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OCTOBER						
Date	Church Season	Ministry	Programme	Venue	Time	Remark
Fri. 1 st	Nigeria's Independence Day	Diocese	Evo Prays and Praise (Diocesan Solemn Assembly with fasting)	CoHS, Paraclete Deanery, Elemenwo	9:30am	
Sun. 3 rd	Trinity 18	Bishop	Episcopal Visit and Service of Confirmation	ACOP, Rumuogba Parish	8.00am	
Mon. 4 th to Thur. 7 th		CON/Prayer	National Leadership Retreat/Training for National, Provincial and Diocesan Prayer Chaplains/Coordinators	Diocese of Enugu North		Prayer Chaplains/ Coordinators
Mon. 4 th – Sat. 9 th		Diocese	Diocesan Discipleship/ Revival Conference	In All Administrative Blocs	Mon. & Tue. Prayers & Leadership Summit @ chosen venues. Wed.-Sat. Conference proper. 2pm each day. 8am-Saturday.	
Tue. 5 th		Education	World Teachers Day <i>Bishop to mark this day with the Diocesan teachers at a later date</i>			
Wed. 6 th		Bishop	At St. Philip's, Oroigwe District for the funeral of late Dame Eugenia Amadi		8am	
			Meeting with newly elected Rivers CCN officers @ the Bishop's Court Chapel		2pm	
Thur. 7 th		Bishop	@ the Life Members Conference of Bible Society of Nigeria	Mary Slessor Cathedral, PH		
Sun. 10 th	Trinity 19	Diocese	Diocesan Harvest Thanksgiving Service	St. James', Iriebe Dist.	10am	All churches to hold service at 7-9am and observe conference thanksgiving before coming to the Diocesan Harvest @ Iriebe
Tue. 12 th		Bishop/CCN	One Day South-South CAN Prayer Summit	St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ovom, Yenagoa		<i>The Revs. M. Ezigbo & H. Odu to accompany the Bishop.</i>
Mon. 11 th to Fri. 15 th		Ecumenism	Diocesan Ecumenism Week	Fellowship with Sister Churches in Evo	5pm daily	
Thur. 14 th		Bishop	@ the funeral of Mrs. Grace Chiatogu, Anyasodo. Mother of The Ven. E. Anyasodo	St. Andrew's Ang. Church Uzoagba	10am	
Fri. 15 th		Women's Min.	Diocesan Women Executive Committee Meeting	All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	2pm	
		Diocese	Diocesan Night Vigil @ all Family Levels		10pm – 2am	<i>Diocesan Prayer Ministry to release prayer focus</i>

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Sat. 16 th		Bishop	@ the funeral of late Elder Joseph Belemem Nyeche @ the 74 th Birthday Celebration/25 th Anniversary of Coronation of HRH, Eze S. N. Ejims-Wopara of Rumuobiokani	St. Philip's, Oroigwe District	12noon	
Sun. 17 th	Trinity 20	Diocese	Adult Harvest Thanksgiving Services of Churches begin. To end on Sunday, 21st November			<i>All churches are to ensure that they remit 5% of all their harvest proceeds to the Diocese for the hosting of CoN-SCM, 2022.</i>
		Bishop	Episcopal Visit & Service of Confirmation	The Great Shepherd, Mgbuesilaru Parish	9am	
Mon. 18 th	St. Luke, Evangelist					
Mon. 18 th to Sun. 24 th		Diocese	Diocesan/Boys Brigade Bible Week	All Churches	Mon. 18 th to Sun. 24 th	
Tue. 19 th		Bishop	Wedding of Quenneth Onyinyechi Izuehie, Esq. & Princewill Aweete Abbey	All Saints' Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi		
Sat. 23 rd	St. James of Jerusalem					
Sun. 24 th	Trinity 21	Bishop/CCN Lay Readers	Rivers CCN Ecumenical Service Last Quarter General Meeting	Rivers Baptist Conference Church of Messiah, Iriebe Parish	9am	
Thur. 28 th	St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles					
Fri. 29 th		Diocese	Diocesan Night Vigil @ all Family Levels		10pm – 2am	<i>Diocesan Prayer Ministry to release prayer focus</i>
Sat. 30 th		A.C.M.	Evo Children Rejoice	St. Mark's, Elemenwo District	10am	<i>Clergy and church teachers in charge of churches are to ensure the participating of their children and teachers</i>
Sun. 31 st	Trinity 22	Diocese	Bi-Monthly Covenant Offering for the Diocese		9am	<i>To be remitted 100% to the Diocese</i>
		Bishop	Parish Inauguration of Anglican Church of The Pentecost, Ahia-Woji			

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NOVEMBER							
Mon. 1 st	All Saints Day						
Fri. 5 th		Bishop	@ the funeral service of Sir Godwin Nlerum	All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	10am		
Sat. 6 th		Bishop	Parish Inauguration of Emmanuel Anglican Church, Okporo, Iriebe		10am		
Sun. 7 th	Trinity 23	Bishop	@ Cathedral of Advent, Abuja for the Presentation of the new Archbishop of Lagos Province		10am		
			@ the Heal The World Concert by Sister Patricia Okene	All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	4pm		
Mon. 8 th – Fri. 12 th		CoN	DIVCCON 2021	Abuja			
Fri. 12 th		Diocese	Diocesan Night Vigil @ all Family Levels		10pm – 2am	<i>Diocesan Prayer Ministry to release prayer focus</i>	
Sat. 13 th		DCMF	DCMF 4 th Quarter General Meeting	St. Jude's, Oginigba Deanery	10am		
Sun. 14 th	Trinity 24	Bishop	Engaged.				
Wed. 17 th		Diocesan Finance	Meeting of the Diocesan Finance/Budget Committee	Bishop's Office Conference Room 10am		<i>To be attended by all Diocesan Finance Officers, Treasurers of all Administrative Blocs, Chairmen of Education Board/BEMH/Social Welfare Directorate/Mission & Evang./Investment/Projects.</i>	
Sat. 20 th		Bishop	Parish Inauguration of Daystar Ang. Youth Church & 10th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service		10am		
		Royal Fathers	Retreat/Meeting with Royal Fathers, Chiefs and Elders	St. Mark's, Elemenwo District	10am		
Sun. 21 st	Trinity 25	Diocese	Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services of Churches to end today.				<i>All churches are to ensure that they remit 5% of all their harvest proceeds to the Diocese for the hosting of CoN-SCM, 2022.</i>
		Bishop	Centenary/Adult Harvest Thanksgiving Service of St. Matthias, Atali District.		10am		
		Music	St. Cecilia's Day	St. Nicholas, Woji District	4pm		
		ACMF	Send-forth Service	Bishop's Court	4pm		

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Wed. 24 th - Sat. 27 th		Diocesan MU/WG	Annual Diocesan Women's Conference	St. Andrew's Church, Rumuobiokani Deanery		<i>Conference to begin with service of Induction and Admission into MU/WG</i>
Fri. 26 th		Diocese	Diocesan Night Vigil @ all Family Levels		10pm – 2am	<i>Diocesan Prayer Ministry to release prayer focus</i>
Sun. 28 th	Advent Sunday	Bishop	@ Diocesan Women's Conference/Harvest Thanksgiving	St. Andrew's Church, Rumuobiokani Deanery		
Mon. 29 th Nov. to Sun. 5 th Dec.		Missions/ Evangelism	On the Highway and Hedges	All churches		
			Twentieth Anniversary celebration of Bethel Anglican Church, Rumuibekwe Parish			
DECEMBER						
Wed. 1 st		Diocesan Finance	Meeting of the Diocesan Finance Board	Immanuel Ang. Church, Ogbatai Parish	10am	
Sat. 4 th		DCMF	DCMF Prayer Retreat/Breakfast with Jesus	St. John the Evangelist Ang. Church, Atali	8am	
		Lay Readers	Diocesan Lay Readers End of Year Get Together	All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	5pm	
Sun. 5 th	Advent 1	Bishop	Episcopal Visit/Service of Confirmation	St. Philip's, Oroigwe District	9am	
Mon. 6 th – Fri. 10 th		ND Province	Annual Provincial Bishops & Wives Retreat	Port Harcourt		
Mon. 6 th – Sat. 11 th		Diocese	Advent Ordination Retreat	St. Nicholas', Woji District		
Tue. 7 th		CCLCE	Clergy School			
			Celebration of Deborah's Day	Great Physician, Atali		
Thur. 9 th to Fri. 10 th		Diocese	Harmonization of Programmes and activities of Groups and Units in the Diocese for the year, 2022	Bishop's office Conference Room	} 10am daily	<i>Bishop's Admin Assistants to mobilize all concerned officers of the Diocese to attend.</i>
		Lay Workers	Diocesan Lay Workers End of Year Retreat/General Meeting/Love Feast	St. Mark's, Eledenwo		
Fri. 10 th		Bishop	@ Redeemer's Cross Ang. Church, TAP-Eledenwo for Dedication of Parsonage/Children's Chapel buildings		3pm	
		Diocese	Diocesan Night Vigil @ all Family Levels		10pm – 2am	<i>Diocesan Prayer Ministry to release prayer focus</i>

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Sat. 11 th		Bishop	@ St. Nicholas', Woji District for Confirmation Service and Dedication of CMF Multipurpose Hall		10am	
		DCMF	DCMF Love Feast/Couples Night/Choral Cantata	St. Mathias', Atali		
		SSDLPM	Diocesan Sunday School's Closing Prayer Meeting	Holy Hill Ang. Church, Eliozu		
		Industrial	End of Year Fellowship and Meeting	Church of Epiphany, Pipeline-Rumuokwurusi		
		Ecumenism	End of the Year Assessment Fellowship/Love Feast	Christ the Redeemer, Eliogbolo		
Sun. 12 th	Advent 2	Bishop	Advent Ordination Service 10 th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service of the Redeemer's Cross Ang. Church, TAP, Elelenwo Council of Knights General Meeting/End of Year Christmas Concert	St. Nicholas, Woji District.	9am	<i>Bishop to be represented.</i>
		Knights		St. Simon's, Okporo District	9am	
		CCN		Holy Trinity Cathedral, 101 Aggrey Rd. PH. First African Church		
Wed. 15 th		Diocese	Last Quarter Diocesan Board	Ang. Church of Pentecost, Ahia-Woji Parish	10am	
Fri. 17 th – Jan. 7 th		Bishop	On Vacation and Annual Retreat			
Fri. 17 th to Sun. 19 th		AYF	Annual General Meeting	St. Philip's, Oroigwe District		
Sat. 18 th		Guild of Stewards	Diocesan Guild of Stewards Love Feast	COHS, Paraclete Deanery, Elelenwo		
		Priestly Ordination, 20 years Marriage Anniversary & Golden Jubilee Thanksgiving Service of The Rev. ThankGod N. Amadi @ Maranatha Ang. Church, Elelenwo			9am	
		Social Welfare	Visit to Retired Clergy		10am	

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Sun. 19 th	Advent 3	Diocese State BB	Diocesan Bi-Monthly Covenant Support Offering 17 th Ordination/Canonry Installation Thanksgiving Service of The Rev. Canon John Chinda 2021 Banquet/Carol of Nine Lessons	In All Churches St. Jude's, Oginigba Deanery All Saints Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	4pm	
Tue. 21 st	St. Thomas, Apostle	Diocese/ Music Min.	Diocesan Service of Christmas Carols and Nine Lessons	All Saints' Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	5pm	
Wed. 23 rd		Diocese	Bishop/Central offices close for the year <i>Skeletal services will however be maintained for those wishing to make their remittances.</i>		Reopens on Thursday, 6th January, 2022	
Fri. 24 th	Christmas Eve	Diocese	Diocesan Night Vigil @ all Family Levels	10pm – 2am	<i>Diocesan Prayer Ministry to release prayer focus</i>	
Sat. 25 th	Christmas Day	Diocese	Christmas Day Services	In All Churches		
Sun. 26 th	St. Stephen, Deacon & First Martyr (Boxing Day)					
Mon. 27 th	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist					
Tue. 28 th	The Holy Innocents					
Fri. 31 st		Diocese	Watchnight services in all churches		10pm	
January, 2022						
Sat. 1 st	Naming & circumcision of Jesus Christ	Diocese	New Year's Day services in all churches			
Sun. 2 nd	Christmas 2	Bishop	Engaged			
Mon. 3 rd – Fri. 7 th		CoN	Annual Bishops and Wives Retreat	Ibru Centre, Agbarha-Otor		
Thur. 6 th	Epiphany Day	Diocese Central office	Eucharistic Services in all Churches Resumes operations for the year			
Fri. 7 th		Diocese	Diocesan Night Vigil @ all Family Levels	10pm – 2am	<i>Diocesan Prayer Ministry to release prayer focus</i>	
Mon. 10 th – Sat. 15 th		Diocese	Beginning of the Year Retreat for Bishop, Clergy, Church Teachers & Wives	New Covenant, Eliminigwe- Mon./Tue.; Emmanuel Church, Iriebe-Wed./Thur.; Advent, Rumuewhara-Fri./Sat.		
Sun. 16 th		Diocese	Diocesan Rededication Service	All Saints' Cathedral, Rumuokwurusi	9am	

Prayers

- Thank God for His faithfulness and bringing us into the last quarter of the year.
- Thank God for the health of the Bishop and family, the clergy and their families.
- Pray earnestly for all programmes/activities of the Diocese, her churches and activity groups/units as we end the year.
- Pray for Divine direction for the Diocese through the leadership of the Bishop, the Clergy & other leaders.
- Pray for stronger love and unity among members of our churches.
- Pray for a wholistic revival of our Diocese – spiritual, numerical, financial and physical growth of all our churches and the grace on our part to labour towards these desires.
- Pray specifically for the rapid growth of all our newly-planted churches across the Diocese.
- Pray for God's guidance and provision as we prepare to host the Meetings of the Church of Nigeria Standing Committee and National Mothers Union Executive Committee in February, 2022.
- Pray for the Committees and others working towards the success of these and other events.

Crucial instructions:

- 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 CoN 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

4th October, 2021