

School Sisters of Notre Dame Province of Africa

GOOD NEWS FROM AFRICA



Summer 2020

Dear Partners in Mission,

It is our joy to share with you this historic moment of Opening and Blessing of the newly constructed Provincial House for the Province of Africa after many years of dreaming and longing. We are very grateful for all your support during the period of raising funds for the building of our new Provincial House here in Ghana, Africa. All School Sisters of Notre Dame in the Province of Africa and all the future members express our profound gratitude.

The SSND Provincial House in Accra is nearly completed. We have been living and working from the site since January this year. As we prepare for the dedication of the building on the feast of St. Augustine on August 28, 2020, we would like to invite you to join us in heart and spirit as we pray and thank God for the many blessings we have received and for this SSND home in Africa.

With hearts filled with gratitude we would like to thank you profoundly for your generous help to us in reaching this goal after eight long years. We include here an invitation for the blessing of our new Provincial House. Please join us in Spirit! We are happy to share a number of photos--literally a virtual tour of our **New Home in Africa** with you via this newsletter!

We are also in the process of developing a new website for our fast growing Province where you will be able to learn about our Sisters and follow their ministries. In the near future look for us at: www.africassnd.org. Without your continued help our work could not go on. Thank You!

The Provincial Council

Sr. Oyin-za Asishana
Provincial Leader

Sr. Dawida Krzempek
Councillor

Sr. Antoinette Cornelius
Councillor

With profound gratitude to God and immense joy
the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Province of Africa cordially invite **YOU . . .**



to the blessing of our new Provincial House
Friday, August 28, 2020 at 10:00 am
Presided by the Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra,
Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie, CSSp
Venue: Pokuase – Mayera, Ghana.

Layout of Provincial Building

Block A (two story bldg)

Ground floor: 8 offices, two guest rooms, reception room, meeting room
Top floor: 9 bedrooms/bathrooms, small chapel, community, meeting, Small dining room, kitchenette.



Block B (three story bldg) Conference and Retreat Center (unfurnished)

Ground floor: large gathering hall with small meeting rooms, library.
Second floor: 15 bedroom/bathrooms. Third floor: 15 bedroom/bathrooms



Block C (two story bldg)

Ground floor: dining room designed for 36 guests with serving area, large kitchen for large group preparation.

Second floor: Laundry, veranda for drying clothes, 4 storage rooms



Block D: Garage for three vehicles with one small storage room; electricity control room; three rooms as accommodations for workers; heater room (two heaters for water); large storage room.



Celebration of First Profession of Vows School Sisters of Notre Dame 3 July 2020

Join us in thanking God!

Seven Sisters are professed for the Province of Africa. We live in unpredictable times! Due to travel restrictions at the time the Novices were returning to Rome after their apostolic novitiate in their home provinces, Sr. Sophie Prierra was marooned in Akwanga, Nigeria where she concluded her novitiate year and was professed on the same date as her class of nine Sisters from the Provinces of Africa, Hungary and Latin America & Carribean. When travel from Rome is possible the seven newly professed will be assigned to one of the missions in the Province of Africa. Welcome Home!



*Caught up in Christ's unconditional love,
we dare to say Yes!*

We celebrate with and entrust to prayer our Sisters

in Rome, Italy

Frances C. Okafor
Immaculata N. Nwachukwu
Lucy Edidiong Afangideh
Lucy Njoki Waigwa

Maureen Auma
Maureen Wekesa
M. Sára Geröly
Yamila Brufau

in Akwanga, Nigeria

Sophie Prierra



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Thinking of leaving something behind...

Surveys show that only 4 out of 10 Americans across all age groups have current wills. Estate planning provides a way to improve and stabilize the financial security of yourself and those you love. A will transfers more than just money. It transfers your love and your values to those you care about.

A current will provides you

- One last opportunity to express your values to your heirs
- A chance to care for your heirs according to their special needs
- The occasion to make a gift to charitable organizations that have touched your life.

We are hoping that in your estate planning you might consider a bequest to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Province of Africa. A bequest is a unique gift. It holds promise for the future. It reflects your belief in our call to support God's work together.

You can contact our office for information on suggested language to include SSND in your will. Thank you!
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