

# GOOD NEWS FROM AFRICA



Autumn 2019

## A Message from the New Council

Life they say is a story of transitions and we are always leaving one chapter behind while moving onto the next. Due to the unique nature of our African Province, everyone has experienced some form of transition going to new missions across five African countries where we serve. Every four years on Augustine's feast the Leadership of our African Province is installed for a four-year term. On August 28th we celebrate the feast of St. Augustine! This is a special day for all SSNDs as our rule of life is based on the Rule of St. Augustine which emphasizes "Community". St. Augustine and his mother St. Monica have particular significance in Africa as they made their home in North Africa in the fourth century. You will remember that St. Monica prayed for years for the conversion of her son. In Africa, Catholic Women's Groups most often hold Monica as their patron. We take this opportunity to introduce the three Sisters who will make up the Provincial Council 2019-2023.



Sr. Oyin-ozza Asishana



Sr. Dawida Krzempek



Sr. Antoinette Cornelius

*We wish to acknowledge and express our profound gratitude to you for your overwhelming support and continued generosity to us SSNDs in the Province of Africa. With your support, we are able to be about the mission of reaching out to God's people and bringing new hope. We praise God for the work we can accomplish with the generous contributions of your financial resources accompanied with prayers.*

*Apart from helping us to live our charism of education, your support also enables many sisters of the Province of Africa to acquire the training and education required to better support the countries, the local church, the communities we serve and the world at large.*

*Many of our young African women continue to reach their full potential through our witness value and our efforts towards fostering unity, justice and peace in our divided world.*

*Thank you for being our partners in mission. We are deeply grateful.*

*Please hold us in your prayers!*

*Srs. Oyin-ozza, Provincial Dawida and Antoinette, Councilors*

# Love Gives Everything



*Sr. Millicent is escorted to the altar by her parents, Nicholas and Cornelia.*

## KENYA

Saturday the 25th of May will remain edged in the minds of the parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima Ukwala Parish in the Diocese of Kisumu in Kenya. It was, indeed a day of celebration of a love that gives everything as our sister Millicent Achieng' Oduor celebrated her perpetual profession on this special day.

## NIGERIA

On Saturday July 6, Sr. Terngu Sule, Sr. Eti-ini Udom, Sr. Lucy Clement Etim and Sr. Magdalene Umoh celebrated their perpetual commitment to the Lord at St. Anne Cathedral in the Diocese of Ikot Ekpene. We the SSNDs also celebrate their giftedness to our congregation and to all of humanity in their service. As they commit themselves more to Jesus, the complete expression of God's love, they too, become like Jesus—a *love that gives everything*.



*Srs. Terngu, Eti-ini, Lucy Clement, and Magdalene pictured with Provincial Council*

Follow the star  
which has arisen in you.  
It will certainly lead you  
to Jesus.

*Quote: Blessed M. Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger*

# Mission Appeals in Summer of 2019



Pope Francis reminds us that everyone needs to be evangelized. The Good News of Jesus Christ is not reserved to one part of humanity; it is to be communicated to everyone. ALL who have been baptized become missionary. The Pontifical Mission Societies sponsor the Mission Cooperative Program over the summer months in each diocese in the U.S. and Canada. Because each Diocesan Mission Office implementing the program gets many requests, we are always deeply grateful to be included. In 2019 SSND, Province of Africa was invited to participate in Mission Appeals in 11 Arch/Dioceses.

Fifteen Sisters had the opportunity to visit 24 parish communities in the U.S. and Canada to share the story of our Sisters and their ministries in the five countries in which we serve in Africa. When doing these appeals on behalf of the Province of Africa we share from our experience and invite the parishioners to become missionary with us. They do this through their prayer, greater cultural understanding and monetary support which goes toward the needs of the Sisters and the ministries where they serve.



*Sr. Comfort Anum studying at Mount Mary University in Wisconsin*

*In 2019 we were happy to welcome Sr. Comfort Anum and Sr. Petronella Muteshi, to join the Mission Speakers.*



*Sr. Petronella Muteshi, a student at Oblate School of Theology in Texas*

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## *A Thank You to the Former Provincial Council*



We take this opportunity to thank the  
previous council who have given their  
all to leading the Sisters of the African  
Province through wonderful growth and  
development. Wishing you God's blessings  
in your own time of transition! Thank you  
Sr. Joyce Nyakwama, Sr. Victoria Swanzy  
Essien, and Sr. Grace Okon!

