

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NNEWI

PROGRAMME FOR 2012

JANUARY

1. Sun. - Silver Jubilee of Sr. Endalene Mozie IHM at St. Mary's Onitsha
2. Mon.- Dedication of St. James Church, Nnewi
3. Tue. - Silver Jubilee of Knights of St. Mulumba at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Amichi
4. Wed. - Silver Jubilee of Sir Joseph and Lady Vero Ilika at Ofufe-Nza, Ozubulu
5. Thu - Marriage at Abba
6. Fri. - Memorial Celebration at St. James Church, Nnewi (Uzodike Family)
8. Sun - Second Collection for Consecrated Men and Women
- Memorial Service for Mrs. Odikaesieme at Amakwa-Ozubulu
- 9. Mon. - Last day for submitting December monthly Accounts**
- 10-11 - Meeting of Bishops of Onitsha Ecclesiastical Province
13. Fri. - Bishop's Patronal Celebration (St. Hilary of Poitiers)
14. Sat - Silver Jubilee Celebration at Aidogodo
18. Wed. - Special Meeting of all Priests, Religious men and women and lay Members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council
21. Sat. - Final Profession of Holy Family Sisters of the Needy
- Birthday of Bishop Hilary Paul Odili Okeke
22. Sun. - Special Collection for St. Paul's Seminary, Ukpok
- Patronal Celebration of St. Paul's Seminary, Ukpok
- 23-30 - Plenary Assembly of RECOWA at Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast
25. Wed - Diocesan Curia
28. Sat. - Convention of Holy Childhood Association (HCA)
29. Sun. - Second Collection for PMS for Pontifical Society of Holy Childhood
30. Mon - Leave for Germany
31. Tue. - **Last day for the submission of July to December Parish Account**

FEBRUARY

1. Wed. - Monthly Recollection at the Regional Level
2. Thur. - Day for Consecrated Life
5. Sun - Parish Project Collection
8. Wed. - Mass for Chris and Chinwe at Onitsha
- 9. Thu - Last day for submitting January monthly accounts**
- 9. Thu - Arrival of the Apostolic Nuncio on Pastoral Visit**
10. Fri. - 10th Anniversary of the Erection of Nnewi Diocese
And 10th Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop Hilary Paul Odili Okeke
Mass and Meeting of the Nuncio with all Priests and Religious in the Diocese

- 11. Sat. - Diocesan Grand Finale of the 10th Anniversary Celebration
- 12. Sun. - Dedication of All Saints Church, Ihiala
- 17. Fri. - Diocesan Finance Council Meeting
- 18. Sat - Marriage of Ifeanyi Osuizugbo at St. John & Paul Parish, Awada
- 18-19 - Pastoral Visit to Holy Spirit Parish, Osumenyi
- 19. Sun. - Special Collection in place of ACF
- 20. Mon - Meeting of Regnum Christi Foundation at Onitsha
- 22. Wed. - Ash Wednesday
- 25- Sat - C.B.C.N. at Abuja

MARCH

- 3. Sat. - End of C.B.C.N meeting at Abuja/Meeting with NCDC Abuja
- 4. Sun. - Meeting with NCDC Abuja
Parish Project Collection
- 5. Mon. - Return to Nnewi
- 6. Wed. - Monthly Recollection at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Nnewi
- 8. Fri. - **Last day for submitting February monthly accounts**
- 10. Sat. - Cathedraticum for Nnewi Region (St. John Cross Parish, Nnewi)
- 11. Sun. - Pastoral Visit to St. Anthony's Parish, Ihembosi
- 14. Wed.- Meeting of the Presbyteral Council and College of Consultors
- 17-18 - Pastoral Visit to St. Monica's Parish, Nnewi
- 18. Sun. - Special Collection for CBCN
- 19. Mon. - Diocesan Curia Meeting
- 21. Wed. - Plenary Meeting of the Presbyterium
- 17. Sat. - Feast of St. Patrick
Cathedraticum for Ihiala Region
- 24. Sat. - Cathedraticum for Ozubulu Region
- 24-25 - Pastoral Visit to St. Charles Parish, Nnewi
- 25. Sun. - Special Collection for the Poor
- 31. Sat. - Cathedraticum for Ozubulu Region

APRIL

- 1. Sun. - Palm Sunday – Beginning of Holy Week
- 5-7 - Paschal Triduum
- 5. Thur. - Holy Thursday – Chrism Mass (Venue to be announced)
- Collection for Chukwunenye Charity Trust Fund at all Masses
- 6. Fri. - Good Friday – Collection for Holy Land
- 8. Sun. - Easter Sunday –
- 9. Mon. - **Last day for submitting March monthly accounts**
- 10. Tue. - Former Amichi Parish Vocation Rally
- 11. Wed. - Utuh Vocation Rally
- 12. Thur - CWO Celebration Osumenyi Deanery
- 13 Fri - Final Profession of Missionary Sisters of Divine Mercy

15. Sun. - Divine Mercy Sunday and Day of the Bishop with the Youth
- Collection for Youth Apostolate
16. Mon. - Canonical Examination for Seminarians
20. Fri. - 38th Priestly Ordination Anniversary of Bishop Hilary Paul Odili Okeke
- 21-22 Pastoral Visit to St. Joseph Parish, Otolo-Nnewi
22. Sun. - Rededication of St. Joseph Church, Otolo-Nnewi
- 22-23 Anniversary Celebration by BGJPA
21. Wed. - Plenary Meeting of the Presbyterium
28. Sat. - Celebration with Otolo Deanery CWO at St. Peter Claver's, Otolo-Nnewi
- 28-29 Pastoral Visit to Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Nnewi
29. Sun. - Good Shepherd Sunday: Special PMS Collection for Seminaries

MAY

2. Wed. - Monthly Recollection at St. Michael's Parish, Okija
- 5-6 Pastoral Visit to Mary the Queen Parish, Ihiala
8. Tue. - Meeting of Bishops and Formators
- Last day for submitting April monthly accounts**
- 12-13 Pastoral Visit to St. Mary's Parish, Oraifite
- 14-16 Ongoing Formation for all Priests
17. Thur. - Ascension Thursday – Holy Day of Obligation
20. Sun. - Clothing at St. Gabriel's Spiritual Year Seminary, Ozubulu
- World Communication Day- Collection for Social Communication
21. Mon - Leave for Italy and Austria
- 24 Thur Final Profession at Alcamo, ITALY
- 26 Sat. LEAVE FOR AUSTRIA
27. Sun. - Pentecost: Special Collection for Diocesan Missionary Projects
28. Mon - Administration of Confirmation at Bruckmuehl, Austria

JUNE

3. Sun - Parish Pastoral experience for students of St. Paul's School of Theological Studies at Ihiala and Ozubulu Region
- 1-30 Annual Leave for the Bishop
6. Wed. - Monthly Recollection at St. John's Parish, Ubuluisiuzor
8. Thur. - **Last day for submitting May monthly accounts**
10. Sun. - Parish Project Collection
15. Fri. - Solemnity of the Sacred Heart
- Day for the Sanctification of Priests (Priests' Special Day in all Parishes And Institutions)
17. Sun - Parish Pastoral Experience for Students of St. Paul's School of Theological Studies at Nnewi and Amichi Region.
24. Sun. - Peter's Pence Collection for the Pope's Universal Mission

JULY

No leave for any priest of Nnewi Diocese before 20th July 2012

- 7-8 Pastoral Visit to St. Michael's Parish, Amakwa-Ozubulu
- 8. Sun. - Parish Project Collection
- 9. Mon. - **Last day for submitting June monthly accounts**
- 8-13 Priests' Annual Retreat for Group I
- 14. Sat. - Priestly Ordination (Venue to be announced later)
- 14-15 - Pastoral Visit to St. Patrick's Parish, Mbosi
- 15-20 Priests' Annual Retreat for Group II
- 21. Sat. - Priestly Golden Jubilee Anniversary of Very Rev. Fr. Matthew Udegbunam
- 21-22 Pastoral Visit to St. Peter Claver's Parish, Utuh
- 22. Sun - Special Collection for Various Aid Projects
- 23 Mon. Diocesan Curia Meeting
- 25. Wed. - Meeting of Presbyteral Council/College of Consultors
- 28. Sat. - Silver Jubilee of Moses and Eucharistia Ezukwo
- 28-29 Pastoral Visit to All Saints' Parish, Nnewi
- 31. Tue. - **Last Day for Submitting accounts of parish councils, statutory organizations and diocesan institutions January to June**

AUGUST

No leave for any Parish Priests in August

- 1. Wed. - Monthly Recollection for Priests at St. Michael's Parish, Nnewi
- 4-5 Pastoral Visit to Holy Family Parish, Nnewi
- 9. Fri. Last Day for submitting monthly accounts for July**
- 12-19 Unified August Meeting for CWO in Nnewi Diocese**
- 15. Wed. - Assumption – Diocesan Patronal Feast
- 18. Sat. - **Central August Meeting of Nnewi Diocesan CWO at Nnewi**
- 18 -19 Pastoral Visit to St. Thomas Parish, Ezinifite
- 20. Mon. - Meeting of the Diocesan Curia
- 25-26 Pastoral Visit to St. Philip's Parish, Nnewi
- 26. Sun. - Special Collection for Catholic Education
- 29. Wed. - Meeting of the College of Consultors

SEPTEMBER

- 1. Sat - Final Profession of Immaculate Heart Sisters at Nnewi
- 1-2 Pastoral Visit to St. Anthony's Parish, Ozubulu
- 2. Sun - Second Collection for Diocesan Priests' Association
- 3. Mon - Meeting of Regnum Christi Foundation at Onitsha
- 5. Wed. - Monthly Recollection for Priests at St. Lawrence Parish, Osumenyi
- 8-15 Meeting of the CBCN
- 10. Mon. Last day for submitting monthly accounts for August**
- 16. Sun. - Parish Project Collection
- Celebration at Amumara
- 17. Mon. - Meeting of the Diocesan Curia

19. Wed. - Plenary Meeting of the Presbyterium
 22. Sat. - CASAN – Catholic Altar Servers Association
 23 Pastoral Visit to Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish, Ezinifite
 29-30 Pastoral Visit to Sacred Heart Parish, Ozubulu
 30. Sun. - Special Collection in the place of ACF

OCTOBER

1. Mon. - Anniversary of Independence – Our Lady of Nigeria (Solemnity)
 Beginning of Movement based on postings
 3. Wed. - Monthly Recollections at St. Michael’s Parish, Amakwa-Ozubulu
 4-12 - Visit to Burkina Faso
 7. Sun. - Second Collection for St. Gabriel’s Spiritual Year Seminary, Ozubulu
 7-14 - Catechetical Week
 8. Mon. - End of Movement based on Postings
9. Tue - Last day for submitting monthly accounts for September
 13-14 - Pastoral Visit to Holy Family Parish, Ukpör
 14. Sun.- Collection for Catechetical Apostolate
 20-21 - Pastoral Visit to St. Jude’s Parish, Unubi
 21. Sun. - World Mission Sunday (Prayers and PMS fund-raising for the mission)
 22. Mon. - Meeting of Diocesan Curia
 22-28 - Annual Meetings of Catholic Men Home and Abroad
 24. Wed. - Plenary Meeting of the Presbyterium
 27. Sat - **ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN FORUM**
 27-28 - Pastoral Visit and Centenary Celebration at St. Mary’s Parish, Okija

NOVEMBER

1. Thur. - Solemnity of All Saints
 1. Thur.- Diocesan Quiz Competition
 3. Sat. - Celebration at Delta (80th Birthday of Mr. Omughale)
 6. Wed. - Monthly Recollection at St. Paul’s Parish, Ihiala
9. Fri. - Last day for submitting monthly accounts for October
 10-11 Pastoral Visit to St. Matthew’s Parish, Ukpör
 12-14 Ongoing Formation for all Priests
 15-23 Break for the Bishop
 25. Sun. - Solemnity of Christ the King (Corpus Christi Procession)

DECEMBER


- 1-2 Pastoral Visit to St. Louis Parish, Nnewi
 2. Sun. - Second Collection for Minna Diocese
 5. Wed. - Monthly Recollection at All Saints’ Parish, Oraifite
 8. Sat. - Convention of Catholic Girls Organisation

- 8-9 Pastoral Visit to Christ the King Independent Station, Ozubulu
10. Mon. - Last day for submitting monthly accounts for November
 15. Sat. Christ the Way Schools Celebration
 15-16 Pastoral Visit to St. John Cross Parish, Nnewi
 18. Wed. - Christmas Gathering for Priests and Religious
 21. Fri. - Installation of Minor Ministries
 Meeting of Diocesan Finance Committee
 22. Sat. - Diaconate Ordination (Venue to be announced)
 25. Tue. - Christmas Day

Notes for Parish Priests and Heads of diocesan institutions:

1. Please make sure that you complete and submit your six-monthly account and annual budget and account before the end of January 2013.
2. You are to study the new method of submitting annual account and do the accounts accordingly before the deadline of 31st January 2013.
3. Please complete and submit the statistical returns (Sacred Returns) for the year ending on 31st December 2011 before 31st January 2013.
4. Collections for Laity Week, Catechetical Week, Bible Week and any other week that involves collection shall be fixed on a Sunday when there is no other scheduled collection.
5. Please study and implement fully the Programme for Catechesis and Adult Catechumenate and Initiation as directed by the Directorate of Evangelisation and Catechetics. Give full attention to the catechesis of the young and old. Show extra devotion and commitment to Sunday Evening Instruction.

All must consult the diocesan programme before fixing anything. The diocesan programme takes precedence over any other programmes in the diocese. Please follow the diocesan programme faithfully.



Most Hilary Paul Odili Okeke
 Bishop of Nnewi