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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 Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

**THE 80TH BIRTHDAY AND 50TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY OF ANTHONY
CARDINAL OKOGIE AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Peace of Christ!

1. As you are aware, the 80th Birthday and the 50th Priestly Ordination anniversaries of our predecessor, **Anthony Cardinal Okogie**, come up this year. We give thanks to God for the gift of his life and his ministry in the Archdiocese. These two events are important milestones and landmarks that are worthy of celebration. To this effect, we asked the Archdiocesan All Purpose Committee to put a plan in place for the celebrations which will be combined into one.

Kindly note the dates of the events:

- **June 8, 2016:** Celebration with Priests and Religious at St Agnes, Maryland beginning with Mass at 10.00am, followed by a reception at the McGovern Hall.
- **June 15, 2016:** Charity Visitation to the
 - Rehabilitation Centre at Majidun (Ikorodu Deanery)
 - Missionaries of Charity (Mother Theresa) Home, Alapere (Maryland Deanery)
 - Pacelli School for the Blind and Partially Sighted(Surulere Deanery)
 - Modupe Cole (Yaba Deanery)
 - Motherless Babies Home, Lekki Phase 1(Lekki Deanery)
- **June 16, 2016:** Celebration of 80th Birthday and 50th Ordination anniversaries with Mass at Holy Cross Cathedral Lagos and reception at the St Gregory College Hall. The time is 10.00am.

The Deans of the Deaneries where these homes are located should kindly help with the collection of relief items from Parishes in the Deanery for that purpose. Other parishes are

requested to collect relief items also and send to the Cathedral before the date to enable proper planning on logistics.

Adverts and Goodwill messages should be sent to the Cathedral Administrator. Back page N100,000.00; Inner Back page N100,000.00; Inner Front page N100,000.00; Inner pages — Full page N50,000.00; Half page N30,000.00. Payments should be made to the Committee account: **Zenith Bank Plc, Archdiocese of Lagos All Purpose Committee. A/C No.: 101-114-2000.** Closing date for submission of adverts and goodwill messages is **May 29, 2016.**

We wish His Eminence many more years in good health of mind and body.

2. Review of Archdiocesan Parish Guidelines: In keeping with the stipulated time-frame for the review of the implementation of the Parish Guidelines in our Archdiocese, we hereby attach a questionnaire for the attention of all Parish Priests and Priests-in-Charge. Kindly respond to the questions and submit same to your Dean **on or before Monday the 23rd of May, 2016.**

By the same token, we appeal to the Deans to collate the responses from the Priests in their deaneries for onward transmission to the Chancery by **the 30th of May, 2016.**

The questionnaire for the Deans will be sent to them accordingly. We expect all those concerned to carry out this exercise with utmost importance and priority. Please treat as urgent.

We thank you sincerely for your usual fraternal cooperation and pastoral collaboration.

3. Jubilee for Priests: We wish to remind all Priests in the Archdiocese of the **Jubilee for Priests** coming up on Thursday, **2nd June, 2016 by 10.00am at Holy Cross Cathedral Lagos.** The Jubilee entails among other things; a tour of the Cathedral, entrance into the Cathedral through the Holy Door and Holy Mass. Please, come along with your Green coloured Chasuble, Rosary and Breviary. We appeal to the Deans to please, pay the agreed amount into the Priests' Welfare Committee account, latest by Thursday, 26th May, 2016.

(Signed)

+ Alfred Adewale Martins
Archbishop of Lagos