



# CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF LAGOS

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**TO ALL PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS WORKING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LAGOS,  
AND THE LAY FAITHFUL**

**1. THE MONTH OF JULY:** I warmly welcome you all to the month of July 2022. This month falls within the Liturgical season of the Ordinary Time of the Year. The season is chiefly marked by the hope it offers, hence, the colour *green*, used at this time in the Church, signifies growth and life. Ordinary Time is a season which follows Christ's Ascension into heaven after his resurrection; a season where as Christians we await our own resurrection, a season of sowing in the hope of reaping, a season where we are expected to put into practice the Christian virtues which flow from Easter.

In this month we celebrate the following feasts: St. Thomas the Apostle (July 3rd), St. Maria Goretti (July 6th), St. Mary Magdalene (July 22nd), St. James (July 25th), Ss. Joachim and Anne (July 26th), St Ignatius of Loyola (July 31st). As we rejoice in the communion of saints, may we imitate their virtues so that we can join their company when the time comes.

**2. AUGUSTINE UNIVERSITY, ILARA (AUI) OFFERS NEW COURSES:** Our Augustine University has got NUC approval to enroll students for the following new courses:

- B.Sc Mass Communication
- B.Sc Political Science
- B.Sc Biochemistry
- B.Sc Cyber Security
- B.Sc Fisheries and Aquaculture
- B.Sc Information Technology
- B.Sc Software Engineering

We urge Parish Priests and leaders of Associations of the lay faithful to bring the information of their parishioners and members.

**3. ANTIOCH PASTORAL INSTITUTE:** The Antioch Pastoral Institute offers a programme that leads to the award of a certificate in Theology of the New Evangelization.

**Duration:** 1 year (10 modules). This programme is open to Parish Pastoral Assistants, Parish Evangelization Commission members, Faith Formators, Group Facilitators and all Catholics who desire to grow in and share the faith.

**Requirements:** Interested participants are;

1. to obtain recommendation letters from their Parish priests,
2. to be practicing/confirmed Catholics
3. to possess a minimum of SSCE or equivalent, possessing a good grasp of English Language, able to use the relevant technology and handle the required level of work/assignments and keep to the institute's rules.

**Commencement Date:** August 27th, 2022. Forms are available for **N1,000.00**. For further enquiries, kindly visit: Religious Education Department, 19, Maye Street, off Montgomery Road, Yaba or contact: 08108846869, 08066224284.

**4. THE MUSTARD SEED (New Catechism Book):** This is a new catechism book approved in the Archdiocese for preparation of children for the Sacraments of Baptism/First Holy Communion. The book is now available and is sold for **N800.00 per copy**. All parishes should contact the Religious Education Department: 08108846869, 08066224284.

**5. LEADING FOR MISSION SEMINAR:** The Catholic Archdiocese of Lagos began the **Leading for Mission Seminar** for all priests in 2019 since then over 80% of the clergy completed the leadership enhancement programme. There is an annual opportunity for new and remaining priests to complete the programme.

The **Leading for Mission Seminar for lay leaders** began in July 2021 and is ongoing. It has become necessary to clarify that going forward:

1. It is mandatory that anyone that is elected, selected, appointed, or otherwise assumes a leadership position at the parish, deanery and archdiocesan levels

completes the training within six months or steps down for those that have completed the programme.

2. All current leaders, whose tenures will not expire this year, have until the end of 2022 to complete the training, or steps down for those that have completed the programme.

The Archdiocese is putting in a lot of resources into the training of lay leaders and it has become necessary that we all pull together to maximize our limited resources. There are an estimated 15,000 lay leaders that need to be trained. **Some Deans and Parish Priests** have been supporting our efforts by providing training halls, power, equipment, refreshments and other materials while the **Leading for Mission volunteers** continue to sacrifice their time, talents, and material resources, to achieve our goal of having leaders empowered for their roles by adequate training in our Archdiocese. We are very grateful to them. We are requesting that the Volunteers and those to be trained should be provided with all necessary support.

In order to make training easier, from now on we have decided that rather than going to a parish centre in each deanery for the training:

1. **All parishes** with a minimum of 50 lay leaders are to organize and mobilize all their leaders to be trained by the LFM Team in the premises of their parishes. We expect that the Deans to work with the LFM Team and parish priests to come up with a schedule that completes the training of all parishes in one year. Parish priests and the Parish Laity Council executives in each parish will provide the required logistics.
2. The Deans and Deanery Laity Councils and the Archdiocesan Laity Council and the Director of the Lay Apostolate Centre are to coordinate the trainings in the deanery level and Archdiocesan levels respectively. We expect the training of the leaders at each level to be completed within one year.
3. We expect everyone concerned to support the timely and smooth completion of the programme by suspending or at least minimizing programmes targeted at the same group or running at the same time as LFM Seminars so that we can conclude this intensive stage successfully.

We are grateful to Deans and parish priests and ask them to continue to play their assigned roles so we can achieve our goals of growing more engaged parishes and spiritually-committed Catholics in the Archdiocese. May God bless you as you contribute to developing more spiritually-committed servant leaders for our common task of evangelization.

## 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. **Archdiocesan Education Week:** This will take place from Sunday 3rd July, 2022 to Sunday 10th July, 2022. Please take note.

b. **Archdiocesan Finance Council Meeting:** This comes up on Tuesday 5th July, 2022 at the Chancery by 10:00am. Those concerned should please take note.

c. **Curia Meeting:** Members of the Archdiocesan Curia are hereby reminded of their meeting scheduled to hold on Wednesday 6th July, 2022 at 10:00am in the Chancery.

d. **Quarterly Returns and Special Collections:** Please be reminded that returns from the following Special Collections are to be made in the third quarter of the year: **AUI Collection-(10/07/2022), 5th Sunday Laity Collection - (31/07/2022).**

We reiterate instruction that Parish Priests/Priests-in-charge should make **bank transfers** to forestall the challenges of returned cheques, irregular signatures and other problems that cause cheques to bounce. We emphasize again that Parish Priests or Priests-in-Charge, should ensure that they log into the new digital platform (HYELLA) to make their returns.

e. **Practical Seminar for Tribunal Facilitators:** Please be informed that there shall be an urgent and practical seminar for all our tribunal facilitators on **Wednesday 13th July, 2022** at **St. Agnes Catholic Church, Maryland** at **10:00am** prompt. Let all those concerned please take note.

g. **Singles' Day with the Archbishop:** This annual Archdiocesan event organized by the Directorate of Catholic Lay Apostolate Centre in conjunction with the Archdiocesan Young Christian Workers Movement (YCW) comes up as follows:

**Theme - To be joyfully single as a Christian in an African Society**

**Date: Saturday, 20th August, 2022**

**Venue: St. Finbarr's College, Akoka, Yaba**

**Time: 10:00am.**

**Fee: N 1,500.00 per delegate.**

This event shall begin with the opening Mass by His Grace, Most Rev. Alfred Adewale Martins, the Archbishop of Lagos; reception follows after. For advertisement/support/sponsorship in the brochure please contact the Director's office: **08077003036, WhatsApp: 08026156606**

**h. 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, located in the serene atmosphere of the Monastery, 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**

**i. 36<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Youth Day (AYD-IPAJA2022):** The celebration of the 36<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Youth Day will hold on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of July, 2022. The Holy Mass starts at 10am at Command Day Secondary School, Ipaja.

**j. St. Gregory School of Pastoral Music:** This School of Music of the Archdiocese of Lagos that offers choirmasters, choristers, and interested music lovers a Diploma Certificate in Pastoral Music after successfully completing a program of 3 years' part-time studies. It is aimed at training Music Directors for parishes, communities, schools and similar institutions as it helps to develop their interest in music and the relevant theological/pastoral knowledge required for making them into **Pastoral Musicians**. The

school has been affiliated to **Augustine University, Ilara** for the award of the Diploma. To join the preparatory class, please click the link below for registration: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15wZ44SWIkvZ6BnpSxEL0itoBWk7pE1ZKA2oQ8icY/edit?usp=drivesdk>. The preparatory class is a 3-month study time geared towards preparing interested persons for the Entrance Examination to join the Diploma program. Interested persons can also visit the school's page on Facebook with the link below: <https://www.facebook.com/StGregoryDiplomaSchoolOfPastoralMusic>.

For more information about the school, please contact the: Mr. Simon Eze 07069289868 (Registrar) or Rev. Fr. Peter Osuntope 08023700587 (The Director).

**k. St John Paul II School for Marriage and Family:** The Archdiocese of Lagos is offering Learning opportunities and Skills development for Marriage Facilitators, Married Persons, Singles/Widowed, Parents, Lay/ Youth Leaders

#### **List of courses/trainings**

1. Marriage Theology and Lived Experience.
2. Teaching Sexuality Education in the Family
3. Theology of the Body Made Simple for Youth Teenagers and Adults
4. Natural Family Planning (NFP) Instructors Course  
Managing Couple Fertility Naturally (Love & Life Method)
5. Basic Christian Counselling Skills- Become a Trained Counsellor

For enquiries and registration, call Martina Ozegbe on 0813 028 5777 and 07030616170. Courses began in February, 2022.

**I. Diploma in Catechesis (Regular and Online Program):** For all Pastoral workers, Catechists and lay faithful who wish to build their Catholic Faith.

**Regular Classes:** Twice a month - 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month

**Online** - Entirely ONLINE - Once a week via zoom.

It is structured to enable participants meet up with their respective work/business.

**Forms:** Two thousand naira only

**Resumption Online:** March 10, 2022; **Physical classes:** March 12, 2022

For further inquiries: +234 803 357 4050 or +234 703 512 1621

**m. St. Augustine College of Education, Akoka, Yaba, Lagos (Project T. I. M. E)**  
**Affiliated to University of Ibadan:** we call on Parish Priests and Priests-in-Charge to inform their Parishioners that Admission is in progress for the 2022/2023 Session. With a minimum JAMB score of 200 and above for Full-Time and below 200 for Part-Time Degree programmes; 100 and above for NCE programmes, the College is the place for you. Our programmes include:

**DEGREE PROGRAMMES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN:**

❖ **Arts and Social Science:**

- B.Sc(Ed) Economics
- B.Sc(Ed) Political Science
- B.A (Ed) English Language
- B.Ed Social Studies
- B.A (Ed) CRS/IRS

❖ **B.Ed Educational Management**

❖ **B.Ed Guidance and Counselling**

❖ **Science and Technology Department**

- B.Sc (Ed) Physics
- B.Sc (Ed) Chemistry
- B.Sc (Ed) Mathematics
- B.Sc (Ed) Biology
- B.Sc (Ed) Computer Science

❖ **All Degree Certificates are awarded by the University Of Ibadan.**

**NIGERIA CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION (NCE) PROGRAMMES:**

i. Computer science, Economics, CRS/IRS, Political Science, English Language, Social Studies, Business Education (Accounting & Secretarial studies), Primary Education Studies (PES), Early Childhood care & Education (ECCE), Adult and Non-formal Education, and Mathematics.

ii. Science and Technology: Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and Integrated Science.

❖ **All NCE Certificates are awarded by the College**

**DURATION:** Full Time-3years, Part Time-4 Years

Requirement for Degree and NCE Programmes (Full-Time and Part Time): 5 or 6 Credits in One or Two sittings

❖ PDE(Professional Diploma In Education)-First Degree or H. N. D. from any recognized Tertiary Institution.

❖ Catechesis- Practicing and intending Catechists or O' Level Certificate.

**METHOD OF APPLICATION TO ALL COLLEGE PROGRAMMES:**

Obtain your application form at **St. Augustine College Of Education, 2, Moronfolu Street, by Pako Bus stop, Close to FCE(Technical) and UNILAG, Akoka, Yaba, Lagos State.**

**OR LOG-ON TO [www.staugustinecollege.edu.ng](http://www.staugustinecollege.edu.ng) and follow the guidelines.**

**FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL: 08065954493, 08024582945 OR 08033574050(Catechesis), 08023891300.**

**n. Altar Wine:** Due to the rise in the cost of importation, consequent on the value of the Naira, the new batch of Altar wine that we have now will cost **N35,000.00 per carton.** Parish priests and priests-in-charge should please take note.

**o. Priestly Ordination:** By the grace of God, the Priestly Ordination for the year 2022 will take place on **Thursday 4th August, 2022,** at the **Holy Cross Cathedral, Lagos** at **10:00am.** Let us continue to pray that the Lord would send faithful servants to work in his vineyard.

**p. Thanksgiving Mass and Relic Unveiling of St. Justin Mary Russolillo:** The Society of Divine Vocations (SDV) Congregation, invites the Priests, Religious and friends of St. Justin to a



Mass of thanksgiving and unveiling of the relic of their founder, St. Justin Mary Rusolillo on Saturday 30th July, 2022 at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ojota** at 10:00am.

**q. Perpetual Profession of Vows:** The Sisters of the Eucharist Heart of Jesus cordially invite the Clergy, Religious and the Lay faithful to the celebration of the Perpetual Profession of Vows of five of their sisters. This is scheduled to hold on Monday 15th August, 2022 at St. Leo Catholic Church, Ikeja at 10:00am.

**6. PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY:** We congratulate, rejoice with and request your prayers for Rev. Frs. John Agbolade, Paul Ighabor, Anthony Oyeniyi, Anthony Okeke, Emmanuel Ogundele, Marcus Famosaya, Alfred Omoleye, Jude Okelue, Christopher Chafa, Jacob Usman, Anthony Ojotule, Emmanuel Daikwo, Sebastian Appiah, Joe Ben Onyia, Michael Afrifa, Paschal Aggrey Seiku, Anthony Boateng, Mark Tizhe, Anthony Obiamalu, Jude Udemezue, Evaristus Mbanusi, Bonaventure Ofolete, Bonaventure Ifebibo, Innocent Madubuko, Hyacinth Arinze, Cornelius Offiah, Emmanuel Babalola, Charles Onuoha, Emmanuel Amadi, Crescent Iloka, Jonathan Okafor, Daniel Chigbu, Anthony Eboh, Kingsley Joseph, Patrick Akinrimisi, John Okoro (OSA), Francis Iwu, Dominic Nnaedozie, Daniel Onyeayana, Jude Anyaehie, Marcellinus Igirigi, Emmanuel Ubi, Paul Ameh, Peter Williams, Louis Ajinge, Philip-Mario Agada, Charles Onwordi, AveMaria Erhariefe, Clement Uzoanya, JudeMary Owoh, Samuel Akalite, Emmanuel Adama, Clestine Agwu, Augustine Ebido, Gabriel Odin, Patrick Morrison, Joseph Osunde, Charles Chibogu, Alexius Agba, Victor Ukoh, Augustine Obiosa, Paulinus Onyenuru, Barnabas Nwabor, Christopher Nze, Dominic Okpara, Augustine Nwodo, Edogbo Andrew, Victor Orilua, Lambert Nlemadim, Joseph Aloo, Chukwuyenum Afiawari, Odey Kelvin, Chioma Nwosu, Aghadi Onu, Agbo Chikere, Mike Offordum, Lukpata Clement, Donatus Essien, Innocent Uduak Udomboh, Anthony Thompson, James Vembe, Thaddeus Egwu, Nobert Opara, Clement Odoemene, Jude Dibia, JohnCross Nkanta, Noel Eshikena, Desmond Ebulue, Samuel Kurungu, Hyacinth Agomuoh, Vincent Oko, Godfrey Udeh, Jude Nwachukwu, Joseph Yusuf, Babatunde Pius, Kingsley Anoghala, Stephen Okechukwu, Paul Adegoriola, Michael Nzekwe, Philip Offor, Chikezie Ekugbah, Okoro Maximus, Peter Morba, Julius Temuyi, Amuda John, Vincent Udoeye, Anthony Nworu, Raphael Kalu, Edwin Nwalozie, Gordian Opara, Emmanuel Omoroke, Dilibe Sixtus, Jerome Odiejije, Jeremiah Anande, Christiantus Ugwueze, Simon Iduh, Nicholas Ikpeme, Ignatius Okoligwe, Emmanuel Nwaloka, Jenfa Adebayo and Richard Igbangi whose sacerdotal ordination

Anniversaries occur this month. May God grant them lasting joy and the grace of final perseverance. *Ad multos annos!*

7. **BEREAVEMENT:** We announce, with deep sympathy the demise of **Mr. Peter Azehkome Izebuno**, the father of Rev. Fr. Stephen Izebuno. He died in the month of June, 2022. Kindly celebrate Masses for the repose of his soul and consolation to the family. May God grant him eternal rest. Amen.

**Signed**

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