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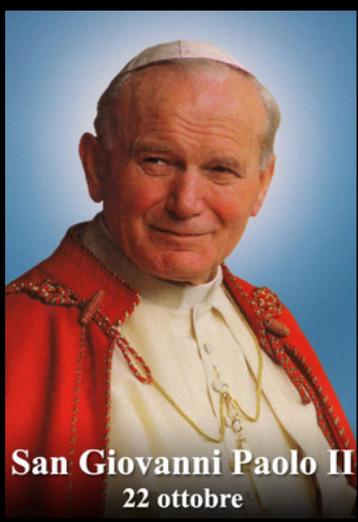
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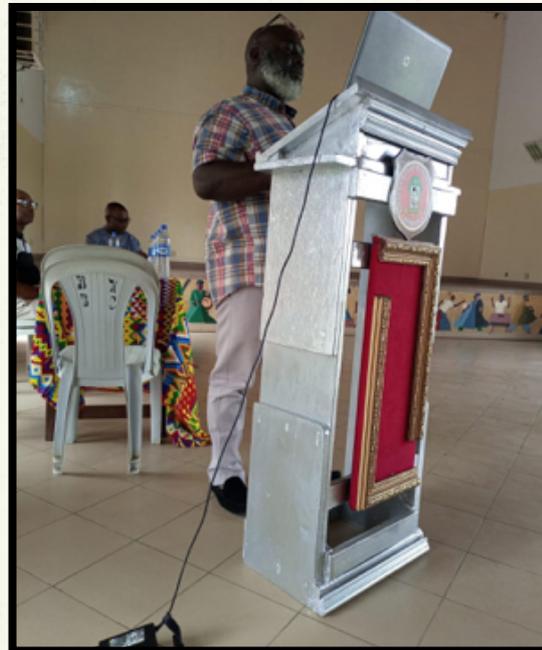
SYMPOSIUM ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF
POPE ST JOHN PAUL II



San Giovanni Paolo II
22 ottobre

The Institute, with a fresh wave of incentive brought about by her *Decanus*, organized a sui generis symposium on the life and philosophy of John Paul II on 22nd October, 2021. The rector, who was delighted by the initiative urged all to learn from the intellectual prowess of John Paul II whom he regarded as an ideal of contemporary Catholic philosophy. The symposium was graced by the delivery of lectures on John Paul II by qualified scholars of no mean sort: Rev. Fr Dr Anthony E. Okonkwo, SDB and Dr Philip Edema. Fr Okonkwo's input included such points as the place of 'logos' in

the philosophy of John Paul II; he as well indicated that John Paul II believes that in every human person, reason is individuated. He expounded the concept of 'right reason' and the correlation of reason and moral injunction—introducing the concept of '*imago Dei*' subsequently, showing that reason is manifested in truth, history, freedom and faith. Dr Edema depicted John Paul II's conception of the human person and that dignity is inherent in him, noting that John Paul II sees man as the centre of creation in the sense of being entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating creation. He stressed on the personalism of John Paul II, bringing to the fore, the relationship between the same concept and the phenomenon of violence in human society. He concluded with John Paul's thesis on the ontological goodness of man and the thought on the acting person.



IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE END LOOK AT THE BEGINNING.. African proverb

FESTAL COMMEMORATION OF SAINTS LUIGI GUANELLA AND ANTHONY MARY CLARET



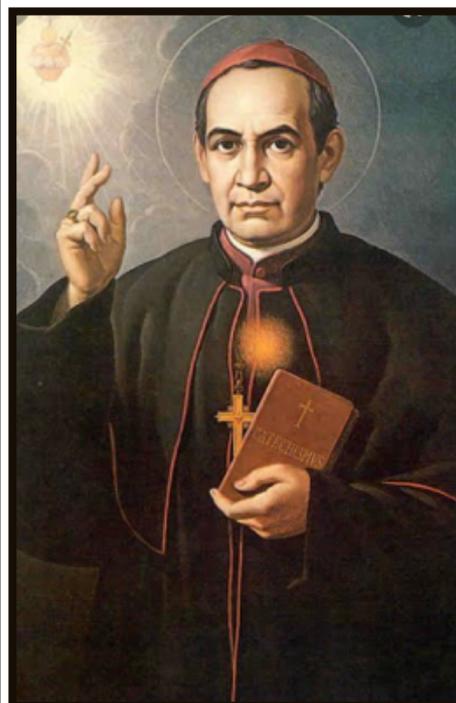
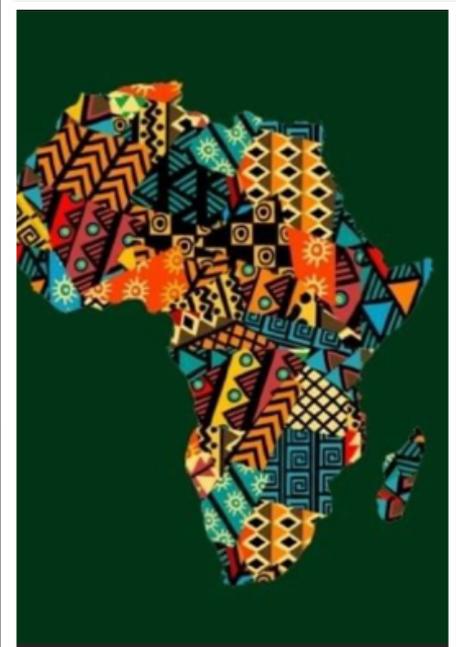
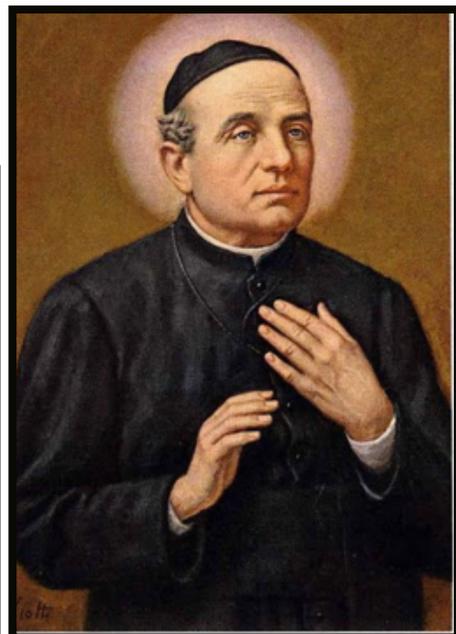
The Church, throughout her history has birthed men and women who continually affirm the possibility of final sanctification in men of every age and race. On October 24 on an annual basis, the Church remembers the witness

borne by two of such great men: Luigi Guanella and Anthony Mary Claret. The former at one time worked closely with Don Bosco as a secretary and a close ally. He was recalled by his local ordinary to resume the execution of his duties as a parish priest. He founded the legacy known as *I Servi della Carità* [the Servants of Charity—SC]. Anthony Mary Claret was a pious

Marian devotee who was later consecrated a bishop. Soon after, Claret's love for Jesus and his Gospel led him to found the Claretian missionaries. Commemorating this, the Institute



organized a Mass in memory of these saints. In his homily, the chief celebrant, Very Rev. Fr Roland Onuekwusi, CMF (the Prefect of the Claretian community) factually stated the good tidings of these benevolent saints: John Bosco, Luigi Guanella and Anthony Claret, urging all to emulate their example.



ENGR. CHIKA'S DECLAMATION SCHOLARSHIP GRANT 2021

In recognition and promotion of the declamation exercise conducted by Don Bosco Institute of Philosophy, Ibadan, a scholarship of one-term grant of one hundred and fifty-five thousand naira (N155,000.00) is offered to the best lay student of the declamation exercise for the year 2021.

The scholarship is expected to help the lay student offset his or her tuition fee for one year. It will go a long way to reduce the financial burden of students who are seeking to engage in philosophical studies with the Don Bosco Institute of Philosophy. **Engr. Benedict Chika Dominic IBOLEKWU** (B.Phil, B.A, M.A, P.G.D.E., B.Eng, M. Eng.) had won the declamation exercise as a student at Don Bosco Institute of Philosophy in 2009. This is also a way of promoting the declamation exercise conducted by the Institute and helping lay students who may be experiencing financial constrain during their studies.

CRITERIA FOR RECEIVING THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. The scholarship holder must be currently admitted to Don Bosco Institute of Philosophy as a student.
2. The scholarship holder must be a lay student (that is, not belonging to any religious congregation).
3. The scholarship holder must be the best lay student during the declamation exercise conducted by Don Bosco Institute of Philosophy.
4. The scholarship holder must demonstrate considerably that he or she is in need of the scholarship and does not have high source of income.
5. The scholarship holder must be willing to continue his or her education at the Don Bosco Institute of Philosophy after receiving the scholarship.
6. The scholarship holder must be willing to show social commitment within his or her locality.

PROGRESS IN THE BUILDING SITE

In observance of the protocols laid to guarantee the full security of the affiliation of our Institute with the prestigious University of Ibadan (UI), the Institute and her management continually sees to the quickened progress of the extension coming up. Acknowledging the inevitable delay sometime in the past, the Institute has reinforced measures and is moving towards a fast realization of this project. At this point, the structure has obtained roofing level; we implore on all to pray for the success of this project and to support in any way possible.

OUR INSTITUTE ANTHEM

Don Bosco, Institute of Philosophy

Centre of Knowledge

Consecrate them in truth (*1)

Lumen et Sapientia

Lumen et Sapientia

Long live Don Bosco we pray

God bless our mission (*2)

God bless our vision

God help us values to uphold
*Repeat from (*1)*
*Repeat from (*2)*

The Institute appreciates
the composer **Rev Fr Matthew**
UDOKA SDB and his team

INSTITUTE SLOGAN

GREAT DON BOSCO SCHOLARS
ADVENTUROUS THINKERS



SPORTS DAY

As aforesaid, the Institute commemorated the Guanellian and Claretian congregations with eventful galore. To furnish the celebrations, the Institute called for a sports day which



mandated a compulsory attendance from all students to mark the feast of the Guanellian and Claretian founders. The football match was such a memorable event that all the pontifically recognized congregations

played against the regionally recognized congregations supplemented by the lay students. The faction of the pontifical righted congregations emerged as the winners of the match.



PROVINCIAL'S PASTORAL VISITATION



Our institute was graced with the visit of the Provincial Superior of AFW Salesian Province. It was an adventurous moment to have him, who has been a strong pillar towards our endeavours. With a profound gratitude, the Dean of Studies welcomes him and applauded him for

his great support and tender care to our Institute. Emphasising on his collaboration towards the affiliation, and for the extension of our new Institute building, he was delighted for his support and benevolence. The provincial (Very Rev. Fr. Michael Karikunnel SDB) why addressing the students, admonished the students to be a true representative of Christ the good Shepherd. He went further to illustrate the importance of life, according to him, life is like a story, write it well, and consciously edit it well always. He emphasized on the act of redaction, for it is in edition of life that young people fall away from the track. Our life is so precious, especially when we are young and fragile, save it properly. He thanked the Dean of Studies and the member of staff for their generosity and gracious heart in collaborating to the growth of our society and the church through the education of the young.

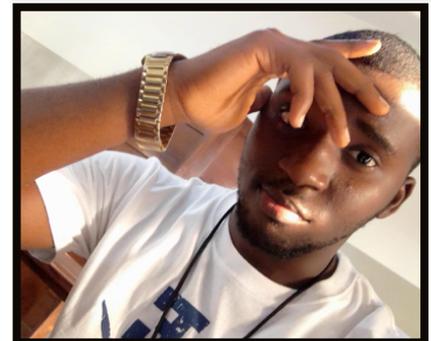
MEET THE NEW STUDENT UNION GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT



MEET THE NEW CLASS REPRESENTATIVES



ELIJAH K. BALLAH SDB- YEAR 3



JOHN OWEN ADIMIKE SDB - YEAR 2



PASCHAL ASUZU - YEAR 1

CONGRATULATIONS DEAR STUDENTS

ALL SAINTS DAY - 1ST NOVEMBER



In every liturgical year, the holy mother church marks out a particular day to celebrate the church's triumphant, and so, Saints Versiglia and Caravario Community had a solemn mass in honor of the saints. The holy mass was presided by Very Rev. Fr. Michael Karikunnel SDB, The Provincial of AFW province. In his homily, he expressed his gratitude to God for the gift of his Son Jesus Christ, who it pleases that we shall become a saint. He urged the congregation

about the importance of sainthood and reassured us that we could



become a saint. Explicating on the lives of saints, he informed us that as an individual entity, we are unique and distinct, and thus our lives is like a story which ought to be written well, edit well and lived well.

GIFT OF BOOKS FOR THE INSTITUTE



Rev Fr Robert Agbo has donated to the students of the Don Bosco Institute of Philosophy, a copy of his publication, *Freedom of the Soul*. This donation is as a result of his goodwill towards the

Institute and his

appreciation of the good work going on in the Institute.

The Institute recognizes this gift and expresses her regard for his gesture and looks forward to more acts of goodwill.

ALL SOULS' DAY - 2ND NOVEMBER



In union with the dead. The institute held a solemn mass to commemorate the suffering church, especially her deceased lectures and students (Fr. Vincenzo, Fr. Italo, Fr. Julien

Jackers, Student Pat Maria Csr, Mr. Akpata and Dr. Sabastian., and many others). The holy mass was presided by the superior provincial of AFW Salesian

province, Very Rev. Fr. Michael Karikunnel SDB. He admonished us to continually

pray for the dead.



ENGR BENEDICT CHIKA IBOLEKWU AND FAMILY DONATE WATER DISPENSER TO THE INSTITUTE

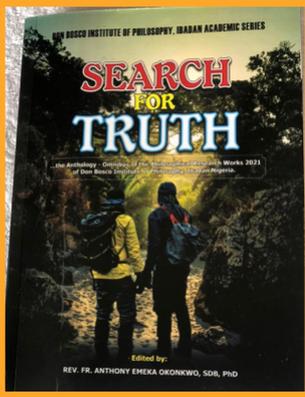


The Institute is fortunate to have been a continual recipient of gracious donations varying in capacity and source. It is in such a spirit of gratitude that she expresses her thankfulness to Engr Benedict Chika Ibolekwa and family for heeding the request of the Institute and

donating a new water dispenser to the Institute.

This newly acquired Institute facility is set up in the library to enhance the serenity of intellectual activity occurring in that environment.

NEW PUBLICATION OF THE INSTITUTE



The Institute in her continuous search for wisdom and as an encouragement for a rigorous research paper has made a publication of the collective works of the immediate past students. It is an embodiment of many disciplines of thought in the

ambience of philosophy. This work has a good credit explicitly to the amiab/Users/anthonyemeka/Desktop/IMG_3049.jpgle Dean of Studies for his indefatigable effort to ensure the actualization of this task. The actualization of this work, adds a

vital value to the archive of the Institute. The book is titled **SEARCH FOR TRUTH** edited by **Rev Fr Dr Anthony Emeka OKONKWO SDB, KoC**



THE INSTITUTE PROCURES A NEW VEHICLE

For obvious reasons of official mobility, the Institute, through the mediation of instrumental authorities, has finally acquired a new vehicle—a Toyota Highlander.

The Institute owes this singular

donation to the gratuity of the Provincial Superior of the Salesians of Don Bosco, AFW (Anglophone West Africa) Province: Very Rev. Fr Michael Karikunnel, SDB. This perquisite of Fr Karikunnel was obtained through the kindness of the Provincial Economist of AFW Province, Rev. Fr Krzysztof Nizniak, SDB as well as the relentless effort of the Director of Projects (PDO), Rev. Fr Maximus Okoro, SDB. The Institute presents supine gratitude to them all.



INSTITUTE CORE VALUES

Dedication: is expressed in our commitment to proper educational ethics and academic excellence.

Impact: is portrayed in our relevance in addressing existential issues.

Innovation: is portrayed through our receptivity to new ideas and forms of expression, intellectual curiosity and willingness to take on intellectual challenges.

Family Spirit: is expressed in our focus on forming good Christians and honest citizens.

Inclusion: is portrayed through a convivial environment that welcomes ideas from diverse cultural contexts.

Integrity: is reflected in our conventional ethical standards in personal and professional behaviour and in our consistency in educational pedagogy (the Preventive System of Don Bosco).

Sustainability: is reflected in the upholding of our values and objectives as a Catholic Institute in being an example of educational standards.

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