



Diocese of Evo (Anglican Communion)

PRESS RELEASE

BISHOP ORDU CHARGES CHURCH, KNIGHTS ON MASSIVE EVANGELISM

The Bishop of the Diocese of Evo, Anglican Communion, Rivers State, The Rt Rev. Innocent Uchechukwu Ordu, DSSRS, JP, has charged members of True Vine Anglican Church, Iriebe, to engage in massive and aggressive evangelism to grow the Church numerically and spiritually.

In his sermon at the Church yesterday, Sunday, 22nd March 2026, during a mission field/outreach programme of the Diocese of Evo Council of Knights, the Bishop also asked the Knights to incorporate intentional discipleship and evangelism into their efforts at True Vine Anglican Church, Iriebe, to win souls for Christ, rather than concentrating on physically building the Church.

“You can take one weekend to organize evangelism outreach in the communities and then worship on Sunday in the Church,” he charged the Knights.

Rt. Rev. Ordu, who based his message on a summary of the day’s lessons, Gospel and hymns, said that unless members of a church make sacrifices, they cannot bring about an increase in church membership.

“Sacrifice is key to the growth of the Church. Intentional sacrifice demands effort and self-denial to see this Church beyond what I see each time I come here,” he said.

“I want to see both spiritual and numerical transformation of the Church by the congregation,” he added.

Bishop Ordu, however, commended the Council of Knights for taking up the challenge of building and gradually equipping the Church located in a rural community in the Iriebe area of Rivers State.

He equally commended the Council for donating a gold processional cross and a sum of ₦200,000 to the Church, in addition to ₦100,000 donated by Sir Silas Ekezie.

Bishop Ordu expressed his satisfaction with the Church choir. "You sang very well today. I am impressed. I will give you something," he said.

The President of the Council of Knights, Sir Ray Amadi, donated ₦100,000 to the choir to support whatever the Bishop would give them.

The Archdeacon of Iriebe Archdeaconry, the Venerable Kingsley Ohajianya, and the supervising priest, the Rev. Okechukwu Nathaniel, thanked the Bishop and his wife, Dr. Mrs. Chinyere Uchenna Ordu, FCAI, JP, for the episcopal visit and for challenging the Church to do more in evangelism and discipleship.

They also expressed their appreciation to the Council of Knights for supporting them in all aspects of the Church's development.

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