

ORGANISM REPORT: EAST NIGERIA PROVINCE

Options and priorities of organism's apostolate plan

Our options and priorities stem from the last General and Provincial Chapters of 2009 and 2010 respectively, particularly in our Provincial Chapter with its theme as: Truly Claretian: United in the Service of the Word.

On apostolate, we observed that we have an increase in vocation for missionary life. Increase in vocation in our province offers opportunities for survival in the future. As a show of our stability we have acquired some parishes in perpetuity. This is also an indication that our confreres are doing well in the parishes.

Some of our options and priorities for the sexenium are as follows:

1. Rehabilitation of our members with problems or who have had difficulties in the mission for one reason or another.
2. There is need to enter into dialogue so as to give personnel to needy organisms within and outside Africa.
3. The pastoral year can be used as a year of missiological formation in preparing the young priests emotionally, psychologically and otherwise.
4. To make the Provincial School Board more active and functional.

Main Ministry/Pastoral activities in our organism

Presently, the Province of East Nigeria has two main pastoral activities namely:

1. Parish Ministry
2. The Education or School Ministry

With the ordination of the early Claretians formed in Nigeria between 1981 and 1995 the apostolic presence was centered more in the parish work and teaching apostolate in some tertiary institutions in Nigeria. But things turned around as from 1995 or a little bit before then when the Claretian Missionaries in Nigeria launched her presence in the School or education apostolate.

When it became obvious that the formation of the youth was a condition sine qua non for the nation building, the establishment of Claretian schools became necessary and the subsequent Provincial Chapters and Assemblies highly encouraged and endorsed the proposals. We believed that through adequate education we can give formation to the youth and thereby complement whatever our missionaries can do from the pulpit.

With the collaboration of lay people as teachers in our schools, we have imparted on the intellectual, spiritual, moral and physical growth of our students. Our students are helped to develop their intellectual endowments through a thorough teaching and an accompaniment by our teachers and other experts. Students in the secondary school are directed on their future career by assisting them in choosing either science or arts oriented

subjects according to the areas the student performed very well in the examination.

They are also being accompanied spiritually through their weekly Eucharistic celebration and periodic teaching of the Catholic doctrines which usually culminate with the reception of the first Holy Communion, especially during the Easter and Christmas Seasons.

Places of Main Ministry

A. In Nigeria we work in the Parish Ministry in the following Dioceses:

Diocese	Number of Parishes	Number of Personnel
Owerri	5	12
Enugu	2	5
Jalingo	1	2
Nnewi	1	3
Ogoja	1	2
Orlu	2	4
Otukpo	1	2
Port Harcourt	1	3
Maiduguri	1	2
Shendam	1	2
Jos	1	2
Cameroon		
Bamenda	2	4
Douala	1	2
Buea	1	2
Kumbo	1	2
Ghana		
Kumasi	2	4
Accra	1	2
Sunyani	1	2
Damango	1	2
Kenya		
Nairobi	1	2

Mombasa	2	4
Isiolo	1	3

B) We have the following schools in Nigeria

1. Claret Nursery/Primary School, Nekede- Owerri
2. Claret Academy Nursery/Primary School, Area 'A' New Owerri
3. Claret Academy Secondary School, Area 'A' New Owerri
4. Claret Secondary School, Nekede, Owerri.

In Kenya we have the following Schools:

1. St. Anthony Mary Claret Nursery/Primary, Shanzu, Mombasa.
2. St. Anthony Mary Claret Nursery/ Primary, Kiembeni, Mombasa.

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Biblical Pastoral Ministry

We have not done much in this ministry in a systematic way as a Province. But indirectly in some of the dioceses where we work there are some societies that dwell more on Bible reading as a way of life. Such societies include: Catholic Bible Instructors Union and Catholic Bible Societies. Since these associations exist in our parishes we do encourage them and serve as moderators to them.

Ecclesial Basic Communities

Almost all our Parishes have this small Basic Christian Communities. They gather weekly to share the Word of God and in some cases the priests celebrate the Eucharist with the people.

Youth - Vocation Ministry

Two Claretian priests are assigned to this work. The Vocation director is usually in-charge of the team and from this the young people are recruited for admission.

Formation and development of lay people

The lay Claretians are always given attention by providing them with assessors.

Mission Procure

The mission procure office has one person designated to run it's affairs.

Justice, peace and the integrity of creation

There is a team responsible for this. We also work in collaboration with men and

women religious in Nigeria. This team works more on awareness creation on the area of nation building. We are also involved in projects like provision of water.

Media and Internet.

One of our schools has a computer centre for training of youths on information technology.

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