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Date	Church Season	Ministry/ Group	Programme	Venue	Time	Remarks
MARCH						
Wed. 1 st		Bishop	Niger Delta Province meeting of Bishops	Archbishop's office, Isiokpo	9am	
Wed. 1 st – Sat. 4 th	Ember Days					
Fri. 3 rd		Wine Red colour Prayer Groups	Community Outreach/Evangelism	Good Tidings Ang. Church, off Igbo-Etche road, Rumuokwurusi		
Fri. 3 rd – Sat. 4 th		Women's Ministry (MU/WG)	Diocesan Women Prayer Conference	In Administrative Blocs		
Sat. 4 th		ICT	ICT and Media Workshop	Diocesan ICT Center	9am	
		Industrial Chaplaincy	Membership Training and Evaluation	New Wine Ang. Church, East/West Road Parish, Okporo	10am	
		Body of Professionals	1-Day Retreat for all professionals in different fields of life	St. Nicholas', Woji District		
		Bishop	Baptism of baby Omehanama Elmarvel, child of Rev. Kingsley Imenwo	Chapel of Refuge, Bishop's Court	4pm	
Sun. 5 th	Lent II	Diocese	Rescheduled Vestry Meetings of Cathedral, Deanery & District churches			
		Bishop / State Boys Brigade	State Rededication Service	All Saints' Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	9am	
			Dedication of baby Omehanama Elmarvel & Churcing of Mrs. Chioma Kingsley Imenwo	Holy City Anglican Church, Pipeline, Rumuokwurusi		<i>The Ven. Okechukwu Ow'honda to represent the Bishop</i>
Tue. 7 th		CAN, Rivers State	Interactive Session with 2023 election Gubernatorial candidates in Rivers State	Hotel Presidential, PH	10am	<i>Selected clergy & Laity to attend with the Bishop.</i>

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Thurs. 9 th		PPSSM	Schools Debate	Community Boys' Secondary School, Elemenwo	9am	
Fri. 10 th		Bishop	Management meeting of Bishop & Archdeacons, Rectors & Administrator	Bishop's Chapel of Refuge	11am	
Fri. 10 th – Sat. 11 th		AYF	Enlarged Provincial Executive Meeting	Diocese of Uyo		
Sat. 11 th			Governorship and State Houses of Assembly Elections			
Sun. 12 th	Lent III	Bishop	Engaged in a church			
Mon. 13 th		Women / Sports Ministries	Diocesan Women Match Past	BCMSS, Rumuobiokani	4pm	<i>All clergy, Church Teachers and wives/members of the sports ministry to be fully in attendance</i>
Mon. 13 th – Sun. 19 th		Women's Ministry	Mothering Sunday Week of Activities	All Churches		
Wed. 15 th		Bishop's Chapel	Midweek Lenten Service in the Bishop's Court Chapel of Refuge for interested parties.		5pm	
Fri. 17 th		Diocese	Family Night Vigils	In every home	10pm	Diocesan Prayer Ministry to produce and circulate prayer points
		Bishop	Formal Handover by The PTA of Play Gadgets To The Archdeacon Crowther Memorial Nursery/Primary School, Elemenwo		10am	Bishop to be represented by the ACMGS Chaplain-Rev. Collins Daniel.
Sat. 18 th		DCMF	Breakfast with Jesus	Saints in Glory, Rumuibekwe Estate		
		Bishop	Meets with all patrons of all Brigades in the Diocese.	All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	10am	
Sun. 19 th	Lent IV (Mothering Sunday)	Diocese	Special Mothering Sunday Thanksgiving Services	In all Churches		
		Bishop	Worships @ Church of the Holy Spirit, Paraclete Deanery, Elemenwo		8am	
Mon. 20 th	St. Joseph of Nazareth, Husband of the BVM (Transferred)					
Mon. 20 th – Sun. 26 th		Diocese	On the Highway and Hedges *Mini Crusades in all Churches	All Churches		<i>Diocesan Mission/Evangelism Board to monitor compliance and report back to the Bishop.</i>

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Tue. 21 st		CCN Synod	State Quarterly Fasting/Prayer Meeting Meeting of Diocesan Synod Planning Committee	United Evangelical Church Bishop's office Conference Room	9am 2pm	
Wed. 22 nd		Bishop's Chapel	Midweek Lenten Service in the Bishop's Court Chapel of Refuge for interested parties.		5pm	
Wed. 22 nd – Sat. 25 th		CCN	2-Day National Leadership Summit & Standing Committee Meeting	Diocese of Owerri		
Thurs. 23 rd – Sun. 26 th		CoN Joshua Generation	JGIYC: Provincial Pre-Conference Training of Group Mentors & Councilors	St. Paul's Cathedral, Diobu		
Fri. 24 th		AYF	Rural Rugged Evangelism	Ang. Youth Church Eliozu		
Fri. 24 th – Sat. 25 th		AYF	JEPC 2 AGM	Owerri Provincial Council		
Sat. 25 th	Annunciation of the BVM	Sports Ministry Social Welfare Directorate AYF	Bishop, Clergy/ Church Teachers & wives aerobics Visit to Prisons Youth Stars Co-ordinators' Retreat	Bishop's Court Anglican Church of the Pentecost, Rumuogba Parish	6:30am	
Sun. 26 th	Lent V	Bishop/Youth Corps members AYF Evo Knights	Sunday Eucharistic/Breakfast Service, Retreat & Meeting with the Bishop Diocesan Combined Worship & General Meeting Outreach to Great Physician Ang. Church Atali – Council's Mission Field/meeting	Chapel of Refuge, Bishop's Court St. Matthias Atali	9:30am	

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Tue. 28 th – Wed. 29 th		CCLCE	Bishop, Clergy and Wives School	Bethel Church, Rumuibekwe	9am	
		CCN	South-South General Assembly	Banham Methodist Cathedral, Agrey Road.		
Wed. 29 th		Bishop's Chapel	Midweek Lenten Service in the Bishop's Court Chapel of Refuge for interested parties.		5pm	
Thurs. 30 th		CCLCE	Church Teachers' School/Prayer Retreat	Church of Resurrection, Rumuomasi	9am	
		Ash Colour Prayer Groups	General Meeting	All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	4pm	
Fri. 31 st		Diocese	First Quarter Diocesan Board Meeting	Emmanuel Church, Okporo-Iriebe Parish	10am	
		Diocesan Schools	Close for Easter Holidays			
Thurs. 30 th March – Sat. 1 st April		Diocesan Prayer Ministry	3 Days Fasting Retreat for all Prayer Squad members	Ministers' Prayer Network, Asa, Abia State		
Thurs. 30 th March – Sun. 2 nd April		AYF	Youth Co-ordinators' Retreat	Church of the Resurrection, Rumuomasi		Diocesan Delegates
	APRIL					
Sat. 1 st		Bishop	Synod of Diocese of Etche			
		Diocese	Annual Diocesan Post Vestry Meetings Leadership Training/Workshop – First Contact	St. Michael's, Rumuomasi Deanery	9:30am	
		Diocesan Prayer Groups	2 nd Meeting of all Chaplains and Supervisors of all prayer groups	All Saints' Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	4pm	
Sun. 2 nd	Palm Sunday (Beginning of Holy Week)	DCMF	Fund Raise In Support Of Ebenezer Anglican Church, Woji	Ebenezer Ang. Church, Woji		
		Bishop	Worships With DCMF @ Ebenezer Church, Woji		9am	

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Mon. 3 rd	Monday in Holy Week	C/CWC Bishop	Reserved for Church Workers' Children's Programme Worships @ Church of Resurrection, Rumuomasi	Holy Trinity Elimgbu Parish	9am 5pm	
Tues. 4 th	Tuesday in Holy Week	Diocese	Annual Diocesan Post Vestry Meetings Leadership Training/Workshop – Second Contact	St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Rumuobiokani Deanery	4pm	
Wed. 5 th	Wednesday in Holy Week	Bishop	Midweek Lenten Service in the Bishop's Court Chapel of Refuge	5pm		
Wed. 5 th – Sun. 9 th		AYF/ACM	Diocesan Teen Stars/ACM Annual Camp Meeting	ACMGS Elemenwo		
Thurs. 6 th	Maundy Thursday	Diocese Bishop	Service of the Eucharist/Washing of feet/Blessing of the Holy Chrism Worships @ the Cathedral	In all Churches	5pm	
Fri. 7 th	Good Friday	Diocese Bishop	Passiontide services Worships @ Calvary Church, RD Road, Okopro	In all churches	9am, 12noon & 5pm	
Sat. 8 th	Easter Eve	Diocese	Annual Diocesan Post Vestry Meetings Leadership Training / Workshop – Third Contact	St. Nicholas', Woji District	9:30am	
Sun. 9 th	Easter Day	Diocese Bishop	Resurrection Day Eucharistic/Thanksgiving services Worships @ the Cathedral	In all Churches	9am	
Mon. 10 th	Easter Monday	CCN	Easter Cantata	Baptist Church	2pm	
Mon. 10 th – Sat. 15 th	Days in Easter week	CON-JGIYC	3 rd Edition of Joshua Generation International Youth Conference	Moshood Abiola Stadium, Abuja		

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Wed. 12 th		Bishop's Chapel	Midweek Service in the Bishop's Court Chapel of Refuge for interested parties. 5pm		5pm	
Thur. 13 th		CCN	LGA sensitization in PHALGA/OBALGA	St. Barnabas Ang. Church, Elekahia	10am	
		Synod Pln'g C'ttee	Meeting of the Diocesan Synod Planning Committee	Bishop's office Conference Room	2pm	
Fri. 14 th		CCN	Enlarged State Executive Meeting	State Secretariat, 79 Aggrey Road, PH	10am	
Fri. 14 th – Sat. 15 th		ACM	Teachers' Training	Church of the Holy Spirit, Paraclete Deanery, Elemenwo		
Fri. 14 th – Sun. 16 th		Lay Readers	Annual Crusade / Quarterly General Meeting	Holy City Ang. Church Pipeline, Rumuokwurusi		
Sat. 15 th		ICT/Media	Training on Cinematography	Diocesan ICT Training Centre		
Sun. 16 th	Easter I	Niger Delta Province Diocesan Music Ministry ACB GAFCON	Provincial Education Fund offering Easter Cantata in all Church services Combined Worship Evo & other delegates depart for GAFCON 4	All Churches All Admin Blocs ACOP Rumuogba Parish		
Mon. 17 th – Fri. 21 st		GAFCON	Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) 4	Kigali, Rwanda		
Wed. 19 th		Bishop's Chapel	Midweek Service in the Bishop's Court Chapel of Refuge for interested parties.		5pm	
Thurs. 20 th		Industrial Chaplaincy	Evangelism	Woji Market		
Thurs. 20 th – Sat. 22 nd		Diocese / Prayer Ministry	Diocesan Prayer Convocation/Hour of Answer 1	All Saints' Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	10am-Opening Day	

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Fri. 21 st – Sun. 23 rd		AYF	Pre-Conference Visit Okrika/Niger Delta	JEPC 2		
Sun. 23 rd	Easter II	Bishop	Engaged Ven Dr Ikechukwu Anene's Post Retirement Thanksgiving Service	Church of the Holy Spirit Elioizu Parish	9am	
Mon. 24 th – Sat. 29 th		Directorate of Ecumenism	Diocesan week of Ecumenism			
Tues. 25 th	St. Mark, The Evangelist	Synod Planning C'ttee	Meeting of the Synod Planning Committee	Bishop's office Conference Room	2pm	
Wed. 22 nd		Bishop's Chapel	Midweek Service in the Bishop's Court Chapel of Refuge for interested parties.		5pm	
Fri. 28 th		Lemon colour Prayer Groups	Outreach to Special Persons			
Sat. 29 th		Adult Sunday School Ministry	Teachers & Co-ordinators' Retreat	Church of the Holy Spirit, Elioizu Parish		
		Bishop	*Synod of Niger Delta Diocese *Wedding of Barr. ThankGod Agwu & Sis. Emmanuella Orlu-Wosu	St. Mark's Ang. Church, Rumuolumeni		
		Sports Ministry	Football MATCH with Ahoada Diocese	BCMSS, Rumuobiokani		
Sun. 30 th	Easter III	Diocese	Diocesan Endowment Fund Drive Sunday	In all Churches		
		Bishop	Dedication of baby Emmanuella O. Okocha/Churching of Mrs. Chioma Nelson Okocha	Christ Harvest, Faith Avenue Parish, Woji	9am	<i>Bishop to be represented</i>


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Prayers (To form part of the prayer points of each church during matins and other fellowship meetings)

- Thank God for bringing us safely into the new year, 2023
- Pray for a mighty move of God and notable growth on all sides in the Diocese in the New Year.
- Thank God for the health of the Bishop, clergy, church workers and their families and every other parishioner of the Diocese.
- Pray for Divine direction for the Diocese through the leadership of the Bishop, the Clergy & other leaders.

Crucial instructions:

- Take Note and Implement the OFFERING IN AID OF SPECIAL NEEDS (Every Sunday) as We have directed.
- Churches should start early enough to raise offerings and mobilize towards mass attendance of DIVCCON, 2023.
- All Diocesan programmes and activities take precedence over those of churches and groups. Consequently, serious attention should be given to them in the daily/weekly announcements in all churches.
- The clergy should ensure that all those being prepared for Confirmation pay their N5, 000.00 Church of Nigeria Endowment Fund and that of the Diocese of Evo. They are to also purchase their personal copies of the BCP, CoN Hymnal and the Confirmation Manual, etc. without which such candidates should not be presented to the Bishop when he visits. Furthermore, other members of the church coming for weddings and churching of women after childbirth, Induction/Admission into CMF & MU/WG and other rites are to also pay their Endowment Funds or show proof of payment. This money is to be faithfully and fully remitted to the Diocese.
- The Bishop frowns at the practice of clergymen taking their candidates prepared for confirmation or directing desiring members of their churches to other parishes or stations being visited by the Bishop for confirmation. Henceforth, this practice which the Bishop had severally objected to should be discontinued!
- Priests/Church Teachers in charge of churches/stations are to please endeavor to send in advance (2 weeks) to the Bishop a copy of the service programme for his scheduled visits to their churches.
- Leaders of Prayer Groups should carry out their activities as directed. Those whose Patron Saints' days fall within this quarter should celebrate them. The Chaplains and Diocesan Coordinators are to ensure compliance.
- Priests and their churches including the Activity Groups – CMF, MU/WG, AYF, etc. are hereby reminded that they are to compulsorily patronize the Diocesan Printing Press for all their printing jobs for church services, conferences, special events, weddings, funerals, etc. and obtain payment receipts from the Press. Those who fail in this regard will be seriously sanctioned after necessary Diocesan audit.
- The Diocesan Bookshop at the All Saints Cathedral caters for all your stationeries, literature, vestments and Communion elements needs. Churches, institutions, priests and members of the Diocese are hereby encouraged to patronize it.
- All churches and individuals still indebted to the Diocese in one way or the other are hereby reminded to clear all such debts without further delay.
- The clergy and members of all Church Family Life/Marriage Committees should ensure as a matter of Diocesan Policy that all couples preparing for their weddings in Evo Churches mandatorily carry out all their pre-wedding medical tests/examinations in our BEM Hospital. Similarly, all Diocesan schools Principals are to send to BEMH their newly admitted students/pupils and employed staff for their necessary medical examinations.


Rt. Rev. Innocent Uchechukwu Ordu, JP
Bishop, Diocese of Evo
1st March, 2023