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AN ANGEL GOES BACK TO HIS CREATOR  
THANK YOU REV FR PROF JULIEN JACKERS SDB

In the early hours of Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, the Institute through the provincial secretary received a very shocking news of the death of one of her amiable, dedicated and resourceful lecturers and professors, Rev. Fr. Prof. Julien Jackers SDB. He died at about 6:15am at the Mater Hospital Kenya after being airlifted from Moshi to Nairobi Kenya due to some intestinal blockage, kidney and lungs problems and other multiple health complications. Though there were surgeries done to remove the blockages and better the situation, the doctor reported that he suffered and died after series of cardiac arrests. Fr. Julien Jackers is a visiting Salesian professor of Philosophy from the Salesian province of Belgium North and Netherland. His contributions and efforts to see to the growth and development of the Institute cannot be over emphasized. He was one of the founding pillars of this our great and wonderful institute (Don Bosco Institute of Philosophy Ibadan, Nigeria). *Student Emma Obigwe sdb*

THE INSTITUTE MOURNS THE DEATH OF  
FR. JULIEN JACKERS



Very Rev. Fr. Prof. Julien Jackers SDB is a great pillar and asset to this great institute, Don Bosco Institute of Philosophy, Ibadan. Hence, his death was really shocking and a great loss to the entire institute, however, only God knows the best. As a way to mourn and celebrate this great legend, ancestor, philosopher per excellence and a great educator, the Institute, on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, organized a special program to bid her hero farewell.

On this great day, the whole student of the Institute wore black to symbolize the tragedy that has befallen us. The institute also through her director, Very Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony Okonkwo sent her tribute to Fr. Jackers. The institute Anthem was also intoned and sung in memory of the fallen hero and our great professor. Your death was indeed painful to us but we leave everything into the hands of the creator.

*Student Emma Obigwe sdb*



**LIFE IS LIKE GOING FOR SHOPPING, AFTER SHOPPING ONE HAS TO GO HOME...**

## **AFRICAN PROVERB**



### **TRIBUTE TO VERY REV FR. PROF. JULIEN JACKERS**

By Emmanuel Obigwe SDB

The news of your death was indeed shocking to me because when we got the news of your illness, we as a community said Masses for your quick recovery only to hear again that you are gone. It was very hard for me to believe but when the official news came from the provincial secretary, I had no other choice than to believe that you are no more bodily present with us. Meeting you in the classes and in the community during your last visit left a great mark in my life. A simple man to the core. An erudite and yet humble scholar. A holy priest of God. The greatest confessor. You are truly a son of Don Bosco who though he was a man of God, was truly human. Your homilies though very brief are very inspiring. I cannot easily forget your famous statements; "let God be God", "you know what my father used to tell me?, shut up and stop talking nonsense", "fear any man who tells you that he knows the will of God", "power and relationship are not compatible" and many others. I was even planning to send you some of the works I have done concerning my final project as we discussed but what can I do now? I am missing you already but God knows the best. Don't forget to be praying for us.

You are gone Fr. but your legacy lives on  
Adieu Sacerdos bone sancteque !!!  
Jee nkeoma ukochukwu ebeebe!!!

Rest in peace Fr.



### **FIRST OF ITS KIND**

The Institute hosted the first friendly football match, in a grand manner to develop harmony and healthy sporting environment among the students of the Don Bosco Institute of Philosophy and the Don Bosco football club. The Match was organized in light of celebrating the feast of Saint Joseph the Husband of Mary. The exhilarating match was graced by the Director of the Don Bosco Institute of Philosophy, (Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony Emeka Okonkwo Sdb), the Superior of the Salesian Post Novitiate Community, (Very Rev. Fr. Charles Uzoeto Sdb), the Youth Director of the Salesian Post Novitiate Community, (Rev. Fr. Cornelius Anyanwu Sdb), some senior Lecturers and the entire student body was present, also majority of the youth in Ibadan also participated as spectators. The match was officiated by the Rector of the Post Novitiate community. *Student Harding Mustapha reporting.*

### **QUOTES OF GREAT MINDS**

Great works are performed not by strength, but perseverance. - Dr. Samuel Johnson

For I can do ALL things through Christ who gives me strength. - Philippians 4:13

Excellence is not being the best; it is doing your best.

Don't limit your challenges; challenge your limits.

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new. - Albert Einstein

Genius is divine perseverance. Genius I cannot have, but perseverance all can have. - Woodrow Wilson

Never stop learning. If you learn one new thing everyday, you will overcome 99% of your competition. - Joe Carlozo

The key to achievement is being a How think not an If think.

The happiest life is that which consistently exercises and educates what is best in us. - Philip G. Hamerton

Faith is to believe what you do not yet see; the reward for this faith is to see what you believe. - St. Augustine

Experience tells you what to do. Confidence allows you to do it. - Stan Smith

Being is force and force is being - Anthony Emeka Okonkwo

Compiled by  
**Julius Harding Mustapha**



## **I REFUSED TO BE CONSOLED**

So many thoughts going on in my head;  
About the place where I was born and bred;  
A day can't pass without me seeing something red;  
I wake up each day to hear someone is dead.  
Can't we live in a land that is secure?;  
Must all these killings have to occur?;  
Even those expected to report;  
All of them are just in support.  
I don't deserve to be isolated;  
Because I'm black doesn't mean I can't be educated;  
I deserve to be congratulated;  
That I lack certain things is not why I should be separated.  
Enough of all the bombings!;  
Can't a week pass by without buildings falling?;  
Can't we live without people crying?;  
Can't we survive without the masses suffering?.  
What do you gain by killing your own brother?;  
Are you not ashamed of raping your own sister?;  
You wake up each day thinking of who to slaughter;  
You waste souls and think it's a thing of laughter.

Go and get a Job;  
You do no work by staining your hands with blood;  
We all worship the same God;  
Why kill your fellow and feed him to your dog?.  
What feeling do you gain from smoking?;  
How can you make it a habit to be drinking?;  
You come home from work everyday and start misbehaving;  
You make the kids think that Dad's conscience is degrading.  
Being born black is a suicide;  
For it is inhuman to survive;  
And rather a curse to stay alive;  
Only the hope of freedom would abide.  
Every corner, Its war and crisis;  
Boko Haram, Al-Qeada and ISIS;  
And It's the poor that always pay the prices;  
Having in destruction their properties and houses.  
It is time to stop the resources misuse;  
It is time to stop the drug abuse;  
It is time for suffering to reduce;  
It is time to put our senses into use.  
Africa is blessed with a lot of beautiful history;  
But people make me feel like everything is a mystery;  
They make it seem like we are living in a jittery;  
We pray to God Almighty to give us Victory.

written by  
Emmanuel MBA sdb (Year 1)

# PHILOSOPHER OF THE MONTH

By Philemon Dominic Danla SDB

EVERY DESIRE HAS A RELATION TO MADNESS

LUCE IRIGARAY



The Belgian philosopher and analyst Luce Irigaray is concerned above all else with the idea of sexual difference. A

former student of Jacques Lacan, a psychoanalyst who famously explored the linguistic structure of the unconscious, Irigaray claims that all language is essentially masculine in nature. In *Sex and Genealogies* (1993) she writes: "Everywhere, in everything, men's speech, men's values, dreams, and desires are law." Irigaray's feminist work can be seen as a struggle to find authentically female ways of speaking and desiring that are free from male-centeredness.

Wisdom and desire to address this problem, Irigaray suggests that all thinking—even the most apparently sober and objective-sounding philosophy, with its talk of wisdom, certainty, rectitude, and moderation—is underpinned by desire. In failing to acknowledge the desire that underpins it, traditional male-centered philosophy has also failed to acknowledge that beneath its apparent rationality simmer all manner of irrational impulses. Irigaray suggests that each sex has its own relationship to desire, and as a result each sex has a relation to madness. This calls into question the long tradition of equating maleness with this rationality, and femaleness with irrationality. It also opens the way to the possibility of new ways of writing and thinking about philosophy, for both men and women.



## NEW DEVELOPMENTS



After the installment of the new Director of the Institute Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony Emeka Okonkwo the new Director started his office with good initiatives and developmental ideas of which he informed and asked the staff and students to work with him in order to achieve the good. Without procrastinating his initiatives, he called on some students and they were able to build some new NOTICE BOARDS

for the Institute. Without stopping, the Director in his wisdom, also worked with the staff and students and bought a WATER DISPENSER for the students. The purpose for the water dispenser is to provide pure and chilled drinking water for the students. The Director believes that to study good philosophy one must have good health, and one of the ways to have good health is to drink pure water which will help to regulate the body system. Also, the institute bought a FREEZER, that serves the purposes of cooling water and mineral drinks for the Institute's canteen which has already been established by the Director and the Student Union Government. In conclusion, according to Kenneth David Kaunda, he said, "Africans let us maintain what we have and work together to develop new ones". This words are also applicable to the students of the Institute. The Director in his advice to the students, he asked them to take good care of the water dispenser and the other assets of the institute. He said, new developments will continue if only we keep maintaining the ones we have.. He asked the students to always seek for understanding from one another on things they don't have the technical knowhow.

Quotation from Julius Mustapha Harding.

"Consistent maintenance always gives birth to new development in every society"



## THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

The Solemnity of St. Joseph will remain in history, a memorable day for the Institute. For the first time since the foundation of the Institute, both staff and students came in exultant praise to join the Catholic world to commemorate the feast of St. Joseph. The program of the day was articulated in a manner that unveils the mission and vision mandate of the Institution. The program began with Eucharistic celebration presided by the Rector of SS. Versiglia and Caravario Community, Rev. Fr Charles Uzoeto SDB. Amongst the co-celebrants were some ministerial staff, Rev. Fr Cornelius Anyanwu SDB and Rev. Fr. Godwin Ugwuja. The newly established Student Union Government was officially commissioned and blessed by the Chief Celebrant. The second part of the program was a football match between the Institute team and Don Bosco FC, Don Bosco's Youth Center team. After the crucial encounter with this formidable team, the match ended 4:1 in favour of Don Bosco FC. Student Okafor Christopher the Institute's talented striker gave the lone-consolation goal and became the institute's first goal scorer. In the post-match audience with the Institute's Dean of Studies, Rev. Fr Dr Anthony Emeka Okonkwo SDB, he congratulated the players and the whole students for the family and



team spirit that co-existed during the match and all the efforts applied. He crowned the program with refreshment. Millions of thanks to the new Dean of Studies for this systematic and courageous advances that he has enriched the institute with. God bless Don Bosco Institute of Philosophy Ibadan.

Odo Kenneth SDB, Year 1



## THE FIRST INSTITUTE MASS 2021

On the 19<sup>th</sup> March the Institute had her first Eucharistic celebration for the Second Semester and the first time in the history of the school to commemorate as an Institute, the Feast day of St. Joseph. Both the teaching and non-teaching staff as well as the students honored this singular initiative of the Dean of Studies. The Holy Mass began at 9:00am. Special thanks to the rector of SS. Versiglia and Caravario Community who presided over the Mass and the co-celebrants, Rev. Fr Cornelius Anyanwu SDB and Rev. Fr. Godwin Ugwuja. The Dean of the Studies organized the liturgical procedures by playing the role of the Master of Ceremony. Furthermore, the Rector in his homily presented St. Joseph as a philosopher par excellence, a Pro-life protagonist, a defender of human dignity especially that of the defenseless, a background worker of the Holy Spirit and a silent worker. He encouraged especially the students to imitate the Silent Worker of Nazareth as they progress in their quest for knowledge. Emphasizing more excellently on St. Joseph's sterling zeal in defending life and human dignity, he encouraged all to cultivate that seraphic act with an ever-increasing vigor. In conclusion, the Dean of Studies presented the newly established Student Union Government (SUG) for official commissioning and apostolic benediction from the Rector Rev. Fr Charles Uzoeto SDB. A group photograph succeeded the final blessing which brought the Eucharistic Celebration to an end.

Odo Kenneth SDB, Year 1

## LAUNCHING OF THE NEW INSTITUTE FOOTBALL JERSEY

On 19 March 2021, the Institute launched the first football jersey. The jersey was a gift donated by friends and benefactors from Croatia. However, the staff and students of the Institute are very grateful to Rev. Fr. Vitormir SDB, a friend of the Director of the Institute, who in his capacity donated the new jersey of the Institute. The jersey is very attractive with beautiful colors of red and white.

The students are very happy to have a jersey of their own, most especially the student players. Their joy was seen when they wore the jersey for the first time and took a group photograph. The Director of the Institute with a magnificent heart, expresses the highest gratitude and appreciation to the donors especially to Fr. Vitomir in form of video message and sent to his email.

However, the Director of the Institute advised the players to practice the culture of maintenance on the new jersey and he also promised the students to seek for other new sets of football and volleyball jerseys for the Institute which will be launched next academic year. In conclusion, the Student Union Government has voluntarily accepted to take care and maintain the Institute jersey in good shape always after using it, which they did after the Institute's friendly football match with the Don Bosco football club. The Director of the institute is very grateful for their sacrifices. Julius Harding sdb



### OFFICIAL INAUGURATION OF THE

### STUDENT UNION GOVERNMENT

The inauguration of the new Dean of Studies has brought no-blurred-to-blind development in the Institute, amongst many of his creative vision is an establishment of institute's Student Union Government (SUG) which is tenured towards fostering Students-Staff relationship amongst many other empowered mandates from the Institute's Administrative Board. This body was first born during the first Institute's assembly and inauguration of the new Dean of Studies, Rev Fr. Dr Anthony Emeka Okonkwo SDB, held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021. Furthermore, after the drafting of the gazette for this newly established Union, the Dean of Studies presented them officially on the feast of St. Joseph during the Eucharistic celebration for commissioning and Apostolic Blessing from the presiding priest. The executive members of this body are: Students Boadu Ernest, level three, Okafor Christopher, level two, Bautz Augustus, level one and Ejimkeonye Emmanuel, the Institute's secretary, level two. By scholarly hierarchy, student Boadu Ernest emerged the SUG President. Speaking during the presentation of the students for this lofty service, the Dean publicly pronounced the regulations of this body. In addition, he remarked that for a start, the representatives of each level and the Institute Assembly's secretary would constitute the Union and in subsequent years, there will be a by-election for the different offices and many other functional offices will be introduced in the likes of Public Relation Officer and Financial Secretary.

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