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## DECREE OF RECOGNITION OF *THE APOSTOLATE OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST* AS A PRIVATE ASSOCIATION IN THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ENUGU

Since its inception on 5 July 1995 and its official inauguration on 14 September 2000, the group known as the *Apostolate of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ* has existed in the Catholic Diocese of Enugu as a Pious Association with the objective "to promote devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ all over the world" in response to "the call of the Agonizing Jesus Christ to console Him and adore His Most Precious Blood and make reparation for their sins and those of the whole world" (cf. The Constitution, art.3, §3.1). They seek to propagate the Christian faith and defend the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. To console the Agonizing Jesus Christ, the Association engages in school apostolate and works of charity that provide succor for the poor, the sick, the aged and needy. Its charism is to contemplate and live out the mystery of love rooted in the mystery of the Cross of Jesus Christ (cf. The Constitution, art. 3, §3.2-3.14).

To provide pastoral solicitude for them and ensure that its members walk in the path of the Church's teachings and discipline, a chaplain was later appointed for the Association. Thus, the Association which began in a small village of Olo in Ezeagu Local Government Area of Enugu State now enjoys national and international fellowship with numerous members from across the globe.

Therefore, WHEREAS,

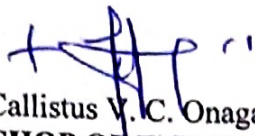
- the Christian faithful possess the freedom to found and direct associations for purposes of charity or piety or for the promotion of the Christian vocation in the world and to hold meetings for the common pursuit of these purposes (c. 215);
- I have received the application for ecclesiastical recognition from the Association and the recommendation of the Chaplain;
- the Diocesan Theology Commission has examined and recommended the Association for recognition;
- the Statutes (Constitution) of the Association has been reviewed by the competent ecclesiastical authority (c. 299 §3);
- the Association has fulfilled the diocesan particular laws and customs concerning the recognition of private associations;



I, **Most Rev. Callistus V.C. Onaga**, Bishop of Enugu Diocese, in accordance with c. 299 hereby GRANT RECOGNITION to the Private Association of the Faithful known as the *Apostolate of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ* whose present leader is Bro. Barnabas Ikenna Nwoye, with its headquarter in Uje, Imezi-Olo, Ezeagu Local Government Area of Enugu State.

It is my hope and prayer that the members of the Association will grow in holiness and thrive in their efforts to imitate Christ and live out the mystery of the Holy Cross and spread His word that others may come to know Him and his saving grace.

Given at Enugu on 27 September 2023, the Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul.

  
✠ Callistus V. C. Onaga  
BISHOP OF ENUGU



  
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