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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:

1. THE MONTH OF JULY: We welcome you all to July, a month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Christ. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. The precious blood is an ocean of divine mercy, the hope and refuge of sinners, the delight of holy souls, the Eucharistic drink and refreshment of souls, and the medicine for immortality.

The Blood that coursed through the veins of Christ was a part of that Sacred Humanity made possible by the maternity of Mary, whose parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne are honoured this month (July 26). Our Lord's blood, which poured out on the Cross for our Salvation, washed clean the robes of the Martyrs, and gave birth to the Church as it flowed from His wounded side. This Precious Blood — now pulsing through his Mystical Body, the Church — continues its salvific work of preserving and purifying, repairing and providing nourishment for the regeneration and renewal of its members. In the word of Pope St. Clement, *"let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious it is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."*

2. EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY WEEKLY PILGRIMAGE: The weekly pilgrimage to Holy Cross Cathedral continues every **Tuesday**. The activities of the pilgrimage include a tour of the Cathedral, confession, celebration of Mass, passing through the Door of Mercy into the Cathedral, audience with the Archbishop and issuance of certificate, among others. All Parish Priests and Priests-in-Charge should be at the forefront of organizing and ensuring pilgrims from their Parishes participate actively, are well catered for and are conveyed to and fro the venue of the pilgrimage. For more information, please contact Fr. Julius Olaitan (08023135237) or confer the time table for the pilgrimage already sent to your

email addresses. The Jubilee Year comes to an end of **20th November 2016, Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe.**

3. YEAR OF MERCY SONG AND PRAYER: It has come to our notice that the Year of Mercy prayer and the Year of Mercy anthem are not being said or sung in some parishes. In keeping with the celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the faithful are expected to say the prayer for the Year of Mercy and sing the anthem during Sunday Masses. The anthem may be said immediately after the Gospel before the Homily and the prayer immediately before the post-communion prayer.

4. CANONIZATION OF BLESSED MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA: Following the announcement of the Vatican to canonize Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta on the **4th of September, 2016**, there shall be a Holy Mass to commemorate this event in our Archdiocese on **September 17, 2016 at St. Michael Catholic Church, Ketu by 10.00am.** The Archbishop will preside over the Mass. We cordially invite all Priests, Religious and Lay-faithful of the Archdiocese to the ceremony. Let us endeavour to turn out en masse and benefit from the special graces that accrue from the intercession of would-be St. Teresa of Calcutta.

5. RECENT PASTORAL PLACEMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS: We hereby bring to your notice the pastoral placements and appointments of the following priests:

1. Rev. Fr. Anthony Okeke - Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Onireke (Parish Priest)
2. Rev. Fr. Innocent Chiamaka - Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Aiyetoro (Parish Priest)
3. Rev. Fr. Joachim Ochibili - St. Theresa Catholic Church, Ifako-Agege (Parish Priest)
4. Rev. Fr. Gasper Olanrewaju - Regina Mundi Catholic Church, Mushin (Parish Priest)
5. Rev. Fr. Charles Orekoya - St. Michael Catholic Church, Lafiaji (Parish Priest)
6. Rev. Fr. Eric Onyeoziri - St. Raphael the Archangel, Anthony Village (Priest-in-Charge)
7. Rev. Fr. Peter Ayangbola - Blessed Tansi Catholic Church, Magbon (Priest-in-Charge)
8. Rev. Fr. John Okoro - Our Lady Queen of Nigeria, Clegg-Surulere (Parish Priest)
9. Rev. Fr. Andrew Abhulimen - St. Joseph Catholic Church, Elegbata (Priest-in-Charge)
10. Rev. Fr. Daniel Chigbu - St. Kizito Catholic, Alaba-Oro Ajegunle (Priest-in-Charge)

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| 11. Rev. Fr. Charles Onuoha -
Parish Priest). | St. John the Evangelist, Shogunle (Associate) |
| 12. Rev. Fr. John Oni, MSP -
Parish Priest) | St. Peter Claver, Ajao Estate (Associate) |
| 13. Rev. Fr. Joseph Ahukanna - | Vicar for Religious |
| 14. Rev. Fr. Peter Osuntope - | Chairman, Music Commission |

6. ARCHDIOCESAN EDUCATION WEEK: This year's Archdiocesan Education Week shall commence from 3rd to 10th July, 2016. There shall be a special collection in all Parishes of the Archdiocese at the end of the Education Week to support the Education Apostolate of the Archdiocese.

7. AUGUSTINE UNIVERSITY

Admission Requirements for Augustine University: We implore Parish Priests and Priests in- Charge to inform their Parishioners especially the Jambites of the Admission requirements for the Augustine University. A minimum JAMB Score of 180 in relevant subject combinations is required. For more information, please visit the University website at

www.augustineuniversity.edu.ng. **Available Programmes are:**

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES, MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

1. B.Sc. Economics
2. B.Sc. Business Administration
3. B.Sc. Accounting
4. B.Sc. Banking and Finance
5. B.A. English
6. B.A. Philosophy
7. B.A. Religious Studies

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

8. B.Sc. Mathematics
9. B.Sc. Computer Science
10. B.Sc. Microbiology
11. B.Sc. Biology
12. B.Sc. Chemistry
13. B.Sc. Physics

Parish Priests and Priests-in-Charge are to include this announcement in their weekly bulletin and keep repeating it for the next twelve months.

8. ST. AUGUSTINE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (PROJECT TIME) AFFILIATED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN:

a. Admission is in progress for the 2016/2017 Session. With a minimum JAMB Score of 180 and above for Degree programs and 150 and above for NCE programs, St Augustine College is the place for you. Our programs and their Requirements include:

- **B.Ed. degree (Full-Time and Distance Learning Centre)** – 5 Credits at one sitting
 - **NCE (Full- Time and Part-Time)** – 6 Credits at two sittings.
 - **PDE (PGDE)** - First Degree or H.N.D. From any recognized tertiary institution
 - **Catechesis** - practicing and intending Catechist OR O'Level Certificate.
- For further enquiries, call – 07051491674; 07051592559; 08034919553.

b. St. Augustine's College of Education offers Admission in-Service Masters in Education (M.Ed.) in Curriculum Development and Educational Evaluation and Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PDGE) in the following:

- Curriculum Development in Arts and Languages
- Curriculum Development in Information Technology
- Curriculum Development in Mathematics
- Curriculum Development in Pre-primary and Primary Education
- Curriculum Development in the Sciences
- Educational and Evaluation Research
- Test Construction and Public Examining
- Development and monitoring of Curriculum
- Psychological Testing, Assessment Evaluation and Counselling
- Schools/institutions' Accreditation and Evaluation
- Programme Evaluation
- Teaching etc.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. **Family and Human Life Unit:** The Family and Human Life Unit in the Archdiocese shall be having their Training Programmes for the year with the following;

- **Basic Christian Counselling Course Part 1** (One Friday a month for 3 months). It began **10th June, 2016**.
- **Marriage Theology and Lived Experience (Full Time Course)** running for 10 weeks (One Tuesday a week), it begins **20th September, 2016**.

Venue: Church and Society Building; 19, Maye Street, off Commercial Avenue, Sabo-Yaba, Lagos.

Cost: #3,500 per month (Includes Tea break and Lunch)

Graduation and Certificate Fees: #5,000 (Marriage Theology and Lived Experience Course), **#5,000** (Canon Law Course for Laity)

Certificate Fees: #2,500 (Billings Ovulation Method Course)

Certificate Fees: #1,500 (Basic Christian Counselling Course)

Time: 10am-4pm.

It is for interested individuals who wish to be trained to work in the area of marriage, family and human life as facilitators, counsellors or social workers. For more information/enquiries, please call **08033804494** or **08028489999**.

b. CATECHISTS/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

➤ The Antioch Pastoral Institute:

Application for admission into Antioch Pastoral Institute for the 2016/2017 session has commenced. Admission is open to persons desiring to be trained as Evangelizers, Catechists and Catechism Teachers. You are also qualified to apply, if you are a Lay Liturgical Minister, a Parish office staff, a Religious Sister, or Individual who wishes to refresh, update and upgrade their knowledge of Catholic faith and morals. If you do not belong to any of these categories but desire to be trained as a Pastoral agent, please feel free to apply.

The current session will operate from two centres: Ikeja and Lagos/Lekki Regions. Forms are obtainable at **₦ 500.00** only from Catechists /Religious Education Department.

c. CREATION OF REGIONS: The Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Sisters have announced the division of the Institute into three (3) regions with effect from May 15, 2106 The Regions are as follows: **a. North- Central Region under the Patronage of St. Benedict of San Philadelphia; b. South-South Region under the Patronage of St. Peter Claver; c. South-West Region under the Patronage of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus.** The Regional Superior of the South West Region and her Council will be installed on July 23, 2016 celebration at EHJ Community, Marywood, Ebute-Metta, Lagos, by 10.00am. The following are the newly elected officials:

Sr. Theresa Maris Afareha, EHJ- Regional Superior

Sr. Mary Anthonia Adebanjo, EHJ- 1st Councillor (Vice- Regional Superior)

Sr. Mary Anne Nwachukwu, EHJ- 2nd Councillor

Sr. Pauly Mary Umole, EHJ- 3rd Councillor.

Kindly keep them in your prayers.

d. Catholic Youth Organisation of Nigeria – The Catholic Youth Organization of Nigeria-Lagos Archdiocese shall embark on a pilgrimage to the Holy Cross Cathedral on the **26th of July, 2016**. We appeal to all Deans and Parish Priests to help mobilize and encourage their youth to participate actively in this spiritual exercise.

e. Youth Empowerment: As you know, many parishes in the Archdiocese have Youth Empowerment and Skill Acquisition Schemes floated to assist and help the youths especially during this trying time in our fatherland when unemployment is on the rise and violence is rapid. We encourage all our priests to continue to support our youth and enlist their services and energy in the pastoral life of the Parish.

f. SPECIAL INVITATION: The Sisters of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus cordially invite the Clergy, Religious and the Lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Lagos to the **SILVER JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY** of Religious Profession of **Sr. Loretta Maris Ibobo, EHJ, Sr. Christiana Maris Okonkwo, EHJ, Sr. Mary Evelyn Ejutse** and **Sr. Cecilia Mary Omeife, EHJ**.

Date: August 15, 2016.

Venue: St. Leo's Catholic Church, Ikeja.

Time: 10.00am.

g. Admission into Cecilian Academy of Sacred Music: This Music Academy which has been approved by the Archbishop will resume in **September, 2016**. Hence, admissions into the Academy are now on-going. For download of registration forms, entrance exams dates and other relevant information, please check the website: www.cecilianacademyng.com. Priests and Priests-in-charge should encourage their parishioners to come and learn about the theory and practice of Sacred Music.

12. PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY: We congratulate, rejoice and request your prayers for Rev. Frs. Agbolade John, Ighabor Paul, Oyeniyi Anthony, Okeke Anthony, Famosaya Marcus, Ogundele Emmanuel, Okelue Jude, Chafa Christopher, Usman Jacob, Idoko Emmanuel, Afrifa Michael, Appiah Sebastian, Boateng Anthony, Seiku Aggrey Paschal, Offin Patrick, Peter Samson, Mbanusi Evaristus, Obiamalu Anthony, Udemezue Jude, Emeasoba Gabriel, Babalola Emmanuel, Okafor Jonathan, Eboh Anthony, Chigbu Daniel, Oguntoyinbo Martins, Odiaka Jude, Suakor John Blaise, Agbodi Patrick, Kwis Patrick, Nworu Anthony,

Udoye Vincent, Kalu Raphael, Ojike Callistus, Nwalozie Edwin, Omoroke Emmanuel and Opara Gordian. Others are Igwe Samuel, Ekpe Anthony, Onwordi Charles, Awodipe Augustine, Ndukwe Ernest, Imoedemhe Linus, Achu Gabriel, Morrison Patrick, Owoh Jude-Mary, Ewuoso Cornelius, Taiwo Yemi Emmanuel, Odin Gabriel, Saiki Ignatius, Udolisa Felix, Uzoanya Clement, Ogbonna Henry, Nwachukwu Callistus, Aghoja Joterio, Osho Joseph, Uduak Innocent, Offordum Mike, Okoroigwe George, Vembe James, Eluka Sixtus Tony, Ebulue Desmond, Babatunde Pius, and Opara Norbert. Others are Nwankwo Daniel, Udoudo Linus, Anyaegbu Jude, Okpanachi Fidelis, Olawale Alphonsus, Yusuf Joseph, Ezezue Vincent, Nwaodozie Alexander, Kolade Raphael, Gede Bam, Isoni Philip, Akule Moses, Alle Lawrence, Agbor Daniel, Odom Godwin, Ugbomeh Brown Anthony, Achi Johnpaul, Okoligwe Ignatius, Iduh Simon, Ibeneme Nicholas, Eze Kenneth, Adeyemi Jacob, Ndaeyo Gregory, Adedayo Jenfa, Dimonyekwere Jude, Eze Christian, Ogbodo Hyacinth, Nwodo Augustine, Egbetu George, Edogbo Andrew, Orilua Victor, Odoh Cajetan, Anyaehie Jude, Swem Beba Luke, Eke Michael and Ubi Emmanuel Terseer whose sacerdotal ordination Anniversaries occur this month. May God grant them lasting joy and the grace of final perseverance. Ad multos annos!!!

(Signed)

+ Alfred Adewale Martins
Archbishop, Metropolitan See of Lagos.