

SOCIETY OF THE HOLY CHILD JESUS AFRICAN PROVINCE ASSEMBLY/CHAPTER ENTERS ITS FOURTH AND FIFTH DAYS

WORK ON ASSEMBLY/CHAPTER PROPOSALS

The morning of Friday the 14th saw the Sisters examining the Proposals (presented by the Committee assigned for it) to carry forward into the Province Chapter that begins this Sunday. These proposals came from the cummulation of issues coming from a previous province discernment, the PLT State of the Province report and the subsequent deliberations in the Assembly. The group work on these proposals provided the participants with the opportunity to add fresh proposals. At the Plenary session, all 17 of them were reviewed and voted on for onward presentation at the Province Chapter.

ELECTION OF PROVINCE CHAPTER DELEGATES

As the greater part of Friday was spent on proposals, the sisters worked late into the night to come up with the names of the 31 Province Chapter delegates. Those elected were

I. From among the Finally Professed, a total of 26 Sisters:

Srs. Theresa Okure, Bernadette Okure, Josephine Anto, Rosemary Atuegbu, Alberta Bonle, Louisa Huni-Dadzie, Margaret Jackson, Cecilia Nya, Sophia Onuora, Veronica Openibo, There were also Srs. Henrietta Adindu, Justina Chikezie, Ogochukwu Ekwedike, Ebele Onochie, Agnes Solomon, Antoinette Opara, Martha Attakruh, Marian Stella Conney, Ngozi Eguh, Ogochukwu Manu, as well as Srs. Josephine Olagunju, Veronica Ufomba, Callista Ahachi, Eunice Onuora, Angela Onyemere and Irene Ekeng

II. From among the Temporary Professed, a total of five Sisters:

Gifty Abane, Emmanuella Akweongo, Theresa Elijah, Helen Ochieze and Idongesit Umo-Udofia.

These Chapter delegates have both active and passive voices.
The Province Leader, Sr. Rose Uche Nwosu, is ex-officio.

Two observers were unanimously approved for the Chapter: Srs. Clementina Ashibuogwu to bring in the Chadian dimension and, Mary Akinwale, a member of the African Province Chapter Coordination team. They have active voice.

A beautiful prayer service in the evening formally brought the Assembly to a close with uproarious dancing and wishes of peace for all participants and those who had supported us with their prayers.

The Chapter proper begins Sunday night, after a day of quiet private reflection on proposals that had been approved to be carried forward to the Province Chapter.

HAPPY SURVIVORS AND GRATEFUL PROVINCE

The Assembly/Chapter celebrated Friday a Eucharist of thanksgiving on the occasion of the third anniversary of the near fatal accident, near Abuja FCT, of six SHCJs – Srs. Gifty Abane, Ewoma Ezaga, Elizabeth Mgbaramuko, Josephine Olagunju, Agnes Solomon and Regina Zoot. They were grateful for the love they enjoyed.



(l to r) The Survivors: Regina, Elizabeth, Agnes, Ewoma, Josephine & Gifty

GOOD SPEED WISHES

Assembly/ Chapter members, Srs. Margaret Odeh and Gloria Okoh – both finally professed earlier in the month, left in the late afternoon of this Friday 14th for studies in the U.S.A. The whole Assembly wished them God's speed and an enriching sojourn.





Sr. Monica Adigwe took leave of the Assembly members with words of encouragement, sketched around our theme of *Cor Unum*. She left Saturday afternoon to return to Rome, with our good wishes and prayers for Sr. Geraldine MacCarthy.

< *Sr. Monica Adigwe (left) studying the Assembly/Chapter programme with Sr. Anne Fianlong*

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Having worked late into the early hours of the morning of Saturday, the Assembly delegates were glad to have a good break before the scheduled mid-day Eucharistic celebration to concern themselves. With a beautiful homily, our co-facilitator priest, Fr. Appiah, helped to make the feast a worthy one.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

As the Province Chapter delegates prepare to begin, they are grateful for your prayerful support so far. They request that you intensify this for the Chapter and for their various intentions.

*SHCJ Srs. Martina Azure, Elizabeth Mgbaramuko and Josephine Olagunju,
Communication Committee
16th August 2009*