

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Parish Administration

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body – in line with the provisions of the Code of Canon. The Council gives its help to the Priest-in-Charge in fostering pastoral activity. It investigates, under the authority of the Priest-in-Charge, all those things which pertain to pastoral works to ponder them, and to propose practical conclusions about them.

Specifically, the Parish Pastoral Council's purpose is to enhance the process of:

- pastoral planning
- developing pastoral programs
- improving pastoral services
- evaluating the pastoral effectiveness of various programs and services

The Priest-in-Charge presides over the Parish Pastoral Council and is responsible for the final approval of Council recommendations concerning pastoral planning, programs, and services for the parish, as well as for their implementation.

Membership

The Pastoral Council is a representative body rather than a body of representatives. A council member is not a representative for a particular neighborhood, age bracket, special interest group or organization.

Vice Chairman - Engr. Andrew Ojobo -

Secretary – Sister. Mary Anavhe

Ongoing formation for the Council members includes an annual retreat which usually holds on the first Saturday of Lent.

Meetings/Agenda

Ordinarily the Council meets once every 2 months.

The Priest-in-Charge is the primary selector of the Council's agenda, but any member of the Council may raise items for the agenda.

The following are some of the pastoral activities which the council deliberates on at its meetings:

- instruction in the full range of the faith and catechetical formation
- programmes promoting gospel values, including issues of social justice
- responsibilities to people with special needs
- Catholic education of children and young adults
- outreach to alienated Catholics
- evangelization
- programmes of sacramental life and preparation
- promotion of Eucharistic devotion
- inculcation of prayer life, especially within families
- effective participation in the liturgy
- home visiting
- efforts at building community
- motivation of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy
- efforts of special care for the sick and dying
- tangible concern for the poor, the afflicted, and the lonely
- fostering of solid Christian family life
- promotion of the lay apostolate
- strengthening of extra-parochial relations with the bishop, diocesan-pastoral efforts and a worldwide Catholic identity
- special role with parish stewardship activities
- outreach to and inclusion of youth and young adults in the life of the parish

Laity Council

The laity council is the coming together of the leaders of the societies and organizations of the lay faithful. The second Vatican Council reserves the term 'lay faithful' for members of Christ's faithful called to "seek the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and ordering them according to the plan of God." Like the clergy and religious, they too are by baptism made sharers in Christ's priestly, prophetic and kingly office, but sent to be 'salt and light' and to act as leaven for earthly progress. Lay Christians are charged to be on the front lines of the Church's life in the world. Renewal in the Church's mission to the world demands that attention be increasingly devoted to the dignity, character, role and contribution of the laity.

Lay faithful are thus by definition non-ordained members of Christ's faithful and non-professed members of religious institutes sanctioned by the Church. By baptism and confirmation, a lay person is united with Christ the head, incorporated into his Mystical Body, and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit. From Baptism, therefore, members of the laity received the very life and love of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. As exalted members of Christ's chosen race and royal priesthood, they share in the common priesthood of all the believers.

The laity constitutes about 99% of the members of Christ's faithful. Only 1% constitutes members of the clergy and religious. This enormous portion of Christ's flock is to be awakened, prepared and fully mobilized. The indispensable role of the laity in the Church's evangelization led the Consular Fathers (of the Second Vatican Council) to admit that "without the laity apostolate, the priest is generally unable to achieve its full effectiveness."

The Duties of the Laity Council

1. To evangelize. With regards to this grave obligation, St Paul said "woe is me if I do not proclaim the Good news. Evangelization is the entire process by which an individual is led to personally encounter and accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and as member of his Mystical Body, the Church, to surrender his life to him in the Holy Spirit.
2. To know the Catholic faith, defend, protect, witness to it in season and out of season, share and vigorously spread it. Faith dies when it is possessed alone, but "is strengthened when it is given to others." The touchstone of evangelization, i.e. the test of truth received and lived lies in the fact that "the person who has been evangelized goes on to evangelize others. New evangelization calls for new zeal, fresh enthusiasm, new methods of initiatives, and new expression in spreading the faith. The Spirit gives boldness, confidence and apostolic courage to those who respond to the invitation and surrender to his promise.
3. Effective evangelization usually begins with witness of an authentically Christian life characterized by exemplary presence, sharing and solidarity, referred to as silent proclamation. As Pope Paul IV said "the present century thirst for authenticity" and "modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." The heart and mind of people are awakened more by witness of life than by the internal logic and consistency of what is shared. This

witness of life may consist in virtues like humility, simplicity, spirit of prayer, compassion, detachment and self-sacrifice. The same Holy Spirit who gives efficacy to witness of life direct and gives power to the word of life that is shared.

4. To promote the Apostolate of the Laity in accordance with the Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People of the Second Vatican Council and the Dogmatic constitution on the Church LUMEN GENTIUM

Membership

The membership of the Laity Council in the Parish comprises of representatives of the following societies/organizations:

1. The Trinity Choir
2. St. Michael Yoruba Community.
3. Catholic Charismatic Renewal
4. Board of Lectors
5. Board of Ushers
6. St. Patrick Edo/Delta Community.
7. Catholic Women Organization (CWO)
8. Catholic Men Organization (CMO)
9. Legion of Mary
10. Catholic Sisters of United
11. St Rita Society
12. St. Dominic Imo/Abia Community.
13. Guild of Immaculate Conception
14. Infant Jesus Society
15. Catholic Youth Organization of Nigeria (CYON)
16. St Anthony of Padua
17. St Vincent De Paul
18. St. Gabriel Northern Community.
19. Blessed Iwene Tansi Anambra, Enugu & Ebonyi Community.
20. St. Louis Foreign Community.
21. St. Peter Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross Rivers & Rivers Community.
22. Holy Family Society

MEETINGS DAYS: Every 2nd Sunday of the Last month in a quarter.

1. Bro.Francis Okumagba – President - 08052551000
2. Bro. Elochukwu Ezeudenna – Secretary-08092152167

Catholic Men Organisation (CMO)

The aim of CMO is to promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic Men in the Church and society, in order to enable them to fulfill their mission of evangelization and to work for human development. It is the umbrella body of all Catholic Men Organizations operating in the Parish and Archdiocese, ably lead by Bro.Tony Ogbulafor

MEMBERSHIP.

The Organization has 75 activity members with 12 officials

Activities

The activities of the organization include:

- a) Monthly meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month, immediately after 6 a.m. Mass
- b) Monthly Thanksgiving - 2nd Sunday of the month – All Masses

Our Greeting

The greeting of C.M.O is:

“C.M.O”

And response is

“Christ is Our Leader”

President - Bro.Tony Ogbulafor - 08033489772

Secretary - Martin Ahachi – 08095198888

Catholic Women Organisation (CWO)

Aim

The aim of CWO is to promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in the Church and society, in order to enable them to fulfill their mission of evangelization and to work for human development. It is the umbrella body of all Catholic Women Organizations operating in the Parish and Archdiocese.

Activities

The activities of the organization include:

- a) Monthly meeting - 1st Saturday of the month, immediately after 6 a.m. Mass
- b) Monthly Thanksgiving - 1st Sunday of the month – All Masses

Our Greeting

The greeting of C.W.O is:

“Through Mary Our Mother”

And response is

“We Succeed”

MEMBERSHIP.

The Organization has 120 activity members with 13 officials

Vice President-Sis. Annemarie Kanuh- 08065656641

Secretary – Mrs. Stella Osigbeme – 08033176468

Catholic Youth Organisation of Nigeria (CYON)

General meetings: 3rd Sunday of the month immediately after the 9.45a.m. Mass at room 201

Cleaning of the Church: Saturday at 4.00 p.m.

Youth Love Feast: 14th February (St. Valentines feast day)

Youth week: August of every year

Activities

The activities of the organization include:

- a) Monthly meeting - 1st Saturday of the month, immediately after 6 a.m. Mass
- b) Monthly Thanksgiving - 1st Sunday of the month – All Masses

Our Greeting

The greeting of C.Y.O.N is:

“For God and for Youth”

And response is

“Through Christ”

MEMBERSHIP.

The Organization has 60 activity members with 13 officials

1. **Bro Elochukwu Ezeudenna - President – 08092152167**
2. **Sis. Osuagwu C. Felicity- Secretary –07030597205**

Board of Lectors

Admission of Members: Open to all baptized Catholic parishioners who wish to join the ministry and can proclaim the word of God clearly as lay readers

Meeting Days/Time: Every Saturday at 9 a.m. except on last Saturday of the month

President: Bro. Vincent Okeke – 07038021642

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement

Origin

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal began at a retreat for college students at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, U.S.A. in February 1967. The students had spent much of the weekend in prayer, asking God to allow them to experience the grace of both baptism and confirmation. The students, that weekend, had a powerful and transforming experience of God, which came to be known as 'baptism in the Spirit'. The account of the weekend and the experience of the Spirit quickly spread across the college campus, then to other campuses throughout the U.S.A.

The maiden Catholic Charismatic Renewal prayer meeting in the Catholic Church of the Presentation was held on Sunday April 11, 2010.

Objective

The Movement is dedicated to fostering renewal and evangelization in the Catholic Church by helping people know the personal love of God in Jesus and grow in holiness through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Position of the Church on the Renewal

The Renewal caught the attention of the Church, and the leaders of the movement met Pope Paul VI (1975). They were also granted audience several times by Pope John Paul II. In addition, several of the bishops' conferences, of various countries, have written pastoral letters of encouragement and support for the movement.

PapaL Endorsement

"The Catholic Charismatic Renewal has helped many Christians to rediscover the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in their lives, in the life of the Church and in the world, and this rediscovery has awakened in them a faith in Christ filled with joy, a great love of the Church and a generous dedication to her evangelizing mission. In this year of the Holy Spirit, I join you in praise of God for the precious fruits which he has wished to bring to maturity in your communities and, through them, in the particular Churches."

- Pope John Paul II, 30 October 1998

Global Spread

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal is actually present in 220 countries and has touched the lives of over 120,000,000 Catholics world-wide.

We cherish and live our Catholic faith to the full, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Meeting: Mon, Tue, Thurs by 7pm.
Venue: Church Basement.

1. **Bro. Agada Jacob - Coordinator - 08097697278**
2. **Bro. George Maduka - Secretary – 08055574530**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – SSVP

Motto: "No Work of Charity is Foreign to the Society."

The Society of St Vincent de Paul - SSVP is an international Catholic voluntary organization dedicated to the sanctification of its members through serving the poor and disadvantaged.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833 to serve impoverished people living in the slums of Paris, France. The primary figure behind the society's founding was Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, a French lawyer, author, and professor in the Sorbonne. He was 20 years old when the society was founded and was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1997.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is part of the Vincentian Family which also includes the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentian priests and brothers, also founded by St. Vincent de Paul), Daughters of Charity, Ladies of Charity (organization of lay women who help the poor, founded by St. Vincent de Paul), Sisters of Charity.

Activities:

1. Meeting Days/Time: 2nd and 3rd Sundays of every month after 08:00am Mass (during which cases of the needy are attended to)
2. Special Appeal for funds/material support: 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month at all Masses
3. Feeding of the Poor: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month and on Special occasions such as Easter, Christmas and the feast day of the patron saint (St. Vincent De Paul).
4. Periodic Visitation to Charity Homes: Such as, Prisons, Hospitals, Destitute Homes etc.

Membership: Free to all Catholics who wish to serve God in the poor and needy.

1. **President: Bro. Gerald Ukor – 07031813005**
2. **Secretary - Sis. Chidimma Okoro – 07036533846**

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR CASH DONATIONS:

Account Name: Society of St. Vincent De Paul (CCOP). Account No:

St. Rita Society

St. Rita is one of the notable Saints of the Church and intercessions through her bring remarkable results and dramatic miracles in hopeless and impossible situations. Her birth, her obedience to her parents, her

married life, her widowhood, monastery life and her death were remarkable, extraordinary and alluring.

St. Rita is wonder worker, Saint of the impossible and desperate cases, Saint of Bees, Saint of Roses, Saint of Cases despaired of. She is fondly called by devotees "Mama Rita, Wonder Worker!" She indeed works wonders for all who invoke her name.

Objectives

The objectives of the Society are Evangelization and Charity. The Society carries out these objectives in many ways, including:

- Weekly devotions, novenas, and rotational meetings in the Archdiocese.
- Charity visitations to less-privileged homes, hospitals, prisons and old peoples' homes, during Lent and Advent seasons as well as any other period chosen by members.

Membership

Membership is open to all Catholic males, females and children. Child-members under the age of eighteen years are called "Rita Bees":

Meeting Day

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Co-ordinator - Bro. Robert Aondo-Akaa -08036153743

Ushers (Church Wardens)

Patron Saint: -

Duties

- We welcome people arriving for Mass and other liturgical celebrations
 - Maintain order and decency in the church and church premises at all times, especially during Mass and other liturgical celebrations
 - Charged with the responsibility of seating of the congregation in the church, and for maintenance of good behaviour especially during liturgical celebrations
 - Should maintain an up-to-date inventory of all the movable and immovable items in the church
- Membership:** membership is open to all parishioners who must be practicing Catholics. Children are also welcome into the Children's Section.

Meeting days:

President: Sis. Francisca Otteh – 07068133242

Secretary: Sis.Chinelo Uzodimma - 08064919536

Infant Jesus Society

Activities:

MONTHLY NOVENA: 16th - 24th of every month immediately after Evening Mass

THANKSGIVING DAY: 25th of every month

Yearly Advent pilgrimage to the national shrine of Infant Jesus at Benin, Edo state and other Lagos Archdiocesan activities.

President – Bro. Chibuzo Dennis 08037562288

Secretary – Sis. Oduel N. Vianney - 08060802636

The Trinity Choir

“Song and music fulfil their function as signs in a manner all the more significant when they are more closely connected with the liturgical action, according to three principal criteria: beauty expressive of prayer, the unanimous participation of the assembly at the designated moments, and the solemn character of the celebration. In this way they participate in the purpose of the liturgical words and actions: the glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful”

A Choir of voices and instruments has two roles in a Catholic Mass:

1. The first role is to lead the congregation in song during “the designated moments” of the Mass, which includes the Processional Hymns, the Gloria, the Psalm Response, the Alleluia, the Holy, Holy, Holy, the Memorial Acclamation, the Amen, the Lamb of God amongst others.

Note that the full participation in music and spoken responses is everyone’s responsibility, and we are encouraged to support and encourage one another by our own presence, attentiveness and good spirit.

“The musical tradition of the Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art”. [1156] This musical heritage which spans almost two millennia of history provides us an enormous collection of songs and care must be taken not to remain “stuck” in any one small period of time in our selection of Songs.

The Trinity Choir continually updates its music with an aim to expanding the musical horizons of the congregation. Indigenous compositions from various actions for inculturation of the liturgy in Nigeria which has received approval from the appropriate ecclesiastical authorities are also featured as an enrichment of our repertoire.

All music meant to be sung is provided in printed format at each Mass, and there is frequent repetition to allow for greater familiarity with the music as the liturgical year progresses.

2. The Second role of a Choir or Organ or Instruments is an offering to God of first-fruits of time and talents, and a ministry to the congregation seeking to provide appropriate music for prayer reflection and meditation.

The liturgy allows for such music before Mass, during the Offertory, during Communion and after the Dismissal (in place of a closing hymn). These musical offerings draw from the Church’s rich musical heritage and ministers of music are encouraged by the Church to develop their talents in the service of

the liturgy. Organ music, instrumental music and choral works are offered not as mere entertainment or performances, but as a form of prayer which hopefully can move others to pray as well.

The Presentation Choir undertakes all Masses every Sunday and sung Masses on all Solemnities and select Feasts. The Choir also meets for rehearsals on Thursdays (after the evening Mass at 6:00pm) and Saturdays (5:00pm), and Sundays immediately after 8.00 a.m. Mass.

Various arms of the Choir also hold rehearsals ex tempore as may be convenient to its members and its assigned functions. Membership is open to practicing Catholics who feel a calling to support the Priestly ministry through the most esteemed medium of Liturgical Music.

Our Greeting

The greeting of Choir is:

“Sing Praises”

And response is
“To the Lord”

MEMBERSHIP.

The Organization has 60 activity members with 7 officials

President - Bro. Johnson Omeliko - 09070950000

Secretary - Bro. Henry Adaba - 08052224120

St. Dominic Imo/Abia Community.

St. Dominic Imo/Abia Community, in Holy Trinity Parish is bringing all Sons and Daughters worshipping in HTP and its environments together, under the leadership of Sir. Joe Okoroanyanwu.

MEMBERSHIP.

The community has 80 activity members with 13 officials

- 1. Sir. Joe Okoroanyanwu-Chairman - 08180370366**
- 2. Sis. Ogechi Njoku – Secretary- 08033020666**

Meeting days – every last Sunday of the month after 9:45a.m mass at Room 202.

St. Patrick Edo/Delta Community.

St. Patrick Edo/Delta Community. in Holy Trinity Parish is bringing all Sons and Daughters worshipping in HTP and its environments together, under the leadership of Bro. Patrick Iroro.

Our Greeting

The greeting of Edo/Delta Community is:

“One heart one love”

And response is

“Bind us together in Christ”

MEMBERSHIP.

The community has 75 activity members with 13 officials

- 1. Bro. Patrick Iroro – Chairman- 08134738181**
- 2. Bro. Eugene Ighabor- Secretary - 07069006905**

Meeting days – every third Sunday of the month after 9:45a.m mass at Room 202.

St. Michael Yoruba Community.

St. Michael Yoruba Community in Holy Trinity Parish is bringing all Sons and Daughters worshipping in HTP and its environments together ,under the leadership of Prof. Anthony Olaoye

MEMBERSHIP.

The community has 45 activity members with 13 officials

- 1. Sis. Folashade Aliu- Vice Chairman – 07040505033**
- 2. Bro.Oni A. Peter- Secretary – 08135999422**

Meeting days – every last Sunday of the month after 9:45a.m mass at the church basement.

St. Gabriel Northern Community.

St. Gabriel Northern Community in Holy Trinity Parish is bringing all Sons and Daughters worshipping in HTP and its environments together ,under the leadership of Bro. Chris Magaji

MEMBERSHIP.

The community has 30 activity members with 13 officials

- 1. Bro. Chris Magaji - President – 08180708926**
- 2. Bro. Monday Pius – Secretary – 08030482569**

Meeting days – every last Sunday of the month after 9:45a.m mass at the church basement.

Blessed Iwene Tansi Anambra, Enugu & Ebonyi Community.

Blessed Iwene Tansi Anambra, Enugu & Ebonyi Community in Holy Trinity Parish is bringing all Sons and Daughters worshipping in HTP and its environments together, under the leadership of Bro. Patrick okoye

MEMBERSHIP.

The community has 60 activity members with 13 officials

- 1. Bro. Patrick okoye - President – 08105243388**
- 2. Bro. FrankChuks Okoye – Secretary – 08038724717**

Meeting days – every last Sunday of the month after 9:45a.m mass at room 201.

St. Louis Foreign Community.

St. Louis Foreign Community in Holy Trinity Parish is bringing all Sons and Daughters worshipping in HTP and its environments, together under, the leadership of Bro. Agonhoun Lazard.

MEMBERSHIP.

The community has 25 activity members with 7 officials

1. Bro. Agonhoun Lazard - President – 07035545095

2. Sis. Genevieve Biouele- Secretary – 08033259636

Meeting days – every last Sunday of the month after 9:45a.m mass beside room 202.

St. Peter Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross Rivers & Rivers Community.

St. Peter Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross Rivers & Rivers Community in Holy Trinity Parish is bringing all Sons and Daughters worshipping in HTP and its environments together, under the leadership of Bro. Emmanuel Ekpo

MEMBERSHIP.

The community has 20 activity members with 7 officials

1. Bro. Emmanuel Ekpo - President – 07082851771

Meeting days – every last Sunday of the month after 9:45a.m mass at the church basement.

Legion of Mary/Block Rosary

Legion of Mary/Block Rosary in Holy Trinity Parish is bringing all Marian devotees worshipping in HTP and its environments together, under the leadership of Bro. Francis Ogbu

Activities

The activities of the organization include:

a) Monthly meeting - every Saturday morning, immediately after 6 a.m. Mass

Our Greeting

The greeting of Legion is:

“Ave”

And response is

“Maria”

MEMBERSHIP.

The Organization has 50 activity members with 7 officials

1. **Bro. Francis Ogbu - President - 08032273323**
2. **Bro. Godswill Ayemoba - Secretary - 08023104708**

Catholic Sisters of United

Catholic Sisters of United in Holy Trinity Parish is bringing all Single sister, to pray, learn and support each other in various life endeavors while worshipping in HTP and its environments, under the leadership of Sis. Angela Iweanoge

MEMBERSHIP.

The Organization has 20 activity members with 7 officials

President – Sis. Angela Iweanoge - 08036900415

Secretary – Sis. Bridget Okorokwo - 07033945979

1. **Bro. Francis Ogbu - President - 08032273323**
2. **Bro. Godswill Ayemoba - Secretary - 08023104708**