

Curriculum Vitae

Name: Fr. James Ifeanyi Okafor

Place of birth: Oko, Anambra State, Nigeria.

Country of Origin: Nigeria, West Africa.

Present Status: Catholic Priest.

Diocese: San Jose Diocese

Education:

- 2013:** University of San Francisco, California. Ed.D in Catholic Educational Leadership
Dissertation: *The Theological Literacy, Beliefs, Attitudes, And Practices Of Lay Catholic Administrators Of The Catholic Secondary Schools In The Awka Diocese Of Nigeria*, December 2013.
- 2009:** Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, California. MA in Catechetics. Thesis:
*Catechesis and Formation of A Parish Community
A Case Study of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Umuchu, Awka Diocese (Igbo Land), Nigeria*. Santa Clara, July 2009.
- 2007:** National Teacher Institute (NTI), Kaduna (Awka Campus) , Nigeria. Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) Upper Credit. Reg. no: 2006/PGD/An/02/049.
Thesis: *Examination Malpractice: Problems and Prospects. A Case Study of Secondary Schools in Awka North, Anambra State, Nigeria*. Awka, Anambra State, Nigeria, June 2007.
- 2002:** Bigard memorial Seminary Enugu, Nigeria. Bachelor of Theology (B.TH). Thesis:
The Theological Evaluation of Love in Igbo Tradition. Enugu- Nigeria, June 2002.
- 1997:** Bigard Memorial Seminary Enugu, Nigeria. Bachelor of Philosophy (B. Phil),
Thesis: *Immortality of the Soul: Thomistic View Vis a Vis Igbo View (Philosophical Appraisal)*. Enugu- Nigeria, June 1997.
- 1997:** Institute of Journalism, Management and Continuing Education: Diploma Courses Validated by Enugu State University of Science & Technology, ESUT Consult. Higher National Diploma in Mass Communication (HND).

Publications: *You Too Can Forgive*. Rex Charles & Patrick Ltd., Nimo, Anambra State, Nigeria, August 2004. ISBN: 978-2897-97-3

Lay Educators of Catholic Schools. Leading and Teaching Through Wisdom and Witness: A Case of Catholic Secondary Schools in Awka Diocese, Nigeria. Lambert Academic Publishing: Germany, August 2014. ISBN: 978-3-659-57897-7

The Mustard Seed: A Memoir of the Nigerian Igbo Catholic Community of San Jose, California, USA. Rhesus Media Group: San Jose, January, 2022. ISBN-13 979-8218100735

Teaching Experience:

1991- 1992: Teacher of Integrated Science for Junior Secondary Class 1 & 3 at St. Dominic Savio Seminary Akpu, Anambra State, Nigeria.

1997- 1998: Teacher of Physical & Health Education for Junior Secondary Class 1, 2 & 3 at St. Domini Savio Seminary Akpu, Anambra State, Nigeria.

2002- 2003: Teacher of Introduction to Technology for Junior Secondary Class 1 at Monsignor Maduka Memorial Secondary School, Ekwulobia, Anambra State, Nigeria.

2003- 2006: Teacher of Scripture and Documents of the Second Vatican Council at Holy Family Spiritual Year (Major) Seminary, Okpuno, Awka, Nigeria.

2004- 2006: Teacher of Christian Religious Knowledge for Senior Secondary Class 1& 3 at Tansi International College, Okpuno, Awka, Nigeria.

2012- 2021: Religion Teacher at Archbishop Mitty High School, San Jose, California

2018 Summer: Adjunct Lecturer- Graduate Program on Pastoral Ministry at Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, California.

Ministerial Experience:

2002-2003: Associate Pastor-St. Michael's Parish, Nkpologwu, Awka Diocese. Nigeria.

2003-2006: Vice Rector, Holy Family Spiritual Year Seminary, Okpuno, Awka, Nigeria.

2006-2007- Parish Priest/Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Umuchu, Awka Diocese, Nigeria

2006- 2007- Chaplain of Catholic Women Organization, Achina Deanery, Awka Diocese, Nigeria

2007- 2011- St. Francis of Assisi Parish, San Jose Diocese

2011-2012- Associate Pastor of Five Wounds Church, San Jose Diocese

2008-2013: On call and pastoral assistant Chaplain of O'Connor Hospital, San Jose.

2007 till date: Chaplain of Nigeria Igbo Catholic Community, San Jose Diocese, USA.

2012-2021: Chaplain/Religion Teacher at Archbishop Mitty High School, San Jose,
California

2022 till date: Pastor, St. Frances Cabrini, San Jose.

Hobbies: Teaching, Group organization, Sports, and Administration.