



# EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

**AUXILIARY BISHOPS OF THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ACCRA**



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**WEDNESDAY,  
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**AT THE  
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**His Holiness, Pope Francis**





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**GOODWILL MESSAGE  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF  
MSGR. ANTHONY NARH ASARE AND MSGR. JOHN KOBINA  
LOUIS, AUXILIARY BISHOPS OF ACCRA ARCHDIOCESE**

As the Representative of His Holiness Pope Francis to your beautiful country of Ghana, I bring to you his Easter greetings of Peace and Love with the assurance of his prayer.

Easter 2023 is a memorable time for the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Accra for God's great blessing upon the Archdiocese, the Episcopal Ordination of two Auxiliary Bishops, Msgr. Anthony Narh ASARE and Msgr. John Kobina LOUIS. The gifts of two Auxiliary Bishops to the archdiocese at one time is a great gift and a sign of love and mercy of God. This is indeed a great moment for rejoicing and giving thanks to God!

On this occasion, I rejoice with Your Grace Most Rev. John Bonaventure KWOFIE, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra, Msgr. Anthony Asare and Msgr. John Louis, the Auxiliary Bishops, the Clergy, the Religious and the lay faithful and join you in expressing your gratitude to God for His great blessing to the Catholic Church in Accra as well as the entire Catholic Church in Ghana.

To you, Msgr. Anthony Narh Asare and Msgr. John Kobina Louis, God has chosen you as true witnesses to Christ the Good Shepherd. May He endow you with "knowledge, understanding and a heart of a Good Shepherd" (*cf.*: Jer. 3:15) as you assist Archbishop John Kwofie in caring the God's flock in the Archdiocese of Accra. Congratulations on your Episcopal Ordination. My assurance of prayer as you begin your service to the holy people of God. May these words of His Holiness Pope Francis inspire both of you in your ministry: "Episcopate' is the name of a service — it is not a true episcopate without service - not an honor like the disciples wanted, one to the left and one to the right" of Jesus... Being a bishop means "to serve and with this service you will safeguard your vocation and will be authentic shepherds in serving, not in honors, not in authority, not in power. No, in serving, always in serving." (*From Pope Francis' homily Oct. 17, 2021 at the Mass in St. Peter's Basilica.*)



*Henryk M. Jagodziński*

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### CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM THE GHANA CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE TO MOST REV. JOHN KOBINA LOUIS AND MOST REV. ANTHONY NARH ASARE ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR ORDINATION AS AUXILIARY BISHOPS FOR ACCRA ARCHDIOCESE

We, your brother bishops of the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference (GCBC), received with great joy the good news of your appointment by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, as Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Accra.

This is history made because it is the first of its kind for the Catholic Church in Ghana to have two auxiliary bishops appointed at once for one diocese. We wish to congratulate our brother Archbishop John Bonaventure Kwofie, CSSp, the Chief Shepherd of Accra for achieving this feat of successfully requesting for two auxiliary bishops at the same time.

The Archdiocese of Accra, being at the seat of government and the capital of our country has been the pivot and backbone of the Church's agenda in Ghana as you play host to the National Catholic Secretariat, which is the Administrative Unit of the Church in Ghana. It is therefore timely that the Holy Father has appointed two of your own to support the Chief Shepherd in the discharge of his pastoral duties.

There is no doubt that your appointment and ordination today has come as a great relief to our brother Archbishop Kwofie who has not enjoyed the best of health in almost three years. We also believe that your new role as Auxiliary Bishops will make the pastoral care of the Archdiocese of Accra a bit easier and make lighter the pastoral demands on our brother, Archbishop Kwofie.

As we welcome you, our brother Bishops John Louis and Anthony Asare to the Conference, it is our fervent prayer and hope that you will bring your various expertise and experiences to bear on the work of the Conference.

Once again, we say congratulations and wish you a fruitful episcopal ministry.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!

**MOST REV. MATTHEW KWASI GYAMFI  
CATHOLIC BISHOP OF SUNYANI & PRESIDENT,  
GHANA CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE**



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## SALUTATION TO THE AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ACCRA


Your Excellencies Most Rev. John Kobina LOUIS and Most Rev. Anthony Narh ASARE, on the occasion of your appointments as Auxiliary Bishops of the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra, on behalf of the members of the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM), I express my heartfelt congratulations.

Most Rev. Bishops, in your service to the Church in the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra and to the Church in Ghana, you have proved to be very humble, selfless, honest, diligent, devoted, prayerful and worthy servant of God and his Church. It is undoubtedly because of the successes obtained during the performance of your priestly functions that the Lord is entrusting you with a mission of greater responsibility. Your total commitment and loyalty to the Church and immense contributions were openly recognized when you were appointed Auxiliary Bishops by Pope Francis on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

The Bishops of Africa and Madagascar joyfully congratulate you, once again, Auxiliary Bishops-elect, and may your appointment be a cherished memory of God's deep and abiding love for you. May He grant you an abundance of His blessings and enable you to remain humble servants and pastors with the heart of the Good Shepherd.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Star of New Evangelization and Queen of Africa, intercede for all of us. Amen

God bless you!

  
Rev. Fr. Rafael SIMBINE Junior  
Secretary General of SECAM







**A Message from Most Rev. John Bonaventure KWOFIE, CSSp  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra.**



Christ Has Risen! He has Risen Indeed!

I sincerely greet you with the joy and hope of the feast of the Resurrection of Christ. May the Risen Christ bring peace and joy to your families, homes and hearts. May the light of the Resurrection overcome the darkness of despair and fear, and His Love holds our faith in these times of new beginnings.

What joy for the life of our Archdiocese to receive the gift of our new Auxiliary Bishops, Anthony Narh Asare and John Kobina Louis, today. We know well the power and meaning of actions in our communications – the way we smile, the way we stand, how we welcome those we know and those new to us.

Today, as we gather for this remarkable occasion, you will see gestures and actions within this Rite of Ordination that you may not be familiar with; actions that have the power to transform those present, and to communicate in a special way with God.

In particular, I ask that you might open your eyes and hearts to the Laying on of Hands. Done in complete silence, each of the bishops present, one-by-one, confers upon the Bishops-elect the grace each will need to be a good and wise shepherd to the people of this Archdiocese.

This simple action and the accompanying prayer ordain the elect into the unbroken succession of the Apostles, that through the power of the Holy Spirit they will receive the fullness of Holy Orders and the authority to teach, govern and sanctify. We ask God that these men be Good Shepherds after the heart of Jesus, in the Archdiocese of Accra, praying and caring for the whole flock, moving outwards especially to the poor and infirm, the stranger, and those who are isolated or lost; and that they draw deeply from the heart of the Gospel to serve the Church with abundant love and humility as Successors of the Apostles.

May our prayers unite with theirs today. I welcome them cordially as my first collaborators. I entrust them and their pastoral ministries to our Archdiocesan patron: Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Peter Claver, St. Martin de Porres and the Martyrs of Uganda.

Happy Easter and God bless.  
Arise Catholic Faithful, Rejoice and Renew!

**+ John B. Kwofie**

**Most. Rev. John Bonaventure KWOFIE**  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra



## FUNCTIONARIES

- Principal Consecrator: His Excellency, Most Rev. Henryk M. Jagodzinski, Apostolic Nuncio to Ghana
- Principal Co-Consecrators: Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie, CSSp, Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra  
Most Rev. Matthew Gyamfi, Bishop of Sunyani and President of GCBC
- Presentation of Candidates: Rev. Fr. Raymond Osei-Tutu, Chancellor
- Homilist: Most Rev. Gabriel Justice Yaw Anokye, Metropolitan Archbishop of Kumasi
- Throne Priests: Rev. Fr. Felix Sesenyo Quarshie  
Rev. Fr. Samuel Filton-Mensah  
Rev. Fr. John Ashitey Boye  
Rev. Fr. John Kobina Obeng Amoah
- Papal Bull: Latin — Rev. Fr. Michael Kodzo Mensah, University of Ghana  
English — Rev. Fr. Raymond Osei-Tutu, Chancellor
- Welcome Address: Rev. Fr. Clement Wilson, Holy Spirit Cathedral Administrator
- Lectors: Sr. Alberta Rabbles, HDR  
Mr. Peter Sackey
- Final Remarks: Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie, CSSp
- Choirs in Attendance Cathedral & Archdiocesan Choirs
- Commentators: Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Gosu  
Rev. Fr. Alphonse Bulloro
- Liturgical MC: Rev. Fr. Clement Wilson, Holy Spirit Cathedral Administrator





# ORDER OF THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION MASS

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

Processional Hymn: Ch 422 (*The Church is one Foundation*)

Introit: CH 401

Sign of the Cross

Greetings

A brief Welcome Address and the purpose of the celebration: Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie

## PENITENTIAL RITE

Kyrie: Mass of Sacred Heart

Gloria: Mass of Sacred Heart

Collect

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 20: 28-32

Sr. Alberta Rabbles, HDR

Responsorial Psalms: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord - Psalm 89

Second Reading: 1 Peter 5: 1-4 by

Peter Sackey

Alleluia verse: Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always until the end of the world.

Gospel Reading: John 21: 15 - 17

## RITES OF ORDINATION

*After the Gospel, all stand to sing a hymn to the Holy Spirit Hymn CH 226*

## PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOPS-ELECT

*After the hymn, the Principal Consecrator and the Consecrating Bishops, wearing their mitres, go to the seats prepared for the ordination and sit. The Bishops-elect are led by their assisting priests to the chair of the Principal Consecrator before whom they make a sign of reverence.*

## THE APOSTOLIC LETTER

*One of the assisting Priests addresses the principal ordaining Bishop in these words:*

Most Reverend Father, the Church of N. asks you to ordain these Priests N. to the responsibility of the Episcopate.

*The principal ordaining Bishop questions him, saying:*

Have you a mandate from the Apostolic See?

*He replies:*

We have.

Principal ordaining Bishop: Let it be read.

*Then all sit and the document is read. The Papal Bull is shown to the Principal Consecrator, then all the other bishops and all the faithful. Everyone sits, while the document is read in Latin and English.*



# FRANCISCUS EPISCOPUS SERVUS SERVORUM DEI

Dilecto filio **Antonio Nakh Asate**, e deo archidiececesis metropolitanae Accaënsis hactenus que parocchie Ss. Annæ et Joachimi in oppido vrb. Ceshie Curioni, eiusdem Auxiliari destinato simulque Episcopo titulari Castellano in Numidia electo, salutem et Benedictionem. Misericordiam Deo permantem mystico eius in corpore ministrantes, divino nutu Nos universae Ecclesiae praepositi, necessaria fidelibus adiumenta ubique providere conamur. Cum ergo nuper ob christificandum copiam in communitate sibi commissa degentium Venerabilis Frater Joannes Donaventura Hwofie, C.S.Sp. Archiepiscopus Metropolita Accaënsis, humiliter postulaverit ut sibi socii vitae ecclesialis ad ministrandam concederetur beneficium, Nos huiusmodi petitioni libenter concessimus. Ab hoc ministerium explendum te idoneum esse putamus, dilecte Fili, qui in catholica fide recte obsecus, sacerdotibus virtutibus ceterisque agentium paritiam entes. Ex plenitudine ergo Apostolicae Doctrinae potestatis, Se Dicasterii pro Evangelizatione consilio, te Episcopum titularis Sedis **Castellanae in Numidia** nominamus simulque Auxiliarem in archidiececi metropolitana Accaënsi constituimus. Destinationem episcopalem ubi vis extra Romam a quolibet catholico Episcopo accipere poteris, secundum liturgicas praescriptiones, prius tamen tuum erit fidei professionem rite facere atque iurandam fidelitatis erga Nos Nostrosque Successores nuncupare. Te autem enixe cohortamur ut concordi animo cum Archiepiscopo tuo operam naves et diligenter erga Accaënsi servite studeas. Tandem, dilecte Fili, Spiritum Sanctum precamur ut afflatu suo, Beata Virgine Maria et sancto Joseph eius Sponso in tercedentibus, te in nova navitate explenda perducatur. Datum Romae, Laterani, die decimo quarto mensis Februarii, in festo Ss. Cyrilli monachi et Methodii episcopi, anno Domini bis millesimo vicesimo tertio, Pontificatus Nostri decimo.

Franciscus

Franciscus, Pont. Rom.

# FRANCISCUS EPISCOPUS SERVUS SERVORUM DEI

Dilecto filio **Joanni Hobina Louis**, e deo archidiececesis Accaënsis, ibique hactenus Vicario Generali, constituto Auxiliari eiusdem sedis et Episcopo orato titulo Fessetanano, salutem et Benedictionem. Ut omnes gentes docerent viam salutis aeternae commendavit Apostolus Salvator noster Jesus Christus, vigil custodiam Ecclesiae. Huiusmodi mandati iugiter memores, dum onera ministerii Petrii gerimus, nimium caritatem testimonificari scitamus in Episcopatu, praesertim iis qui, plurimis gravati negotiis, auxilium petunt. Quocirca postulatus Venerabilis Frater Joannes Donaventura Hwofie, C.S.Sp. Archiepiscopus Metropolita Accaënsis, occurrere festinamus, qui, ut pastoralis opera commodius efficaciusque explicaretur, flagitavit ut ibi nominaretur alius Episcopus Auxiliari. Huiusmodi petitioni libenter concedimus, atque te, dilecte Fili, idoneum arbitramur ad hoc munus suscipiendum. Nam congruis vicariis cumulatis necnon apostolico usu, fidelibus cleoque curandis in primis sicut Vicarius Generalis dans operam. Ideo de consilio Dicasterii pro Evangelizatione, Nostri ex Apostolica auctoritate te constituimus Episcopum Auxiliarem Accaënsensem ac pariter tibi tribuimus episcopalem titulum **Fessetanum**, cunctis item additis iuribus et officiis impositis, quae cum tuo statu tuaque destinatione ad iuris canonici praescripta necnominat. Ante ordinationem episcopalem, quam a quolibet catholico Episcopo extra urbem Romam accipere poteris, fidei professio erit tibi facienda atque fidelitatis ius iurandum in Nos Nostrosque Successores dandum, secundum sacrorum canonum normas. Tandem te, dilecte Fili, hortamur ut maxima qua poteris episcopali diligentia adistas tuo Archiepiscopo Metropolita necnon populo atque cleo alacriter servias, admodum exhortationem ad Timotheum beati apostoli Pauli cotidie recordans: ~ Tu autem, o homo Dei, sectae iustitiam, pietatem, fidem, clementiam, patientiam, mansuetudinem. Certa bonum certamen fidei, apprehende vitam aeternam, in qua es vocatus ~ 1 Tim 6, 11-12. Datum Romae, Laterani, die decimo quarto mensis Februarii, in memoria Ss. Cyrilli, monachi, et Methodii, episcopi, anno Domini bis millesimo vicesimo tertio, Pontificatus Nostri decimo.

Franciscus

Franciscus, Pont. Rom.



## CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE

*When the reading is finished, all give their assent to the election of the Bishops, saying:*

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Homily:** Most Rev. Gabriel Justice Yaw Anokye (Metropolitan Archbishop of Kumasi)

## PROMISE OF THE BISHOPS-ELECT

*Each of the Bishops-elect then rise and stand in front of the Principal Consecrator who questions them:*

**Archbishop:** The ancient rule of the Holy Fathers decree that a Bishop-elect is to be questioned in the presence of the people on his resolve to uphold the faith and to discharge his duty. And so, dear brothers, do you resolve by the grace of the Holy Spirit to discharge until death the office entrusted to us by the Apostles, which we are about to pass on to you by the laying on of our hands?

**Bishops-elect:** I do.

**Archbishop:** Do you resolve to preach the Gospel of Christ with constancy and fidelity?

**Bishops-elect:** I do.

**Archbishop:** Do you resolve to guard the deposit of faith, entire and incorrupt, as handed down by the Apostles and preserved in the Church everywhere and at all times?

**Bishops-elect:** I do.

**Archbishop:** Do you resolve to build up the Body of Christ, his Church, and to remain in the unity of that Body together with the Order of Bishops under the authority of the successor of Saint Peter the Apostle?

**Bishops-elect:** I do.

**Archbishop:** Do you resolve to render obedience faithfully to the successor of the blessed Apostle Peter?

**Bishops-elect:** I do.

**Archbishop:** Do you resolve to guide the holy people of God in the way of salvation as devoted fathers and sustain them with the help of your fellow ministers, the Priests and Deacons?

**Bishops-elect:** I do.

**Archbishop:** Do you resolve, for the sake of the Lord's name, to be welcoming and merciful to the poor, to strangers, and to all who are in need?

**Bishops-elect:** I do.

**Archbishop:** Do you resolve as good shepherds to seek out the sheep who stray and gather them into the Lord's fold?

**Bishops-elect:** I do.

**Archbishop:** Do you resolve to pray without ceasing to Almighty God for the holy people and to carry out the office of High Priest without reproach?

**Bishops-elect:** I do, with the help of God.

**Archbishop:** May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment.



## INVITATION TO PRAYER

### LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

*Then the Bishops put aside their mitres, and all rise. The Principal Ordaining Bishop standing, with hands joined, faces the people and invites them to pray:*

Let us pray, dearly beloved,  
that the loving kindness of Almighty God,  
providing for the welfare of the Church,  
will grant to this chosen one an abundance of his grace.

*The Bishops-elect prostrate themselves as the rest stand at their places for the Litany of the Saints*

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy Lord, have mercy  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.  
Saint Michael, Holy Angels of God, Saint John the Baptist, Saint Joseph,  
Saint Peter & Saint Paul,  
Saint Andrew,  
Saint John the Evangelist,  
Saint Mary Magdalene, Saint Stephen,  
Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Saint Lawrence,  
Saint Anthony,  
Saint Perpetua & Saint Felicity, Saint Agnes,  
Saint Gregory, Saint Augustine, Saint Basil, Saint Martin, Saint Benedict,  
Saint Peter Claver,  
St. Martin de Porres  
Martyrs of Uganda  
Saint Francis & Saint Dominic, Saint Francis Xavier,  
Saint John Vianney, Saint Catherine, Saint Teresa,  
All Holy men & women Saints of God,  
Lord, be merciful,  
From every sin,  
From everlasting death,  
By your incarnation,  
By your death and resurrection,  
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Be merciful to us sinners, *Lord, we ask you to hear our prayer.*

Guide and protect your holy Church, *Lord, we ask you to hear our prayer.*

Keep the Pope and all the clergy in faithful service to our church *Lord, we ask you to hear our prayer.*

Bring all people together in peace and true harmony, *Lord, we ask you to hear our prayer.*

Comfort with your mercy the troubled and the afflicted, *Lord, we ask you to hear our prayer.*

Strengthen all of us and keep us in your holy service, *Lord, we ask you to hear our prayer.*

Bless these chosen man, *Lord, we ask you to hear our prayer.*

Bless and sanctify these chosen man, *Lord, we ask you to hear our prayer.*

Bless, sanctify, and consecrate this chosen man for his sacred duties, *Lord, we ask you to hear our prayer.*



Jesus, Son of the living God, *Lord, we ask you to hear our prayer.*  
Christ, hear us, Christ, *hear us*  
Christ, graciously hear our prayer, *Christ, graciously hear our prayer.*

*After the singing of the litany, the Principal Consecrating Bishop standing with hands outstretched sings or says:*

Graciously hear our petitions, O Lord,  
and as you raise the horn of priestly grace over this your servant,  
pour out upon him the power of your blessing.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## **LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF ORDINATION**

*The Bishops-elect rise, go to the principal ordaining Bishop, who is standing at his chair with the mitre on, and kneels before him.*

*The principal ordaining Bishop lays his hands upon the head of each of the Bishops-elect, without saying anything. Then all the Bishops, going to the Bishops-elect one after another, lay hands on them, without saying anything. After the laying on of hands, however, the Bishops remain alongside the principal ordaining Bishop until the end of the Prayer of Ordination, but in such a way that the action may be seen clearly by the faithful.*

*Then the principal ordaining Bishop receives the Book of the Gospels from one of the Deacons and places it, open, above the heads of the Bishops-elect; two Deacons, standing on the right and on the left of the Bishops-elect, hold the Book of the Gospels above their heads until the end of the Prayer of Ordination.*

*With the Bishops-elect kneeling before him, the principal ordaining Bishop, putting aside his mitre, and with the other ordaining Bishops, also without mitres, near him, with hands extended, sings or says the Prayer of Ordination:*

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Father of mercies and God of all consolation,  
who dwell on high and look upon the lowly,  
who know all things before they come to be,  
who established order in your Church through your gracious word,  
who from the beginning predestined a righteous people born of Abraham,  
who instituted rulers and priests  
and did not leave your sanctuary without ministry,  
who from the beginning of the world  
have been pleased to be glorified in those you have chosen:

*All the ordaining Bishops join in the following part of the Prayer, with hands joined, but in a low voice, so that the principal ordaining Bishop's voice is heard clearly:*

Now pour forth upon this chosen one the power that is from you,  
the governing Spirit, whom you gave to your beloved Son Jesus Christ  
and whom he gave to the holy Apostles,  
who established the Church in each place as your sanctuary,  
to the glory and unfailing praise of your name.

*The principal ordaining Bishop continues alone:*

Grant, O Father, knower of all hearts,  
that this your servant whom you have chosen for the Episcopate  
may nourish your holy flock  
and may without reproach exercise before you the High Priesthood,  
serving you night and day:



that he may unceasingly cause your face to shine upon us  
and offer the gifts of your holy Church.  
Grant that by the strength of the Spirit of the High Priesthood  
he may have authority to forgive sins according to your command;  
that he may apportion offices according to your precept  
and loosen every bond according to the authority you gave the Apostles;  
may he be pleasing to you in meekness and purity of heart,  
offering a sweet fragrance to you  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
through whom glory and power and honor are yours,  
with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church  
both now and for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

*After the Prayer of Ordination, the Deacons remove the Book of the Gospels which they have been holding above the head of the newly ordained Bishops and one of them holds the book until it is handed to the newly ordained Bishops.*

**All sit.**

*The principal ordaining Bishop and the other ordaining Bishops put on their mitres.*

## **ANOINTING OF THE HEAD AND HANDING ON OF THE BOOK OF THE GOSPEL AND THE INSIGNIA**

*The principal ordaining Bishop puts on a linen gremial, takes a vessel with Sacred Chrism from one of the Deacons, and anoints the head of each of the newly ordained Bishops, who kneels before him, saying:*

May God, who has made you a sharer in the High Priesthood of Christ, himself pour out upon you the oil of mystical anointing and make you fruitful with an abundance of spiritual blessing.

*Then the principal ordaining Bishop washes his hands.*

## **PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS**

*Taking the Book of the Gospels from a Deacon, the principal ordaining Bishop presents it to each of the newly ordained Bishops, saying:*

Receive the Gospel, and preach the word of God with all patience and sound teaching.

*Afterwards, the Deacon takes the Book of the Gospels and returns it to its place.*

## **INVESTITURE WITH RING**

*The principal ordaining Bishop places the ring on the ring finger of the right hand of each of the newly ordained Bishops, saying:*

Receive this ring, the seal of fidelity: and adorned with undefiled faith, preserve unblemished the Bride of God, the holy Church.

## **INVESTITURE WITH MITRE AND PASTORAL STAFF**

*Then the principal ordaining Bishop places the mitre on the newly ordained Bishops, saying:*

Receive the mitre, and let the splendor of holiness shine in you, so that when the chief Shepherd appears you may merit to receive an unfading crown of glory.

*Lastly, he presents the pastoral staff to the newly ordained Bishops, saying:*

Receive the crosier, the sign of the pastoral office, and keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as Bishops to govern the Church of God.

**All rise.**



## FRATERNAL KISS FROM THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE & OTHER BISHOPS

*The newly ordained Bishops are invited by the principal ordaining Bishop to be seated in the first place among the concelebrating Bishops.*

*Then, after setting aside their pastoral staff, the newly ordained Bishops rise and receive the fraternal kiss from the principal ordaining Bishop and all the other Bishops.*

## CREED

I believe in one God...

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Collection:	–	Medley of Songs
Offertory Procession	–	CH 59
Preparation of the Gifts	–	CH 57
Sanctus	–	Mass of the Sacred Heart
Doxology	–	Great Amen (to be sung)
Our Father	–	to be Recited
Sign of Peace	–	Song
Agnus Dei	–	Mass of the Sacred Heart
Communion	–	CH 104 CH 93 CH 416
Post Communion Song	–	'Zadok the Priest' by Handel

## Congratulations

1. Archdiocesan Priests' Senate
2. Major Superiors
3. Archdiocesan Laity Council

Address from the newly ordained Bishops

Announcements

Photography

Final blessing

Recession – CH 399 - Now thank we all our God

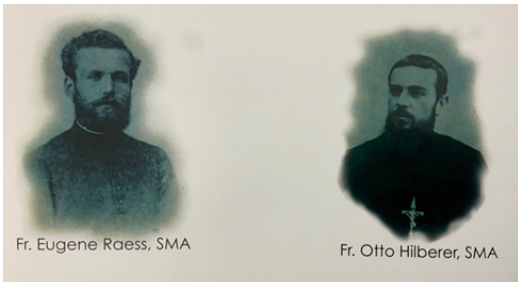




## BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ACCRA



*"I rejoiced when I heard them say, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'. And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!" (Ps. 122: 1-2)*



Most great things have humble beginnings. Such is the history of the Metropolitan Catholic Archdiocese of Accra. On 31st January, 1893, Fathers Otto Hilberer and Eugene Raess arrived in the Gold Coast - Accra to found Catholicism in then budding city which was to become the Nation's capital in later years. Rev. Frs. Otto Hilberer and Eugene Raes of the Society of African Missions (SMA) celebrated the first recorded Holy Mass in the Accra Mission, as it was called, for the small Catholic community on 31st January, 1893 in the house of Chief John Quartey situated on today's High Street about the location of today's CFAO. In the same year, the first Catholic Baptism in Accra took place as it was administered to Louis James Buckle on 25th May, and on 12th August, 1894, the first recorded Holy Matrimony was celebrated between Herbert Cheetam and Rose Mary Quaye.

In 1894, a devastating yellow fever epidemic swept through the coastal towns of Ghana, then Gold Coast, and dealt a great blow to both the local people and the missionary priests. In all 7 out of 10 SMA Missionaries in the Elmina-Accra died as a result of this epidemic. Soon, the Accra Mission was without a pastor. It was as if Satan himself was waging war against the establishment of the Kingdom of God in Accra. For about 30 years, Accra was to remain without a resident priest. The Accra Catholic community was left in the care of a lay Church committee led by Messrs. Brown Andoh and Yankah and others. These held the fort and were visited from time to time by SMA Missionaries from Elmina and Cape Coast until Rev. Fr. Joseph Stauffer was posted to Accra in 1924 and he purchased an old cocoa shed situated on the Derby Avenue, which he later refurbished into a Church that was to become the Sacred Heart Catholic Mission. Thus, the Sacred Heart Church, located in the very heart of then Accra and also within the indigenous people of the land, became the the premier and mother Church of Accra, mother of all Churches of the Accra Church. Before then, Church services in Accra were held in rented houses. Among the many houses used for worship were those of one Miss Quaye and Mr. Andoh. On 23rd May, 1925, the remodelled church which was now serving as the only Church was dedicated by Bishop Hauger, SMA. The solemn High Mass by a Bishop on that day was the first ever recorded Episcopal Mass celebrated in the Accra Mission.

For more than forty years, the SMA Fathers continued to minister actively as the principal clerical pastoral agents to the Accra mission until gradually they handed over to the Society of the Divine Word Missionaries (SVD). In the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 16, St. Paul had a vision of a Macedonian who urged him in these words: "Come across to Macedonia and help us." That was the way in which the Holy Spirit inspired the early Christian Church to launch its missionary apostolate to Asia Minor and Europe. The call for the SVD to come to the Gold Coast was materialized in 1938 when the pioneering missionaries of the Accra mission, the SMA's, officially sought help for its missionary works in the Gold Coast. At that time they



were so overwhelmed with the task of the missions that they were unable to develop the other areas surrounding the city of Accra. It was evident that Accra would become the centre of government, of business, of industry and indeed of the faith. At that time, in the whole area that later became the Accra Diocese, there were only two residential mission stations. Evangelization had only started in the Akim and Kwahu Districts, and the Church had hardly impacted the Krobo and the Afram Plains.

### **From The Accra Mission Church to a Particular Church**

In Code of Canon Law of the Catholic Church, a particular Church is an ecclesial community headed by a Bishop or someone recognised as the equivalent of a Bishop. There are two kinds of particular Churches: Local particular Churches and Autonomous (“sui iuris”) particular Churches (these are aggregations of local particular Churches that share a specific liturgical, theological and canonical tradition. They are called “particular Churches or rites”. The largest of such autonomous particular Church is the Latin Rite. The others are referred to collectively as the Eastern Catholic Churches an example with the accra precinct is the Maronite rite Church located at Osu RE). The Accra mission falls under the designation of a local particular Church, one in which and from which the one and only Catholic Church exists in a concrete way in this part of the world. For most people, a diocese is the most familiar form of such local particular Churches, but there are other forms, including that of a territorial abbacy, an Apostolic Vicariate and an Apostolic Prefecture. Unless the contrary is determined, these other forms of local particular Churches are equivalent to a Diocese in terms of administration. The Accra mission as we know it today as the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra evolved under the SVDs as a particular Church from being elevated to a Vicariate, Prefecture, Diocese and now an Archdiocese. Over the years, many other missionaries have joined the SVDs and SMAs to serve as pastoral agents of Accra. These clerical and lay pastoral agents are now strongly today maintained by the heavy Diocesan Clergy (145 Diocesan Priests) and one female local religious congregation (ie the Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer, HDR).

### **Accra Under Bishop Noser**



From 1938, Father Adolf Noser was selected by the Superior General of the SVD to be the first Superior of the Accra mission. But the Doctor who examined him declared him unfit for life in the tropics. The Superior General suggested: “Find another Doctor.” The second Doctor too considered him unfit. So a third one was consulted who finally did agree to his going to Africa. One Doctor is said to have observed: “I give him 6 months,” but as history proved, he was wrong. Fr. Noser became an indefatigable missionary in the Gold Coast-Accra along with Rev. Fr. John Dauphine SVD, the first African-American Priest from the USA. Fr. Noser was both a very spiritual man and a rugged missionary and under his leadership, the Accra Mission made phenomenal advances. He himself became the model of the so-called “bush missionary” on trek facing unflinchingly the hardships of travelling and living in the more primitive conditions which prevailed in the Gold Coast of that time. During his 15 years of being the Mission Superior and later on as Bishop, the Accra Mission made truly astounding progress.



On 2nd December, 1943, the Holy Father elevated the Accra mission then known as the Vicariate Apostolic of Costa d'Oro (Gold Coast) into the Prefecture Apostolic of Accra and Fr. Noser became the Prefect Apostolic of Accra from 1944 to 1947. On 12th June 1947, he was named and consecrated first Bishop of Accra when the then particular church, the Prefecture Apostolic of Accra was now elevated into the Vicariate Apostolic of Accra. He was the Bishop of Accra for only 6 years.

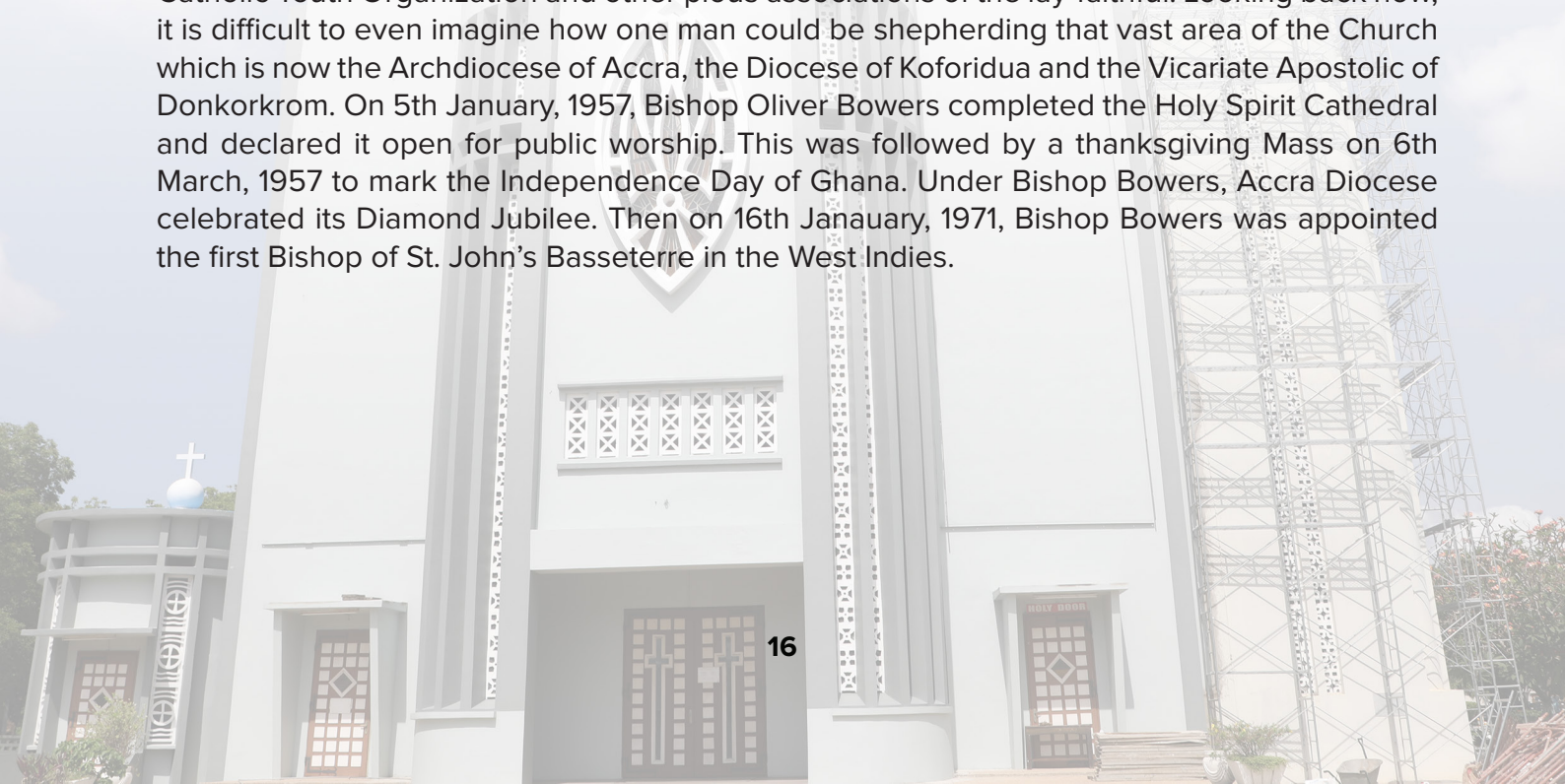
Under his tenure, on 18th April, 1950, the Vicariate Apostolic of Accra was elevated to the Diocese of Accra. On 8th February, 1953, he blessed and laid the cornerstone of the Holy Spirit Cathedral of today. In the same year, 1953, Bishop Noser was transferred to Papua New Guinea as Archbishop of Alexishafen and Rev. Fr. Joseph Oliver Bowers, SVD, an African-Caribbean from the Commonwealth of Dominica, succeeded him as the first black Bishop of the Gold Coast colony. When Bishop Noser left the Gold Coast in 1953, there were 14 residential stations, 227 outstations, 35,000 Catholics, 177 schools and 775 teachers.

### Accra Under Bishop Bowers



When Bishop Bowers took over from Bishop Noser we can say that the strong skeleton of the Church in the Gold Coast was in place. It would be Bishop Bowers' task to put the flesh and blood on those bones – which he did most admirably. Bishop Bowers brought the Dominican Sisters of the Diocese of Speyer into the Mission and they built up hospitals in Battor and Akwatia and established the Girls' Secondary School in Akwatia. In 1957, Bishop Bowers founded the Diocesan Congregation of the Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer (notice the closeness of the name to the Divine Word). The Congregation grew up rapidly and is flourishing.

In the educational field, several top rate Secondary Schools were established. Pope John Secondary School was started as a Minor Seminary for the training of Diocesan Priesthoods. The Catechists were given special attention and a Diocesan Catechetical School was started at Asamankese. Most Parishes and Outstations grew and multiplied as also did the Catholic Youth Organization and other pious associations of the lay-faithful. Looking back now, it is difficult to even imagine how one man could be shepherding that vast area of the Church which is now the Archdiocese of Accra, the Diocese of Koforidua and the Vicariate Apostolic of Donkorkrom. On 5th January, 1957, Bishop Oliver Bowers completed the Holy Spirit Cathedral and declared it open for public worship. This was followed by a thanksgiving Mass on 6th March, 1957 to mark the Independence Day of Ghana. Under Bishop Bowers, Accra Diocese celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. Then on 16th January, 1971, Bishop Bowers was appointed the first Bishop of St. John's Basseterre in the West Indies.





## Accra Under Bishop Andoh



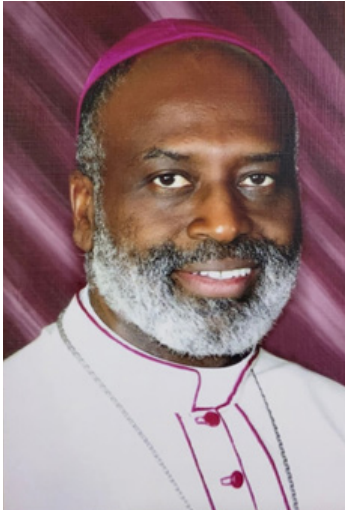
In 1971, Bishop Bowers was transferred to the West Indies, and was succeeded in the same year by the first Ghanaian Bishop in the person of Most Rev. Dominic Kodwo Andoh DD, JCD. The history of the Accra Diocese under Most Rev. Dominic K. Andoh is a story of remarkable growth and development. On 3rd October, 1971, Bishop Andoh was consecrated in the Holy Spirit Cathedral as the first Ghanaian Bishop of Accra by Archbishop John Kodwo Amissah of Cape Coast. He went on to oversee a number of key events and milestones that helped shape the future of the Diocese. One of the highlights of Bishop Andoh's tenure was the Solemn dedication of the Holy Spirit Cathedral on 2nd June, 1974. This event was presided over by Bishop Andoh, assisted by Bishops Joseph O. Bowers and Francis A. K. Lodonu. This was a significant moment in the history of the Accra Diocese, as it marked the

completion of the Cathedral, which had been under construction for several years, though it was opened to public use.

The visit of Pope John Paul II to Accra on 8th May, 1980 was a key event during his tenure. The Pope arrived in Accra to begin a three-day Papal visit to Ghana, which culminated in his blessing of the National Catholic Secretariat of Ghana, known as the Centenary House in Accra. This visit was particularly significant as it came during the Centenary celebrations of the Catholic Church in Ghana. In August 1992, Bishop Andoh launched the year-long Centenary Celebration of the Catholic Church in Accra, under the theme: 'Shine in the world' (Phil: 2: 15-16). During this celebration, the Catholic Diocese of Koforidua was carved out of Accra by Pope John Paul II. Accra was elevated to a Metropolitan See, and Bishop Andoh became the first Metropolitan Archbishop. Very Rev. Fr. Charles Gabriel Palmer-Buckle of Accra Diocese, then Chaplain of Achimota School, was nominated Bishop-elect for the newly created Koforidua Diocese. On 29th June, 1993, Archbishop Andoh received the Sacred Pallium of Office as Metropolitan Archbishop in Rome from the hands of Pope John Paul II. He was then enthroned as the first Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra on 25th July 1993, by Most Rev. Abraham Katumana, the then Apostolic Nuncio to Ghana, Togo, and Benin. The First Synod of the Catholic Archdiocese was convoked by Archbishop Dominic Andoh from December 1996 to January 1997. It was held at the St. Paul's Catholic Seminary at Sowutuom, under the theme "Renewal of the Evangelization in the Archdiocese of Accra". The synod concluded with the publication of an outcome under the theme "Challenges and Hopes for the new Millennium". He retired in 2005 and was succeeded by Most Rev. Charles G. Palmer-Buckle, the pioneer Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Koforidua, The following year, Donkorkrom was carved from Koforidua Diocese and became an Apostolic Prefecture with Fr. Gabriel Edoe Kumordji, SVD, as the Apostolic Prefect.



## Accra Under Archbishop Palmer-Buckle

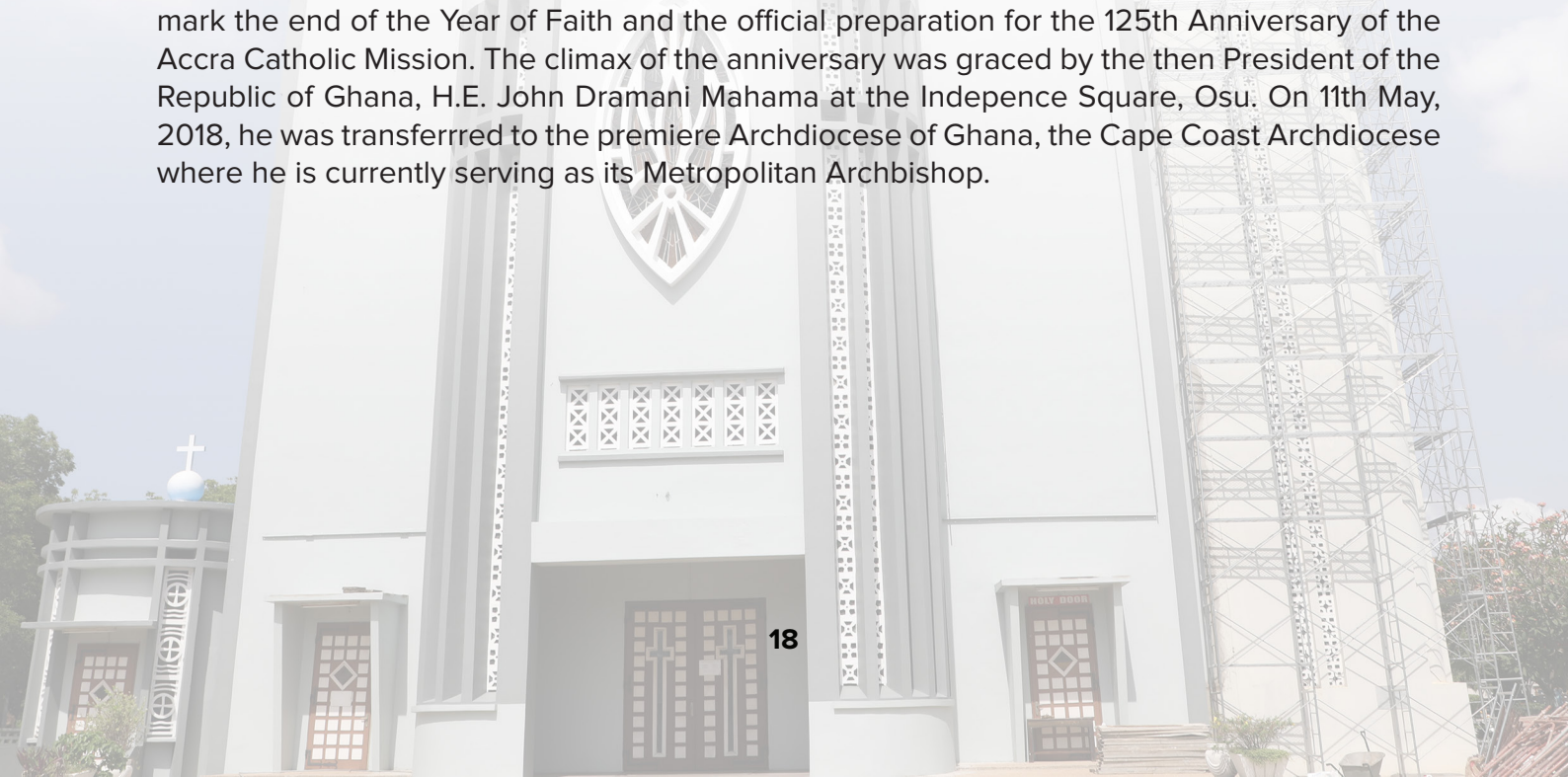


The appointment of Archbishop Charles Gabriel Palmer-Buckle as the Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra in 2005 ushered in a new era for the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra. In June 2005, Archbishop Palmer-Buckle received the Sacred Pallium from Pope Benedict XVI in Rome, Italy. A few months later, he took canonical possession of the Metropolitan See of Accra. Two major innovation made in the early years of his tenure was first the convocation of the second Diocesan Synod. In August 2008, the Second Synod of the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra was convoked at the Holy Spirit Cathedral in Adabraka, Accra. The Second Synod was successfully celebrated in February 2009 at the St. Paul's Seminary, Sowutuom under the theme, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them ... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

This was in preparation for the Archdiocese's 125th anniversary. The second milestone was to accept the Catholic Institute of Business and Technology in Tantra Hills, Accra, to the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra in 2008 as property of the Accra after the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference ceded the management of the University. In 2011, the campus was relocated to the Social Advance Institute.

In July 2012, the 120th Anniversary of the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra was launched at the Holy Spirit Cathedral with the theme: "The Accra Catholic Mission: Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present, Building the Future". The slogan was "Arise Catholic faithful! Rejoice and Renew" and the climax was celebrated in 2013.

Sadly, during Archbishop Palmer-Buckle's tenure, the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra also saw the passing into eternity of two of its former Bishops. The first was Bishop Oliver Bowers (Emeritus of Saint John's-Basseterre), who had just celebrated his 100th birthday in March 2009. He passed away in November 2012. The second was Archbishop Emeritus Dominic Andoh who died in May 2013 at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra, two weeks after his 84th birthday. Despite these great losses, there were also reasons for celebration during Archbishop Palmer-Buckle's tenure. In August 2013, 23 Priests were ordained for the SMA, SVD, Spiritans, and Comboni religious Congregations working within the Archdiocese of Accra. Additionally, in November 2013, a thanksgiving Mass was held at the Independence Square to mark the end of the Year of Faith and the official preparation for the 125th Anniversary of the Accra Catholic Mission. The climax of the anniversary was graced by the then President of the Republic of Ghana, H.E. John Dramani Mahama at the Independence Square, Osu. On 11th May, 2018, he was transferred to the premiere Archdiocese of Ghana, the Cape Coast Archdiocese where he is currently serving as its Metropolitan Archbishop.



## Accra Under Archbishop Kwofie



On 2nd January, 2019, Bishop John Bonaventure Kwofie of Sekondi-Takoradi was nominated the Archbishop of Accra and on 1st March, he took canonical possession of the Metropolitan See of Accra. He led the Church bravely in the COVID-19 era and gave hope to the Church. No wonder, in 2021, he launched the Legacy of Hope Project which has the plans of mobilizing funds to commence the construction of a Modern Children's Hospital. When the governance of the Archdiocese became huge on his shoulders, he appealed to Rome for support. Then on 14th February, 2023, the Holy Father responded to his request by nominating two great sons of the Archdiocese as Auxiliary Bishops. Thus, following the announcement, history was made in the annals of the Church in Accra and Ghana as two Auxiliary Bishops were named simultaneously. This is the 2nd time the Accra Church is witnessing the presence of Auxiliaries and we

are all proud to be part of this history making.

The Metropolitan Archdiocese of Accra is today the gateway to the beautiful country of Ghana. Thus, on Wednesday 19th April, 2023, a new gate of history was opened in the Archdiocese as the clergy, laity and people of all walks of life gather at the Holy Spirit Cathedral to witness the Episcopal Ordination of Msgr. Anthony Narh Asare and Msgr. John Kobina Louis.

To God be the Glory for the great things He has done.

Arise Catholic Faithful, Rejoice and Renew!





## TITULAR SEES

If a Bishop is not the Ordinary of a Diocese (e.g. an Auxiliary Bishop of a Diocese or a Vicar Apostolic), he is a Titular Bishop. Each Titular Bishop is therefore assigned by the Holy See to a Titular See. Each Diocese has a see city (or cities) that give the Diocese its name. Over the course of history, See cities are transferred to other cities, especially as populations shift and demographics in a given diocese change. Some Diocesan sees are the victims of historical circumstances such as enemy invasion of Christian lands. Those Bishops who were exiled retained the “title” of their old Diocese, part of their own title of office. In Asia Minor and North Africa, many Dioceses became defunct over them when they became schismatic, or when they were swept by other religions, or when they disappeared simply because the importance of the cities declined. A Titular See can also be created when the Apostolic See suppress a Diocese when the number of Catholics in the Diocese has declined sharply.

But, as it goes, Dioceses that relocate Sees aren't totally defunct; they technically are “suppressed.” There seems to be an in-built hope that the Christian population of that particular defunct see will return and find its status restored as a see city once again. that of Titular Bishop. They have no jurisdiction over their titular dioceses, but enjoy, with few exceptions, the privileges and honours of residential (diocesan) Bishops. Bishops who are assigned to a Titular Metropolitan See or Titular Archiepiscopal See are Titular Archbishops.

In the Catholic Church's understanding of the office of Bishop, it is important for a Bishop to be attached to the People of God in a given place, even if they don't live there. So when bishops are ordained for a purpose other than serving as the diocesan bishop, they are given the title of one of these “supressed” see cities — properly known as titular sees.

The newly elected Axuliliary Bishops of Accra therefore have their Titular Sees. Their significantly, both Titular Sees were historical Dioceses in the Roman Empire in the Province of Numidia , nowadays associated with Henchir-Gastal in northern Algeria. Bishop-elect Anthony Narh Asare is the 7th Titular Bishop of Castellum in Numidia. The See of Castellum in Numidia was established in 1933 as Titular See (Diocese) in, Algeria. Castellum in Numidia (Latin: Castellanus in Numidia). Bishop-elect John Kobina Louis is the Titular Bishop of Fesseë. The titular see was established in 1533 and he is the 27th Bishop of the Titular See.

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ARCHBISHOP AND AN AUXILIARY BISHOP?



Sacramentally speaking, there is no difference. Both Archbishops and Auxillary Bishops are called and consecrated to the fullness of the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Thus, there is no difference in the ordination of an Auxiliary Bishop, Diocesan Bishop, archbishop and even a Cardinal. Indeed, the Pope himself is not “ordained” a Pope. He, too, is a Bishop, in fact, the Bishop of Rome.

But since Archbishop John B. Kwofie, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra, has requested the Holy Father for the assistance of two Auxiliary Bishops, who have been duly nominated and consecrated into the episcopate, it's worth exploring what Canon Law has to say about the distinction between different “types” of Bishops.

All Bishops, as successors to the Apostles, possess the same charism, dignity and sacramental authority as members of the Church's magisterium. While the Pope, by virtue of his office, enjoys some special rights and privileges inherent to his unique role as successor to St. Peter, the difference between other Bishops lies at the ecclesial — or Church — level and is largely the subject of Canon Law.

While the Pope has full, supreme and universal power and jurisdiction over the whole Catholic Church, a Diocesan Bishop or Archbishop — often called an “ordinary” — has administrative power and jurisdiction over a smaller portion of the Church, which is his Diocese. Archbishop John Kwofie hence is or remains the ordinary or the proper administrative head of the Archdiocese of Accra who now has two Auxilliaris as his first collaborators.

The difference between an Auxiliary Bishop and the Diocesan Bishop of the same Diocese is in the governing rights of the particular church. The Diocesan Bishop as the ordinary of the Diocese exercises ordinary powers. Ordinary power or jurisdiction is one which is committed to a particular office by law in such a way that anyone who occupies the office automatically possesses that authority. Ordinary jurisdiction is held in canon law to be the jurisdiction “permanently and irremovably annexed to” the office of the diocesan bishop. It is said to be “proper” if it is exercised in one's own name, e.g. the Bishop of the diocese; it is “vicarious” if it is exercised in the name of diocesan bishop. So, for example in each Diocese, the Vicar General, Auxiliary Bishop or Coadjutor Bishop exercise ordinary vicarious jurisdiction. They act not in their own name but in the name of the Diocesan Bishop.

Auxiliary Bishops, while technically they are also Diocesan Bishops in their own right, i.e. in with regard to their “titular sees”, they exercise their sacramental authority and vicarious governance ordinary powers with the permission of and in harmony with the local ordinary. An Auxiliary Bishop, unlike a Coadjutor Bishop, does not automatically hold the right of succession should the ordinary Bishop resign or die.

Normally, the title “Archbishop” refers to the Diocesan Bishop of a Metropolitan Archdiocese, but this isn't always the case. The Pope may grant the honorary title of “Archbishop” to Bishops serving in Vatican Curial Offices or in diplomatic posts. Thus, if for example an Apostolic Nuncio, who is an Archbishop, is named Auxiliary Bishop to a diocese, he will retain his Archbishop title (Auxiliary Archbishop) even though he would not be in charge of a Diocese or an Archdiocese. Although it is rare for an Archbishop to later serve as an auxiliary bishop, it is not unprecedented, such as in the case of a Vatican official returning to Diocesan ministry.

So, what do Auxiliary Bishops do?

A Bishop's threefold office as priest, prophet and king — and their corresponding duties of sanctifying, teaching and governing the faithful — mean a Bishop is chiefly responsible for offering the sacraments, preaching the Gospel as a witness to the truth of Christ and exhorting and leading the faithful of their diocese by their words and example.

None will deny the challenges faced by today's Diocesan Bishops. These include the size of the Dioceses they govern, the number of the faithful they must serve, the complex ethnic composition of many dioceses, etc. As a result, when a bishop feels he requires assistance in his duties, he may ask the Holy See to appoint an auxiliary to lend a hand in the administration of certain diocesan affairs. The Auxiliary is appointed not with the mind of succeeding diocesan bishop but rather to assist the Diocesan Bishop in meeting the pastoral and administrative needs of the diocese.



However, when a Bishop must serve on national or international committees, tasks requiring significant time away from his Diocese, or when advanced age or poor health interfere with his efficiently exercising his office, the Holy See may appoint a Coadjutor Bishop to assist the Diocesan Bishop like the Auxiliary Bishop. One big difference between a Coadjutor and an Auxiliary is that the Coadjutor enjoys the right to assume leadership of the Diocese when the presiding Bishop dies or resigns his office. In the ranking of Diocesan Episcopal officials, the Bishop enjoys the highest status, and a Coadjutor the next, followed by any Auxiliary Bishops and then the Emeriti Bishops.

Since Auxiliaries are nominated upon the request of the Diocesan Bishop, their roles may differ depending on the Diocese and the Diocesan Bishop, but in general, Auxiliary Bishops may assist with confirmations, baptisms, ordinations and special Masses, or even in the regional governance of a particular part of the Diocese. In the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra, the Archbishop may call on the newly elected Auxiliary Bishops to serve as moderators with pastoral responsibilities of some selected Deaneries of the Archdiocese to ensure pastoral efficiency, as well as serve in various roles within the Archdiocesan Curia.

Titular Auxiliary Bishop is not bound:

- ▶ to make visit ad limina Apostolorum (some say he is);
- ▶ to be in residence in his titular see, or in the Cathedral city of the Diocese in which he holds the office of Auxiliary (the place of his residence is regulated by the diocesan Bishop);
- ▶ to say Mass “for the people.”

Auxiliary bishops may be appointed by the Holy See with or without special faculties. Because they should share in a special way with the Diocesan Bishop, the general pastoral governance of the Diocese, an Auxiliary Bishop who is appointed by the Holy See with special faculties is given special consideration in the law and is to be made a vicar general by the Diocesan Bishop. Auxiliary Bishops without special faculties also may be made vicar generals or episcopal vicars.

Diocesan Bishops are to consult in collaborative fashion with their Auxiliary Bishops in matters of major importance. Auxiliaries, on the other hand, are called to perform their duties with solicitude and in a spirit of harmony and unity with the Diocesan Bishop.

Auxiliary Bishops have the right and duty to participate in Ecumenical Councils with a deliberative vote. They must be called to particular councils where they also have a deliberative vote. Auxiliaries belong to the Conference of Bishops and have a consultative vote or deliberative vote depending upon the statutes of the Conference. Auxiliaries, however, may not serve as presidents of a Conference of Bishops.

Like Diocesan Bishops, Auxiliary Bishops are obliged to reside in the Diocese to which they are appointed. They are not to be absent from the Diocese except for brief periods of time and an annual vacation not exceeding a month.

An Auxiliary Bishops are asked to submit to the supreme pontiff their resignation at age 75 or sooner when they are unable to attend to their duties due to illness or some other grave cause. Their retirement does not become effective until it is accepted by the supreme pontiff. After retirement, the Diocese they serve has the primary obligation for their support and they are known as emeriti Auxiliary Bishops of only the last diocese that they served as auxiliaries.

**BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF MOST REV. ANTHONY NARH ASARE**





## **APPOINTMENT AS AUXILIARY BISHOP**

On Tuesday, 14th February, 2023, the feast of the two saintly brothers, St. Cyril and St. Methodius, the Apostolic Nuncio to Ghana, the Most Rev. Henryk M. Jagodzinski, announced at the Holy Spirit Cathedral, Adabraka, that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, had appointed two Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Accra. The appointees were Rev. Fr. John Kobina Louis and Rev. Fr. Anthony Narh Asare. The latter has been assigned the Titular See of Castellon Numidia, an ancient Diocese which was located in present-day Algeria.

## **BIRTH AND BAPTISM**

Msgr. Anthony Narh is the fifth born of eight children to Mr. Lawrence Ebenezer Asare-Kwao and Mrs. Helen Teiko Asare-Kwao Kwao (née, Opata; deceased on Friday, 7th August, 2020). He was born on 29th December, 1965 at the St. Martin de Porres Clinic at Agormanya OdumaseKrobo in the Eastern Region of Ghana.

He was baptised by Rev. Fr. G. Wilson, SVD on 16th January, 1966 at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Agormanya.

## **BASIC EDUCATION, FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION**

Msgr. Asare began his primary education at the Tema Community 2 No. 4 Basic School and proceeded to the Star Kindergarten and Primary School at Tema Community 5. His family worshipped at the Good Shepherd Parish, Tema Community 2 where he received his first Holy Communion on 8th April, 1973 in the hands of Rev. Fr. H. Janssen, SVD. He received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 5th May, 1973 administered by then Rt. Rev. Dominic Kodwo Andoh, Bishop of Accra Diocese.

## **SECONDARY EDUCATION**

He had his secondary education at the Tema Secondary School from 1978 to 1983 where he successfully obtained his GCE O' level and his A' level at the Labone Secondary School in Accra from 1983 to 1985.

## **THE CALL**

His call to the Ministry came in diverse ways. First as a National Service Teacher, then as an Insurance Officer working with the Marketing Department of the Great African Insurance Company. He was also dealing with Catechumens as a part-time Catechist with the Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit (SSpS) in the Parish on various apostolates and finally through interactions with young energetic Priests who worked in the Parish.

## **SEMINARY FORMATION**

He began his Seminary formation at the Sowutuom Philosophy Campus in September 1988. He joined the second batch of pioneers to begin the Spirituality programme introduced to Seminary formation in Ghana. Having spent a year of Spirituality formation and two years of philosophical training, he proceeded to the St. Peter's Seminary in Pedu, Cape Coast in 1991 to continue his four-year Theological education. In 1993, he obtained his Diploma in Theology at the University of Ghana, Legon.

He was ordained a Priest on 22nd July, 1995 for the Clergy of Accra by Archbishop Dominic Kodwo Andoh at the St. Joseph the Worker Parish at Tema Community 8.

## **PASTORAL MINISTRY**

As part of his pastoral works and experiences, from 1995 to 1997, he was the Assistant Priest of Martyrs of Uganda Catholic Church at Mambrobi; Priest-in-charge of Sacred Heart Parish at Derby Avenue from 1997 to 1999; Priest-in-charge of St. Peter's Parish, Osu from 1999 to 2004 and Priest-in-charge of St. Maroun Ghanaian Community, now St. James the Elder Catholic Church, Osu, Accra from 2004 to 2008.

He was the Parish Chaplain of St. Andrews Catholic Church, Westland Row, Dublin in Ireland from 2008 to 2012; Pastoral Assistant at the Mary Mother of Good Counsel, Airports West in 2013; Parish Priest of St. Joseph the Worker Parish at Community 8, Tema from 2013 to 2019; Parish Priest of Ss. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church and Director of Priest Personnel, Accra Archdiocese from 2019 to the date of his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop.

### **APOSTOLATES**

Between 1995 and 1997, he was Chaplain of St. Mary's Secondary School at Korle Gonno as well as Spiritual Director of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM) Centre of Hope. From 1996 to 1997, he served as the Spiritual Director for the Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy (DMMM) Catholic Press Community. Between 1997 and 1999, he was the Spiritual Director of the Religious of the Virgin Mary (RVM) Wala Hamo Project; Board Chair of the Catholic Action for Street Children (CAS) from 1997 to 2008.

From 2002 to 2006, he was a member of the Board of Directors of Accra Catholic Press, Accra; 2002 to 2008, he served as the Accra Archdiocesan Financial Administrator/Director of Pontifical Mission Societies/Secretary to the Archdiocesan Development Committee; from 2013 to 2019, he was the Spiritual Director for the Missionaries of Charity Sisters, Tema; Notre Dame L'Eglise (NDE) Sisters from Togo; and the Congregation of Holy Family Sisters, Kordiabe.

He was a Part-time Lecturer at the Department of Religious Studies and Church Administration at the Catholic Institute of Business and Technology (CIBT), Accra from 2019 to 2021 while from 2018 to 2021, he served as a member of the Governing Council of CIBT.

From 2022 to the date of his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop, he was a member Governing Board of the Christ the King International School, Cantonments.

### **POST-SEMINARY STUDIES**

In November 1995, he obtained a Certificate in Management Skills from the Price Waterhouse Associates, Human Resources Development Unit, Legon, Accra and a Certificate in Financial Management from the Management Development and Productivity Institute, Accra, Ghana in 2002.

In same 2002, he obtained Certificates in Financial Accounting, Budgeting Control, Financial Accounting for non-finance Managers, Office Management and Administration, Effective Administrative Skills and Internal Auditing, all from the Management Development and Productivity Institute, Accra, Ghana.

He holds Degrees and Certificates including, MA in Management from the Dublin City University (DCU) in Ireland from 2008 to 2009; MA in Leadership and Pastoral Care from DCU from 2009 to 2010; Masters in Supervisory Practice (MASP) at DCU from 2010 to 2012.

In 2012, he obtained Certificates in Reflective Ministry, Project Management and Public Relations at the All Hallows' University, Ireland.

### **CONCLUSION**

Anthony chose for his priestly motto excerpts of an ancient Christian hymn namely "A charge to keep I have, a God to Glorify and to serve the present age my calling to fulfill". This has been his guiding principle in ministry. He relies on the Holy Spirit informed by the message of the Cross. He also, with the help of the maternal intercession of Our Mother Mary and the cooperation of the people of God in the Archdiocese of Accra, the fraternity of the Presbyterium, the assistance of his twin Auxiliary Bishop Louis, will collaborate with our Chief Shepherd Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie CSSp in making Accra Archdiocese a family of God.



## THE MEANING OF THE COAT OF ARMS OF BISHOP ANTHONY NARH ASARE



### *THE GENERAL COLOURS*

The colour GREEN reminds us of youthfulness, fresh or new ideas and readiness to serve. The yellow gold represents royalty while the colour white reminds us of purity, truth to humanity, reverence and communion with God.

### *THE CROSS AND DOVE*

In the top left quadrant, the cross and the dove represent the victory of Christ and the Holy Spirit. Jesus' crucifixion gives us the assurance of salvation and God's victory over death. The Holy Spirit represents the presence of God in all aspects of our Christian journey. Christ and the Holy Spirit have been and shall continue to be my guide and the firm rock on which my ministry is built.

### *M & A SYMBOL*

The top right quadrant seen as the symbol M and A in blue colour represents our mother Mary and her intercessory presence in my ministry. Blue colour which is always used for our dear Mother Mary tell us about humility, calmness and trust.

### *THE ANTS AND THE SEA*

The bottom left quadrant seen as the ants and the wavy lines of the coast stand for the Ga-Dangme ethnic group and the coastal city of Accra where our Archdiocese is located. The red colour used for the ants tells you and I about our energy and life-giving blood. It also reminds us about leadership while the black colour reminds us of our strength and how unique we are as individuals.

### *THE EAGLE*

The bottom right quadrant has the eagle which is called Korley in Krobo and is part of the symbol of the Jebiam clan of Krobo.

The vision of the Eagle reaches far and reminds us of the need to look forward to the future with hopeful anticipation and faith in God. The Eagle represents honesty, truth, strength and courage and we are called to emulate these virtues.

**AD GLORIAM DEI** is Latin for **‘To the Glory of God’**





**BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF MOST REV. JOHN KOBINA LOUIS**





## **APPOINTMENT AS AUXILIARY BISHOP**

On Tuesday, 14th February, 2023, the feast of the two saintly brothers, St. Cyril and St. Methodius, the Apostolic Nuncio to Ghana, the Most Rev. Henryk M. Jagodzinski, announced at the Holy Spirit Cathedral, Adabraka, that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed two Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Accra. The appointees were Rev. Fr. John Kobina Louis and Rev. Fr. Anthony Narh Asare. The former has been assigned the Titular See of Fesseiin Numidia, an ancient Diocese which was located in present-day Algeria.

## **BIRTH AND BAPTISM**

John Kobina Louis is the second born of Mr. Vincent Louis and Mrs. Catherine Esi Dede Louis (née, Mensah; deceased on 26th September, 2015). He was born on Tuesday, 24th November, 1964, in Accra and baptized on 3rd January, 1965 at the Holy Spirit Cathedral by the late Very Rev. Fr. Charles Schneider, SVD.

## **BASIC EDUCATION, FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION**

In the 1969/1970 academic year, John attended King's Royal School, Nima, for his pre-school education. He, then, proceeded to the Nima Roman Catholic School for his basic education from 1970 to 1978. Together with his parents and siblings, he belonged to St. Kizito Parish, where he received his First Holy Communion and was confirmed by the then Bishop of Accra, Rt. Rev. Dominic Andoh.

## **SECONDARY EDUCATION**

In 1978, John passed his Common Entrance Examination and gained admission to St. Augustine's College (AUGUSCO) in Cape Coast. While in AUGUSCO, he aspired to pursue the BSc. Civil Engineering Programme at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Kumasi), so that he could work with his father who was a contractor. In line with this aspiration, John read Science at AUGUSCO. Mathematics, Additional Mathematics and Physics were his favourite subjects. As a student of AUGUSCO, he successfully passed the General Certificate of Education (GCE) Ordinary Level and Advanced Level Examinations in 1983 and 1985 respectively.

## **THE CALL TO PRIESTLY SERVICE**

In God's infinite goodness and providence, He calls Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters even before their births (cf. Jer. 1:4-5). In the course of time, then, God uses diverse ways to draw their attention to His calling. Thus, it was not until his last year in AUGUSCO that John's attention was drawn to the call to the priesthood. This is how it all started. John had gone to visit his friend, Johnson Detty, but met his absence. While waiting for him, the latter's mother, Mrs. Georgina Detty, engaged John in a conversation. Having mentioned her observations about John, she asked whether he wanted to become a Priest. "No, Mummy!" was his immediate response. She then told him to think and pray about the matter. This was to be the beginning of two years (1984 – 1986) of reflection and prayers to discern whether God was calling him or not.

Subsequently, John consulted his Parish Priest, Msgr. Alex Bobby-Benson as well as his College Chaplain, the late Msgr. Gabriel Mensah, in his process of discerning God's call. Upon the completion of his studies at AUGUSCO, he was advised by his Parish Priest to do his national service while the discernment process continued. He did his national service at the Laboratory Unit of the then Ghana Water and Sewerage Corporation (now Ghana Water Company), at Mile 4, Accra, from September 1985 to August, 1986. In the course of the national service, he finally decided to go the seminary to pursue the formation and training of priests.



## **SEMINARY FORMATION, STUDIES AND ORDINATIONS**

He was admitted to the St. Peter's Seminary, Pedu, Cape Coast in September, 1986. While in the third year in the Seminary, he and some of his mates were enrolled as the first batch of students to pursue the BA in Religious Studies and Sociology Programme at the University of Ghana, Legon. He obtained his BA (Legon) in 1991 and completed his priestly formation and training at the St. Peter's Seminary in June, 1992.

On 11th July, 1991, John and five other candidates of the then Accra Diocese were ordained as Deacons by the then Rt. Rev. Dominic Andoh at the Holy Family Catholic Church, Mataheko. The same Bishop ordained them as Priests on 18th July, 1992 at the St. Mary Catholic Church, Asamankese. As the guiding Biblical text for his priestly life and ministry John chose 1 Cor. 9:16, 27. He paraphrased it as follows: Lord, I could not resist your call to preach the Gospel. May I, therefore, discipline myself, lest after preaching to others, I myself be disqualified.

## **PASTORAL MINISTRY AND TEACHING APOSTOLATE**

From 1992 to 1995, he was the Assistant Priest of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, Tema Community 1 and was responsible for the outstations: St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Tema Community 8; St. Peter's Church, Tema New Town; and St. Michael's Church, Michel Camp.

For the same period from 1992 to 1995, he was the Archdiocesan Chaplain of the Sea Apostolate in Tema and Youth Chaplain of the Tema-Battor Deanery. From 1995 to 2002, he was the Priest-in-Charge and Parish Priest, St. Joseph the Worker Church, Tema Community 8 (Outstations: All Saints Church, Community 11, Tema; St. John Church, Prampram; and St. Dominic Church, Dawhenya)

From 1996 to 2002, he was the Financial Administrator of Accra Archdiocese and the Director, Archdiocesan Pontifical Mission Societies, Accra; from 1997 to 2002, Director, Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, Accra; 1998 to 2002 and 2016 to 2020, he served as the Spiritual Director, Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer Sisters, Christ the King and Generalate Communities.

He was an Associate Cathedral Administrator, Holy Spirit Cathedral, Accra from 2004 to 2006 with Outstations: Immaculate Conception Church, Akweteman; St. Joseph the Worker Church, Weija; and St. Peter Church, Tettegu and from 2006 to 2012, he was the Administrator of the Holy Spirit Cathedral, Accra.

From 2008 to 2014, he was a part-time lecturer at the Department of Religious Studies and Church Administration at Catholic Institute of Business and Technology (CIBT), Accra; 2014 to 2020, Full-time Lecturer and Academic Dean, CIBT; 2014 to 2023, Pastoral Assistant at the Mary Mother of Good Counsel Church, Airport West Area and from 2017 to 2018, Acting President of CIBT. From July to November 2021, he was Priest-in-Charge, St. Jude Catholic Church, New Weija. From 2019 to his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop, he was the Vicar General, Accra Archdiocese.

## **COUNCILS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Msgr. Louis has also served in various capacities on Councils, Boards, Committees and Associations in the Archdiocese and elsewhere.

From 1996 to 2002, he was a member of the Board of Directors, Accra Catholic Press, Accra; 1996 to 2002, Financial Secretary, National Union of Ghana Diocesan Priests' Associations; and 1997 to 2002, 2006-Present, member, Council of Priests, Accra.

From 1997 to 2002, 2006 to 2014, 2019-Present, he has been a member of the College of Consultors, Accra; 2003 to 2004, President of the Ecclesiastical Union of Ghanaian Students in Rome; 2005 to 2010, member of the Board of Directors, Millennium Guest House Ltd (Holy Spirit Cathedral)

He was Chairman of the Archdiocesan Catechetical Commission, Accra from 2006 to 2010; President, National Union of Ghana Diocesan Priests' Associations from 2007 to 2011; Member & Chairman (2017-18), Academic Board, CIBT, 2010 to 2020; Chairman, Congregation Planning Committee, CIBT from 2014 to 2020.

Between 2015 and 2018, Msgr. Louis served as Chairman, Graduate Programme Management Committee, CIBT; 2015 to 2020, Chairman, Faculty Board & Examination Committee, CIBT; and from 2015 to 2020, Member & Chairman (2017-18), Management Committee, CIBT. From 2016 to 2020, he was the President of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists (Ghana Chapter); 2017 to 2018, Chairman, Academic Quality Assurance Committee, CIBT and from 2017 to 2020, Member, Governing Council, CIBT.

### **POST-SEMINARY STUDIES**

Besides his participation In the Ongoing Formation Programmes for Priests of the Accra Archdiocese, Msgr. Louis pursued further studies. From October, 2010 to June, 2014, he did his PhD in Study of Religions (with thesis in the field of Ecclesiology) at University of Ghana, Legon. From September, 2002 to June, 2004, he had his Licentiate in Dogmatic Theology (STL), from the Pontificia Universitas Urbaniana, Rome. From April, 1996 to May, 1996, he pursued a Certificate Course in Financial Management and Budgeting, at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), Accra.

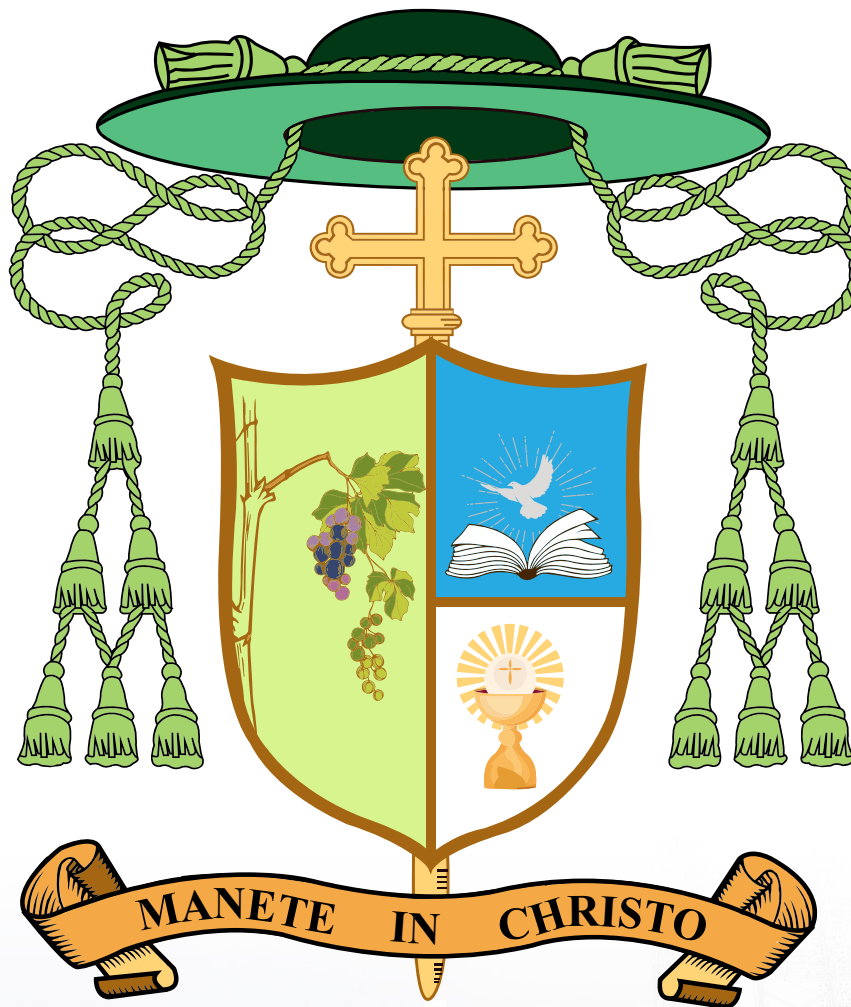
### **CONCLUDING WORD**

In pastoral ministry, Msgr. Louis' special interests are in preaching and the teaching of Catholic doctrines. Finally, he wishes that all will remember him in their prayers, so that, always remaining in Christ like a fruitful branch on the vine (cf. John 15:5), he will, together with Most Rev. Asare, faithfully fulfill the task of assisting the Archbishop of Accra, the Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie, CSSp.





## THE MEANING OF THE COAT OF ARMS OF BISHOP JOHN KOBINA LOUIS



The general design of the coat of arms of bishops consists of a cross, a crest and a hat with a connecting rope which has six tassels on either side of the crest. Then, the specifics of a particular bishop's coat of arms are his motto as well as the divisions of his crest and the symbols therein.

### *MOTTO: MANETE IN CHRISTO*

The scriptural inspiration for my life and ministry as an auxiliary bishop is John 15:1-7, which is about the "Vine and the Branches". This, therefore, is the basis for the choice of my motto and the specific symbols in the crest.

Our Lord Jesus Christ exhorts us: "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:4-5). Obviously, it is only by abiding in the crucified and risen Christ as He abides in me that I can bear spiritual fruits in my life and ministry. Hence, the motto, "Abide in Christ", which is rendered in Latin as, "Manete in Christo".

So, this motto is intended to always remind me to abide evermore in Christ, who is the author and perfecter of our faith (cf. Heb. 12:2), as well as the unique source and sustainer of our life (cf. John 1:3-4; 10:10b; 14:6) and ministry (cf. Rev. 1:5-6).

### *LEFT HALF OF THE CREST*

The left half of the crest depicts a vine and a fruitful branch. While praying to constantly abide in Christ, the True and Eternal Vine, I invite you all to likewise remain in Him, so that we can always bear spiritual fruits in abundance – to the glory of God!

### *TOP PART OF THE RIGHT HALF OF THE CREST*

The top part of the right half of the crest shows the Word of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit, symbolized by the white dove. Firstly, the opened book refers to the study of the Word and its proclamation. Secondly, the white rays around the dove represent the inspiration of the Holy Spirit which is required for the authentic study and proclamation of the Word.

It is by abiding in Christ as He abides in me that I can truly experience the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to faithfully and fruitfully study and proclaim the Good News of salvation.

### *BOTTOM PART OF THE RIGHT HALF OF THE CREST*

In the bottom part of the right half of the crest is the host and chalice, with some golden rays which signify that the species have been consecrated. While this primarily symbolizes the Holy Eucharist, it represents the ministry of sanctification which entails the administration of the seven sacraments. The choice of the Holy Eucharist to represent all the sacraments is based on the fact that it is the Most Blessed Sacrament or the Sacrament of all the sacraments.

As I abide in Christ, the Eternal High Priest, may my ministry of sanctification of souls abound in spiritual fruits.





## GOODWILL MESSAGES



### MSGRS. JOHN KOBINA LOUIS & ANTHONY NARH ASARE AUXILIARY BISHOPS-ELECT OF ACCRA!

I do, herewith, bear our sincerest sentiments of esteem and Congratulations to you, our brothers Very Rev. Fr. John Kobina Louis and Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Narh Asare on your elevation as Auxiliary Bishops of our Archdiocese.

We, the executive and the entire membership of Accra Archdiocesan Priests Association (AAPA) pledge our support to you. We pray for God's grace to accompany you in your episcopal journey. May the mantle of the Blessed Eve-virgin Mary encircle you.

Yours Fraternally,  
Very Rev. Fr. Henry Cafuie Ahorlu  
(President)



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### GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE OF MAJOR SUPERIORS OF RELIGIOUS - GHANA (CMSR-GH) TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ACCRA ON THE OCCASION OF THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF TWO AUXILIARY BISHOPS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! He has done great things for the Archdiocese and for the Church in Ghana.

The appointment of two Auxiliary Bishops, Monsignor John Kobina Louis and Monsignor Anthony Narh Asare for the Archdiocese of Accra by His Holiness Pope Francis and its ensuing announcement by the Apostolic Nuncio to Ghana, His Excellency Henryk Mieczyslaw Jagodzinski, on the morning of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 remains a joyful news to the CMSR-GH.

We, members of the Conference of Major Superiors of Religious - Ghana (CMSR-Gh) are delighted and congratulate the Archdiocese of Accra for this great feat. We pledge unflinching support to the pastoral ministry of our two auxiliary bishops. Undoubtedly, their pastoral engagements will give the ever-growing population of the faithful in the Archdiocese intense pastoral care and attention, and to the Archbishop the needed support in caring for the flock entrusted to his care.

It is our prayer that God continues to bestow grace upon them to enable them carry out the duties associated with their ministerial office.

We wish them grace and peace.

**Rev. Fr. Paul Saa-Dade Ennin SMA**

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## **CONGRATULATORY AND GOODWILL MESSAGE.**

On behalf of the Society of African Missions (SMA) Ghana Province, I would like to congratulate you, Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Narh Asare and Very Rev. Fr. John Kobina Louis on your election as Auxiliary Bishops of the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra. We rejoice with you and thank God for His blessings upon you as you prepare for your ordination.

We are confident that your ministry under the pastoral leadership of the Archbishop, Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwoffie, Ccssps, will promote the evangelization outreach of the Church in Accra with positive participation of youth, women, and men.

We sincerely appreciate you and pray for many years of fruitful service in the ministry. As closed collaborators of the Archbishop, we ask for continued Graces, Strength, Good Health and Wisdom upon you now and throughout your episcopate.

Congratulations!!!!



**Very Rev. Fr. Paul Saa Dade Ennin, SMA**  
**Provincial Superior, Ghana.**



## **GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM THE DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES (SVD) – GHANA PROVINCE (GHANA AND LIBERIA)**

The joy of every Religious Missionary Congregation is to see the local Church grow and bear fruits. For us as Divine Word Missionaries, we consider this day as historic. It is historic in as far as it is the first time to have two Auxiliary Bishops being ordained on the same day for the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra.

It would be recalled that on 10th December, 1952 when a cablegram was received from Rome that Father Joseph O. Bowers, SVD had been chosen to become Auxiliary Bishop of Accra, many wondered why the smallest of the then five Dioceses in the Gold Coast should have an Auxiliary Bishop. However, the events of the subsequent months vindicated the decision of Rome. Indeed, the choice of an Auxiliary Bishop in any Diocese is divine in character and strategic in planning.

The appointment of two Auxiliary Bishops for the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra is also symbolic in the sense that three Bishops would now work together, albeit in different capacities, in a trinitarian fashion to shepherd God's flock in the local Church.

At different stages of their formation and priestly ministries, Most Rev. John Kobina Louis and Most Rev. Anthony Narh Asare worked hand in hand with SVD Missionaries and other Institutes of consecrated Life to proclaim the Gospel. We have witnessed their zeal and passion for evangelization and we have no doubt their docility to the promptings of the Holy Spirit would make them effective apostles.

Impelled by the love of Christ and rooted in the Word, we commit ourselves to mission in the Archdiocese of Accra. We pledge our support to our new Bishops. It is our hope that our partnership with the Archbishop, Auxiliary Bishops, Diocesan Priests, Consecrated Men and Women and lay mission partners of the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra in the proclamation of the Divine Word would dispel the darkness of sin and the night of unbelief and that the heart of Jesus may live in the hearts of all people.

### **GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM THE ASARE FAMILY TO THE BISHOPS- ELECT**

The Asare family congratulates Monsignori John Kobbina Louis and Anthony Narh Asare on your elevation as Auxiliary Bishops of the Accra Metropolitan Archdiocese.

To God be the glory great things he has done and greater things he will do.

We are grateful to God for this great honor and we pray for divine strength, wisdom and protection from all adversities as you take on this new responsibility.

The task ahead is an onerous one but we have no doubt that the good Lord who found you worthy to lead his flock will grant you all the graces you need.

May you bring hope to the people entrusted in your care and be the voice of God in a sick world.

May your words and actions inspire love, joy and trust and engender peace and harmony amongst all people who encounter you.

Work not for human applause but for a divine and higher cause so that the God who has called you to do his bidding will reward you appropriately in his own time. And may the God who has started this good work in you bring it to fruition.

We your family wish you well and will always keep you in our prayers.

Once again congratulations and God bless !!!

## **GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM THE FAMILY OF MSGR. JOHN KOBINA LOUIS**

Congratulations to you Msgrs John Kobina Louis and Anthony Narh Asare on your Episcopal ordination as Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Accra.

Today's ceremony marks the day the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred on you. We are overjoyed to be part of this very holy and solemn day.

The announcement of your appointment as Auxiliary Bishops did not come as a surprise to us. We are very proud of your life of service to the Church. Your dedication to your calling as Priests and the sacrifices you have made in the course of your work is all to the testimony to your qualities.

As your family, as you take this next step in your dedication to the Holy Catholic Church, we wish you the very best. May you continue to do the very things that stood you out to be appointed as Auxiliary Bishops.

We will continue to keep you in our prayers.

## **GOODWILL MESSAGE TO MOST REV. JOHN KOBINA LOUIS AND MOST REV. ANTHONY NARH ASARE ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR EPISCOPAL ORDINATION AS AUXILIARY BISHOPS OF THE ACCRA ARCHDIOCESE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH FROM: THE HOLY SPIRIT CATHEDRAL, ADABRAKA**

Today, we experience a special joy, and we are grateful and thankful to God for His immense love and blessings to His people through the works of His two servants Most Rev. John Kobina Louis and Most Rev. Anthony Narh Asare. Our hearts are filled with joy and as the song writer puts it, we can sing:

*Priestly people, Kingly people, Holy people  
God's chosen people, sing praise to the Lord.*

To our venerable priests whom today we witness their Ordination/installation as Auxiliary Bishops of the Accra Archdiocese, we are humbled by your selfless sacrifice, service and commitment to the Church. You both have been, for a long time, distinguished members of the clergy in the ways of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and now celebrate a truly memorable event in your lives and ministries, namely, the first Auxiliary Bishops of the Accra Archdiocese.

From afar, we have always and with admiration listened to you and followed the course of your lives, works and deeds, and so would wish also to share in the congratulations and the solemn import of this occasion. Our congratulatory message is in a spirit of sincere affection and respect to you. Together we give thanks to God, the giver of all blessings, for the great achievements of your long apostolate among your people.

Thus, it is with a spirit of gratitude to God and in recognition of the gifts of your priesthood that we wish to be truly united with you in prayer as you mount yet another and a higher platform of greater responsibility.

Indeed, it is the Lord's doing that the Archdiocese is blessed with not one, but two Auxiliary Bishops to provide the needed support to His Grace, the Archbishop of Accra, Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie.

May the Name of the Lord be glorified now and forevermore... AMEN!

We pray for God's continuous guidance and protection on your lives as you step forward to let your light shine forth that all men may see your good deeds and be inspired by your



proclamation of the Good News, in Christ Jesus.

CONGRATULATIONS from all of us at the Holy Spirit Cathedral, from where, filled with the Holy Spirit, you will continue to serve in power and action.

**GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM SAINTS ANNE AND JOACHIM CATHOLIC, TESHIE, TO MONSIGNOR ANTHONY NARH ASARE AND MONSIGNOR JOHN KOBINA LOUIS, ON YOUR EPISCOPAL ORDINATION AS AUXILIARY BISHOPS OF THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ACCRA**

To God be the glory, great things He has done. This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad.

The Saints Anne and Joachim community of Teshie, with a motto as One Family in Christ, congratulates you, Monsignor Anthony Narh Asare and Monsignor John Kobina Louis, as members of our one family in Christ, on your Episcopal Ordination as Auxiliary Bishops of the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra.

We were not surprised when you were elected as Auxiliary Bishops on 14th February 2023, a day the Holy Mother Church celebrated the memorial of Sts. Cyril (Monk) and Methodius (Bishop).

You have, over the years, proven yourselves Priests of excellent intellectual acumen, prayerfulness, fidelity, humility and intense pastoral zeal for the people you have shepherded. You have built great legacies in the Archdiocese, and we hope they will be graven boldly in gold.

God has chosen you as true witnesses to Christ, the Good Shepherd. May He endow you with wisdom and ever deepening holiness as you guide the flock entrusted to your loving care.

We are aware of the demanding nature of the position, but sincerely pray faithfully and believe as Auxiliary Bishops, we may not readily have access to you. Still, with God on our side and through the intercession of our Mother Mary, we hope to keep in touch and ask Saints Anne and Joachim, grandparents of our Lord, to pray for us always to remain one strong family.

We wish you God's abundant blessing in this new position and we will never forget you in our prayers, and be ready to offer our support.

Once again congratulations, Monsignor Anthony Narh Asare and Monsignor John Kobina Louis. As you begin your service to the holy people of God; May the good Lord richly bless, keep and grant you His peace.

**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO BISHOP JOHN KOBINA LOUIS ON HIS EPISCOPAL ORDINATION**

It is with great joy and admiration that we at Mary Mother of Good Counsel Parish Airport West extend our warmest congratulations to you on your Episcopal Ordination. We take great pride in your elevation due to the very special relationship the Parish has with you.

We are honoured to join in celebrating this important moment with you as your Episcopal Ordination is a momentous event and a significant milestone in your life and ministry.

As a Bishop, you are called to serve with humility, wisdom, and compassion, and to lead your flock with steadfast faith and dedication amongst several other responsibilities. We are confident that you will continue to fulfill your sacred duties with grace and excellence, and that your leadership will bring many blessings to those entrusted to your care. May you also

continue to positively impact the lives of all persons who encounter you irrespective of their social background, ethnicity, race, beliefs, creed, religious background and standing in society. May God's grace and blessings be with you as you begin this new chapter in your journey of faith and service. We offer our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a fruitful and fulfilling ministry as a shepherd of Christ's Church.

**Mary Mother of Good Counsel Parish**

*Airport West, Accra*

**GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, TEMA COMMUNITY 8**

On this memorable and solemn occasion of your Episcopal ordination, we the community of believers of St. Joseph the Worker Parish at Tema Community 8 would like to share in your joys. God's word is full of promises which are sure. In His graciousness, He has revealed His merciful love and kindness to His lowly and faithful servants. It is phenomenal.

The news about your elevation to the High Office of Bishop in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church is an inestimable honour from above and we received it with overwhelming joy. We are highly elated to be associated with you in this happy moments not forgetting to remind you of the challenges ahead.

We recall vividly when you came to live amongst us. We remember your love, you pastoral care, selflessness, sacrifices, and commitment, Your extraordinary diligence and purposefulness with which you guided and administered the Parish has never been lost on us. We also remember your challenges, pains, and near frustrations, which you patiently endured. You were focused on your calling and this helped St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Community Eight, Tema to grow into a vibrant community. In all these, you have been faithful to your call.

With our hearts full of joy we would like to congratulate you Monsignor John Kobina Louis and Anthony Narh Asare and pray that He who has called you into His Vineyard will give you Divine wisdom to carry out your responsibilities. "Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Dear Monsignor Louis and Anthony, as you willingly and humbly embrace this responsibility be strengthened by the words BE CONFIDENT AND DETERMINED as you faithfully shepherd the flock entrusted into your care. May the good Lord Almighty be your stronghold.

**GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM ST. KIZITO CATHOLIC CHURCH, NIMA ON THE OCCASSION OF THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF THE TWO AUXILIARY BISHOPS OF THE ACRHDIocese OF ACCRA**

On 14th February, 2023, His Holiness, Pope Francis through the Apostolic Nuncio to Ghana, Most Rev. Henryk M. Jagodzinski, blessed the Accra Archdiocese with the announcement of two Auxiliary Bishops.

It was joy hearing the names of the Auxiliary Bishops-elect Rev. Msgr. John Louis, a son of St. Kizito Catholic Church in Nima and Rev. Msgr. Anthony Narh Asare, both who are fine and respected Priests whose choice as Auxiliary Bishops we see as a major blessing for the Archdiocese.



The profiles of the two Auxiliary Bishops make them stand out as Priests who are well grounded in the Archdiocese and know the nook and cranny of the Archdiocese. We are in no doubt that they will support our indefatigable Archbishop to achieve his vision for the Archdiocese. We are equally elated at the humility of the two Auxiliary Bishops and are convinced that their choice is apt and proper for the Archdiocese.

We look at the area coverage of the Archdiocese of Accra and are glad that energetic and well experienced Priests have been elected to support our Archbishop mindful of his vision for the Archdiocese which requires a lot of work, commitment, and devotion. The two Auxiliary Bishops are clearly a physical embodiment of commitment, devotion, and drive for the Archdiocese. There is no doubt in our minds that the Archdiocese is proud of these choices and particularly we in St. Kizito Catholic Church, the “AU Parish” of the Archdiocese are no different. We are optimistic that the grandfathers of the Auxiliary Bishops will be proud of them wherever they are.

We join the entire Archdiocese to pray through the intercession of our Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Kizito, St. Charles Borromeo, St. John Vianney (the “Cure D’Ars”) and all the Angels and Saints for the gift of episcopacy, good health, and fortitude. May our newly elected and ordained Auxiliary Bishops continue to be a blessing to the Archdiocese and to all who encounter them in their episcopal ministry.

We, in St. Kizito Catholic Church, Nima promise our unflinching support for the vision of the Archbishop and will do our utmost to support him as well as his Auxiliary Bishops to attain his vision for the Archdiocese.

We congratulate the Auxiliary Bishops and wish them the very best in their episcopacy. May the Good Lord continue to be their lead, guard and guide at all times.

### **GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SOCIETY (NIGERIAN COMMUNITY) ARCHDIOCESE OF ACCRA**

The members of the St. Francis of Assisi Society (Nigerian Community), Archdiocese of Accra warmly congratulate His Grace, Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie, Cssp, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra on the occasion of the Episcopal Ordination of Msgr. John Kobina Louis and Msgr. Anthony Narh Asare as Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese.

We felicitate with the Auxiliary Bishops and that the good Lord who called them shall continue to clothe them in garbs of Honor and Grace so as to be able to shepherd us to the promised land.

Hearty Congratulations my Lords

**George A. Olajide**

*President*

# CONGRATULATIONS

The Founders, Faculty, Staff and Students of Family Health University College and Hospital delightfully extend our prayerful congratulations to Monsignor Anthony Narh Asare upon his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop-Elect for the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra.

May you enjoy God's grace and blessings in the years ahead and may the Archdiocese flourish under your stewardship

Prof Enyonam Yao Kwawukume & Dr. Susu Kwawukume  
*(Founders)*

Family Health University College & Hospital



## PRAYERS TO OUR ARCHDIOCESAN PATRONS



### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations. Through the same Christ Our Lord.

**Amen.**



### Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendour of the Father, you are the most valued Heavenly treasure. New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body, created of the godly seed by the Spirit of God, you are the spiritual Mother of mankind. Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, to be elevated above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God. O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, The Immaculate Heart of Mary! Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, you who continuously intercedes on our behalf, please present my need before your loving Son Jesus. (In your own words, make your special request here.....)

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you are now presenting my need before Jesus, for you have never turned away those in dire need. Mother dearest, I await your favourable answer, submitting myself to the Divine will of the Lord, for all glories are His forever and ever. Amen  
*Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.*



### Prayer to St. Peter Claver

God our Heavenly Father, You have given us life through the Death and Resurrection of Your Beloved Son; Jesus, our Saving Lord, You came into a world darkened by man's sin and gave it light through your teachings; Holy Spirit, the Breath of God within us, you guide and enlighten us and give us the strength of our convictions; St. Peter Claver, who became an example for us, you showed us the Love of God, the Light of Christ, and the strength of the Holy Spirit. We pray now that all we say and do, in your honour, be a continuation of your work here on earth. Amen.

*St. Peter Claver, pray for us.*





### **Prayer to St. Martin de Porres**

To you Saint Martin de Porres we prayerfully lift up our hearts filled with serene confidence and devotion. Mindful of your unbounded and helpful charity to all levels of society and also of your meekness and humility of heart, we offer our petitions to you. Pour out upon our families the precious gifts of your solicitous and generous intercession; show to the people of every race and every colour the paths of unity and of justice; implore from our Father in heaven the coming of his kingdom, so that through mutual benevolence in God men may increase the fruits of grace and merit the rewards of eternal life. Amen.

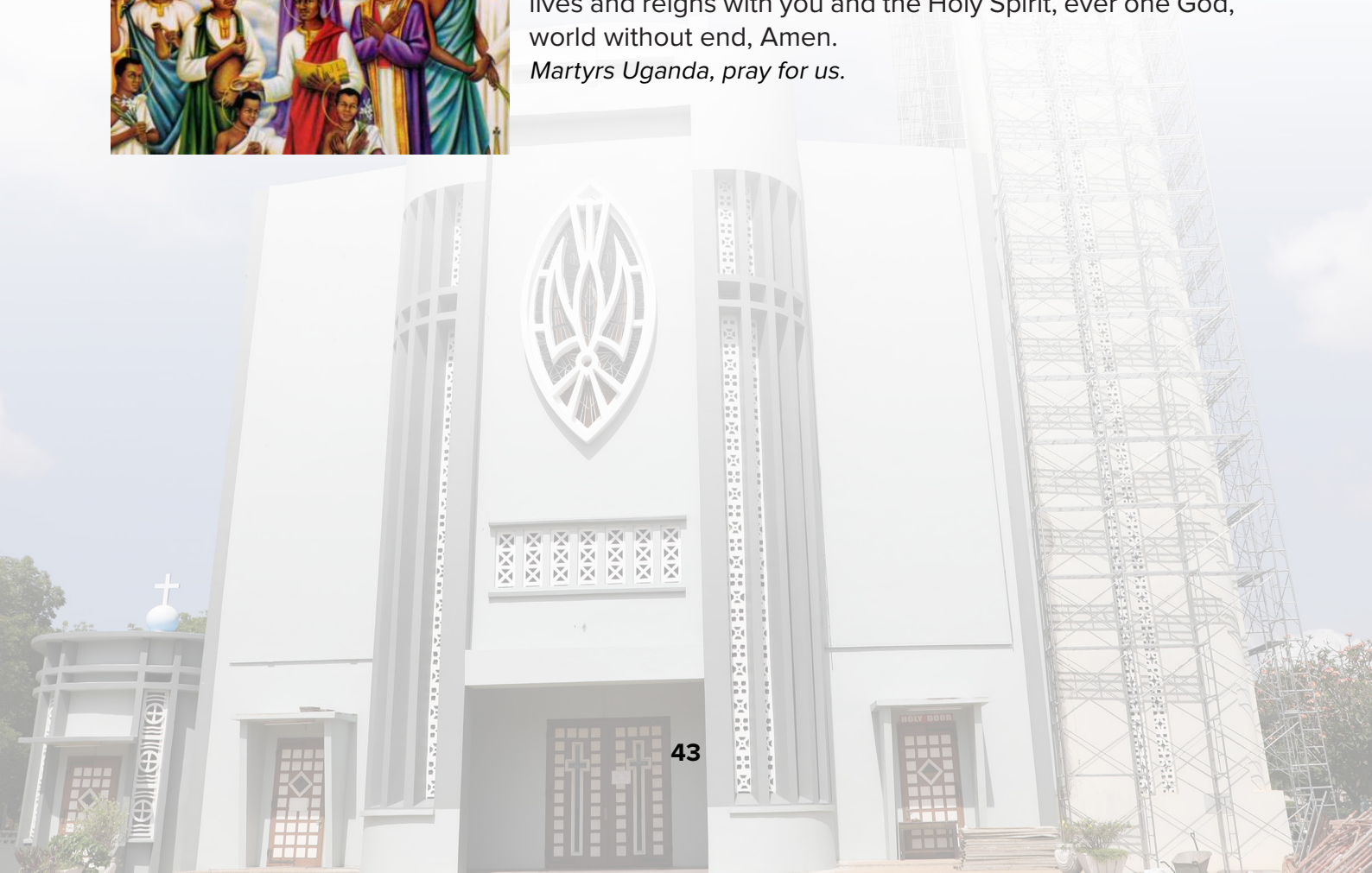
*St. Martin de Porres, pray for us.*



### **Prayer to the of Martyrs Uganda**

O God, by whose providence, the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church: Grant that we who remember before you, the blessed martyrs of Uganda, may, like them, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ, to whom they gave obedience even unto death, and by their sacrifice brought forth a plentiful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end, Amen.

*Martyrs Uganda, pray for us.*





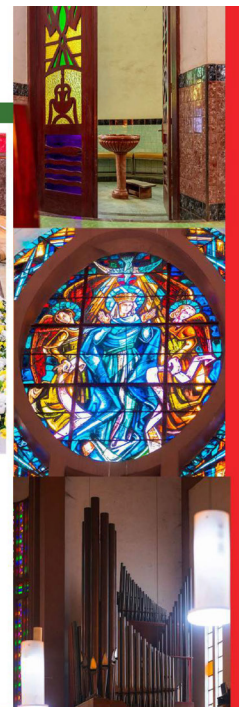


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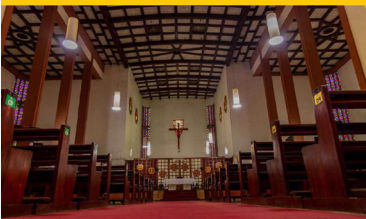
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