

**DIOCESE OF EVO
(ANGLICAN COMMUNION)**

BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR SECOND QUARTER, 2024.

“2024: Year of Unlimited Advancement & All-round Fruitfulness” (Deuteronomy 5:32,33; Jeremiah 17:7,8)

DATE/ CHURCH SEASON	THEME FOR THE WEEK	ACTIVITY GROUP / MINISTRY	PROGRAMME	VENUE	TIME	REMARKS
MAY						
Wed. 1 st (St. Philip & James the Apostle)	Workers' Day (Public Holiday)	Anglican Corps members Fellowship	Corps Members Fellowship with the Bishop	Bishop's Chapel	9:00am	
		Body of Professionals	Professionals Sit out with the Bishop	Bishop's Chapel		
Wed. 1 st May – Sat. 31 st August		ICT/Youth Empowerment	Four Months Certificate Computer Training	ICT Centre		
Thurs. 2 nd		Industrial Chaplaincy	Visitation & Evangelism	Rumuomasi Market	12 noon	
Sun. 5th (Easter V: Rogation Sunday)	Theme: Living in the power of the Resurrection	Bishop	At the unveiling of the Book “ Peace in the Storm ” authored by the Rev. Canon O. Iheanetu	New Covenant, Eliminigwe Parish	8am	<i>Ven. Alex Usifoh to represent the Bishop</i>
		Industrial Chaplaincy	Special ministry by Industrial Chaplaincy to selected Churches in the Diocese.			Special offering to support the Industrial Chaplaincy To be remitted 100% to the Diocese.
Mon. 6 th – Wed. 8 th (Rogation Days)		Ash Colour Prayer Group	Rogation Week Visitation activities/Thanksgiving	In all Churches		
		Industrial Chaplaincy	Visitation to Members' Offices, Companies & Business Centers within the City.			<i>Industrial Chaplains to coordinate.</i>
Mon. 6 th – Sat. 11 th		Directorate of Ecumenism	Week of Activities	All Saints' Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi		
		Ash Colour Prayer Group	Seminar Workshop/General Meeting	St. Andrew's, Rumuobiokani Deanery	9am	
Mon. 6 th – Sun. 12 th		AYF	National Youth Week	Mon. 6 th & Tue. 7 th – combined Diocesan Youth Activities @ St. Matthias, Atali District. Wed. 8 th – Sun. 12 th to be observed at all church levels		
Tues. 7 th		Ash Colour Prayer group	Empowerment, Workshop & Seminar for all youths.	St. Matthias', Atali District.		<i>To Feature During the Youth Week</i>
Thurs. 9 th (Ascension Day)		DIOCESE	Ascension Day Services	In All Churches		

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Sat. 11 th		Clergy/Sports Ministry	Official opening of the Clergy Inter-Bloc Five-Aside football Competition	BCMSS, Rumuobiokani Field	8am	
		Women's Ministry	Diocesan Girls Guild One – Day Retreat	In All Admin Blocs	9am	
		DCMF	2 nd Quarter General Meeting	St. Simons, Okporo District	9am	
		ICT/Youth Empowerment	ICT Training on Cinematography & allied skills for Media Camera Men	Diocesan ICT Centre	9am	<i>Registration per candidate is N2,000 to be paid at the Diocesan Finance Office by Friday, 10th.</i>
		Royal Fathers	Retreat/Meeting with Royal Fathers, Chiefs & Elders	St. Andrews, Rumuobiokani Deanery	10am	
Sun. 12th (Sunday After Ascension)	Theme: Learning How to Follow from Elisha	Knights	2 nd Quarter General Meeting/Charity Luncheon	St. Michael's, Rumuomasi Deanery	8am	<i>All knights of the Diocese are encouraged to worship @ St. Michael's, Rumuomasi Deanery & participate in the luncheon.</i>
Mon. 13 th – Fri. 17 th		CoN/ELMI	2024 International Christian Leadership Conference @ St. Paul's Cathedral, Diobu	<i>Registration: N3,500. FIRST Bank, 2029800483, A/C Name: Evangelism Leadership & Mission Int'l Institute. *All clergy, Church Teachers & four other key leaders to attend from each church. *CCLCE to monitor our Diocesan attendance/participation & report to the Bishop, Diocesan Board & Synod</i>		
Mon. 20 th – Sun. 26 th		ACM	National Children's Week/Diocesan Children Singing Competition	In all Churches (Diocesan Children Singing Competition is Sat. 25 th)		
Thur. 23rd		Rivers CCN	Inauguration of AKULGA, DELGA & ASALGA	10am, 12pm, 2pm		
Fri. 24 th – Sun. 26 th		AYF (National)	National Annual General Meeting & Election	Diocese of Awka		
Sat. 25 th		Music	Finals of Children singing competition	St. Andrew's Rumuobiokani Deanery		
		Education Board	Education Board Meeting			
		Guild of Steward	2 nd Quarter Diocesan Retreats & General Meeting	Bethel Church, Rumuibekwe Parish	9am	<i>Bishop to address all People's & Pastor's Wardens of churches.</i>
		Bishop	Service of Confirmation	Holy Ghost Church, Iriebe H/E Parish, Iriebe	9:30am	

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Mon. 27 th		Sports Ministry/ Diocesan Schools	National Children's Day: Diocesan/Parish Schools activities/Match Past	BCMSS, Rumuobiokani	9am	<i>All members of the Diocesan Education Board, clergy, parents & the Diocesan faithful to be in attendance.</i>
Mon. 27 th – Sat. 1 st June		DIOCESE	ON THE HIGHWAYS & HEDGES IN ALL CHURCHES			
Fri. 31 st (Visitation of the BVM)		Bishop	@ the funeral service of late Ezinne Salome Akuagwu Innocent, mother of Dr. Kasarachi Innocent (our Diocesan Press Secretary) @ St. Michael's Catholic Parish, Ariam, Elu-lu, Ikwuano LGA, Abia State – 10am.			
JUNE						
Sat. 1 st		DCMF	Prayer Retreat/Breakfast with Jesus & Evangelism by all men.	St. Jude's Oginigba Deanery/Oginigba Community.	8:00am	
		Bishop	@ the funeral service of late Mrs. Chinyere Comfort Wehere (Mother of Hon. Mike Azuonwu, Diocesan Protocol Officer), at the All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwursi. 9am.			
		Music Ministry	Preliminary stage of Adult Choir Singing Competition	St. Nicholas, Woji District, St. Michael's, Rumuomasi Deanery & St. Mark's, Elelenwo District. 10am		
		Bishop	@ the unveiling of the Book "Exploits of a King Ordained by God" authored by HRH, Eze Sir Sidney O. Worlu, JP (Eze Esara IV)	Main Banquet Hall, Hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt.	12 noon.	
Sun. 2 nd (Trinity I)	Theme: The Spirit Filled Believer	Bishop	@ St. Simon's, Okporo District for 60 th Birthday Thanksgiving Service of The Ven. Okey Owhonda		9am	
			Thanksgiving of HRH Eze Sir Sydney O. Worlu.	All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwursi	9am	Bishop to be represented.
			3rd Anniversary & Christening of the Anglican Worship Centre, Elingbu		11am	
Mon. 3 rd		ICT/Youth Empowerment	ICT skill for all Clergy & Church Teachers	Diocesan ICT Centre 9am	<i>Registration per candidate is N2,000 to be paid at the Diocesan Finance Office.</i>	
Tues. 4 th		Clergy Welfare Association	Clergy General Meeting	COHS, Eliozu		
Thur. 6 th		Rivers CCN	National Standing Committee Meeting	Methodist Church, Anambra State		

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Thurs. 6 th – Sat. 8 th		AYF	Sisters' Forum Conference	Church of the Advent, Rumuewhara		
Fri. 7 th – Sat. 8 th		Women's Ministry	Diocesan Mid-Year Prayer Retreat	St. Mark's, Elenwo District.	10am daily	
Sat. 8 th		Sports Ministry/DCMF	Official Opening of DCMF Five-Aside Football Competition	BCMSS, Rumuobiokani Field	4pm	
		Bishop	@ New Wine Church, E/W Road Parish for the 50 th Birthday of Mr. Michael Momoh		10am	
Sun. 9 th (Trinity II)	Theme: Dying to Sin & living in Christ	Bishop	Worship @ St. Jude's, Oginigba Deanery		9:30am	
Mon. 10 th – Sun. 16 th		DCMF	Fathers Week of Activities	In All Churches		
Tues. 11 th (St. Barnabas, the Apostle)		DCMF	Couples evening with the Bishop <i>Host: Oroigwe/Eliogbolo Archdeaconry; Venue is All Saints' Cathedral Rumuokwurusi</i>		5:00pm	
		CCLCE	Clergy & Wives Training	St. James, Iriebe District		
Wed. 12 th	Democracy Day (Public Holiday)	Royal Blue	Celebration of Patron Saint (St. Barnabas)	Faith Community Eliowhani, Okporo	5pm	Carried over from 11 th June
Thurs. 13 th – Sat. 15 th		ACB	N.E.C Meetings	Diocese of Warri		
Fri. 14 th – Sat. 15 th		AYF	JEPC 2 AGF & Election	Owerri Province		

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Sat. 15 th		SSDLPM	Diocesan Teachers Bible Conference	New Covenant, Eliminigwe Parish		
		Pink Colour Prayer Group	Fellowship with Pregnant women/Expectant mothers across the Diocese	ACOP, Rumuogba Parish	10am	
Sun. 16th (Trinity III)	Theme: Christian: Treasured & Holy People of God	DCMF	Fathers' Day Thanksgiving Services	In All Churches		
		Bishop	Confirmation/foundation Stone Laying of new Parsonage	St. Philip's, Oroigwe District	9am	
Mon. 17 th	Idel Kabir (Public Holiday)	Sports Ministry	Finals of Clergy & DCMF Five-Aside Football Competitions	BCMSS, Rumuobiokani Field	3 – 6:30pm	<i>DCMF Finals – 3-4:30pm Clergy Finals – 5-6:30pm</i>
Tues. 18 th	Idel Kabir (Public Holiday)					
Fri. 21 st		Rivers CCN	State Quarterly Prayer & Fasting	AME Zion Church, off Stadium Rd, PH	9am	
Sat. 22 nd		Orange & Cream Colours Prayer Groups	One Hour with Jesus	St. Matthias Atali	7-8am	
		Bishop	Burial of Deaconess Ima Mendie, mother of Mr. Godwin Mendie, Diocesan central Office Driver	The Apostolic Church Ibiaku Ntok, Okono LGA, Akwa-Ibom	10am	
Sun. 23rd (Trinity IV)	Theme: Hallmarks of Christian Discipleship	Bishop	Episcopal Visit & Service of Confirmation	Holy Trinity, Elingbu Parish		
Sun. 23 rd – Sun. 30 th		Rivers CCN	State CCN Week/Exchange of Pulpits		<i>Ecumenical service at Banham Methodist Cathedral, 69 Aggrey Rd. PH.</i>	
Tues. 25 th		DIOCESE	2nd Quarter Meeting of the Diocesan Board	Church of Resurrection, Rumuomasi		
		CCLCE	Church Teachers Training			
Thurs. 27 th – Sun. 30 th		ACM	Diocesan Teachers Conference/Diocesan Teachers Training School	St. Nicholas, Woji District		

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Fri. 28 th			Burial of late Chief Luke Anaele Nwaegerue, father of Mrs. Amarachi Reward	Oboro, Umu-Umaro, Mbaitoli LGA, Imo State	10am	
Sat. 29th (St. Peter the Apostle)		AYF	2 nd Quarter Diocesan AYF Enlarged Exco meeting	COHS, Paraclete Deanery, Elelenwo	10am	
		Red & Gold Colour Prayer Groups	Celebration of St. Peter's with visit to struggling Churches			<i>In some Churches of the Diocese</i>
		Bishop	Baptism of baby Lovable Amoson Ijah	Bishop's Court Chapel of Refuge	4pm	
Sat. 29 th – Sun. 30 th		Women's Ministry	Diocesan Widow's Conference	Ang. Church of the Epiphany Azumini, Rumuokwurusi Parish		
Sun. 30 th (Trinity V)	Theme: Pleasing God in Words & Deeds	Diocese	Service of Licensing of New Lay Readers (Batch A)	Holy Ghost, Iriebe Parish	9:30am	
		AYF	Diocesan AYF 2 nd Quarter Combined Worship & General meeting	New Wine, E/W Rd Parish, Okporo		
		Bishop	Diaconate & Priestly Ordination/Churching of woman after childbirth/8th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving of the Rev. & Mrs. Amoson Ijah @ St. Nicholas', Woji District		8am	<i>Bishop to be represented by</i>
JULY						
Mon. 1 st – Tue. 2 nd		DIOCESE / Prayer Ministry	Mid-Year Retreat for Bishop, Clergy, Church Teachers & Wives	St. Jude's, Oginigba Deanery	9am daily	
Wed. 3 rd – Sat. 6 th		Diocese	Diaconate/Priestly Ordination Retreat	St. James, Iriebe District		
Wed. 3 rd (St. Thomas the Apostle)		Diocese	Service of Induction of men into the Diocesan Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF)	St. Matthias', Atali District	3pm	
Thur. 4 th		Rivers CCN	State Standing Committee Meeting	Rhema Baptist Church, #9 Anya Road, Rumuagholu		

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Fri. 5 th		Bishop	At New Covenant, Eliminigwe Parish Mid-Year Revival			
		Lemon Colour Prayer Group	Outreach to Drug Addicts/ Special persons		3pm	
		Diocese	Service of Licensing of New Lay Readers (Batch B)	Church of The Advent, Rumuewhara Parish	3pm	
Sat. 6 th		Youth Corps	Environmental Sanitation/Social Welfare	Rumuomasi Roundabout	7am	
		Diocese	Service of Investiture of new Knights	St. Andrew', Rumuobiokani Deanery	10am	
		Body of Professionals	Special Meeting/Seminar for all Anglican legal/medical practitioners	St. Andrew's, Rumuobiokani Deanery	4pm	
Sun. 7th (Trinity VI)	Theme: Godly love & worldly lust contrasted	Diocese	Service of Ordination of Deacons and Priests	St. James', Iriebe District	10am	
Mon. 8 th – Sun. 14 th		DIOCESE	Week of activities to mark Diocese of Evo @ 15 & Thanksgiving			
Tues. 9 th		DIOCESE	Evening of Hymns and Songs of Praise	St. Mark's Elelenwo District	4pm	
Thur. 11 th		CCN National	NEC Meeting	United Evangelical Church/Abuja		
		DIOCESE	Annual Diocesan Cathedral / Health Awareness Lectures	All Saints' Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	4pm	<i>(Social Welfare to feature Health Awareness as part of the programme of the week)</i>
Fri. 12 th		DIOCESE	Narrative Documentary In Drama – Evo In Retrospect & Prospect		4pm	
Sat. 13 th		DIOCESE	Finals of Adult Singing Competition, Cultural Dance Presentations & Varieties.			12noon
Sun. 14 th (Trinity VII)	Theme: God's & Man's Part in Salvation	DIOCESE	Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Clergy exchange of Pulpit for Diocesan Endowment Fund Drive in all Churches & 1st 100% Remittance of all offerings to the Diocese			

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15TH DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY GALA/AWARDS NIGHT @ THE CATHEDRAL. 4PM.						
Thurs. 18 th – Fri. 19 th		CCLCE/ Lay Workers	Training & meeting for Lay Workers (Clerks/Admin Secretaries, Treasurers, Drivers etc.)	COHS, Paraclete Deanery Elelenwo		
Thurs. 18 th – Sun. 21 st		AYF	2024 Diocesan AYF Bible Study Conference & Youth Harvest.	St. James, Iriebe Archdeaconry		
		ACM (Provincial)	Provincial ACM Teachers Conference	Diocese of Uyo		
Sat. 20 th						
		DIOCESE	One Day Synod	The 3 Diocesan Schools	10am	
Sun. 21 st (Trinity VIII)	Theme: Equipped with Godly Amour	AYF	AYF Thanksgiving Service for the success of their Conference	St. James Iriebe Archdeaconry		
Mon. 22 nd (St. Mary Magdalene)		Sports Ministry	Inter-Cathedral, Archdeaconry, Deanery Girls Guild Pre-conference Day of Sports	BCMSS, Rumuobiokani Fields	9am-4pm	
Wed. 24 th – Fri. 26 th		DIOCESE / Prayer Ministry	Prayer Convocation/Hour of Answer	BCMSS, Rumuobiokani		
Thurs. 25 th (St. James the Apostle)						
Sat. 27 th		Guild of Steward	Pre-Synod Training & Quarter General Meeting	Chapel of Grace & Knowledge, Elelenwo	9am	
		Education Board	Education Board Meeting			
		Ash Colour Prayer Group	Empowerment Workshop / Seminar	All Saints' Cathedral, Rumuokwurusu		
		Orange & Cream Prayer Group	2 nd General Meeting	Maranatha Anglican Church, Victory Estate, Elelenwo	10am	

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Sun. 28th (Trinity IX)	Theme: Shepherding God's Flock Today	Bishop	Episcopal Visit to Ang. Church of the Pentecost, Rumuogba for Service of Christening of new Church Station & Confirmation.		9am	
Wed. 31st – Sun. 4th Aug.		DIOCESE	3RD SESSION OF THE 5TH SYNOD	In all Evo Diocesan Secondary Schools		
Sun. 4th (Trinity X)	Theme: Sanctified for God's Use	DIOCESE	SYNOD GENERAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE @ MAJORIE HILL CHAPEL, ACMGS, ELELENWO 10am.			
Mon. 5 th – 9 th		CoN	All Nigeria Anglican Clergy Conference	CMS Grammar School, Bariga, Lagos		<i>Registration – N12,000 per clergy</i>
Tues. 6 th – (The Transfiguration of our Lord)						
Thurs. 8 th		ICT/Youth Empowerment	Students Holiday Computer Training begins	Diocesan ICT Centre		To end 30th September

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

- Pray for the success of Programmes of the Diocese in this quarter
- Pray for Divine direction for the Diocese through the leadership of the Bishop, the Clergy & other leaders.
- Pray for the success of the Diocese/Churches/Groups/Units activities throughout the year.
- Pray for the Bishop, other ministers of the Diocese and our members that this year's Diocesan Theme **“Unlimited Advancement & All-Round Fruitfulness”** will be the experience and testimony of everyone within and by the end of the year.
- Ask the Lord for spiritual, numerical and physical growth of all our churches and the grace on our part to labour towards these desires.
- Earnestly pray against untimely death in our Diocese this year.

Crucial instructions:

- **Take Note and Implement the OFFERING IN AID OF SPECIAL NEEDS (Every Sunday) as We have directed.**
- **Special Offerings in support of the mission of the Diocese are to be collected during special services such as birthdays, weddings, family/individual/group thanksgivings** etc. which are celebrated during weekdays.
- Churches should start early enough to raise offerings and mobilize towards mass attendance at DIVCCON, 2024.
- All Diocesan programmes and activities take precedence over those of churches and groups/individuals. 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 churcing 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.

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- 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.



The Rt. Rev. Innocent Uchechukwu Ordu, JP, DSSRS
Bishop, Diocese of Evo
1st May, 2024