



ARCHDIOCESE OF IBADAN CATHOLIC MEN ORGANISATION (AICMO)

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St. Gabriel Mokola CMO Holds Bus Project Fundraising

For members of the Catholic Men Organisation (CMO) at St Gabriel Catholic Church, Mokola, Ibadan, June 15, 2025, being the International Father's Day, was a day to dare the odds and make a bold statement that the impossible can be made possible. It was the day the organisation chose as its fundraising day for a 30 million Naira bus project.

Seeing that the parish—one of the largest in Ibadan Archdiocese—has been lacking an operational vehicle, the idea to acquire a bus in the name of the Organisation became a major preoccupation of the men in the church over the years. The parish CMO President, Mr Peter Chibuogwu, upon resumption of office in February 2022, decided to make that a priority in his tenure. Few months after coming on board, he mooted the idea to his executives, and what dropped like a tiny seed was endorsed by the General House and became one of the tenure's key projects.

Months later, the main organising committee spearheaded by the immediate past President, Sir Titus Egbewunmi, as the Chairman with Mr Pius Nsabe as the Secretary, was set up. The logistics

used the occasion to felicitate men all over the world and charged them to remain steadfast in their role as pillars of the family and the society.

Chibuogwu reiterated the role of Catholic men in raising the church, a reason he gave for the move to raise funds and acquire a bus for the parish.

He also extended his gratitude to the guests for showing up to support the project despite the hard times in the country today.

“On behalf of the Catholic Men Organisation, St. Gabriel, Mokola, I wish to thank you for honouring our invitation to this important event of fundraising for a parish bus.

“Choosing today, the 15th of June for this event, is quite strategic for us as it is the International Fathers' Day. May I use the occasion to wish all my members and indeed all men a beautiful celebration.

“As men, we are pillars of the society of which the church is part. We have a responsibility to build the church. As men in the parish, we saw a strong need for a big church like ours to own a bus to aid movement of parishioners, and we decided to take the bull by the

horn in soliciting support to acquire a befitting one for the church.

“We want to thank men and women of goodwill like you for your willingness to not only make a great sacrifice to part with your hard earned resources, but to also be physically present here today to give us your moral support,” Chibuogwu said.

In the event

moderated by the duo of Mr Pius Nsabe, the Parish CMO Secretary and Mr Emmanuel Ekene Ugwu, the Parish Pastoral Council Public Relations Officer, a long list of guest launchers was read out as they took turns to announce their donations.

The guests were treated to some cultural dance by the parish troupe while being served refreshments to crown the day.

In a vote of thanks, the Chairman of the organising committee, Sir Egbewunmi, appreciated the parish priest and his assistant for backing the idea and also thanked the guests for their support. He praised the men in the church for not relenting despite the challenges encountered in the course of planning, encouraging CMO in other parishes to also be daring enough to take up church projects.

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CMON Ibadan Archdiocese set to celebrate silver jubilee, inaugurates committee

The Archdiocese of Ibadan Catholic Men Organisation of Nigeria (ACMON) has mapped out plans to celebrate her 25 years of existence with events expected to commence this month.

A directive from the National Secretariat of the Catholic Men Organisation of Nigeria (CMON) says the celebration, billed to run from June to August 2025, is aimed at creating awareness through a blend of spiritual, social and educational activities at the Parish, Diocese and Archdiocese, Deanery and Province levels.

To give life to the silver jubilee celebration in the Archdiocese, a committee to organise the events was set-up and inaugurated at a recent Ibadan Provincial CMON meeting hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Osogbo, in Ede.

The committee is to be chaired by Chief Cosmas Olalekan Oni from Ibadan Archdiocese, while Pius Oluwasegun Adigun from Osogbo Diocese will serve as its secretary.

Other members of the committee are Dr. Emmanuel Sangotayo from Oyo Diocese; Dr. Olusegun Taiwo, Ondo Diocese, Sir Albert Ogunsina, Ekiti Diocese and Mr. P Oluwashina from Ilorin Diocese.

The committee was mandated to organise a befitting silver jubilee celebration in line with

the mandate given by the national CMON.

Meanwhile, the Chief Oni-led committee at its meeting resolved and agreed that each Diocese in Ibadan Province should set up their respective local organising committees immediately to ensure active participation in the events. The Committee also charged the prospective local organising committees to raise teams for the approved outdoor and indoor games which would represent each of the Dioceses at the grand finale competition slated for August 2025. It said that indoor and outdoor sporting events approved for competition are Football, Table Tennis, Draft (Checkers), Ayo Olopon and Cards.

In addition to the sporting events, a Quiz competition among the youths will also be held and its topic will be made available soon. The Committee also resolved that each Diocese is expected to forward two nominees for recognition at the grand finale ceremony scheduled for August 2025. It said: “The two nominees must have contributed significantly to the development and growth of the CMON and the Church in general.”

The committee called for the support of individuals, private and public organisations as sponsors of the events.

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AICMO Consoles Chaplain over Mother's Demise

The Archdiocese of Ibadan Catholic Men Organisation (AICMO) has joined its Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Ajewole, to celebrate the life of his beloved mother, Mrs Christiana Anike Ajewole who passed away on May 9 this year.

Mama Ajewole, who was born in August of 1948, died at the age of 77.

Officially breaking news of her demise at the last AICMO quarterly meeting held at St. Kizito Catholic Church, Oluyole, Ibadan, the organisation's President, Sir Felix Adoroh, said it was a personal loss to the organisation being the mother of its Chaplain. He urged the Ajewole family to take solace in the legacies mama left, one of which is giving the Roman Catholic Church an outstanding priest.

He informed the members that he was personally encouraged by the bravery with

which the chaplain received the news of his mother's demise while at the CMO provincial meeting at the Pastoral Institute, Ede, Osun State, saying after receiving the call the Chaplain continued the meeting as if nothing serious had happened.

While addressing members at the same AIMCO meeting, Rev. Fr. Ajewole said his mother had been sick for a while and thanked God for the good life she lived. Preparations are in top gear for Mama Ajewole's funeral rites which will begin on Wednesday, July 9 and end with a Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday July 13 at Church of the Ascension Catholic Church, Bodija, Ibadan. The organisation is praying her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen!

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subcommittee was headed by Mr Augustine Wandyahael, Finance subcommittee by Mr Solomon Omega, while the entertainment subcommittee was co-chaired by the Social Secretary of the group, Mr Marcel Omoh and his welfare counterpart, Comrade Francis C. Maurice.

The organising committee also had other members as Mr Jeremiah Mbanu, Mr Simon Senaya, Mr George Sunday Ajibaye, Mr Dele Adegboyega, Sir Anthony Kayode Williams, Mr Stephen Ikem, Mr Julius Zaye, Mr Dominic Akerele, Mr James Oleka, Mr Godwin Ukaegbu, Mr Alphonsus Okorowu and Catechist Eric Oforjiogwu.

One after the other, guest launchers, either in person or their representatives, arrived at the parish hall, venue of the event. With a profound opening prayer, the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Eseola, raised the curtain for the event.

In a welcome speech, the President, Mr Chibuogwu,