



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 AUGUST:** I heartily welcome you all to the month of August 2022. This month is another significant month in the life of the Church and State. It offers us the opportunity to rest and examine the growth we have attained during the earlier part of the year and to strategize on how to spend the remaining part of the year very well. Farmers at this time rest after the tedious season of planting awaiting harvest.

Two important celebrations in the life of the Church this month are; the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ (**Aug. 6**) and the Assumption of Our Blessed Virgin Mary (**Aug. 15**). As Christians, these two great feasts draw our attention to the mystery of the beatific vision which we look forward to having after our earthly sojourn. At the Transfiguration, Our Lord Jesus Christ revealed his glorified self to the three Apostles who were with him on Mount Tabor, giving them a foretaste of heaven. The Solemnity of the Assumption enlivens in us the hope that, like Our Blessed Mother who was assumed into heaven with her glorified body, we too will one day become partakers of the heavenly banquet.

St. Augustine whose memorial we also celebrate this month amongst others, realizing at his late conversion the *magnum laetitia* of the heavenly banquet exclaimed with remorse "*Late have I loved you O Beauty so Ancient and so New, Late have I loved you; you called, you cried, you rid me of my deafness.*" Dear friends, let us like St. Augustine examine our lives so far in this period of the year that offers us rest, and return with deep remorse to our maker, if we have strayed far away from Him, so that we may be partakers of the Eschatological Union.

2. **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION:** This holy day of Obligation is celebrated on the 15th of August every year, is one of the four dogmas of the Church on the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Church teaches in this dogma, that our mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, preserved

from the stain of original sin and having completed the course of her earthly life, was by the power of God taken into heaven body and soul, since her spotless body cannot be allowed to suffer the corruption of the grave. The Assumption of Our Blessed Virgin Mary was declared a dogma by the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Pius XXII in the year 1950. Let us like Mary strive towards perfection and holiness of life so that we may merit eternal happiness.

3. SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR ST. AUGUSTINE REGIONAL PASTORAL INSTITUTE, EDE (SARPI).

The Regional Pastoral institute that has been providing pastoral animation, training and research for the Church in Lagos and Ibadan Ecclesiastical Provinces for many years is in need to support in order to continue to provide the services that it is well known for. For this reason, the Board of Governors of the Institute i.e., the bishops of all the Dioceses have decided that a special collection would be taken **every year** on the Sunday before the feast of St. Augustine in all the parishes within the two provinces This year the date for the collection is **Sunday, August 21, 2022**. We ask all Parish priests and priest in charge to kindly sensitize the faithful on the need to support the SARPI and help to ensure that it continues to provide the services it renders

4. 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.

5. THE MUSTARD SEED (New Catechism Book): This is a new catechism book approved by the Archbishop for use in the Archdiocese in 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.

6. 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.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Anniversary of the Archbishop's Installation: The **10th** year anniversary of the Installation of His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Alfred Adewale Martins as the Archbishop of Lagos comes up on **Thursday, 4th August, 2022**. We thank the good Lord for His benevolence and the graces he has received in these past ten years as the Chief Shepherd of our Archdiocese. There shall be a Mass of thanksgiving alongside the Mass of priestly Ordination at the Holy Cross Cathedral by **10am**. This would be followed by a reception at THE HALL, 16, Musa

Yar'Adua Street, Victoria Island, Lagos. Kindly continue to pray for his intentions as he continues to shepherd the flock in the Catholic Archdiocese of Lagos.

b. Priestly Ordination: To the glory of God, our deacons, **Revds. Anyanwu Louis, Chukwunyere Richard, Fashanu Emmanuel, Idobogbe Clement, Mbah Paul, Mkpahu Benjamin, Ogunyemi Hilary, Okafor Dominic and Olympio Anthony** will be ordained priests on **Thursday 4th August, 2022 at Holy Cross Cathedral, Lagos.** The time is **10:00am.** Let us keep them in our prayers as we continue to pray for all our Clergy.

c. 4th August 2022 is also the **65th** anniversary of the Episcopal ordination of the first indigenous Archbishop of Lagos, late Most Rev. Dr. John Kwao Amuzu Aggey. We shall remember him at the Mass of the day and pray for the repose of the soul

d. Archdiocesan Novena for the Solemnity of the Assumption: This Archdiocesan Novena comes up from **Saturday, 6th August to Sunday, 14th August, 2022** at the Archdiocesan Marian Shrine, Maryland. The theme for this year's Novena is " **Mary Our Mother, teach us to pray- Acts 1:14**", **Time: 4:30pm daily.**

d. Archdiocesan Consultors Meeting: This comes up on **Wednesday, 24th August, 2022** at the Chancery by **10:00am.** Those concerned should please take note.

e. 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.**

f. 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: **Family Week Collection- (14/08/2022).**

We reiterate again the 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.

g. Family Week: The annual Family Week Celebration in the Archdiocese begins from **Sunday, 31st July to Sunday, 7th August, 2022.** The theme for this year is: **"Family Love; A Vocation and path to Holiness"**.

It is recommended that Parishioners participate actively by discussing the following sub-themes in their parishes and at their meetings.

Day 1: Sunday July 31st

Opening Mass

Topic: Vocation and Family

Day 2: Monday August 1st

Topic: Called to Holiness.

Day 3: Tuesday August 2nd

Topic: Family Love; Wonderful and Fragile

Day 4: Wednesday August 3rd

Topic: We are all Children; We are all brothers and Sisters

Day 5: Thursday August 4th

Topic: Fathers and Mothers

Day 6: Friday August 5th

Topic: Grandparents and the Elderly

Day 7: Saturday August 6th

Dance Carnival - Festival of Families
(Excuse Me, Thank You, Please, Sorry)

Day 8: Sunday August 7th

Giftng Sunday, Renewal of Wedding Vows, Renewal of Chastity Commitment and FHLU Collection.

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. St. Gregory School of Pastoral Music: This School of Music of the Archdiocese of Lagos 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/15wZ44SWIkvZ6BnpSxEL0itoBWk7pE1lZKA2oQ8icY/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).

j. 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 and follow the guidelines.

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

k. Admission into Cecilian Academy of Sacred Music (Foundation Program): The Academy is calling for application from prospective candidates who are music lovers and those who desire to improve their music career to register and be enrolled. Admission and classes begins on **Saturday 20th August, 2022, Time is 10am** every Saturday or by special arrangement. Courses offered include orchestral instruments, sight reading, voice grooming/management, piano and Choir management. For further enquiries, contact Mr. Wilson on **09030905196/ 07035454075.**

l. Pauline Foods Empowerment Program: The third batch of this program on food processing and packaging begins on Saturday 27th August, 2022. The program is scheduled to hold every Saturday for a period of two months. **Time is 10am- 4pm at St. Paul Catholic Church, Ebute-Metta. For further enquiries, call Joseph: 09044946744 & 07037673899.**

m. 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.

n. Catholic Archdiocese of Lagos Block Rosary Crusade 50 years Anniversary Celebration: The Block Rosary Crusade of our Archdiocese, invites the Priests, Religious and all Marian

devotees to a Mass of thanksgiving on the occasion of their Golden jubilee celebration on Sunday 14th August, 2022 at **Christ the King Catholic Church, Ilasamaja** at 10:00am.

o. Perpetual Profession of Vows: The Sisters of the Eucharistic 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.

p. Holy Family Home for the Elderly: This is one of the Archdiocesan charities that is concerned with the care and wellbeing of the aged and elderly amongst us. In order to sustain this very vital charity initiative of our Archdiocese, we call on Parishes and the various Associations of lay faithful to visit this home and make generous donations to enhance the work of charity done there and improve on the general upkeep of the inhabitants of the home.

q. Christeens 2022 Summer Camp: Children between the ages 8-15 are invited to 2022 **Christeens Summer Camp** scheduled to hold on Saturday 3rd September, 2022 at the Domus Fidei Center, 7, Amore Street, off Toyin Street, Ikeja. Registration fee is **N1,000.00** per child. For more enquiries, kindly contact Whatsapp- 08037081933, 07038400333 or 08033574050.

r. Child Safeguarding Committee Seminar: The Deans of the various deaneries are informed of a TRAINING for all the members of the Deanery Child Safeguarding Committees scheduled to hold on **Saturday, 27th August, 2022** at **St. Leo's Catholic Church, Ikeja** by **10:00am prompt**. Those concerned please take note.

s. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Nigeria: The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Team will be holding a program titled "**An Original Weekend**". This program is aimed at unlocking the powers of marriage with a view to enhancing a healthy Christian marriage in the growth and development of holiness of life.

Date: 24th-25th September, 2022

Venue: Lagos Resource Center, 9, Anifowose Street, off Adeola Odekun Street, Victoria Island, Lagos.

Arrival: 7am, 18th September, 2022

Participation Fee: N50,000 (Accommodation & 2 days meals).

Kindly make payments to: Worldwide Marriage Encounter Nigeria, FCMB: 3426431011

For Further Enquiries, please contact Rev. Fr. Dominic Onuoha (07030857067), Fr. Miguel Gomez (08098644835), Adiele & Ngozi (08033238822) or Timothy & Martina (08182800166)

8. PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY: We congratulate, rejoice and request your prayers for Msgri. John Aniagwu, Paschal Nwaezeapu and Ignatius Sotos; and Rev. Frs. Stephen Enearu, Pius Omofuma, Christopher Arabi, Julius Olaitan, Innocent Opogah, Cletus Anyanwu, Christian Echewodo, Sebastian Ngene, Augustine Nnaemeka, Gregory Anosike, Peter Akodu, Patrick Osuntoyinbo, Gabriel Agule, Awobolaji Peter, Benson Irabor, Jude Ugbome, Paul Okobi, George Chiedu, Mark-Anthony Nwoko, Franklin Nnamdi, Michael Osamor, Gabriel Osiegbu, Frederick Akaajime, Martins Uwakwe, Thaddeus Okafor, Henry Ukaegbu, Hyginus Zikora, Andrew Ukonu, Kingsley Njoku, Gasper Ibe, Francis Ealefoh, Andrew Abhulime, Theodore Akaenyi, Robert Yoest, Nicholas Bariki, Joseph Jiwok, Michael Okpe, Jude-Mary Njoku, Valentine Anyanwu, Fidelis Okudolo, Moses Ani, Mary-Vincent Ubili Chidube, Matthew Uwaya, Vitalis Chukwudebelu, Felix Koussade, Anthony Isah, Luke Nwolo, Emmanuel Olewuezi, Chrysogonus Uzor, Peter Anumba, Kenneth Nwachukwu, Martin Okwara, Augustine Otika, Charles-Andy Unachukwu, Kingsley Agada, Emmanuel Uche, Christopher Ndukuba, Camilius Mgbemere, Victor Eke, Francis Dike, Peter Amadi, Jeffrey Nwoke, Martins Onyebuchi, Magnus Onyeulor, John Ukwa, Joachim Irahbor, Saviour Edim, Benedict Olelewe and Paul Aransiola, 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