



# 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 FEBRUARY:** Welcome to the month of February, 2018 a month rich in liturgical activities and spiritual memorials. Beginning with the Feast of the Presentation (February 2), the Church calls us to re-dedicate ourselves to God, presenting our dreams, hopes and fears to Him and making sacrificial offerings of our lives in the service of the Gospel. Then with **Ash Wednesday** (February 14) the Church ushers all into the solemn season of Lent. The liturgical color changes to purple and the Church invites all to a life of prayer, fasting and abstinence. **A FEW THOUGHTS ON LENT:** May I remind all of the following regarding the season of Lent:

- a. **Abstinence:** All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age and above are required to abstain totally from meat or favorite dish or drink on Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 30) and all the Fridays of Lent.
- b. **Fasting:** All the faithful between the ages of 18 and that have not reached 60 years of age are bound to fast. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal or two smaller meals as the case may be. Those who are sick, pregnant or nursing or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting should not consider themselves bound by these norms.
- c. **Parents and teachers** are responsible to see that young persons, who are not bound to the above requirement, are educated in an authentic sense of penance. Also, we are called to pray fervently for those catechumens and candidates who will receive the sacraments during this period.

Below are other ways we can observe this period of Lent and benefit from the graces of the season:

- i. **Avoid Sin:** Keep yourself away from all occasions that could lead to sin. Repent and return to God by a good sacramental confession and do appropriate penance if you fall into sin.
  - ii. Practice self-control, be more generous especially in giving to the poor and needy and in contributing to the works of the church, remission of debts and payment of just wages.
  - iii. Pursue and achieve **reconciliation** with anyone with whom you are not at peace.
  - iv. **Read the Scriptures** in order to deepen your intimacy with God, spread the kingdom of Christ and help others to know and return to Christ.
  - v. **Pray before the Blessed Sacrament**, go to Mass often, if possible daily.
  - vi. Be regular at the **stations of the cross** on Wednesdays and Fridays and do it every day if you can.
  - vii. Take part in the **Lenten programmes and retreats** that will be organised in your parish. Take full part in the **Holy week ceremonies**.
  - viii. Pray your **Rosary** daily.
- Bear in mind that all other Fridays of the year remain Days of penance in prayerful remembrance of the passion of Jesus Christ.

## **2. 40 DAYS OF LENT WITH THE ARCHBISHOP:**

Join the Archbishop, Most Rev. Alfred Adewale Martins for daily Lenten Reflections on Metro 97.7 FM at 6.00 am and 9.05pm daily. Kindly inform your parishioners and encourage them to tune in to this frequency and listen to the reflection. May the word of God nourish our souls. Amen.

**3. ARCHDIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** it has come to our notice that some Parish Priests and Priests-in-Charge are not aware of the extant regulation concerning Special Collections in the Archdiocese. **We therefore inform those who do not know and remind all other priests that the tradition in the Archdiocese for very many years now, is that on such Sundays when there is a Special Collection to be taken, it becomes the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection and as such THERE IS NO 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION at all Masses on that day.** Parish Priests and Priests-in-charge are to take note and duly inform parishioners of such Special Collections.

**4. REVIEW OF ARCHDIOCESAN GUIDELINES:** Earlier on, we sent the working documents for **Guidelines for the Archdiocesan Pastoral and Laity Councils**, and **Guidelines for Deanery Pastoral and Laity Councils** for the attention of Deans, Parish Priests, Priests-in-Charge and representatives of Associations of the Lay faithful. We expect all those concerned to read through these important documents and note their observations.

Seminars on the Guidelines will be facilitated by members of the Archdiocesan Guidelines Implementation and Monitoring Team in order to review the implementation of the Parish Guidelines in the past year as well as to discuss the documents mentioned above on the Pastoral and laity Councils at the Archdiocesan and Deanery levels. You will recall that similar seminars were held on the Parish Pastoral, Laity and Finance Councils. To this end, we had sent attached the questionnaire for the review of the implementation of the Parish Guidelines in the past year to last month's circular. We expect all those concerned to have downloaded and filled the questionnaire, and submitted to their Deans for onward submission to the Chancery. Kindly note that **IT IS ALREADY PAST DEADLINE** for the submission of the questionnaires.

- Seminar with the Deans and representatives of Lay Associations (in view of the Deanery Pastoral and Laity Councils Guidelines): **10<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**
- Regional Seminar with Priests working in the Archdiocese (to review the implemented Parish Guidelines): **27<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.**

**ALL** Priests are **EXPECTED** to attend. While we thank you sincerely for your cooperation thus far, we expect you to lend your support and pastoral collaboration.

#### **5. SUPPORT FOR AUGUSTINE UNIVERSITY.**

We want to thank all the Parishes that have heeded the call to support the Augustine University by sending in the fruits of their Augustine University Sunday so far. As you are aware the University is now in the third year and needs your support more than ever for its maintenance and for the establishment of more Faculties in order to proceed to the second phase of its development.

We hereby repeat again the following directives concerning the support for the University:

- a) that the Second Sunday of every month throughout the Archdiocese be known as Augustine University Sunday. On that day, we expect that the priest himself will speak for a while on the situation of the University as it concerns courses on offer, facilities available, possibilities of a few scholarships etc. Parishioners are to be

invited to make a collection for University. Proceeds from the collection are to be immediately remitted to the Chancery.

b) You will recall that we authorized "Painless Giving" project asking for whatever each person can afford even if it is not more than ₦ 500.00 per month through Bank Transfer, POS or ATM. Members of the Fund-Raising Committee of the University Priests at Deanery meetings to discuss the modalities for this. We expect each parish to open a sub-parish account into which the parishioners will make their monthly "painless donations". The advantage of this is that each parish can see what comes in from the parish. At the end of each Quarter, the money will be transferred to the Central Archdiocesan account which is on our website, and which has already been circulated in our monthly Bulletin. This process will enable Parishes to know how much they are contributing to the University and give us opportunity to adequately acknowledge the Parish and the Parish-Priest. We REQUIRE the Parish Priests to give this his personal attention and the publicity it deserves. We shall take note of the attention each priest pays and duly acknowledge their devotion to this common laudable cause.

c) Friends of Augustine University should be established in every Parish with the objective of rendering moral and financial assistance to the University. Kindly see that you organize this group and ensure that they commence operation immediately.

d) Rev. Fr. Michael Umoh has been assigned the duty of liaising with the AUI Public Relations Office to publicize the University. Kindly give him your optimal co-operation.

e) You will recall that Parishes were asked to offer scholarships to indigent students. Please see that this is done.

## 6. ARCHDIOCESAN LAITY SUNDAY

The Laity Council at every level - Parish, Deanery, Archdiocese - has contributed tremendously to the spiritual and physical development of the Archdiocese in spite of its financial challenges. To support the Council, we hereby direct that a **Second Collection be taken up on the 5th Sunday**, whichever month it occurs. This is already being done in many of our parishes; the practice should now be carried out in all parishes of the Archdiocese. This will give opportunities for more lay persons to contribute to the activities of their Council and reduce the number of levies imposed at Deanery and Parish levels. The proceeds should be immediately disbursed to the different levels of the Laity Council as follows: 20% to the Archdiocesan Laity Council; 20% to the Deanery Laity Council and 60% to be retained for the Parish

Laity Council. The leaders of the PLC should liaise with the Parish Priests to facilitate the disbursements.

**7. VOTERS REGISTRATION:** At the recently concluded meeting of the Catholic Bishops of the Lagos Ecclesiastical Province, among other things that were discussed was the need for Nigerians realize that the power to determine their present and future happiness lies in the votes they cast during elections. It is therefore important that we participate actively in the process of choosing our Leaders. With the election year 2019 just by the corner, **we call on all Nigerians who are of age to endeavour to get themselves registered and collect their voter's cards ahead of the forthcoming elections.** We equally request that all priests sensitize and strongly encourage their parishioners on the need to exercise this civic responsibility.

**8. PASTORAL PLACEMENTS:** After a prayerful long and deep reflection, we have come to the conclusion that the need for transfer of some priests is very expedient at this time. The priests named below have been transferred to their respective new places of assignment as Parish Priests:

N/L	PARISH	NAME OF PRIEST
1	St Peter Claver Catholic Church, Ajao Estate	Rev Fr Innocent Opogah
2	St Dominic Catholic Church, Yaba	Rev Fr Charles Onwordi OP
3	St Jude Catholic Church, Mafoluku	Rev Fr Gabriel Odin OP
4	Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, Iba New Town	Rev Fr Alexius Agba OP
5	St Leo Catholic Church, Ikoga Zebbe	Rev Fr Wisdom Chikezie
6	St Augustine Catholic Chaplaincy, Akoka	Rev Fr Peter Abatan
7	Holy Family Catholic Church, Ajara	Rev Fr Michael Oyedare

**9. 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. 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 expected to include this announcement in their weekly bulletin and keep repeating it.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**a. FEBRUARY 2: THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION (DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE):** This annual celebration comes up on the **2nd of February, 2017, at St. Ferdinand Catholic Church, Ipaja, by 10.00am.** The Archbishop will preside over the Mass. Other events follow after the Mass. All priests in the Archdiocese and Religious are invited to this celebration.

**b. VALENTINE'S DAY 2018 ON ASH WEDNESDAY:**

i. Valentine's Day this year falls on Ash Wednesday and some have wondered about how to celebrate or not. We encourage people to follow the way we have chosen to celebrate it in the Archdiocese as we bring it forward to the Saturday before Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday should keep its sober penitential mood: a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

ii. **VALENTINE'S DAY WITH THE ARCHBISHOP:** The Catholic Lay Apostolate Centre in conjunction with the Confraternity of Our Mother of Perpetual Help and Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) invites all to the annual Valentine's Day with the Archbishop which comes up on **Saturday 3rd February, 2018**

**Theme:** Christian Love: Our Missionary Mandate

**Date:** Saturday, 3rd February, 2018

**Topic:** Any need to celebrate Valentine's Day in a world filled with violence?

**Time:** 11: 00 a.m., starting with the Holy Mass

**Venue:** St. Dominic Catholic Church, Yaba

**Fee:** single/ youth- ₦ 1,000, Couple- ₦ 2,500

**NB:** there will be renewal of marital vows for interested couples during the Mass.

Goodwill Advert Placement costs ₦30,000. For more information contact:

08104740835, 08023817484, 08033444932, 08037728394 or the Director's office on 08029270402 and 08182431997.

**c. JUSTICE, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE CENTRE (JDPC):** The Justice Development and Peace Commission Archdiocese of Lagos will be organizing an international day of prayer and awareness against trafficking in persons with the theme: "**MIGRATION WITHOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING: Say Yes to Freedom and No to Slavery**".

**Press Conference:** 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 at 11:00am

**Prayer and Vigil against Human Trafficking:** 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 at 7:00pm

**Venue:** Marian Shrine, Maryland, Lagos

**Awareness and Talk in all Parishes by Parish Priests and Priests-in-Charge about the reality and ills of human trafficking on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.**

**d. CATECHETICAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS/CATECHISM TEACHERS AND PASTORAL ASSISTANTS**

The Antioch Pastoral Institute hereby informs all Parish Priests and Priests-in-charge of the training for catechists and Pastoral Assistants for the 2018/2019 Session

**Venue:** St. Dominic's Parish School Block, Herbert Macaulay Road, Yaba

**Holds:** Second Saturday of every month- starting **February 10, 2018**

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

Forms: Obtainable from Religious Education Department, 19, Maye Street Off Montgomery (opp. Lebanese School), Yaba @ ₦1,000.00

For contacts and enquiry call: 08033574050, 08035040118 or 08066224284

**e. PRIESTS' DAY WITH CATHOLIC FRIENDLY SOCIETY:** This year's celebration will be on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at Sagamu. All Priests are encouraged to be part of this *weight-shedding* camaraderie.

**f. JDPC LENTEN CAMPAIGN FOR 2018:** The Annual Lenten Campaign for the JDPC will take place on the first Sunday of Lent (February 18<sup>th</sup>). All Parish Priests

and Priests-In-charge are encouraged to lend their support to the JDPC personnel(s) who will come around the parishes to solicit for support to further the cause of Justice, Development and Peace in the Archdiocese.

**g. CATHOLIC PRISON CHAPLAINCY:** this is to inform Parishes, Organizations, Societies or Individuals in the Archdiocese who wish to visit any of the prisons especially during the Lenten season and Eastertide to kindly contact the **Archdiocesan Prison Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Jacob Adeyemi C.M on 08030600439.** This will help to facilitate logistics.

**h. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL DIVINE SERVICE:** The Interdenominational Divine Service (IDDS 2018) for all Christians in Lagos State comes up on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 at Shepherd Hill Baptist Church, Obanikoro by 10:00am. Each Deanery of the Archdiocese is expected to raise 200 delegates cutting across the Major Organizations and Associations in their uniforms to attend this service on behalf of the Catholic Archdiocese of Lagos. We appeal to all Deans and Episcopal Vicars to kindly see to this arrangement.

**i. PRIESTS RECOLLECTION:** The Priests' recollection for the first quarter of this year comes up on **21<sup>st</sup> February, 2018.** This would be done at the designated parishes in the Four Regions of the Archdiocese. The Episcopal Vicars would communicate the time and venue accordingly. All Priests are to be in attendance.

**j. ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN PILGRIMAGE:** The annual Archdiocesan Lenten Pilgrimage will be hosted by the Lekki Region.

**Date: Saturday 24th February, 2018**

**Venue: Ave Maria Grotto, Lekki**

**Time: begins at 8:00am.**

All Priests and Lay Faithful are expected to attend and participate actively in this spiritual exercise. Parish Priests & Priests-in-Charge are requested to encourage and arrange for the participation of their Parishioners to come in large numbers.

In view of the above, we expect that **all Parish Priests/Priests-in-Charge would have organised Confessions for the Lay Faithful in their various parishes so as to ensure that the time spent at the pilgrimage is maximally utilized.**

#### **PROGRAMME FOR THE 2018 LENTEN PILGRIMAGE**

**Theme: As for me and my household, we shall serve the Lord (Jos. 24:15)**



- A. 8:00am - Evangelization of the Area by Legionaries/Charismatics
- B. 8:30am - Arrival/Praise and Worship/Confessions/Counselling and Special Prayers (Private)
- C. 9:00am - Rosary/Confessions continue
- D. 9:45am - Opening Prayer/Brief Welcome Address by the Episcopal Vicar
- E. 10:00am - Stations of the Cross
- F. 10:45am - Worship Time (Mild Worship songs only)
- G. 11:15am - Message/Conscious Commitment to the Work of Evangelization
- H. 12:15pm - Intercessory Prayers
- I. 12:45pm - Eucharistic Adoration by All
- J. 2:00pm - The Holy Mass

### **A 7-DAY PRAYER TO PREPARE FOR THE PILGRIMAGE**

Please, read and meditate on the Scripture passage for each day and pray for the intentions for the day. Memorize the memory verse and use it for prayer (e.g. spontaneous or ejaculatory prayer) throughout the day.

#### **Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.**

- ✓ **Reading and Meditate on:** Acts 1:1-8. **Memory Verse** Acts 1:8. **Prayer Points:** Thank God for your life and your family; pray for spiritual growth and for the Christian family; and for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church.

#### **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

- ✓ **Read and Meditate on:** Mk 1:14-20; **Memory Verse:** Mk 1:15. **Prayer Points:** For personal conversion and God's forgiveness; for the grace to obey God and keep his commandments in our lives, families, Church and nation.

#### **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.**

- ✓ **Read and Mediate on:** Ex 20:13-16; **Memory Verse:** Ex 20:13; **Prayer Points:** For respect for the sanctity of human life in Nigeria; for forgiveness for all our sins against life; for aborted babies and victims of violence in Nigeria and abroad; for those dehumanized by poverty and oppression; and for the souls in purgatory.

#### **Wednesday, 21<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

- ✓ **Read and Meditate on:** Ex 14:10-14; **Memory Verse:** Ex 14:14; **Prayer Points:** For God's miraculous intervention in Nigeria and our elections and that only God's chosen instruments will emerge. For the disabled, the poor and oppressed; and for the victims of tribalism, nepotism and oppression.

#### **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018.**

- ✓ **Read and Meditate on:** Is 43:1; **Memory Verse:** Is 43:2; **Prayer Points:** For yourself, your family, your friends, your loved ones and all who asked for your

prayer; for the conversion of your enemies; for protection, healing and deliverance from evil.

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018.**

✓ **Read and Mediate on:** Rom 12:1-2,9-21; **Memory Verse:** Rom 12:2; **Prayer Points:** For spiritual and evangelical renewal in the Church; our seminaries; among our Clergy, religious, laity and the leaders of the Church; and for the growth of our Archdiocese.

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

✓ **Read and Mediate on:** Psalm 23; **Memory Verse:** Ps 23:5; **Prayer Points:** For the success of the pilgrimage; for God's providence and progress in life; for protection and healing; and for special favours on all the pilgrims and their families.

**k. CONSULTORS MEETING:** The meeting of the College of Consultors for the first quarter shall be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018 at the Chancery by 10.00am.

**l. SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES' LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP:** there shall be a Leadership Workshop for Leaders and Facilitators of the Small Christian Communities in the Archdiocese on **March 3, 2018** by 10.00am at Holy Cross Cathedral. This workshop is aimed at improving the Leadership skills of Leaders and Facilitators of the Small Christian Communities in the Archdiocese. Attendance is highly recommended.

**m. CHRISM MASS 2017:** The 2018 Chrism Mass Planning Committee meets every Thursday at Holy Cross Cathedral Hall at 6:00p.m. Parish Priests and Priests-in-Charge are reminded to nominate two parishioners to represent their parish at the Chrism Mass planning committee weekly meetings. All the Parishes that fall under the following deaneries: Isolo, Satellite, Badagry, Festac and Apapa are to send their representatives to the LOC weekly meetings at Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Satellite Town every Sunday at 5:00p.m.

**n. NCDPA LAGOS:** This is to inform all Priests that the meeting of the National Catholic Diocesan Priests Association slated for 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2018 has been moved to 1<sup>st</sup> **March, 2018. Venue: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ojota.** All Diocesan priests working in the Archdiocese are expected to attend.

**o. ADMISSION INTO THE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

This is to inform everyone that admission into JSS 1 for the 2018/2019 academic session in all Catholic Secondary Schools in the Archdiocese is in progress. The Entrance Examination comes up on **Saturday 10th March, 2018** at the selected schools. Forms can be obtained from the school of choice, all Catholic Primary Schools in the Archdiocese, selected parishes and electronically on [www.cmsslagos.ng](http://www.cmsslagos.ng).

The Ten Catholic Secondary Schools in the Archdiocese are:

1. St Gregory College, South-West, Ikoyi
2. Holy Child Girls College, Ikoyi
3. St Finbarr College, Akoka
4. Bethlehem Girls College, Abule-Ado
5. Mater Ecclesiae College, Epe
6. Sacred Heart College, Apapa
7. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic College, Okokomaiko
8. Maryland Comprehensive Secondary School, Maryland
9. Our Lady of Apostles Secondary School, Yaba
10. Marywood Girls College, Ebute-Metta

Let us give our children sound upbringing in the Catholic Faith.

**p. ST. AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE OF EDUCATION DIPLOMA IN CATECHETICS:**

Parish Priests are required to send their Catechists, Catechetical Teachers and Marriage Counsellors for Advanced Diploma in Catechetics at St. Augustine's College of Education (Project TIME) Akoka, Yaba, Lagos. For more enquiries visit [www.sacoedng.com](http://www.sacoedng.com) or [www.sacoed.edu.ng](http://www.sacoed.edu.ng) or call 01-793-3594 12

**q. SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** Please be reminded that the returns from the following Special Collections are to be made in the first quarter of the year: **Epiphany- 07/01/2018, AUI-14/01/2018, 11/02/2018 and 11/03/2018, Caritas Lagos Collection- 25/02/2018, JDPC- 18/03/2018 and Holy Land- 30/03/2018.**

**r. QUARTERLY RETURNS COLLECTIONS:** We commend all the parish priests who have been faithful to making their quarterly returns as when due and those who have taken advantage of our reminders in the last two circulars to make their returns. Only a few are yet to do so. We shall have to be publishing the names of repeat defaulters soon. Kindly take note.

We want to encourage the use of the Pay-Direct option or Bank transfer in order 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, you need to pay attention to your entries and signature.

When making their returns, Parish Priests or Priests-in-Charge, should also ensure that 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.

**s. LAGOS ARCHDIOCESAN MUSIC COMMISSION (LAMCOM)** This is to inform all that the Archdiocesan Music Commission would be sending the procedures for the selection/appointment of Parish Choirmasters to all the Parish Priests in the archdiocese. We encourage all Parish Priest / Priests-in-charge to receive and cooperate with the Music Commission accordingly.

**t. FAMILY AND HUMAN LIFE UNIT (FHLU):** this is to notify all who wish to be trained in the areas of marriage, family and human life as facilitators, counselors or social workers to register now by calling 08130285777 or 09082053445. Training schedules include:

**1. MARRIAGE THEOLOGY AND LIVED EXPERIENCE**

**PART TIME CLASSES:**

**YABA CENTRE**

i. **Weekday:** First Tuesdays of each month for 10 months begins 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 @ 19 Maye Street, Yaba.

ii. **Weekend:** First Saturdays of each month for 10 months begins 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018 @ 19, Maye Street, Yaba.

**FULL TIME YABA CENTRE:** Begins 20<sup>th</sup> September, third Thursday weekly for ten weeks.

**ISOLO CENTRE**

i. Last Saturday of every month for 10 months begins 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 @ St Francis Catholic Church, Idimu

**IKORODU CENTRE**

i. Fourth Tuesday of each month for 10 months begins 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 @ St Augustine Catholic Church Ikorodu

## **FESTAC CENTRE**

i. Second Tuesday of each month for 10 months begins 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 @ Holy Family Catholic Church Festac

## **APAPA CENTRE**

i. Third Tuesday of each month begins 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 @ St Margaret Catholic Church Olodi Apapa

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

### **YABA CENTRE:**

i. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month for 8 months begins 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018

### **OLODI APAPA:**

i. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month for 8 months begins 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

Total course fee- ₦ 30,500 with certificate.

## **3. BASIC CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING COURSE**

### **YABA CENTRE:**

i. one Friday a month for three months begins 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

### **OLODI APAPA:**

i. one Tuesday a month begins 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.

Total course fee- ₦ 12,000 with certificate.

**NOTE:** Payment details: **FAMILY AND HUMAN LIFE UNIT- CATHOLIC ARCDIOCESE OF LAGOS, ECO BANK ACCT NO. 3772028512.**

## **u. 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.

**11. PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY:** We congratulate, rejoice with and request your prayers for Rev. Frs. Daniel Nwankwo, Kioko Muindi and Gabriel Ukhurebor as they mark their Sacerdotal Ordination anniversary this month. May God grant them lasting joy and the grace of final perseverance. *Ad multos annos!*

**12. BEREAVEMENT:** It is with gratitude to God for a life well spent, that we announce the home-call of **Late Chief Michael O. Ibitara**, the father of Sr. Veronica Ibitara who died in the month of January, 2018. Kindly celebrate Mass for the repose of his soul and the consolation of the family. May God grant him eternal rest.

**(Signed)**

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