

A close-up portrait of Pope Francis. He is wearing his white papal attire, including a zucchetto and a pectoral cross. He is smiling warmly at the camera and waving with his right hand. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

POPE FRANCIS

A portrait of Archbishop Monsignor Jean Marie Speich. He is an older man with glasses, wearing a purple zucchetto, a black cassock with red piping and buttons, and a large gold cross necklace. He is smiling slightly and has his hands clasped in front of him. The background is a dark, textured grey. On the left side, there are two solid yellow rectangular blocks. The text 'ARCHBISHOP MONSIGNOR JEAN MARIE SPEICH' is written in bold yellow capital letters across the middle of the image, partially overlapping the yellow blocks and the archbishop's chest.

ARCHBISHOP MONSIGNOR JEAN MARIE SPEICH

Apostolic Nuncio, Ghana

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A portrait of a Black man with a grey beard, smiling, wearing a magenta zucchetto with a red tassel, a magenta cassock with a gold cross pendant, and a magenta cape with white lace cuffs. His hands are clasped in front of him.

Most Rev. Charles Gabriel Palmer-Buckle

**Metropolitan Archbishop
of Accra**

GOODWILL MESSAGE FOR THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, ACCRA.

*"My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
All my being bless his holy Name,
My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
And never forget all his blessings...!"*
(see Psalm 103.1-2)

My dearly beloved of Christ the King Parish, I greet you today, Trinity Sunday, on the 65th anniversary of your Church community as we re-consecrate your beautifully refurbished Church building. In these 65 years of existence, you have been a very prominent and lively Catholic community, and so with you I sing of the Psalm quoted above in gratitude to God. It resonates with your chosen anniversary theme: **"The Lord has done great things for us..."** (see Lk. 1:49).

Yes, **"my soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being bless his holy Name...and never forget all his blessings..."** My dear People of God, dear Priests and Religious, never forget all God's blessings to you individually and as a community of believers, God's blessings to you as a "family" in the Catholic Church universal and in the Archdiocese of Accra. For God has indeed been good to you, and, through you, God has blessed many in their needs and well-being, as well as several less-endowed Church communities, the Archdiocese and beyond. Well done! Kudos!

It is now only proper, that as we re-consecrate your refurbished Church and its precincts, you would take this opportunity to re-dedicate your very selves to God. Let us renew ourselves and our commitment to God and our Church in whatever vocation of life the Lord our God has called us to.

In the words of St. Peter, never forget that you are the **"living stones with which the Lord is building his temple"** (1 Pt. 2:5). And in this **Jubilee Year of Mercy**, may your lives and works mirror to all the invisible face of God's Mercy through your generosity and loving service.

After 65th, the next significant anniversary will be your 70th and then your 75th. I hope you will start planning this decade ahead and work harder for still greater spiritual growth in your lives as individual Catholics, and as a formidable Christian community in the Archdiocese of Accra.

I bless you, one and all. I wish you a happy and fruitful anniversary! May Mary Mother of Mercy and the chosen tabernacle of Blessed Trinity continue to intercede for you!

Arise, Catholic Faithful, Rejoice and Renew! Ad multos annos!

By Most Rev.
**Charles Gabriel
PALMER-BUCKLE,**
Metropolitan
Archbishop of
Accra,
On Trinity Sunday,
May 22, 2016.



RE-DEDICATION AND RE-CONSECRATION

THE ORDER OF THE MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greetings & Introductory Rites

Procession: CH 396-Praise to the Holiest in the height.

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The rites of dedication begin with the congregation gathered at the entrance of the Church. The welcome address is given by the Chairman of the Parish Pastoral Council.

The Archbishop greets and addresses the people with the following words:-

ARCHBISHOP- The grace and peace of God be with all of you in this Holy place.

ALL - And with your spirit.

ARCHBISHOP- Brothers and Sisters in Christ, this is a day of rejoicing. We have come together to dedicate and consecrate this Church by offering within it the sacrifice of Christ. May we open our hearts and minds to receive His word with faith. May our fellowship born in the font of baptism and sustained at the one table of the Lord become the one temple of His Spirit, as we gather around His Altar in Love. "Go within His gates giving thanks and enter His court with songs of praise".

Preceded by the Cross Bearer, the Archbishop and the assembly enter the Church singing songs of praise led by the Choir.

Entry of the Archbishop: Ecce Sacerdos Magnum/CH 5-Around the Altar we sing.

BLESSING OF WATER

ARCHBISHOP- Let us pray.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, in this solemn rite of dedication and consecration, we ask the Lord

our God to bless this water created by His hand. It is a sign of our repentance, a reminder of our baptism, and a symbol of the cleansing of these Walls and His Altar. May the Grace of God help us to remain faithful members of His Church; open to the Spirit we have received.

All pray in silence.

ARCHBISHOP- God of Mercy, you call every Creature to the light of life, and surround us with such great love that when we stray you continually lead us back to Christ, our head. For you established an inheritance of such mercy, that those sinners, who pass through water made sacred, die with Christ and rise restored as members of His eternal covenant. Bless this water; sanctify it. As it is sprinkled upon us and throughout this Church, make it a sign of the saving waters of baptism by which we become one in Christ the temple of your Spirit. May all here today, all those in days to come who will celebrate your mysteries in this Church, be united at last in the Holy city of your peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

ALL- Amen

Songs: CH 320-There shall be showers of blessing, Enkwa nsuo & This is the day the Lord has made

SPRINKLING OF WATER

The Archbishop sprinkles the people and the walls with Holy water. On his return to the Sanctuary, he sprinkles the Altar and returns to His seat. He then prays with his hands joined.

ARCHBISHOP- May God the Father of Mercies dwell in this house of prayer. May the grace of the Holy Spirit cleanse us for we are the temple of His presence.

ALL- Amen

GLORIA: Mass of Sacred Heart

OPENING PRAYER

ARCHBISHOP: Let us pray

Lord fill this place with your presence, and extend your hand to all those who can call upon you. May your Word here proclaimed and your sacraments here celebrated strengthen the hearts of all the faithful. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading **Proverbs 8:22 - 31**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 8: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

2nd Reading **Rom 5:1-5**

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia

The Gospel Reading **John 16:12-15**

Homily

Profession of faith : CH 49

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND ANOINTING

All stand and the Archbishop without his mitre invites the people to pray in these words:

ARCHBISHOP- Let us ask the saints to support our prayers to God the Father Almighty who has made the hearts of His people faithful temples of His Spirit.

ALL – Kneel.

Litany of the Saints: Led By Cantor and Choir

After the Litany, the Archbishop standing with his hands extended Prays:

ARCHBISHOP- Lord, may the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the Saints make our Prayer acceptable to you.

May this building, which we dedicate to Your name, be a house of salvation and grace where Christians gathered in fellowship, may worship You in spirit and truth, and grow together in love. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

ALL- Amen

Depositing the Relic in the Altar

The Archbishop approaches the altar and the priest carries the relic of a Saint to him to be placed in a suitably prepared aperture;

ARCHBISHOP- Saints of God you have been enthroned at the foot of God's Altar, pray for us to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Dedication Continues

ARCHBISHOP- Father in Heaven, source of holiness and true purpose, it is right that we praise and glorify your name. For today we come before you, to dedicate to your lasting service, this house of prayer, this temple of worship.

ARCHBISHOP- This home in which we are nourished by your Word and your Sacraments, there is, reflected the mystery of the Church. The Church is fruitful, made holy by the blood of Christ; a bride made radiant with His glory, a virgin splendid in the wholeness of her faith, a mother blessed through the power of the Spirit.

The Church is holy, Your chosen vineyard; its branches envelope the world; its tendrils, carried on the tree of the cross, reach up to the Kingdom of Heaven. The Church is favoured, the dwelling place of God on earth. A temple built of living stones, founded on the apostles with Jesus Christ its corner stone.

The Church is exalted. A city set on a mountain; a beacon to the whole world. Bright with the Glory of the Lamb, and echoing the prayers of her saints. Lord, send your Spirit from heaven to make this Church an ever holy place, and this Altar a ready table for the sacrifice of Christ. Here may the water of baptism overwhelm the shame of sin. Here may your people die to sin and live again through grace as your children.

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Here may your children, gathered around your Altar, celebrate the memorial of the Pascal Lamb, and be fed at the table of Christ's word and Christ's body. Here may prayers, the Church's banquet, resound through heaven and earth as a plea for **the** world's salvation. Here may the poor find justice, the victim of oppression true freedom. From here may the whole world clothed in the dignity of the children of God, enter with gladness Your City of Peace.

We ask this Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

ALL- Amen

Anointing of the Altar and the Walls of the Church

The archbishop removes his chasuble and puts on a linen gremial. He anoints the Altar in these words:

ARCHBISHOP- We anoint this Altar and this building. May God in His power make them holy, visible signs of the mystery of Christ in His Church.

He pours chrism in the Altar beginning in the middle, followed by the four corners, and smears it over the entire surface.

Incensation of the Altar and the Walls of the Church

After the rite of anointing, the brazier is placed on the Altar for burning of incense or aromatic gums. The Archbishop puts incense into the brazier saying:

ARCHBISHOP- Lord may our prayers ascend as incense in your sight. As this building is filled with fragrance, so may Your Church fill the world with fragrance of Christ.

Lighting of the Altar Candles and the Church Candles

The Archbishop gives a minister a lighted candle and says:

ARCHBISHOP- Light of Christ, shine forth in the church and bring all nations to the fullness of truth.

The Archbishop takes his seat while the torchbearer goes to the Altar and lights the candles. This is followed by the festive lighting. All candles and lamps are lit as sign of rejoicing.

Collection: Medley of Songs

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession : Aseda

Preparation of Gifts

Incensing: CH 61-The Solemn Sacrifice begins

Prayer over the gifts

Sanctus : Mass of Sacred Heart

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this bread and drink this cup

Great Amen: Threefold Amen

Communion rites

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace: Song by Massed Choir

Agnus Dei: Peoples Mass

Communion Songs:CH 247, CH 264, CH 266, CH 263,CH 11

Post Communion Anthem: ɔbɔɔ adeɛ Sɛ Ayɛyi

Post Communion Prayer

ARCHBISHOP: - Let us pray
Lord, through these gifts increase the vision of

your truth in our minds. May we always worship you in your holy temple and rejoice in your presence, with all your saints. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Second Collection : Medley of songs
Announcements :

Unveiling and Blessing of Plaque

ARCHBISHOP: - Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe. In your goodness you have given us Jesus your Son to be our Way, our truth and our Life.

ARCHBISHOP:-You have called us to bear witness to you as members of the Church and have given us the privilege of being called your children. Bless this dedication stone; a symbol of the work of your hands, and of our dedication to you. Help us to continue to dedicate our lives and our talents to your honour and glory and for the salvation of your people. Praise and Thanks are yours eternally through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final Blessing

Recession: CH 399-Now thank we all our God

PART TWO: RECEPTION

Opening Prayer
Choreography
Welcome Message
Introduction of Chairperson
Chairpersons Response
Introduction of High Table Dignitaries
Cultural Display by CYO
Acknowledgement of Invited Guests
Speech by Special Guest of Honour
Musical Interlude
Chairpersons Closing Remarks
Vote of Thanks
Closing Prayer
Dismissal



REV. FR. ANDREW CAMPBELL (SVD)

Parish Priest, Christ the King Catholic Church

*"The Lord had done great things for me,
Holy is His name". (Lk 1:19)*

Christ the King Catholic Church was officially established on Trinity Sunday, May 22nd, 1951 by its founder and first priest, Rev. Father Charles Erb; with a total of six hundred (600) worshipers. It was dedicated and consecrated by Bishop Oliver Bowers as the fourth mission station in the Diocese (now Archdiocese) of Accra.

Those whose sweat and toil helped found and construct this Church handed down to us and those who served God through it faithfully throughout the years as members, leaders and pastors have made it possible for it to be a great and strong parish spiritually and socially.

Spiritually, the Holy Mass has become the center of our faith and lives at Christ the King Church. Our new splendid granite altar with new baptismal font and lecterns will help us appreciate more, the greatness of the Holy Mass and help us to worship and adore the Lord in total reverence and humility.

To cope with the rapid growth in the population of the parish and ensure that all home bound and sick parishioners receive Holy Communion at least once a week, Christ the King Parish enrolled initially, five (5) parishioners for training at Sowutoum Major Seminary, to assist the

Priests in the distribution of Holy Communion. This was when the Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion began their work in the Archdiocese of Accra in 2001. The number of Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion currently stands at nineteen (19).

As a parish, we also thank God for the wonderful treasure and gift of the Adoration Chapel. Thousands of worshipers come regularly, both young and old, to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Adoration Chapel is one of the greatest joys of my 45 years of priesthood in Ghana. When I see people come early morning, at noon, in the evening and spending the night in prayer, I feel the presence of God all around us.

Furthermore, devotional societies have sprung up and perhaps for the reward of ceaseless prayers for vocations, our Church has been blessed with eight (8) of our sons and a DAUGHTER being ordained to the priesthood and called to Religious Service.

Sister Julia Anokye: The first Religious from Christ the King Parish.

Sister Julia Anokye was with Christ the King Parish for about twenty (20) years. Sr. Julia was very instrumental in organizing the Christ the King Praesidium of the Legion of Mary. She belongs to **the Sisters Hospitallers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**; and is currently working at Holy Child Clinic at Fijai near Secondi in the Western Region of Ghana.

It is our hope that the lives of these Priests and our Sister, will continue to inspire our youth to answer God's calling.

Moreover, since its inception, the Parish has become known for its higher level of social conscience, reaching out to the poor and the underprivileged. Christ the King Parish will continue to live up to its responsibilities in promoting pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical mission of the Catholic Church in the Parish and beyond. We will strive harder

to identify the priorities of the Parish to focus on and address issues pertaining to the Youth, Catholic Faith Formation, New Evangelization and outreach to non-involved and non-participating parishioners.

Christ the King Catholic Parish, has had two outstation Churches namely, Mary Mother of Good Counsel Church, established in December 1991 (Now a Parish), with Rev. Fr. David Arko Amissah as the Parish Priest, and Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Okponglo in August 2004; currently with Rev. Farther Destiny Amenuvor as the Priest-in-Charge. Today being the Holy Trinity Sunday, falls exactly the same date and day on which this Parish was established. As we rededicate and reconsecrate our Church building today, let us rededicate our lives to Christ the King.

We pray that as a Parish, within the Extraordinary year of Mercy, we will continue to strive to be a faith community whose gratitude to God's countless blessings is manifested in our prayerful relationship with Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the clergy of Christ the King Parish, I wish parishioners a Blessed 65th Anniversary Celebrations.

God bless us all.
Amen.



PRIESTS FROM CHRIST THE KING CHURCH



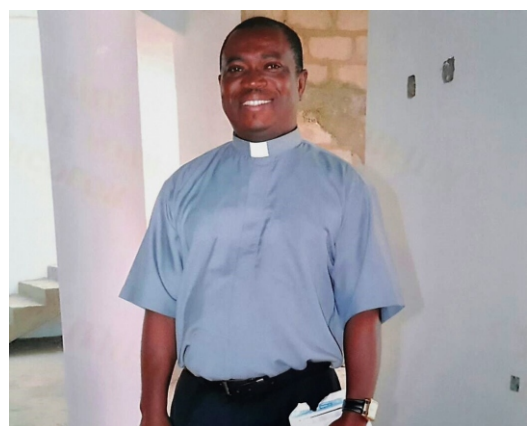
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Date Ordained: 18th July, 1992

Current Station: **St. Thomas More**



Rev. Father Emmanuel Narthey
Date Ordained: 22nd July, 1995

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Rev. Father Emmanuel Gosu
Date Ordained: 19th August, 2006

Current Station: **St. Dominic, Afienya**



Rev. Father John Patrick Tindana
Date Ordained: 25th August, 2007

Current Station: **Rome**

Rev. Father Gideon Apreku
Date Ordained: 8th August, 2009

Current Station: **Kenya**



Rev. Father Charles Awotwi
Date Ordained: 4th June, 2011

Current Station: **Kansas, USA**



Rev. Father Frank Ayarkwa,
Date Ordained: 19th July 2014

Current Station: **Madagascar**



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GOOD WILL MESSAGE

REV. FR. JOSEPH
OKWEI OCRAN

Parochial Vicar



To God be the Glory

The success story of 65 years as a Church is a testimony to the abiding presence of God with us. Many priests have come and gone. Parishioners have paid their quota and even seen to the growth of outstations Mary Mother of Good Counsel and Divine Mercy. But we owe it all to Jesus Christ our King.

Our continued growth depends on how much we focus on the Lord. We are grateful to God that our name, keeps that focus intact. May Christ Jesus always be the King and centre of our hearts.

Happy Anniversary!!!



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Goodwill Message From

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Dearly beloved in Christ, it has been the gracious will of God that our Christ the King Catholic Church celebrates its 65th anniversary this year; under the theme *"The Lord Has great things for me, Holy is his name (Lk 1:49).*

Many members, leaders and pastors sowed the seeds of Catholic faith evangelism here from 22nd May 1951 to date; many others, lay men and women, priests and religious watered it, and now we are privileged to reap the abundant fruits that the Lord has blessed the Church with through them.

Over the past sixty-five (65) years, Christ the King Catholic Church of Accra, Cantonments, like the biblical grain of mustard seed, has grown from humble beginnings to become the big ecclesiastical tree that it is today offering spiritual shelter to thousands of Christians. In the process, it has given birth not only to thousands of Catholics but also to Mary Mother of Good Counsel and Divine Mercy Catholic Churches at West Airport and East Legon respectively. It has also given birth to eight (8) of our sons and a daughter being ordained to the priest hood and called to religious service, a vibrant laity as well as helping in other outreach charitable projects.

Christ the King Catholic Church, over the past sixty-five (65) years has been concerned with both the spiritual and material dimensions of human existence. Accordingly, it has offered not only moral and spiritual formation to parishioners but has also contributed to the health, educational and other needs of many people.

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches (Mt. 13:31-32)

During the past six months we can say with great joy that we have indeed celebrated the blessings of the Lord for the great things he has done for us; through the various monthly programmes of spiritual exercises, retreats, visits to the Grotto, talks and teachings on the Jubilee Year Of Mercy, physical and social activities such as blood donation to Korle-bu Hospital, health walks and educational talks, choral concert, donations to orphanages and visiting the sick and the destitute in our immediate parish environment and beyond.

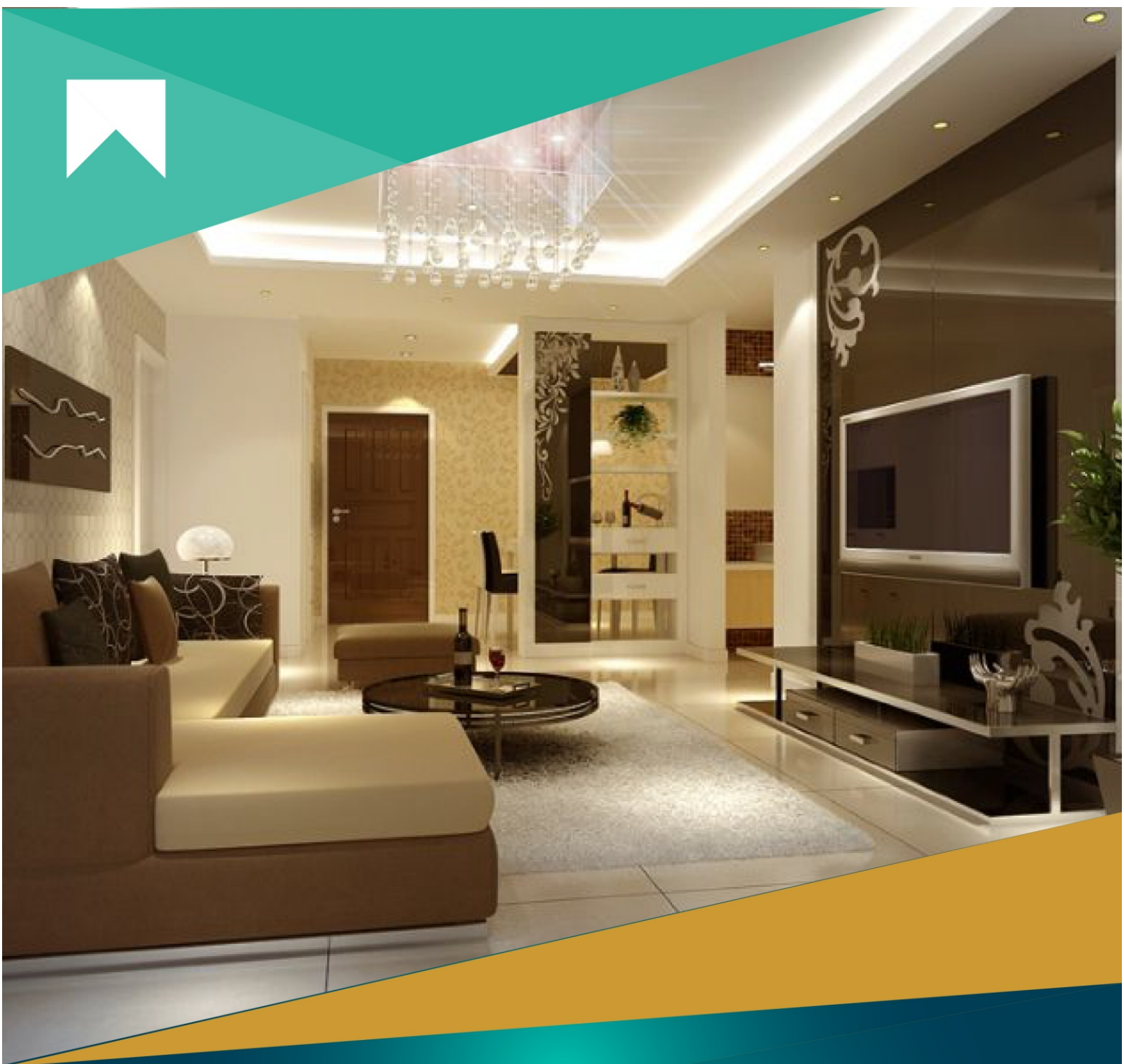
On the occasion of this anniversary, the Parish Pastoral Council salutes posthumously all the Priests lay people, men and women, especially catechists, whose contributions and sacrifices and all those pioneers through whose efforts and unwavering faith have made our church great and strong.

As we gather here for this Eucharistic celebration on the occasion of our 65th anniversary, let us thank the Lord for the graces, blessings and joys bestowed upon us. The Parish Pastoral Council prays that the good Lord continues to bless and prosper the Church abundantly and that it may grow from strength to strength in the next 65th years.

Yes indeed, the Lord has done great things for us and holy is His name; let us rejoice and be glad in Him.

We pray the almighty God to bestow Christ the King Church with abundant blessings, bless the Accra Archdiocese of the Catholic Church and make our nation Ghana great and strong.

Amen
Professor Sir Dennis Adjei
Chairman of Parish Pastoral Council



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JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful
like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever
sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and
Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from
seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of
us, the words that you spoke to the
Samaritan woman:

“If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible
Father, of the God who manifests his power
above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the
Church be your visible face in the world, its
Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also
be clothed in weakness in order that they
may feel compassion for those in ignorance
and error: let everyone who approaches
them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven
by God.



Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of
us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of
Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,
may bring good news to the poor, proclaim
liberty to captives and the oppressed, and
restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the
intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you
who live and reign with the Father and the
Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

HUMBLE BEGINNING CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

Christ the King Catholic Church started in a small chapel with a total of six hundred (600) members; under Rev. Fr. Charles Erb, founder and first Parish Priest. He organized church services on weekends and eventually, in 1950 secured a plot of land within the military zone at Switch Back Road for the construction of a church. By the grace of God, Christ the King Church building was completed and dedicated by Bishop Joseph Oliver Bowers on Trinity Sunday, May 22, 1951 as the fourth Mission Station in Accra.

The nature of Christ the King Church from inception – priest and congregation alike – tended to evolve. In the early days, the congregation mostly comprised of Expatriate Catholics and locals who lived within the vicinity of the Switch Back Road. In the late Gold Coast era, there was a large population of Catholic Lebanese Traders and Merchants in Accra and other towns. There was therefore a need for a priest of their own. In response to their request, two Maronite Lebanese Priests arrived in Accra in December, 1951 and were hosted by Christ the King Church. They settled and used the Church as the headquarters of the Maronite Lebanese Catholics in Ghana. Eventually, they built their residence at their site at Osu and moved out in 1956.

During the era of independence, the European population in Christ the King Church dwindled considerably. On the other hand, the Ghanaian population grew rapidly. Parishioners were now mostly Senior Officers of the Army, Police and the Civil Service.

The Church building became smaller for the increasing number of parishioners, which by that time was in the thousands. It was therefore time to build a bigger church.

Many challenges were faced in getting this off the ground. In the period of Fr. J.H. Lauck as Parochial Administrator, plans were submitted for the new Church but several amendments and alterations necessarily ensued.

Subsequently, when the contract for the construction of the new church was finally awarded in 1965, work was brought to a halt. This development arose because the area, currently referred to as the "Revolutionary Square" and its immediate environs, were earmarked as the helicopter base by the then Government.

However, after the 1966 coup d'état, the green light was given for the Church project to proceed. In no time, the new and present church was completed and dedicated by the Bishop Oliver Bowers on October 29, 1967.

Christ the King Church attained the status of a Parish under Fr. Lauck's tenure (September 8, 1965). Our Lady of Fatima Grotto was built during his term. This was to increase devotion to Mother Mary. On the first Saturday of every month, various societies and parishes in the city would congregate at the Grotto to pray the Holy Rosary and other devotions of the Blessed and finally climax it with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Fr. M. Lessage was appointed as the Parish Priest from 1969 to 1975. Fr. Amos Friersichs later took over from 1975 to 1980.

Very Rev. Fr. Martin Wels (SVD) took over as Parish Priest in 1980 and during his tenure as pastor, Christ the King became known for its outreach to the poor and the under privileged. The Christ the King Hall was officially blessed and opened on September 27, 1986.

Rev. Fr. Stephen Adu Kwaning (August 1994-October 2006) became the first Ghanaian Parish Priest of Christ the King Church. In May 2005, he was named as a prelate of Honor by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI and invested as a Monsignor on November 30, 2005.

Rev. Fr. Prince Emmanuel Adelaayitar took over from Rev. Fr. Stephen Adu-Kwaning in October, 2006 and later left for sabbatical studies in Rome in June 2009. During his time as Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Adelaayitar played a key role in the implementation of the Vitus Dery Educational Fund. He also started the Tuesday Teaching and the Marian Feast in the Month of October.

Rev. Fr. Andrew Campbell was appointed the Parish Priest of Christ the King Church in July 2009. Christ the King Parish has seen some significant face lift under the tenure of Rev. Fr. Campbell. These include the recreational grounds, refurbishment of the Christ the King church building and the Parish Hall, Adoration Chapel Complex, Sick Bay for both church and school. The church has also undertaken a great deal of outreach programs.

No.	Period	Priest
Parish Priest		
1.	1951 – 1954	Fr. Charles Erb
2.	1954 – 1960	Fr. Leslie Hatfield
3.	1960 – 1968	Fr. Anthony Bauer
4.	May 1964 – July 1966	Fr. Halleran
5.	1964 -1969	Fr. J. H. Lauck
6.	1969 -1975	Fr. Maurice Lesage
7.	1975 – 1980	Fr. Amos Frerich
8.	1977 for a few months	Fr. Lawrence Thornton
9.	1981 – 1994	Very Rev. Fr. Martin Wels
10.	1994 - 2006	Very Rev. Fr. Stephen Adu-Kwaning
11.	2006 – 2009	Rev. Fr. Prince Emmanuel Adelaayitar
12.	2009 to Date	Rev Fr. Andrew Campbell

Parochial Vicars		
1.	1980 – 1982	Rev. Fr. Ted Smeets
2.	1996 – 2001	Rev. Fr. Edmund Ekow Ebeng Neizer
3.	2001- 2002	Rev. Fr. Gabriel Liashiedzi
4.	2002 – 2005	Rev. Fr. Prince Emmanuel Adelaayitar
5.	2003 – 2005	Rev.Fr. Benjamin Effah
6.	2004 – 2007	Rev. Fr. Daniel Tettetji
7.	2006 – 2010	Rev. Fr. Raphael Donkor Boansi
8.	2007 – 2012	Rev. Fr. David Amissah
9.	2009 – 2010	Rev. Fr. Bonaventure Quaidoo
10.	2010 – 2014	Rev. Fr. Samuel Korkordi
11.	2014 – Date	Rev. Fr. Joseph Okwei Ocran
Priests-In-Residence		
12.	1993 – Date	Rev. Fr. Peter Baddoo
13.	1995 – 1997	Rev. Fr. Benjamin Fiiriter
14.	2003 – 2005	Rev. Fr. Thaddeus Nelson Adjakpey



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Synopsis

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on December 17, 1936, Jorge Mario Bergoglio became Pope Francis on March 13, 2013, when he was named the 266th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church. Bergoglio, the first Pope from the Americas, took his Papal title after **St. Francis of Assisi of Italy**. Prior to his election as Pope, Bergoglio served as Archbishop of Buenos Aires from 1998 to 2013, as Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church of Argentina from 2001 to 2013, and as President of the Bishops' Conference of Argentina from 2005 to 2011. Pope Francis made his first international visit in July 2013, to Brazil. In December 2013, Pope Francis was also named "Person of the Year" by Time magazine. To date, his tenure has been characterized by humility and outspoken support of the world's poor and marginalized people. He has been involved actively in areas of political diplomacy and environmental advocacy.

BIOGRAPHY

POPE FRANCIS

A BIOGRAPHY
OF THE POPE

Early Life and Education

Jorge Mario Bergoglio graduated from a Technical School as a Chemical Technician before beginning training at the Diocesan Seminary of Villa Devoto. In March 1958, he entered the Novitiate of the Society of Jesus. Bergoglio taught Literature and Psychology at Immaculate Conception College in Santa Fé in 1964 and 1965, and also taught the same subjects at the Colegio del Salvatore in Buenos Aires in 1966. He studied Theology and received a degree from the Colegio of San José from 1967 to 1970. He finished his Doctoral Thesis in Theology in Freiburg, Germany in 1986.

Entering Priesthood

Ordained as a priest in December 1969, Bergoglio began serving as Jesuit Provincial of Argentina in 1973. He is reported to have said that initially, his mother did not support his decision to enter the Priesthood, despite the fact that she was a devout Catholic. By the time he was ordained; however, his mother had accepted his calling and asked for his blessing at the end of his ordination ceremony. He later returned to his alma mater, the Colegio of San José, where he served as Rector (1980-86) and a Professor of Theology.

On May 20, 1992, Bergoglio was named Titular Bishop of Auca and Auxiliary of Buenos Aires. In February 1998, he became Archbishop of Buenos Aires, succeeding Antonio Quarracino. Three years later, in February 2001, he was elevated to Cardinal by Pope John Paul II. In 2005, he was named President of the Bishops' Conference of Argentina, serving in that position until 2011. After Pope John Paul II's death in April 2005, Bergoglio reportedly, received the second-most votes in the 2005 Papal Conclave; Pope Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger) was chosen as Pope John Paul's successor.

On March 13, 2013, at the age of 76, Jorge Bergoglio was named the 266th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church—becoming the first citizen from the Americas, the first non-European and first Jesuit Priest to be named Pope. He adopted the name Pope Francis (he took the title after St. Francis of Assisi of Italy). Prior to the 2013 Papal Conclave, Pope Francis had served as both Archbishop and Cardinal for more than 12 years.

The tone of his Papacy, which has been admired globally, was established long before his elevation to the Church's highest position; however, when he was named to that post, the media quickly picked up on stories of his humility. News circulated about the fact that he returned to the boarding house where he had been staying to pay his bill personally, rather than send an assistant, and that he would choose to live in a simple two-room apartment rather than the luxurious Papal accommodations in the Vatican's Apostolic Palace. In choosing to live more simply, Pope Francis broke a tradition that had been upheld by Popes for more than a century.

Addressing a crowd of tens of thousands in St. Peter's Square, in the Vatican City in Rome, Italy, after his selection by the Conclave, Pope Francis stated, **"As you know, the duty of the Conclave was to appoint a Bishop of Rome. It seems to me that my brother Cardinals have chosen one who is from faraway.. . . Here I am. I would like to thank you for your embrace."**

After the results of the 2013 Papal Conclave were announced, U.S. President, Barack Obama issued a statement about the new Pope: **"As the first Pope from the Americas, his selection also speaks to the strength and vitality of a region that is increasingly shaping our world, and alongside millions of Hispanic Americans, those of us in the United States share the joy of this historic day."** It was not long after assuming the Papacy that Pope Francis began offering more nuanced views and interpretations on key social issues about which the Church holds pronounced doctrinal views. He has not shied away from elaborating on those views, and sound bites such as "Who am I to judge?", a comment he made referring to homosexuality, have served to portray him as a compassionate conservative whose views are often considered progressive compared to those of his predecessors.

POPE

POPE AS SPIRITUAL AND WORLD LEADER

In September 2013, Pope Francis called for others to join him in praying for peace in Syria. The Pontiff held a special vigil in St. Peter's Square on September 7, which was attended by an estimated 100,000 people. According to the Catholic News Service, Pope Francis told the crowd that **"When man thinks only of himself. . . [and] permits himself to be captivated by the idols of dominion and power. . . , [t]hen the door opens to violence, indifference, and conflict."** The Pope implored those involved in the conflict to find a peaceful solution. **"Leave behind the self-interest that hardens your heart, overcome the indifference that makes your heart insensitive towards others, conquer your deadly reasoning, and open yourself to dialogue and reconciliation."**

Later that month, Pope Francis gave a revealing interview to an Italian Jesuit publication called *La Civiltà Cattolica*. He explained that religious dialogue must be broader in scope, not simply focused on such issues as homosexuality and abortion. **"We have to find a new balance; otherwise, even the moral edifice of the Church is likely to fall like a house of cards, losing the freshness and fragrance of the Gospel,"** the Pope said. "The proposal of the Gospel must be simpler, profound, and radiant. It is from this proposition that the moral consequences then flow." In early December 2013, Pope Francis gave an "apostolic exhortation," an address calling for big changes in the Catholic Church, including rethinking long-held but antiquated customs.



"I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting, and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security," he stated. "I do not want a Church concerned with being at the center and then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures."

In March, 2014, it was announced that Pope Francis had been nominated for the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize. He did not receive this honor, but he continued to devote his time to reaching out to Catholics around the world. During that summer, Pope Francis went on his first visit to Asia. He spent five days in South Korea in August. On his return trip from South Korea, Pope Francis discussed his own mortality with the press. "Two or three years and then I'll be off to my Father's house," he said, according to a report in *The Guardian*. He also suffered a personal loss around that same time after several members of his family were killed in a car accident in Argentina.

Pope Francis continued his pattern of deep engagement with both political and environmental conflicts around the world. He spoke out against global abuses and the misuse of political and economic power, lamenting the disappearances and suspected murders of 43 students in Mexico; the dangers and losses of life caused by immigration; financial mismanagement within the Church itself; and sexual abuse.

His decision to crack down on Church corruption and excommunicate members of the Mafia were hailed by Catholics and non-Catholics alike, though they also caused him to receive death threats.

He tackled other political blockades too, bringing together Presidents Raul Castro, of Cuba, and President Barack Obama, of the United States, in a historic meeting that precipitated significant foreign policy changes. Finally, his ambitious schedule of travel continued, with visits to Paraguay, Bolivia, and Ecuador to have beatifications. To date, he has beatified more than three dozen people, including Oscar Romero, a priest from El Salvador who was assassinated in 1980 because of his espousal of liberation theology and his activism to protect marginalized people.

In September 2015, Pope Francis continued to stir up the status quo in the Catholic Church when he announced that priests around the world will be allowed to forgive the "sin of abortion" during a "Year of Mercy," which starts December 8, 2015 and ends November 20, 2016. The Pope wrote about this act of compassion in a letter, stating: **"I think in particular of all the women who have resorted to abortion. I am well aware of the pressure that has led them to this decision. I know that it is an existential and moral ordeal. I have met so many women who bear in their heart the scar of this agonizing and painful decision. What has happened is profoundly unjust; yet only understanding the truth of it can enable one not to lose hope."**

He added: "The forgiveness of God cannot be denied to one who has repented, especially when that person approaches the Sacrament of Confession with a sincere heart in order to obtain reconciliation with the Father. For this reason too, I have decided, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, to concede to all priests for the Jubilee Year the discretion to absolve of the sin of abortion those who have procured it and who, with contrite heart, seek forgiveness for it"



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A TRUE CALLING TO SERVE

CHRIST THE KING

My first encounter with Christ the King Catholic Church, Cantonments, Accra, happened to be just a few days away from Christmas, 1984, where I accompanied by my mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Anokye of blessed memory. Little did I know that Christ the King Church was going to be the place of my conversion to the Catholic Faith. I was highly impressed about the conduct of the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Martin Wells of blessed memory, as I sat at the back of the church watching him at Mass. At the end of the Mass, I went straight to him and told him about my intention of becoming a Catholic. He asked me what had motivated me to become a Catholic. When I told him I had been a Methodist all my life but I had been impressed by all that I had witnessed in the church that day, he looked at me with a smile. He then informed me about all the necessary processes I had to go through in order to become a Catholic; I expressed my preparedness and readiness. When I was later confirmed as a Catholic, he encouraged me to join some of the societies in the Church. I joined the Legion of Mary, St. Anthony and the Sacred Heart Jesus. However, I was more committed to St. Anthony and the Legion of Mary.

For over twenty (20) years of my life as a Catholic, I became devoted to our Blessed Lady and Legion of Mary. The weekly visitations of the Legion of Mary to the hospitals, especially the adults, children's and even the isolated wards of the 37 Military Hospital, brought joy and fulfillment into my life.



When I first joined the Legion of M a r y

Society, we were just a Curia. Through the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the Legion has now been elevated from Curia to Commitium, to Regia and has now reached the Status of Senatus. Thanks to Our Lady for supporting the Legionaries with

her prayers. It is also worth mentioning of the tireless effort of Mrs. Elizabeth Sowah and the current President of the Legion, Sister Marian and many others who continue to strengthen the efforts of the Legion in bringing joy and love to many sick people in the hospitals and homes.

The home visitation to the Military and Police Quarters next to Christ the King Church brought a lot of children and families to the Church. Every Sunday after Mass, we converge at the Grotto and had Bible lessons with the children.

It is heartwarming to learn that long after I had left, the children who were aged between 6-12 years old, have now become adults and are fully participating in the church activities under the patronage of Brother Peter.

I was also encouraged by our late Parish Priest to be a Lector for almost twenty (20) years and I must say I enjoyed proclaiming the Word of God at Masses on Sundays.

THE CALL TO A RELIGIOUS LIFE

THE CALL TO A RELIGIOUS LIFE

For many years I felt being called to Religious life but I did not have the courage to take a bold decision at the time, however as time went by, I could not resist ANY LONGER in giving a positive response to the One who LOVES ME MOST.

I am very grateful to the good Lord and to Our Blessed Lady for where I find myself today, in the Congregation of the Sisters Hospitallers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I also appreciate the contribution and support of many people who have been tremendously kind to me on my spiritual journey. I am indeed thankful to Very Rev. Fr. Andrew Campbell (SVD), who though did not meet me personally at Christ the King Parish, had deemed it worthy to include me in this all important historical document of Christ the King Church. God bless you all.

GOODWILL MESSAGE

On the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of Christ the King Church I wish you the best in all your endeavors. Let us look to the past with gratitude, the present with passion and the future with great hope. God bless you all.

REV. SR. JULIA ANOKYE.





GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Colossians 3: 23

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord , not for humans."

This goodwill message is sent to Christ the King church on the occasion of its 65th Anniversary, on behalf of the Priest in Charge, the Chairman and members of the Church Pastoral Council and all members of Divine Mercy Catholic Church.

On this special occasion, it is with great joy and pride that we wish the Parish Priest, all the Priests and Reverend Sisters in Residence, the Chairman and members of the Parish Pastoral Council and all members of Christ the King church, a very successful celebration.

In a very special way, we would also like to pay tribute to all persons who have ever worked for the church and to those

who are engaged in pastoral care of the Christ the King community. We thank them all for helping to move Christ the King Church forward with confidence and for the role they played in bringing the Parish to where it is today.

Divine Mercy Catholic Church joins Christ the King Church in dedicating this celebration to all those who worship there, and those who serve and work tirelessly for the good of Christ the King Parish. There are also those, who even though, not Catholics, continue to show Christ the King Parish immense good-will, support and generosity in many, many different ways .

Finally, we would like the Parish Priest, the Parish Pastoral Council and all members of Christ the King Church to know that they are in our thoughts and our prayers as we give thanks to God for His abundant blessings during the celebration of the 65th Anniversary of the church.

Rev Fr. Francis Destiny Amenuvor
Priest in Charge

Stanley Okoh
Chairman, Church Pastoral Council



GOOD WILL MESSAGE

REV. FR. BONAVENTURE QUAIDOO

That **CHRIST THE KING PARISH** is sixty five years gives us a good reason to rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for his love and care. Being a former pupil of CHRIST THE KING International School gives me more reason to jubilate because I saw the Church as it was developing in the 1960s

I salute the gallant personalities (lay persons, religious, Priests and Bishops) who cooperated with God's grace to be used as instruments. To Fr. Campbell and Fr. Ocran, the PPC, the HDR sisters and all Parishioners I wish you happy 65th Anniversary. **Pax Vobis.**

Goodwill Message

TO

CHRIST THE KING PARISH

ON THE

**65TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH,
AS A FAITH COMMUNITY**

**BY Msgr.
STEPHEN ADU-KWANING**



My dear People of God,

With equal sentiments of joy and gratitude to God, I rejoice with you as we celebrate 65 years of the birth of Christ the King Parish. 65 years in the life of any organization is a great achievement that is worth celebrating.

I give thanks to God for giving me the opportunity to be of service to his beloved people of Christ the King. During the years of ministry at the parish, I was personally moved and touched by the amount of love, care, concern, cooperation and collaboration I enjoyed from you, in the planning and implementation of the many programs and projects, we executed as a community of faith. I am ever grateful to you for your never-ending magnanimity. May God fully supply all your needs in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus (cf. Phil. 4. 19). In the work of evangelization, one sows, the other nourishes, "...but God caused the growth" (I Cor. 3, 6). Thus, it was an exceptional privilege for me to be part of the process of growth of Christ the King Parish.

As a community of faith centered on Jesus Christ, called together by His Word and nourished by the Eucharist, we look forward, in joyful hope, to sharing in the life of the Church triumphant. May today's celebration encourage each and every one of you to serve the Lord better and to put into practice the brotherhood of charity we nurture flowing from the celebrations of the Eucharist from this dedicated Altar and Church.

May Mary, the Mother of Christ and the Mother of the Church, intercede on our behalf, as we cherish, foster and nourish our faith.

Congratulations, best wishes and God's blessings!
(Msgr. Stephen Adu-Kwaning served as the Parish Priest from 1994 to 2006).

GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM



REV. FR. MAJOR BENJAMIN KWASI EFFAH
CHAPLAIN, GHANA ARMED FORCES

It is with great pleasure and nostalgia that I write this goodwill message on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of this exciting Parish.

My association with Christ the King Parish dates back several years as I used to attend Masses in the days of Rev. Fr. Martin Wells. Little did I know that one day I will have the opportunity to work there as a Priest.

I worked in Christ the King from 2002 – 2005 as a Parochial Vicar to Monsignor Stephen Adu-Kwaning and Rev. Fr. Prince Adelaayitar. My Pastoral work in this parish shaped my Priesthood vocation and built in me the rudiments of the Priestly life. The population dynamics of this Parish particularly enhanced my sermon preparation and delivery.

Congratulation on your 65th anniversary. I am ever proud of my association with this great parish. I am extremely delighted that when offered the opportunity, I contributed my quota.

I wish you a joyful celebrations as we look forward to God's blessing in the years ahead.

Happy 65th Anniversary!!!

GOODWILL MESSAGE

BY

**REV. FR. DANIEL
MAWULI TETTEDJI**



Dear
Parishio-
ners
of Christ
the King, it

is with great fondness that I greet you on the occasion of your 65th anniversary celebration! You have come this far by faith and God has graciously blessed your community. I re-echo the words of the Psalmist "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us but unto your name give the glory..." (Psalm 115:1).

Occasions like this should always bring to mind the tireless efforts and contributions of the founding members. Growing or building a church is a daunting task. It involves time, sacrifice, commitment, trust, faith, money and many others. These and more were the values displayed by the forebears of the church. It is, therefore, my prayer that God, who used them to plant such a beautiful seed of faith, may grant eternal rest to the souls of those who are dead; and for those who are alive, peace and joy. Permit me, esteemed brothers and sisters, to commend you for building up on the solid foundation. Know that Christ the King Church is what it is today, because, you too have played a significant role. It is a truism that a family is what it is because of its members; the same can be said of a church.

As you celebrate 65th year, I wish to remind you of the prayer offered by Solomon at the time of the dedication of the Temple of Jerusalem:

"But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, LORD my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day. May your eyes be open toward this temple night and day, this place of which you said, 'My Name shall be there,' so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive (1Kings 8:27-29)."

According to this prayer, the Most High himself dwells in your midst. He watches over you night and day, and hears your supplications. I pray that Christ the King Church will continue to grow in faith, love and peace.

Congratulations to the clergy and parishioners on such a great feast.

Stay blessed, shalom.

GOODWILL MESSAGE



Rev. Fr. David Amissah

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate you on the occasion of your 65th anniversary as a Parish.

I extend my warmest felicitations to the Parish Priest, Very Rev. Fr. Andrew Campbell, his assistant Rev. Fr. Joseph Ocran and Fr. Peter Baddoo. The Parish Counselors led by Sir Prof. Dennis Adjei and the entire membership of the Parish.

Sixty-Five years growth and development of the Parish has been phenomenal and I am very proud to be associated with this great Parish. Indeed the Lord has done great things for Christ the King Parish. You have been a blessing to us as a Parish Community of Mary Mother of Good Counsel and the entire Archdiocese of Accra.

I would like to pay special tribute to all past priests for their spiritual leadership. The effort and generosity of parishioners is worth noting.

It is my prayer that your love for God and one another will continue to grow. May all who worship with you experience the love and Mercy of Christ who Reigns forever.

ALJEKOO!

GOODWILL MESSAGE

REV. FR. PRINCE EMMANUEL
KOBLA ADELAAYITAR

NOTARY OF THE INTERDIOCESAN
TRIBUNAL OF ACCRA AND
ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF ST. JAMES
CATHOLIC CHURCH

I remember my years in Christ the King Parish with nostalgia. Eight years working among you with all the support, love, criticism, growth (spiritually, economically, socially, etc) and all the blessings that God showered on this community because of its faith, hope and love. With this, and in spite of the challenge we went through as a community, I cannot but remember the words of St. Paul to the Colossians 1:3 – 6

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—5 the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel 6 that has come to you.

As you celebrate the 65th anniversary of the parish, my greatest desire is that 'out of his glorious riches he (God) may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts



through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God'.

Finally, as I congratulate you on this special occasion when you rededicate the church building to the Lord, I pray that he who has done great things for you will even do greater things that Christ the King might be known, loved and served for all eternity.

Happy Anniversary!!!



GOODWILL MESSAGE

FOR CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC
CHURCH-CANTONMENTS

REV. FR. RAPHAEL DONKOR BOANSI

**ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR 65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
AND THE RE-CONSECRATION OF YOUR CHURCH BUILDING.**

Congratulations on your 65th anniversary celebration. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it (Ps 118:24).

The dedication of a Church is a significant and rare event in the life of a Christian community. It involves more than merely setting aside a building for the celebration of sacred things, since the people who plan, build, and dedicate a sacred place are themselves the Church, "that is, the temple of God built of living stones, where the Father is worshipped in spirit and in truth. Rightly, then, from early times the name 'church' has also been given to the building in which the Christian community gathers to hear the Word of God, to pray together, to celebrate the sacraments, and to participate in the Eucharist" (Rite for the Dedication of a Church and an Altar, 2.1). As you celebrate your 65th anniversary and re-dedicate your church building, let us remember those

who started with us but did not live to see this day. May their souls find peace with the Lord.

In congratulating you on this great milestone, my prayer is that this great worshipping community of Christ's faithful will always remain a community of prayer, where we learn to penetrate more deeply into the wisdom and grace of God. May your desire to share your gifts with others strengthen your fellowship and make your church become a church where things happen to the greater glory of God.

Finally, I pray that Christ the King Catholic church will be a Spirit-guided community and a holy dwelling place, so that all who gather for prayer and worship may find strength and consolation.

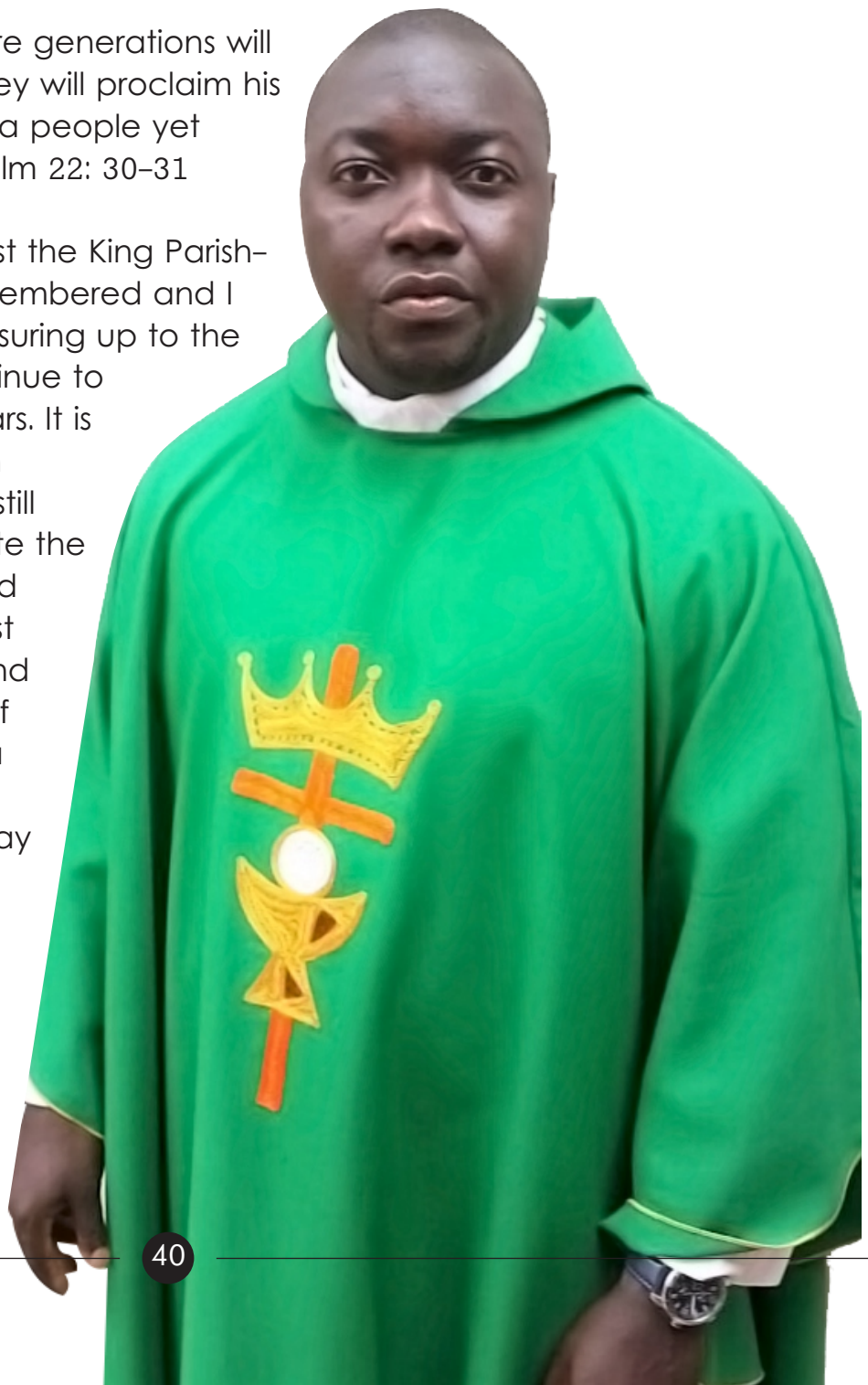
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65th Anniversary To You All.*

GOODWILL MESSAGE

Rev. Fr. Samuel Kwaku Korkordi

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it! Psalm 22: 30-31

My pastoral ministry at Christ the King Parish-Cantonments, is fondly remembered and I cannot restrain myself measuring up to the quality of worship you continue to disseminate even at 65 years. It is obvious the firm foundation flourishes on. Christ the King still reigns indeed! I congratulate the priests, religious brothers and sisters, and parishioners; past and present whose care and concern to build a family of God have crafted so fine a Church. Happy 65th Anniversary! I suppliantly pray that this celebration will begin another notable phase in the annals of the Church. God bless you and celebrate HIS goodness.



GOODWILL MESSAGE TO CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH



FR. TED NELSON-ADJAKPEY.

Christ the king Church became my Parish for a short time (2003-2005) when I was appointed the Director of the Youth Formation Center, Lashibi. I was in Residence at Christ the King to enable me take care of the newly established centre from there. Msgr. Stephen Adu Kwaning was then the Parish Priest. With other priests, we enjoyed fraternity, love and friendship, an atmosphere that brought us together to serve the Parishioners with joy and in unity. Sunday see one or another in the Church for the First and/ or second Mass, the Children's Mass in the Parish hall, or driving down to Mother of Good Counsel, or to Okponglo. Confessions were regular on Saturdays and overwhelming on first Saturdays when we welcomed several Catholics from other parishes for our Grotto Devotions.

Nevertheless, my work at the Youth Center was not disturbed. There were so many challenges at this new plot which should be developed for the training of our youth. In attempt to tackle these challenges and difficulties I wrote to all Parishes and the three deaneries (East, West & Tema-Battor) for help.

When the help was not coming, I appealed to the Parishioners (about eleven) taking interest in

the center and its future. Soon they formed themselves into a group which soon became known as "Friends of the Youth Center". They were to assist me in making appeals to individuals and groups for help. I also appealed to them to help me organize "fund fairs" to raise money for the project, my priority being fencing the entire plots as a starting point. Thus, they helped me to plan a big fund fair which included raffles. Some of the youth from the parish and Mother of Good Counsel as well as from Corpus Christi periodically helped in clearing weeds on the plots.

Unfortunately, before the planned fund fair for the Parish could take place I was sent to St. Theresa's Parish, Kaneshie, to be Parish Priest. This necessitated later on a change in venue, from Christ the King to Kaneshie R. C. School. Through the continuous support of the "Friends of the Youth Center" the fund fair at Kaneshie was very successful. To crown it all, a Parishioner of Christ the King, to make the Fencing project a success donated to the project five million cedis (now GH¢500.00). The project was accordingly completed to the glory of God. I always consider my passing through Christ the King as a

great opportunity for great discoveries. And I always thank the Lord for the gift of these benefactor "Friends of the Youth Center". I am therefore greatly delighted to send the Parish this message of congratulations. The Parish and her faithful in many way have helped many people in many ways. The Parish, for instance, takes care of the faithful from many Parishes who would like to have their Holy Mass on regular basis before going to their place of work.

My CONGRATULATION! It is said that to whom much is given, from him much will be expected (cf, Lk. 12:48). As you celebrate your 65th Anniversary, I would like to congratulate the Parish Priest and all the past Parish Priests; all the dedicated Priests who served and are serving here; the Parish Pastoral Council, present and past; all the dedicated individuals and groups; the various societies in the Church, and indeed the entire parish community for your faith, unity and determination to succeed! May the Lord of Mercy keep you all united in His Love and direct you to a brighter future.

Congratulation! Happy And Grace-filled Anniversary!!!



SPOTLIGHT ON MOTHER THERESA

On 4th September, 2016, Pope Francis would declare Blessed Theresa of Kolkata (Mother Theresa), a Saint at the Vatican. The date was announced on 15th March, 2016 during an "Ordinary Public Consistory", a meeting of the Pope, Cardinals and Promoters of Sainthood Causes that formally ends the Sainthood process.

Mother Theresa was born to an ethnic Albanian family in Skopje (now part of Macedonia). She went to India in 1929 as Sister of Loreto and became an Indian citizen in 1947. She was known for her ministrations to the sick and the dying in some vulnerable communities and neighborhoods in the world. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950.

Invariably, it is precedent — though not an official rule, — that five years pass after a person's death before his or her Sainthood is considered. Once five years have passed, there is a logical line of verifications that the Catholic Church grants.

In keeping with the above principle, no sooner had Mother Theresa died in 1997 Pope John Paul II, waived the usual five-year waiting period and allowed the opening of the process to declare her Sainthood. She was Beatified in 2003

In anticipation of Mother Teresa's Canonization in September this year, we take a look at the stages involved in Becoming a Saint.

According to Catholic doctrine, the Church does not choose Saints — God does. God consecrates a person's Sainthood the moment he or she enters heaven. Earthly Sainthood is thus, merely a posthumous, mortal recognition of what is believed to be God's divine will. As one might expect, the Catholic Church does not take lightly the process of determining whom God has and has not sanctified. It is indeed quite a stretch of human power for one to claim to understand God's undisclosed intentions. There is subsequently a long, deliberate set of hurdles that a person's legacy must face before he or she is recognized as a Saint, complete with multiple stages and titles which charter one's progress in the overall pursuit of Sainthood.

BELOW ARE THE FOUR OFFICIAL RUNGS THAT AN ASPIRING SAINT MUST CLIMB BEFORE HUMANITY ACKNOWLEDGES HIS OR HER SANCTITY.

1. SERVANT OF GOD

The first esteemed title granted by the Church in the canonization process is “Servant of God.” Someone must nominate a candidate for official consideration to a Bishop, who then determines the candidate's viability. If the Bishop determines that the nominee is a viable candidate for sainthood, then the candidate completes the first rung of Canonization and acquires his or her first title.

2. VENERABLE

Each officially sanctioned Servant of God then pursues the next title: “Venerable”. The candidate's life is investigated, analyzed, and contextualized by a Vatican Committee called the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. This Committee works to uncover and understand the life of the candidate and, ultimately, hopes to find proof that the candidate lived a life of heroic virtue — that he or she earnestly and aggressively sought to improve his or her own spirituality consistently throughout his or her life.

3. BLESSED

Once the Congregation for the Causes of Saints has ensured that there is substantial reason in the life of the candidate that he or she might be a Saint, a miracle attributed to the candidate must be observed. The Catholic Church only acknowledges a miracle as Legitimate if it is both spontaneous and enigmatic. Claims of a miracle are meticulously investigated, a process that includes an examination of the person who experiences or witnesses the miracle. Experts are also consulted to ensure that there is no physical or natural explanation for the miracle. Although miracles often affect living people, especially in the form of healings, some miracles are revealed in the mortal remains of the candidate. Such examples include incorruptibility, in which the candidate's remains do not decay, liquefaction, in which the Saint's dried blood liquefies on his or her feast day, and “Odor Of Sanctity”, in which the candidate's corpse smells not of decay, but of a sweet aroma years after his or her death. If the miracle is verified, the candidate is then presented to the Pope. So begins the process of beatification in which the Pope — in his own divine influence — determines if the candidate is worthy of the title “Blessed.”

4. SAINT

Once a candidate has reach the “Blessed” rung, he or she must be associated with at least one more miracle. The Pope is again presented with the miracle's evidence and determines its legitimacy. If the Pope indeed decides that the candidate is worthy of sainthood, then canonization ensues and the Catholic Church officially recognizes a new Saint.



SOCIAL INTERVENTION PROJECTS

Beyond supporting the spiritual growth of its members, Christ the King Church also continues to serve the social needs and wellbeing of the community, especially the less privileged. The following are some of the key social intervention projects carried out by the church towards this cause.

65TH ANNIVERSARY SIGNATORY PROJECT:

30-BED MEDICAL FACILITY AND A THEATRE FOR ST. ANDREWS CLINIC AT KORDIABE

Christ the King Catholic church is deeply concerned about the well-being of patients; by ensuring that deprived communities are provided with the high quality health care specific to their needs through health information, promotion and advocacy. It is in this regard that the Parish Pastoral Council of our Parish has sanctioned the construction of a 30-bed medical facility and a theater for St. Andrews Clinic at Kordiabe as a signatory 65th Anniversary Project. It is located in the Shai-Osu Doku District in the Greater Accra Region.

The sod cutting event took place on 27th March, 2015 at the project site; with Christ the King Catholic Church committing an initial amount of Two Hundred Thousand Ghana cedis (GHS 200,000).

As part of its corporate social responsibility, Dalex Finance and Leasing Co. Limited has made a three-year commitment of GHS 500,000 to the St Andrews Hospital Project. Mr. Kenneth Kwamina Thompson (CEO, DALEX) made the announcement when he presented an initial tranche of DALEX commitment GHS 50,000 to the Christ the King Central Harvest Planning Committee at



a ceremony at Kordiabe on Tuesday, 20th October 2015.

Furthermore, Dalex Finance and Leasing Co. Limited and Christ the King Central Harvest Planning Committee hosted a Benefit Breakfast for the St. Andrews Hospital project, as part of the 2015 Pre-harvest fundraising events. The event took place on Tuesday, 27th October, 2015 at La Villa Boutique Hotel, OSU. A handsome amount of GHS 172,000 (One hundred and seventy-two thousand cedis) was raised for the project.

St. Andrews Clinic, Kordiabe is legally owned by the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Accra. It is registered under the Christian Health Association of Ghana, accredited by the National Health Insurance Authority and run by the Sisters of the Congregation of Holy Family (CHF).

The Hospital project is currently roofed.



Vitus Dery Educational Fund

In the year 2000, Christ the King Church established The Vitus Dery Educational Fund (VDEF) to provide scholarships to brilliant but needy students. The fund was founded to honor the late Vitus Dery, an exemplary parishioner who devoted his time to preparing needy and underprivileged youth in the Christ the King Parish for the sacraments. Since its inception, the fund has supported over 60 students and pupils through various secondary and tertiary institutions including Keta Secondary School, St. Paul Technical School, Cape Coast University, Catholic Institute of Business and Technology, University of Energy and Natural Resources etc. Some of the beneficiaries have graduated and have taken up their professional roles in the community. Again in keeping up with the principles of giving back to the community, some of the beneficiaries also render services to the church during their holiday periods.

As we recognize the value of education and its power of transforming lives and making useful citizens of those who acquire it, VDEF has had and continues to have great impact on many families and students who otherwise would have no support in furthering their education.

Leper's Aid Committee

Andrew Campbell (SVD) that solicits for funds in supporting the cured and less privileged lepers in the Ghanaian communities. The plight of the lepers, due to abandonment by their families and being marginalized by society incited the establishment of the NGO.

Leper's Aid Committee has organized sponsorship walks, concerts and other fundraising activities to help raise funds for medical care, food, clothing, bills, maintenance works etc. The cured lepers are also taught how to sew, make soaps and doormats to enable them acquire survival skills and keep them off the streets.

Whiles not a direct church project, members and societies of Christ the King Parish actively support this NGO through donations, fundraising activities, volunteer work etc.

Soup Kitchen

The Christ the King Church Soup Kitchen, founded in February 2016, is a resource for the homeless and poor, providing free breakfast meals, clothes and toiletries and creating a sense of belonging and community. The idea to start a soup kitchen in the church originated from the Parish Priest Fr. Andrew Campbell and supported by the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). Currently the soup kitchen serves about 10 to 15 people daily between 7am and 9am. Occasionally, the Soup kitchen extends beyond the church walls; reaching out and feeding the poor and needy on the streets that are unable to come to the church premises to eat. Regular visits are organized to the marginalized, under the bridge near Nima.

In addition to providing food, the Soup Kitchen also seeks to provide assistance for the vulnerable in a variety of ways such as vocational training, medical and psychological help. These services are rendered by appropriate professionals who volunteer on specified days.

The Soup Kitchen is run by the Church administration, Welfare Committee and a team of volunteers. Support for this project comes from donations from individuals and companies. "Koko King" is currently one of the main supporters of this initiative. Volunteers and donations (both financial and in-kind) are vital to support this cause and enable the church to continue this service to the community.



A FAMILY OF CHRIST



It's no stretch to say that a person has a serious advantage in life if they come from a loving, supportive home. Many people still succeed though they come from less-than-ideal family situations, but having our basic needs met, knowing that our parents love us and learning life lessons at home make all the challenges of day-to-day living that much easier to face.

Likely, as an adult you want a happy home for your family. This is no coincidence. God organizes us into families so that we can grow up in happiness and safety, and so that we can learn to love others selflessly—the key to true joy. Within the family is the best place to learn to love others the way Heavenly Father loves each one of us.

Maybe we are one of the lucky ones who were raised in a happy and secure family with two loving parents. Maybe we weren't, and growing up was tough without the love and support we longed for. Likely, as an adult you want a happy home for your family. Living peacefully in a family isn't always easy, but in God's restored Church, marriage and families are the most important social unit now and in eternity.

People who have lived through a disaster never say, "All I could think about during the earthquake was my bank account." They almost always say, "All I could think about was my wife/husband and children." It shouldn't require a disaster for us to know this truth. But too often, we let earning money, chasing pleasure, or even the needs of people outside our families divert our attention. As the Psalmist says in chapter 103v17 - a God-fearing, faithful servant of the Lord wins His favor and the favor transcends to his the favor transcends to his children and grandchildren.

But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children - PSALM 103:17

KEYS TO HAVING A HAPPY FAMILY ON EARTH

Happiness within our family will most likely be achieved when it's founded on the teachings of Jesus. That means being unselfish, honest, loyal, loving and a whole host of other virtues, not to mention a lot of effort. A loving and happy family doesn't happen by accident. It takes a lot of conscious effort and dedication to the teachings of the Catholic faith to raise a family steeped in the doctrines of Christ, children and grandchildren.



FAMILIES PREPARE US FOR ETERNAL LIFE

Think of the parts we play, or will play, in our family, and all the responsibility that goes along with each one. A parent, a spouse, a sibling—even little children have a lot to do. The effort we put into strengthening our families is the hardest and most significant work any of us will do on earth. Keeping a peaceful home and putting others' needs first has a refining effect on us, and it is no coincidence that these things can sometimes be grueling. God meant for us to be tested so we could grow and master skills we wouldn't learn any other way—skills like patience and unselfishness that will help us become more like God and prepare us to live with our families throughout eternity.

We shouldn't get discouraged. No matter how hard we try, our marriage and home won't be perfect. But if we build them around Christ's principles including faith, prayer, repentance, forgiveness, respect, love, compassion, work and wholesome fun, home can be a place of refuge, peace and immense joy.

CHRIST THE KING INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

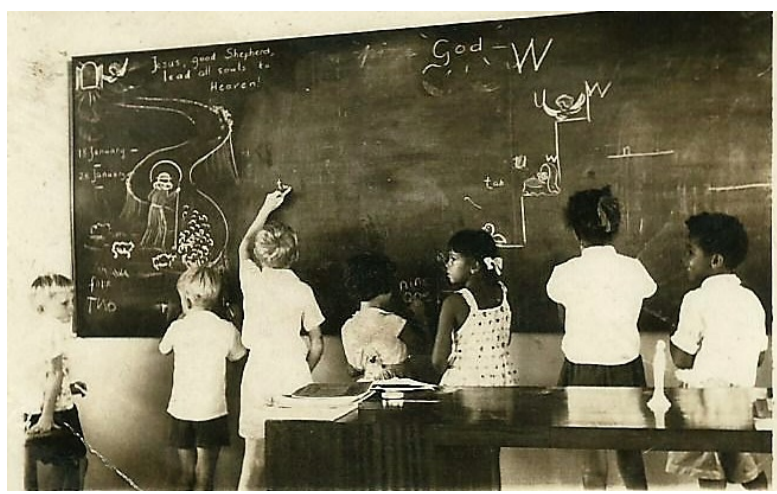
“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm” (R. Emerson).

Humble Beginnings

Christ the King International School (CTKIS); founded with the motto “That all may be one”; began its journey in the educational realm on **31st January, 1956** with six pupils.

As many catholic expatriates working with the various embassies & international institutions put forward their need for an international school for their kids, the Accra Catholic Diocese listened to their plea with much **enthusiasm**. The **Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit (SSpS)** were therefore tasked with the building and administration of the Christ The King International School by **Father Leslie Hatfield (SVD)** ; who was then the General Manager of Catholic Schools.

Barely three months after, the numbers increased to thirteen as some Ghanaians also wanted their kids to benefit from obtaining basic catholic education from an international school. This therefore created the need to relocate to properly built classrooms.



Subsequently, three extra classrooms were completed and inaugurated on **28th October, 1956** through a loan obtained from the parish, and repayment made after a year. Getting into 1957, the number of pupils had doubled in the region of fifties; majority coming from other countries.

In January, 1960 Father Anthony Bauer was transferred to take over the administration of the CTKIS; as Father Hatfield had been reassigned to the English/Irish Province of the society of the Divine Word as its Regional Supervisor. During that era, **Sister Francetta Kunkel (SSpS)** was made responsible for the growth, general welfare and development of the school.

As time went on, there was a need for other classroom blocks to be erected as the CTKIS grew. The sources of funds for the construction were mainly through the meagre saving of the school, donations from friends and relatives of the SSps sisters, as well as their Congregation. The Sisters were then residing at St. Mary's Convent; Korle Gonno and commuting to the school to teach.



In February 1961, Sister Francetta and her team ensured CTKIS opened its doors to a fully furnished kindergarten; filled with children of various nationalities... excited to explore basic learning and activities together. It is quite interesting to note that the first set of Common Entrance Examination pupils; numbering seven who undertook the exams in 1961, all came out with flying colours!

Further down the line, Sister Francetta was reassigned to St. Theresa's School, North Kaneshie. **Sister Lauretta** (SSps from the Netherlands), was subsequently made in charge of CTKIS and she continued assiduously towards the expansion of the classroom blocks. She was later succeeded by **Sisters... Virginalis** (SSps from Netherlands), **Godfreda** (SSps from Filipino) and **Gerard** (SSps from USA) who stayed for a year each only.

During the tenure of **Father Harold Lauck** (SVD) as parish priest the Sisters had relocated to the front part of CTKIS (where the Common room is now). A school uniform; **yellow** in colour, was introduced by Sister Godfreda.

In 1970, **Sister Bernharda Prokesch** (from Austria) was appointed to take charge of the school. During her tenure the school uniform was amended to **maroon and white**. She also changed her name to **Sister Maria** (her baptismal name). **Rev. Father Maurice Lesage** (SVD), a retired Biology teacher from Achimota School was the parish priest during her era. He was nicknamed "The Snake Father" as he kept a variety of snakes. In 1977, Sister Maria was transferred to Madonna School located in Koforidua; after completion of the post common entrance classroom blocks.



Sister Mary Laureen Lahnai

Sister Mary Laureen Lahnai replaced Sister Maria as the headmistress of CTKIS in **1977**. Prior to her appointment, Sister Mary Laureen had taught Class one pupils from 1973 (year of joining) for three years running and thereafter was made Assistant Headmistress. Consequently, **Mrs. Patricia Quaidoo** was appointed the assistant to Sister Laureen in 1977.

In due course, CTKIS grew from strength to strength; with students graduating with top honours year after year. This was attributed to the excellent teamwork which existed between Sister Mary Laureen and Mrs. Quaidoo; working hand in hand to ensure the school was well-placed on the map of excellence. They also saw to the adoption of the Junior Secondary School Scheme. The Home science room was also built. **Rev. Father Amos Fredericks** (SVD), a retired Headmaster of Pope John's Secondary School, was the parish priest during their era and he was later replaced by **Rev. Father Martin Wels** (SVD).





Mrs. Patricia Quaidoo
Former Hedmistress

As time went on, construction began for the JSS block, but this was not completed before Sister Mary Laureen left in 1989; after she had been appointed as the SSsP Provincial for Ghana. Sister Mary Zwerina (SSsP from Austria) took charge of the running of CTKIS from 1989 but had to quit after a few years after for medical reasons. Consequently, in 1998, Mrs. Patricia Quaidoo was appointed the Headmistress of the school.

During the administration of CTKIS under the SSsP, catechism classes were prepared not only for the CTKIS children but also for other catholic children who were not attending the school. Those were memorable moments as the school choir; with their angelic voices, sung their hearts out during the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation celebrations. In addition, during Corpus Christi processions only a limited number of congregants stayed but with the encouragement of

Sister Mary Laureen and Mrs. Quaidoo the school children got involved with the procession; thus motivating parents to partake as well.

At some point when the annual Christmas play was also introduced, the CTKIS kids were inundated with the Christmas spirit year after year! The duo did well in helping to enact the CTK hall by getting parents to annually hand out Harvest donations towards its establishment. Rev. Father Stephen Adu-Kwaning was the Parish priest during that era and he did his utmost best to support.

The Sisters of the “Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer” (HDR) subsequently took over from them afterwards. Sister Vincentia Mensah was the first HDR appointed as the headmistress in 2008. She commenced the renovation of the Kindergarten block, re-roofing of some of the deteriorated school buildings and ensured the Computer laboratory was set up for the school children. Father Prince Adelaayitar was then the parish priest of Christ the King and he left no stone unturned to assist in the development of the projects. In 2009, when Father Prince went for further studies abroad, Rev. Father Andrew Campbell took over as parish priest till date. He has been ultimately involved in the progress of the school and passionate about the inculcation of the Catholic faith in the school children.

In 2012, Sister Jesse Quist was the next HDR in whose hands the school was entrusted. She continued with the infrastructural developments commenced by her predecessor. In addition she took advantage of the prominence of Information Communications Technology and motivated teachers to create Parent/Teacher Whatsapp groups in order to give frequent feedback of the kids' performance to their parents.

In a nutshell, the HDR Sisters were also significantly involved in the growth, success and development of CTKIS by devoting all their energies in making sure the school continued to be placed on the map of excellence. When the appointment of Sister Jesse was up, Mrs. Veronica Laryea was then chosen to be the next headmistress in 2016 and has been acting in that capacity till date.

Over the past 60 years CTKIS has produced intelligent, innovative and smart graduates in various fields ranging from the Arts to the Business, Science and Environment, Health, Government, Public Services, Religion etc.

It is therefore not surprising to estimate that so many former products of the school are controlling high positions in institutions and contributing immensely to the development of our various industries in Ghana, Sub-Saharan Africa & in fact the entire world.

Whilst looking into the future, the reigning school prefect Miss Efua Aidoo-Andoh stated that the current CTKIS kids would appreciate it profoundly if:

- The Library could be better stocked
- The playground activities could be improved upon Eg: Slides/See-Saw/Swings
- The classrooms could be expanded



**Mrs. Veronica Laryea
(Headmistress)**

Mrs. Veronica Laryea confirmed these notions while admitting that there was a need for expansion of the classrooms to bring down the number of pupils per class. In addition there must be a boost in the outdoor/playground facilities to get the kids more involved in exuberant activities which are very key to their self-development.

She can however achieve this if we all come together, focus on obtaining these ultimate goals, and help raise enough funds to execute these projects to the best of our abilities.

We cannot complete the history of CTKIS without acknowledging all the academic and non-academic staff who have patiently been giving good quality education to our children for the past 60 years. We say Ayeeekoo!

Honourable mention also goes to Mrs. Patience Tagoe, who has been a dedicated teacher at the school for the past twenty six years; thereby the current longest serving academic staff in the school.

As we celebrate “60 years of catholic education towards the development of Ghana”, we urge all old students to get involved to assist in propelling the school to greater heights!



**Patience Tagoe
(Longest Serving academic staff)**



50 YEARS+ OF MARRIAGE BLISS



MR & MRS CLEMENCE KUDIABOR
2.01.1966



**MR & MRS JOSEPH
KWEGYIR GERRAR**
22.08.1964



**CPT. & MRS. ALEC
SAM**
28.01.1961



DR. & MRS. ALBERT QUAINOO
31.08.1963



L. COL. & MRS M.T. ADDY
14.04.1953



PROF. & MRS. ANTHONY DADZIE
20.08.1961



MAJ. & MRS. G.K AKOETAY
13.06.1964



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

THE CENTREPIECE OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us" (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

Eucharistic Adoration is essentially an embrace with Jesus in which I say to him: "I am yours, and I ask you, please stay with me always". (Pope Benedict XVI)

The Eucharistic adoration is a practice in the Roman Catholic Church; in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and adored by the faithful. It is the act of worshiping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Since the last Supper, when Jesus broke the bread and distributed the wine saying, "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood", Catholics have believed that the bread and wine are no longer merely baked wheat and fermented grape juice, but the actual living presence of the Second Person of the Trinity.

Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God. Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ, who is present Body, Blood and Soul, and Divinity, under the appearance of the consecrated host exposed in monstrance.

Adoration occurs whenever someone kneels in front of a tabernacle that contains the Blessed Sacrament, genuflects towards a tabernacle, bows before receiving the Blessed Sacrament at Mass, or, in a more focused way, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration.

As devotion, Eucharistic adoration and meditation are more than merely looking at the Blessed Sacrament, but is a continuation of what was celebrated in the Holy Eucharist. From a theological point of view, the adoration is a form of latria, based on the tenet of the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration performed in the presence of the Eucharist outside of Mass is called Eucharistic Meditation. When exposure and adoration of the Eucharist is constant (twenty-four hours a day), it is called Perpetual Adoration. Perpetual Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion whereby members of a given parish (or other entity) unite in taking hours of adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament (in most cases, exposed), both during the day and throughout the night, seven days a week.

In a Monastery or Convent, it is done by the resident Monks or Nuns. In a Parish, it is normally done by volunteer parishioners since the 20th Century.

PROMOTING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Pope John Paul II stated " the Eucharist is our priceless treasure and he went on to say" I have a burning desire to be honoured in the Blessed Sacrament". Building on the teaching of his predecessors, John Paul II has come to be known as the Pope of the Real Presence. In one document and address after another, he has repeated what needs repetition for the sake of emphasis: "The Eucharist, in the Mass and outside of the Mass, is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and is therefore deserving of the worship that is given to the living God, and to Him alone" (Opening address in Ireland, Phoenix Park, September 29, 1979).

As a parish, Christ the King Catholic Church thanks God for the wonderful treasure and gift of the adoration chapel. Thousands of worshipers come regularly, both young and old, to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

1. He is really there!

"I myself am the Living Bread come down from Heaven." (Jn. 6:35)

2. Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of his Infinite love for you!

SEVEN BIBLICAL REASONS FOR WANTING TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"Behold I will be with you always even to the end of the world," because "I have loved you with an everlasting love, and constant is my affection for you." (Mt 28:20; Jer. 31:3)

3. The specific way that Jesus asks you to love Him in return is to spend one quiet hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

"Where your treasure is, there is your heart...."

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" (Mt 6:21; 26:40)

4. When you look upon the Sacred Host, you look upon Jesus, the Son of God.

"Indeed, this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life. Him I will raise up on the last day." (Jn 6:40)

5. Each moment that you spend in His Eucharistic Presence will increase His Divine Life within you and deepen your personal relationship and friendship with Him.

"I have come that you may have life, and have it more abundantly." "I am the Vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him shall bear much fruit because without me, you can do nothing." (Jn. 15:5)

6. Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart.


"Come to me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you..." "Cast all of your anxieties upon the One who cares for you..." "My Peace is My Gift to you." (Mt 11:28; 5:7; Jn. 14:17)

7. Jesus will give you all the Graces you need to be happy!

"The Lamb on the Throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water." (Rev 7:17)

Thus, our time spent with our Beloved Saviour in Eucharistic Adoration, can become the most profound, meaningful, joyful, peaceful, and healing experience we could ever experience.

May our Adoration never cease. Amen.



Our Lady of Fatima Grotto, Christ the King Catholic Church (A Jubilee Year of Mercy Shrine)

HISTORY

Our Lady of Fatima Grotto was built during Fr. John Lauck's tenure, to offer greater access to spiritual growth not only for the parish but also for all Marian devotees in and around the Archdiocese of Accra.

Jubilee Year of Mercy Shrine

On 2nd January, 2016, under the auspices of Pope Francis, our Lady of Fatima Grotto was declared as one of the five Grottos in the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra designated as "Jubilee Year of Mercy Shrines". With special graces, one or a group of people can go to the Grotto at any time of the day throughout the year for personal prayers. Special indulgences have been attached to it so that one may receive special favours from God whenever one visits there and pray for oneself, families, and loved ones; and even for the souls of the faithful departed.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

GROTTO MASS

First Saturdays of every month and all other Marian feast days: The devotion begins with Rosary procession and Confessions at 4 pm. This is followed by Holy Mass, Consecration of participants and families to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus and

Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary and finally, blessing of articles of faith (water, scapula, etc.) by the Main Celebrant.

OUR LADY REQUESTED FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

The world is becoming increasingly de-Christianized. Abortion, now known as "womens' rights." Euthanasia, now known as "mercy killing." Same-sex "marriage," now considered as a "civil right." Violence, sexual perversity, body mutilation, seeking altered states of consciousness, the occult..... What is a Christian to do? The answer was given to us in 1917 by Our Lady at a little known place called Fatima. She requested what are now known as the First Saturday Devotions to make reparation for blasphemies and offenses against her Immaculate Heart and for world peace.

This devotion has four parts – all four should be made in a spirit of reparation for blasphemy and ingratitude and for peace in the world. First, one should go to confession, generally eight days before or after the First Saturday of the month; Second, one should receive Holy Communion on the First Saturday of the month; Third, recite five decades of the Rosary; and fourth, meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary."

There are great benefits for those who comply with this request. Our Lady told Sister Lucia, she would “assist at the hour of our death with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months confess, receive Holy Communion, pray the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour meditating on the 15 mysteries with the intention of offering reparation.”

Many ask why Our Lady asked her children to observe FIVE first Saturdays. Our Lady told Sister Lucia the five Saturdays are to make reparation for the five kinds of offenses and blasphemies uttered against her Immaculate Heart. The offenses are 1.) against her Immaculate Conception, 2.) against her virginity, 3.) against her Divine Maternity, 4.) by those who openly seek to foster in the hearts of children indifference, or even hatred, for this Immaculate Mother, and 5.) by those who directly outrage her Holy image.

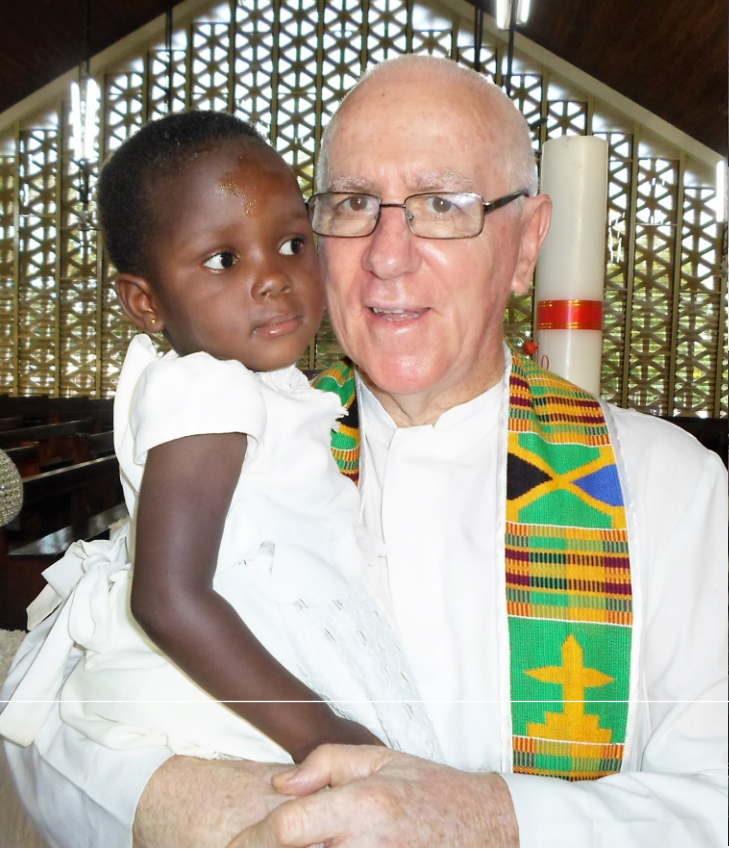
What if you've already made the Five First Saturdays?

Should you do it again?

There is always a need for reparation. Although we can trust in the promises of Our Lady that we have satisfied her desires for ourselves personally, nonetheless, it will still be beneficial for us in making reparation for sins which continue against her Immaculate Heart and for obtaining world peace.



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50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN PICTURES



CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION



65TH ANNIVERSARY HEALTH WALK AND AEROBICS



MOTHER OF THE YEAR 2014 HEALTH WALK AND AEROBICS



EASTER MONDAY 2016 IN PICTURES



REACHING OUT TO THE POOR AND NEEDY



CATECHISM AT ACCRA GIRLS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



ADULT CATECHISM CLASS VISITS PML HOSPITAL



CHILDREN SINGING AT CHRISTMAS SERVICE



YOUTH FORMATION (PYC LEADERSHIP CAMP 2016)



CTK SCHOOL TAEKWONDO TRAINING



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WEDDING BELLS



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YOUTH FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT

REMEMBER YOUR CREATOR IN THE DAYS
OF YOUR YOUTH (ECCLESIASTES 12:1).

The youth and children in every institution indicate the sustainability of that institution. So youth formation and activities has been an area of keen interest in Christ the King Church. The Sunday School System caters for the children who are 8 years and below. Sunday school teachers and animators ensure that the children are given appropriate teaching suited to their ages and level of understanding. They also help them gradually integrate themselves into attending mass. The Youth Mass is organised for children and youth who are communicants. It is organised in a youth friendly atmosphere and the homilies are tailored to the youth audience. To achieve growth in the youth front, we have sought to grow the youth groups as well as put in place targeted programs by the PYC which would meet the diverse needs and interest of the youth.

There are currently nine (9) youth groups with representation at the Parish Youth Council (PYC). They are Angelic Choir, Catholic Organization for Social and Religious Advancement (COSRA), Catholic Students' Union (CASU), Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), Knights and Ladies of the Altar (KNOLTA), Young Legionaries, Young Christian Workers (YCW), Youth Lectors, and Youth Ushers.



Of these, the Angelic Choir, KNOLTA, Youth Lectors and Youth Ushers provide the opportunity for the youth to play active roles in the rich liturgy of the church. These groups help the youth drink deep from the liturgy of the church and help them develop skills that they can be utilized in the church as they grow up.

CYO, with its cultural slant, discipline and activity oriented programmes appeals to children in the church. The Young Legionaries also provide the youth with a group focused on a Marian spirituality and acts of charity. Mr. Peter Tamberson, (Father of the Year, 2014), has been a great source of inspiration for the group, leading them in their various apostolates to the sick, the street children, the prostitutes and others who are marginalized.

CASU seeks to give holistic training to students in secondary and tertiary institutions. These youth are regularly being challenged by their peers in school on their Catholic faith. Also, they are in a time of growth, questioning, and beginning to make life's choices. CASU therefore seeks to accompany and guide them throughout this changing phase of their life.

For young adults, the YCW and COSRA are available. This is a period of great change and more life changing choices as regards, further education, work, marriage and sharing one's faith. Such people would want to feel responsible and invest their energies in a worthwhile venture. These two groups therefore concentrate on these areas and more in order to plan for the needs of the young adults.

In addition to the above, there is the choreography group “Vessels of Love”. It nurtures the creative ability of youth who are talented in dancing. They succeed in communicating divine truths through the choreography as well as entertain their audience.

The Vocations Club is actively inspiring and guiding young ones who feel called by God, to become priests, brothers and sisters. Through talks, pilgrimages, times of prayer and discernment, the club encourages the priesthood and religious life as a positive option. It also promotes a healthy appreciation of the marriage vocation.

There are however other societies which are yet to have representation on the PYC, such as, the Cadets and Junior Auxiliary of Saint John International, Junior Knights and Ladies of Marshall, and the League Of Tarcisians. Their mother organisations are working tremendously hard to see to their success and integration into the general youth front.

As we celebrate 65 years as a parish, we must recognize the efforts of all the youth in contributing their quota to the growth of this parish. Their contributions in the life of the church have been tremendous. The prospects are great, because Christ the King abounds in resources. Once these resources are tapped into and channeled to make a positive impact on the youth, the Church would have a bright future. In a real way, the words of Christ must guide youth formation, 'let the little children come to me do not stop them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these' (Matthew 19:14).

May the Lord bless the youth of this parish as we have our 65th anniversary celebrations, so that they will draw strength from Jesus Christ our King in order to make His church grow.

Happy Anniversary!!!

**THE YOUTH CHPLAIN
REV. FR. JOSEPH OKWEI OCRAN**

KNIGHTS AND DAMES OF OUR CHURCH

Conferment of the Knighthood of St. Gregory the Great

The Order of the **Knighthood of St. Gregory the Great** is one of the five Pontifical Orders of Knighthood in the Catholic Church. On 1st September, 1831, **Pope Gregory XVI** instituted this Order to honour **CATHOLIC MEN AND WOMEN** who have distinguished themselves; and/or in recognition of their meritorious services rendered to the Church, their communities, as well as support offered to the Holy See. Pope Gregory XVI also established the Order as a sign of reverence for his predecessor **Pope St. Gregory 1**.

Rationale

Pope St. Gregory 1 was a great man of God right from his youthful days. It was, therefore, not surprising that he was elected Pope by Popular Acclamation in the year 590 AD. During his tenure he tasked all Rectors to do their utmost best in reaching out to the poor and needy.

In a nutshell, Pope St. Gregory 1 exhibited such high Christian standards that it was deemed fit to confer that title on people who did their best to offer their talents for service to humanity and to the Church.

Christ the King Parish, therefore, commend the following parishioners for winning the Papal Knighthood Awards



DAME Dr. Mrs. CECILIA KWOFIE



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DAME Mrs. AFUA AMOO-ADARE



DAME Mrs. ISABELLA ABBAN



DAME Mrs. JOSEPHINE VANLARE



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“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ”. Colossians 3:23-24

Every organization should treasure its long standing staff. Recognizing the contribution of our dedicated church staff itself is an act cherished by God. These individuals certainly deserve our recognition and appreciation for their years of selflessly serving the Christ the King Parish. As we celebrate our 65th Anniversary the Christ the King Parish come together to say “Ayekoo” to our long serving staff.



PETER ANAFO

Night Security (48yrs)

Throughout your years of service you have been committed to keeping the house of the Lord safe. Forty – eight years of serving this community by guarding the house of the Lord is truly remarkable. Christ The King Parish celebrates your dedication and commitment to this family. Ayekoo PETER!!



LAMBERT SELORMEY

Sacristan (23yrs)

Your contribution, serving the servants of the Lord for (23yrs) by setting up the Church, the Sanctuary, and the altar before every Mass is greatly appreciated. You have played a significant role in supporting the work of the Church. Twenty three years of service as a Sacristan to the Lord is undoubtedly worth celebrating. You have truly been a blessing to this congregation!



JOHN PIA – Janitor (19yrs)

Janitor (19yrs)

For almost two decades, your commitment to the Church goes beyond mere duty. Your loyalty and support over the years is greatly appreciated.



GABRIEL ACKAAH

House Keeper of the Rectory (14yrs)

Throughout your service to the Rectory you have shown great commitment to your work. Your excellent service is much appreciated!!



VICTORIA KPENGBAAR

Janitor (14yrs)

Throughout your dedicated service to the Church you performed your duties with diligence and great commitment. We recognize and appreciate your dedicated efforts in maintaining a safe and clean environment.



GUUNBIL ANEONI (POLO)

Janitor (13yrs)

Throughout your (13yrs) of service you have been committed to keeping the house of the Lord clean. Your effort is highly appreciated.

GROUPS AND SOCIETIES



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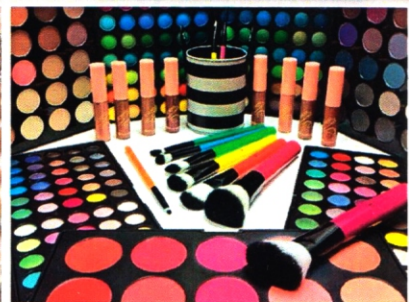
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PEARLS OF WISDOM

A Conversation with Mama Catherine

How old are you Mama Catherine?

I am Ninety-four (94) years old

Tell us about yourself Mama Catherine?

Originally, I come from Cameroon but am a Ghanaian by marriage. I met my Ghanaian husband, who had been working for UAC there. My parents did not initially want me to marry him. However, seeing that he was the one after my heart, in the end they agreed. I got married when I was eighteen (18) years; and have been blessed with three children - two girls and a boy. In 1941, my husband and I relocated to Ghana. My children attended school whilst I traded in wax prints and cloth. My husband passed away after almost fifty years of marriage and I have clung to the Lord ever since.

How long have you been a Parishioner at Christ the King?

A very long time. Over forty years if I recall correctly. I used to attend the Catholic Church at 37 Military Hospital but there were too many distractions. I had no idea that there was a parish here until I chanced upon it one day and decided to regularly attend Mass here.

How was your first day in a Catholic Church?

Terrible. The first day I entered Christ the King yard I saw the Sacred Heart Statue and I was deeply moved. I did not understand it. It was as if I was being drawn to it by a strong force that I couldn't control. I felt such peace and I just wanted to remain here. My whole life changed from that point.

Please tell us more on how your life changed?

It became my practice to visit the Sacred Heart Statue in front of the Church and say a short prayer before entering the Church building itself. A few months later, I started regular attendance; I visited the Sacred Heart statue as usual and felt that strong force again; even stronger than before. As I stood facing the statue, something turned my head towards the Grotto. I felt compelled to go to the Grotto instead; and immediately upon entering I saw the image of the Mother Mary. I couldn't believe my eyes; my heart and soul were deeply moved. I told Father Wells what I had seen and he took me to see the Nuncio who prayed with me.





You said that the first day was a terrible day? How so?

I said that because my whole life changed. I became much closer to God. I started praying all the time and praying in tongues. Since that, I have never missed a day of Mass, unless I'm out of the country. I wake up at 2 am daily to prepare for Divine Mercy Prayers. By 4 am I am here at the Adoration Chapel Praying. Even when I am ill and sleeping, something wakes me up and strengthens me to prepare for Mass in the morning.

"God will never neglect a believer who trusts in Him"

- Mama Catherine

How have you been serving in the Church?

Since my encounter with Mother Mary, I have devoted myself to praying the Rosary as well as mobilizing and teaching others about the significance of the Rosary. We organize and hold Vigils, prayer sessions with the Rosary in my house. Now we have the Adoration Chapel where we start prayers at 4 am everyday before attending Mass at 6 .30 am. Wednesdays are devoted to prayers at the Grotto; and I never miss out on that either.

How do you think the younger parishioners at Christ the King can learn from you?

The world is moving at a faster pace, and the younger people are going along with this speed. Nothing is better than making God the first choice of your life and going at His pace. Before doing anything ask God for His guidance and blessing and keep asking until you have an answer. Respect yourself and others by trying to understand the meaning or purpose God has for your life. Be your real self and not what you think others need to see.

As a Christian, you need to surrender all to God. Don't think you have to do certain things before getting closer to God. Go as you are, confess your sins and open your heart to receive God. Make it a point to actively seek God and know Him and you will attain inner peace and happiness. The ways of the world are many and so are the temptations. We chase after wealth and status but when you come to love God, all these become irrelevant. God will never neglect a believer who trusts in Him. Leave everything to God and He will give you abundant graces. Do not rely on the priest or others but go straight to God and speak to Him.

PEARLS OF WISDOM

A Conversation with Mrs Emily Sowah

(Affectionately called Grandma)

AGE: 83 (Born on November 9, 1932)

Have you been a Catholic all throughout your life?

No! I'm a convert from Methodism

How and when did you become a Catholic?

Long time ago I was asked if I would ever become a Catholic... Then I said no. Become a Catholic?...But here I am.

One day after I had been accompanying my husband, who is also a convert (1983) from the Methodist faith, to Mass for a while, he asked me if I was going to be following him all the time **for nothing**. I, therefore, decided to join officially. Father Wels said I would have to take Catechism for three months then. So, I joined the Secondary students during their long vacation for catechism. I was received first, on 13th of August 1984, and then later confirmed with the students on a Tuesday evening.

How was your first day in a Catholic Church?

Don't laugh. I remember one day when it came to the peace handshake. I thought my husband needed something from me when he stretched forth his hand. Then he said no, that's the practice here!!!!.

What about your children, are they also Catholics?

Four are Catholics but one is still a Methodist. I know that one day he will also convert. We left them to make their own decisions. Those who are Catholics also converted but did not all come at the same time. The one who is a Methodist brings me to the Adoration Chapel every morning and he stays there for adoration and leaves at 6 am for work.

Human beings do not convert it is God who converts. Just sow! It is God who waters.

What has kept you on from 1984 to date as a convert?

Mainly, the beliefs and practices of the Church have kept me in the Church. I did not know about Confession until I joined the Church, so when I heard about it at Catechism I was really touched by that. Also, my personal interest in the spiritual well-being of the younger ones has also been a factor. I did not get this in my former church.



How have you been serving in the church?

As a Legionary, I help with the Lectors at the Youth Mass. After Mass we sit them down and take the readings for the subsequent Sunday and have some Bible studies including the teachings of the Church. I was also a Catechist for a brief period but even after I had stopped Fr. Wells occasionally brought in one or two who needed special attention.

Have there been any challenges?

The condition in the world itself has made parents, children, everyone to only concentrate on passing their exams and forgetting about scripture. So it is very difficult to get children to join the Ministry. Some parents do not cooperate. So even sitting after Mass is trouble. There are so many excuses; "I am going somewhere". "My child will be writing exams." You need a lot of patience. Many of our children do not know scripture. You ask them to open to Mathew and they cannot. It is embarrassing sometimes. A person in the Secondary School! That is why people say Catholics do not know scripture. We have a real problem on our hand.

Parents must help their children to participate in church activities especially with the lectors' ministry. They should have time to pray and read scripture with their children.

As a Youth Mentor what do you think is driving the youth away from the Catholic Church?

They say that Mass is not lively. They leave the Church for these prosperity Churches. Sometimes they are enticed with promises here and there. Some are also yearning to know scripture. We must accept this and find remedy.

What can be done to curb this problem?

The idea of Sunday school is good. Children who have not reached the age of understanding the Mass or are not qualified should go to Sunday school. We must be firm about this. Parents must cooperate.

Please any advice for the youth?

* God first, they shouldn't go chasing after material things.

* They should study scripture and they should be prayerful.

* There can't be any short cut to success.

"Think of what you can offer the Church, what you can do for the Church to grow instead of always thinking about what you can get from the Church. The youth should try and contribute to the growth of the Church, don't wait and get to my age and say had I known. While you are still strong and well make good use of your time."

Are there any regrets at age 83?

Yes I believe I could have done more, especially with the Legion of Mary.

While you are still strong and well make good use of your time, don't wait to grow old and say had I known.

She is very funny as well. "I am sorry you have to interview a talkative. Once a teacher, always a talkative", she says.



SIGNIFICANCE OF CHURCH DEDICATION

Introduction

The rite for the dedication of a Church and an Altar is rightly considered among the most Solemn Liturgical services of the Catholic Church. A Church is the place where the Christian community is gathered to hear the Word of God, to offer intercession and praise to Him, and above all, to celebrate the Holy mysteries. It is the place where the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist is kept. Thus, it stands as a special kind of image of the Church itself, which is God's temple built from living stones. The altar of a Church, around which the holy people of God gather to take part in the Lord's sacrifice and to be refreshed at the heavenly meal, stands as a sign of Christ Himself, who is the priest, the victim, and the altar of His own sacrifice. The dedication is done during the celebration of Mass during which the liturgical texts of the day could be omitted and texts proper to the rite are used for both the liturgy of the word and the liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Mass which commences with a bare altar will at the appropriate time be anointed, incensed, covered and lighted up. These rites express in visible signs several aspects of the invisible work that the Lord accomplishes through the Church in its celebration of the divine mysteries, especially the Eucharist.

Entrance into the Church

The rite of dedication begins with the entrance into the Church. All assemble in a nearby Church or other suitable place, from which the Bishop, the Ministers, and the Congregation proceed to the Church to be dedicated, praying and singing.

Two rituals most significant in the entrance into the Church.

1. **The handing over of the Church:** representative of those who have been involved in the building of the Church hand over to the Bishop.
2. **The sprinkling of the Church:** the Bishop blesses water and with it sprinkles the people, who are the spiritual temple, then the walls of the Church and finally, the altar. The use of water for blessing is found in the book of Ezekiel 36: 24-28

Liturgy of the word

Three readings are used in the liturgy of the word. After the readings the Bishop gives the homily, in which he explains the biblical readings and the meaning of the dedication of the Church. The profession of faith is always said. The general intercessions are omitted, since the Litany of the Saints is sung in their place.

Depositing of the Relics of the Saints.

The relics of a martyr are deposited after the singing of the Litany of the Saints, to signify that the sacrifice of the members has its source in the sacrifice of the Head. When relics of a martyr are not available, relics of another saint may be deposited in the altar (Revelations 6:9-11)

Prayer of Dedication

The celebration of the Eucharist is the most important and the one necessary rite for the dedication of the Church. In accordance with the tradition of the Church in both East and West, a special prayer of dedication is also said. This prayer is a sign of the intention to dedicate the Church building to the Lord for all times and a petition for His blessing

Rites of Anointing, Incensing, Covering and Lighting the Altar

The rites of Anointing, Incensing, Covering and Lighting the altar express in visible signs several aspects of the invisible work that the Lord accomplishes through the Church in its celebration of the divine mysteries, especially the Eucharist.

Anointing the Altar and Church Walls

The anointing with Chrism makes the altar a symbol of Christ, who, before all others, is and is called "The Anointed One"; for the Father anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and constituted Him the High Priest so that on the altar of His body He might offer the sacrifice of His life for the salvation of all.

The anointing of the Church signifies that it is given over entirely and perpetually to Christian worship. In keeping with Liturgical tradition, there are twelve anointings, or, where it is more convenient, four, as a symbol that the Church is an image of the holy city of Jerusalem.

Incensing the Altar, the Congregation and Nave of the Church

Incense is burned on the altar to signify that Christ's sacrifice, there perpetuated in mystery, ascends to God as an odor of sweetness and also to signify that the people's prayers rise up pleasing and acceptable, reaching the throne of God.

The Incensation of the nave of the Church indicates that the dedication makes the Church a house of prayer, but the people of God are incensed first, because they are living temple in which each fanciful member is a spiritual altar (Rom 12:1).

Covering of the Altar

The covering of the altar indicates that the Christian altar is the altar of the Eucharistic sacrifice and the table of the Lord; around it, priests and people, by one and the same rite but with a difference of function, celebrate the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection and partake of His supper. For this reason the altar is prepared as the table of the sacrificial banquet and adorned as for a feast. Thus the dressing of the altar clearly signifies that it is the Lord's table at which all God's people joyously meet to be refreshed with divine food, namely, the body and blood of Christ sacrificed.

Lightning of the Altar

The lighting of the altar, which is followed by the lighting of the Church, reminds us that Christ is "a light to enlighten the nations" (see Luke 2:32); His brightness shines out in the Church and through it in the whole human family.

THE ESSENCE OF REDEDICATION OF CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

In accordance with Canon Law 1212, "an altar loses its dedication or blessing if they have been in great measure destroyed or if they have been permanently made over to secular usage whether by decree of the competent Ordinary or simply fact"; the replacement of the existing altar with a new one nullified the first dedication. Once a Church building and its altar have been dedicated they remain so until the dedication is sullied by conditions specified by Canon Law 1212.

Our Church building and its altar were dedicated to the service of God in October 1967.

With the increase in membership of the Church, the existing altar was considered too small for concelebrating of Mass by many priests, calling for the need for replacement. The inevitability for rededication of our Church and its altar has, therefore, been occasioned by the replacement of the existing altar with a completely new one. As the ambo and baptismal font were also replaced at the same time, by extension they too need to be rededicated alongside the new altar.

Choice of Day for Rededication of Christ the King Church

There are clear directions within the Catholic Church for choosing the day for the dedication. For example the day chosen should be a day "when the people can be present in large numbers, especially a Sunday. Since the theme of the dedication pervades the entire rite, the dedication of a Church may not take place on days on which it is altogether improper to disregard the mystery then being commemorated such as the Easter triduum, Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, Pentecost, Ash Wednesday, the weekdays of Holy Week, and All Souls."

The day on which a Church is dedicated is, therefore, kept as a solemnity in that Church. May 22, 2016, the day chosen for our dedication happens not only to be a Sunday, but Trinity Sunday in the Liturgical Calendar of the Church and falls exactly on the 65th anniversary of the Parish.

Glory be to God, for He has done great things for us !!!!!!!

HANDMAIDS OF THE DIVINE REDEEMER (HDR)



The Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer of Accra (HDR) was founded by Bishop Joseph Oliver Bowers†, (SVD) Divine Word Missionary, in 1957.

They are an indigenous Diocesan Congregation for Catholic Religious Women. The HDRs are from across different cultural backgrounds and have diverse professional careers. The HDR have different Apostolate in different parishes. With the motto: **Saved to Serve**, the handmaids having been saved look up with humility to Mary to serve and share in the passion of the Devine Redeemer. Their name summarizes the qualities which should motivate the members in exercising their Charism of practical service. They have their Mother House still located at Agomanya, their Novitiate now at Koforidua, their Postulancy at Akwatia and their Generalate at Airport-West, Accra. There are 7 convents in Accra now.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CONVENT (CHRIST THE KING CONVENT), CANTONMENTS

Two Maronite Lebanese Priests who arrived in December, 1951 to serve their community here in Accra were hosted by Christ The King Church, which was then situated at the present Parish Hall. They settled and used what is now the Christ the King Convent as the headquarters of the Maronite Lebanese Catholics in Ghana. Eventually, they built their residence at their site at Osu and moved out in 1956.

The presence of the HDRs in Christ the King began in 1959 when in their absence three Postulants of the Congregation namely Srs Consolata Agyapong, Rose Kramo and Lucy Senya came with Sr. Patrice SSpS from Agomanya to live in the present convent and to attend St Mary's Secondary School. The Our Lady of Fatima Convent (Christ The King Convent), Cantonments is thus the very first convent of the HDRs in Accra.

HDRS IN ACCRA.

As part of their mission, the HDRs endeavour to make with joy any sacrifice to which God's grace invites them to go wherever community obedience assigns them. So in addition to their numerous Apostolate in the diocese, when the need arose for Eucharistic Ministers in the parish, the HDRs were trained to help administer communion at mass during the time of Fr Martin Wels. From time immemorial the HDRs have been helping with the care of

church linen, Srs Mary Matilda Sorkpor, Mary Paulina Osei, Mary Rita Teye, and currently Srs Mary Wihelmina Essel and Mary Martha Awubawuni, have been helping with catechism and the children service.

Sr Mary Brigid Agbenyo was also part of the Christ the King Choir at its inception. The HDRs continue to lead in the singing at morning masses.

It is worth noting that the baking of altar bread for the Accra Archdiocese and even beyond has always been done in this convent.



From 1995 to 2009, the following, Srs HDR Mary Gertrude Kwaku (1995), Mary Paulina Osei (1995-1996), Mary Francisca Sosu (1996-2000), Mary Agatha Kudo(2000-2005), Mary-Stella Darkoa-Yeboah (2005-2007) and Rita-Anne Kusi (2007-2009), have served as administrative assistants at the parish office at the request of the parish priest. An HDR sister from this convent is always part of the Christ the King Parish Pastoral Council. The handmaids also give talks in the church as requested by programme coordinators for laity and catechetical week celebrations and Tuesday Evening Teachings. They continue to do these and much more to support the parish and the entire church community.

Currently the HDRs residing at the Christ the King Convent are: **Mother Mary Vincentia Mensah** (first elected Superior General and former headmistress of Christ the King International School), **Sr. Mary Jessie Quist** (immediate past headmistress of Christ the King International School), **Sr. Mary Rita Teye** (Local Superior and caterer at the Christ the King International School), **Sr. Mary Wilhelmina Essel** and **Sr Mary Martha Awubawuni**



Sr. Mary Rita Teye, HDR baking altar bread

GOODWILL MESSAGE

As the Christ the King Church celebrates its 65th anniversary, we the HDR sisters in Our Lady of Fatima Convent, Christ the King, thank God for the gift of this church and for your achievements for the past 65 years. We pray and ask God to protect and keep you bounded in his love. We wish you God's blessings, growth in the spirit and that the community will continue to help others to know the Lord..

HYMNS

CH 396

1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.
2. O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight,
And to the rescue came.
3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh, against the foe,
Should strive and should prevail.
4. And that a higher gift than grace,
Should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
And Essence all divine.
5. O generous love! that he who smote,
In man for man the foe,
The double agony in man,
For man should undergo.
6. And in the garden secretly,
And on the Cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire,
To suffer and to die.
7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

Ecce Sacerdos Magnus Ecce

Sacerdos Magnus
Ecce Sacerdos Magnus
Qui in diebus sui, placuit de--o
Ecce Sacerdos Magnus
Ecce- Sa-cerdos Magnus
Qui in diebus sui, qui in diebus sui -
Placuit Deo
Tenor and Bass
Non est inventus, similis i-lli

Qui conser-varet legem excelsis

Soprano and Alto

Non est inventus, similis i-lli

Qui conser-varet legem excelsis

CH 320

1. "There shall be showers of blessing":
This is the promise of love:
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the saviour above;

Chorus:

Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need;
Mercy drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead;

2. "There shall be showers of blessing":
Precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valleys,
Sound of abundance of rain. **Chorus:**

3. "There shall be showers of blessing":
Send thou upon us, O Lord!
Grant to us now a refreshing:
Come, and now honour your word. **Chorus.**

4. "There shall be showers of blessing":
Oh, that to-day they might fall,
Now as to God we're confessing,
Now as on Jesus we call! **Chorus**

HYMNS

CH 49

1. I believe in God almighty
who made heav'n and earth.
I believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ, his only Son
God from God and light from light,
The true one God above, with the Father,
He is one creator of all things.

Chorus: Oh I believe in God almighty,
Who made heaven and earth.
Yes I believe in God almighty
Who made heaven and earth

2. For us all he came to earth and lived as one of us.
For our sake he suffered death.
They nailed him to a cross.
But no earthly grave could hold the Lord of
heaven and earth; bursting forth he rose again, just
as the prophets said.
3. Forty days he walked the earth,
a dead man come alive.
Then he bid his friends farewell,
returning to his heaven.
He will come again to judge the living and the
dead. He is Lord of all the worlds; His kingdom
has no end.
4. I believe in God the Father, Spirit and his Son,
I believe the Church is holy, Universal, one.
And through water all our guilt is cleansed,
we are made new.
Dying we will rise again to live for ever more.

CH 61

1. The Solemn Sacrifice begins,
The Lamb is offered for our sins.
He lies upon his altar throne,
High priest and victim both in one.
2. His sacrifice of love divine,
Renewed in veils of bread and wine,
Glory to your great name we sing,
For this most precious offering.

3. We too upon this altar lay,
Our humble offerings today,
We give our love though weak and small,
Our simple heart, ourselves, our all.
4. These gifts, dear Saviour, deign to bless,
And pardon our unworthiness,
While glory to your name we sing,
For your own precious offering

CH 247

1. Sweet Sacrament divine,
Hid in your earthly home,
Lo! round your lowly shrine,
With suppliant hearts we come,
Jesus, to you our voice we raise,
In songs of love and heartfelt praise,
Sweet Sacrament divine. (2x)
2. Sweet Sacrament of peace,
Dear home of every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease,
And sorrows all depart,
There in your ear, all trustfully,
We tell our tale of misery,
Sweet Sacrament divine. (2x)
3. Sweet Sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
Within your shelter blest,
Soon may we reach the shore.
Save us, for still the tempest raves;
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves;
Sweet Sacrament of rest. (2x)
4. Sweet Sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
In your far depths do shine,
Your Godhead's majesty,
Sweet light so shine on us, we pray,
That earthly joys may fade away,
Sweet Sacrament divine. (2x)

HYMNS

CH 264

1. My God, accept my heart this day,
And make it wholly yours;
That I from you no more may stray,
No more from you decline.
2. Before the cross of Him who died,
Behold I prostrate fall;
Let every sin be crucified,
And Christ be all in, all.
3. Anoint me with your heavenly grace,
And seal me for your own;
That I may see your glorious face,
And worship at your throne.
4. Let every thought and work and word,
To you be ever given;
Then life shall be your service, Lord,
And death the gate of heaven.
5. All glory is the Father due,
All glory his true Son;
All glory be the Spirit too,
While endless ages run.

CH 266

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of days,
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Not wanting, nor wasting, you rule us in might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. You give life to all, Lord, to both, great and small;
Your life is in all, Lord, the true life of all,
We blossom and flourish as grass on the plain,
Then wither and perish; but you still remain.
4. Great Father before you we bow in this place,

While angels adore you, each veiling his face;
Our thanks Lord we render: all glory to you,
What heavenly splendour conceals from our view.

CH 263

1. Most ancient of all mysteries,
Before your throne we lie,
Have mercy now most merciful,
Most holy Trinity.
2. When heaven and earth were yet unmade,
When time was yet unknown,
Yet in your bliss and majesty,
You live and love alone.
3. You were not born; there was no fount,
From which your being flowed;
There is no end which you can't reach:
But you are simply God.
4. How wonderful creation is,
The work that you have blessed;
And oh, what then must you be like,
Eternal loveliness!
5. Most ancient of all mysteries,
Still at your throne we lie,
Have mercy now most merciful,
Most holy Trinity.

CH 111

1. My God loves me,
His love will never end.
He rests within my heart
For my God loves me.
2. His gentle hand
He stretches over me.
Though storm-clouds threaten the day,
He will set me free.

HYMNS

3. He comes to me,
In sharing bread and wine.
He brings me life that will reach
Past the end of time.

4. My God loves me,
His faithful love endures.
And I will live like a child
Held in love secure.

5. The joys of love,
As offerings now we bring.
The pains of love will be lost
In the praise we sing.

CH 399

1. Now thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom the world rejoices.
Who from our mother's arms,
Has blessed us on our way,
With countless gifts of love,

And still is ours today.

2. O may this gracious God,
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts,
And blessed peace to cheer us.
Preserve us in His grace;
And guide us in distress,
And free us from all sin,
Till heaven we possess.

3. All praise and thanks to God,
The Father now be given,
The Son and Spirit blest,
Who reigns in highest heaven.
Eternal, Triune God,
Whom earth and heaven adore.
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be ever more.

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