

CHURCH LIFE AFRICA (CLA) SUMMER CONFERENCE, 2023

Theme: In Solidarity with the Church in Africa
 CSN Resource Center, Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria, Durumi I, Abuja
 July 27-29, 2023

Program of Events

Day 1: Thursday July 27, 2023

Time	Event	Anchor	Notes
Morning Session			
7:30-8:30	Arrival/Registration	CSN Resource Center, Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria, Durumi I, Abuja	
8:30-9:15	Inaugural Mass of the Holy Spirit	John Cardinal Onaiyekan , Emeritus Archbishop of Abuja	
9:20-9:40	Welcome/Short Remarks: Inclusive Theological Participation in Africa	Kenneth Amadi , <i>Doctoral Candidate, Liturgical Studies, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame</i>	
9:40-9:50	Goodwill Message	Most Reverend Ignatius Kaigama , Catholic Archbishop of Abuja	
9:50-10:00	Choral Performance <i>Tobenu Chukwu</i> , by Vincent Ihara; <i>Bless this House</i> , by May H. Brahe	Fatima Anyekema , MSM, University of Notre Dame; Gabriel Eyemese , Holy Rosary Parish, Wuse, Abuja	
10:00-11:00	Keynote: Dignity in Solidarity: What Does Africa Need from the Global Church? What Can Africa Offer to the Global Church?	John Cardinal Onaiyekan , Emeritus Archbishop of Abuja	
11:00-11:15	Tea Break		
11:20-12:00	<i>Cathonomics</i> and the African Poverty Crisis (virtual)	Prof Fidelis Olokunboro , <i>Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and</i>	

		<i>Philosophy, Cabrini University, Pennsylvania</i>	
12:10-1:50	Economic Justice and Fragmented Solidarity: How Might the Church Respond? (virtual)	Prof Brian Boyd , Research Assistant Director, Center for Ethics and Economic Justice, Loyola University, New Orleans.	
1:00-2:15	Lunch Break		
2:15-2:30	Teaser		
2:30-3:30	Keynote: Theology in Context: Reflections from the Americas (virtual)	Prof. Timothy Matovina , <i>University of Notre Dame</i>	
3:30-4:30	Breakout Sessions	Groups 1-7	
4:30-6:00	Film Screening	TBD **	
6:00-6:15	Announcements/Closing	Joachim Ozonze	

Day 2: Friday, July 28, 2023

Time	Event	Anchor	Notes
Morning Session			
7:45-8:15	Mass	Rev Ken Amadi , Presider	
8:30-9:00	Narratives of Hopelessness in Africa: A Theological Critique	William Orbih , Doctoral Candidate, World Religions World Church, University of Notre Dame	
9:00-9:30	A Broken Church: A Déjà vu of Hope	Francis Okeke , Veritas University, Abuja	
9:30-10:30	Speed Presentations		
10:30-10:55	Tea Break		
11:00-12:00	Panel Presentation: Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land: Experiences of Diasporan Catholics around the World (virtual)	Kefen Budji Ivoline , Doctoral Candidate, Anthropology, University of Notre Dame Hansol Goo ,	

		Assistant Professor of Liturgical Theology, St John's University and College of St Benedict, Collegeville, Minnesota Arthur Ssembajja Pastor, St Anthony de Padua Parish, South Bend, Indiana	
12:00-12:45	Local Worship and the Development of the Church's <i>Lex Orandi</i> (virtual)	Prof Kimberly Belcher , <i>University of Notre Dame</i>	
12:45-1:45	Lunch Break		
1:45-2:45	Art Exhibition	Rose Chukwu , Rosie Wylie; Venatius Amadi , VennyArtz; Others	
2:45-3:00	Teaser		
3:00-4:00	Keynote: The Church in the United States in Solidarity with the Church in Africa (virtual)	Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades <i>Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese</i>	
4:00-5:00	Breakout Sessions	Groups 1-7	
5:00-5:40	Solemn Vespers and Ritual of Lament	Rev Joachim Ozonze , Presider, with Seminarians of Abuja Archdiocese assisting	
5:30-6:00	Announcements/Closing		

Day 3: Saturday, July 29, 2023

Time	Event	Anchor	Notes
Morning Session			
8:30-9:00	Lauds (Morning Prayer) and Announcements		
9:00-9:30	"Breaking Bad" Nigeria: Doing Theology in Unusual Contexts	Joachim Ozonze , <i>Doctoral Student, Peace Studies and Theology, Kroc Institute for Peace</i>	

		<i>Studies, University of Notre Dame</i>	
9:30-10:30	Keynote: Catholic Social Teaching as the Touchstone of an Ideal Family Life	Dame Bridget Itsueli , Founder and Chair, <i>Relate Africa Organization for Marriage and Family</i>	
10:30-10:55	Tea Break		
11:00-11:50	Round Table Discussion Pastoral Solidarity: Priests, Laity, and Religious in Collaborative Ministry	Rev Moses Jimbili , Parish Priest, <i>Holy Trinity Parish, Maitama, Abuja</i> ; Sr Philomena Agba, fsp , Daughters of St Paul, Abuja Cosmas Muogbo , Diocese of Minna	
12:00-1:00	Keynote: Solidarity, Co-Responsibility, and the Church’s Being and Action (virtual)	Prof John C. Cavadini , McGrath Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame	
1:00-2:00	Lunch Break		
2:00-2:15	Teaser		
2:15-3:00	Developments, Challenges, and Hopes of Lay Theological Education in Africa	Rev Prof Michael Udoekpo , Veritas University, Abuja	
3:15-4:00	Theology as Vocation and Profession (virtual)	Prof Catherine Cavadini , University of Notre Dame	
4:00-4:50	Wrap Up/Transition		
5:00-6:00	Closing Mass	Most Rev Anselm Umoren , <i>Auxiliary Bishop of Abuja Archdiocese</i>	
6:15-8:00	Closing Ceremonies Special Feature: Entry for Church Life Impact Awards 2023 Opens	MC: C-Ri Snow ; Artistes: Fada Sheyin ; Magic Steppers ; Fatima Anyekema , Gabriel Eyemese , Maryann Ibe , etc.	