

CIDJAP AT 25 (4th October, 1989 – 4th & 5th October, 2011)

The Catholic Institute for Development, Justice, Peace and Caritas celebrated her silver jubilee on the 4th and 5th October, 2011 at Ofu-Obi Africa Centre. The Institute was founded on 4th October 1986 by Msgr. Obiora Francis Ike. The day coincidentally marks the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of the founder. The CIDJAP Family and Friends all converged at Ofu-Obi Africa Centre Independence Layout to mark this ceremony of the Institute.

The ceremony started officially with a concelebrated Holy mass by His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. C.V.C. Onaga. The readings for the day were taken from Jonah 3: 1-10 and Luke 10: 38 -42. The gospel told the story of Jesus' visits to Mary, Martha and Lazarus's house.

In his sermon, the bishop said that Jesus was visiting Martha's home to share his pastoral experience and it was only Mary that created the listening ear to him while Martha was after the food to be served. He maintained that when somebody comes to our homes, it is not always to eat food and disappear, but some times to share our company and intimacy. The church, he maintains, needs the dual roles of Martha and Mary like in Social services and proclamation of the word of God.

The Bishop also commended CIDJAP for impacting positively on lives of the people in the past 25 years. He said that the work of evangelization is not complete if it is not put into action because a total man is made up of body and soul and If any part is sick, one cannot worship God well. The Bishop reiterated that CIDJAP has touched lives in areas of prison apostolate, hospital, education, ICT, micro finance, sponsorship of indigent students, motherless babies home (i.e. Guardian Angel Motherless Babies), construction of social housing scheme, agriculture, human rights, research, gender and justice issues, youth empowerment, justice issues etc. He extolled the abundant gift and large heart of the founder, Obiora Ike and prayed that God will continue to give him the vision and strength to do more.

The Bishop equally thanked the staff of the institute for helping to carry out this vision of the founder and pray God to guide and protect them. He challenged the institute to do more for the people especially in their post silver jubilee anniversary. He also challenged all the beneficiaries of CIDJAP Projects to give back moral and financial support to CIDJAP in order to sustain the system. In summary, the Bishop believed that CIDJAP has been a good Martha and Mary by propagating the faith and putting it into action through helping people in their various areas of need.

The Bishop also commented on the fifty years of Mater et Magistra, saying that an encyclical by Pope John iixxx, saying that It was aimed at systematizing the church, in feeding the poor, condemning injustice, marginalization, caring for the widow, orphans and the oppressed and that this is also found in rerum novarum of which CIDJAP is a champion. The Catholic Social Teaching was born to discuss the civilization of labour, value of work, common wage etc. He went on to inform the audience that, Justice, Peace and Development started in CIDJAP Enugu in 1986 by Msgr. Obiora after his overseas studies

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After the mass, the staff welcomed the guest with a welcome song that was composed by one of them, Johnpaul Okolo, this was followed with the cutting of the anniversary cake.

Subsequently, testimonies were gathered from beneficiaries, friends of CIDJAP and other Institutions that partner with CIDJAP. These include POVINA, DEC, DFID, GWEDE, SEPTA, UP-MFB etc. Prominent among the speeches was the one given by Eze Cosmas who was condemned to death for an offence he did not commit, but by God's intervention, was reduced to life imprisonment and later he was released and rehabilitated. All these, were obtained with the aid of CIDJAP and he vowed to identify himself with the activities of the church especially CIDJAP whom God used as an instrument in the life of many prisoners.

On the second day, the 5th October, papers were presented by respected men and women from various walks of life. The presenters include: Dr. Mrs. Vero Mogbo, Dr. Chidi Onyia, Prof Fredrick Nwafor, Barr. Ngozi Orji, Rev. Fr. Dr. Ilechukwu Chidi, Prof. Onyema Ocheoha, etc.

The climax of the occasion was the Awards Presentation to some dedicated staff, friends and supporters of the institute since her inception.

Amongst the priests present at the occasion were Rev. Msgrs, Luke Adike, Enem Christopher, Tony Anichebe, Rev Frs. John Nwafor, Chuke Kanife, Ambrose Agu, Chinze, Aguigwo, Uche Obodochina, Romanus Ejim, Religious bodies include, DDL, DMMM, MSHR, SND Sisters etc. Some of the dignitaries include Igwe Chioke, Engr. & Mrs E. Onwuagha, Justice Chukwuma Eneh (SAN), Justice A.N. Aneke (Rtd), Prof Fredrick Nwafor, Chief

G. O. Akachukwu, HRC Students, Orphans from GAMB, etc.

In his vote of thanks, the Director of CIDJAP, Msgr. Obiora Ike said that he is happy for CIDJAP which has recorded more than 1,225 projects and has survived all turbulence till the present day. Sincerely, the Institute has added value to the lives of people in the past years but he believed that a lot needs to be done to uplift the moral and physical status of our people.

Other side attractions included the traditional dance by the VTTC students and ADANTA International Dance Troupe.

CIDJAP AT 25 AWARD RECEIPIENTS

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| 1. Mrs. Nweke Ellizabeth | Long service award |
| 2. Igwe Chioke | 1 st Accountant |
| 3. Sylvester Okolo | 1 st Secretary |
| 4. Victor Onyeama | Longest serving accountant |
| 5. Martha Ugwu | 1 st Rev. Sr. on the Caritas desk |
| 6. Christiana Mgbachi | 1 st Typist/Secretary |
| 7. Fr Augustine Emeh | 1 st Senior Seminarian to do Apostolic Work at CIDJAP |

8. Innocent Mmadubueze	1 st Farm Manager
9. Anthony Arokoye	1 st Crop Officer
10. Sr Charity Mbarah	Foundress GWEDE
11. Nnenna Ngene	1 st Media/Public Relations Consultant
12. Nicodemus Chialor (Post Humous)	1 st Confidential Secretary (post humous)
13. J.H.U. Nnaka (Post Humous)	1 st Personnel Manager (post humous)
14. Louis Ngene	1 st Personal Driver
15. Sr Roseann Iheanacho	Foundation member legal department
16. Goddy Ike Manager Printing Press	Oldest serving staff (male) and Pioneer
17. Julie Okenwa Registrar CST	Oldest serving staff (female) and Pioneer
18. Joe Okeke	1 st Driver Justice and Peace Farm
19. + Michael Ugwu Eneja	Founding Bishop and pillar
20. + Callistus Chukwuma CIDJAP	for his contribution towards the growth of
21. Barr. Mrs Egbuna P.C.	1 st Human Rights Lawyer
22. Christopher Onah	Dedication to duty
23. Queendaline Anochili	Dedication to duty
24. Rose Anolue	Dedication to duty
25. Jst. Anthony Aniagolu	Pioneer law lecturer CST
26. Jst. J.O. Aneke	Pioneer law lecturer CST
27. Prof. Luther Ross	
28. Cardinal Hofner	
29. Missio	
30. Misereo	
31. Caritas Germany	
32. Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in the Vatican	
33. HMK	
34. Binias Family	Contribution towards Sponsorship Programme
35. Kohlpaintner Family	Contribution towards Sponsorship Programme
36. Fraugenberg Family	Contribution towards Sponsorship Programme
37. Meggy Kantert	Contribution towards Sponsorship Programme
38. Tettnweis Family	Contribution towards Sponsorship Programme
39. Kelkeim Ruppertshain Parish	Contribution towards Sponsorship Programme
40. Bishop Francis Okobo	Contribution towards CST Programme
41. Sr. Annette Sullivan	Pioneer Programme Manager CIDJAP
42. Sr. Josephine Threllfall	Contribution towards CWO, Enugu Diocese

INSTITUTIONS AWARDED

1. UP-MFB
2. Oceanic Bank
3. DEC
4. WARO
5. CLO

6. CAPPIO
7. DFID
8. UNICEF
9. YORDEL Africa
10. POVINA
11. GBF
12. GWEDE
13. SEPTA

Seminarians Who did Apostolic Work at CIDJAP

1. Augustine Emeh
2. Barry Eneh
3. Emeka Ngwoke
4. Fred Agu
5. Leo Ilechukwu
6. Peter Offu
7. Orjiene Leonard
8. Christian Anieke
9. Ernest Okonkwo
10. Mathew Nebo
11. Okoh Alphonsus

Deputy Directors

1. Fr Ikechukwu Ani
2. Fr Herbert Eneh
3. Fr Leonard Ilechukwu
4. + Rt. Rev. C.V. C. Onaga
5. Fr Ikechukwu Odigbo
6. Fr Joseph Inmpey
7. Fr Christian Nwatu
8. Fr Emmanuel Ugwu