



DIVINE FACE NEWSLETTER

HONOR TO THE DIVINE FACE, IN YOU AND ME!

JULY 2024

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, I greet you with a very profound spirit of gratitude. My gratitude is immeasurable for the sincere love and hearty support all of you have shown in response to Our Lord Jesus Christ, through the Divine Face Organization, with deep Faith. I hope you and your families are doing very well!

Many of you, for the past thirty years have accepted Our Lord's call to be His Means of continuing to manifest God's Love concretely in the world as Divine Face Organization members. The rest of you have been wonderfully disposed to continually and generously support the Mission of the Divine Face Organization according to our request in Christ's Name.

May I humbly ask everyone to join me in thanking and praising God for putting up with me for 50 years now since I was ordained a priest! I am very happy with how my priestly life has been. I am immeasurably grateful to God Almighty for the Favours He has granted me all these years. Each of you is a very specially flavoured Favour of God to my priesthood. Thank you immensely! I honestly feel humbled by the zeal with which the celebration of my Golden Jubilee is being planned in the USA in September this year. I deeply appreciate your love. God Whom I am endeavoring to serve will certainly reward you abundantly.

The projects of the Divine Face Mission are still in progress. The Religious Community of Stewards of Divine Face Harmony is growing in number and status. These are the Instruments of God to make your efforts and contributions for the needy effective. We now have 8 young men at different stages of formation. Two of them are doing Theology in East Africa. The rest of them are in Nigeria. By Divine Providence we have a Bishop who is interested in helping our Community become firmly established. Praise God! Our schools are surviving the very harsh conditions of life and resources challenging us in Nigeria.

The Headmaster of the Kindergarten and Elementary schools passed away in the middle of December last year. Two months after that the longest serving teacher in the High School also passed away. The very, very high cost of living in Nigeria has caused former fickle teachers to leave. One of our school bus drivers had a major stomach surgery. This has very negatively affected the transportation of our school children. Consequently, the population of our schools has sensitively dropped. As I have already stated, the high cost of things in Nigeria now has no comparison with the past.

The inflation rate is more than 400% (four hundred percent). This is affecting the recruitment of members of staff as regards salaries. Yet our trust is firm in Our Loving God Who has called us to render this Service. We believe that He knows what the situation is and has His Solution for it according to His Own Design.

We remain ever grateful to the diocese of Fort Worth, Texas for welcoming us, The Divine Face Organization, and sustaining us for the past 30 years. We will always remember St. Mary the Virgin Parish in Arlington where the very special son of God, the late Fr. Allan Hawkins of Blessed Memory gave us a very good home and support. I believe he has received his due reward for his very devoted long service till the end of his time on earth. May he forever rest in Perfect Peace! We are also very privileged to have relocated to St. Philip the Apostle in Flower Mound, Texas as our Mother Parish for more than ten years now. Here Fr. Ray McDaniel and all the parishioners really make us praise and glorify God for The Wonderful Mystery of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which they amazingly proclaim. Thanks to their wonderful prayers and support, Our Loving God is providing us with what we need to fulfil the Mission He has assigned to us. In fulfilling this Mission, Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Divine Face (God's Love visible as human), is to manifest Himself through each member of His Body (the Church) to another member. Through our mutual harmony God's Love rotates among us and overflows to those outside especially those who are poor and in need of God's Goodness. Every one of us is an effective instrument of this Reality of Christ.

Let us endeavour to remain gratefully fervent with this Privilege until the end of our journey on earth. Then our Eternity will begin with Our Heavenly Father saying: "Welcome Home, good and trustworthy delegate of

My Love! Enjoy the Company of your Father forever!” 😊 I prefer faithfulness in God rather than success in the world!

Here are some special projects your generosity has enabled us to accomplish in the past year, apart from taking care of the needs of our school, teachers and workers:

- 1.. Installing solar energy in our Divine Face Centre
2. Maintenance of buildings, as well as means of water supply and of transportation.
3. Supplying the needs of several helpless people.

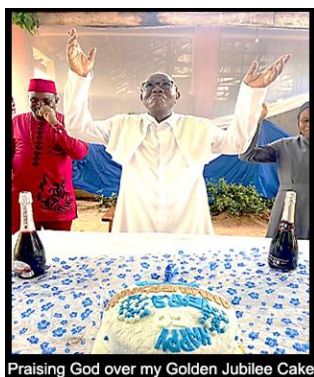
And here are the projects we presently know are facing us:

1. The Renovation of students' and teachers' Hostels
2. Increase in teachers' salary due to very high inflation
3. Feeding and medication for the poor and the students in boarding
4. Maintaining our solar power system.
5. Providing living accommodation and facilities for new brothers desiring to join our Community in serving the poor and needy.

I am fully confident in the truly loving spirit with which you have been responding to Our Lord Jesus Christ regarding our Mission. Here is our daily prayer for you:

“Father we thank You for Your Gifts to our generous benefactors and the Grace which You granted them that made them realize that the wealth which they have is meant to be used in Your Service thereby glorifying Your Name. May You abundantly bless them and their families. Prosper their good endeavours. May they ever have the means to continue this work which they have started for Your gracious sake. May others see Your Face radiating in their lives and be attracted to join them to work in Your Vineyard for a Rich Harvest in The Lord Jesus' Name. Amen”

Remain ever abundantly blessed!



Praising God over my Golden Jubilee Cake



Two Divine Face Coordinators with some of our students



Our students learning cosmetics



Solar Energy Installed Last Year
Also powers the underground water pump



Priest celebrating Mass for our students



AT MY GOLDEN JUBILEE
CELEBRATION UNDER THE
VIRGIN MARY TREE!!
April 21, 2024
Fr. Gerard Mary A. Anyanwu



The Jubilant Cutting of the Cake

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