

FEAST OF OUR FATHER FOUNDER

On the 24th of October, 2010 we celebrated with style another Family feast, Claret day. This was presided over by the Provincial Superior, Fr. Nwobi. It was preceded by a tridium to St. Anthony Mary Claret, which was organized in various communities. The Lay Claretians were also involved. The Feast was a day of reunion for the Claretian Family. We had time to tell our Founder's story, listening to the Claretian Sisters of Mary Immaculate and also to the Lay Claretians. The students of Claret Academy and Claret Secondary School Nekede were our major entertainers. The students of Claretian Institute of Philosophy, Nekede animated the liturgy and also took part in entertaining our guests.

OUR CONFRERES SURVIVED ACCIDENTS

Between September and November 2010 some of our confreres had difficult moments because of one kind of accident or the other. Four of our confreres were involved in car accidents in different locations. Fr. Oranebo Olisaemeka was involved in a ghastly motor accident. His car was crushed beyond repair but nothing happened to him. The accident occurred in his place of work in Maiduguri Diocese. Fr. Kingsley Maduiké of the newly ordained had accident on his way to Utonkon on his resumption day after his holidays. Fr. Godwin Chimeziri who is collaborating with the Bishop of Minna Diocese also had a road accident in Suleja where he works. He sustained injury but he is still recovering. Fr. Joseph Amaegwu on his way to Abuja from Enugu was involved in a road mishap. He sustained injury on his leg and is recovering. Fr. Siemon Nwobi, the Provincial Superior, also broke his arm when he had a fall during the burial of the late mother of Fr. Damian Akujobi at Emi. Fr. Paschal Nnadozie also broke his ankle at Emi on his condolence visit to Fr. Akujobi's family. The Provincial has fully recovered from the fracture he had while Fr. Nnadozie is recovering. We thank God almighty who protected these our confreres during these trying moments. We also thank both Claretians and non- Claretians who took care of our sick brothers.

FOUNDATION STONE OF ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET CHAPEL BLESSED.

On Easter Wednesday, being 27th April, 2011, the Provincial Superior, Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Nwobi, blessed the Foundation of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Chapel. The Chapel is located within the compound of Claret Academy. The Provincial Government initiated this project in order to provide a befitting place of worship to the students of Claret Academy in Area 'A' New Owerri. The 1000 sitting capacity Chapel is being funded locally. At the time of this report the construction work has reached DPC level. We ask you to invite your friends to donate generously towards the completion of the project.

FATHER GENERAL ASSIGNS BR. RICHARD SUTTLE, CMF, TO EAST NIGERIA PROVINCE FOR TWO YEARS.

Br. Richard Suttle has been assigned to East Nigeria Province for two years. According to his letter of appointment signed by Fr. General on the 9th of November, 2010, his

appointment took effect on the 1st of December, 2010. Hear Br. Richard tell us about himself. “I was born in Selmer, Tennessee, USA, grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina where my father and mother still live. I am the middle child with a sister and brother older and sister and brother younger. I joined the Claretian Missionaries in 1979 in the U.S.A. West Province, since January we are one Province, the U.S. Province. I began my work as a youth director, campus minister and teacher in Prescott, Arizona. I then was selected as part of the team to begin the mission in the English speaking part of Cameroon where I was the manager of three schools and youth director, I also started children and youth choirs. I went back to the U.S. to Phoenix, Arizona where I was a teacher, counselor, administrator, coach and athletic trainer at Bourgade Catholic High School for ten years. I went back to San Antonio, Texas where I was counselor and administrator at St. Gerard Catholic High School and Superior of the student community. I went to Los Angeles, California where I served as associate director of the mission office for the Archdiocese and director of Lay Mission helpers. I then was chosen to be part of the team to start the mission in Vietnam. I then went back to San Antonio to finish my Ph. D. in leadership studies which I did with a 2 year break to go back to Prescott, Arizona and work as the Principal of the School. I now come to Nigeria to collaborate in the School apostolate here. I am thankful to God and the Congregation for this opportunity.” Br Richard is a member of the Provincialate community. In the next school year he will direct the Claret Secondary School, Nekede.

Our bereaved Confreres!

1. Fr. Emmanuel Nwobelegu lost his mother late Mrs Catherine Nwobelegu. She was buried on the 4th of Nov, 2010 at St. Simon's Catholic Church, Ukpo.
2. Fr. Damian Akujobi lost his mother late Mrs Celine Adamma Akujobi. The funeral was on the 4th of November, 2010 at Holy Cross, Emii.
3. Late Mrs Elizabeth Nwauzaru Okere was buried on the 19th of Nov, 2010, at St. Mark's Parish, Umuneke, Ngor. She was the mother of Late Rev. Br. Fidelis Okere, cmf.
4. Rev. Gregory Iwu, cmf, lost his elder brother, late Mr. Cletus Ifeanyi Diala Iwu (sweet boy). He was given a christian burial at Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Umuariam Obowo, on the 25th of November, 2010.
5. Late Mazi George Chima Nwankwo was buried on the 17th of January, 2011, at St. Peter's Catholic Station of Holy Family Parish, Umualumoke, Okigwe. He was the father of Rev. Fr. Pius Nwankwo, cmf, who is presently working in Kenya.
6. Death also occurred of Mrs Hendrika Wanzala. She was the mother of Rev. Fr. Fred Wanzala, cmf, he is a Kenyan and works in Kenya too. The burial took place on the 8th of January 2011.

7. Late Alban Ihedoro, the elder brother of VRF Christian Mary Ihedoro,cmf, was buried on the 23rd January, 2011 at Mount Carmel Church, Emekuku.
8. The death was also announced of Ezeji Festus Ekechukwu Mbogu. He died at the age of 93. He was the Father of Rev. Fr. Nicholas Mbogu. The burial was on 18th March, 2011 at Holy Trinity Parish Eziagbogu. Time 11am.

May these our departed brethren rest in Peace. Amen!