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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 SEPTEMBER: We welcome you to September, the ninth month of the year. Just as this month ends the third quarter of the year, it gradually introduces us into the "ember" months which begin to tick the clock towards the end of the year. Providentially, it is also a period of harvest in our Archdiocese when we have the opportunity to joyfully thank and praise God with the best fruits of our labours for His benevolence, inexhaustible mercies, abiding faithfulness and boundless love for us. We pray that the Lord of the Harvest will increase our harvest and accept our finest gifts as once He accepted the bread and wine offered by the Priest, Melchizedek.

As the year gradually winds down, it is important for us to make an assessment of our spiritual lives so as to know how well we have fared and begin to make amends where necessary to ensure a better relationship with God. It is our prayer that in this month of September, we shall make efficient use of the graces available to us. Amen.

The Church presents us with the lives of the following saints as models of Christian living in the course of this month: **Birth of Mary** (September 8), **St. Peter Claver** (September 9), **St. John Chrysostom** (September 13), **Exaltation of the Holy Cross-Feast of the Cathedral** (September 14), **Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian** (September 16), **St. Matthew** (September 21), **St. Pio** (September 23), **Sts. Cosmas and Damian** (September 26), **St. Vincent de Paul** (September 27), **Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael** (September 29) and **St. Jerome** (September 30).

2. Re-DISCLAIMER ZION PRAYER MOVEMENT OUTREACH

The situation with regards to the above matter remains the same as in the circulars of the last two months. We pray that the Holy Spirit would beam His light of understanding of all those concerned and help them to retrace their steps.

3. ON THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF VEHICLES: While we await the policy document on the above, we hereby inform all priests, heads of educational institutions, medical establishments and departments that the decision to sell or purchase official vehicles for parishes and other Archdiocesan establishments needs to be confirmed with the Chancery.

You would understand that the practice of buying vehicles without due consultation is not appropriate and is capable of leading to abuse. Kindly take note and comply.

4. Four Year-term Non-Renewable for Elected Officers

This is to bring to the notice of all Associations of the Lay Faithful that the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria (CBCN) at its first plenary meeting of the year, which held from 4th to 10th March, 2017 at the Daughters of Divine Love and Retreat Centre, Lugbe, Abuja; acting upon credible reports from the relevant bodies of Lay Associations and Sodalities in the Church in Nigeria, resolved that the tenure of office for all elected officers of all Sodalities, Organisations and Societies should henceforth be **four years non-renewable**.

It is to be noted that those who are already in their leadership role, having been sworn in with the constitutional provision of three years or by common understanding of three years as a policy, will not serve four years as a result of the new policy. They will complete their three years; however, the clause of non-renewable binds them. Those to be elected hereafter will serve four years non-renewable.

5. PRESENTATION OF BOOKS/WORKS FOR IMPRIMATUR: The Archdiocese has created a new procedure for those who want *nihil obstat* and *imprimatur* on their works. Those who are interested should open the following link on an internet connected laptop or desktop computer: <https://lagosarchdiocese.org/down/g18.pdf> , download the form and fill it carefully . After which, they can bring their books and works together with the filled form to the Chancery. You are also advised to first seek editing of the works from capable hands particularly their Priests before sending them to the Archbishop for consideration.

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.

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

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. ORDINATIONS OF PRIESTS AND DEACON: Our deacons, **Rev. Avoseh Emmanuel, Rev. Chukwujekwu Vincent, Rev. Kefas Martins, Rev. Mereh Kenneth, Rev. Matthew Placide Nougbo** and **Rev. Mark Okojie**, shall be raised to the Order of the Priesthood and **Mr. Otukpe Paulmary** to the Order of Diaconate **on Thursday, September 28, 2017** at **Our Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Amuwo Odofin**. The time is **10.00am**. Let us keep them in our prayers as we continue to pray for all our Clergy.

In view of the above, the Ordination Planning Sub-Committee of the All-Purpose Committee hereby appeals to all parishes, parishioners, friends and relatives of the ordinand for adverts and Goodwill messages. Please find below the rates:

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| i. Back Cover - | #150,000.00k |
| ii. Inside Back Cover - | #100,000.00k |
| iii. Inside Front Cover - | #100,000.00k |
| iv. Full Page Color - | #50,000.00k |
| v. Half Page Color - | #30,000.00k |
| vi. Block Messages- | #5,000.00k |

Payments should be made into the account with the following details:

Name of Bank: Zenith Bank PLC

Account Name: Archdiocese of Lagos All Purpose Committee-Ordination account

Account Number: 1015264195.

Art works for adverts and goodwill messages should please be forwarded to any of the following;

Rev. Fr. Augustine Ikuomola: ikuomola2004@gmail.com Tel: 08028335623

Prince Joseph Eyeowa: joeolufunso@yahoo.com Tel: 08186394955

Mr. Emmanuel Coker: eman.coker@gmail.com Tel: 08033059797

Mrs Teni Jaiyeola: tenijaiyeola@hotmail.com Tel: 08033374333

The deadline for the submission of Adverts and Goodwill messages is **September 8, 2017.**

b. SPECIAL INVITATION: The Sisters of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, South-West Region cordially invite the Clergy, Religious and the Lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Lagos to the thanksgiving Mass of:

SILVER JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY of Sr. Mary Agnes Ajayi, EHJ

GOLDEN JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY of Sr. Mary Francis Ikuenobe EHJ

DIAMOND JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY of Mother Mary Martha Onwuachi EHJ

DATE: October 3, 2017.

Venue: St. Mary's Catholic Church, Isolo, Lagos.

Time: 10am.

Chief Celebrant: Most Rev. Alfred Adewale Martins - Archbishop of Lagos

c. LAGOS ARCHDIOCESAN MUSIC COMMISSION (LAMCOM)

(i) LAMCOM ANNUAL REGIONAL CHORAL SEMINAR: This regional seminar/workshop for all choristers in the Archdiocese would expose them to the right techniques of voice usage. We encourage Parish Priests and Priests-in-charge to sponsor the participation of choristers in their parishes. Cost 500 naira per person excluding feeding and transportation. Schedule is as follows:

✓ Friday 1st September. 2017 at St Leo's Parish, Ikeja, for IKEJA REGION.

✓ Saturday, 2nd Sept. 2017 at Catholic Church of Annuciation, Festac for BADAGRY REGION.

✓ Monday, 3rd Sept. 2017 at Ss. Phillip & James Parish, Lekki for LEKKI REGION.

✓ Saturday Sept. 9th, 2017 at Holy Child School, Obalende for LAGOS REGION

□ Time is 10am.

(ii) LAMCOM MUSICAL FESTIVAL: The festival of indigenous choral music for this year 2017, the Year of Mary, will feature the 15 Deaneries' choirs of the Archdiocese.

Date: Monday, October 2nd 2017 (Public holiday).

Venue: Sacred Heart Parish, Ojota.

Time: 11am

You are all cordially invited. For more information, kindly contact LAMCOM website: www.lamcom.org

(iii) **CECILIAN ACADEMY OF SACRED MUSIC (DIPLOMA PROGRAM):**

Admission into Diploma Program shall begin with a 3 month PREPARATORY CLASSES for prospective participants at the following centres:

- A. ST LEO'S PARISH HALL, IKEJA.
- B. HOLY CROSS CATHEDRAL HALL, LAGOS
- C. ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL, GOWON ESTATE
- D. ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH SCHOOL, OKOKOMAIKO.
- E. OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES PARISH, LAKOWE, IBEJU LEKKI

Deadline for payment: 21st September, 2017

Preparatory Classes begin: 30th September, 2017

Entrance Examination for Diploma: 25th November, 2017

Diploma Programme begins: January, 2018

For more details about the diploma program, online registration and payment deadline, kindly consult the website:

www.diplomacecilianacademy.org

d. PROVINCIAL MARRIAGE ADVISORY CARE (PMAC): invites us all to its conference which will take place on **Saturday, 9th September, 2017 by 9am at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Isolo.**

e. 2017 LEGAL MASS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The Holy Mass for the commencement of the 2017 Legal Year will be celebrated on **Sunday 17th of September, 2017. Venue: Holy Cross Cathedral, Catholic Mission Street, Lagos. Time: 10am. Dress Code:** Formal black and white, fully robed. The Annual Meeting General Meeting of the National Association of Catholic Lawyer (NACL) will follow immediately at the Holy Cross Cathedral Parish Hall.

f. 2017 CATECHETICAL WEEK: The week will begin from **1st - 8th October, 2017.** The theme is **Combating the Menace of Corruption in Nigeria: The Christian Approach.** Please contact the Religious Education department for copies of the booklets @ 100 naira each. For further details, contact: 08033574050 or 08066224284.

g. MARIAN YEAR MUSICAL CONCERT: As part of the celebration of the Marian Year in our Archdiocese, there will be a musical concert scheduled as follows:

Venue: Shell Hall, MUSON Centre, Lagos.

Date: Sunday October 15, 2017.

Time: 4:30PM - 7PM

Delegates from all parishes are invited to savor good music in honor of Our Lady to be rendered by talented choristers and Catholic professional musicians.

h. Catholic Faith Family Competition and Quiz in Collaboration with Knights of St. John International: The Grande-Finale of the Quiz Competition will take place on the 16th of September, 2017. The Knights of St. John International representatives or delegates will be administer the quiz questions/competition. Faith Formation and Education Committee and Parish catechists are to cooperate and galvanize the faithful to ensure the success and fruitfulness of the effort. The areas for participants to cover in preparation include:

i. **Old Testament- 1st and 2nd Samuel, Book of Numbers.**

ii. **New Testament- Gospel of Luke, Letter to the Romans.**

iii. **Papal Document for Study: *Amoris Laeinita* (The Joy of Love) of the Holy Father, Francis.**

iv. **Catechism: Sacraments, Doctrines and Tradition.**

We encourage families concerned to do the needful.

For more information, contact the following: 0803320831, 08033574050, 08059304736, 08066224284.

i. **THE 2ND ARCHDIOCESAN MARIAN YOUTH VIGIL:** This event comes up on the **13th of October, 2017** at the **Marian Shrine, Maryland**. All priests and lay faithful are enjoined to support and join our youths as they commemorate the last of the Marian apparitions to the 3 little seers in this year of the Centenary anniversary of the Apparitions.

j. **Children's Rally with the Archbishop:** The annual Children's Rally with the Archbishop comes up on **Saturday, 7th October 2017** at **St. Gregory's College, Obalende**, beginning with the Holy Mass at **10:00am**. Registration fee is **#500.00** per child. The archdiocesan MCA Uniform (face cap, scarf & badge) is **#1,000.00** and the National Uniform is also **#1,000.00**. Parishes are to cater for the transportation and feeding of their children. Registration closes on **10th of September, 2017**.

k. **2018 Directory:** The year 2018 is around the corner. Kindly go through this year's Directory again so as to point out possible errors, omissions, amendments and suggestions for the improvement of our Directory. Please, send your comments to the Chancery on or before the last week of October, 2017. You may also reach the Chancery through her e-mail address: arclagos@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

I. CATHOLIC BIBLICAL INSTRUCTORS' UNION (C.B.I.U) LAGOS ARCHDIOCESE: As we have been publishing in the last few circulars, we again encourage our priests to assist in the establishment of the Catholic Biblical Instructors Union (CBIU) in our various parishes.

This should help to enhance the knowledge of the Scriptures and the Catechism of the Catholic Church among the faithful. For further enquiries, please contact the following numbers: 08028454115, 08034159996, 08069519596.

m. QUARTERLY RETURNS: Please be reminded that the returns from the following Special Collections are to be made in the third quarter of the year: **Peter's Pence-09/07/2017, Archdiocesan Education Sunday-30/07/2017, Family Week Sunday-20/08/2017 and St. Augustine's College (Project Time)- 10/09/2017.**

Many of our Parish Priests and Priests-in-Charge are fulfilling their obligations of making their returns as due. We remind all who are still defaulting to remit their returns for the previous quarters including the Special Collections as directed in the last circular. Once again we encourage repeat defaulters in this matter to make amendments before it is too late. We shall be constrained to publish the names of such defaulting Parishes for information and action

We wish to inform all Parish Priests and Priests-in-Charge of the **new Quarterly Returns Booklet** that sells for **#1,000 per copy**. Kindly ensure you read the instructions provided in the booklet so as to enable you keep records and make returns properly. Henceforth, all original copies will go to the Chancery office, make photocopies of the original for the Parish record and send in your Quarterly returns at the appropriate times. We encourage Parishes to use the Pay-Direct option or make Bank 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 your entries and signature.

You are to indicate in your letter to the Chancery, the collections you are paying for and into which Archdiocesan Accounts they been paid as well as the date. For soft copy of the Quarterly Returns Template, kindly contact the Financial Administrator.

n. FRIENDS OF AUGUSTINE UNIVERSITY: Be a friend of Augustine University by committing to making regular contributions of as low as N500 and up to N20,000 monthly either:

1. By Standing Order or through your phone to **Augustine University Zenith account number-1012625195** or **Fidelity Bank a/c No. 4110008438**
2. By ATM and selecting QuickTeller option, inputting teller code **04215433**; your donation and your telephone number as your reference number.

o. MATER ECCLESIAE MONASTERY:

- **Monthly Retreat:** Mater Ecclesiae Monastery, Sangotedo, Lagos organizes 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 Ecclesia Monastery, Sangotedo, Lekki, Lagos.

• **Mater Ecclesiae Retreat Center:** Mater Ecclesiae Retreat Center is officially open to everyone for personal and Group Retreats. Time for Public Adoration to the Most Holy Sacrament is from **Mondays to Saturdays 9:00am to 8:30pm; on Sundays after 9:00am Mass to 12:15pm; and from 3:30pm to 5:00pm**. Also, you can visit the Book Centre. **For more inquiries, call 09085648168.**

p. 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 7th February, 2017
- ii. Weekend, First Saturday of each month for 10 months which began on 14th February, 2017.

ISOLO CENTRE: St Francis Catholic Church Idimu: Fourth Saturday of each month for 10 months which began on 25th February, 2017.

IKORODU CENTRE: St. Augustine Catholic Church Ikorodu: Fourth Tuesday of each month for 10 months which began on 28th February 2017

FESTAC CENTRE: Holy Family Catholic Church Festac: Second Tuesday of each month which began on 14th February, 2017

APAPA CENTRE: St Margaret Catholic Church Osho Drive: Third Tuesday of each month which began on 17th January 2017

2. LOVE AND LIFE Ovulation Method (BILLINGS) of Natural Family Planning First Saturday of each month for 7 months began 4th of February 2017.

3. CANON LAW COURSE FOR LAITY

Third Friday of each month for 10 months began 17th February, 2017.

4. BASIC CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING COURSE PART 1

One Friday a month for 3 months beginning from 20th 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 ANNIVERSARIES: We congratulate, rejoice and request your prayers for our Archbishop and his classmates: Msgri. Edmund Akpala and Jerome Oduntan, Rev. Frs. Peter Oke, and Alphonsus Aina, as they mark their thirty-fourth priestly ordination anniversary in the Lord's vineyard. Also we are requested to pray for Revd. Frs. Adekoya Francis, Anyanwu Emmanuel, Azubuinye Patrick, Emeneogu Samuel, Fatoye Gabriel, Hunkokoe Michael, Ijasan Paul, Mautin Simeon, Monye Joseph, Oboh Alexander, Ogunmola Francis, Okhiria Victor, Olagbemi Christopher, Ugoje Gabriel, Elias Nwaodu, Boniface Okafor, Gabriel Ysasi, John Paul Taberner, Paulinus Uju-Echemnu, James Arebiyi, Philip Obasi, Arua Ethelbert, Ukwuani Leo, Magnus Onyeulor, Atoyebi Christopher, Emiri Emmanuel and Vitalis Ezeigwe whose sacerdotal ordination Anniversaries occur this month. May God grant them lasting joy and the grace of final perseverance. Ad multos annos!!!

9. BEREAVEMENT: It is with gratitude to God for a life well spent, that we announce the home-call of **Mrs. Clara Uchendu**, the mother of Rev. Fr. Philip Uchendu; **Hon. Aloysius Eburuoh**, the father of Rev. Fr. Paschal Eburuoh, and **Mr. Kevin Arua**, the brother of Rev. Fr. Ethelbert Arua who died in the month of August, 2017. Kindly celebrate Mass for the repose of their souls and consolation to the families. May God grant them eternal rest.

(Signed)

+ **Alfred Adewale Martins**
Archbishop, Metropolitan See of Lagos

