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APPRECIATION TO REV. FR. MICHAEL KARIKUNNEL SDB
FORMER PROVINCIAL OF AFW PROVINCE

The Institute is heavy-hearted to say farewell and thanks to Rev. Fr. Michael Karikunnel for the selfless service he has rendered towards the development of our Institute.

The Institute is saying a very big thanks to you and your councilors for the immense contributions spiritually, morally and financially to the formation and development of our Institute.

In your last fatherly exhortation to the students, Father, you said **“I feel happy about you all and I am immensely grateful for our journey together.”** In your statement you ended by advising the student to keep on writing and editing their life on a daily basis, because **life is like a book, and so we should write it well and everyday edit it well.**

The Institute will continue to be proud of you always because you are able to do responsibilities well. Also, the Institute appreciates you for the good work you did in uplifting the standard of the Institute through your positive affirmation to the process of affiliation to the University of Ibadan.

May God continue to bless and reward you most abundantly in your new place of assignment. Thank you, and farewell to your new mission land; we love you and we continue to pray for you.



IT IS NOT WORK THAT KILLS BUT WORRY.

African proverb

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE THREE NEW ELECTED PROVINCIALS OF ANN, AON, AOS

On 19 January 2021, the Rector Major, Very Rev. Fr Ángel Fernández Artime, with the favorable opinion of the General Council, in accordance with article 132, paragraph 1.1 and 156 of the Constitutions of the Society of Saint Francis de Sales (Salesians of Don Bosco), erected the **“Blessed Artemides Zatti” Province of Africa Nigeria and Niger with its headquarters in Lagos-Iju (Nigeria)**; and that Province is made up of 9 houses. On the same date the new Province of **“Our Lady of Peace” in North West Africa was erected with its headquarters in Cotonou-Zogbo in Benin**; and it is made up of 18 houses, to be found in Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Guinea Conakry, Gambia, as well as in Senegal. These last three nations will form a Delegation based in Dakar (Senegal). The new “Our Lady of Peace” Province will eventually develop its mission also in Guinea Bissau.

And again, on 19 January the **“St Joseph” Province of South West Africa was erected with its headquarters in Ashaiman (Ghana)**. It will include the works of Togo, Ghana, the Ivory Coast, Liberia and Sierra Leone, in all 20 houses.

These new erected provinces are a resultant from the dissolved provinces of AFO and AFW. Futhermore, on the 24th December 2021, the Rector Major, with the consent of his council, appointed Fr. Jorge Mario Crisafulli as the first Provincial of the new province of African Nigeria Niger (ANN), Fr. Jesus Benoit Badji as the first provincial of the province in North West Africa (AON) and lastly, Fr. Denis Kolotcholoma Soro as the Provincial Superior of the Province of South West Africa (AOS).

The Institute congratulates the three newly elected provincials. The Institute is happy for you all because majority of the Salesians students in the Institute belong to the two new provinces which are, ANN and AOS.

The Institute used to belong to AFW province which was guided by Rev. Fr. Michael Karikunnel our former provincial together with his councilors. Now the Institute belongs to one of the new provinces which is ANN province, and so Rev. Fr. Jorge the new provincial is appointed to also guide the affairs and the formation of the Institute. With our voices on high, the students are congratulating the new provincials of AOS, AON and ANN and their councilors. The Institute prays that as you take your new mission in the different Provinces, may God and our Beloved mother Mary continue to give you all wisdom and strength to guide the affairs of our provinces and also attend to the needs of the young people in our society.



Fr. Jorge Mario Crisafulli
(ANN)



Fr. Jesus Benoit Badji
(AON)



Fr. Denis Soro
(AOS)

THE INSTITUTE'S FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

As the saying goes, “a highly developed value-system is like a compass. It serves as a guide to point you in the right direction when you are lost.” This implies that, for us to have a good direction in our Institute, the value of examination must be developed and inculcated into the minds of the students. And the Institute believed in the saying that, examination is one of the ways to tests the abilities of the students, that is, examination is a true test of knowledge. From the above statements, the Institute had her first semester examination for this academic year, which was scheduled from the 3rd of February to the 11th of February. However, in our previous semester's examination, there was a day interval after a particular exams. However in this semester exams, there was changes, this examination was first of its kind, writing exams in a marathon manner, that is, the examination was written at a stretch for two weeks without any intervals between the days of exams. Nevertheless, before the examination started, the Institute gave a week free from classes in order for the students to prepare well for the exams. Speaking with some of the students, they expressed fear, of which they were afraid that, the examination would exhaust them. However, their fear was just a fear founded on shallow water. The study days that were granted to the students to prepare well for the examination really helped the students to participate well during the exams without any form of malpractice or odd behaviors during the examination.

RESUMPTION OF THE SECOND SEMESTER

The first semester ended with an examination, and so, the experience of the first semester examination spelled a grace filled love and wisdom in the Institute, especially with a zero case of any odd encounter both before, during and after the examination. The Institute gives God the glory and thank all the students for their active observance of all the protocols during the examinations. In congruence with the above joy and progress, the Institute gave a day free for the students to rest and relax their minds after having a marathon mental exercise. However, on the 15th of February the Institute resumed the second part that is, the second semester of the academic year. On this day, 90 percent of the students reported massively to their respective classes and they remain ever ready for the completion of this second half of the academic year. With the humongous nature and objectives of this semester, the Dean of Studies (Very Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony Okonkwo SDB) advised the students to remain docile to the formation and teachings from both the internal and external lecturers who have been saddled with the responsibilities of handling various courses. He added that, time consciousness, seriousness in writing scientific papers, obedience and hardwork are the necessary ingredients to ply to the end of this second semester. Finally, from the final year students, with hearts filled with joy, they raise their voices in the symphony of praises to continue to thank God and welcome this second semester session with docility of hearts and ready to end with optimism, the last part of their studies in the Institute.

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

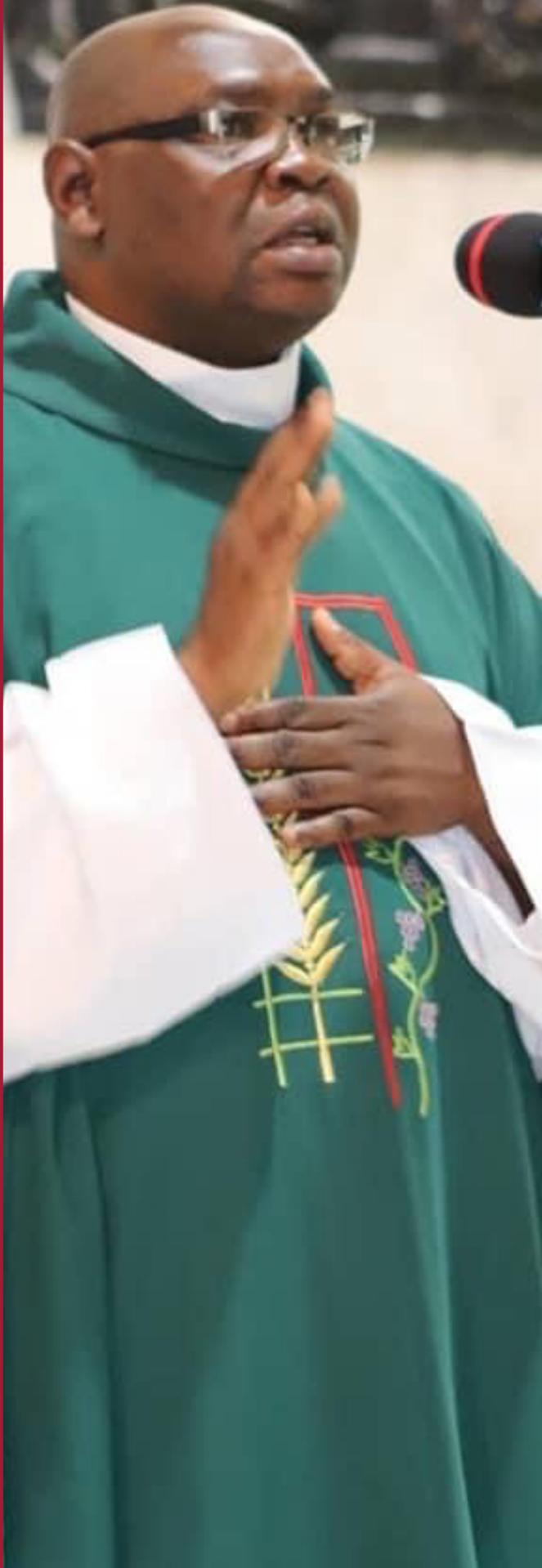
INSTITUTE SLOGAN

GREAT DON BOSCO SCHOLARS

ADVENTUROUS THINKERS



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
VERY REV. FR. PROFESSOR ANSELM K. JIMOH**



With a feeling of gratitude to God, the Don Bosco Institute of Philosophy wishes to congratulate one of her lecturers, Very Rev. Fr. Anselm Jimoh on his new appointment as a professor. His appointment is a big stepping stone towards a brighter future for him and the Institute. Professor Anselm Jimoh is a priest of Auchi Diocese and a formator in Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Major Seminary (Bodija) Ibadan. He is currently the Head of Department in the department of Philosophy in SS Peter and Paul Catholic Major Seminary Bodija and handles some courses there also.

Likewise, he lectures philosophical courses like Epistemology, Faith and Reason in our Institute (Don Bosco Institute of Philosophy) in Ibadan. The students of Don Bosco Institute of Philosophy are proud of you always, and you have been a hardworking lecturer that has left no stone unturned in the academic field. The dream of the Institute for you to be raised to the height of professor with the titular affixation to your name has finally been fulfilled.

The Institute cannot be any prouder than the day you became Professor. Again, your achievement has set a great example for the students, that is your compassion and perseverance in lecturing which is truly fascinating. The Institute continues to pray for you through the intercession of Mary Seat of Wisdom (*Maria Sedes Sapientiae*) to attain greater heights, knowledge and wisdom.

BRAIN DRAIN - THE PROBLEM WITH NIGERIA



Brain drain stands to be the loss of skilled intellectual and technical labor through the movement of such labor to more favorable, geographic, economic or professional environment, a depletion or loss of intellectual and technical personnel, a gradual depletion of energy or a young talent by emigration. It is a popular euphemism for the phenomenon whereby a significantly large number of highly skilled individuals leave a particular geographical area, usually their nations for varied reasons, mainly in search for greener pastures. Consequently, the area from which they departed are impoverished in one way or the other. Essentially, their nations of origin are denied the services and expertise they would have otherwise provided. This has remained a problem in Nigeria. It has incurred tragic flows to her identity, economy, history, and a regrettable one both on her citizens and before the wider world.

Thus, the core or root cause of brain-drain in Nigeria lies with our successive leaderships and governments that have demonstrated very convincingly that the interest of Nigeria and her citizens were never their priority. They relentlessly pursued their personal agenda which has brought us where we are today. For Ashenafi Gedamu (November, 2002) "the movement of intellectuals like University lecturers and researchers from one national setting to another, ranging from permanent relocation to short-term visits or exchange programs, dissemination of knowledge and the broadening of cultural horizons, however, when one nation becomes a substantial net exporter of academic

talent, a brain-drain condition is said to occur". This brings to bear, according to Ashenafi Gedamu, the provider nation is at risk of depleting its natural supply of intellectual talent, absence of research facilities etc. Other causes include employment

discriminations, economic underdevelopment, lack of the exercise of freedom and poor working conditions, search for employment or higher paid jobs, political instability, search for a better quality of life, prestige of foreign training, relatively stable political environment, and modernized educational system to allow for superior training among others. For the solutions, the government should improve the fundamental human rights and acts, higher wages for workers and mobilization of diaspora through virtual participation with global telecommunication networks. Except these aforementioned solutions are put into consideration, the country Nigeria will continue to witness a dearth of professionals (expertise), which has been the major issue facing her.



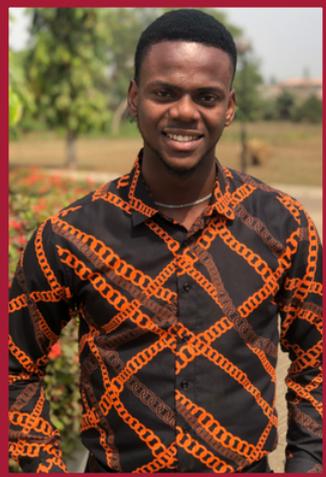
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SUG PRSIDENT

The Institute is wishing S. Christopher Okafor a happy birthday. As the president of the Student Union Government (SUG), the Institute wishes you good health, wisdom and long life. The students' prayer, as you mark your birthday, is for God's blessing upon you and your family members. May God continue to bless your religious vocation and may God protect you from all forces that act as distractions in your vocation.

WE LOVE
YOU AND
H A P P Y
BIRTHDAY!



THE INSTITUTE GETS A DONATION OF A NEW VEHICLE

The Institute gives thanks to God and all those who in one way or the other is praying for the growth of our Institute. It is by God's providence that the Institute has received another new vehicle from the family of the Dean of Studies, Fr Dr Anthony Okonkwo SDB. The Institute appreciates this singular donation to the gratuity of Chief Engr and Mrs E. Dijeh.

The Institute also extends her gratitude to the Provincial-elect of ANN province, Very Rev. Fr. Jorge SDB, for accepting the car to be used as an official car for the Institute. The Institute continues to pray for God's blessings and graces upon the family of the donor. May the goodness of God continue to flourish in abundance upon them.



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