- iii. St. Dennis, Bariga
- iv. St. Dominic, Yaba
- v. St. Gabriel, Ladi-Lak
- vi. St. Paul, Ebute-Metta
- vii. St. Stephen, Iwaya
- viii. St. Augustine Chaplaincy, Akoka
- ix. St. Robert Military Chaplaincy, Yaba
- x. St. Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy, Yaba Tech
- xi. St. Thomas Moore Chaplaincy, Unilag

D. Newly Created Quasi Parishes: At the ordination mentioned above, we also announced the creation of new Quasi Parishes. They are as follows:

1. Our Lady Health of the Sick, Onipetesi, - carved out from St. Thomas Onilekere.
2. Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Sanya, Aguda, - carved out from Our Lady of Fatima, Aguda.
3. St Catherine, Ofin-Ile, - carved out from St Monica, Igbogbo.
4. St Joseph, Ishawo, - carved out from St Michael Ajaguro.
5. St. Augustine, Morogbo, - carved out from Blessed Tansi, Magbon.

We pray that these units of the Church would enhance the work of evangelization and bring about greater growth, development and abundant blessings upon our Local Church.

Signed

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Archbishop of Lagos

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