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BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 2023
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AUGUST						
Date	Church Season	Ministry/ Group	Programme	Venue	Time	Remarks
Wed. 2 nd – Sun. 6 th		Diocese	ANNUAL DIOCESAN SYNOD	St. Philip's, Oroigwe District		
Sun. 6 th	Trinity IX (The Transfiguration)	Diocese	Diocesan Synod Thanksgiving Service	St. Philip's, Oroigwe District	10:00am	
Mon. 7 th – Wed. 30 th September		ICT	6 Weeks Students Holiday Training	Diocesan ICT Centre		
Wed. 9 th – Sun. 13 th		AYF	National Bible Study Conference	Diocese of Okrika		
		ACB	Diocesan Camp Meeting	St. Andrew's Rumuobiokani Deanery		<i>Bishop to meet with all patrons & patronesses of Boys Brigade on Saturday, 12th @ 1pm</i>
Sat. 12 th		Clergy/Church Workers Children	Clergy, Church Workers' Children's Retreat	Days Ang. Church, Youth Parish, Rumuokwurusi		
Sun. 13 th	Trinity X	Bishop	@ Mary Slessor Presbyterian Cathedral.	#2 Bille St. New Layout, PH.	9:00am	
		Evo Knights	3 rd Quarter General meeting	St. Marks, Elelenwo District		
Thurs. 17 th			Burial of late Ezinne Philomena Ngozi Chukwuma, mother of Rev'd Frankincense Chukwuma	St. Mary's Ang. Church, Awka-Etiti, Diocese On The Niger	10:00am	Ven. C. D. Nwachukwu to represent the Bishop
Thurs. 17 th – Fri. 18 th		The Kukah Centre & Lux Terra Foundation	2 – Day Workshop on the devt. of the nat'l, religious ethical policy framework	Lux Terra Foundation office, Abuja		<i>The Rev'd Canon Dr. Ebenezer Owhor to represent the Diocese.</i>
Thurs. 17 th – Sat. 19 th		Dio. Prayer Ministry	Camping Retreat for all Churches Prayer Squad members	ACMGS Elelenwo		
Thurs. 17 th – Sun. 20 th		Provincial ACM	Provincial Teachers' Conference	St. Paul's, Amarata, Yenagoa, Diocese of Northern Izon.		
Sat. 19 th		DCMF	3 rd Quarterly General meeting	Holy Ghost, Iriebe Housing Estate Parish		
Sun. 20 th	Trinity XI	Bishop/Educ. Board	Association of Christian Schools International: African Round Table-4 Conference	Kigali, Rwanda		

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Mon. 21 st		O/E Archd. CMF	O/E CMF Annual Archdeaconry Conference Novelty Football Match with Diocesan Clergy.	CPS, Oroigwe field (behind St. Philip's)	4:00pm	<i>Ven. Thompson Onyewuotu to represent the Bishop.</i>
Thurs. 24 th	St. Bartholomew, Apostle	Industrial Chaplaincy	Evangelism	Iriebe Market		
Fri. 25 th		Bishop	Burial of Mrs. Catherine Onyekuruka, mother of Lady Dr. Ndidi Utchay, Chairman, BEMH Board.	Owerri, Imo State	10:00am	Ven. E. Anyasodo to represent the Bishop
Sat. 26 th		Sports Ministry	Aerobics	BCMSS Rumuobiokani	6:30am	
			Wedding of Mr. Temple Elenwo & Miss Juliet Eke	CoHS, Elioizu Parish	10:00am	Ven. Chidi Worgu to represent the Bishop
Sat. 26 th – Sat. 14 th October		Sports/AYF	AYF Football Competition	BCMSS, field	4:00pm	<i>Ven. Alex Usifoh to represent the Bishop.</i>
Sun. 27 th	Trinity XII	CoN	Service of Presentation of new Dean, Archbishops & Consecration of new Bishops.	Abp Vinning Memorial Cathedral, Ikeja, Diocese of Lagos West	10:00am	
Sun. 27 th Aug. – 3 rd Sept.		CoN ACM	National ACM Conference	Diocese of Nike, Enugu State		
Wed. 30 th & Thur. 31 st		Diocese	Funeral of the late Ven. Christian Chukwumati	St. Philip's Church, Oroigwe District	Service of Songs – Wed. 5pm Funeral Service/Internment – Thurs. 10am	
SEPTEMBER						
Fri. 1 st		Bishop	Funeral service/internment of late Mrs. Ugoeze Lady Joy Ogbonna, Mother of Mrs. Adaeze Kaka Chukwu	St. Philip's Ang. Church, Umunkiri, Mgboko Oke- Ngwa, Obingwa LGA, Abia	10:00am	
Fri. 1 st – Sat. 2 nd		AYF	Provincial AGM	Diocese of Ikwerre		
Fri. 1 st – Sun. 3 rd		Diocesan Women/Girls' Ministry	Diocesan Girls' Guild Conference/Thanksgiving Service	St. Michael's Rumuomasi Deanery		
		CoN	National Anglican Joint Campus Fellowships Leadership Retreat	To be hosted by the Diocese of Evo @ BCMSS, Rumuobiokani		
Sat. 2 nd		Bishop	Wedding of Dr. Iniyngi Grace Jaja and Mr. Emmanuel Alali Pepple	Bishop's Court Chapel of Refuge	10:30am	

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Sun. 3 rd	Trinity XIII	Bishop	Eucharistic worship @ Rose of Sharon Anglican Church, Atali		9:00am	
Mon. 4 th – Sun. 10 th		Diocese / Mission and Evangelism	On the Highways & Hedges (Outreaches to Communities/Families)	All Churches		
Tue. 5 th		CCLCE	Resumption of weekly trainings for newly ordained Deacons & Ordinands	Bishop's office Conference Room	10:00am – 2:00pm	<i>This training holds every Tuesday until the end of the year.</i>
Wed. 6 th – Thurs. 7 th		Niger Delta Province	Provincial Council/MU Executive Meetings	Diocese of Calabar		
Fri. 8 th	Nativity of the BVM	Yellow Colour Prayer Groups	Combined Eucharistic service for members of the BVM & Yellow Colour Prayer Groups.	Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary (CoBVM), Rumuodani, Elelenwo	4:00pm	
Fri. 8 th – Sun. 10 th		Lay Readers	Annual Diocesan Conference/Thanksgiving Service	St. Michael's, Rumuomasi Deanery		Bishop in attendance on Saturday, 9th.
Sat. 9 th		Bishop	At the Synod of the Diocese of Ogoni			
Sun. 10 th	Trinity XIV	Bishop	Episcopal Visit/Eucharistic Service	CoBVM, Rumuodani	9:00am	
			20 th Anniversary of Ordination Thanksgiving Service of The Rev. Canon Godfrey Onyemelukwe	Holy Ghost Ang. Church, Iriebe H/E Parish	8:00am	Ven. E. Anyasodo to represent the Bishop
		Evo Knights	General Meeting/End of the year Party	St. Nicholas, Woji District.	8:00am	
			50 th Birthday, Canonry Installation Thanksgiving Service of the Rev. Canon C. J. Kemakolam	Ang. Church of the Passion, Odani, Elelenwo	8:30am	Ven. Chidi Worgu to represent the Bishop
Tue. 12 th – Fri. 15 th		CoN	General Synod @ the Diocese of Nnewi, Anambra State			
Thurs. 14 th	Holy Cross Day	Lay Workers	Fellowship/meeting	Faith Community, Eliowhani		
Fri. 15 th – Sun. 17 th		DCMF	14 th Annual Diocesan Conference	St. Mark's, Elelenwo District		

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Sun. 17 th	Trinity XV	Bishop	Christening/Baptism of Baby Kelaiah Manuchimso, Churching of Mrs. Sharon David Wopara, Diaconate Ordination Thanksgiving of Rev'd David Wopara		St. Jude's, Oginigba Deanery	9:00am
		Diocesan Music Min.	Meeting of the Bishop with all choristers, organists & music stakeholders of all churches		All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	4:00pm
Thurs. 21 st	St. Matthew, Apostle					
Fri. 22 nd - Sat. 23 rd		Bishop	Revival Crusade @ Ang. Church of the Passion, Rumuodani, Elelenwo		5:00pm daily	
Sat. 23 rd		Sports Ministry	General Aerobics	BCMSS Rumuobiokani	7:00am	
		Bishop	Priestly Ordination Thanksgiving service of The Rev'd Chukwuemeka Obani		St. Michael's, Church Rumuomasi Deanery	10:00am
		Evo Knights	Prayer Summit/Outreach to Mission Field 2	True Vine, Iriebe	10:00am	
Sun. 24 th	Trinity XVI	Bishop	Revival Crusade Thanksgiving Service @ Ang. Church of the Passion, Rumuodani, Elelenwo		9:00am	
		Clergy	Exchange of Pulpit in all Churches across the Diocese			
		Youth Corps members	Send Forth	Chapel of Refuge, Bishop's Court	4:00pm	
Tues. 26 th		Church Teachers	Training school	Bishop's Conference Room	10:00am	
Wed. 27 th		Diocese	Third Quarter Diocesan Board Meeting		New Covenant, Eliminigwe Parish	10:00am
Thurs. 28 th - Sat. 30 th		Diocese	General Diocesan Prayer Convocation/Hour of Answer 3		St. Nicholas', Woji District	Thursday & Friday - 4:00pm Saturday - 9:00am
Fri. 29 th	St. Michael & All Angels					
Fri. 29 th - Sun. 1 st Oct.		Niger Delta Province	Provincial Youth Mega Conference	Venue to be determined		

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OCTOBER						
Sun. 1 st	Trinity XVIII 63 rd Anniversary of Nigeria's Independence	Diocese Bishop	Evo Praise & Prays Worships in the Cathedral	All Churches		<i>All churches of the Diocese to observe this day as a day of prayer for the nation & praise to God for our nation.</i>
Tues. 3 rd	Samuel Ajayi Crowther, Bishop	Bishop	Joins staff and students of Bishop Crowther Memorial Schools, Rumuobiokani for Morning Devotion		8:00am	
Thurs. 5 th – Sun. 8 th		Diocesan Women's Ministry	14th Annual Diocesan Women's Conference	St. Simon's Okporo District	Host: Okporo/Rumuogba Archdeaconry	<i>Conference begins with Service of Induction/Admission on Thursday, 5th @ 11:00am</i>
Fri. 6 th – Sun. 8 th		CoN AYF	National Evangelical Campaign/ Crusade.	All Dioceses		
Sat. 7 th		Women's Conference	Bishop's wife reads her Conference Address	St. Simon's Church, Okporo District	10:00am	<i>All clergy, C-Teachers & Diocesan Board members to accompany the Bishop in attendance</i>
Sun. 8th	Trinity XVIII	Bishop/Women ND Province	Diocesan MU/WG Conference Thanksgiving Service Post-presentation Thanksgiving Service of the new Dean of Church of Nigeria.			
Tues. 10 th		Diocesan Clergy	Clergy Association Meeting/ Election	All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	10:00am	
Sat. 14 th			Funeral Service of Dame Love Jeremiah Olewem – mother of Dr. Mrs. Faith Ugochukwu Nwahaghi	St. George's Ang. Church, Emohua Parish, Diocese of Ikwerre	10:00am	
Sun. 15 th	Trinity XIX	Diocese	Harvest Thanksgiving Services Begin Today in the Diocese with Archdeaconry Harvests			
		Bishop	Visit/Eucharistic service @ Olive Plants Anglican Youth Church, Rumuolukwu, Rumuomasi		9:00am	
Mon. 16 th – Sun. 22 nd		AYF	AGM / Youth week	All Saints' Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi		

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Wed. 18 th	St. Luke, Evangelist	Diocese	Healing Services <i>All churches to hold healing services, visit & pray for their sick members.</i> <i>Yellow colour prayer groups (St. Luke, BVM, Faith & Victory) to organize free medical outreaches & extend welfare support to patients in BEMH & some others within the Diocese.</i>			<i>Members of yellow colour prayer groups to worship in the Bishop's Court Chapel of Refuge @ 5pm.</i>
Fri. 20 th – Sat. 21 st		AYF	JEPC 2 Workshop	Province of the Niger Council		
Sat. 21 st		Royal Fathers	Leadership Summit	All Saints' Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	10:00am	
Sun. 22 nd	Trinity XX St. Cecilia Day	Bishop	Visit/Eucharistic worship @ Daystar Ang. Church, Youth Parish, Rumuokwurusi		9:00am	
		Music Ministry	Celebration by the Diocesan Choir	St. Mark's, Elelenwo District	To be determined	
Mon. 23 rd	St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of the Lord					
Sat. 28 th	St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles	Diocesan ACM Bishop	Evo Children Rejoice Baptism of Baby Abundance Nmesomachi & Churching of Mrs. Chioma John Eze	St. Andrew's Rumuobiokani Deanery Bishop's Court Chapel of Refuge	4:00pm	
Sat. 28 th – Sun. 29 th		Body of Professionals	2-Day Outreach/Mobilization across the Diocese			
Sun. 29 th	Trinity XXI	Bishop	Visit/Eucharistic worship @ the Ang. Church of the Beatitudes, Harmony Estate, Rumuokwurusi 10 th Anniversary Thanksgiving of Holyhill Anglican Church, Elioze 50 th Birthday Thanksgiving Service and Book Launch by The Rev'd John Eze	Holyhill, Elioze St. Philip's Church, Oroigwe District	9:00am 9:00am 11:30am	<i>Ven. Owhonda to represent the Bishop</i>
		L/Readers	Lay Readers Quarterly Meeting	St. James Iriebe		

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COMING DIOCESAN EVENTS

Sun. 15 th Oct. – Sun. 19 th Nov.	Diocese	Harvest Thanksgiving Services of Archdeaonries & Churches to begin and end on these dates.		
Mon. 6 th – Fri. 10 th Nov.	DIVCCON	National Christian Centre, Abuja		
Sun. 26 th Nov.	Diocese	General Diocesan Harvest Thanksgiving Service	Chapel of Grace & Knowledge, ACMGS, Elemenwo	
Wed. 29 th Nov. – Sun. 3 rd Dec.	Diocese	Diocesan Discipleship/Revival Conference	All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	<i>Sunday Thanksgiving to be held in all churches.</i>

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


- Thank God for His grace through the first half of the year & for the beginning of the second half.
- Thank God for the success of the Second Session of the Fifth Synod of our Diocese.
- Thank God for the health of the Bishop, clergy, church workers and their families and every other parishioner of the Diocese.
- Pray for all members of our Diocese who are bereaved.
- Pray for Divine direction for the Diocese through the leadership of the Bishop, the Clergy & other leaders.
- Pray also for God's divine presence with us and guidance as we execute the remaining activities and programmes of the year.

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.

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- 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
16th August, 2023