

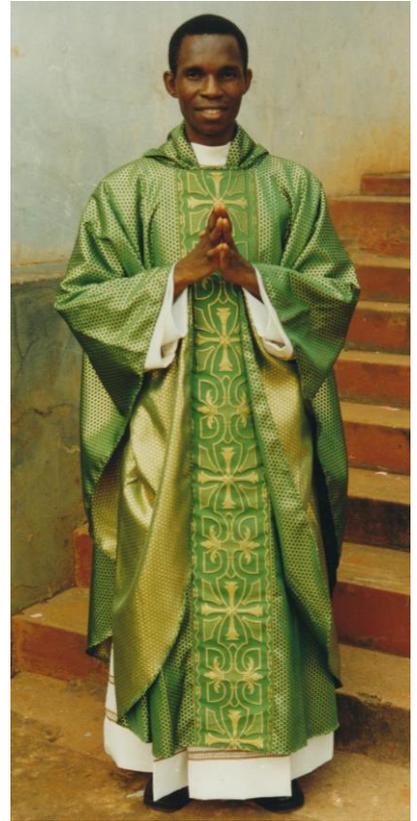
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My dear Patti,

My heart is filled with joy as I write to you on account of my grace-filled experiences during these past few days of promoting the Living Rosary devotion.

On Friday, February 12, with the permission of the Rector of Pope John Paul II Major Seminary, Awka, I spoke to the seminarians about the Living Rosary. There were more than 280 seminarians present. The response was very encouraging! So many of the seminarians, if not all of them, got enrolled and many expressed their desire to become promoters of the Living Rosary. Providentially, one of the Priests accepted to help us from that day regarding the co-ordination of the Living Rosary promotion. Three seminarians will be helping him and I handed on the materials needed for the promotion of the devotion.

On Saturday, February 13, invited by the national director of the Association of Mary Queen of All Hearts, I went to St. Scholastica Benedictine Abbey, Umuoji, to speak to and pray with the promoters of Total Consecration according to the teachings of St. Louis Marie de Montfort. (I am a member of the Association and together with other Priests, I worked closely with them before I left for studies in Rome). I spoke to them on Marian Spirituality and the Christian Family. I also introduced to them the Living Rosary. They were so delighted and all of them got enrolled! There were about 80 persons and came from all parts of Nigeria!



THE "MIRACLE" OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY...

The Association decided to make the promotion of the Living Rosary part of their regular Total Consecration programs! This means that each promoter goes to the grassroots, the parishes where 33 days are dedicated to teaching the Truths of our Faith in preparation for the Total Consecration, at the end of which, those who do the Consecration are also enrolled in the Universal Living Rosary Association. We now have a structure as well as experienced and trustworthy promoters all over the country. The Association of Mary, Queen of All Hearts enjoys the canonical status conferred on Her by the Holy See as well as the approval of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria. I see this as the work of Our Lady and Saint Philomena!

The Diocesan centers of the Living Rosary will co-ordinate the distribution and collection of materials for the promotion. The National center will co-ordinate the regular posting of the completed enrollment forms to your office in Texas. Please send materials to Fr. Chinedu Basil Achusim, Fr. Aduaka Augustus, Diocesan Catholic Secretariat and Posi Fabio Rocco who are keen in promoting the Living Rosary devotion. The promoters of Mary, Queen of All Hearts have their meeting four times a year and these meetings precede the promotion of Total Consecration which is usually done four times a year too. The postal addresses of some Diocesan coordinators will be sent to you so that you can send them what you have for the national promotion of the Living Rosary. They will bring the all the materials to the next national meeting of the promoters for distribution to all the promoters.

You just wrote me: *"The hour is late, this you must know, and there is no time to lose."* It will be my joy to see the Living Rosary flourish in Nigeria to the Glory of God through the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Salvation of Souls.

With all my heart, I remember you and our members during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and other prayers. Pray for me too, please. Yours in the Immaculata,

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