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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to GOD Almighty for the gift of life and His means of sustainability till this day!

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PREFACE

My life has already been planned by God Almighty. Whatever we do in our lives whether good or bad it is pre-written by God as per our own will. People believe that whatever we do is because God has planned it for us to do, whereas, the truth is that God knows everything and with that knowledge, He has written everything about what we are going to do and become in life. Nothing can happen without God ordaining it. Psalm 57:2 says, "I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfils his purpose for me." This is key to understanding God's purpose for our lives. God has numbered our days and will fulfil every purpose He has for us. In Jeremiah 29:11, He says: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, He plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

To accomplish this, God sent his Son as redeemer and saviour; in his Son and through him, he invites all men to become his adopted children and heirs of his blessed life.

Therefore, we must first develop an intimate relationship with Christ through his way of life and prayers so that we can do His will while He abides in and with us.

The book “The Amazing Works of God in my Life” is in eleven chapters and it makes a peephole into the common challenges of growing up as an orphan at a very tender age and later years in life based on my personal life experience. The book will also help you appreciate God's Guidance, Mercy, Grace and Love for me till this very day because He alone was the reason for my continuous existence in life.

Prince Peter Eramah, FCE.

FOREWORD

The author of this book: “The Amazing Works of God in my Life” is my husband, my King, my best friend, my love and my world. I have known him since 1992 in Afribank Nigeria Plc but from a distance then, just after I had completed my Ordinary National Diploma industrial attachment when he joined the bank as a credit trainee at the Ring Road Branch of the bank before I had to go back for my Higher National Diploma at the Federal Polytechnic Auchi on the completion of my one-year industrial training assignment. And much later I encountered him more frequently when I usually come to the bank for a short vacation job during school holidays to get funding for my school fees and allowances.

My frequent interactions with him during my vacation jobs at Afribank Nigeria Plc made me know him better and also see the kindness in him. He has a heart of gold and always willing to assist anyone that came his way irrespective of creed or colour, and he can carry everyone along with him when discussing with people. He is God-fearing and lovable being always attracted to those who got close to him. He

excelled in his academics and he also taught for about ten years before joining the financial institution and he was well versed in banking services and he knows what it takes to deliver excellent relationships in every stratum of life. All these qualities have made me admire his person greatly and from the testimonies from those I have come in contact with about him, he is a philanthropist, caring, loving, and God-fearing and above all, a man for all.

The author's choice of the title of the book "The Amazing Works of God in my Life" is very apt and thoughtful at this critical period in our lives where most of our Youths are no longer interested in working hard genuinely as they do not believe that hard work and prayer lead to success anymore. The Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari once classified the Nigerian Youths as lazy even though when it was evident that the Nigerian government had woefully failed in its obligation of providing the enabling environment for sustainable growth which would have assisted the Youths to survive. The Youths of today would rather prefer to be engaged as thugs to high profile Politicians for their selfish elections than to be engaged in any meaningful venture that would assist their livelihood while others go into other forms of evil vices as Yahoo, or Yahoo-plus, kidnappings, robberies and banditries. The above notwithstanding, we

still have some very hardworking youths in the country. The book "The Amazing Works of God in my Life" is the author's real-life experience of growing up as an orphan at a very tender age when he lost both parents to the cold hands of death as well as his later years of growing up as an adult.

It's the author's firm belief that every child is a gift from God and therefore should be catered for even if they are orphans or less privileged in the society and this is the main reason for sharing his personal life experience to glorify God's name in his life. He has also allowed God to use him to set up a foundation to cater for the educational needs of the orphanage children and the needs of the widows and the less privileged in the society irrespective of their ethnicity and religion.

Having gone through the manuscript of this treasured book written by my husband, my friend, my love and my king I have no hesitation in recommending the book to all who desire success, happiness, love, peace, joy, God's mercy and Grace and overall development in all ramifications. I hereby join the rest of the world to congratulate my dear husband, Prince Peter Erameh for this long-overdue book from one who knows how to return all glories to God Almighty.

Princess (Mrs.) Florence Ovonor Erameh.

REVIEW OF THE BOOK 'THE AMAZING WORKS OF GOD IN MY LIFE'

The book, “The Amazing Works of God in my life”, written by Prince Peter Ebada Erameh captures his life from infancy to adulthood, under the consistent divine intervention of God Almighty, which he seized every opportunity to acknowledge all through the book.

The bible in its entirety demonstrates how the will of God prevails in every circumstance and that one with him is one with a majority.

One would normally wonder how a child that is born into royalty (or is born with a Silver Spoon) will have a sad and challenging life as a growing child, but when you read this book you will come to terms with the vividness of how one can be of affluence, bear a big name and yet in lack. You will also come to terms with how God intervenes in the lives of those he has destined for greatness and keeps them for himself.

The testimonies of the author are so clear and direct that at several points in the book, I had to sit back and think about how lucky most of us who thought we suffered in our formative years were.

I have known Prince Peter Erameh and his brother, Prince

Paul Erameh, way back in the early 90s when I shared a flat with a friend that lived in the same compound within the same estate where Prince Peter and his brother stayed together in one of the flats in that same building.

During that early period, we were not close but I knew that there was something special about him. Prince Peter Erameh has a personality that cannot go unnoticed. He was working with the International Bank for West Africa PLC (IBWA) at the time.

He and I became closer and started discussing when he joined Diamond Bank and was transferred to the Akpakpava road branch in Benin City. I was a staff of United Bank for Africa PLC at that time. Both banks pretty much shared a common fence so I and Prince Peter Erameh usually met and discussed across it. The relationship then was very platonic and nothing serious.

Fast forward to 2007 when I ran into Prince Peter once again, only this time it was in Lagos due to me travelling to attend my employment interview with the Managing Director of Ecobank Nigeria PLC. Prince Peter had just joined Ecobank Institution and was in the head office to follow up some of his transactions when we met.

He was surprised to see me. We exchanged pleasantries and after showing his curiosity as to why I was in Lagos, he invited me to his home in Lagos to spend the night, rather

than going to spend the night in a hotel and for many good reasons that were both economic and social, I gladly accepted. I had no regrets.

This marked the beginning of our proper closeness. I was successful at the interview and, as God will have it, Prince Peter Erameh was transferred to Benin City that same week. He was deployed to be head of the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) unit of Edo and Delta States and operated from the branch that I was employed to as the Branch Manager which coincidentally was where the Area Office for the Edo and Delta Area was located as they were in the same building at No. 3, New Lagos Road, Benin City, Edo State. This was how I became very close to Prince Peter Erameh.

My earlier predictions of Prince Peter when I knew him from a distance were correct. He has a great personality that really cannot go unnoticed yet he is also very calm and calculated. Prince Peter cannot be stopped on a goal he wants to complete; therefore, he will accomplish whatever he sets out to do. When he has something to suggest or has an explanation to make, he is very passionate about it so it is better for you to just let him speak rather than stop him halfway. He will not agitate you or put you to a halt; he always comes back to finish what he started, in the end, you will realise that he has the right mindset. Prince Peter always finds solutions to problems. Because of this, I was very happy to have worked with him as the SME Head and

eventually my Area Manager.

While he was still the SME Head, he won and planted account relationships in my branch, which then steadily helped my branch to come out of a loss-making position and as the Area Manager, his leadership was quite positively memorable and supportive in every form of the word to us as the Branch Managers.

When Prince Peter informed me that he had written a book about his life and that I should do a review for it, I was honoured and considered it to be a great privilege to be part of his unknown backstory so I gladly accepted. We hear stories all the time and these stories are told by either those who are directly involved or by third, fourth, fifth or more parties who, thereafter, adulterate the facts of the stories. The story in the book called “The Amazing Works of God in my life” is a first-hand story written by Prince Peter Erameh.

The book has Eleven chapters with each focused on how the twin brothers battled for survival from infancy due to the death of their parents.

The foreword of the book is written by Prince Peter's wife, who is very well informed of all the facts of the story of the twin brothers (Prince Peter and Paul). She writes: “The title of the book 'The Amazing Works of God in my life' is very apt and thoughtful.” She also confirmed the book to be a real-life experience of the author growing up as an orphan at

a tender age.

Prince Peter to me is a friend, a colleague, a Boss and is a repository of knowledge and has an unfailing memory that easily remembers past events. This is well demonstrated in the presentation of his story which makes for an excellent reading experience for both knowledge and faith-building. The author left nothing unclear in acknowledging God and explaining how God intervened in every miraculous situation. I am personally intrigued by the way God took him through all of the challenges and turned them into amazing success stories all the way through. He is surely blessed by God himself.

The unfortunate circumstance of being orphaned had its toll on the young prince, the human nature of some people he encountered did not help either; instead, they only added to his challenges, yet God took him through it all and arranged a destination for him.

The facts in this book shed light on the reason why Prince Peter named his home 'Awawu Villa'. When I first saw the inscription on the roof of Prince Peter's home years ago, I asked him about it and he passionately explained that it was his grandmother's name and that she was the one who brought him and his twin brother up. And now, after reading this book, I have a vivid picture of what he told me. What a marvellous grandmother, late Madam Awawu Erameh who has a blessed memory for her endurance at fending for two

orphaned little lads whilst also having no help from anyone else. She is also well remembered for her foresight at ensuring the lads were enrolled into elementary school and thereafter sending them to Benin City for further upbringing even amid all odds. If it wasn't for her foresight and actions, all bets would have been good as mine as to what would have become of the young lads in the village of Anegbete in the outskirts of Edo State. I once again salute the courage and love of Madam Awawu Erameh of the blessed memory and may her soul continue to rest in peace and in the bosom of God, Amen.

Several years ago, when I first noticed the philanthropic projects of Prince Peter, it was not difficult for me to connect the dots. He normally extends a helping hand to those in need, both in his official and informal relationships. In the words of his lovely wife: “Prince Peter is God-fearing. Prince Peter vividly described in this book, some of his philanthropic works that have benefitted lots of people in our generation and will also affect our future generations.

Prince Peter Erameh has one of the brightest minds that I have ever seen. His story should be a source of encouragement to many so that they may learn to never give up in life but to work hard, pray and look up to God for his direction and his mercies. I join Prince Peter in glorifying God for his amazing works in the lives of Prince Peter and Paul.

By Mr. Wilson Isuru Ajaguna.

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INTRODUCTION

The book “Amazing works of God in my life”, is my true life story of how our Almighty God raised me from infancy to adulthood without any biological parents and as an orphan as there was no one to call mummy or daddy while growing up as a child – He nurtured me from the beginning to the end. He saw me through education and work till a successful retirement. The first chapter of the book dealt with the birth, marriage and death of our biological parents who did not witness the growth of their twin boys as they departed this sinful world when their children were still very tender.

The second chapter of the book dealt with my early struggle in life, how my grandma – Late Madam AWAWU Erameh looked after us (Peter and Paul) before pleading with one of his sons – Late Barr. John Anelu Erameh of the blessed memory to take us to Benin City to live with him in the year 1973 until we were through with secondary school education in the year 1982.

The third chapter of the book dealt with my early work life at Ekosodin Primary School immediately after obtaining the Teachers' Grade II certificate from the famous Auch

Teachers' College in Auchi. It also dealt extensively with all the struggles and challenges while at Ekosodin Primary School for ten years.

The fourth chapter of the book dealt extensively with my tertiary education, starting first with the admission at the College of Education in Benin City and the subsequent voluntary withdrawal from the school and thereafter with the University of Benin admission process, decisions to accept or reject the admission for lack of funds, challenges at the workplace because of the university education, various scholarships won in the university that eventually saw me through my studies through God's Love, Mercy and Grace.

The fifth chapter of the book dealt with my early work life after my university education. My first employment was as a Graduate Assistant in the Department of Business Administration of the University of Benin and by the providence of God, I also had an appointment letter at the same time from the International Bank for West Africa which later became Afribank Nigeria Plc which I had to accept because of the better pay package and opportunity for a better career.

The Sixth chapter of the book dealt with my Strategic movement away from Afribank Nigeria Plc after ten (10)

years of service, at a grade level of an Assistant Manager and occupying a position of the Regional Risk Manager to Diamond Bank Plc at a lower level of a Senior Banking Officer which was very strategic because it was at a double pay even though it was at a lower level and at that time also Afribank Nigeria Plc was beginning to exhibit some signs of distress.

The Seventh chapter of the book dealt extensively with my later life work experiences at Ecobank Nigeria Limited as a Deputy Manager before retiring at a level of Senior Manager and a position of Regional Head, Local Corporate in the South-South Region and responsible for managing six states – Edo, Delta, Bayelsa, Rivers, Cross-River and Akwa-Ibom states. It also dealt with the various challenges, achievements and awards while at Ecobank Nigeria Limited.

The Eighth chapter of the book dealt with my family life, God's revelation for me and the family, the challenges, successes, achievements, God's Mercies and Divine Graces for the family.

The Ninth chapter of the book dealt with my religious life

and the various positions held at certain periods in the Catholic Church where my family and I belong to in eternity to the Glory of God.

The Tenth chapter of the book dealt extensively with the activities of our Foundation which is devoted to the cause of the Orphans and the less privileged children as well as widows in the society irrespective of their ethnicity and religious affiliations.

The Eleventh chapter was dedicated to the Late Rt. Rev. Monsignor Joseph Erameh, our father in faith and the Tribute written by Late Very Rev. Fr. (Barr.) Festus Ogbonmwan was reproduced to capture the whole essence of the Great Man of God.

Chapter 1

Life and Death of My Biological Parents.

The man, Prince Inu Erameh was born on March 7th, 1934 into the Erameh Royal Family of Anegbette in Etsako-Central Local Government Area of Edo State - Nigeria, seven years before his father ascended the throne of the 'Otaru of Anegbette'. His father, King Gietemon Erameh ruled as 'ERAMEH IX' from 1941 – 1958 before he passed on to glory.

Late Prince Inu Erameh grew up in the palace and he was the most favoured son of his father, King Gietemon Erameh – Erameh IX, the Otaru of Anegbette as he was the only son who had a room in the inner chamber in the palace with the king. He was a great farmer and was full of strength and was respected by his age mates in the clan.

At the ripe age, he took for himself an elegant beautiful fair complexion lady – Miss Lametu Egwe as his beloved wife at that time. His elegant and beautiful fair complexion wife – Princess (Mrs.) Lametu Erameh – Nee Egwe was born on December 16, 1945. History has it that exactly a year later after their wedding, the marriage was blessed with twin children – Prince Peter Ebada Erameh and Prince Paul Abalu Erameh. Unfortunately, both parents died while their children were still very tender. The information of the actual date of our birth has remained a mystery till date as no

member of the family has been able to state the actual date we were given birth to – what a tragedy not to know when one was truly given birth to!

With the death of our both parents, the early responsibility of catering for both of us then fell into the hands of our beloved late grandmother in the village – late Princess (Mrs.) AWAWU Erameh who later died in the Year 1979 while we were in class 3 in the secondary school.

Chapter 2

Early Struggle in Life.

I (Prince Peter Ebada Erameh) and my twin brother, Prince Paul Abalu Erameh began Primary School in the year 1970 during the civil war period when there was instability in the nation. We both attended Imiava Primary School, Anegbette in Etsako – Central Local Government Area in Edo State. In the year 1970, our grandmother enrolled us in the primary school at the village. While at the Imiava Primary School, I performed excellently well in academics and I was always top in my class examination and I won many prizes at the end of each school session then. I was sometimes taken to higher classes to read for those who could not read in those higher classes.

In the Year 1973, I and my twin brother, were relocated to Benin City by our grandmother, for us to live with our uncle, Late Barrister John Anelu Erameh of the blessed memory - He died in the Year 1990 after a brief illness at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital in Benin City. Our coming to Benin City would not have been made possible without the intervention of God Almighty. She had to put us in a night transport lorry that usually hauls foodstuffs and market women from our village in Anegbette to Benin City on market days, and we had to travel all night. Before it was dawn the next day we had arrived at No. 65, Forestry Road in Benin City where we lived with our uncle who had three

children as at then. The driver and owner of the lorry then was the late Pa Osoba of the blessed memory, who hailed from the same village of Anegbette with us.

On relocating to Benin City, we began primary school at the Lumley Primary School at Dawson Road in Benin City during the second term period of the 1973/1974 academic session in Primary 4, while living with our uncle in Benin City. In the Year 1975/1976 academic session, we had concluded the primary school having passed the first school leaving certificate examination successfully. I passed and I was offered admission to Western Boys High School, Benin City in the year 1976 to start class 1 but this was not to be as I was unable to meet up with the financial commitment then which was the payment of the school fees as our uncle said he had other financial commitments.

In the year 1976, through the help of our grandmother and uncles, I and my twin brother successfully performed the age group ceremony called "umogbai" in our village of Anegbette. The age group ceremony is usually celebrated once in two years. To qualify to participate in the festival, you must be a male youth of at least 10 years of age and an indigene of Anegbette village. Once the ceremony is over, the participant becomes a member of that particular age group for that year and he will be described and recognized as such with all entitlements ascribed to him from any other ceremony in the village.

In the Year 1977, the Federal Government under Lt. Gen.

Matthew Olusegun Okikiola Obasanjo as the Military Head of State after the gruesome murder of Gen. Murtala Mohammed by the coup plotters led by the late Dimka, launched the Universal Primary Education Programme for the training of primary school teachers in the country and one of my uncles then – Late Mr Dominic Azegbebor of the blessed memory came with the entrance form to discuss with my uncle who then agreed that I should take advantage of the scheme since it was under the Federal Government free Education Scheme – thereafter I went for the entrance examination at Igueben town and I was successful and was admitted into class one in the year 1977/1978 academic session at the Auchi Teacher Training College, Auchi in Etsako West Local Government Area of Edo State – this was in line with the destiny foretold by the Almighty God that we shall be great in life.

With joy in my heart, and as a young innocent boy and uncertain of the future, I was happy that I had started a secondary school and I performed excellently well in all my class examinations. However, in the year 1979, while I was in class 3, the cold hand of death snatched away from us, our only source of joy, our grandmother, Late Princess (Mrs.) AWAWU Erameh in a boat mishap, on her way from Ozigono where she went to see her daughter – in – law who was treating her son in an herbal home. If not for the intervention of God Himself, our education would have come to an abrupt end at that time as we were sent away into the street in that year by our Uncle as a result of minor crises

that came up at home because we didn't wake up from bed on time to do our house chores. Infact, the old woman nanny living with us had told a lie against us that we said we were no longer going to do our chores because we were being delayed from going back to school and they believed her and as such we were asked to leave the house. To resolve this, we had to trek with our boxes on our heads from Uwelu Road to Okorotun Avenue in GRA, a journey of about 20km to meet with our uncle, late Rt. Rev. Fr. Monsignor Joseph Erameh of the blessed memory who then summoned our uncle and pleaded with him to allow us to continue to stay under his roof. He then readmitted us back to his house and we had to miss the first term in school that year.

To the Glory of God in May in the year 1982, I concluded my secondary education successfully, having passed the prescribed Teachers' Grade 2 certificate examination at a sitting. This was the beginning of life for me having acquired the Teachers' Grade 2 certificate while my twin brother also concluded his secondary education from the Uromi Technical College, Unewa in the then Agbazilo Local Government Area of Edo State.

As it was customary then, I was posted to Iguobazuwa, the headquarter of Ovia Local Government Area for deployment to any of the Primary Schools in the local government area for teaching. My uncle, Late Barrister John Anelu Erameh had to follow up with them then, to ensure that the secretary of the teaching service commission late Mr. Osazuwa posted me to any of the primary schools not

too distant from Benin City since I was resident in Benin City. This led to my being posted to EKOSODIN Primary School, that had a boundary with the Ugbowo Campus of the University of Benin now presently situated in Ovia North – East Local Government Area under Okada as its headquarter.

On November 8, 1982, I was deployed to Ekosodin Primary School, near Benin City as a Primary School teacher and I immediately resumed at the school for teaching work. On resumption of duty, I met the headmaster of the school, Mr S. O. Otasowie of the blessed memory who then deployed me to teach in Primary five.

It was soon after I began my Teaching career that crises started between us and our uncle, which led to our untimely exit from our Uncle's house which then led to our being fully responsible for our well-being through the Grace of God. I had to relocate to No. 1, Guobadia Lane, off Guobadia Street and off Adolor College Road at Ugbowo in Benin City. The location was not too distant from my place of work at Ekosodin Primary School, behind the University of Benin, Ugbowo Campus. It was my first time of renting an apartment – one room in a Face-Me- I –face – you apartment at ₦15.00 per month. My twin brother at that time, relocated to MUBI town in the old Gongola state where he worked as a labourer in a Road Construction Company from 1983 to 1990. This was also after his secondary education at Uromi Technical College at Unewa in Edo State.

Chapter 3

Early Work Life

I started teaching at an early age in the year 1982 after completing my teacher training college education from Auchi Teacher Training College, Auchi in Etsako West Local Government Area, after obtaining the Teachers' Grade 2 certificate at a sitting. I taught for a period of ten (10) years at Ekosodin Primary School from November 8, 1982, to September 30, 1992. I taught in Primary 5 and Primary 6 at various times of my teaching career. I was also the secretary and financial officer of the school preparing vouchers and other records for the school while also acting as the secretary of the school's Parent/Teacher Association. I became independent at this age as I was already living alone and catering for my needs and that of my twin brother. Sometimes, I had to drive our then headmaster, Late Mr. S. O. Aghayere in his Peugeot car to Iguobazuwa in Ovia South-West Local Government for their Headmasters' monthly meetings.

While at Ekosodin Primary School, I met with Mrs. Victoria Uche Muogbo, colleague and a wonderful mother, sister and a friend with a heart of gold who took a personal interest in my well-being and made me part of her family. Thereafter, I became a part-time lesson teacher to her children who at that time were students of the University of Benin

Demonstration Secondary School in Benin City. She was married to Dr. Dominic Muogbo of the University of Benin and a pediatrician with the University of Benin Teaching Hospital, they were a wonderful and caring family from Nnewi Town in Anambra State. Mrs. Victoria Uche Muogbo was so caring that she ensured that I never missed any meal each time I visited their home. She also made sure that my monthly lesson stipend of #150 for their children at that time was paid promptly by her husband.

In the quest to improve my education, I applied to the College of Education at Iyaro, in Benin City in the year 1984 to pursue a National Certificate of Education (NCE) and I was offered admission to read History and Religious Studies. Immediately I got the admission I approached my then headmaster of the primary school, Mr. S.O. Otasowie to redeploy me to the afternoon session; this he reluctantly obliged me because of his love for me coupled with my hard work in the school, because the school had both morning and afternoon sessions. Thereafter, I went for the registration of my courses and I successfully did my matriculation and I commenced classes. In the mornings I will go for my lectures in the College of Education while in the afternoons, I will go to my place of work to teach and I had no time for leisure and rest.

However, before the first semester of year one ended during one of the lectures, God spoke to me in a still voice while in the lecture hall, and the voice said, "can you see any of your age mates here?" and in truth, I began to look at everyone in

the lecture hall and all I could see were elderly people, there and then I parked my books and I left the lecture hall and I never went back to that college again. When I left the College of Education abruptly, I had to enroll with the extramural lessons being organized at the Ugbowo Campus of the University of Benin for the sole objective of correcting the imbalance in my ordinary level certificate subjects. The subjects taught at the Teacher Training College were quite distinct from those taught at the regular secondary schools because the teacher training college was primarily designed to prepare the students to teach in the primary schools and such subjects that were taught were: Arithmetic, English, Methodology, e.t.c. For me to achieve this, I had to again approach the headmaster of my school to redeploy me back to morning session which he gladly obliged me as he was already missing me. With my redeployment back to the morning session, I immediately commenced lectures and I had to enroll for the General Certificate of Education (GCE O/L) and to the Glory of God, I made all my papers in the year 1985 in preparation for proper university education.

Chapter 4

University Education

In the year 1987, believing God for His providence, I enrolled for the Joint Admission and Matriculation Examination without any idea of where the funding for the university education was going to come from and at this time I had taught for 5 years without any savings in place because the monthly salary was just #140.00. In September 1987, I was admitted to read Business Administration in the University of Benin and then I was saddled with the real financial problem of funding the education, and the question of whether I should go on or not became the issue. Again, God spoke to me in that same still voice and He said, "Go and begin the programme". Then, with this assurance, I went for the registration of my courses and I began my lectures without any of my co-teachers knowing since I was still teaching as I needed to be very sure of the continuity of the funding. To ensure that none of my teaching colleagues was in the know of what I was doing I had to ensure that I never absented myself from work any day and all my work schedules were appropriately done which were teaching and writing of salary vouchers. I had to also miss out of the matriculation ceremony on campus so that none of my working colleagues will understand that I had gained admission to the university but again I had to only collect the matriculation gown to take photos to build up memories.

As the lectures went on, I attended the ones I could and I missed out the ones I could not attend because of my teaching job but I ensured that any lectures not attended I made up for them by reading extra hard for them after copying the notes from my close associates, good friends and course mates. Some of my good friends and course mates that understood my predicaments and assisted me then with their notes at all times were:

1. Chief Joseph Nwegbu – Houston, TEXAS- USA
2. Mr. Martin Ogbeide – Atlanta Georgia - USA
3. Late Lemmy Braimoh
4. Late Austin Amaye
5. Mr. Austin Ogono – In Lagos.
6. Mr. Adebayo Adeleke – Lecturer at the Ozoro Polytechnic.

The first session of my 100 level was hectic for me as I shuffled and jungled among the lecture halls, my workplace and the library in a typical day. There was no resting time, no leisure, no pleasure and no socials. – It was all reading throughout once there was a spare time. And before I knew it the session for 100 level was over to the Glory of God.

Immediately after the first session of 100 level ended, unknown to me, the news of my being in the university had already filtered into the ears of some of my co-teachers, who worked to ensure that I was transferred away from my place of work to a farther place into the hinterland that will ensure

that I was frustrated out in completing my course. All this led to my being transferred to Ofunama, Gelegele in the riverine area of Ovia local government area then. On receipt of my transfer letter, I had to travel to Ughelli Township to meet an uncle who was the chief inspector of education in that area – Late Mr. Dominic Azegbebor of the blessed memory. I narrated my ordeal to him of how I had just been transferred and that I had just entered the university and he knew that I had no one to sponsor me in school, and immediately he took it upon himself to appeal to his colleague and bosom friend, Late Mr. Igbinovia of the blessed memory, who was then the Chief Inspector of Education in Ovia Local Government Area to assist nullify the transfer which he did promptly and this shocked the headmaster of my school and some other teachers as they never expected it.

During the 1988/1989 academic session while at 200 level, God did so many things in my life which further proved to me that I was a destiny child of success. First, the result of our 100 level had just been released and I was the best 100 level student in the department and by implication, I was entitled to a scholarship for the next three years amounting to #9,300.00 (Nine thousand and three hundred Naira) divided into three is #3,100.00 (Three thousand and one hundred Naira) per session from the late Chief M. K. O. Abiola, the Chairman of the then, International Telex and Telecommunications Limited (ITT) – This scholarship amount was more than my annual salary then. I was also a scholar in the University of Benin which also gave me an award of #500.00 (Five Hundred naira only). I made sure

that none of my co-teachers was aware of this information rather the funding from the scholarship award became a back-up for me in the eventuality that my job was no more, so I struggled on. While in 200 level another transfer letter to Egbetta Village after Okada town came, all this was in their attempt to transfer me out and frustrate me from completing my education but God stood with me in all this. Again, I went back to my uncle, Late Mr. Dominic Azegbebor of the blessed memory, who again called his friend and colleague in the Ministry of Education, Late Mr. Igbinovia of the blessed memory who was the chief inspector of education of Ovia Local Government Area, and again he nullified the transfer and I remained in the school and my place of work. Eventually, I was able to conclude my 200 level with a good result having passed all courses excellently.

Initially, my twin brother had suggested that he going into apprenticeship for a car mechanic job with one of his former secondary school classmates, but I objected to it with a firm belief that God would make a way for us, so he left for Mubi in Adamawa State to cater for himself. While there he started doing a menial job with one of the road construction companies in the northern part of the country, but later, he had admission to the Federal Polytechnic in Mubi and he started the programme but had to drop out for lack of funds and before that time he had also gained admission to read Marketing at the University of Port-Harcourt but he could not accept the admission because of lack of fund before he then decided to look for menial jobs. Having worked for a while, I then invited him to come back home in Benin City to

commence his university education.

In 1989/1990 academic session, I went into 300 level and I requested my twin brother to return to Benin City from Mubi Town to pursue his academics since I was close to completing mine. He returned and started with the Diploma in Data Processing in the University of Benin in the Year 1990/1991 Academic Session and he later graduated with a Merit Certificate in the Year 1991/1992 Academic Session. While in 300 level, the late Mr. S. O. Aghayere, the headmaster of my school was transferred out of the school but he did something great for me. He called me to his office and apologized for wanting to transfer me out of the school, more so that we have had a very good working relationship – I taught all my lessons, I usually prepare the salary vouchers and sometimes, I drove him to meetings in Iguobazuwa in his personal Peugeot 504 salon car. According to him, he said he was under pressure from some members of staff who wanted me out. He made a promise to me before he left and he said he would ensure that I graduate from the school and that his successor was his close ally and that he had discussed my issue with him and that no one will transfer me out of the school again which he truly did. When the next headmaster, Late Mr. Gregory Odias of the blessed memory resumed duty, he was very friendly and kind, he reduced my work burden in the school and would always ask me of my progress in the university and how I was coping in my studies. He was a father to me throughout my studies. And I ensured I reciprocated his good gestures by doing the assigned job he gave to me – ensuring that all salary

vouchers were well prepared ahead, and prompt report renditions, amongst others. With the support of the new headmaster of the school, Late Mr. Gregory Odiase of the blessed memory, I was a bit relieved and relaxed knowing that my job was still intact even as a student, I had to work extra hard in the school when the school was in session to impress everyone so that there will be no complaint from any quarters – teachers and pupils alike.

In the year 1990, my uncle, who brought us to Benin City and whom we stayed with from Primary 4 to class 5 in the Secondary School before I became a teacher passed on to glory at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital after a brief illness. This was sad for all of us because of the pains he went through during his illness, even though we were no longer living with him.

In the year 1990/1991 academic session, I went into the final stage of my course without any hitch, and to the glory of God, I graduated with second class, upper division (2¹) in Business Administration. During the period of my education, I never had any educational guardian or counsellor that gave any form of directions to me. I was directed throughout by GOD Himself, He spoke to me at various stages on what to do and I never doubted any of those still voices from my creator, the Alpha and Omega who is the beginning and the end of everything. I owe everything to Him alone.

In the Year 1995, my twin brother went back for his B.Sc. in

Computer Science at the University of Benin under the direct entry admission programme and he graduated in the Year 1997/1998 Academic Session. And thereafter, he worked briefly as a sales officer with Rotex Paints Company Limited in Benin City which Managing Director was also my Land Lord for fourteen years before leaving for my house in the Government Reservation Area in Benin City and as at today and to the Glory of God, he is presently working with the University of Benin in the ICT department as a Deputy Director.

Chapter 5

Work-Life After Graduation

The search for a greener pasture began almost immediately after the day of graduation with so much expectation for the future. Exactly one year after graduation, the first job came in as a Graduate Assistant on the level of USS 07/4 and on an annual salary of #14,346.00 which amounted to a monthly salary of #1,195.50. However, before I could settle on the job, I got another employment from International Bank for West Africa (IBWA) on September 25, 1992, as a Credit Trainee on an Annual Basic Salary of #8,113.00 and an Annual Gross Salary of #41,313.00 which amounted to a monthly salary of #3,442.75 plus free medical service for the family even though I was a bachelor then. The annual monetary difference between graduate assistant in the university and a credit trainee in the bank then was #26,967.00 so I opted for the bank work. Another reason for the choice of the job was the career prospect ahead.

The idea to work in the bank was first muted during my visit to a very close confidant, Prince Wilson Owahabanun Okojie, who was working as an auditor with the University of Benin Teaching Hospital then. We were classmates in Auchu Teacher Training College in 1977 and we had discussed intimately since then. On this fateful day in his

office at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH), he advised me to apply to the International Bank for West Africa for a job and that the bank had a policy of recruiting young graduates every year, he said they usually collate their application letters in September every year while the aptitude test was usually written in February of the preceding year at Idia College in Benin City. He also said that he will be applying to the bank again as he did not pass their previous year's aptitude test and that he was very sure of my passing the Aptitude Test since I was still teaching and that their likely questions were usually the things I was already teaching in the school. Based on his advice, I applied for employment with the bank in September 1991 and I went to post the application letter to the bank at the post office. Thereafter, I was shortlisted to write the aptitude test at Idia College in Benin City in February 1992 and to the Glory of God, I passed the aptitude test and thereafter the oral interview. My bosom friend, Prince Wilson Owahabanun Okojie was also successful in both the aptitude test and the oral interview. He was employed as an Executive Trainee and deployed to Warri branch while I was employed as a Credit Trainee and deployed to Benin Main branch of the Bank at the Ring Road area of Benin City in Edo State. That was how my banking career started as a credit trainee with the employment in International Bank for West Africa on September 25, 1992.

My stay at IBWA/Afribank Nigeria Plc.

On November 2, 1992, I resumed at Afribank Training Hostel at No. 7, Imam Dauda Street, off Eric Moore Road,

Iganmu – Lagos for my accommodation to begin a 2 –year training programme with the bank at No. 14, Hughes Avenue, Alagomeji – Yaba, Lagos. The training programme spanned two years but was divided into several parts to allow for practical experiences in branches. The first part of the training was the orientation that took one week where senior management team came to give lectures on the history, code and conduct of the bank and thereafter the cash course training that lasted for one month before leaving for the first branch attachment for three months.

On December 7, 1992, I was deployed to the Benin Main branch of Afribank Nigeria Plc at the Ring Road area of Benin City of Edo State as a credit trainee under Late Mr. Johnson Okoro of the blessed memory as the branch manager and a Principal Manager. The bank took us through various courses and examinations within the two years of training. The courses attended in the first two years of training in Afribank were – Cash, Control, Clearing, Accounting, Loans & Advances, and Spread Sheet Analysis, Debt Recovery & Loans management, Computer, Foreign Exchange and Transfer courses. At the end of each course, we were sent for three months of practical experience. It was fun and hard work for me as I ensured that I did my work diligently and with integrity, honesty and passionately because I needed to make banking my career of first choice. I also performed very well in the internal examinations conducted by the bank training school to the Glory of God as I was given letters of commendations in most of the courses having performed excellently well in the various prescribed

examinations. At the end of my training, I was appointed a facilitator in the training school to handle Credit and Accounting courses which was an additional responsibility to my normal banking activities at my branch.

On November 10, 1993, just a year later, my employment was confirmed and my annual basic salary was increased. God was with me and I was very happy with my job and fulfilled. After the confirmation of my employment exactly one year on the job, I applied for a car loan of #125,000.00 repayable within 72 months which I used to purchase my first car – Mitsubishi Lancer in February 1994. In the year 1995, I was promoted to the Pro-manager grade level after two years from the date of my confirmation of appointment on the job. Then, the work became very interesting with the reward of promotion in recognition for performance and potential as well as hard work and diligence. I also relocated from my one room in a face-me-I-face- you apartment at No. 1, Guobadia Lane, Off Guobadia Street, Off Adolor College Road, Ugbowo in Benin City, where I was paying an annual rent of #240.00 for a three-bedroom apartment of an annual rent of #6,000.00 at No. 1, Robinson Avenue, off Olubor Otabor Street, Edo State Housing Authority, Ugbowo – Benin City.

In the quest to improve my academic qualification, I enrolled for the Masters in Business Administration programme with the University of Benin in the year 1997 and I scored 69% in the entrance examination which was the highest score in the entrance examination that year by both

the full – time and part-time candidates that enrolled for the MBA entrance examination. To the Glory of God, I graduated in the year 1998. The MBA programme improved my ways of doing things in my workplace, serving customers better and my relationship with staff also improved. Again, on January 1, 1999, I was promoted to the rank of an Assistant Manager grade. At this point, I had worked in all the departments of the bank as head of the various units – Cash, Clearing, Transfer, Internal Control, Accounts and Credit. My major departments were credit and account as Head of Credit and Branch Accountant. The working environment in the branch then was very cordial for a long time and we were just like one family. However, as time went on, acrimony, jealousy, envy and hatred began to set in among the staff. Some unknown staff began to write petitions on issues happening in the branch, and some level of over-invoicing and other forms of fraud cases had also just been discovered in the branch and there was total lack of trust among staff. The then branch manager had also secretly investigated my authorization of a transfer of N500,000.00 (Five hundred thousand Naira) from one customer to another based on proper procedure and documentation by the customer while I was the Branch Accountant. He personally and secretly sent the memo to the then Regional Manager of the Benin Region, Alhaji Abba Yusuf with the ulterior motive to implicate me in wrongdoing as he perceived that I was not loyal to him or supporting him in his wrongdoing in the branch. Among his prayers was that I should be sacked, he claimed that I did not follow the due process in the transaction. The Regional Manager in his

response exonerated me stating that from the documents he attached to his letter of complaint sent to him, he had not seen anywhere I went wrong but except he had other things which he had not disclosed in his request to him. At this time the branch manager had posted me away from the accounts department to the customer service unit to be opening accounts. Not too long, there was crisis in the accounts department as my replacement who was of the same ethnicity as the branch manager could not manage the accounts department. During this period, the branch manager was transferred from the branch and another branch manager was sent to the branch from Nkpor branch – Mr. Akunjobi. Then there was crisis everywhere, especially in the accounts department and credit department. On resumption of duty by the new branch manager, Mr. Akunjobi, he went to the Regional Manager, to request for staffing for the accounts and credit departments. He was then asked, where I was, and he replied and said, I was at the account opening desk and he was told to go back to the branch to work with me to help him out. And he immediately redeployed me back to the accounts department as the branch accountant and head of the credit department and in no distant time, I sorted out the various imbalances in the ledgers and things became normal once again for the branch. Everyone became happy and acted as one family once more. Things became normal and smooth as it was in the old good days for the branch and the branch profitability grew year – on - year.

On August 30, 2000, I was redeployed to the Regional

Office as the Regional Credit Analyst. I became the Head of the Edo/Delta Regional Risk Management later in that same year 2000. While at the Benin Regional Office, I worked with Malam Baba Rufai who was the Regional Manager, Late Anthony Igebu, Mr. Anthony Okonofua and Mr. Timothy Ogbebor who were also in the Regional Credit department. It was also while I was at the Benin Regional Office that I took the third car loan of #460,000.00 with which I purchased a Mercedes Benz car with registration number AH 763 AUC on March 27, 2001, while the Mitsubishi lancer car was then fully converted to my wife's use.

Chapter 6

Strategic Movement to Diamond Bank at a Lower Grade Level

At the appointed time with destiny and as it had been ordained by God Himself, it was time to move to better employment. Then, God arranged for me to discuss with my bosom friend, Chief Joseph Nwegbu, a classmate of mine in the University of Benin who was with Diamond Bank then but now in Houston – TEXAS in the United State as a tax consultant, on the need to move out of Afribank Nigeria Plc, and he advised that I should send my curriculum vitae to the Head of Human Resources Department and that he was sure they will invite me based on my experience. And through to his statement, I was invited for the two levels of interviews and thereafter I was eventually employed in Diamond Bank Plc. On September 24, 2001, I resigned as the Benin Regional Credit Management Head of Afribank Nigeria Plc as an Assistant Manager on an annual salary of #1.2million to join Diamond Bank Plc as a Senior Banking Officer on an annual salary of #2.4million and as a credit analyst in the credit department of Diamond Bank Plc. Though at a lower Grade Level but with an enhanced salary level which was a strategic move as Afribank Nigeria Plc was beginning to exhibit signs of distress and I needed to move away swiftly from the bank before it collapses due to top management recklessness in managing the bank which eventually happened a few years

later after I had left and Asset Management Company of Nigeria Limited (AMCON) had to take over the bank, because they had a lot of toxic assets which were irrecoverable and the loan/deposit ratio was more than 150%, which led to liquidity crises in the bank. I lost all my Afribank shares which were over 200,000 units after it was taken over by AMCON and it was renamed – Mainstreet bank Limited. Later Skye Bank Nigeria Plc purchased the bank clandestinely and unquestionably full of shady deals which were questioned by many observers in the banking industry. Again Skye Bank Nigeria Plc also collapsed with AMCON taking over the bank and renaming it "Polaris Bank Limited" as the abridge bank before the expected final sale or liquidation.

On resumption at the head office of Diamond Bank Plc, the head of risk management of the bank complained to the Human Resources department that their request was for an Assistant Manager in the unit and not a Senior Banking Officer, which was just a level lower than what they needed, and the Human Resources department had to redeploy me to marketing in their Balogun Branch in Lagos – this was how I was lured into marketing unit of the bank because I had already resigned and I was not willing to go back to Afribank Nigeria Plc as the credibility of the bank was already fast eroding, so I needed to leave fast and quickly too. Given this new development, I was redeployed to the Credit & Marketing unit of Balogun Branch of Diamond Bank Plc in Lagos on Tuesday, September 25, 2001, and I worked with Mr. Oke Ezeala as the Branch Manager and Mr. Emmanuel

Ekhuemelo as my direct supervisor and head of Credit and Marketing department of the branch. The next day after my resumption, the 5-floor storey building which was also serving as a warehouse to the Balogun traders was engulfed with fire in the night of September 25, 2001, and the branch became unsettled for some days. Everywhere was scattered and flooded because of the water used for extinguishing the fire by the Fire Service Company. We finally settled down to work after two weeks and this was my first time of going out soliciting for customers and this was really tedious for me and also being outside the area of my comfort zone – Lagos. We usually trek round the whole Balogun market and environ soliciting for patronage for the bank. After working for two months, Mr. Maurice Phildo, the Divisional Head of the Region visited the branch for a normal routine call and he immediately recognized me as one of those he interviewed for employment as Credit Risk Analyst and he asked what I was doing in Credit & Marketing department of Balogun Branch when they had just opened a branch in Benin City where I could have been very helpful to the bank. He then asked if I would like to go back to Benin City and I answered in the positive affirmation. He immediately directed the Head of the Human Resources department to redeploy me back to Benin City with all allowances paid. And this was God's Grace, Mercy and destiny in action.

On November 26, 2001, I was again reunited with my family in Benin City having just been transferred back from Lagos to Benin City. The work of marketing became very interesting and easy for me having moved to my comfort

zone in Benin City then and I also had a database to draw from – my former bank customers, friends, and distant relations. The CABAL grew big as a new branch over time. The bank took over my outstanding loan indebtedness balance of #674,699.47 from my ex-employer, Afribank Nigeria Plc and the loan was repaid within 10 months with Diamond Bank Plc. I worked as the pioneer Head of Credit and Marketing department in Diamond Bank in Benin City, as the bank had just opened the new branch as part of the bank's expansionary strategy to grow its brand. It was not easy initially, because they were late in coming to Benin City as most of the other new-generation banks had already opened more than three branches each, in Benin City. The likes of Zenith Bank Plc; Standard Trust Bank, Equity Bank, Allstates Trust Bank, Intercontinental Bank, Universal Trust Bank, Equitorial Trust Bank, Hallmark Bank, Continental Trust Bank amongst others were already in Benin City and environ with at least three branches each.

On July 12, 2002, I was redeployed to Local Public Sector Division in Benin City branch as the Team Leader reporting to Mr. Bulus Gwashi who was our Group Head. We were to focus on Government accounts, Bureau De Change, Churches and School businesses. I worked with my team day and night to ensure that the bank's balance sheet improved tremendously and of the greatest assistance and support was His Grace Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Ebosele Ekpu. He gave me all the support he could to ensure that my performance at work was excellent – I thank him so much for his love and care – He was God sent.

On October 3, 2002, I bought a Nissan Primera Saloon Car for my darling wife (who has been a sister and a mother to me) without any loan from the bank but from my savings based on the enhanced salary from the change of job – I give GOD the Glory for his care, love and manifestation in our family life.—Then I sold the first car I had, Mitshibuchi Lancer car for #25,000.00 to the Chief Security Officer in my branch at Diamond Bank Plc – Akpakpava Branch in Benin City. In the course of my marketing, I met late Dr. Nobert Emokpare of the blessed memory, the Chief Medical Director and a renowned Dermatologist of St. Jude Medical Centre, a wonderful friend, uncle and a father, he was everything to me. In one of my marketing visits, he asked me if I was building and my response was that it was difficult to build in Benin City because of land issues and he said anytime that I was ready I should let him know. Immediately, I said I was ready even though within me I knew I had nothing in my savings account that will buy a piece of land. On the spot he called a lady on the phone and instructed her to sell one of her plots of land to his son – that was me. He went further to arrange for me to meet with the lady but unfortunately I declined to buy the piece of land which was a 100 X 200 square meters for #2million because I hadn't the money on me but I told Late Dr. Nobert Emokpare of the blessed memory that I didn't like the land. He did not give up on me but he went further to make another arrangement for another piece of land but this time with his beloved wife, Late Dr. (Mrs.) Comfort Emokpare, another wonderful person, a friend and a mother. When I met her she

made arrangement for me to see the piece of land which was a 200 X 200 square meters and she asked if I liked it and I said I loved it and when I asked for the price, she said #4million but when she saw my countenance she said how much was I willing to pay and I said #2million but will be by instalment. Then she said, 'no problems' and that her husband said I was their son and that she should ensure I got the land. That was how I paid for the piece of land in two years while she continued to encourage me to be building while paying for the land – I must confess that such people are difficult to come by in our society of today – May the Almighty God bless their souls in their eternal rest with Him. (Amen).

On May 1, 2004, I was promoted to the Assistant Manager grade called level "I" and at this time, we had started building our house in the Government Reservation Area gradually. My wife did most of the supervising job while I supported her anytime I was available, especially after I had been transferred to Lagos in the year 2005.

Before the year 2005, I had stabilized in my transactions and my current account balance (CABAL) in the branch had grown and I was becoming fulfilled with my performance but this again was not to be as jealousy and envy set in. The situation in Diamond Bank, Akpakpava Branch had gone so bad as a result of infighting, backstabbing, jealousy and envy. An old staff on an Assistant Manager Level just as I was, had just been transferred to the branch apparently with the plan of the then Group Head, who was also from the

same ethnicity with her, for her to take over the management of the branch from Deacon Godwin Wakegire (a man full of wisdom and compassion for the branch staff) who was on a manager grade level, even though, there was another staff on a Deputy Manager Grade level who had also just been transferred to the branch. The staff became very hostile toward me with the full intention to get me out of the branch and bank because she perceived me as an obstacle to her becoming the branch manager as most of the customers were already being managed by me. She saw that I was controlling over 80% of the branch balance sheet, so she sowed seed of hatred in the Group Head's mind towards me. She told the then Group Head that if I should make a career move to another bank then, the branch will be in disarray because the entire branch balance sheet was in my hand so they needed to either sack me or move me out of the branch so that she can effectively take over the management of the branch. The Group Head made consultations with the Divisional Head – Victor then, after telling so much lies against me that I was disrespecting the branch manager and that I was fighting her. Late Victor of the blessed memory fell to the obvious lies and accepted to transfer me out of Benin City to Lagos but without a letter of transfer from Human Resources Department and to no particular branch. After the expiration of my annual leave period then, I had to embark on the journey to Lagos based on the advice of some friends and colleagues that I should go and report to the Human Resources Department in Lagos myself. While this was happening and unknown to me, the then Chief Inspector of the Bank whispered to me what had transpired in their

EXCO meeting when my matter was brought up and that I was said to be fighting the branch manager and he said he was shocked because he had not known me for such. He then advised that I should write to the management of the bank to defend myself, but I told him that I wasn't going to write because no one had asked me officially any question on the matter and that it had all been a plot behind my back and writing will make them feel that I was stubborn and also give them the room to achieve their evil plot. Meanwhile, it also filtered to my ears that our then former Divisional Head, who had moved to Abuja at that time was also in that meeting and he defended me in that meeting, he told them that he had supervised me in the past and he had never seen me in that bad light and that he doesn't believe the story, thereafter another Executive Director asked, what they should do with me? And another said, 'separate them', that was how they resolved to transfer me to Lagos. Meanwhile, when this conspiracy was going on, I was away in London on vacation, while my heartthrob was then pregnant with our third fruit of the womb and she gave birth to Gabriel Aseoghena Erameh at St. Philomena Catholic Hospital, Dawson Road in Benin City while I was still away on vacation in the United Kingdom.

On my return from the United Kingdom, I went to resume at the branch, and the branch manager said that I should proceed on my second annual leave since they were not through with my posting and that they said I should not report in that branch again. After the expiration of the second leave period, I had to travel to Lagos myself to meet with the

Head of Human Resources Department for redeployment as I was never advised further of where to work after my vacation, and I needed to know the next line of action. I was accommodated in the training school hostel in Lagos after pleading with the head of training, because I had no formal letter of transfer to Lagos then. The next day I went to the Human Resources department and they then referred me to meet with the then Divisional Head and when I introduced myself to him, he said, 'ooh you are the guy fighting in Benin branch who have scattered the branch?' And when he saw my surprise/ shock/dismay and disbelief, he said they were willing to give me a second chance and that I should go and resume at the Head Office Branch – Adeola Hopewell Branch and that he will be watching me from there and that I should go and prove otherwise. Unfortunately, on my resumption at Adeola Hopewell Branch of Diamond Bank Plc, I met and greeted the branch manager of the branch and in her response, she simply looked at me scornfully and said, 'this human resources, what is wrong with them?', unknown to me, my former branch manager in Benin had fed her with all the lies and in an alliance, she promised in return to her that she will frustrate me out of the bank – I later came to know this fact through one of their confidants who was also a staff, who told me he was there when both ladies were discussing my issue over the phone – this revelation was made known to me after a very long time. She did all she could to frustrate me out of the system but at the end of it all, God stood by me and turned my situation around for the best. She made sure that I was not allowed to manage and have access to any existing customers of the bank, she said I

should go and get my new customers for the bank. She did not hide her anger and hatred for me, she continually blamed the bank for posting me to her branch and she gave ill reports about me frequently to her ally in Benin City whom she had made a promise to on how she was going to deal with me and frustrate me out of the bank. Several queries of non-performance were issued to me in Lagos even when they knew my contributions to the bank in Benin branch and also that I had just resumed in Lagos and I was not allowed to manage existing relationships even as an old staff on an Assistant Manager Grade Level. It was really bad at that time. Then on one fateful day, God spoke to me in that still voice assuring me that all will be well again and there came a light at the end of the tunnel. Then the Spirit of God led me to the premises of Elizade which account was dormant at that time, I met with the Financial Controller who told me that the bank was not sending them statements of their account, hence they abandoned the account, so I sold online banking to them where they could view their statement of account online and immediately he reactivated the account and sent in credit amount of over an upward of 9 figures. And on another day, the same spirit led me to the premises of Arab Contractors which was a new relationship and I had to quickly arrange for a call for the Executive Director to visit them and thereafter their account was opened and subsequently, the shocking news occurred as we received a credit entry of over an upward of 10 figures. All this shocked all of them and the music changed. I became the star of the branch – Adeola Hopewell and the bank. I started working directly with the Regional Head by name Chizoma instead

of the Branch Manager of the branch in Lagos. It became the story of "he that is with God no one can harm". At this time, they called the Branch manager in Benin City to inform her of my performance in Lagos and it became clear to them that God had vindicated me and so they had no other option than to send her packing from the branch in Benin City as the branch performance had also gone down abysmally. She was replaced with a new hire who was a great and a bosom friend of mine by name Alex who did not for once stop appreciating all the work I had put in at the branch for which the foundation and performance of the branch were laid.

Again, as it had been predicted with destiny, the time was right for my exit from Diamond Bank after 5 years of hard work full of ups and downs in the system. Then, the news of the acquisition of the defunct Allstates Trust Bank by Ecobank Nigeria Plc filtered into our ears in Lagos, which also meant that Ecobank Nigeria Limited will be embarking on recruitment drive for experienced staff nationwide, because of the large coverage of the business of the acquired Allstate Trust Bank Limited.

On one fateful Saturday morning, I went to the Head Office of Ecobank Nigeria Plc at Plot 21, Ahmadu Bello Way in Victoria Island in Lagos with my curriculum vitae and there and then with other applicants at the venue, an interview began which saw me through with two stages of the interview that same day. Thereafter, I was asked to go and expect a call from them. After two weeks the call came requesting that I should come for the final chat with the

Executive Director of the Retail & SME Group – Henry Nelson. After the chat with both Peary Idonijie and Henry Nelson, I was offered employment as a Deputy Manager. On November 1, 2006, with the employment letter from Ecobank Nigeria Limited in my hand, I applied for my terminal leave and resignation from my employment with Diamond Bank Plc. It was a 2-month outstanding leave which I used to serve as a notice of my resignation.

On receipt of my resignation letter, the Group Head invited me to her office and put a call to the Executive Director – U. K. Eke who offered that I should be given two steps upward – from an Assistant Manager Level to a Manager Level because I was offered a Deputy Manager Level in my new employment. The Group Head tried all she could to convince me to reject the new offer from Ecobank Nigeria Limited and to remain with Diamond Bank Plc. She also promised to assist redeploy me back to Benin to reunite with my family if that will pacify my anger against the bank. After advising me she returned my resignation letter to me and requested that I should go and have a rethink about my resignation from the bank. She was such a wonderful head and supervisor to have worked with but my mind was made up on the decision I took to leave Diamond Bank Plc then. I couldn't decide otherwise because she was just an individual who could leave the bank anytime and such situation will return me to what I was moving away from, by accepting the Ecobank Nigeria Plc engagement. If I did otherwise, what will then become of me?

The major reasons why I did not accept to remain in Diamond Bank Plc were –

1. When the former Branch Manager in Benin alleged that I was not cooperating with her, no one asked me any question rather they believed her and started persecuting me. Proverbially, they decided to shave my hair in my absence. If not for the intervention of God, they would have succeeded in destroying my career in the banking industry.
2. Some of the bank's staff, including my former Benin Branch Manager and the branch manager at Adeola Hopewell, ganged up to ensure that I was prematurely exited from the system, if not for the intervention of God.
3. They frustrated my earlier promotions even when I had performed to the glaring of all.
4. I wasn't too sure that I will not be victimized much later after accepting the carrot of the new Grade Level of a Manager then. And I felt it was better for me to quietly leave then when the opportunity presented itself. I felt fulfilled leaving when the ovation was loudest and when my performance was right.

Chapter 7

Later Life Experience

On November 13, 2006, I resumed at Ecobank Nigeria Limited and I was deployed to Awolowo Road Branch in Ikoyi as the Team Head of Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) unit in Victoria Island Area and later became the Acting Branch Manager of the branch. A few months later, I was redeployed to the Head Office Branch in Ahmadu Bello Way, Victoria Island as the relief Branch Manager when the substantive branch manager went on vacation. On February 19, 2007, which was exactly 4 months of working with Ecobank Nigeria Limited, at Awolowo Road Branch in Ikoyi, I was redeployed back to Benin City for a new assignment as the Zonal SME Head for Edo-Delta States, as a Deputy Manager. I came back to Benin City and reunited with my wonderful family once again.

On resumption of duty in Benin City, I worked with a wonderful boss – Pastor Vincent Ebube, he was very supportive in providing adequate resources for my effectiveness and efficiency at work. He arranged for a Peugeot 504 Salon car for me as an official car with a Police security number plate and a driver. My work covered the fourteen branches in Edo – Delta axis of the Legacy Ecobank Nigeria Limited and most of the time I had to be on the road visiting the small and medium enterprises

customers that required banking support. Though the job was very tasking, it was very interesting and there were job satisfaction and enrichment – so it was fun. On January 1, 2008, which was exactly one year of working with Ecobank Nigeria Limited, I was promoted from the Deputy Manager Grade Level to the Manager Grade Level with a Toyota Corolla car as a status car with a driver for the first four years. The promotion was made possible by God Himself for opening up business opportunities for me through which some branches in the Area became profitable. My supervisor then, Pastor Vincent Ebube had to do a justification of my financial achievements as it affected the profitability of the branches under his direct supervision to the Regional Director of South-South/South-East, Mr. Sylvester Mbamali, who then presented my promotion to the Board for approval.

To the glory of God Almighty, in February of the year 2008 we moved to our own home with the celebration of a high Mass said by Very Rev. Fr. Julius Ekoh with the approval of Most Rev. Dr. Patrick Ebosele Ekpu (Archbishop Emeritus)

Unfortunately, on November 20, 2008, the Toyota Corolla, my status car was stolen at gunpoint at the Gate of the residence of the then Regional Head, Pastor Vincent Ebube at Gapiona Street, in the Government Reservation Area in Benin City. However, the car was later replaced in February 2009 by the Insurance Company and the Bank.

On April 13, 2009, following the restructuring that took

place in the bank, I was redeployed into retail banking as the branch manager of New Lagos Road Branch, in Benin City. A year later, in April 2010 I was made the Area Manager of Benin Area and later Edo Area with 18 branches in the year 2012 after the acquisition of Oceanic International Bank Plc by Ecobank Transnational Incorporated (ETI) and on February 1, 2013, I was promoted to the Senior Manager Grade Level. The battle for survival became fierce because of the two banks that have become one – Oceanic International Bank Plc and Ecobank Nigeria Limited. Each employee of either bank tried to outsmart the other. My direct supervisor who was from Oceanic International Bank tried on several occasions to exit me from the system but he wasn't able to achieve it because he was working against God's plan for me. Fortunately, I had a very hard working, understanding, dedicated and truthful Executive Director, Dr. Henry Ajagbawa, who understood what everyone was doing and he made sure no one was exited from the system wrongfully without proper reason and he stood by me in truth and honesty because of my hard work and truthfulness, though not unaided without the Grace and Mercy of God.

There were some challenges I encountered at the bank after the acquisition of Oceanic International Bank by Ecobank Transnational Incorporated (ETI) which was the Parent Company of Ecobank Nigeria Plc. By this acquisition, both banks became one bank as Ecobank Nigeria Limited after the restructure of their shareholding structure and by implication they had to combine their business operational strategies especially with the ways both banks operated in

the public sector banking space. I had a challenge blending with the new mode of operation within the public sector space so they restructured the Area business under my management into two separate Areas (Edo North and Edo Benin) and left me to manage Edo North that had only seven branches and devoid of Public sector business as against Edo Benin that had eleven branches and with more businesses and growth potentials.

Another challenge I had then was when the head office wanted to assist in moving the fence and part of the building at PPMC branch at a much higher cost than I had proposed. In that particular instance, a letter from the Edo State Government Properties Protection Committee (GPPC) was received on August 18, 2011, alleging that one of our branches, the PPMC Benin depot branch had encroached on the Nigerian National Petroleum pipeline right-of-way (ROW) by 7 meters and requested the bank to remove part of the bank building and fence off the way or show proof of approved building plan and survey plan and unfortunately the bank didn't have any. Then a followed up letters of 48hours notice of demolition or to vacate the premises from the Ministry of Lands, Surveys and Housing of Edo State Government were received on September 21, 2011, and September 12, 2012. To resolve this, our Head Office embarked on the branch closure but I pleaded with them to allow me to wade into resolving it with the Edo State

Government and we came up with the shifting of the fence and part of the building. Then our Head office assigned the job of shifting the fence and part of the building at the cost of N4.5million (Four Million and Five Hundred Thousand Naira) which I objected to because that would affect the profitability of the affected branch. But my Regional Head was against me for not accepting the Head Office proposal because he was scared of what might happen to him and I had to solicit the assistance of our Executive Director of the directorate who supported me and we then executed the same job for N2million (Two million Naira), this later formed part of the hatred my direct boss had against me but as the saying goes, the one with God, no one can harm.

In December 2014, I won two awards in the bank though without any financial gratification or promotion, all because of the internal politics within the bank as at that time;

1. Award for Excellence for the Deal of the Year, South-South/South-East Zone for the Year 2014. This award was as a result of the total revenue of over N1.5 billion, risk asset of \$50million and a current account inflow of over N24billion received into one of the accounts I opened and managed.
2. Award for Excellence for the Best Area Manager, South-South/South-East Zone for the Year 2014.

In January 2015, I became the Cluster Business Banking

Head in-charge of the Edo-Delta axis with 56 branches in the cluster to manage.

As a result of another restructuring away from Branch Banking/Geography to segmentation along business lines in the Year 2016, I was made the Zonal Business Head for Local Corporate Businesses in the South-South Zone comprising of Edo, Delta, Rivers, Bayelsa, Akwa-Ibom and Cross River states. This segmentation move was generally regarded by many as a wrong move by management which they believed will lead to the collapse of the bank if care was not taken! But again, this had been reversed after four years in the Year 2020 after a great loss of businesses. What a shame to the bank with inconsistencies in policies! And it's not therefore surprising that they've not been able to pay dividends to their shareholders since the year 2016 to date.

To the Glory of God, and as it had been foretold of my destiny and not by the design of any mortal, it was time to step aside from the banking industry, so on February 5, 2018, I retired from the Banking Industry after 26 years and 3 months of meritorious work without any blemish. All this I owe to our Almighty God who saw me through all the challenges and travails of life in my banking career.

Chapter 8

Family Life.

In the Year 1996, exactly 4 years of working with Afribank Nigeria Plc, God spoke to me again in that still voice that it was time to settle down with a life partner and I went in search of her, who was destined by God that would share the remainder of my life with me. As the saying goes, when you see your wife you will know her, and the signs will reveal themselves. And then, on this fateful day, our path crossed at Afribank Nigeria Plc when she came for a vacation job to raise some funds to go back to school as she was already rounding up with her Higher National Diploma Certificate at the Federal Polytechnic at Auchi in Etsako West Local Government Area. Immediately I saw her, the signs of a lovely wife, sister, friend and a mother were prevalent in her person and these were the virtues I was seeking for in the person I needed as a life partner. And since I had met my heartthrob we began preparation toward our marriage and during which time I had to coach her on how to drive with my first car of Mitshibuchi Lancer. Thereafter, I applied for a land loan amount of #82,000.00 which was the maximum limit for my grade level then. The amount was used to set up a frozen food shop for my fiancé then so that she will have something doing after our marriage. She had

just completed her National Youth Service Corp assignment with the then Afribank Nigeria Plc in Abuja at the Nicon Noga Hilton Hotel branch and she had tried her hands on some job hunting then, but all to no avail. To have a good marriage ceremony, I had to take the second car loan of #270,000.00 which was judiciously used for the wedding ceremony after first liquidating the outstanding balance of the first car loan amount of #63,000.00

On April 05, 1997, I took the bold step under the guidance of God to visit her home town called Okuokoko in Okpe Local Government Area in Delta State with my family members and friends for the traditional marriage ceremony and it was a joyous and fulfilled day for both of us to the Glory of God. On April 19, 1997, we were at St. Paul Catholic Church at No. 30, Airport Road in Benin City for the Holy Matrimony Celebration which was officiated by Very Rev. Fr. Pastor Umeh while the reception took place at the MAMSA Orientation Hall along Boundary Road, in the Government Reservation Area in Benin City under the Chairmanship of Hon. Solomon Ogun while the sponsors of the marriage as required by the Catholic Church were Late Chief & Chief (Mrs.) Victor Okiwe of the blessed memory. The wedding day was blessed by God with a torrential downpour that started in the morning and stopped at noon. I drove myself with my twin brother Prince Paul Erameh in my first car which was Mitsubishi Lancer Salon car through the rains and flood to the church and the church was packed full with guests who witnessed our wedding ceremony. Today, the

union is blessed with children.

To the Glory of God, my twin brother, Prince Paul Erameh was employed at the University of Benin on December 3, 2001, through the assistance of Chief (Mrs.) Rosalyn Egborge when she was a Deputy Registrar of the University, and he also found his missing rib, Miss Patience Osugbo and they wedded at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Ugbowo in Benin City on December 5, 2001. Today, the union is also blessed with children.

Chapter 9

Religious Life

The Erameh Royal Family members knew Jesus Christ as early as in the year 1915 when our late uncle, Monsignor Joseph Aigbodion Erameh was first baptized in Onitsha where he was teaching at the Holy Trinity Catholic School before being called to the Priesthood. He was ordained a Catholic Priest on December 20, 1936, in Asaba as the first Seminary – trained Nigerian priest and second indigenous catholic priest in Nigeria. He became a mentor to our family and gave direction to us all. – Leading us all to Christ in Salvation.

I grew up as a catholic but had my baptism late because there was no one to give direction on ensuring that I had my baptism done as a child and while in school. But to the Glory of God both my baptism and confirmation have been done as well as the Holy Matrimony. During the search for my heartthrob, one of the criteria I set for myself was that she must be a God-fearing and of the catholic faith and God answered my prayers. And to the Glory of God, the entire family today is of one catholic faith. Though, this is a necessary but not a sufficient condition for a happy home because all members of the family should worship God in one faith, have one home altar, one strong belief in the trinity

doctrine, the Holy Joseph family and Mary the Mother of God and praying the Rosary, amongst others. As a growing child, I went to the Holy Cross Cathedral at Mission Road, in Benin City while we were living with our late uncle at No. 65, Forestry Road in Benin City, just following our late uncle's family to take care of his children during mass in the church. When he eventually moved to his house at No. 18, Uwelu Road, off Edo Textile Mill Road, in Ogida Quarters in Benin City in 1977, we changed to St. Augustine Catholic Church, Ukhegie off Institute of Continuing Education Road in Benin City playing the same role of taking care of his children in the church. When I started teaching and schooling as an independent youth, to when I got married in 1997, I worshipped at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Ugbowo. When I was transferred to Lagos, I worshipped at the Catholic church of Assumption and when we moved to our home in the Government Reservation Area in February 2008 on my return to Benin City and also due to proximity we changed to St. Paul Catholic Church at Airport Road in Benin City and that is where we have been till date. And coincidentally, that was where we had our wedding on April 19, 1997.

While in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Ugbowo, I served as a member of the Finance Committee during the Harvest for the Parish during the period of Late Very Rev. Fr. Festus Ogbonmwan. I also served as the Welfare Officer of the Catholic Men Organisation at the Parish level. In the Year 2003, I became the treasurer of the Benin City Catholic

Archdiocesan Catholic Men Organisation for two terms of eight years and later became the Auditor in the Year 2012 for the same organization for one term. In the Year 2015 our son, Prince Gabriel Aseoghena Erameh was made the Chairman of the Children Harvest of St. Paul Catholic Church and to the Glory of God, he made a personal donation of upward of seven figures and during the thanksgiving for his birthday at the Mass he gave one hundred of quarter bags of rice to the church for the less privileged in the church. In the Year 2016, I was made the chairman of the Central Planning Committee of all the Harvests which was tagged, 'Harvest of Generosity' at the St. Paul Catholic Church under Very Rev. Fr. Paul Enow. The harvest was one of the very successful harvest ceremonies in the church and still being talked about today. We are also members of the St. Joseph Zone in the church. In the Year 2015, we were honoured as the 'Distinguished Couple of Mary' at the St. Paul Catholic Church in Benin City under Very Rev. Fr. Paul Bessong Enow who was the Parish Priest at that time. On July 24, 2016, I was elected a Patron to the Board of Lectors and given a certificate of Merit at the St. Paul Catholic Church in Benin City. In the Year 2017 my beloved wife, Princess (Mrs.) Florence Erameh was inducted into the 'Society of the Confraternity of Christian Mother of Nigeria' at Holy Cross Cathedral in Mission Road in Benin City. On October 1, 2017, I was elected a Patron to the Society of Our Mother of Perpetual Help at the St. Paul Catholic Church in Benin City.

In the Year 2018, I became a member of the Benin City

Catholic Archdiocesan Finance Commission and a member of the Investment & Project Committee. I was also inducted into the Agape Intelligence Marshals as a Grand Commander. I was also made a member of the Finance Committee of my Parish –St. Paul Catholic Church at Airport Road in Benin City. In the Year 2019, I was appointed Secretary to the Finance Council of St. Paul Catholic Church and also appointed a Patron to the Catholic Men Organization in the same parish. In the Year 2020, I was appointed the Coordinator of Finance, Contact and Protocol of the Year 2020 Harvest at St. Paul Catholic Church in Benin City tagged, 'Harvest of Gratitude'. I have also headed some audit and investigative committees and interview panels for employment in St. Paul Catholic Church, Benin City. In the Year 2018, my beloved wife Princess (Mrs.) Florence Ovonemor Erameh was made a member of the Children Harvest Planning Committee and the Harvest was tagged, 'Harvest of Divine Protection' and the harvest was indeed a huge success.

In the year 2021, I was appointed a member of the Management Board of St. Vincent De Paul Medical Centre. I was also appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the Eternal Word Reflections, a spiritual organisation which main objective is to bring all faithful closer to the Almighty God our creator.

On August 13, 2020 our Parish Priest of St. Paul Catholic Church at Airport Road, Benin City, **Very Rev. Fr. Edwin Omorogbe** called to inform me that he had included my

name on the new members of the **Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion in the Roman Catholic Church** and that the spiritual training and preparation for the new members would commence on Saturday August 15, 2020. That same date unfortunately, coincided with the date set aside for the burial of my Aunt-in-law whom my wife lived with as a teenager until she got married to me. She died on March 19, 2020 after living a fulfilled life (Eternal rest grant unto her Lord, let perpetual light shine upon her. And may her gentle soul, through the mercy of God rest in perfect peace - Amen). The major challenge I had here was whether to go for the burial ceremony or attend the preparation ceremony for the Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion, but after serious consultation with my wife, we both agreed that I should go for the activity of the Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion while herself, Engineer Peter our senior Son and my twin brother Paul Erameh should attend the burial ceremony at Okuokoko in Warri on that same date since I would be unable to attend with them. Prior to that day, I had serviced my car in preparation for the journey but the journey was not to be because of my nomination for the job of an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion which later turned out to be a blessing. If I had decided to go on that journey to Warri, the engine of my vehicle would have knocked because unknown to me the engine oil was completely drained off after the servicing of the vehicle, and there was no way I would have rechecked if I was going to go on that journey – luckily God used our Parish Priest, Very Rev. Fr. Edwin Omorogbe to save me from embarking on

that journey. This is why we say that God is Almighty and all knowing – He is faithful

Presently, there are twenty (20) Couples that we've sponsored under the Catholic Church Faith, this is the usual practice in the Catholic Church for any Couple intending to be joined in Holy Matrimony to have a practicing Family Catholic as Marriage Sponsors who will take responsibility of mentorship in their marriage. The Good News today is that all the marriages that we've acted as sponsors to are all currently doing great to the Glory of God. None has been separated and they're all living in true love and happiness with one another. We bless God for all their lives. May our Great God continue to bless us all and make our families a true semblance of that of the Holy Family of Joseph, Our Mother Mary and Our Saviour Jesus Christ. (Amen)

Chapter 10

Helping The Orphans And The Less Privileged In The Society.

On December 28, 2006, we incorporated a non-profit organization at the Corporate Affairs Commission named, "Peter Inu Erameh (Jnr) Foundation." The following are the aims and objectives of the foundation which are well stated in our website at

<https://www.peterinueramehfoundation.org>.

1. To give scholarships to indigent students of Nursery/Primary, Secondary and Tertiary schools.
2. To cater for widows, orphans and the less privileged in our society.
3. To donate to the sick and give hope to the hopeless.
4. To rehabilitate HIV/AIDS patients and drug victims and prevent suffering from terminal diseases.

The current Members of the Board of Trustees are:

1. Prince Peter Ebada Erameh – Chairman
2. Princess (Mrs.) Florence Ovonemor Erameh – Treasurer/Member
3. Prince Paul Abalu Erameh – Auditor/Member
4. Prince Peter Inu Erameh – Vice-Chairman/Member

5. Prince (Barr.) John Osilama Erameh –
Legal Adviser/Secretary.

Activities of Our Foundation.

On March 27, 2003, our Foundation to the Glory of God instituted NGN1million Educational Endowment Fund for Excellence in Lumen Christi Secondary School for their best graduating students for 10 years with #100,000.00 for each year when Very Rev. Fr. Isaac Ebeigbe was the principal of the school. The first awardees in the category of Senior Secondary Class in the Year 2003 using the West African Secondary School Certificate Examination result for the previous Year 2002 were:

1. Okoh Patrick – (5A₁, 3B₃, 1C₄) = #25,000.00
2. Edo Solomon – (3A₁, 1B₂, 4B₃) = #15,000.00
3. Oriaifo Nicholas – (3A₁, 2B₂, 1C₄) = #10,000.00

The first awardees in the category of Junior Secondary Class in the year 2003 using the Junior Secondary Certificate Examination result for the previous Year 2002 were:

1. Okafor Daniel – 12A^{1S} = #25,000.00
2. Ofili Nnamdi – 11A^{1S} = #15,000.00
3. Ariko Ejiro – 10A^{1S} = #3,500.00
4. Onajite Jonathan – 10A^{1S} = #3,500.00
5. Sheidun Mazishei – 10A^{1S} = #3,500.00

On July 5, 2004, our Foundation communicated to His Grace, Archbishop Emeritus, Most Rev. (Dr.) Patrick Ebosele Ekpu in a letter referenced PIEF/BEN/FOE/PEE/07/2004/001 on the institution of award of prizes in Presentation National High School and the training of a Reverend Sister for 8 years in the Catholic Archdiocese of Benin City which had long been concluded to the Glory of God.

On April 11, 2005, our Foundation again wrote to His Grace, Archbishop Emeritus, Most Rev. (Dr.) Patrick Ebosele Ekpu in a letter referenced PIEF/BEN/FOE/PEE/04/2005/001 on our decision to train a priest in the seminary for 8 years which we had since concluded to the Glory of God.

On May 25, 2009, through the recommendation of Rev. Sr. Josephine Ebuehi (SSHJ), our Foundation gave scholarships to six indigent pupils of Brother Pius Nursery & Primary School to cover tuition and books and also donated for the establishment of the school library for which we spent the sum of #1,402,400.00 in scholarships in the school. The beneficiaries were:

1. John Paul Nwokoro
2. Ikheroba Amanosi
3. Esele Eaelefoh
4. Chukwura G. Chidume
5. Eghosa Paul Omorodion
6. Benedict Okolo

On July 20, 2016, through the recommendation of Rev. Sr. Angela Abhulimen (SSHJ), our Foundation gave scholarships to the indigent pupils of Young Women Christian Association (YWCA) Nursery & Primary School and Oxonian Grand Academy for which we spent the sum of #356,900.00 in their scholarships covering tuitions and books from Nursery School to Secondary School levels. The beneficiaries were:

1. Amason Godspower
2. Amason Daniel
3. Amason Faith.

On July 27, 2016, through an appeal from Very Rev. Fr. Paschal Omono, the Principal of St. Paul Minor Seminary, our Foundation gave the scholarship to train a seminarian at the St. Paul Minor Seminary for 6 years at the cost of #600,000.00 for which we had already given out the sum of #500,000.00 with a balance of N100,000.00 for the sixth and final instalment and to be redeemed next year 2022.

On December 23, 2017, through the recommendation of Rev. Fr. Samuel Nnanga, the Principal of St. Thomas Catholic Academy, our Foundation awarded scholarships to five (5) pupils/students of the school covering tuitions and books from Nursery to Secondary School levels for which we spent the sum of #286,460.00 in scholarship in the school. The beneficiaries were:

1. Ogiyowin Naomi
2. Osagioduwa Osariemen
3. Nkim Sunday
4. Enabulele Jessica
5. Osarieyekemwen Favour.

In December of every year, our Foundation distributes clothing materials to the widows at St. Patrick Catholic Church courtesy of Prince and Mrs Paul & Patience Erameh and family. We also organizes a Christmas party for over 200 orphanage children from Edo Orphanage Home; Iwinosa Orphanage Home; Project Charilove; Amadin Orphanage Home; Faith House; Mercy Home and Uyiosa Orphanage Home. Our Foundation usually conveys the children with our hired luxurious bus to and from the venue of the party and also distributes food items and educational materials to them before returning them to their various Homes after the party.

Previous Christmas and New Year parties had been chaired by Rt. Hon. Chevalier Chief Dr. (Olorogun) John Richard Iyasere and Rtn. Emmanuel Otaigbe both of whom are advisers to the Foundation. Speeches are also made at every party for the children by the Spiritual Director of the Foundation – Rt. Rev. Msgr. Paul Bessong Enow as well as other Priests and Rev. Sisters.

Chapter 11 *A Tribute to*

Late Rt. Rev. Monsignor Joseph Erameh
(our Father in Faith)

There are marked similarities between the life and time of Rev. Msgr. Joseph Erameh and Abraham, the beloved patriarch and our father in faith. For like Abraham's time when the call of God was uncommon. Msgr. Joseph Erameh left his swampy but fertile and obscure Anegbette abode in Etsako-Central Local Government Area of the then Bendel State about one hundred and six years ago in search of the meaning of a dream. The reason for his lonesome but venturesome journey was to answer the irresistible and irrepressible call of God who he cannot see alive and active. Born about 1896, he was baptized at Onitsha in 1915, and started his Standard School in 1911 under Fr. Zappa. Between 1918 and 1923, he taught around Asaba and Onitsha. In 1923, he entered St. Paul Seminary, Ivianokpodi-Agenebode which was the first established Seminary in Nigeria as its first student. When the seminary was later transferred to Asaba in 1927, he continued his studies. The transfer of the seminary to Asaba



did not affect his studies and he was ordained priest on December 20, 1936 and thus: he became the second Nigerian priest, the first being Late Fr. Paul Emechete from Ezzi in Issele-Uku diocese. One wonders today on who and what could have influenced him to abandon the quiet solitude and the rich and fishing occupation of his people. It must be noted that Asaba, Onitsha and Agenebode were already growing into colonial administrative outputs because of close proximity to the River Niger which served as the only means of transportation. Msgr. Joseph Erameh probably became part of these movements because God wanted him to become a “fisher of men”.

Like Abraham, he left home to answer the divine call of God which, depending on the individual's temperament, could be volcanic like St. Paul or a still tormenting voice like Samuel. The victim of this call is completely made restless and hapless. Motivated and animated by God Himself, he was solemnly enjoined like Abraham to “leave his own town, family and father's house, for the Land I will show you”. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing; (Genesis 12:1-2). The Catholic priesthood at this time was not just revered but was seen as a mystery which only white men could embrace. Undaunted by the lonesomeness of his vocation, he underwent the rigorous and excoriating priestly

training which was tantamount to a camel passing through the eye of a needle and was certified worthy to be raised to the priesthood according to the order of Melchizedek on December 20, 1936. With the ordination, he was bestowed with the threefold distinctive effects of the sacrament of ordination to teach, minister and govern God's holy people and this fulfilled the words of the scripture "every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins, "no one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God as Aaron was. (Heb. 5:1-3). That time, many of today's political, military and hosts of Nigeria's self-proclaimed leaders and serving chiefs were either toddlers or not yet born. For all his active service years, whether in Agenebode, Uzairue, Asaba, Warri, Umutu, Benin and in the Nigerian Army Chaplaincy, to mention but a few, Msgr. Joseph Erameh remained faithful to the demands and tenets of the sacred priesthood, from renewing his vowed royalty to succeeding in episcopal and personal duties and assiduously carrying out his assignments completely in silence and unnoticed. He had no iota of doubt whatsoever in his mind as to who he was serving for Christ as He instructed his disciples thus, "you did not choose me. No, I chose you and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last". (Jn. 15:16).

Msgr. Joseph Erameh's fruits are self-evident. His achievements for almost half a century (for his golden jubilee), service to God in Nigeria Church cannot be quantified in statistical data. Even, if elemental yardsticks were to be applied, where do we start from? The list is endless and proofs inexhaustible. We cannot even count the number of stations he laboured and toiled in sequence without making mistakes. What about the number of baptisms had, marriages witnessed, confessions heard, Holy Masses celebrated, soldiers and civilians buried. In all these priestly activities, he demonstrated his faith and trust in God. Like Abraham and his name is now a blessing. This blessing is manifested in the emergent generation of Nigerian's cardinals, bishops, priests and religious ministers who were stimulated directly or remotely by the exemplary and priestly qualities of Msgr. Joseph Erameh. One striking feature that stands out profoundly in the life of Late Monsignor Joseph Erameh was, again like Abraham, his faithfulness to Christ and His Church. Realizing that nothing can happen to him that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ, he remained steadfast to the teaching of the Apostles to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to prayers. These sources and many others were the unshakeable anchor that invigorated him and deepened his faith. This faithfulness was so organic that even the thunderous eruption occasioned by the rather innovative

ecclesiastical changes that swept through the Church in the mid-sixties sent many erstwhile adept Priests and Missionary Barons deflecting, left Msgr. Joseph Erameh unruffled, serene and strengthened the growing priestly community with the realization that a pioneer must lead by example rather than by precept.

In addition, he watched with personal satisfaction the growth of the VICARIATE APOSTOLIC of Western Nigeria from that time of his ordination into the recognition of the ecclesiastical entities of the present Benin, Ondo, Lokoja, Warri and Issele-Uku dioceses with the enthronement of his sons as bishops. He saw these developments and flowerings as the handwork of God and a blessing to Nigeria. Perhaps, if no message has been conveyed or spectacular achievement recorded, the last year of Monsignor Joseph Erameh [resents a pungent message for us all. Apart from maintaining his usual calmness and alertness of mind and body, he saw his old age a blessing to himself and to others around him realizing that “seventy is the sum of our years, eighty, if we are strong”. (Psalm 90:10). He was always joyful and thankful to God for all his life experiences, never resentful or revengeful. Old age for him was a necessary passage to eternal union with God. Even at the last moments of his life, while he held the crucifix with his two hands, he was not afraid of Christ.

Thomas Merton once said, “If death comes to us as an unwelcome stranger, it will be because Christ also has always been an unwelcome stranger. For when death comes, Christ comes, bringing us the everlasting life He has bought for us with his own death”.

When one's whole life is orientated towards self-giving, at its end one gladly and freely surrenders it back into the hands of God, death then is transformed into a fulfillment. For those of us who are moving corpses, buried in the tomb of loneliness, bitterness, despair, anguish and hatreds, we just need the faith of Monsignor Joseph Erameh. With faith in God, we can be set free, for everyone's death is the same quality as himself, to the enemy of God an enemy, to the friend of God a friend. Today, Monsignor Joseph Erameh has joined the communion sanctorum (the communion of saints) in the fullest sense. Alive, he manifested luminously the attributes of God in his witness to him in the presence of men and like Abraham he now looks forward to a city founded, designed and built by God where everyone is a first born son. As he lay buried and joined the glorious band of Apostles, the noble company of Prophets, the white-robed army who shed their blood for Christ, we attest that he was a Patriarch Emeritus.

**A Tribute by,
Late Very Rev. Fr. (Barr.) Festus Ogbonmwan.**

About the Author.

Prince Peter Ebada Erameh, FCE.

Prince Peter Ebada Erameh was born into the Erameh Royal Family of Anegbette in Etsako Central Local Government Area of Edo State and to the lineage of the Late Prince & Mrs. Inu Erameh. The actual date of his birth has remained a mystery till date as no member of his extended family



has been able to reveal to him the actual date of his birth till this very moment. He had his First School Leaving Certificate Examination in the Year 1976 from Lumley Primary School, in Benin City of Edo State. And thereafter he attended the famous Auchi Teacher Training College at Auchi in Etsako West Local Government Area of Edo State from 1977 – 1982 and graduated with the Teachers' Grade II certificate and afterwards he started teaching at Ekosodin Primary School behind Ugbowo Campus of the University of Benin City where he taught for exactly ten years.

In the quest for higher education, he took time to study for the General Certificate of Education Examination as a private candidate and wrote the examination and passed all

the subjects at credit level. Thereafter, he took the Joint Admission and Matriculation Examination and got admitted to the University of Benin in the Year 1987 and graduated with a Second Class Upper Division (2¹) in Business Administration in the Year 1991. While at the university, he won two awards as the best 100 Level student in the department – Scholar award of #500.00 (Five Hundred Naira only) and the International Telex and Telecommunication Company Limited (ITT) award for 3 years with a monetary reward of #9,300.00 (Nine Thousand and Three Hundred Naira only) anchored by the Late Chief M. K. O. Abiola. In the pursuit for further education, he proceeded to read his Master in Business Administration (MBA) at the University of Benin in the Year 1997 and graduated in the Year 1998 and also went further to obtain an M.Sc. in Economics in the same university in the Year 2012. In the Year 2015, he wrote the Retail Banking Academy UK examination and passed and was thereafter awarded the Retail Banking Academy (RBA) certificate in the UK. He became a Fellow of the Chartered Economists of Nigeria in the Year 2015 and also got the Doctorate award in Economics.

Prince Peter Erameh started his banking career in September 1992 with the defunct International Bank for West Africa Limited which later became Afribank Nigeria Plc as a Credit Trainee. The bank is now known as Polaris Bank Nigeria Limited. He left Afribank Nigeria Plc in August 2001 as the

Regional Credit Manager supervising 22 branches in the Benin Area office covering the Midwest Zone for Diamond Bank Plc as Credit Risk Analyst but was later deployed into credit and marketing department due to his crave for customers' satisfaction. He worked in Diamond Bank Plc from September 2001 to October 2006 as an Assistant Manager in various capacities in Benin City branch, Balogun Market and Adeola Hopewell branches in Lagos.

He later joined Ecobank Nigeria Plc now Ecobank Nigeria Limited as a Deputy Manager in November 2006 and rose to the rank of a Senior Manager in the Year 2012. He worked in various capacities in Ecobank Nigeria Limited - as Branch Manager of Ikoyi Branch, Victoria Island Branch, Zonal Head of Retail Assets and Small & Medium Enterprise unit in Victoria Island Area in Lagos, Edo-Delta Zone; Area Manager; Cluster Business Head and Zonal Business Head of South-South Zone comprising of six states – Edo, Delta, Rivers, Bayelsa, Cross Rivers and Akwa-Ibom states before retiring in the Year 2018 from the Financial Institution. He won several awards during his banking career.

Prince Peter Erameh is the current Founder & Chairman, Board of Trustees of Peter Inu Erameh (JNR) Foundation which he established in the Year 2006 to cater for the Orphans, Widows and the Less Privileged in the Society irrespective of their religious beliefs and languages. As at today and to the Glory of God, he has been able to touch the lives of over 20 indigent students by way of providing

scholarships for tuition and books for them in good Catholic Schools. Presently, he is into Estate management, book review, financial consulting and Livestock farming.

Prince Peter Erameh is a devoted Christian of the Catholic faith. He is a Grand Commander of the Agape Intelligence Marshals, a Member of the Benin City Catholic Archdiocesan Finance Commission and a Member of the Investment & Project Committee. He is also the secretary and a member of the Finance Committee of St. Paul Catholic Church in Benin City. Prince Peter Erameh is a Patron to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Society, the LECTORS and the Catholic Men Organization of Nigeria at St. Paul Catholic Church in Benin City. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Eternal Word Reflections, which is a spiritual organisation which main objective is to bring all faithful closer to the Almighty God our creator.

Prince Peter Erameh is a member of the Benin Club, and at his leisure, he plays basketball and table tennis. He is married to a lovely wife, Princess (Mrs.) Florence Ovonemor Erameh and the marriage is blessed with children – Prince (Engr.) Peter Inu Erameh, Prince Michael Oshiomokhai Erameh and Prince Gabriel Aseoghena Erameh.

by

Prince (Engr.) Peter Inu Erameh (Son)



PRESENTATION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

P. O. BOX 9255, BENIN CITY, NIGERIA. TEL: 052-254305; 256400

Our Ref: _____

Your Ref: _____

8 July 2004

The Chairman,
Board of Trustees,
Peter Im Erameli (Inr) Foundation,
No. 1, Kolofinri Avenue,
Ligboro Housing Estate,
Benin City.

Dear Sir,

**RE: EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND FOR EXCELLENCE -
MONETARY PRIZE AWARD OF ₦30,000.00**

We write to acknowledge the receipt of your Bank draft of ₦30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand Naira only) for prizes of Academic Excellence awarded to SS3 and SS5 best students of our school.

We wish to express our profound gratitude to you for this benevolent award, which will no doubt propel our students towards higher educational attainment.

May the Almighty God grant you His abundant blessings in your services to mankind.

Yours Sincerely,


PRINCIPAL
PRESENTATION NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL,
Ligboro, Benin, State 309,
Nigeria.
Rev. Sr. Beatrice Iroeghin
(Principal)



BROTHER PIUS SCHOOL

052-259378
E-mail Address:
Epius@inoweb.als.net

52, Agerzua Street,
616 P.O. Box 35,
Benin City,
Edo State, Nigeria

9th December, 2009.

Mr. Peter Im Erameli,
1, Kolofinri Avenue,
Ligboro Housing Estate,
Off Central Ughor Road,
P. O. Box 4372.

Compliments of the season to you.

I want to sincerely thank you once again for the kind gesture you extended to some of my teacher with the scholarship given to their children. May God bless all your endeavours in Jesus name, Amen.

Enclosed are the results of pupils on your scholarship in our school.

Yours in Sacred Heart,


St. Jo-Benedict, SSI
Headmistress.



PETER INU ERAMEH (NRI) FOUNDATION

No 1 Im Eramah Avenue Off Steve Ogburnan Avenue Off Central Ujohor Road,
GRA, P.O.Box 4372, Benin City.

SR. Josephine Ebweli (SSM),
Headmistress,
Brother Pius Nursery/Prv School,
Alkiza Street,
Benin City.

25th May, 2009,

Dear Rev. SR,

DONATION OF BOOKS FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARY AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO FOUR (4) CHILDREN WORTH ₦732,920.00.

Our foundation is happy to announce the award of scholarships to the under listed children of both teaching and non-teaching staff of your school effective Sept, 2009 as well as the funding of your school Library in line with the promise made by our Chairman on May 7, 2009 during the visit of His Grace Most Rev. (Dr.) Richard Burke, the Arch Bishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Benin City to your school.

1. John Paul Nwoloro – Kg 2 – Prv 5 (₦219,320.00)
 2. Kheroba Amunosi – Kg 3 – Prv 5 (₦190,760.00)
 3. Esele Esaelola – Prv 1 – Prv 5 (₦162,200.00)
 4. Chukwura G. Chidume – Prv 2 – Prv 5 (₦130,640.00)
 5. Funding of School Library – ₦30,000.00
- Total value of Award – ₦732,920.00.

The funds will be paid as stated below:

Period	Library	John Paul	Kheroba	Esael	Chukwura	Yearly Remittance
Year 1	30,000	Kg 2	Kg 3	Prv 1	Prv 2	Yearly
Year 2	-	₦8,228,560	₦8,228,560	Prv 1-31,560	Prv 2-31,560	Remittance
Year 3	-	₦8,228,560	₦8,228,560	Prv 2-31,560	Prv 3-31,560	150,240
Year 4	-	₦1-31,560	₦2-31,560	Prv 3-31,560	Prv 4-31,560	123,240
Year 5	-	₦2-31,560	₦3-31,560	Prv 4-31,560	Prv 5-35,960	126,240
Year 6	-	₦3-31,560	₦4-31,560	Prv 5-35,960	-	130,640
Year 7	-	₦4-31,560	₦5-35,960	-	-	99,080
TOTAL	30,000	₦219,320	₦190,760	₦162,200	₦130,640	₦732,920

Please find attached our cheque for the sum of ₦150,240.00 which covers year 1 as stated in the schedule above while the next payment will be sent next year in the month of April 2010.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Best Regards,

J. Eramah

Mrs. Florence Eramah
Treasurer, Board of Trustees

Cc: Most Rev. (Dr.) Richard Burke
Catholic Archdiocese of Benin City.

Priscilla Eramah
Priscilla Eramah
Chairman, Board of Trustees.

I have received the above cheque of ₦150,000.00 from the Eramahs' of the 8th of June 2009

J. Ebweli

HEADMISTRESS
BROTHER PIUS NURSERY
5 FRIMLEY STREET
ALKIZA STREET
P. O. BOX 55, BENIN CITY.

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Intercontinental Bank Plc
UNIVERSITY ROAD, URBAN
Benin City

Pay to the order of *Bro. Sch. Pr. Order*
Brother Pius Nursery and Prv. Innerserv
The sum of *One hundred and forty three thousand and no hundred and no* ₦ *150,240.00*

Date: *June 8, 2009*

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Reg No CAC/IT/NO.22712

July 25, 2021.

The Principal,
St. Paul Minor Seminary,
No. 30, Airport Road,
P. O. Box 49,
Benin City,
Edo State.

Dear Very Rev. Father,

Re: TRAINING SUPPORT FOR A SEMINARIAN AT THE ST. PAUL MINOR SEMINARY FOR SIX YEARS AT #100,000.00 ANNUALLY.

Please we are delighted to inform you that our Foundation, by the Grace of God has been able to fulfill its **annual obligation of #100,000.00** (One Hundred Thousand Naira only) in respect of the commitment it made in year 2016 toward the **training of a Seminarian for a 6-year period**. By this redemption of our 5th **payment of #100,000.00 for the year 2021/2022 academic session, we have now remitted a total sum of #500,000.00 to date on this commitment.**

Please find attached our **cheque number 000501 for #100,000.00** dated July 26, 2021 in respect of the above.

Wishing you God's abundant blessings always.

Best Regards,

Prince (Dr.) Peter Erameh
Founder/Chairman, Board of Trustees.

	RANSOME KUTI ROAD, UNIVERSITY OF BENIN, BENIN CITY, EDO STATE	Day	Month	0037228401 Year
	Pay to St. Paul Minor Seminary, Benin City.	26-07-2021		
The sum of	One Hundred Thousand Naira only		Or Order	
Board of Trustees Chairman/Chief Director/Auditor	Drawer Signature(s) 			# 100,000



BROTHER PIUS SCHOOL

☎052-258376
E-mail Address:
Bopus@inforewabs.net
52, Akenzia Street,
c/o P.O. Box 35
Benin City,
Edo State, Nigeria

Dear Sir, _____ Date: 8th July, 2009

The Chairman,
Peter Inu Eramah (Jnr) Foundation
No. 1 Inu Eramah Avenue,
Off Central Lighon Road,
G.R.A., Benin City.

Dear Sir,

RE: DONATION OF BOOKS FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARY AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP TO FOUR (4) CHILDREN WORTH ₦732,928.00

With utmost appreciation we acknowledge the receipt of your intercontinental bank job cheque No.00000683 with value one hundred and fifty thousand, two hundred and forty nine only (₦150,240.00), and do hereby assure you that the fund will be appropriately applied as scheduled.

On behalf of the school and the recipients, we sincerely thank you for your generosity and wish your foundation God's blessing.

Once again thanks,

Sincerely yours in the Lord,


Sr. Jo - Enoch, SSI
(Headmistress)



PETER INU ERAMEH (JNR) FOUNDATION

No 1 Inu Eramah Avenue Off Steve Ogbomwan Avenue, Off Central Lighon Road,
G.R.A. P.O.Box 4372, Benin City.

Date: September 27, 2010

Sr. Josephine Ebuochi,
Headmistress,
Brother Pius Nursery/Primary School,
Akenzia Street,
Benin City.


Dear Rev. Sr.

ADDITIONAL AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP FOR ₦267,080. MAKING A TOTAL SUM OF ₦1,000,000.00 (ONE MILLION NAIRA ONLY)

We are pleased to inform you that we shall be making available to your school an additional sum of ₦267,080.00 as scholarship for Master FGHOSA PAUL OMORIODION (KG2) in line with your letter dated September 20, 2010.

Attached is cheque no. 0059 for the sum of ₦75,200 for the current academic session 2010/2011 while the balance amount will be spread along with other remittances in due course

Best regards,


Prince Peter Eramah
Chairman - Board of Trustees.
CC: Rev. Fr. Paul Enow



BROTHER PIUS SCHOOL

52, Akonzua Street,
c/o P.O. Box 35,
Benin City,
Edo State, Nigeria.
☎ 07035103216

Our Staff sees! _____ Your Staff _____ Grade 20th September, 2010

Prince Peter Im Eramah (Jnr) Foundation
No 1 Im Eramah Avenue,
Off Central Ugbah Road,
G.R.A., Benin City.

Dear Mr. Eramah,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I wish to thank you once again for your generosity in awarding scholarship to some pupils in the school.

Below is the spread per session of the additional child you promised scholarship on the 5th of September, 2010 on behalf of Rev. Fr. Paul Enow. He is Eghosa Paul Omorodion placed in kg 2 Bronze.

NAMES AND CLASS	DISTRIBUTION OF FUND					TOTAL
	ADMN. FORM	SCHOOL FEES	DEV. SCHOOL WEARS & BOOKS	PTA		
KG 11 (NEW INTAKE)						
1 ST TERM	4,500.00	7,000.00	32,000.00	5,000.00	48,500.00	
2 ND TERM		7,000.00	5,000.00	1,600.00	13,600.00	
3 RD TERM		7,000.00	4,500.00	1,600.00	13,100.00	
	4,500.00	21,000.00	41,500.00	8,200.00	75,200.00	

Thank you.

Sincerely yours in Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Ebene!
Sr. Jo - Ebenehi, SSH
(Headmistress)

CC Rev. Fr. Paul Enow



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	ADMN. FORM	SCHOOL FEES	DEV. SCHOOL WEARS & BOOKS	PTA		
KG 11 (NEW INTAKE)						
1 ST TERM	4,500.00	7,000.00	32,000.00	5,000.00	48,500.00	
2 ND TERM		7,000.00	5,000.00	1,600.00	13,600.00	
3 RD TERM		7,000.00	4,500.00	1,600.00	13,100.00	
	4,500.00	21,000.00	41,500.00	8,200.00	75,200.00	

Thank you.

Sincerely yours in Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Ebene!
Sr. Jo - Ebenehi, SSH
(Headmistress)

CC Rev. Fr. Paul Enow



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☎ 07035103216

Our *Pr. Pstl.* _____

Our *Pr. Prf.* _____

Grade: _____
28th September, 2010

Prince Peter Inu Eramneh (Inr) Foundation
No 1 Inu Eramneh Avenue,
Off Central Ugboh Road,
G.R.A., Benin City.

Dear Sir:

RE: ADDITIONAL AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP

With utmost appreciation we acknowledge the CHEQUE NO 0059 for the sum of ₦75, 200.00 (seventy-five thousand, two hundred naira) for EGHOSA PAUL OMOORODION fees. On the 28th of September, 2010. We use this medium to thank you and pray that the good Lord replenishes your pocket in Jesus name, Amen.

On behalf of the Proprietor, the school management and the recipient, we sincerely thank you for your generosity and wish your foundation God's blessing.

Once again thanks,

Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart,


Sr. Jo - Enechi, SSIH
(Headmistress)

CC Rev. Fr. Paul Enow.



BROTHER PIUS SCHOOL

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Edo State, Nigeria.
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Our *Pr. Pstl.* _____

Our *Pr. Prf.* _____

Grade: _____
4th June, 2010

The Chairman,
Peter Inu Eramneh (Inr) Foundation
No 1 Inu Eramneh Avenue,
Off Central Ugboh Road,
G.R.A., Benin City.

Dear Sir:


RE: SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENT PUPILS OF BROTHER PIUS SCHOOL

With utmost appreciation we acknowledge the receipt of your intercontinental Bank plc cheque No 00000046 with the value of one hundred and twenty-three thousand, two hundred and forty naira only (₦123, 240.00). We are using this medium to re-assure that the donor's intension will be adhered to.

On behalf of the school and the recipients, we sincerely thank you for your generosity and wish your foundation God's blessing.

Once again thanks,

Sincerely yours in the Lord,


Sr. Jo - Enechi, SSIH
(Headmistress)



BROTHER PIUS SCHOOL

52, Alarua Street,
P.O. Box 35,
Benin City,
Edo State, Nigeria.
☎ 07035102216

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir,

Date: 10th Sep, 2012

Prince Peter Inu Eramen (Inr) Foundation
No 1 Inu Eramen Avenue,
Off Central Ugboh Road,
G.R.A., Benin City.

Dear Sir,

RE: SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENT PUPILS OF BROTHER PIUS SCHOOL

Greetings from the above named school.

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of your Access Bank PLC cheque number 00000101 with the value of ₦4180,000 (one hundred and eighty thousand naira only) on the 12th of September, 2012. As usual we want to re-affirm our commitment to making sure that the donor's intention will be adhered to.

On behalf of the school community and the recipients, we wish to commend your generosity, consistency and promptness in releasing funds towards meeting our recipient's educational needs. We wish your foundation God's abundant blessing.

God bless you and your foundation.

Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

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Sr. Jo – Ebuehi, SSI
(Headmistress)



PETER INU ERAMEH (INR) FOUNDATION

No. 1, Inu Eramen Avenue, Off New Okunmwam Street, Off Central Ugboh Road, G.R.A.
P.O. Box 492, Benin City,
Edo State, Nigeria.
Tel: (079) 8839888

Reg No: CCA/EN/02272

13th August, 2015

The Proprietress
Christy's Montessori School,
No. 60, Ugbor Central Road,
Benin City.

Dear Madam,

SPONSORSHIP/AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP IN FAVOUR OF ZAINAB YUSUF MOHAMMED (KG 1)

Please be informed that our foundation has offered to sponsor **ZAINAB YUSUF MOHAMMED** from KG 1 through primary school starting from September, 2015.

Please find attached our Access Bank Cheque No. 209 in the sum of (₦23,870.00) (Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Naira) only for the payment of the various fees as listed below.

S/N	ITEM	FEE
1	REGISTRATION	1,000
2	TUITION	5,500
3	LESSON	1,000
4	P.T.A	500
5	DEVELOPMENT	500
6	ETIOLETTE	500
7	EXAMINATION	500
8	LIBRARY/COMPUTER	500
9	FRISK AID	550
10	CHILD ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME (WHOLE CHILD EDUCATION)	1,000
11	END OF YEAR PARTY	2,500
12	UNIFORMS	1,500
13	SPORT WEAR	1,500
14	SHIRT	1,500
15	TEXT BOOKS	4,500
16	STATIONERIES	870
	TOTAL	23,870

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Best regards,


Prince Peter Eramah
 Chairman/CEO



CHRISTY MONTESSORI SCHOOL

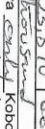
Creche, Nursery & Primary
 No. 6 Ujor Central Road, Off Country Home Motel
 Road, Benin City, Edo State. Tel: 08160261091

CASH RECEIPT

Teller No. _____
 NO: _____

Name: Saniye Muhammad
 Class: 1st Term Date: 19/08/2015
 Term: _____

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	N	K
Admission Form	1,000	00	00
Tuition Fee	5,450	00	00
Registration	12,870	00	00
Development	500	00	00
Computer Fee (Term)	500	00	00
Examination Fee (Term)	500	00	00
P1 A. Levy	1500	00	00
T/Shirt/Jeans			
Cardigan			
Sport Wear			
Uniform (2 pairs)	1,500	00	00
I.D Card			
TOTAL N	23,870	00	00

Amount in words: Twenty three thousand
Eight hundred and seventy Naira only Kobo

 Proprietor's Sign



PETER INU ERAMEH (INR) FOUNDATION

No. 1 Inu Eramah Avenue, Off Steve Oghemwura Street, Off Central Ujor Road, G.R.A
 P.O. Box 472, Benin City
 TEL (0294) 803488885

7th April, 2015.

The Co-ordinator,
 Department of Health Services Provider (DHSN),
 Catholic Archdiocese of Benin City,
 30 Airport Road,
 Benin City.


Dear Rev. Sr. Angèle,
APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP IN WVCA
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Please your letter dated 7th April, 2016 with the above subject refers.

We are pleased to inform you that your request for scholarship for the above candidates has been approved by the Board of Trustees of Peter Inu Eramah (INR) Foundation with effect from September 2016/2017 academic session in WVCA. By the grace of God, we will be responsible for their fees till completion of their education in WVCA.

The breakdown of the school fees for the first academic session is as stated below:

S/N	ITEM	UNIT	COST	NO OF CHILDREN	FREQUENCY	TOTAL
1	REGISTRATION FEE	1,000	7,000	3	1	3,000
2	TUITION FEE	1,500	4,500	3	3	63,000
3	PRD	1,000	3,000	3	1	4,500
4	HEALTH	1,000	3,000	3	1	3,000
5	GAMES	1,000	3,000	3	1	3,000
6	UNIFORM	500	1,500	3	1	9,000
7	ID CARD	500	1,500	3	1	1,500
8	P.E. VEST	300	900	3	1	3,000
9	REPORT CARD	300	900	3	1	900
10	CARDIGAN	1,000	3,000	3	1	3,000
11	TEXT BOOKS AND WRITING MATERIALS	4,000	12,000	3	1	12,000
12	SCHOOL BAGS	1,500	4,500	3	1	4,500
13	SCHOOL SANDALS	1,500	4,500	3	1	4,500
	TOTAL					114,900

Best Regards,

Prince (Dr) Peter Eramah
 Chairman, Board of Trustees
 CC: Head, WVCA

Reg No: C/CKE/NO/2012



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDER (PHSP)
CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF BENIN CITY**
30, Airport Road, Benin City, Edo State.

7th of April, 2016.

The Chairman/CEO
Peter Ndu Eramieh Foundation,
1, Idu Eramieh Avenue,
Central Ugor Road,
Benin City.

Dear Sir:

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

I hereby apply for scholarship for Amosun Godpower (K.G 1), Amosun Faith (K.G. 3) and Amosun Daniel (FRY 1) to enable them assess quality education at Young Women Christian Association (YWCA), 29, Airport Road, Benin City. The aforementioned names are indigent children of Mrs. Kate Amosun, who is also a widow and presently cannot afford the financial requirements of sending her children to school.

Below is the breakdown of the total cost of their education for one session (3 terms):

S/N	ITEM	UNIT COST	NO OF CHILDREN	FREQUENCY	TOTAL
1	REGISTRATION FEE	1000	3	1	3000
2	TUITION FEE	7000	3	3	63000
3	PGD	1500	3	1	4500
4	HEALTH	1000	3	1	3000
5	GAMES	1000	3	1	3000
6	UNIFORM	3000	3	1	9000
7	ID CARD	500	3	1	1500
8	P.E. VEST	1000	3	1	3000
9	REPORT CARD	300	3	1	900
10	CARDIGAN	1000	3	1	3000
11	TEXT BOOKS AND MATERIALS	4000	3	1	12000
12	SCCHOOL BAGS	1500	3	1	4500
13	SCCHOOL SANDALS	1500	3	1	4500
	TOTAL				#114,969

I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks in anticipation

Yours faithfully,
(Signature)
Rev. Fr. Adegben Abhinimen



PETER NDU ERAMIEH (NJR) FOUNDATION
No. 1, Idu Eramieh Avenue, Off Secretariat Way Street, Off Central Ugor Road, C.R.A.
Benin City, Edo State.
Tel: (0241) 802518553

December 23, 2017

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The Principal,
St. Thomas Catholic Academy,
Benin City,
Edo State.

Dear Rev. Father,

AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO INTELLIGENT AND INDIGENT PUPILS & STUDENTS IN ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC ACADEMY, BENE

Please we are happy to inform you that the board of Trustees of PETER NDU ERAMIEH (NJR) FOUNDATION has approved your request for 11 to sponsor some of the indigent pupils & students in your school.

Consequently, our Foundation will commence with the payment of tuition fee effectively from Term 2 of the present Year 2017/2018 academic session for the under listed pupils & students of your school.

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|------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| 1. Olayiwon Nnamdi | K.G.3 | N6,000.00 (Tuition) |
| 2. Osiagwuwa Osarhemen | Pr. 2 | N10,000.00 (Tuition) |
| 3. Nkhem Sunday | Pr. 3 | N10,000.00 (Tuition) |
| 4. Eshielele Jessica | SS. 1 | N14,000.00 (Tuition) |
| 5. Oshayebemhen Tavour | SS. 2 | N14,000.00 (Tuition) |

The total remittance of **N34,000.00** (Forty - Four Thousand Naira) will cover this periods of Terms 2 & 3 of the Year 2017/2018 academic session. Please note that any child that fails on higher present class is automatically withdrawn from the scheme.

Please find attached our cheque in the sum of **N14,000.00** (Four Thousand Naira) only for all the beneficiaries.

We shall by the Grace of God, continue to give support to the sponsorship of the intelligent and indigent pupils/students of your school.

Wishing you God's abundant Blessings always.

Best regards,
(Signature)
Prince (Dr.) Peter Faramch
Chairman, Board of Trustees

CAC/IT/NO 22712



**CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

**Companies and Allied Matters Act, No. 1, 1990
(Part C – Incorporated Trustees)
(Pursuant to Section 682(3))**

PETER INU ERAMEH (JNR) FOUNDATION

I hereby certify that:

The Trustees previously registered on the Twenty-Eight day of December, 2006 have by special resolution and with my authority, been reconstituted as follows:

PRINCE EBADA PETER ERAMEH, PRINCE PAUL ABALU ERAMEH, MRS. FLORENCE OOVONEMOR ERAMEH, BARR. JOHN OSILAMA ERAMEH, PRINCE PETER INU ERAMEH,

Given under my hand and the Common Seal of the Corporate Affairs Commission at Abuja this Twentieth day of June 2016

CONDITIONS AND DIRECTIONS

"This certificate is liable to cancellation should the objects or the rules of the body be changed without the previous consent in writing of the Registrar-General or should the body at any time permit or condone any divergence from or breach of such objects and rules."

Note:

This certificate does not bestow upon the Association the right to establish any institution, engage in any business and the like without permission from the appropriate authority.



BELLO MAHMUD



Registrar - General

PETER INU ERAMEH (JNR) FOUNDATION

ADDRESS:
ERAMEH ROYAL COMPOUND,
ANEGBLETTE,
ETSIAKO CENTRAL L.G.A.,
EDO STATE.
TEL: 08035468683

NO.1, ROBINSON AVENUE,
UGBOWO HOUSING ESTATE,
BENIN CITY,
EDO STATE.
052-602630

OUR REF:PIEF/BEN/FOE/PBE/07/2004/001 **DATE: July 5, 2004.**

His Grace,
Most Rev.(Dr.) Patrick F. Ekpu
The Metropolitan Archbishop,
Catholic Archdiocese of Benin City,
No. 30, Airport Road,
Benin City.
Your Grace,

**Re: N1,000,000.00 EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND FOR EXCELLENCE
FOR TEN YEARS AT LUMEN CHRISTI SECONDARY SCHOOL, AT
N100,000.00 FOR EACH YEAR—FURTHER AMENDMENT**

Presently, our Foundation maintains a N1,000,000.00 Educational Endowment Fund in one of your institutions- Lumen Christi Secondary School, Uromi- for which we had already sent N200,000.00 in two instalments of N100,000.00 each on October 7, 2002 and April 25, 2003 in respect of 2002/2003 and 2003/2004 academic sessions.

On January 9, 2004, we communicated to the school, our Board's Resolution to dedicate only 20% of the Fund for Academic Excellence while 80% of the Fund shall be channelled towards charity works (for the payment of school fees for indigent students)

MATTERS OF THE MOMENT

In an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Board held on June 25, 2004, the following Resolutions were adopted:

- That the Educational Endowment should be increased from the current N1,000,000.00 to N1,200,000.00 with an annual remittance of N120,000.00 effectivly from July 2004.
- That the following institutions shall be the Beneficiaries of our Foundation:
 1. Lumen Christi Secondary School, Uromi.
 2. Presentation National High School, Benin City.
 3. Immaculate Conception College, Benin City.
 4. Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Uromi.

- That all the schools shall have a uniform amount of N30,000.00 each for their Prizes while that of the SISTERS OF SACRED HEART OF JESUS, UROMI shall be for the training of a "Sister" annually. This will be done throughout the period of her training.
- That the payment of fees for an indigent student shall be on need basis only.
- That the sum of N80,000.00 earlier sent to Lumen Christi Secondary School, Uromi, which will now become N70,000.00 in view of the amendment already stated above should still be used for the purpose for which it was sent.
- That the Prizes for the Schools shall be as follows:

NAMES OF THE PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE

This is to be called **Peter Inu Eramah (Jnr) Educational Prize for Excellence** for the best SSS 3 graduating student.

SECOND PRIZE

This is to be called **Michael Oshemokhai Eramah Educational Prize for Excellence** for the second best SSS 3 graduating student.

THIRD PRIZE

This is to be called **Monsignor Joseph Apehodon Eramah Educational Prize for Excellence** for the third best SSS 3 graduating student.

FOURTH PRIZE

This is to be called **Paul Osiyemeh Eramah Educational Prize for Excellence** for the best JSS 3 graduating student.

MONETARY VALUE OF THE PRIZES

- The best SSS 3 graduating students will have ten thousand naira (N10,000.00) each in the three schools.
- The second best SSS 3 graduating students will have eight thousand naira (N8,000.00) each in the three schools.
- The third best SSS 3 graduating students will have seven thousand naira (N7,000.00) each in the three schools.
- The best JSS 3 graduating students will have five thousand naira (N5,000.00) each in the three schools.

We have therefore enclosed four (4) drafts for thirty thousand naira (N30,000.00) each in favour of the various institutions listed above totaling One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Naira (N120,000.00) for the 2004/2005 academic session.

The main thrust of these awards is to encourage our young Nigerian students in these schools to compete for laurels while developing themselves in both learning and character without neglecting their spiritual lives.

We wish to state that, we are irrevocably committed to maintaining our Foundation in your institutions and by the Grace of God, the next installment of N120,000.00 will be sent in July 2005 for the 2005/2006 academic session.

We will continue to identify with your institutions.

God Bless.

~~Princess Ehadia Eramah~~
Chairman- Board of Trustee


Mrs. Florence O. Eramah
Treasurer- Board of Trustee

CC.

Rev. Fr. Ogbehin,
Principal, Lumen Christi Sec. Sch.,
Uromi.

Rev. Fr. (Dr.) Isaac Ebeigbe
Principal, I.C.C.,
Benin City.

Sr. Beatrice Iroeghin,
Principal, Presentation National High Sch.,
Benin City.

Sr. Stella Giegherfawren,
Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
% Bishop's Court,
Benin City.

PETER INU ERAMEH (NRC) FOUNDATION.

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057-602630**

OUR REF:PIE/BEN/FOE/PEE/04/2005/001 DATE: April 11, 2005.

His Grace,
Most Rev.(Dr.) Patrick E. Ekpun
The Metropolitan Archbishop,
Catholic Archdiocese of Benin City,
No. 30, Airport Road,
Benin City.

Your Grace,

Re: **TRAINING OF A PRIEST AND A REVEREND SISTER IN THE
CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF BENIN CITY.**

We are pleased to inform you that, our Foundation has included in its programmes the training of a PRIEST in the Archdiocese of Benin City. We shall be sending the sum of Thirty Thousand Naira (N30,000.00) annually for eight years in the fulfilment of this great dream. This is in addition to the existing programmes already in place which brings the total Endowment from N1,260,000.00 to N1,500,000.00.

Presently, our Foundation maintains the following programmes in the Archdiocese:

AWARD OF PRIZES FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

1. Lumen Christi Secondary School, Uromi - N30,000.00 annually. We have already sent in the sum of N230,000.00, part of which we requested that N70,000.00 should be used for an indigent student as may be approved by the principal.
2. Presentation National High School, Benin City- N30,000.00 annually. Only the sum of N30,000.00 has been sent to the school. The second instalment will be due in July, 2005.
3. Immaculate Conception College, Benin City- N30,000.00 annually. This will be due in July 2005.

SUBJECT MATTER:

PETER INU ERAMEH (JNR.) FOUNDATION.


1. Training of a Reverend Sister : This is expected to last for eight years. The sum of N30,000.00 has already been sent in while we have attached a cheque for another N30,000.00 for the second installment.
2. Training of a Priest : This decision was taken at St. Monica, during the visit of the CNO Archdiocese of Benin City which I was part of. A cheque for the sum of N30,000.00 is attached in respect of the first installment towards the realization of this programme.

We wish to state that, we are irrevocably committed to maintaining our Foundation in the Archdiocese and by the Grace of God, the next installment of N60,000.00 will be sent in July 2005 for the 2004/2005 academic session for the institutions only.

We will continue to identify with the Archdiocese.

God Bless.


Prince Peter Ebada Eramah
Chairman- Board of Trustee


Mrs. Florence O. Eramah
Treasurer- Board of Trustee

CC.

Rev. Fr. Charles Akue,
Bishop's Court,
Benin City.

Sr. Stella Giegebelemwen,
Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
% Bishop's Court,
Benin City.

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052-6032630/6029235773

OUR REF:PIEB/BEN/TOE/PEB/04/2006/001

DATE: May 5, 2006.

His Grace,

Most Rev.(Dr.) Patrick E. Ekeju
The Metropolitan Archbishop,
Catholic Archdiocese of Benin City,
No. 30, Airport Road,
Benin City.

Your Grace,

Re: **TRAINING OF A PRIEST, A REVEREND SISTER AND AWARD OF PRIZES IN SCHOOLS IN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF BENIN CITY AMOUNTING TO N1.5MILLION.**

We are pleased to inform you that, our Foundation, by the grace of GOD has been able to fulfill its obligation in the payment of N120,000.00 for the year 2006 towards its programme in the Archdiocese of Benin City. These programmes are as stated below:

AWARD OF PRIZES FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

1. Lamson Christ Secondary School, Uromi. - N50,000.00 annually
- 4th installment (Total remittance to date - N260,000.00)
2. Presentation National High School, Benin City -N30,000.00 annually
- 3rd installment (Total remittance to date -N90,000.00)
3. Training of a Priest in the Archdiocese -N30,000.00 annually
- 2nd installment (Total remittance to date -N60,000.00)
4. Training of a Reverend Sister in the Archdiocese -N30,000.00 annually
- 3rd installment (Total remittance to date -N90,000.00)

We wish to state that, the next installment of N120,000.00 would be sent in July 2007.
We will continue to identify with the Archdiocese.

God Bless


Prince Peter Ebada Eramah
Chairman- Board of Trustee


Mrs. Florence O. Eramah
Treasurer- Board of Trustee

PETER INU ERAMEH (NRI) FOUNDATION

No. 1 Danmsh Royal Family Compound
Adegbete,
Esikato Central L. G. A.
Edo State.

No. 1 Robinson Avenue
Behind Iyigano Post Office
BDPA, Iyigano,
Benin City.

Ref: PIER/BEN/PEE/072007/017
July 10, 2007

The Administrator,
Catholic Archdiocese of Benin City,
No. 201, Airport Road,
Benin City.

Dear Rev. Father,

Re: **TRAINING OF A PRIEST, A REVEREND SISTER AND AWARD OF PRIZES IN SCHOOLS IN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF BENIN CITY.**

We are pleased to inform you that, our Foundation, by the Grace of GOD has been able to fulfill its obligation in the payment of N90,000.00 for the year 2007 towards its programme in the Archdiocese of Benin City. These programmes are as stated below:

TRAINING OF THE RELIGIOUS

- Training of a Priest in the Archdiocese - N30,000.00 annually
- 3rd installment (Total remittance to date - N90,000.00)
- Training of a Reverend Sister in the Archdiocese - N30,000.00 *quarterly*
- 4th installment (Total remittance to date - N120,000.00)

AWARD OF PRIZES FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- Presentation National High School, Benin City - N30,000.00
- 4th and final installment (Total remittance to date - N120,000.00)
- Lumen Christi Secondary School, Groma - We concluded this last year 2006 with total remittance of N250,000.00 for award of prizes to best graduating students.

Please we will continue to give support to the training of the religious in the Archdiocese of Benin City

We wish to state that the next installment of N60,000.00 for the training of the Religious would be sent in April 2008.

Wishing you God's abundant Blessings,

PHILIP OBIANU
Prince Peter Enoch Eramah
Chairman - Board of Trustees.

CC: Most Rev. (Dr.) Patrick E. Epen

Sr. Stella Guephorwanu (SSH)

Sr. Teresa Ohsani (SSH)

Mother Superior,
SSH) - Gwerinde - Ijousa.

The Principal, Presentation National High School,
Ubesan Quarters, Benin City.



PETER INU ERAMEH FOUNDATION

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No. 1 Robinson Avenue
 Bodija, Lagos
 Benin City

The Administrator
 Catholic Archdiocese of Benin City,
 No. 20, Airport Road,
 Benin City

Dear Rev. Father,

Re: **TRAINING OF A PRIEST AND A REFERRED SISTER IN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF BENIN CITY.**

We are pleased to inform you that, our Foundation, by the Grace of God has been able to fulfill its obligations in the payment of N60,000.00 for the year 2008 towards the training of the Religions in the Archdiocese.

TRAINING OF THE RELIGIOUS

- Training of a Priest in the Archdiocese – N30,000.00 annually
 - 4th installment (Total remittance to date – N120,000.00)
- Training of a Referred Sister in the Archdiocese – N30,000.00
 - 3rd installment (Total remittance to date – N150,000.00)

Please we shall continue to give support in the training of the religious in the Archdiocese of Benin City.

We wish to state that the next installment of N60,000.00 for the training of the religious would be sent in April 2009.

Wishing you God's abundant blessings,

Princess Olayinka
 Prince Peter Eramah Eramah,
 Chairman – Board of Trustees,
 CC: Most Rev. (Dr.) Patrick E. Egon
 Sr. Teresa Okhai (SSSI)
 Mother Superior,
 SSSI – Gerentide – Lagos.



PETER INU ERAMEH (JNR) FOUNDATION

No. 1 Inu Eramah Avenue Off Seme Ogbomoso Avenue Off Central Igbor Road,
 GRA, P.O. Box 4372, Baidoa, Benin City.

April 26, 2010

The Administrator,
 Catholic Archdiocese of Benin City,
 No. 20, Airport Road,
 Benin City

Dear Most Rev. Father,

RE: **TRAINING SUPPORT FOR THE RELIGIOUS AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO BROTHER HIS SCOLIOAL INDIGENT PUPILS.**

We are pleased to inform you that our Foundation, by the Grace of God has been able to fulfill its obligations in the payment of N200,000.00 towards the training of the Religious in the Archdiocese of Benin City.

TRAINING OF THE RELIGIOUS

- Training of a Priest in the Archdiocese – N 30, 000 – annually,
 - 1st installment (Total remittance to date – N 30, 000 – annually)
- Training of a Referred Sister in the Archdiocese – N 30, 000 – annually,
 - 1st installment (Total remittance to date – N 30, 000 – annually)
- 7th installment (Total remittance to date – N 210, 000 -)

SUPPORT FOR REFERRED PRIESTS

Support for their children – N 30, 000 or monthly – N 60, 000 - 1
 - 2nd installment (Total remittance to date – N 60, 000 -)

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENT PUPILS OF BROTHERS HIS SCOLIOAL

- 210 (one hundred and twenty) (210) candidates for the 1st installment
- 1. John Egon Nwobara (60) N 20, 660
- 2. Prince Eramah (60) N 20, 660
- 3. Prince Eramah (60) N 31, 560
- 4. Chukwura G. Okoye (60) N 31, 560

Total remittance to date – N 272, 880 for 272/272.0. & 300/2011 Academic session.

We are pleased to inform you that our Foundation, by the Grace of God has been able to fulfill its obligations in the payment of N200,000.00 towards the training of the Religious in the Archdiocese of Benin City.

Wishing you God's abundant blessings,

Best regards,
 Mrs. Florence Eramah
 Treasurer, Board of Trustees

Princess Olayinka
 Prince Peter Eramah Eramah,
 Chairman, Board of Trustees
 CC:
 Sr. Florence Nwanunna SSI
 (Mother Superior, SSSI – Gerentide Lagos)
 Sr. Josephine Eramah SSI
 (Mother Superior, SSSI – Gerentide Lagos)
 Rev. Fr. Paul Eramah



PETER INU ERAMENH (JNR) FOUNDATION

No 1 Ihu Eramenh Avenue Off Sene Oghomonu Avenue Off Central Ugor Road,
GRA, P.O Box 4372, Benin City.

Date: July 28, 2011

The Archbishop,
Sardarke Archdiocese of Benin City,
No. 26, Airport Road,
Benin City.

Dear Most Rev. Father:

RE: TRAINING SUPPORT FOR THE RELIGIOUS AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO BROTHER PLS SCHOOL INDIGENT PUPILS

We are pleased to inform you that our Foundation, by the Grace of God has been able to fulfill its obligation in the following areas of support for the Archdiocese:

TRAINING OF THE RELIGIOUS

- Training of a Priest in the Archdiocese – N30,000.00 – annually.
- 7th installment { Total remittance to date – N210,000.00 }
- Training of a Rev. Sister in the Archdiocese – N30,000.00 – annually.
- 8th and final installment { Total remittance to date – N240,000.00 }

SUPPORT FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

- Support for their kitchen – N50,000.00 annually
- 3rd installment { Total remittance to date – N90,000.00 }

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENT PUPILS OF BROTHER PLS SCHOOL FOR NOVEMBER

- 3rd remittance – 2011/2012 academic session – N170,000.00 which should be distributed as stated below always for future guide:

1) John Paul Nwankwo (Pp1 1)	-	N50,000.00
2) Idemudia Amosani (Pp2 2)	-	N50,000.00
3) Esik Enefeigh (Pp3 3)	-	N50,000.00
4) Chikwura G. Chideme (Pp4 4)	-	N50,000.00
5) Egbusi Paul Oronomonu (KG 2)	-	N50,000.00

Total remittance to date – N18,680.00 for 2009/2010, 2010/2011 & 2011/2012 academic sessions.

Please find attached our various cheques totaling N260,000.00 for all the beneficiaries.

We shall continue to give support to the training of the religious as well as up keep of our retired Priests the Archdiocese of Benin City.

Wishing you God's abundant Blessings.

Best regards,

~~Prince Peter Eranoh~~
Prince Peter Eranoh
Chairman, Board of Trustees.

CC:

Rev. Fr. Paul Enow
St. Florence Nwatoruna – SSFI
St. Josephine Ebuethi.



PETER INU ERAMAH (JNR) FOUNDATION

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GRA, P.O.Box 4372, Benin City.

August 22, 2012

The Archbishop,
Catholic Archdiocese of Benin City,
No. 30 Airport Road,
Benin City.

Dear Most Rev. Father,

RE. TRAINING SUPPORT FOR THE RELIGIOUS AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO BROTHER PLUS SCHOOL INDIGENT PUPILS

We are pleased to inform you that our Foundation, by the Grace of God has been able to fulfil its obligation in the following areas of support for the Archdiocese:

TRAINING OF THE RELIGIOUS

- Training of a Priest in the Archdiocese - N50,000 annually
- Insultment (Total remittance to date - N250,000)

SUPPORT FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

- Support for their kitchen -N30,000 annually
- Treatment (Total remittance to date - N120,000)

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENT PUPILS OF BROTHER PLUS SCHOOL FOR NAMBILION

➤ 4th remittance - 2012/2013 academic session - N150,000 which should be distributed as stated below always for future guides

1. John Paul Kwekoro	-	Prv 2	-	N30,000.00
2. Kherodas Amamori	-	Prv 3	-	N30,000.00
3. Edele Edehron	-	Prv 4	-	N30,000.00
4. Chukwura G. Chidume	-	Prv 5	-	N30,000.00 (Final remittance)
5. Ejiroze Paul Omorodion	-	Kg 3	-	N60,000.00

Total remittance to date - N698,680 for 2009/2010- 2010/2011; 2011/2012 & 2012/2013 academic sessions.

Please find attached our various cheques totaling N250,000.00 for all the beneficiaries.

We shall continue to give support to the training of the religious as well as up keep of our retired Priests in the Archdiocese of Benin City.

Wishing you God's abundant Blessings.

Best regards,

~~Prince Peter Eramah~~
Prince Peter Eramah
Chairman, Board of Trustees

CC

Rev. Fr Paul Enow
St. Josephine Ebuehi



PETER INU ERAMAH (JNR) FOUNDATION

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GRA, P.O.Box 4372, Benin City.**

August 26, 2013

The Archbishop,
Catholic Archdiocese of Benin City,
No. 30, Airport Road,
Benin City.

Dear Most Rev. Father,

RE: TRAINING SUPPORT FOR THE RELIGIOUS AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO BROTHER PLUS SCHOOL INDIGENT PUPILS

We are pleased to inform you that our Foundation, by the Grace of God has been able to fulfil its obligation in the following areas of support for the Archdiocese:

TRAINING OF THE RELIGIOUS

- Training of a Priest in the Archdiocese - N50,000 annually
- 9th installment (Total remittance to date - N310,000)

SUPPORT FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

- Support for their kitchen - N40,000 annually
- 5th installment (Total remittance to date - N160,000)

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENT PUPILS OF BROTHER PLUS SCHOOL FOR MILLION

➤ 5th remittance - 2013/2014 academic session - N140,000 which should be distributed as stated below always for future guide:

1. John Paul Nwokeri	-	Pry 3	-	N30,000.00
2. Ikhenoba Amara	-	Pry 4	-	N30,000.00
3. Esiele Ebeletoh	-	Pry 5	-	N30,000.00 (Final remittance)
4. Eghosa Paul Omorodion	-	Pry 1	-	N50,000.00 (Tuition and books)

Total remittance to date - N838,680 for 2009/2010- 2010/2011; 2011/2012; 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 academic sessions.

Please find attached our various cheques (totaling N230,000.00 for all the beneficiaries.

We shall continue to give support to the training of the religious as well as up keep of our retired Priests in the Archdiocese of Benin City.

Wishing you God's abundant Blessings.

Best regards,

Prince Peter Eramah
Chairman, Board of Trustees

CC

Rev. Fr Paul Enow
Sr. Josephine Ebuethi



PETER INU ERAMEH (INR) FOUNDATION

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GRA, P.O.Box 4372, Benin City.

August 28, 2014

The Archbishop,
Catholic Archdiocese of Benin City,
No. 30, Airport Road,
Benin City.

Dear Most Rev. Father,

RE: TRAINING SUPPORT FOR THE RELIGIOUS AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO BROTHER PLUS SCHOOL INDIGENT PUPILS

We are pleased to inform you that our Foundation, by the Grace of God has been able to fulfill its obligation in the following areas of support for the Archdiocese:

TRAINING OF THE RELIGIOUS

- > Training of a Priest in the Archdiocese – N50,000 annually
 - 10th installment (Total remittance to date – N350,000)

SUPPORT FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

- > Support for their kitchen – N40,000 annually
 - 6th installment (Total remittance to date – N200,000)

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENT PUPILS OF BROTHER PLUS SCHOOL FOR NINMILLION

> 6th remittance – 2014/2015 academic session – N110,000 which should be distributed as stated below always for future guide:

1. John Paul Nwokoro	- Pny 4	N30,000.00
2. Khenoda Anarosi	- Pny 5	N30,000.00 (Final remittance)
3. Eghosa Paul Omorodion	- Pny 1	N50,000.00 (Tuition and books)

Total remittance to date – N948,680 for 2009/2010; 2010/2011; 2011/2012; 2012/2013; 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 academic sessions.

Please find attached our various cheques totalling N200,000.00 for all the beneficiaries.

We shall continue to give support to the training of the religious as well as up keep of our retired Priests in the Archdiocese of Benin City.

Wishing you God's abundant Blessings.

Best regards,


Prince Peter Erameh

Chairman, Board of Trustees

CC

Rev. Fr Paul Enow
Sr. Gloria Ikebalumbe, SSH



PETER INU ERAMEH (INR) FOUNDATION
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REG: IN/CF/2016/0020

August 26, 2015

The Archbishop,
Catholic Archdiocese of Benin City,
No. 30, Airport Road,
Benin City.

Dear Most Rev. Father,

RE: TRAINING SUPPORT FOR THE RELIGIOUS AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO BROTHER PLUS SCHOOL INDIGENT PUPILS

We are pleased to inform you that our Foundation, by the Grace of God has been able to fulfill its obligation in the following areas of support for the Archdiocese:

TRAINING OF THE RELIGIOUS

- Training of a Priest in the Archdiocese - N50,000 annually
- 11th Installment (Total remittance to date - N410,000)

SUPPORT FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

- Support for their kitchen – N50,000 annually
- 5th installment (Total remittance to date – N250,000)

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENT PUPILS OF BROTHER PLUS SCHOOL FOR MAMILLION

- 6th remittance – 2015/2016 academic session – N90,000 which should be distributed as stated below always for future guide:

1. John Paul Nwoko - Pny 5 - N30,000.00 (Final Remittance)
2. Egiosa Paul Omorodion - Pny 2 - N60,000.00 (Tuition & books)

Total remittance to date – N1,038,680.00 for 2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015 & 2015/2016 academic sessions.

Please find attached our various cheques totalling N190,000.00 for all the beneficiaries. We shall continue to give support to the training of the religious as well as up keep of our retired Priests in the Archdiocese of Benin City.

Wishing you God's abundant Blessings.

Best regards,



Prince Peter Eramah
Chairman, Board of Trustees

CC

Rev. Fr Paul Enow
The Headmistress, Brother Plus Nur/Pny Sch.



PETER INU ERAMEH (INR) FOUNDATION
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Rg/IN/C/CF/IN/22/21

July 20, 2015

The Archbishop,
 Catholic Archdiocese of Benin City,
 No. 30, Airport Road,
 Benin City.

Dear Most Rev. Father,

RE: TRAINING SUPPORT FOR THE RELIGIOUS AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO INDIGENT PUPILS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BENIN CITY

We are pleased to inform you that our Foundation, by the Grace of God has been able to fulfil its obligation in the following areas of support for the Archdiocese:

TRAINING OF THE RELIGIOUS

- Training of a Priest in the Archdiocese - N50,000.00 annually
- 2nd recruitment (Total remittance to date) - N450,000.00
- Funding of a Priest at the Seminary for 6 years - N100,050.00 annually
- 1st Recruitment (Total remittance to date) - N100,000.00

SUPPORT FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

- Support for their kitchen – N50,000 annually
- 1st installment (Total remittance to date – N100,000)

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENT PUPILS OF BROTHER PLUS SCHOOL FOR MATHALION

- 2nd remittance – 2016/2017 academic session – N111,370.00 which should be distributed as stated below:
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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Ephraim Paul Obiagbon - Pw 2 | N61,320.00 (Trustee & books) |
| 2. Mercedes Odeji - Kg 3 | N50,000.00 (Trustee & books) |

Total remittance to date of N1,150,050.00 covered periods from 2009/2010 to 2016/2017 academic sessions

Board of Trustees

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENT PUPILS OF YMCA FROM KG1 TO PRIMARY 6 COVERING TUITION, UNIFORMS & BOOKS

Please, we are glad to bring to your notice that we have now included three Orphan students from YMCA into our scholarship scheme through the intervention of Rev. Sr. Angela Abuhlimen (SISH).

- 1st Remittance – 2016/2017 academic session – N114,900.00 which should be distributed as stated below:

1. Amason Godspower	KG 1 - N38,300.00
2. Amason Faith	KG 3 - N38,300.00
3. Amason Daniel	PWY 1 - N38,300.00

Please find attached our various cheques totaling N426,220.00 (Four Hundred and Twenty – Six Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty Naira) only for all the beneficiaries.

We shall continue to give support to the training of the religious as well as up keep of our retired Priests in the Archdiocese of Benin City.

Wishing you God's abundant Blessings always.

Best regards,

~~Angela Abuhlimen~~

Prince (Dr.) Peter Erameh
 Chairman, Board of Trustees

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PETER INU ERAMEH (NRI) FOUNDATION

No. 1, Ihu Eramah Avenue, Off Steve Oghommons Street, Off Central Ughor Road, G.A.A.
P.O. Box 4372, Benin City Reg No: CACHIN/2712

August 29, 2017

The Archbishop,
Catholic Archdiocese of Benin City,
No. 30, Airport Road,
Benin City.

Dear Most Rev. Father,

RE TRAINING SUPPORT FOR THE RELIGIOUS, SUPPORT FOR THE MARIAN YEAR CELEBRATION AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO INTELLIGENT AND INDIGENT PUPILS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BENIN CITY

We are as usual pleased to inform you that our Foundation, by the Grace of God has been able to fulfill its annual obligation in the following areas of support to the Archdiocese of Benin City.

TRAINING OF THE RELIGIOUS

- > Training of a Priest in the Archdiocese - N50,000.00 annually
- > 10th installment (Total remittance to date) - N510,000.00
- > Training of a Priest at the Seminary for 6 years - N100,000.00 annually
- > 2nd installment (Total remittance to date) - N200,000.00

SUPPORT FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

- > Support for their kitchen - N50,000 annually
- > 7th installment (Total remittance to date) - N350,000

SUPPORT FOR THE MARIAN YEAR CELEBRATION

- > In response to your appeal for support - N100,000.00 (One-off donation)

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENT PUPILS OF BROTHER PIUS SCHOOL

- > 8th remittance - 2017/2018 academic session - N102,400.00 which should be distributed as stated below:

Original received by Mr. Lawrence Okoro
AS
8/31/2017

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1. Ephosa Paul Omorodion - Pny 3 - N30,000.00 (tuition only)
2. Benedicta Olofo - Pny 1 - N63,400.00 (tuition & books)

Total remittance to date of N1252,400.00 covered periods from 2009/2010 to 2017/2018 academic sessions. Please note that any child that falls on his/her present class is automatically withdrawn from the scheme.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENT PUPILS OF WYCKA FROM KG1 TO PRIMARY 6 COVERING LITTON & BOONS

This award is granted to the below children through the intervention of Rev. Sr. Angela Abulimen (SSH) which is also being managed by her.
> 2nd Remittance - 2017/2018 academic session - N48,000.00 which should be distributed as stated below:

1. Amason Godspower - KG 2 - N34,000.00
2. Amason Daniel - PNY 1 - N34,000.00
3. Amason Faith - Failed - withdrawn

Total remittance to date of N182,900.00 covered periods from 2016/2017 to 2017/2018 academic sessions. Please note that any child that falls on his/her present class is automatically withdrawn from the scheme.

Spence had attached our various cheques, totaling N470,400.00 (Four Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Four Hundred Naira) only for all the beneficiaries.

We shall by the Grace of God, continue to give support to the training of the religious as well as up keep of our retired Priests in the Archdiocese of Benin City.

Wishing you God's abundant Blessings always.

Best regards,

Prince Dr. Peter Eramah
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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Very Rev. Fr Paul Enwo
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Reg. No: CAC/OTM/22712

July 12, 2018.

AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO INTELLIGENT AND INDIGENT STUDENTS BY PETER INU ERAMIEH (NIR) FOUNDATION FOR YEAR 2018/2019 ACADEMIC SESSION.

The Board of Trustees of Peter Inu Eramieh (NIR) Foundation has approved for disbursement the sum of \$390,460.00 (Three Hundred and Ninety Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty Naira only) in respect of the award of scholarships to the intelligent and indigent students for tuition and books for year 2018/2019 academic session.

The beneficiaries are as stated below:

(A) BROTHER PLUS NURSERY/PRIMARY SCHOOL.

This award was instituted in year 2009 through the intervention of Rev. Sr. Josephine Bhuihi

- 9th Remittance – Year 2018/2019 academic session – \$100,000.00 which should be distributed as stated below:
- 1. Ephosa Paul Omorodon – Primary 4 – \$50,000.00
- 2. Benedicita Oloro – Primary 2 – \$50,000.00

Total remittance to date of \$1,352,400.00 covered periods from 2009/2010 to 2018/2019 academic sessions.

Please note that any child that fails on his/her present class is automatically withdrawn from the scheme.

(B) YVICA NURSERY/PRIMARY SCHOOL & OXONIUM GRAND ACADEMY.

This award was instituted in Year 2016 through the intervention of Rev. Sr. Angela Abuljisen

- 3rd Remittance – Year 2018/2019 academic session – \$68,000.00 which should be distributed as stated below:
- 1. Amason Godspower – KG 3 – \$34,000.00
- 2. Amason Daniel – PwY 2 – \$34,000.00

Total remittance to date of \$256,900.00 covered periods from 2016/2017 to 2018/2019 academic sessions.

Please note that any child that fails on his/her present class is automatically withdrawn from the scheme.

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Reg. No: CAC/OTM/22712

(C) ST. PAUL MINOR SEMINARY, BENIN CITY

This award was instituted in Year 2017 through the intervention of Rev. Fr. Paschal Omoro.
 ➤ 3rd installment of an annual remittance of \$100,000.00 for Year 2018/2019 academic session making a total remittance of \$300,000.00 for years 2016/2017 to 2018/2019 academic sessions for a Semestrian.

(D) ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC ACADEMY

This award was instituted in Year 2017 through the intervention of Rev. Fr. Samuel Nhangwa.
 ➤ 2nd installment for Year 2018/2019 academic session for \$122,460.00 which should be distributed as stated below:

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|--------------------------|-----------|---|-------------|
| 1. Oghovwe Neomi | Primary 1 | - | \$71,300.00 |
| 2. Oghovwe Oshiemhen | Primary 3 | - | \$21,300.00 |
| 3. Nlhm Sunday | Primary 4 | - | \$21,300.00 |
| 4. Enabulele Justice | JSS 2 | - | \$29,260.00 |
| 5. Oshiyelenwelen Favour | JSS 3 | - | \$29,260.00 |

Total remittance to date of \$176,460.00 covered periods of two terms in Year 2017/2018 to 2018/2019 academic sessions.

Please note that any child that fails on his/her present class is automatically withdrawn from the scheme.

Please find attached our various cheques for the sum of \$390,460.00 only for all the beneficiaries.

We shall by the Grace of God, continue to give our support on an annual basis in line with our commitments.

Wishing you all God's abundant blessings always.

~~Principle (Dr.) Peter Eramieh~~

Principle (Dr.) Peter Eramieh
 Chairman, Board of Trustees.

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5. Rev. Sr. Emilia AMAH (SSH)
6. Rev. Sr. Gloria Ithabulmie (SSH)

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PETER INU ERAMEH (INR) FOUNDATION

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Reg No: CAC/FTN/2073

August 21, 2019.

AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO INTELLIGENT AND INDIGENT STUDENTS BY PETER INU ERAMEH (INR) FOUNDATION FOR YEAR 2019/2020 ACADEMIC SESSION.

The Board of Trustees of Peter Inu Eramah (INR) Foundation has approved for disbursement the sum of **#427,000.00** (Three Hundred and Forty – Seven Thousand Naira only) in respect of the award of scholarships to the intelligent and indigent students for tuition and books for year 2019/2020 academic session.

The beneficiaries are as stated below:

(A) BROTHER PLUS NURSERY/PRIMARY SCHOOL.

This award was instituted in Year 2009 through the intervention of Rev. Sr. Josephine Ebechi

➤ 10th Remittance – Year 2019/2020 academic session - **#50,000.00** which is in favour of the under listed pupil:

1. Benedicta Oloro - Primary 3 - **#50,000.00**

Total remittance to date of **#1,402,400.00** for six pupils and support for the School Library covered periods from 2009/2010 to 2019/2020 academic sessions.

Please note that any child that fails on his/her present class is automatically withdrawn from the scheme.

(B) YWCA NURSERY/PRIMARY SCHOOL & OKONIAN GRAND ACADEMY.

This award was instituted in Year 2015 through the intervention of Rev. Sr. Angela Abuhlimen

➤ 3rd Remittance – Year 2019/2020 academic session - **#871,000.00** which should be distributed as stated below:

1. Amason Godpower - Pny 1 - **#43,500.00**

2. Amason Daniel - Pny 3 - **#43,500.00**

Total remittance to date of **#356,900.00** for Three Pupils covered periods from 2016/2017 to 2019/2020 academic sessions.

Please note that any child that fails on his/her present class is automatically withdrawn from the scheme.

(C) ST. PAUL MINOR SEMINARY, BENIN CITY

This award was instituted in Year 2015 through the intervention of Rev. Fr. Paschal Omoro.

➤ 4th installment of an annual remittance of **#100,000.00** for Year 2019/2020 academic session making a total remittance of **#400,000.00** for Years 2016/2017 to 2019/2020 academic sessions for a Seminarhan.

PETER INU ERAMEH (INR) FOUNDATION

(D) ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC ACADEMY

This award was instituted in Year 2017 through the intervention of Rev. Fr. Samuel Nnanga.

➤ 3rd installment for Year 2019/2020 academic session for **#110,000.00** which should be distributed as stated below:

1. Ogeywin Naomi	Primary 2	-	#20,000.00
2. Oagidodwa Oshriemen	Primary 4	-	#20,000.00
3. Nlun Sunday	Primary 5	-	#20,000.00
4. Enabulele Jessica	JSS 3	-	#25,000.00
5. Osoyeykemen Favour	JSS 1	-	#25,000.00

Total remittance to date of **#286,460.00** for Five Students covered periods for Years 2017/2018 to 2019/2020 academic sessions.

Please note that any child that fails on his/her present class is automatically withdrawn from the scheme.

Please find attached our various cheques for the current academic session of Years 2019/2020 for sum of **#347,000.00** only for all the beneficiaries.

We have up to date by the Grace of God committed to this noble cause a total sum of **#4,025,760.00** made up of the following breakdown:

1. Brother Plus School	-	#1,402,400.00
2. YWCA/Oxonian Grand Academy	-	#356,900.00
3. St. Paul Minor Seminary	-	#400,000.00
4. St. Thomas Catholic Academy	-	#286,460.00
5. Archdiocese (Seminary)	-	#1,200,000.00 (Concluded)
6. Lumen Christi for Prizes	-	#260,000.00 (Concluded)
7. Presentation NHS for Prizes	-	#420,000.00 (Concluded)

We shall by the Grace of God, continue to give our support on an annual basis in line with our commitments for the Educational Support for the Less Privileged Orphanage Children.

Wishing you all God's abundant blessings always


Prince (Dr.) Peter Eramah
Chairman, Board of Trustees.

CC:

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2. Very Rev. Fr. Edwin Omorogbe
3. Rev. Fr. Paschal Omoro
4. Rev. Sr. Emilia AMAH (SSH)
5. Rev. Sr. Gloria Ibbalunhe (SSH)
6. All Members of the Board & Staff



SISTERS OF THE SACRED
HEART OF JESUS

October 1st, 2004

Prince Peter Ebeada Erameh,
Chairman-Board of Trustee,
No. 1 Robinson Avenue,
Ugbowo Housing Estate,
Benin City.

Dear Prince Erameh,

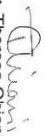
LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPRECIATION

On behalf of the entire Congregation of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Benin City, we write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated July 5th, 2004 and the cheque of thirty thousand Naira (#30,000.00) enclosed, for the training of a "Sister" annually.

This kind gesture is highly appreciated. We thank you most profoundly and we ask God to continue to bless you and your foundation abundantly. Amen.

Please be assured of our daily prayers.

Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart,


Sr. Theresa Ohiani SSH
(Coordinator General).


Sr. Josephine Ebuohi
(Secretary General).

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SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Generalate, Igbosa (Opp. Top Point)

Dear Sir,

PO Box 5241
Benin City, Nigeria.
Tel: 01-262 4009/5, 0802872733, 08037489408
Email: ssthenin@vsnl.com

August 15, 2007
Prince Peter Ebeada Erameh
Chairman-Board of Trustee
No 1 Robinson Avenue
Behind Ugbowo Post Office
BDPA, Ugbowo,
Benin City


RE: TRAINING OF THE RELIGIOUS IN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF BENIN

I write to acknowledge the receipt of N30,000.00 being a donation towards the training of a Reverend Sister in the Archdiocese.

On behalf of the Founder Most Rev. Dr. P.E. Ehan and the entire Congregation of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus I thank you most sincerely for your readiness to help the Sisters.

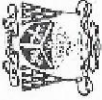
We are grateful to you and ask the good Lord to continue to bless you, your family and all that you lay your hands on. May you continue to prosper in Jesus' name.

Sincerely Yours in the Sacred Heart,


Sr. Theresa Ohiani, SSH
(Coordinator General)

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CHANCERY BUILDING
30 Airport Road,
P.O. Box 35
Benin City, Nigeria

February 4th, 2008

Peter Inu Eramen, Foundation
No. 1, Robinson Avenue,
Behind Udoowo Post Office,
B.D.P.A., Udoowo,
Benin City.

Dear Sir,

We acknowledge the receipt of #30,000 (Thirty thousand naira) being payment for the training of a priest in the Archdiocese of Benin City (Fourth Installation).

Thanks for your Co-operation and support.

Rev. Fr. Michael Oyanoboh
Chancellor.



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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP
30 AIRPORT ROAD
P.O. BOX 35
BENIN CITY, NIGERIA

June 10 2009

Prince Peter Eramen
Chairman,
Board of Trustees,
Peter Inu Eramen (JNR) Foundation,
No 1 Inu Eramen Avenue,
Off Steve Oghomwan Avenue,
Off Central Ugbor Road,
GRA,
Benin City

Dear Prince Eramen,

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of the management, staff and principal of Brother Plus Nursery/Primary School, I write to acknowledge and appreciate your kind gesture to support the growth of the school, through the donation of books to the school's library and the award of scholarships to four of her pupils.

There is no doubt that this kind gesture of yours will go a long way to enhance the academic excellence of the school.

May God continue to bless and strengthen you in all your endeavors. Very many thanks for your contribution towards the growth of the school.

I remain,
Yours very sincerely in Christ,

+Richard Burke,
Archbishop of Benin City





ARCHDIOCESE OF BENIN CITY

23rd August, 2011

The Chairman
Board of Trustees
Peter Inu Erameh (Inr) Foundation
1, Inu Erameh Avenue,
Benin City.

Dear Prince Erameh,

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I write to acknowledge receipt of your cheques of ₦30, 000 each for the support of retired Priests and the training of Seminarians for the priesthood. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

I wish to bring to your notice that the yearly support for Seminarians is now ₦50, 000,000.

Praying God to richly bless your generosity in ways that He knows best through the prayers of the Mother of God.

Yours Sincerely

Fr. Paul B. Enow
Financial Administrator



ARCHDIOCESE OF BENIN CITY

September 4, 2014

Prince Peter Erameh
Peter Inu Erameh (Inr) Foundation
No 1 Inu Erameh Avenue,
Off Steve Oghomwan Avenue,
Off Central Ugbor Road, G.R.A
P. O. Box 4372,
Benin City.

Dear Prince Peter,

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT AND APPRECIATION

I write to acknowledge receipt of your cheque for the sum of N200, 000 towards the sponsorship of seminarians for our Archdiocese, support for retired Priests and scholarship for indigent pupils of Brother Plus School.

We are deeply appreciative of your support and contributions now and in the past towards training young men for the Priesthood and putting smiles on the faces of the poor by affording them the opportunity of having quality education. May the good Lord in his abundance richly reward you for your generosity both here on earth and in the life after.

Be assured of our care and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Augustine O. Adeneye
Archbishop of Benin City

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