



JULY - SEPTEMBER 2022

BLESSINGS TO YOU

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The Church has entered the season of Ordinary Time. I must tell you that a lot is happening with the Daughters of Divine Love Congregation during this season of Ordinary Time.

The power house of formation, both Postulants and Novices, all the Sisters and those they minister to are storming heaven for the wellbeing of our friends, benefactors and their families.

Below are some of the events:

➤ July 2, 2022 First Profession

What a Joy! On this day, sixteen Novices will be making their first Religious Profession. Daughters of Divine Love are still getting vocations. The demand for their services is high. More young girls want to join the order but sometimes they are not given the chance due to financial constraints. Are you called to sponsor any of these young girls in the formation house? Call **815-497-2192** or **773-251-1387**. You will be glad you did for the impact and difference they make in people's lives will be partly attributed to you.

➤ July 16, 2022 Final Profession

Eighteen Sisters will make their vows on this day. That means that they have spent about 10 years journeying with God, the

Congregation, and will now move from the status of "engagement to marriage". They will receive a ring which they will wear on the fourth finger of their right hand, showing that they are wedded to JESUS, their Spouse. We are happy for them. Some of them still need to do special courses. If the Spirit moves you to sponsor any of them in higher institution, please oblige. No amount is too small.

➤ August 5-7, 2022 Annual Days of Prayer

Every year the Congregation holds its Annual get-together during the first weekend of August. This is always a time of joy, prayer, special thanksgiving for the past year and looking forward to the blessings of another year. This year is special and all are looking forward to it because the host regions are Issele uku, Italian, and the one and only American Region. The last time that the American Region joined in hosting the event we heard the Sisters singing "Come and See American Wonders", and "America Kam Ga Eso", which means "I will follow America". I was there in 2017 when the American Region won first prize for their performance in the March-Past and the little American flags distributed by the American Regional Superior were waved all over the field. Hosting does involve a great expense; any donated assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Since I have not had my vacation for five years, I hope to join this year's annual celebration. Pay attention to the great news we will bring you in the next edition of the newsletter.

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"The Love of God impels us ..." 2nd Cor. 5:14

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➤ August 25, 2022 Silver Jubilee Celebration

Twenty Sisters will be celebrating their 25 years as professed Sisters in the Congregation. Altogether, this is a total of 500 years of service. Bravo dear Sisters! These Sisters have been ministering in different parts of the world like Nigeria, Kenya, Gabon, Italy, Germany, England, among others. These Sisters excel as librarians, doctors, nurses, seamstresses, farmers, pastoral workers, storekeepers and lawyers.

➤ August 21-September 5, 2022 The General Chapter

Our General Chapter takes place every six years. During this time the life of the congregation and the Sisters is evaluated and the election of the Superior General and Council takes place. Prior to this period each of the twelve regions elects Capitulants who will represent them during the general chapter. A lot of preparation goes into this, especially since we now have over 1,000 Sisters who are ministering in 18 countries. To send and receive documents from countries like Chad, Haiti, Cuba, Suriname, etc. is not easy. But it all adds to the excitement. On August 21 the Capitulants, after a solemn Mass with all the Sisters around, will be escorted to the "mountain top" where this exercise will take place. The Capitulants will not communicate with outsiders/those not participating in the chapter. All the other members of the Congregation will be at the "foot of the mountain" praying, fasting, and waiting for them to finish their assignment and come down with good tidings. We ask that you all join us in prayer during this period.

Whatever you can do to help:

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Benefit Luncheon Fundraising Event

The Simply Divine Luncheon, our Annual Fundraising Event which took place on May 14, 2022, was a success considering the new outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic around Chicago and environ during that period. We thank God for our Sponsors, those who bought tickets, purchased items at the silent auction display and those who were present in person and via zoom.

We were honored by the presence of Bishop Raymond Goedert who opened the event with prayer. Our two awardees this year were Mr. Anthony Onyeabo and Dr. Ngozi Ezike who gave a speech. She just ended her term as Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health and is presently the new president and CEO of Sinai, Chicago.



The proceeds this year will be used for a water project and feeding of the poor and hungry.



"Do Everything in Love" 1st Cor. 16:14

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FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Presently I live in America and, believe me, this country is blessed. No matter how poor you are in the United States, the food pantries can supply you with food. I volunteer in a food pantry every week and I know the amount of food items we share.

The N.I.C.E. pantry in Lee, where I am presently the Vice Chair of Board of Directors, has transformed the space into a shopping center with the sole difference being that people do not pay. There are trolleys which the shoppers move around and select what they need according to the number of persons in their families. It is a conducive atmosphere for shopping.



Prayer Intentions

We continue to pray every day for our friends, benefactors and donors; for all those who have requested our prayers and those we ought to pray for. Please, if you have any prayer requests, kindly let us know and we will include them in our list.

Please write out your prayer intentions on the space provided. Cut out and send this card back to us.

Your Prayer Intentions

1 _____

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SOME OUTSTANDING PROJECTS

The Water Project

We still have to complete the water/borehole in Eha Alumona. As we wait, the prices are skyrocketing. The price is now more than \$19,000 to complete the solar power well. Please, if you have the means, help us towards these projects.

The well will serve the medical laboratory school, the hospital, the pro-life center, the convent and the villagers.

Schools

The generous donor who is supporting Ikem Nursery/Primary School that was mentioned in the last Newsletter has given more funds to continue the renovation. We appreciate and thank him very much.

We thank the donor who gave a grant for the Medical Laboratory Technicians School in Eha Alumona. The funds received was not

enough for the renovation. Presently the school is seriously in need of a roof since the bad old ones have been removed and rainfall is presently causing damage.

The work in progress for the new primary/nursery school in Obiangwu is almost coming to a halt because of lack of funds. They are yet to finish and roof the building.

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"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved..." Rom. 10:13

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Announcements... Drawing Ticket Winners

The tickets were drawn on May 14, 2022 during the Benefit Luncheon Event at Paradise Banquet Hall in Bridgeview, Illinois.

Raffle Winners:

1st: \$1,000	No. 05531	Ruth Bell
2nd: \$450	No. 09311	Robert L. Callaway
3rd: \$200	No. 18573	Don Komes
4th: \$100	No. 05672	Geraldine Upshaw
5th: \$100	No. 04562	No name on ticket
6th: \$50	No. 06059	Matt Matthews
7th: \$50	No. 06148	Angelica Garza
8th: \$50	No. 05682	Geraldine Upshaw

Easter Projects

The money for the water storage project that was collected during the 2022 Lenten/Easter newsletter appeal has been distributed. I am waiting for reports from the Sisters in the various countries that are being served. The summary of the reports will be published in the next newsletter. You will see the difference your donation makes around the world.

Volunteers

We are searching for volunteers to join our board and Benefit Luncheon Committee. Pray and if you feel called, do not hesitate to join us by calling **815-497-2192**.

2022 Graduates in American Region

The American Region has two graduates so far this year, namely: Sr. Miriam Mercy Ibeh and Sr. Mmachi Onyemelukwe. Sr. Miriam obtained an Associate degree in Early childhood education with an honor award from the University. Right now she is pursuing her degree in social work and working with the elderly in the Capital City Agency of Washington D.C. Sr. Mmachi graduated with FIRST CLASS as a Masters of Art in Social Studies Adolescent Education at Binghamton University.



Sr. Miriam Mercy Ibeh



Sr. Mmachi Onyemelukwe

Bereavement

One of our Board members, Dr. Nkechi Azie, lost her senior Sister Mrs. Anthonia Orakwe (nee Mbanefo) and one of our Staff, Sr. Victoria Oleka, lost her sister-in-law Mrs. Chioma Oleka (nee Osuji) who was very close to her.



*May their souls and the souls of all
the faithful departed through the mercy of
God rest in perfect peace.*

Be a Team Member of the DDL Development Ministry

We invite you to join the Daughters of Divine Love (DDL) Congregation
to be an Ambassador of God's Love:

- **By Prayers** - we can always use your prayers and good wishes.
- **Send us your Prayer requests** - We accept and offer prayers on behalf of anyone and anything positive of the petitioner.
- **Joining the Order** - Young women can make the vocational choice of joining Daughters of Divine Love congregation.
- **Generous donations** - Cash and tax-deductible donations. DDL is a 501 c 3 designated organization, so all your charitable donations are tax-deductible.
- Donors can choose specific programs or missions to apply their donations.
- Donors can name Daughters of Divine Love in their Wills and other Bequests.
- Suitable and unencumbered buildings to house our programs and personnel are welcome.

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Thank you for your anticipated support. We appreciate all our friends, benefactors and donors who help us make a difference in the lives of people in the countries where our Sisters serve.

"Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I put my trust in you." Ps. 143:8

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