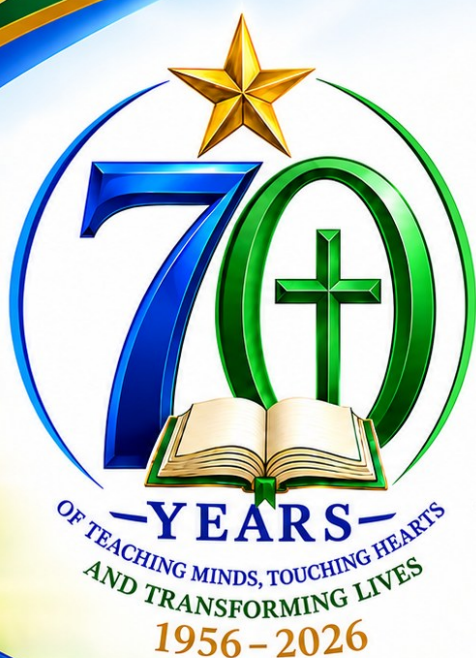


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*St John Baptist De La Salle...
Pray for us.*

Live Jesus in our Hearts... Forever!



Sector of Nigeria

Newsletter



Dear Brothers,

It gives me immense joy to welcome you all to the new academic session 2026/2027. By God's sustaining grace, we have been kept safe and well, and we now stand at the threshold of another season of growth, learning, and achievement.

The past months have been marked by resilience, rapid development, innovation, and collaboration across our Sector. I am deeply grateful for the collective dedication shown in our various apostolates—whether as people in formation, students, or administrators. Together, we have continued to strengthen the foundation of excellence upon which our Sector thrives. As we embark on this new academic session, let us remain united in purpose, committed to service, and inspired by the vision of nurturing talent and shaping futures in line with our charism. This communication is therefore intended to bring you fresh updates on the recent activities that have taken place, and the ones we anticipate.

Welcome back Home

In the recent weeks Brothers Chika Igwebuike, FSC and James Aye, FSC Successfully completed their academic pursuit at the Tangaza University, also signaling the end of their scholasticate experience. The two Brothers returned and went to visit family and friends. Upon completion of their holiday, they have reported to their communities and assigned apostolate. Br Chika Igwebuike, FSC is assigned at Naka community and Mount La Salle College, Naka as Head Teacher for Junior Secondary School. Br James Aye, FSC has taken up the role of Quality Assurance Officer at La Salle College, Ondo.

Equally, we welcome back home Br Jude Ahon, FSC and congratulate him for his first profession of religious vows which took on 29th June 2026. Br Jude Ahon, FSC is assigned at Brothers community Ondo to work at La Salle College as the Dormitory Master.



Idoa Community House Blessing

The photos capture the blessing of the De La Salle Brothers' new community house at Idoa, in the Diocese of Uromi, Edo State. The ceremony took place on 5 September 2026. The Brothers who will reside in the newly opened community are Br. Patrick Obam, FSC (Community Director), Br. Benedict Njor, FSC (Coordinator of Apostolate), and Br. Aondohember Emmanuel, FSC (Community Bursar).



The local chief, dressed in a red robe and white cap, attended the event accompanied by three of his aides. The Vicar General of

Uromi Diocese, Rev. Fr. Francis Omolumen, presided over the blessing on behalf of the Bishop of the Diocese, Most Rev. Donatus Ogun, OSA. Also present was Rev. Fr. Francis Obaweiki, the parish priest of the neighboring community. Br. Godwin Biin, FSC, together with Br. Julius Adi, FSC, from the Ondo community, graced the occasion as well, adding to the joyful spirit of the celebration.



Home Leave

During the months of July and August, the Nigeria Sector was delighted to welcome back many of our Brothers from the diaspora on home leave. Among those who returned were Br. Damian Ikor, Br. Wole Olabanjo, Br. Moses Abunya, Br. Philip Ejiro, and Br. Kesiki Simon. We trust that this period of rest was both refreshing and energizing, enabling you to return with renewed vigor to your various apostolates. The Nigeria Sector takes pride in your dedicated service to the wider St. Lwanga District, the RELAF Region, and the Institute at large.

Vow Renewal

Congratulations to Brothers Augustine Agu, FSC and Richard Koonoo for their renewal of religious vows after their three days retreat at the Makurdi Pastoral Centre. We are grateful to the Rector of Divine Mercy seminary Makurdi Fr Marcel Oparaji, CMF who accompanied them on the spiritual journey and presided over the vow renewal Mass.



A Generous Gift to Ondo Community



During his visit to the Brothers' community in Ondo, Br. Philip Ejero, FSC graciously donated ₦2,200,000.00 to support the ongoing construction

of the Brothers' community house. The Sector deeply



ly appreciates this act of kindness and generosity, and we pray that God's favour will continually abide with you, strengthening your mission and ministry.

Oaklands Welcomes a New Principal

It is with great joy that we share wonderful news from the Nigeria Sector. One of our own, Br. Philip Ejiro Tialobi, FSC, has been appointed Principal of De La Salle College “Oaklands” in Toronto, Canada, beginning with the 2026–2027 academic year. This



appointment reflects the confidence placed in Br. Philip’s dedicated service, leadership, and commitment to the Lasallian mission. We celebrate this significant milestone with him and congratulate him on this new responsibility. May God grant Br. Philip, wisdom, courage, and abundant grace as he leads the Oaklands community in its mission of teaching minds, forming hearts, and transforming lives. Congratulations, Brother Philip!

New Assignments

Mount La Salle College and the Brothers' community in Naka joyfully welcome Br. Moses Orbunde, FSC to their teaching staff. In a similar spirit, the Brothers' community in Ono and La Salle College extend a warm welcome to Postulant Fanen Francis, who has joined for community experience. With his background in economics, Francis will be assisting in the bursary office, bringing valuable skills to support the commendable work in the department.



The Postulancy

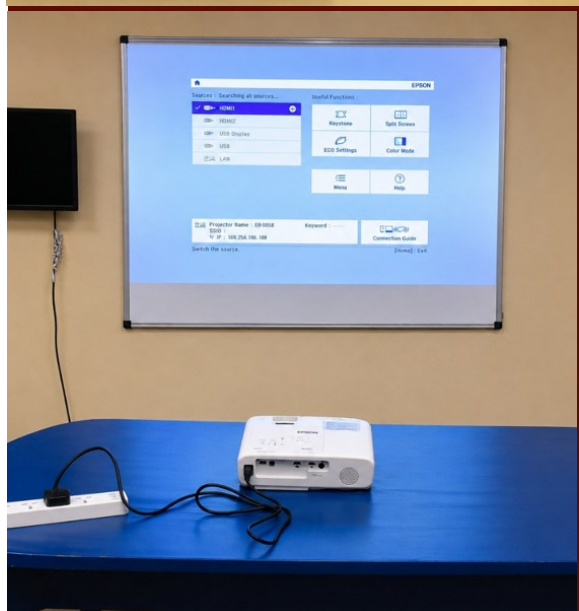
The Naka Postulancy
joyfully welcomes
Mathew Msughter
Terver into the postu-
lancy programme. We
extend our heartfelt ap-
preciation to Br. Louis
William, FSC for his
dedicated service and
commitment to the for-
mation of postulants.
May God continue to
bless and strengthen
this important ministry.

His Vision, Our Mission



Mrs. Edith Ugwuanyi,
the Lasallian Associa-
tion Coordinator for
the Nigeria Sector, is
set to present a

Lasallian workshop to
the community at La Salle College, Ondo
on Saturday, 19th September 2026. The
presentation, themed “His Vision, Our
Mission”, promises to be an enriching ex-
perience for all Lasallians at La Salle Col-
lege, Ondo. We sincerely appreciate Br.
Chika Igwebuike, FSC, for his generous
sacrifice of time and energy in assisting
Mrs. Ugwuanyi with the preparation of
materials for this forthcoming workshop.
We also wish Mrs. Ugwuanyi journey
mercies as she travels, and pray for God’s
guidance and blessing upon her mission.



A Welcome Boost for Formation: Postulancy Classroom Receives Solar System and Projector

The Postulancy classroom has received a valuable boost with the installation of a solar power system and the provision of a projector, thanks to the generous support of Br Vincent Pelletier, FSC, the Visitor, and the Formation Commission.

The new facilities are a welcome addition to the formation environment and will contribute to a more effective and engaging teaching and learning experience. The solar power system provides a practical response to the challenge of unreliable electricity, while the projector will enable the use of presentations, videos, and other digital resources during classes and formation sessions.

This support is particularly meaningful in a context where access to a reliable electricity supply remains a significant challenge. It also demonstrates a willingness to embrace appropriate technology and contemporary approaches to teaching and learning, ensuring that those in formation can benefit from a learning environment that is responsive to the demands of the present day.

The Sector of Nigeria expresses its sincere gratitude to Br Vincent Pelletier, FSC, the Visitor, the Formation Commission, and everyone who contributed to making this project possible. Their generosity and support are greatly appreciated and will contribute meaningfully to the quality of formation provided in the Postulancy.

We are grateful for this thoughtful investment in formation and pray that the new facilities will continue to serve and enrich the learning journey of those preparing for the mission of the Institute.



A Welcome Gift of Light: Reliable Power for Mount La Salle College

Reliable electricity remains a major challenge in Naka and in many parts of Nigeria. At times, the community goes for weeks without a steady power supply, creating difficulties for homes, businesses, and institutions. The challenge of inadequate electricity supply was also highlighted in the recently concluded communiqué of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria (CBCN).

At Mount La Salle College, unreliable electricity has affected several aspects of school life, particularly examination preparations, communication, administrative work, and other activities that depend on a consistent power supply. For a school committed to providing a quality learning environment, access to reliable electricity is essential to the smooth running of its daily operations.

This challenge has received a significant boost through the generous support of a friend of La Salle from outside Nigeria. Through this kind donation, the school has been able to install an 8-kilowatt power system, providing a more reliable electricity supply to the Principal's Block.

The new power system is already making a meaningful difference. It provides the block with a more consistent power supply and supports the administrative work and other essential activities carried out there. Beyond the immediate benefit of electricity, the donation is a practical contribution to the continued growth and development of education at Mount La Salle College.

The Mount La Salle College community is deeply grateful to this generous friend of La Salle for the thoughtfulness, goodwill, and confidence expressed through this gift. It is a gesture that goes beyond providing power; it is an investment in the school's mission and in the young people whose education we are privileged to support.

We remain sincerely grateful for this remarkable act of generosity and pray that God will abundantly bless the donor, their intentions, and all their good endeavours. May this gift continue to bear fruit in the life and work of Mount La Salle College for years to come.

Beginning the Academic Year in Prayer and Thanksgiving



The identity of a Catholic school is rooted not only in academic excellence but also in the values, faith, and traditions of the Catholic Church. Prayer therefore remains an essential part of the life of the school community. In keeping with the familiar saying, “A family that prays together stays together,” the two schools have embraced the celebration of Staff Mass as an opportunity for staff to come together in prayer, thanksgiving, and fellowship.

As part of efforts to establish this practice as a lasting tradition, the new academic year began with a Staff Mass, a celebration offered for and with the staff, bringing both academic and non-academic personnel together as one community of educators.

On Saturday, September 5, 2026, the staff community gathered in thanksgiving to God for His countless blessings, protection, grace, and guidance throughout the previous years. At the same time, the staff entrusted the new academic year to God, seeking His continued blessings, wisdom, guidance, strength, and grace for the year ahead.

The Mass centred on the theme of thanksgiving, which the School Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Gbenyi Paul, VC, strongly emphasised in his reflection. He highlighted the importance of gratitude in the life of every individual and offered practical reasons why giving thanks should remain an essential part of Christian living.

At the conclusion of the celebration, the Chaplain encouraged the staff to make the following prayer of total surrender a regular part of their prayer life and to embrace it as a personal spiritual mantra:

“Jesus, I love You. All I have is Yours. Yours I am, Yours I want to be. Do with me whatever You will.”

The celebration concluded in a grace-filled atmosphere as the staff joined together in prayer and thanksgiving, placing the new academic year and all its activities in God's hands.

As a school community, we give thanks to God for His faithfulness, protection, and abundant blessings throughout the previous years. With renewed hope and trust, we look forward to the new academic year, confident in His continued guidance, wisdom, protection, and grace.



The school prayed for Br Titus Abubakar , FSC during the Mass. on his birthday.

Mount La Salle Old Students Association Strengthens Educators through Professional Development Workshop



The Old Students Association of Mount La Salle College (MOLOSA), Naka, led by its President-General, OLS Samuel Tortiv, and the Executive Committee, organised a one-day professional development workshop for educators of Mount La Salle College and La Salle Primary School, Naka, on Saturday, September 12, 2026.

The workshop, organised and fully sponsored by the Mount La Salle Old Students Association, brought educators from both schools together for a day of learning, reflection, and professional development. The Association also provided refreshments for all participating educators.

The programme featured three sessions focusing on key areas of teaching practice and professional conduct. The first session, “Pedagogical Best Practices,” was facilitated by Dr Agum Philip Terwase, PhD, and explored practical approaches to effective teaching and learning.

The second session, “Learner-Centred Teaching Methodologies,” was anchored by OLS Ayoosu Sarah and focused on approaches that place learners at the centre of the teaching and learning process. The final session, “Professional Ethics and Positive Teacher-Learner Relationships,” was facilitated by Dr Agum Philip Terwase, PhD, and addressed the importance of professional conduct and healthy, respectful relationships between educators and learners.

Throughout the workshop, the facilitators adopted practical and engaging approaches that enabled educators to connect the sessions with their everyday classroom experiences. The discussions provided opportunities for participants to deepen their understanding of effective pedagogy, learner-centred practices, professional ethics, and positive teacher-learner relationships.

The workshop concluded with the presentation of certificates of participation to the educators, marking the completion of the day's professional development programme.

The management and educators of Mount La Salle College and La Salle Primary School expressed their sincere appreciation to the Mount La Salle Old Students Association for initiating and sponsoring the programme. The schools particularly acknowledged the Association's thoughtfulness and continued commitment to supporting the professional growth of educators and the development of the schools.

The workshop stands as a meaningful expression of the Old Students Association's connection to its alma mater and its commitment to contributing to the continued growth and advancement of Mount La Salle College and La Salle Primary School, Naka.





Mount La Salle College Begins the Academic Year with Thanksgiving and Prayer

On Thursday, September 17, 2026, the Mount La Salle College community gathered in thanksgiving to God for His blessings and protection throughout the previous academic year and to ask for His continued guidance and blessings in the new academic year.

As part of the celebration, the students had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Before the Holy Mass, the School Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Gbenyi Paul, VC, heard the students' confessions. This provided the students with an opportunity to prepare themselves spiritually for the celebration of the Eucharist by seeking God's mercy and renewing their relationship with Him. The Holy Mass brought the school community together in prayer and thanksgiving. It was also a special occasion for welcoming the new students of Mount La Salle College. They were warmly received into the school community and remembered in prayer as they began their journey with the school.

The celebration was a beautiful reminder of the importance of beginning the academic year with God. It brought together students and staff in an atmosphere of prayer, thanksgiving, and hope for the year ahead.

The Mount La Salle College community sincerely appreciates the School Chaplain, the Liturgical Committee, and everyone who contributed to the preparation and celebration of the Mass. Their commitment and service helped make the celebration a meaningful and prayerful beginning to the new academic year.

New Leadership Structure at Mount La Salle College, Naka

Mount La Salle College, Naka, has adopted the government-approved structure of having separate sectional leaders for the Upper Basic and Senior Secondary sections.

The school is pleased to announce the appointment of Br Chika Igwebuike, FSC, as Sectional Leader for Upper Basic, and Mrs Beba Akwaya Miriam as Sectional Leader for Senior Secondary.

We congratulate them on their new appointments and wish them every success in their new responsibilities.

Safeguarding Workshop for Priests, Pastoral Agents and School Leaders in the Catholic Diocese of Makurdi

From 2 to 4 September 2026, our Brother, Br Moses Abunya, FSC, the Auxiliary Visitor, facilitated a safeguarding workshop for priests, school administrators, Parents' Teachers Association (PTA) representatives, catechists, and church leaders in the Catholic Diocese of Makurdi. The Bishop noted that the workshop was for all working within the Diocese of Makurdi. The workshop focused on the safeguarding of minors and vulnerable persons.



The workshop brought together leaders and pastoral agents from various institutions and areas of service within the Diocese. It was a fruitful and memorable experience, with many participants continuing to speak about the valuable insights and knowledge shared during the sessions.

In a significant effort to make the sessions more accessible and contextually relevant, Brother Moses translated his PowerPoint slides from English into Tiv while presenting to the catechists and church leaders. This enabled them to engage more deeply with the content and facilitated a clearer understanding of safeguarding within the local context.

At the conclusion of the workshop, all participants signed a commitment to safeguarding minors and vulnerable persons, demonstrating their willingness to uphold and promote safeguarding practices within their respective areas of service.

We are grateful to Brother Moses for not only representing the Nigeria Sector but also the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. We deeply appreciate his commitment, dedication, and energy in carrying out this important mission. May God continue to bless him. Amen.

Final Profession and 70th Anniversary Celebration

I am pleased to inform us that His Lordship, Most Rev. Wilfred Chikpa Anagbe, CMF, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Makurdi has graciously chosen Wednesday, 16th December 2026 as the day he will join us to celebrate:

1. The Final Profession of Religious Vows of Brothers Makama Daniel and Louis Lilm
2. The 70th Anniversary of the De La Salle Brothers in Nigeria



This is indeed a moment of great joy and grace for our Sector.

With this announcement, we can now begin the necessary preparations for both celebrations.

I use this time to appreciate each one of you for your contribution to the growth of the Sector in your various roles and ministries, whether at home or in the diaspora. May we continue enjoy the intercessions of our Holy Founder, St John Baptist De La Salle and may God continue to bless and keep us all.



Br Biin Godwin, F.S.C.

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