

WHO WE ARE

We, the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ, Nigeria were founded on October 7th 1937, by Most Rev. Dr. Charles Heerey, C.S.Sp. an Irish Missionary in Nigeria. Being a missionary himself he desired that we be missionaries.



WHY WE WERE FOUNDED

As has remained the story of life in every generation, women struggle through to find a voice. African females in the early 1900s were denied education and social benefits. The plight of females and the underprivileged stirred up deep compassion in our founder and moved him to found an indigenous Institute of women religious that would take care of women and children.

Being true to our patrimony of compassion to women and children we have responded to the needs of the time through various apostolate of: Teaching, Medical, Pastoral, and Social work.

We have responded to these challenges since our foundation as religious Institute. Today more than

ever our services are sought not only in the African continent but other continents. Without your help we may not be able to respond to the numerous needs that are daily presented to us.

Motivated by love and in love for the Mother of Jesus, we also intend to establish a center for healing and hope in Freeport Illinois for women battling with the prospect of unprepared motherhood.



PLACES WE SERVE

Our Sisters serve in many African countries -Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, T-Chad and Sierra-Leone; in Europe and in North America.

We have formation housed in Nigeria, Ghana, and Kenya with over 200 Postulants and Novices and over a 1000 aspirants in our Juniorate aspiring to the religious life.



WHY WE ARE GRATEFUL

We thank God daily for our baptismal vow which is the foundation of our religious calling. We have witnessed a continuous increase in religious vocations to our congregation.

We have about 970 members, 600 finally professed sisters and 370 sisters in temporal vows.

Following Jesus' exhortation in Mathew: "Not all can accept this work, but only those to whom it is granted; (some are eunuchs) because they have renounced marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Whoever can accept this ought to accept it." (Matt. 19:11-12)

OUR URGENT NEEDS

- Due to economic constraint, most candidates rely entirely on our Institute during their years of formation. Though our Institute feels the weight of this constraint, she does not deny candidates entry into religious life on account of financial difficulty. We need your help to sponsor these candidates.
2. We serve the sick, hungry, and desperate mothers and their children in our clinics. Social services are not provided in Nigeria and most African countries. These families and orphans solely rely on our mission hospitals and clinics to sponsor their medical and social care.
3. We encourage single mothers to start self-help projects but sometimes they do not even have initial capital to start off.



We witness to Christ, the unique Teacher by our life and our teaching.



Compassionate Home We nurture & give meaning to life.

4. We provide widows with a support group and teach them self reliance in order to be able to cater for themselves and their family needs.

5. We have a Compassionate Home for teens and young adults with “unplanned pregnancies,” and provide them physical and psychological environment to safely deliver their babies.

6. We take care of AIDS/HIV patients, their families and the orphans they have left behind. We also provide medical assistance and hope to their families.

We thank you in advance for your prayers, assistance, and by making life worthwhile for others. We will always keep you in our prayers.

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