



## DIVINE FACE NEWSLETTER

HONOR TO THE DIVINE FACE, IN YOU AND ME!

MAY 24, 2015

### BELOVED IN THE DIVINE FACE!

What a joy it is for me to address you all on this day of Pentecost, dedicated to the Birthday of our Holy Mother, the Church, by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit! I sincerely hope that every one of you is doing well, and that you and your loved ones are also enjoying the Blessings of this year's Easter celebrations. Those celebrations have their fulfilment in the Mystery of Pentecost. I pray the Spirit of the Risen Christ given to us may take over our entire life and bring it, through all challenges and difficulties, to its **joyful fulfilment** in our everlasting **Union** with the **Father in the Son through the Holy Spirit! This is the Will of God.**

That is what keeps us confident, even in the face of sometimes very serious challenges in life as today's world presents them. It also encourages us to tell the down-trodden to be hopeful, because the Lord Jesus, who was down-trodden for their sake to lift them up, has risen from the dead. Now He has all the Authority to raise the weakest person, who has a good heart, to the highest.

However, to make this Message stick with the poor and the lowly, we need to effect some improvement in their life condition to show the difference Christ in us can make, in contrast to the greed and selfishness of godless people that cause misery for the under-privileged.

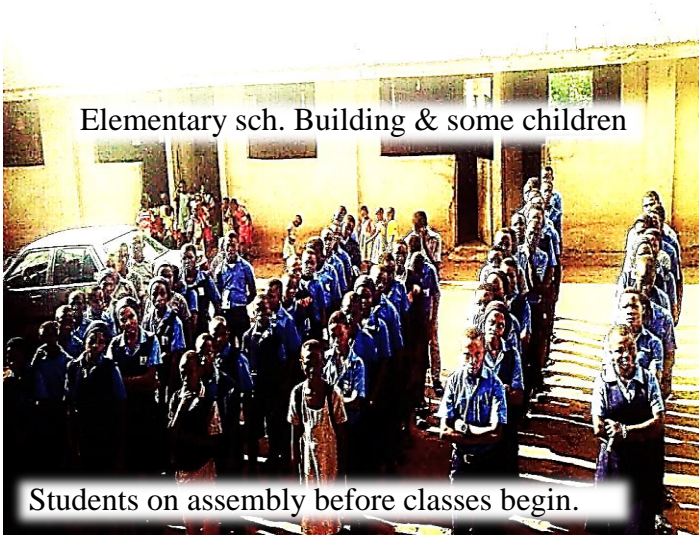
This is the **blessed Mission** you and the Members of the Divine Face Organization have undertaken among the very poor and deprived people in Nigeria for over 23 years now. **WOW!** I know the Lord Jesus is **proud** of you for helping to sustain our effort to make Him, who is the Face of God's merciful Love, visible to those people in need. Once again, I have the undeserved privilege of communicating to you their very heartfelt appreciation and blessing. Yes, they can bless us, since we see Christ our Lord in them needing our help. When they say, "**God bless you**" to us for the help we give them, it is Christ Himself who speaks through them: "**Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!**" Believe me, many such blessings have been pronounced on you!

God our Father, through the intercession of Our Mother of Special Graces, has been working with some **special people** in our Mission in Nigeria. We have almost 300 children in our school this school year. We also employed four new teachers. The final year students in our High School have finished their West African Regional graduating exams on May 15. So far, the reports I get indicate that the exams went well. The results are expected in June/July.

The first two orphans we adopted along with their mother in 1993 have very successfully finished from college. A thanksgiving celebration was held at the Divine Face Centre for their success on Ascension Thursday. Their mother works at the school as cook for the boarding students. We have resumed work on the **Vocational Building** we suspended for over five years now for lack of funds. We are constrained to cut back on a few things to resume the work. One of the reasons is that we wanted to prevent the metal rods that had been set for the columns of the building from further deterioration due to exposure to rain and sun. Secondly, we really hope that somehow, we will get the help we need to finish that building and set up the workshops for training our students in some skills. The economic situation in Nigeria is not showing any signs of hope for the very poor. Most of the children in our school are among those. So, we are anxious to see that they learn some trade that can keep them self-employed and out of trouble.

In this regard, I am very happy to announce to you that we have some very **positive signs** that God has given His approval to our bold effort. St. Philip Parish in Lewisville, TX, where I am helping out temporarily has **simply amazed us** with a very generous donation for this project. In addition, one of our generous donors, on hearing of our desire to finish that Vocational Center, has offered us a **matching donation of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars)** – if we can make it! Can we? I can hear you say, "**Of course, we can,**" knowing how faithful you have been all these years to this humble, but **blessed Mission**. So, beloved **fellow Stewards** of God's resources, **let's go for it!** He is calling!! Please use the enclosed donation form and envelope for your matching donation. May God bless you, as always, for your prayers and donation!

Here are a few pictures I am sure you will be delighted to see about our Mission

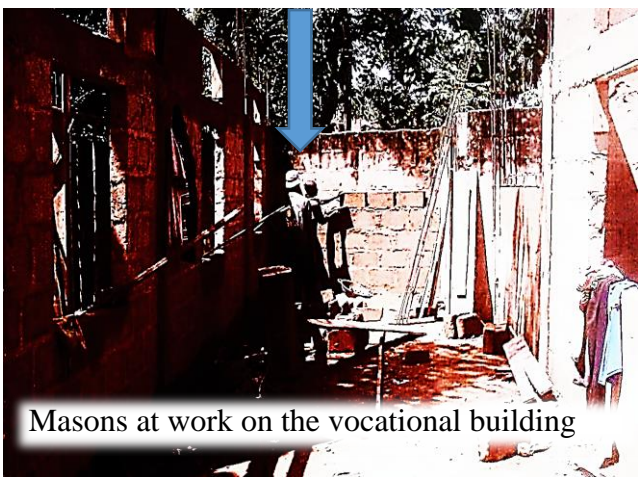


Elementary sch. Building & some children

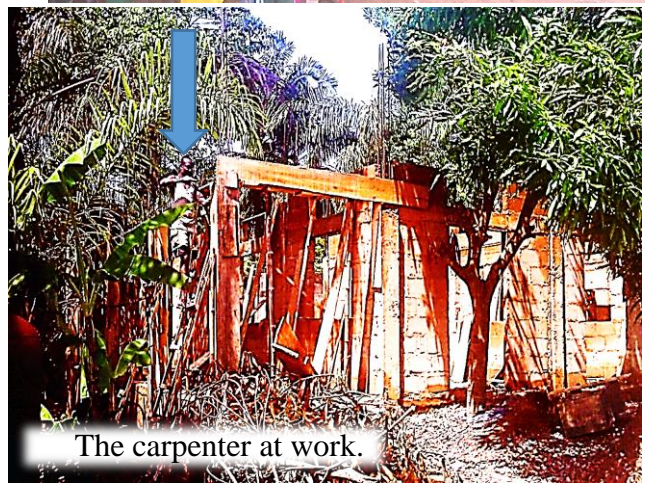
Students on assembly before classes begin.



Nursery/Primary children at assembly



Masons at work on the vocational building



The carpenter at work.



Our college grads & their mom



Our grads, Stwd, Aspirant, members of DFO, Fr Vitalis, Srs

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