



## **THREE MSGRS, 10 OTHERS GET PAPAL HONOURS IN LAGOS ARCHDIOCESE**

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Three Monsignori namely, Rev. Msgr. Gabriel 'Kunle Amolegbe, Rev. Msgr. Peter Babatunde OKE, and Rev. Msgr. Patrick 'Yinka OBAYOMI are among the thirteen catholic faithful of the Catholic Archdiocese of Lagos, who have been honoured by the Holy Father, Pope Francis for their contribution to the mission of the Church in Nigeria and particularly in the Archdiocese of Lagos.

While the trio of Amolegbe, Oke and Abayomi were honoured as Chaplains of His Holiness, three lay faithful have been honoured as Knights of St. Gregory the Graet, five others as Knights of St. Sylvester the Pope and two get Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice honour.

According to a special circular from the Catholic Archdiocese of Lagos dated June 26, signed by Archbishop Alfred Adewale Martins and addressed to all Priests, Religious working in the Archdiocese and the Lay faithful, the Investiture ceremony will hold at the Holy Cross Cathedral, Lagos on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross and the Principal Feast Day of our Archdiocese.

Archbishop Martins, on behalf of the Clergy, the Religious, and the Lay Faithful of the Archdiocese of Lagos, congratulated the honorees and urged them not to rest on their oars. “We hope by the conferment of these honors, the honorees would bind themselves more closely to the Church as they carry out their responsibilities with renewed vigor. It is our prayer that the good Lord will renew their strength as they aspire to dedicate themselves more intently to the service of the church in our Archdiocese”.

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TO ALL PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS WORKING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LAGOS, AND THE LAY  
FAITHFUL

Dear Msgri. Rev. Frs., Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

#### CONFERMENT OF PAPAL HONOURS IN LAGOS ARCHDIOCESE

To the glory of God, and in recognition of their contribution to the mission of the Church especially in our Archdiocese, it gives me great pleasure to announce the decision of the Holy Father, Pope Francis to confer Papal Honours on the following Priests and Lay faithful of our Archdiocese:

- Rev. Msgr. Gabriel 'Kunle Amolegbe, Chaplain of His Holiness;
- Rev. Msgr. Peter Babatunde OKE, Chaplain of His Holiness;
- Rev. Msgr. Patrick 'Yinka OBAYOMI, Chaplain of His Holiness;
- Mr. Gregory Ehimare ENAHORO, Knight of Saint Gregory the Great;
- Mr. Robert Soji OLAGUNJU, Knight of Saint Gregory the Great;
- Mr. Edward Soley HUGHES, Knight of Saint Gregory the Great;
- Mr. Patrick Okwudili IGWILO, Knight of Saint Sylvester the Pope;
- Mr. Anthony Ikemefuna IDIGBE, Knight of Saint Sylvester the Pope;
- Mr. Cyril Oluwatoyin PINHEIRO, Knight of Saint Sylvester the Pope;
- Mr. Patrick Onyema AMAECHI, Knight of Saint Sylvester the Pope;

- Mrs. Winifred Nwaukpo AKPANI, Dame of Saint Sylvester the Pope;
- Mrs. Sena Donata ANTHONY, Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice;
- Mrs. Chinyelu Nkem AMANGBO, Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice.

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On behalf of the Clergy, the Religious, and the Lay Faithful of the Archdiocese of Lagos, we congratulate the honorees and we urge them not to rest on their oars. We hope by the conferment of these honors, the honorees would bind themselves more closely to the Church as they carry out their responsibilities with renewed vigor. It is our prayer that the good Lord will renew their strength as they aspire to dedicate themselves more intently to the service of the church in our Archdiocese.

2. SEMINAR ON CATECHESIS FOR PRIESTS: You will recall that on March 11, 2021, the Archdiocese of Lagos, through the Religious Education Department, held a Colloquium on Catechesis. The colloquium was aimed at rekindling interest in catechesis among the Religious, priests and the lay faithful; knowing that Catechesis is the church's major vehicle for educating and forming Catechumens and other members of the Church in their faith and its practice. Arising from that colloquium, was the expressed need for

more priests to take advantage of the fruits of such a forum.

To this end, we have decided to organise seminars for all the priests working in the Archdiocese at regional level. This seminar will be facilitated by the Most Rev. John Oyejola, the Bishop of Osogbo Diocese and Chairman, CBCN Committee on Catechesis.

The seminar is scheduled to hold from 13th to 16th July, 2021 as follows:

1. Lagos Island, Lekki, Ajah and Epe Deaneries

13th July, 2021: Church of the Transfiguration, VGC.; 10 am.

2. Agege, Ijede, Ikorodu, Ipaja, Ikeja, Maryland, Yaba, Surulere Deaneries.

14th July, 2021: St Agnes, Maryland. 10am.

3. Apapa, Festac, Isolo, Iba, Satellite Deaneries

15th July, 2021: Holy Family, Festac, 10 am.

4. Ijanikin, Ilemba and Badagry Deaneries

16th July, 2021: St Cecilia, Ijanikin. 10am.

All priests are expected to participate in this seminar. The seminars are a necessity for adequate formation of our catechumens in these times. We expect that they would attend punctually and participate actively at each venue.

The Episcopal Vicars and Deans are to help organise a successful seminar. The Dean of the locations for the seminar for each group of deaneries is to ensure that proper logistics are put in place and that a conducive atmosphere is created for successful seminars.

(Signed)

+ Alfred Adewale Martins

Archbishop, Metropolitan See of Lagos

26th June, 2021