



DIVINE FACE NEWSLETTER

HONOR TO THE DIVINE FACE, IN YOU AND ME!

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Beloved in the Divine Face,

*"He who supplies seed for the sower and bread for the eater will provide in abundance; he will multiply the seed you sow and increase your generous yield. In every way your liberality is enriched; **through us it results in thanks offered to God. The administering of this public benefit not only supplies the needs of the members of the Church but also overflows in much gratitude to God.** Because of your praiseworthy service they are glorifying God for your obedient faith in the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with all. They pray for you longingly because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Cor. 9: 10-15).*

I greet you again in the Love of the Divine Face that unites all! I am very happy to reach again in the name of all our sisters and brothers in Nigeria whom you have been supporting to acknowledge the Love of God. Graciously accept their best wishes and prayers for God's blessings which they asked me to pass on to you. I also ask you to join me in giving Praise to God and Honour to our Blessed Mother Mary as I celebrate the Golden Jubilee of My personal encounter with Her at which She gave me the Name, Our Mother of Special Graces, by which I should invoke Her anytime I am in danger, especially to my spiritual life. She has remained EVER FAITHFUL to that Promise. On that occasion, I promised to establish a devotion to Her under that Name, if She saw me through to my Ordination. I am 44 years now ordained. I am grateful to all of you who are helping me to be faithful to my own promise to Her. Your support for the school that bears the Name, Our Mother of Special Graces, which our Divine Face Mission is helping the Stewards of Divine Face Harmony to run is very deeply appreciated.

I have been here in the US since June 28. Providentially, and thanks to the wonderful and open hearted self-sacrifice of the members of the Divine Face Organization here some Mission Appeals were set up before my arrival. These have kept me joyfully busy right from the second week of my arrival. Please join us in thanking God for His loving children in the parishes we visited. They truly bore very good and encouraging witness that they have "the Seal" of God, and the Holy Spirit in their hearts "as the first Installment that guarantees everything God has promised" His children. What a favour we do to ourselves by witnessing to the Spirit that makes us God's children, especially by caring for those who are helpless.

Good News: Thanks to your loving support, two siblings whom we adopted from infancy together with their mother In 1993 have graduated from college. Their mother, as some of you may recall has been working in our school as cook for the boarding students. We have put another orphan into college last academic year. This year two students who were fully sponsored by you graduated from our High School. All final year students passed very well the West African Examinations Council exams for High Schools. **This is the 8th year in a row that all our students have passed those exams well! Praise God, and blessings to you their sponsors!** One of them is an Aspirant in our Congregation of Stewards of Divine Face Harmony. Now that she has graduated from High School, she can go into full formation for her profession as a nun. We have put one other orphan into college last academic year. We also completed the painting of the main school building by the end of November last year. I am truly happy that we were able to reach out God's compassion to over 150 hungry and needy people during 2017 till the end of May this year when I was transferred to another parish in need (of God's spare tire). I pray we will be able to keep that Light shining in their lives! We have an abandoned sick man in our care at the Divine Face Centre. We also went a long way in installing solar power system in the Divine Face Centre to help reduce the cost of power supply using our generator.



The two orphans and their mother. Both coll. graduates



Now in our care, man abandoned to die

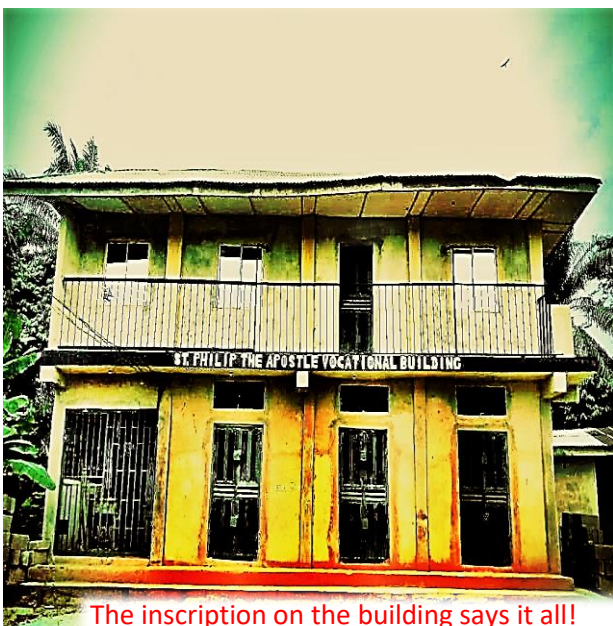


This year's graduates. First on the left, our Aspirant, Charity Anyanwu

Challenges: The very excruciating economic stranglehold by the government with an evil agenda is affecting our Mission in Nigeria a lot. There is no money, because those in government are sponsoring terrorism rather than creating jobs. Even those they have given the so-called jobs are very seldom paid the peanuts determined as their salary. Consequently, everything for survival is very expensive. Worse still, when you need something done, anyone who says he can do the job either ends up taking money from you without accomplishing the work, or dupes you by the false cost of materials that he quotes. This has hampered progress in at least starting to equip the St Philip's Vocational Training Centre. It is scary. Even some of our teachers are pleading for some increase in their salary. Many parents can no longer afford the very small amount we ask those who are not the very poor to contribute to your sponsorship for training their children in our school. That was why at the end of the last academic year we had less children in the school than at the beginning. Then, our school busses are frequently breaking down both because of old age and lack of genuine spare parts. Yet we trust that He Who has called us to this Service of His Compassion for the needy is with us, and will bring us to the end of the bumpy tunnel. **Please let us hold on tight to the good we are doing, and pray hard for some Divine intervention!** The devil is a liar a loser!

Pillar of Hope: The Divine Face Mission servers/Stewards cannot adequately express by themselves gratitude to St Philip the Apostle parish – their Pastor, his collaborators, and parishioners – for their love for God which they are letting flow over to the poor and needy in Nigeria. Apart from volunteering in their numbers to be members of the Divine Face Organization for years now, they initiate yearly various fundraisers for our Mission. Before I leave to go back to Nigeria August 28, they have lined up a number of such activities:

Meet and Greet Fr. Gerard Mary; a Pancake Breakfasts hosted by the Knights of Columbus; a Ministry Fair to recruit members for the Divine Face Organization. Open hearts ready to let God's Compassion flow through them!



The inscription on the building says it all!



A memorial of my Golden Jubilee with Mama Mary

As you all continue with open hearts giving what you have to Christ our Lord, the Divine Face, to continue His Miracle of Compassion for the well-being of the poor and needy, may He also extend the same Miracle to your own needs. In the end may He let us all gather the overflow of our love in the inexhaustible Joy and Fulfilment of His Kingdom! Amen.

Yours most sincerely in the Divine Face,
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