

Introducing... Our First-Year Novices

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Lydia Jummai Alphonsus

Born: 15 July 1982
Dass, Bauchi, Nigeria

Work Experience: I taught at Holy Child Nursery/Primary School Otukpo Benue State, worked as a computer operator at Barrister Ben Chamber in Bauchi and Nee Ben Pharmacy in Bauchi State, Nigeria.

Interests: Singing, playing games, knitting, reading, dancing and farming.

I chose the Society because I feel this is where God is calling me to serve Him and all humanity; to follow Him more closely and to teach all people His ways.



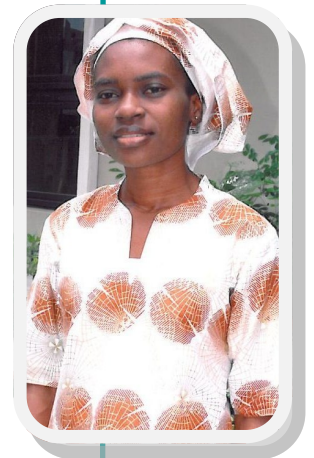
Sarah Jacob Egbai

Born: 7 August 1979
Idoma Village, Biase LGA, Cross River State, Nigeria

Work Experience: Teaching in a community primary school, Ikot Anakaniyom, Biase LGA; administrative work in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, University of Jos (*National Youth Service Corps*).

Interests: Sports, reading, listening to gospel songs as well as singing.

I chose the Society because the Sisters are welcoming, simple, always cheerful and very outspoken.



Chinedu Justina Ike



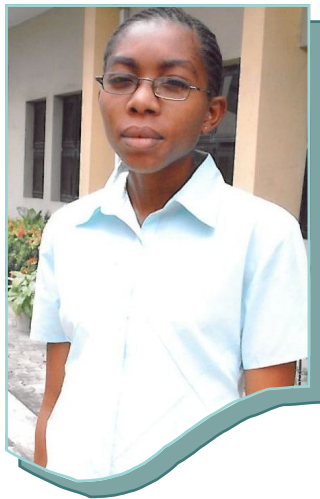
Born: 6 July 1970
Orlu, Imo State, Nigeria

Work Experience: Self employed as a tailor, caterer and hair dresser; previously worked at Love's Bakery Industry and also taught in a secondary school during my National Youth Service Corps (NYSC).

Interests: prayer, reflection, reading, singing, playing volleyball and jogging.

I chose the Society because of its spirit and charisma. I like the sisters' maturity, self-giving, generosity and how they work, move and collaborate with one another.

Anne Ogechi Nwangumah



Born: 18 November 1981
Kaduna, Nigeria

Work Experience: I worked as a litigation secretary in a legal firm; and then as a secretary and accountant in a company in Abuja.

Interests: Reading, writing, singing and listening to Christian music.

I chose the Society because I found in the sisters simplicity, sharing and doing things in common. It is a Society where one is welcomed with a smile and open hands, no discrimination.

**“My God, help me to know Thy
Will and give me the grace
and the strength
to accomplish it.”**

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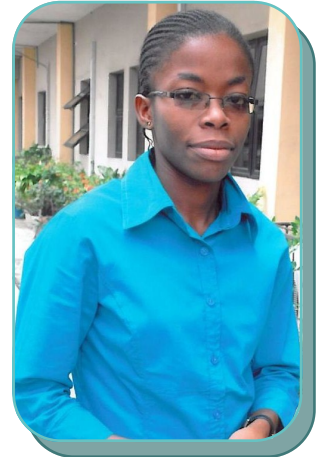
Julita Sopuruchukwu Obinna (Sopuru)

Born: 23 March 1978
Umuevu Okrika Nweke, Imo State, Nigeria

Work Experience: English language and Christian Religious Studies teacher at St. Paul's Secondary School Eha-Amufu; Computer teacher at Lebanon Club International School, Port Harcourt and English language teacher at Handmaids' Girls' Secondary School, Amansea Anambra State.

Interests: Playing football, playing drums, singing, reading and listening/watching news

I chose the Society because of the Sisters' simplicity in their way of life, their maturity and the very concrete ways they interpret the scriptures.



Maureen Chidiogo Odineze

Born: 12 July 1979
Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria

Work Experience: teaching French language at St. Augustine's Major Seminary in Jos, and at the Augustinian Monastery in Jos; Civic Education teacher during National Youth Service Corps at Kankia, Katsina State.

Interests: listening to music, reading, watching educative movies, travelling, keeping in touch via writing and helping out.

I chose the Society because of the reality of Cornelia Cornelia's approach to life, her faith in God and the simplicity of the Sisters.



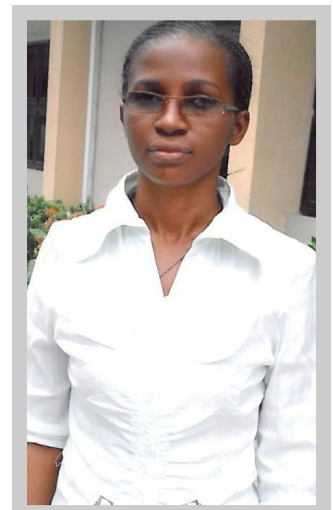
Roseline Chigozie Okenwa

Born: 8 August 1981
Orlu, Imo State, Nigeria

Work Experience: Teaching as a class teacher at St. Mary's Nursery/Primary School, Abayi Ariria Aba, Abia State.

Interests: Reading interesting books, running, listening to Christian music and listening to news.

I chose the Society because of the charism: humility, joy, charity, simplicity, prayer pattern, mission and apostolate.



Re-introducing



Francisca Edem Okon (Franca)

Franca entered the Society as a novice in 1984 and left in 1994.

Born: 1 Nov 1963
Usasan, Enugu State, Nigeria

Work Experience: over 20 years of work experience as Christian Religious Studies, Home Economics/Home Management teacher, coordinator of a Women's Centre, Headmistress, School Seamstress, School Matron, Nursery School teacher and the Principal of a School.

Interests: Reading, travelling, sewing, cooking, facing new challenges, baking, dancing, listening to inspiring gospel music, learning new ideas, watching Nigerian films as well as African movies, decorations and knitting. I also like to share and give out my God-given talents and am very much interested in innovations. Also allowing God to be number one in my life.

I chose to return to the Society because of the qualities I saw and felt while in it. I felt very much drawn to the life of simplicity, selfless service, love of God, God centredness, a prayerful life, reaching out to people outside their families and the immediate environment, sharing and caring for one another, challenging each other to growth, meeting the needs of the age and above all, living an exemplary life of Christ worth imitating.

These are the qualities I went out with, lived out and which have drawn me back to this Society. This is why I choose to return.

