

DIVINE FACE ORGANIZATION NEWSLETTER, August 24, 2020

HONOUR TO THE DIVINE FACE IN YOU AND ME, my beloved sisters and brothers in Christ Our Lord, the Divine Face Himself! I am greeting you heartily from Nigeria. If things had worked out as humanly planned, I should be preparing to leave the USA now to come back to Nigeria after spending two months. But life in this world is not absolutely under our control. From time to time Our Loving Father teaches us this **LESSON** in one way or another. This time, it is with the pandemic.

I do sincerely hope that our humble prayers for all of you and your loved ones have added to your own prayers and caution to keep you safe and healthy. I praise God since I have not heard anything to the contrary. Over here, at least in the part of Nigeria where I am serving, we have not had any case of the virus. This is truly another **EVIDENCE** of Divine Providence and care. He knows it would have been catastrophic if the virus had stepped in over here, where there is no care from the so-called government for human beings.

Providentially too, with your very sense of brotherliness, you have remained compassionate to the very needy poor. I experience so much Joy in hearing that you have maintained your generous support and prayers for our Mission to tell the needy poor that God loves them, even, and especially in hard times like this. I declare to you that He will be Faithful to His Word. You will certainly get the Reward He has prepared for you: “a hundred-fold in this world and eternal life in the world to come.” (Mk 10: 30)

In the school, the final year students in the Senior High School are currently taking their exams for graduating. Those in the Junior High School are preparing for their promotion exams. Those in the final year of the Elementary School are also preparing for their graduating exams. These are the only ones in school now. We lost one of our teachers who passed away last month, by name, Ms Esther Onyenelesi. May she rest in peace! The Elementary School building that collapsed last year has been fully and more strongly rebuilt. Thanks for all your generous support.

According to the practice of the Bishop administering our diocese, since we still have no bishop, I should be retired at the end of November this year! Retirement in a country like ours that has no provision whatsoever for the well-being of the citizens, not even for their workers, is very tough. But I count on God’s Compassion and your generous hearts. Then I will be again **FULLY** attentive to the Divine Face Assignment. Please, pray with me and for me that it be accomplished for the Glory of God and the Joy of us all.



Widow with adopted children



Old blind and helpless man



Sick, aged, helpless widower

Presently we have 53 very needy poor in our outreach Mission in the parish where I am serving. Here are some of them:



Sick widow with handicapped children



Helpless widow with a blind child



Helpless widow with aged mother-in-law

There are some others in some other localities, but due to the conditions of the present, our concentration for now is in the parish in which I am. The greatest challenge this outreach program has is the lack of volunteers. As a matter of fact, the Chairman of the Divine Face Organization here in Nigeria who is also the Head Teacher in our Elementary School is from this parish. His only son has also joined the Organization and has taken it on himself to make out time to render the service of visiting the needy poor here. Please, join us in praying for some compassionate hearts to join us in this Mission of bearing witness to God's Compassionate Love.



The rebuilt Elementary School building though not yet painted.

In conclusion, dearly beloved, our invitations to some dioceses for Mission Appeals this year were cancelled because of COVID19. We have our regular assignments like the above building, old school buses to maintain, other buildings to repair, students to feed and teachers to pay, along with the outreach program. I therefore, humbly appeal to those of you who can to kindly assist us with more of your generous donations to enable us continue our services.

Remain ever abundantly blessed, you and all your loved ones!

Sincerely yours in the Divine Face,
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