

My Personal Profile

Rev. Fr. Augustine Odimmegwa, Ph.D., is a Catholic Priest of the Archdiocese of Onitsha, Nigeria; but has been living and working here in the United States of America since 1998. Fr. Augustine was born on August 8th, 1959 in Oraukwu, Anambra State, Nigeria. As a Catholic priest, Fr. Augustine has worked in many capacities in the service of humanity both spiritually, morally and physically, at home in Nigeria and here in the United States of America. In addition to the regular and official pastoral ministry and assignments in Nigeria, Fr. Augustine was the former Diocesan Chaplain Catholic Youth Organization known as Man of Order and Discipline (MOD), and Deputy National Chaplain of the Catholic Youth Organization of Nigeria (CYON), numbering more than 2 million registered members.

Here in the United States of America, Fr. Augustine has worked at the Community Access Unlimited, New Jersey (an NGO that helps hundreds and thousands of Youths and Young Adults with Mental, Emotional and Physical challenges/handicap regain full *community access*). As a Director of one of the Programs for almost 8 years, Fr. Augustine was providing Counseling services, Management and Leadership roles, and Liaison and solicitor, representing the interests of the inmates before the New Jersey Government through the office of ombudsman.

Rev. Dr. Augustine Odimmegwa backed his Ph.D. Degree in the Religious Education Department of the Fordham University, New York, with special concentration on Social Justice and Peace, in 2010. Since then, Fr. Augustine has been working tirelessly in defense of women's rights; and advocating for the restoration of social justice and order in Nigeria through the social media. As a member of the Board of Directors of the Onitsha Youth Welfare Foundation, USA, Fr. Augustine has continued to work for the welfare and empowerment of the youth in Nigeria, especially within Onitsha Archdiocese, on the international level. The youth remain the leaders of tomorrow, and the life-wire of any society; and as the bible said, *train up the child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it*, (Prov. 22:6).

Weekends, Fr. Augustine volunteers Spiritual and Liturgical services to the Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Newark, NJ, as and when needed; and as much as work schedule permits. My motto is to speak the truth, stand up for justice, and lend my voice to the voiceless.

At leisure times, Fr. Augustine enjoys playing tennis and listening to traditional music, and watching Nigerian movies.

To God be the Glory.

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