

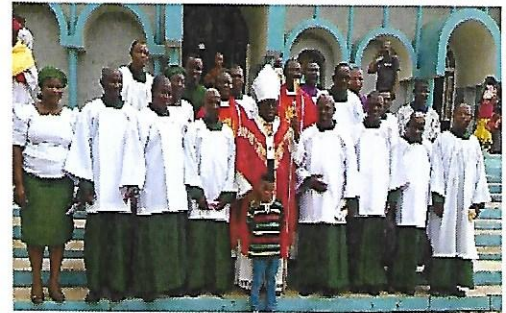
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Dear People of God,

The time has come again to prepare to return to Nigeria. The summer has been truly refreshing and I am set for a new academic session and other activities. I thank our Pastor, Fr. John, the Chancery Staff for providing a home away from home. I thank all of you for your friendship and support over the years. Eight years and still counting. Your love and support all these years have enriched my ministry and our archdiocese. May God continue to bless you abundantly.

Next Sunday will be my last Sunday as I return to Nigeria the day after. As you have helped in the past, I shall be grateful for your continued assistance.

1. Last year, in our bid to empower the youth, we introduced a programme **YOUNG ADULT AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMME OF IBADAN (YAAPI)** The archdiocese has made land available for farming and the youths have embarked on small scale farming according to their strength. We are always indeed of funding, agricultural implements, etc. Nothing is too small. Or if you know any agency that could be of help, please let me know.
2. I continue to facilitate the formation of catechists in Ibadan- these are people who essentially volunteer their time to serve in various parishes. Ours is to train them. Presently, we have 2 sessions a month for 8 months:  $15,000 \times 16 \text{ sessions} = \mathbf{240,000} \quad \mathbf{\$665}$
3. **At other times, I also source for funding to provide ongoing formation for Catechists on the job**
4. Electricity continues to be unreliable and sporadic, HENCE, there is need to provide an alternative source of power.
  - a. Solar panels  $60,000 \times 4 = 240,000 = \$660$
  - b. Battery  $85,000 \times 2 = 170,000 = \$470$
  - c. Inverter –  $65,000 = 65,000 = \$180$
  - d. Consumables and installation =  $50,000 = \$140$
  - e. **TOTAL**  $\mathbf{\$1450}$
5. Thanks to your support, I could change **the Gear system of my Toyota car** early this year at a cost of \$1250. Hopefully, I will be able to get some years out of it before I get a better one.



Finally, keep me in your prayers. By this time next year, I would have celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my priestly ordination. God has been good, but I need more of his grace to remain faithful and an effective instrument in God's hands. Be assured of my prayers.

Thank you for your love and support.

Fr. Richard 

