



## **CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF LAGOS**

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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 MAY:** You are all welcome to the month of May, generally known to all Catholics as the Month of Our Lady. In this Season of Easter, we all rejoice with the Blessed Virgin Mary whose Son rose triumphant from the dead and He is seated at the right hand of the Father. As we providentially celebrate the Marian Year, you are encouraged especially during this month to offer up to Mary from your hearts, fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. Giving credence to this, Pope Pius VI in his Encyclical on the month of May "*Mense Maio*" wrote: *'the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from Mary's throne in greater abundance during this month'*. We therefore request you to make special devotions in her honour this month. These devotions should include group recitation of the Holy Rosary, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Talks on Our Lady and visits to Marian Grottos; amongst other pious activities.

Also, in this month we commemorate the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ into heaven (14<sup>th</sup> May) and the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth (25<sup>th</sup> May). It is our prayer that Mary, Mother of Peace will continue to intercede for us all. Amen.

**2. APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO NIGERIA:** His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed as Apostolic Nuncio to Nigeria, Msgr. Antonio Guido Filipazzi. He was born in Melzo (Milan - Italy) on October 8, 1963 and ordained a Priest on October 10, 1987. He holds a Doctorate degree in Canon Law and has served in the Apostolic Nunciature in Sri Lanka, Austria, Germany, Indonesia and the Section for Relations with States of the Secretariat of State. He speaks Italian, English, French and German. We warmly welcome him to our country and wish him the very best at the Nunciature.

**3. ANTHONY CARDINAL OKOGIE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM:** In keeping with our promise to give scholarship to outstanding indigent students for Secondary and Tertiary education, we are pleased to inform you that the Scholarship Application Form is now out and accessible on the Archdiocesan Website ([www.lagosarchdiocese.org](http://www.lagosarchdiocese.org)). Kindly download the form, fill and submit to the Chancery. Please visit our website or send a mail to [calacof2003@yahoo.com](mailto:calacof2003@yahoo.com).

**4. MISSION APPEAL FOR MAIDUGURI DIOCESE 2017:** We are all aware of the destructions inflicted by Boko Haram on North East Nigeria resulting in the havoc of several Church buildings, Bishop and Reverend Fathers' Houses, decrease in Mass attendance and migration of Christians from the state. As a result of these violent attacks and its attendant consequences and following the appeal made by the Bishop, we have decided to take up a **Special Collection** on **SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2017 IN ALL OUR PARISHES** in support of the Diocese of Maiduguri. To this end, the Bishop and some of his priests will be going to the following parishes to create awareness and consequently make appeals. Let us appeal to our Parishioners to be generous to our brothers and sisters in this time of need.

<b>Name</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> May,2017(Awareness)</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> May,2017(Collection)</b>
1. Bishop Oliver D. Dashe	Holy Cross Cathedral	Church of Assumption, Falomo
2. Fr. John Bakeni	St. Dominic, Yaba	Archangels Parish, Satellite Town.
3. Fr. William Livinus	St. Anthony, Gbaja	St. Cyprian, Oko-Oba.
4. Fr. Gideon Obasogie	Divine Mercy, Lekki	St. Kizito, Iju.
5. Fr. Alex Miskita	SS. Philip & James, Lekki	Sacred Heart, Ojota.
6. Fr. Jacob Iranda	Our Lady of Perpetual Help,V.I	Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Gbagada-Ifako.
7. Fr. Alphonsus Afina	St. Charles Borromeo, 1004	St. Peter Claver, Ajao Estate.
8. Fr. Angelo Vakaru	Our Lady of Fatima, Aguda	St. Augustine, Ikorodu
9. Fr. Peter Samson	Holy family, Festac	Catholic Church of Presentation, Ikeja-GRA.
10. Fr. Philibus Yakubu	St. Agnes, Maryland	St. Mary, Isolo
11. Fr. Cosmas Da Jump	St. Leo, Ikeja	Mother of Perpetual Help, Amuwo-Odofin
12. Fr. Peter Uchebu	St. Patrick's, Alaba	Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Orile-Iganmu

**N.B: Date of Arrival at 1<sup>st</sup> Parish-12<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.**

**Date of Arrival at 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish-17<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.**

**Date of Departure- 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017.**

Parishes concerned are to arrange their pick-up from the Church of Ascension, Airport Road on their arrival and drop them off at the airport on their departure day. The chancery will provide more information as the day draws by appertaining to the time of arrival and any other matter.

**5. Pastoral Placements:** After a deep prayerful reflection, we have come to the decision that it is expedient to effect the transfer of some priests at this time. The priests named below are hereby transferred to their respective new places of assignment with effect from **FRIDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2017.**

✓ **PARISH PRIESTS**

N/L	PARISH	NAME OF PRIEST
1.	Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Ogba	Rev. Fr. Stephen Akinsonwon
2.	St. Peter Catholic Church, Ado-Lamgbasa	Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Idoko
3.	St. Theresa Catholic Church, Epe	Rev. Fr. Michael Onwudiegwu
4.	Ss. Joachim & Anne Cath. Church, Ijegun	Rev. Fr. Christopher Arabi
5.	St. Cecelia Catholic Church, Ijanikin	Rev. Fr. Thaddeus Okafor
6.	St. Catherine Church, Alakuko	Rev. Fr. Jude Abulu
8.	St. Kizito's Iju	Rev. Fr. Sebastian Ngene
9.	St. Pio Catholic Church, Orile	Rev. Fr. Paul Ighabor
10.	St. Gerald Catholic Church, Soluyi	Rev. Fr. Ale Johnpaul
11.	Church of Assumption, Falomo	Rev. Fr. Pius Omofuma
12.	Our Lady of Fatima, Aguda	Rev. Fr. Godwin Okhulegbe
13.	St. Michael Catholic Church, Ketu	Rev. Fr. Paul Ijasan
14.	Ss. Timothy & Titus, Isheri-Oshun	Rev. Fr. Joseph Nwanua
15.	Church of Visitation, Festac	Rev. Fr. Panachy Ogbede
16.	Our Lady Mother and Queen, Badore	Rev. Fr. Andrew Ogidan
17.	St. Flavius Catholic Church, Oworonsoki	Rev. Fr. Femi Oladele MSP
18.	St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Ladi-Lak	Rev. Fr. Francis Anozie MSP

<b>Chancery (Secretary to the Archbishop )</b>	<b>Rev. Fr. Vitalis Ezeigwe</b>
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✓ **ASSISTANT PARISH PRIESTS**

N/L	PARISH	NAME OF PRIEST
1.	St. Cyril's Okota	Rev. Fr. Francis Adekoya
2.	St. Patrick Catholic Church, Alaba	Rev. Fr. Henry Ukaegwu
3.	St. Andrew Kweme Sea Beach	Rev. Fr. Alfred Omoleye
4.	St. Theresa Catholic Church, Ifako	Rev. Fr. Patrick Azubuinye
5.	Our Lady Queen of the Apostles, Ilupeju	Rev. Fr. Michael Mensa
6.	St. Augustine, Iba	Rev. Fr. Charles Ekpetuku
7.	St. Cecelia Ijanikin	Rev. Fr. John Ukwa, SDV
8.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ajah	Rev. Fr. Augustine Echefu
9.	St. Timothy, Ojodu	Rev. Fr. Marcus Famosaya
10.	St. Cyprian Catholic Church, Oko-Oba	Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Anyanwu

**6. Admission Requirements for Augustine University, Ilara (AUI):** We call on Parish Priests and Priests-in-Charge to inform their Parishioners especially those seeking admission to Universities of the Admission requirements for our 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](http://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. Economics
5. B.Sc. Business Administration
6. B.Sc. Economics
7. B.Sc. Economics
8. B.Sc. Business Administration
9. B.Sc. Accounting
10. B.Sc. Banking and Finance
11. B.A. English
12. B.A. Philosophy
13. B.A. Religious Studies

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

1. B.Sc. Mathematics
2. B.Sc. Computer Science
3. B.Sc. Microbiology
4. B.Sc. Biology
5. B.Sc. Chemistry
6. B.Sc. Physics

Parish Priests and Priests-in-Charge are expected to include this announcement in their weekly bulletin and keep repeating it.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**a. ARCHDIOCESAN LAITY HARVEST:** The Annual Archdiocesan Laity Harvest will take place on Sunday, 7th May, 2017 at Catholic Church of Nativity, 6th Avenue, Festac Town. The theme is “**Harvest of Abundant Grace.**” Envelopes shall be distributed to all Lay Faithful in the Archdiocese for their support. We appeal to all parish Priests and Priests-in-charge to ensure that the envelopes are distributed and collected for onward delivery on or before the date of Harvest. Kindly ensure you include this in your Parish bulletin and announcement.

**b. ARCHDIOCESAN LAY LEADERS' SEMINAR/WORKSHOP:** The Workshop for all Lay Leaders in the Archdiocesan, Deanery, Parish Laity Council, Archdiocesan and Deanery Executives of Lay Organisations/Societies/Associations and members of PPC & PFC, comes up on Saturday, 13th May, 2017. Theme: "Good Leaders are products of good followers". The programme starts with accreditation by 7am. Parishes (comprising of Executives from PPC, PFC & Laity Council and Archdiocesan Lay Organisation/Society are to send Ten (10) delegates while Deaneries are to send Five (5) delegates. Participation Fee: N1,500.00 per participant. PLEASE NOTE: No one person should represent Parish or Deanery and Society at the same time).

**c. CONSULTORS MEETING:** The meeting of the College of Consultors for the first quarter shall be held on the Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2017, at the Chancery at 10.00a

**d. CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF FATIMA APPARITION IN LAGOS ARCHDIOCESE:** The archdiocese will be having her centenary celebration of the Fatima Apparition on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 beginning with Rosary Procession starting from National Stadium, Surulere at 7.00am to the Marian Shrine Maryland. The inaugural Mass follows immediately after the Procession. This will be preceded by 9 days Novena in all Parishes between 18<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of May. We kindly request the co-operation of Archdiocesan Organs and Marian groups with Fr. Andrew Abhulimen, Co-ordinator/Archdiocesan Chaplain of Block Rosary Crusade.

**e. LUMEN CHRISTI TV:** The Lumen Christi TV 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary and dedication to god of channel 350 on DSTV, launching of our global internet TV on ROKU & worldwide “live” streaming service on all mobile devices starting Eucharistic Celebration on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2017 at 11:00am at Lumen Christi Catholic TV House, Our Lady of Fatima Complex, Osapa, Lekki, Lagos.

**f. 16<sup>TH</sup> Biennial Archdiocesan Youth Convention:** This event is scheduled to take place from August 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> at St. Augustine’s Catholic University, Ilara-Epe. All Catholic Youths in the Archdiocese are enjoined to register online to participate in this event. Parish Priests and individuals are encouraged to support them.

**g. CATHOLIC PRISON CHAPLAINCY-** Parishes, Organizations, Societies or Individuals that wish to visit any prison or prisons, in the name of the Archdiocese should contact or notify the Archdiocesan Prison Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Jacob Adeyemi C.M on 08030600439 especially during the Lenten season and Eastertide. Let us not go there without his information.

**h. Catholic Women Organization (C.W.O):** This to inform members of (C.W.O) in the Archdiocese of Lagos that election of Officers shall take place in this order;

- LACCWO election to hold in the month of June, 2017
- Inauguration of new LACCWO Officers, August, 2017.

Please take note that the guidelines for the election has been given to the co-ordinators and LACCWO executives with instruction to give it to their Parish Priests and Parish CWO president. Also list of delegates to Deanery and LACCWO elections must be countersigned by Parish Priest and the Dean respectively. List of elected officers must be submitted through Deanery CWO Coordinator within one week after elections to LACCWO while LACCWO elected Officers’ list shall be submitted within the same period through the LACCWO Chaplain to the Archbishop.

**i. Quarterly Returns:** Please be reminded that the returns from the following Special Collections are to be made in the second quarter of the year: **JDPC (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year), Holy Land Collection (Good Friday), Youths Collection (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter), Seminary Collection (Good Shepherd Sunday; 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter), Holy Childhood day( 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter), Social Development (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of June) and Communications Day (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in June).**

We remind all Parish Priests and Priests-in-Charge who are yet to remit their returns for the previous quarters including the Special Collections as directed in the last circular note their repeat violation of the deadlines. Once again we encourage repeat defaulters in this matter to make amendments before it is too late.

We reiterate our call that we use the Pay-Direct option or make transfers to forestall the challenges of returned cheques, irregular signatures and other problems that cause cheques to bounce. For those who insist on making their returns with cheques, we request that you kindly pay attention to you entries and signature.

Invariably, when making their returns, Parish Priests or Priests-in-Charge, should also ensure they attach the front page of the Blue Sheets that has the name of the parish and the appropriate quarter on it. Kindly note these in your subsequent submissions.

**j. Mater Ecclesiae Monastery:**

• **Monthly Retreat:** Mater Ecclesiae Monastery, Sangotedo, Lagos organises a day of spiritual retreat for young girls from 15 years and above for the purpose of discerning their vocation. The retreat is scheduled to hold on the **first Saturday of every month**. **Time:** 9:00 am – 4.00 pm. **Venue:** Mater Ecclesiae Monastery, Sangotedo, Lekki, Lagos.

• **Mater Ecclesiae Retreat Center:** Mater Ecclesiae Retreat Center is officially open to everyone for personal and Group Retreats. Also you can visit the book centre.

**For more inquiries, call 09085648168.**

**k. Statistical Questionnaire Form:** This is to remind Parish Priest and Priest-In-Charge that the Questionnaire Form given to them, should be returned to the Chancery “quam primum” duly completed.

**l. CATECHISTS/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - THE ANTIOCH PASTORAL**

**INSTITUTE:** Application for admission into Antioch Pastoral Institute for the 2017/2018 session is open. Persons desiring to be trained as catechist and catechism teachers are invited to apply. You are also qualified to apply, if you are a lay liturgical minister, a parish office staff, religious community, society, or individuals wishing to develop your knowledge of Catholic faith. If you do not belong to any of these categories but desire to be trained as a pastoral agent, please feel free to apply.

Forms are obtainable at the Catechetics/ Religious Education Department Archdiocese of Lagos, 19, Maye Street, Yaba, Lagos, on or before April 28, 2017 for 500 only. For further inquiries call 0803504118, 08033574050, and 08066224284.

**m. Visitation of The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to Parishes:** As part of preparations towards the centenary anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, members of the World Apostolate of Fatima (Blue Army) will be visiting parishes in the Archdiocese. We ask Parish Priests and Priests-in-Charge to give them audience.

**n. Family and Human Life Unit (FHLU):**

**1. MARRIAGE THEOLOGY AND LIVED EXPERIENCE**

Part Time Classes:

**YABA CENTRE**

- i. Weekday, First Tuesday of each month for 10 months which began on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2017
- ii. Weekend, First Saturday of each month for 10 months which began on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

**ISOLO CENTRE: St Francis Catholic Church Idimu**

Fourth Saturday of each month for 10 months which began on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

**IKORODU CENTRE: St. Augustine Catholic Church Ikorodu**

Fourth Tuesday of each month for 10 months which began on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**FESTAC CENTRE: Holy Family Catholic Church Festac**

Second Tuesday of each month which began on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

**APAPA CENTRE: St Margaret Catholic Church Osho Drive**

Third Tuesday of each month which began on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**2. LOVE AND LIFE Ovulation Method (BILLINGS) of Natural Family Planning**

First Saturday of each month for 7 months began 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2017.

**3. CANON LAW COURSE FOR LAITY**

Third Friday of each month for 10 months began 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

**4. BASIC CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING COURSE PART 1**

One Friday a month for 3 months beginning from 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017

For all individuals who are interested and wish to be trained to work in areas of Marriage, Family and Human Life as Facilitators, Counselors or Social workers. PLEASE register now by calling: 08033804494 or 08023547952 for more details.

**VENUE:** Church and society building, 19 Maye Street, off commercial avenue, Sabo, Yaba.

**Course fee:** 3,500 per session (includes materials, tea break and lunch) and duration for each session 6hrs (10am to 4pm).

**Total course fee with certificate:** Marriage theology and Lived experience: 40,000.00; Canon Law for Lay Faithful: 40,000.00; Love and Life (billings) ovulation method of natural family planning: 30,500 and Basic Christian Counseling: 12,000.00. NOTE: PAYMENT DETAILS: FAMILY AND HUMAN LIFE UNIT-CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF LAGOS, ECO BANK ACCT NO. 3772028512.

**8. PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY:** We congratulate, rejoice and request your prayers for Rev. Frs. Godwin Eduke, Joseph Monye, Garber Leo, Anthony Odoh, Gilbert Thesing, Njugi A. Gichuki, Martin Aitsebaomo, OP, Alexander Isonga, Johnson Chacko and Michael Ogunniyi 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.**

