

# CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NNEWI

## PROGRAMME 2011

### JANUARY

1. Sat. Foundation Stone Laying at St. Jude Station, Uboma-Ukpor  
2. Sun. Pastoral Visit to St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Osumenyi  
Collection for Consecrated Men and Women  
3. Mon. Marriage at Etiti-Igboukwu  
4 – 10 Break  
**6 Mon Last day for submitting Rectory Account for December 2010**  
11 – 12 Meeting of Onitsha Ecclesiastical Bishops  
13 Thurs. St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitier – Patronal Celebration of the Diocesan  
Bishop, Most Rev. Hilary Paul Odili Okeke  
16 Sun. Special Collection for St. Paul's Seminary, Ukpore  
21 Fri 64<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Most Rev. Hilary Paul Odili Okeke  
24 Mon. Meeting of the Diocesan Curia  
25 Tues. Feast of Conversion of St. Paul – Patronal Celebration of the Diocesan  
Bishop, Most Rev. Hilary Paul Odili Okeke  
26 Wed. Plenary Meeting of the Nnewi Diocesan Presbyterium  
29 Sat. Diocesan Celebration of Holy Childhood with children from all the  
Parishes in Nnewi Diocese.  
30 Sun. Special PMS Collection for Pontifical Holy Childhood Society  
Patronal Celebration of St. Paul's Seminary, Ukpore  
31 Mon **Last day for submitting Parish Account for July to Dec 2010**  
**Last day for submitting Accounts July to Dec. 2011 by Diocesan  
Statutory Bodies (Laity, CMO, CWO, CBO, CGO, CYON) and  
PMS, CATHCOM, JDPC and Education Office**

### FEBRUARY

- 2 Wed. Recollection for all priests at the Regional Level  
Day for Celebration with Consecrated Men and Women at  
5-6 Pastoral Visit to Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish, Amichi  
**6 Mon Last day for submitting Rectory Account for January 2011**  
9 Wed. Meeting of the Episcopal Council  
10 Thur. 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canonical Erection of the Catholic Diocese of  
Nnewi and Episcopal Ordination of Most Rev. Hilary Paul O. Okeke  
12 Sat. Raffle Draw in Aid of Our Lady of Assumption Cathedral  
Reconstruction at 10.00 am at the Cathedral, Nnewi  
12-13 Pastoral Visit to St. Hyacinth Parish, Amichi  
13 Sun. Parish Project Collection  
19 Sat Launching of De Paul College, Oraifite  
19-20 Pastoral Visit to St. George's Parish, Oraifite  
20 Sun Special Collection for Zaria Diocese  
23 Wed Meeting of College of Consultors  
25 Fri Meeting of Diocesan Finance Committee

25-27 Diocesan Block Rosary Congress  
 26-27 Pastoral Visit to St. Cletus Parish, Nnewi  
 28 Mon Meeting of Diocesan Curia

### MARCH

2 Wed Monthly Recollection at Mary the Queen Parish, Azia  
 5 Sat Meeting of Pastoral Council  
 6 Sun Fund-raising in place of ACF  
**7 Mon Last day for submitting Rectory Account for February 2011**  
 9 Wed Ash Wednesday (Lenten Season begins)  
 12-19 Meeting of CBCN at Abuja  
 13 Sun First Sunday of Lent: Enrolment into the Catechumenate  
 17 Thu St. Patrick's Day: Summit of all Catholic Schools  
 20 Sun Parish Project Collection  
 21 Mon Meeting of the Diocesan Curia  
 23 Wed Plenary Meeting of the Presbytrium  
 26 Sat Cathedraticum in Nnewi Region  
 26-27 Pastoral Visit to St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ozubulu  
 27 Sun Mothers' Sunday Celebration  
 27 Sun Third Sunday of Lent: First Scrutiny of Catechumens

### APRIL

2 Sat Cathedraticum at Ihiala Region  
 2-3 Pastoral Visit to St. John the Baptist Parish, Ozubulu  
 3 Sun Fourth Sunday of Lent: Second Scrutiny of Catechumens  
 3 Sun National Collection for the Poor  
 6 Wed Monthly Recollection at St. Mary's Parish, Nnewi  
**Last day for submitting Rectory Account for March 2011**  
 9 Sat Cathedraticum for Ozubulu Region  
 9-10 Pastoral Visit to St. Patrick's Parish, Ichi  
 10 Sun Fifth Sunday of Lent: Third Scrutiny of Catechumens  
 13 Wed Canon Law Seminar for Professional Members of CLSN  
 16 Sat Cathedraticum for Amichi Region  
 17 Sun Palm Sunday: Parish Collection for the Poor  
 20 Wed Priestly Ordination Anniversary of Most Rev. Hilary Paul Odili Okeke  
 21 Thu Holy Thursday (Chrism Mass at the Cathedral for all)  
 Special Collection for Chukwunenye Charity Trust Fund at all Masses  
 22 Fri Good Friday (Collection for Holy Land)  
 24 Sun Easter Sunday (Optional Parish Project Collection)  
 25 Mon CWO St. Peter Claver's Parish, Utuh Award-giving Day  
 26 Tue Former Amichi Parish Vocations Association  
 27-30 Provincial YCS Convention at St. Paul's Seminary, Ukpok  
 27 Wed Utuh Vocations Association  
 28 Thur Opening Mass for Provincial YCS Convention  
 29 Fri Profession of Missionary Sisters of Divine Mercy  
 30 Sat Diocesan Divine Mercy Pilgrimage at Diocesan Divine Mercy Centre

### MAY

1 Sun Divine Mercy Sunday and Diocesan Youth Day a  
 Collection for Youth Apostolate

2 Mon	Canonical Examinations for Seminarians
4 Wed	Monthly Recollection at Mary the Queen Parish, Ihembosi
<b>6 Fri</b>	<b>Last day for submitting Rectory Account for April 2011</b>
7-8	Pastoral Visit to St. John's Parish, Oraifite
8-9	Meeting and Anniversary Celebration of BGJPA
10 Tue	Meeting of Bishops and Formators at Tansi Seminary
14-15	Pastoral Visit to St. John's Parish, Ubuluisuzor
15 Sun	Good Shepherd Sunday (Special PMS Collection for Seminaries)
16 Mon	Ongoing Formation for all Priests
18 Wed	Ongoing Formation for all Priests
21-22	Pastoral Visit to St. Gregory's Parish, Ihiala
<b>25 Wed</b>	<b>Plenary Meeting of the Presbyterium</b>
28-29	Pastoral Visit to Christ the King Parish, Ihiala
<b>29 Sun</b>	<b>Special Collection for Diocesan Missionary Works</b>
30 Mon	Meeting of Diocesan Curia
<b>JUNE</b>	
1 Wed	Monthly Recollection for all Priests at St. Thomas Parish, Ezinifite
4-5	Pastoral Visit to St. Joseph's Parish, Ihiala
5 Sun	World Communication Day (Collection for Social Communication)
8 Wed	Final Day for the submission of names of Candidates for Confirmation at St. Michael's Parish Church, Nnewi
<b>6 Mon</b>	<b>Last day for submitting Rectory Account for May 2011</b>
12 Sun	Pentecost Sunday (Confirmation at St. Michael's Church, Nnewi for Selected Candidates from all the parishes)
15-30	Visit to the Philippines with Couples for Christ
19 Sun	Parish Project Collection
20 Mon	Meeting of the Diocesan Curia
26 Sun	Special Collection for Peter's Pence (For the Pope's Pastoral needs)
<b>Note: Meeting of the Plenary Fathers with the Vicar General is cancelled</b>	
<b>JULY</b>	
2-3	Pastoral Visit to Immaculate Heart Parish, Ihiala
3 Sun	Collection for Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria (CBCN)
3-8	Retreat for Priests in Group I
<b>6 Wed</b>	<b>Last day for submitting Rectory Account for June 2011</b>
9 Sat	Priestly Ordination at St. John Cross Catholic Church, Nnewi
10-17	JDPC Week
10 Sun	Collection for JDPC (Parish and Diocesan)
10-15	Retreat for Priests in Group II
	Moderation of Retreat for Onitsha Archdiocesan Priests
16 Sat	Diocesan YCS Day at St. Michael's Parish, Nnewi
16-17	Pastoral Visit to St. Peter Claver's Parish, Nnewichi, Nnewi
17 Sun	Parish Project Collection
17-22	Moderation of Retreat for Onitsha Archdiocesan Priests
23-24	Pastoral Visit to St. Christopher's Parish, Ihiala (Patronal Celebration)
25 Mon	Meeting of the Diocesan Curia
26 Tue	Meeting of Onitsha Ecclesiastical Provincial Bishops
27 Wed	Meeting of the Presbyterian Council (Senate)
29 Fri	Meeting of the Diocesan Finance Committee
<b>29 Fri</b>	<b>Last day for submitting Parish Account for Jan. to June 2011</b>

**Last day for submitting Accounts Jan. to June 2011 by Diocesan Statutory Bodies (Laity, CMO, CWO, CBO, CGO, CYON) and PMS, CATHCOM, JDPC and Education Office**

30-31 Pastoral Visit to St. Mary's Parish, Nnewi  
31 Sun Divine Stewardship Initiative (Fund-raising for Diocesan Projects)

**AUGUST**

3 Wed Recollection for all priests at St. Mary's Parish, Ekwulumili  
6 Sat Pastoral Visit to St. Martin de Porres Parish, Nnewi  
**8 Mon Last day for submitting Rectory Account for July 2011**  
10 Wed Meeting of the College of Consultors  
13-14 Pastoral Visit to St. Joseph's Parish, Isseke  
14 Sun Parish Project Collection  
15 Mon Solemnity of Our Lady of Assumption (Diocesan Feast)  
20 Sat Diocesan CWO August Meeting  
20-21 Pastoral Visit to St. Monica's Parish, Nnewi  
22-26 Annual Reunion with Major Seminarians  
27-28 Pastoral Visit to St. Patrick's Parish, Unubi (Dedication of the Church)  
28 Sun Collection for Vincentians

**SEPTEMBER**

3-4 Pastoral Visit to Holy Spirit Parish, Osumenyi  
4 Sun Collection for Diocesan Priests' Association  
**6 Tue Last day for submitting Rectory Account for August 2011**  
**7 Wed Monthly Recollection for Priests at Holy Trinity Parish, Ukpor**  
10-18 Meeting of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria (CBCN)  
11 Sun Special Fund-raising in place of ACF  
19 Mon Meeting of the Diocesan Curia  
21 Wed Plenary Meeting of the Presbyterium  
24 Sat Special Assembly of Diocesan CMO  
24-25 Pastoral Visit to St. Anthony's Parish, Okija  
25 Sun Special Collection for St. Gabriel's Spiritual Year Seminary, Ozubulu

**OCTOBER**

1 Sat Independence Anniversary – Feast of Our Lady Queen of Nigeria  
Movement to new locations begins  
5 Wed Monthly Recollection at St. Gabriel's Spiritual Year Seminary, Ozubulu  
**6 Thu Last day for submitting Rectory Account for September 2011**  
8 Sat Movement to new locations end  
8 Sat Official Opening of the New Block of St. Gabriel's Spiritual Year Seminary, Ozubulu and Founder's Day Celebration of the Seminary.  
8-9 Pastoral Visit to St. Michael's Parish, Eziora, Ozubulu  
9 Sun Parish Project Collection  
15 Sat Pastoral Council Meeting  
16 Sun Nnewi Central Harvest and Bazaar at the Cathedral  
16-23 **MISSION WEEK**  
**22 Sat MISSION SUMMIT AT THE CATHEDRAL FOR ALL**  
**23 Sun WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – SPECIAL PMS COLLECTION**  
24 Mon Meeting of the Diocesan Curia

29-30 Pastoral Visit to Sacred Heart Parish, Okija

#### NOVEMBER

1 Tue Solemnity of All Saints – Holy Day of Obligation  
 1 Tue Patronal Celebration and Pastoral Visit at All Saints' Parish, Oraifite  
 2 Wed All Souls Day – Recollection of all priests at Holy Family Parish, Nnewi  
 5-6 Pastoral Visit to St Charles Borromeo Parish, Lilu  
 6 Sun Parish Project Collection  
**7 Mon Last day for submitting Rectory Account for October 2011**  
 7-18 Break for the Bishop  
 20 Sun Solemnity of Christ the King – Corpus Christi Procession  
 Special Collection for Catholic Education Trust Fund  
 22 Tue Meeting of Onitsha and Owerri Provincial Bishops  
 26 Sat Day with the Diocesan Catholic Boys' Organisation  
 26-27 Pastoral Visit to St. Kevin's Parish, Ozubulu  
 27 Sun Collection for Minna Diocese  
 28 Mon Ongoing Formation for all Priests  
 30 Wed Ongoing Formation for all Priests

#### DECEMBER

3-4 Pastoral Visit to Immaculate Conception Parish, Orsumoghu  
**6 Tue Last day for submitting Rectory Account for November 2011**  
 7 Wed Recollection for all priests at the Regional Level  
 10 Sat Day with the Catholic Girls Organisation (CGO)  
 10-11 Pastoral Visit to Holy Spirit Parish, Nnewi  
 11 Sun Parish Project Collection  
 16 Fri Installations to Ministries and  
 Meeting of the Diocesan Finance Committee  
 17 Sat Diaconate Ordination  
 18 Sun Parish Collection for Christmas for the Poor  
 18 Sun Pastoral Visit to St. Paul's Parish, Ogwuaniocha  
 21 Wed Christmas for Priests and Religious  
 25 Sun Christmas Day  
 26 Mon Parish Visit to St. Stephen's Parish, Utuh (Patronal Celebration)  
 30 Fri Golden Jubilee of Sir Peter and Lady Margaret Nwosu at Utuh  
 31 Sat End of the Year Celebration for the Diocese

#### January 2012

1 Sun  
 2 Mon Dedication of St. James Catholic Church, Nnewi

The above is the official diocesan programme for 2011.

**Most Rev. Hilary Paul Odili Okeke**  
 Bishop of Nnewi