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JDPC/CARITAS ONITSHA

JDPC of Onitsha Archdiocese is the Archdiocesan answer to the call of the Second Vatican Council which states that the Church should be concerned in the building of a just and peaceful society. His Holiness Pope Paul VI stressed in the encyclical 'Populorum Progressio', an important document that focused on the development of people, that the 'progressive development of people is an object of deep interest and concern to the Church.' The mandate of the commission is to awaken in the people of God to full awareness of their mission on earth. Equally, it has the mandate to further promote peace and justice for good of the human person and society. It is therefore the social arm of the church, which strives to right the ills or wrongs of the society and proffer solutions to them. It was established in 1990. The Justice, Development and Peace Commission/Caritas is a department in the Catholic Archdiocesan Secretariat Onitsha registered as a Non Governmental Organization. Its activities cover the geographical areas of the Catholic Archdiocese of Onitsha, which embraces 181 Parishes and Chaplaincies.

JDPC/Caritas as social arm of the Catholic Archdiocese of Onitsha carries out programmes and interventions that are people friendly, development oriented, that promote human dignity, fight to alleviate poverty through empowerment, strive to be the voice of the voiceless and works to promote good governance.

In its network and partnership, JDPC/Caritas works with relevant stakeholders – CSOs

CBOs, NGOs, Government agencies, local and international donors. It has over 2000 volunteers from regional and parish JDPC platforms.

Vision Statement

A Society of Justice, Equity, Development and Peace.

Mission Statement

To promote the dignity of the human person through a holistic empowerment approach

THEMATIC AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT AND CARITAS INTERVENTION

- Environmental Justice
- Judicial and Penal Reform
- Economic and Social Justice
- Peace Building and Conflict Resolution
- Democracy and Good Governance
- Caritas

FORWARD BY REV. FR. EDWIN UDOYE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The works of development, peace and justice have positioned JDPC/Caritas Onitsha to be working with and for the poor, the marginalized, vulnerable and the entire humanity to uphold human dignity by giving voice to the voiceless and to challenge any structure that impoverish people and makes the world unsafe.

The scope and visibility of the commission's work are increasing every day. Many parishes are now setting up JDPC and many people are being made active citizens through JDPC live radio programme. We thank God for his graces and growth this year. I appreciate His Excellency Most Rev. Valerian Okeke for tremendous support especially for initiating Archdiocesan micro-credit scheme and Oluchukwu Automobile Mechanic Workshop for youth empowerment. I thank the auxiliary Bishop Most Rev. Denis Isizoh for encouraging JDPC to do poverty mapping exercise in Olumbanasa and his promise to support enlightenment programme in the area especially on issues of child-girl marriage and promotion of education for all. JDPC Board of Directors, I appreciate your availability and support. I thank all the management team, JDPC Staff, Parish JDPC members and volunteers for their sacrifice and service.

JDPC/Caritas Onitsha has enormously giving voice to the voiceless through her democracy and good governance programme through which duty bearers have been held to account and be responsive. V2P project has immensely brought innovations to good governance in Anambra State, communities have been empowered to demand service delivery from duty bearers through demand chatter, injustices and abuse of human rights have addressed and people liberated. In the past years JDPC has been intensively involved in right education, gender education civic and voter education, advocacy for good governance and tax justice education. This has bore a lot of fruits as shown in the report.

Equally, in the year 2016 the Commission has embarked on different empowerment programmes. Promic and Cadomics especially have touched more than 2500 persons through provision of soft revolving loans. Through caritas interventions many more lives have been touched. More parishes are now active in caritas work. JDPC Year of Mercy interventions were massive. Worthy of mention was visit to riverine communities with relief items.

The 2016 annual report provides a glimpse of some of wonderful success stories of JDPC/Caritas in different facets of the Archdiocese and Anambra State in general. Particularly, the report documents some of the key achievements of V2P projects. I hope reading the report will give you more insight into the work of JDPC/Caritas, our service and commitment.

Nonetheless, JDPC/Caritas have some challenges that impede the progress of its works. The problem of not having conducive office space, lack of required fund to engage in full interventions, increasing incidence of poverty in the society and slow pace of embracing change are some the challenges the commission is having. Read the report and join

JDPC/Caritas to be an agent of change, to touch poor lives positively, to be a voice of the voiceless, to be development agent and lover of peace.

SUMMARY OF 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

The year 2016 is the year of greater achievement and innovations for JDPC/Caritas Onitsha. The Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC) Onitsha engaged in series of activities that guaranteed development of human person and society hence contributed to end incidence of poverty among citizens and bad governance. Many result oriented activities were taken in six specific areas JDPC/Caritas interventions with the intention to promote human development, socioeconomic justice, poverty eradication and re-establishment of stronger systems and structures that promote good governance for sustainable development.

JDPC/Caritas Onitsha within the year under review created awareness on governance activities through mobilization, sensitization and capacity building on project execution and monitoring among communities, Parish JDPC Volunteers and members. Thus, JDPC Onitsha strengthened and empowered Traditional Rulers, PGs, Women Leaders, Youth Leaders, Village heads, Religious Leaders, Umuada, Women Wing, Town Union, Student Union, Age grade, Youths and Girls groups to demand their rights, ask questions about budget allocation documents, draw demand charters and to be able to hold duty bearers to account.

Following JDPC sound skill in advocacy and lobbying, it has achieved results on various advocacy targets. For instance, JDPC has introduced budget analysis that helped the communities to know budget calendar and concomitant follow with government or contractors. It may interest you to note that JDPC has formulated CBM Guidelines under print to consolidate the platform and Demand Chatter is being institutionalized as the State Government is about to adopt it in her gazette.

Interestingly, the JDP Commission has achieved a lot in gender and social inclusion of women. The organization has new and innovative ideas working with women and girls to foster inclusive governance. Through her gender education programme women have been brought together at the community level to transform their ideology of “not wanted, not needed” into superlative thoughts of “Yes we can” and went ahead to assimilate all JDPC capacity building on effective leadership, quality representation and participation. This effort has given birth to Girl's Parliament, a platform that has given girl's voice and say in the society.

Remarkably, JDPC Onitsha is outstanding in institutionalizing great platforms for effective development and good governance and has used this in 2016 to gain a household name in Anambra State. There were regular constituency briefings with Hon. Members representing the various constituencies. JDPC brought the Representatives together with their people and this is amazing as the people never knew it could be possible. They see their representatives, touch them, and dialogue with them about their needs so that they will represent them effectively. There is also quarterly service

providers' meeting with all direct government workers (teachers, nurses, etc) in the community where they dialogue with the community for efficient service delivery. There are the establishment and institutionalization of COMEN and CBM which organize their regular meetings on community development and governance activities in the communities.

Equally, in the year under review, the Commission's innovation and strategy on social media and knowledge management have been resounding success that created channels for wider outreaches and engagement socially. We created online resources on twitter, facebook, whatsapp where topical and current issues on governance are freely discussed. The JDPC Radio Live Programme in Radio Sapientia has given the commission tremendous visibility.

Furthermore, JDPC Onitsha in the year 2016 alone facilitated various empowerment programmes for the youth, farmers, women and petty traders. The empowerment programmes such as CADOMICS I, CADOMICS II, PROMIC I, PROMIC II, PROMIC Agric, Co-operative Society and Keke empowerment programmes are touching lives in the Archdiocese. The purpose of this programme is to promote livelihood among the indigents hence build sustainable means of self-sustenance and development.

Basically, many Parish JDPCs made significant contribution in supporting the realization of the above achievements in the Archdiocese. They participated in JDPC fund raising programmes organized within the period of Lent. A massive Lenten Campaign Drive was embarked upon to sensitize and conscientized people on the need for almsgiving within Lenten period. They participated actively in JDPC Week programme, parish and regional meetings. Going through the report many parishes have in recent times inaugurated JDPCs their parishes. The report indicates that JDPC caritas interventions (bursary, cash charity, relief packages and medicals) have tremendously increased both in the parish levels and secretariat. Many lives were touched. The quarterly Archdiocesan JDPC meetings are well attended and members manifesting great enthusiasm and commitment.

With joy the Commission appreciates the fabulous financial support from the Archbishop, Most Rev. Valerian M. Okeke which inevitably helped for the sustainability and formidability of the Commission. The members of the Board of Directors and management team have shown greater commitment towards the development of the commission through periodic meetings and strategic planning on organizational programmes and designs. The 14 man Board members continued to support the commission with new, original and innovative ideas the contributed to actualization of JDPC Onitsha 2016 dreams.

Finally, JDPC Onitsha in her V2P programme won the best Christian Aid Partner in Governance and Gender programme for 2016.

JDPC ARCHDIOCESE OF ONITSHA 2016 REPORT

1. PROGRAM ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

The Justice Development Peace/Caritas Commission (JDPC) Onitsha engaged in series of activities in its six core functional areas namely: Economic and Social Justice, Democracy and good Governance, Peace building and conflict resolution, Judiciary and penal Reform, Environmental Justice and Caritas. In a special way JDPC Onitsha carried out the mandate of the Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. Valerian Okeke to sensitize and evangelize the public on the message of the Year of Mercy.

2. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Expansion of Parish JDPC

The year 2016 witnessed an improvement in parish JDPC activities. 10 (ten) new parish-JDPCs were inaugurated bringing the total number of parishes with JDPC to 92. This brought an additional 123 JDPC members leading to a total of 1,933 JDPC memberships in the Archdiocese. JDPC Onitsha also recorded over 100 new volunteers within the year. The new JDPC parishes include: St Michael's parish Fegge, St Anthony parish Umudioka, St Mary's parish Ochuche-Umuodu, St Mary's Parish Alor, Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Umuoji. St Mary's parish Nnokwa. St John De Baptist Ogbakuba, St Theophilus Parish Nkwelle-Ezunaka, St Dominic's Fegge and etc.



P-JDPC St. Mary's Parish Ochuche-Umuodu Inuaguration

JDPC Board Meeting

JDPC Onitsha has Board of Directors made up of professionals and consultants from various works of life. They meet three times a year to formulate and approve strategic policies and programmes of JDPC Onitsha.



JDPC Board of Directors

P-JDPC Archdiocesan Meetings: There are over 92 parishes with functional JDPC within the six Regions of the Archdiocese of Onitsha. The Archdiocesan JDPC meets every quarter (four times every year). Archdiocesan JDPC meetings are normally attended by authorized delegates from the parish JDPCs spanning from 150 -200 members.



Members of Parish JDPC in one of their meetings

Parish-JDPC Market Lenten Campaign

JDPC as usual conducted the market Lenten campaign with new style of engaging each region to go to specific markets for the campaign. The JDPC members demonstrated their faith during the campaign as they solicited for funds for corporal works of mercy. Specifically, Onitsha Region covered the Main market and Ochanja market. Dunukofia Region covered new parts market, New Tyre market and Old parts market Nkpor. Iyiowa Region covered Head-bridge/medicine dealers market, Electronics market and Ogbaru relief market. Igbariam Region covered Building material market and Bakery materials market Ogidi. Nnobi Region covered Nnobi market, Mgbuka market Obosi and Electricals market Obosi and Aguleri Region covered Otuocha market Umuoba Anam and Ose market Onitsha. The turnout was over 100 participants.



JDPC Market Lenten Campaigners about to move

2016 JDPC WEEK

JDPC Onitsha marked her 2016 JDPC week with Archdiocesan flag off on 2 July and flag off in different parishes on 10th July, 2016 with the theme 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and the Security of Life and Property in Nigeria. The flag off was attended by many stakeholders including: The Director of Agricultural investment, Ministry of Agriculture Anambra State Mr. Nwaokike, CSP Rabi Garba Divisional Police Officer Fegge, JDPC Board members Rev. Fr. J.J.C Akunne, Rev. Fr. Dr. Edwin Udoe and etc. Over 300 people from various parishes and communities attended the flag off.

A week activities were carried out in different parishes. JDPC Onitsha introduced some flexibility in the dates of the event and topic of discussions. The week event was well organized in many parishes of the Onitsha Archdiocese. The week ended with Archdiocesan JDPC collection to aid the work of the Commission.



JDPC Board Members Rev. Fr. J.J.C Akunne, Rev. Fr. Edwin Udoe at 2016 JDPC Week Flag off

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE:

Despite the Nigerian economic recession, the JDPC economic and social justice unit recorded incremental activities in her micro credit services and empowerment. Additional 561 beneficiaries were empowered in 2016. Hence JDPC economic and social justice interventions contributed to end incidence of poverty, hunger and more importantly promoting human dignity and sustainable livelihood for self-reliance among citizens. The breakdown is as follows:

PROJECT (Funders)	Total 2015	Increment 2016	Total 2016
CADOMICS 1 (Archbishop)	1,004	171	1,175
CADOMICS 2 (Princess Stella Oduah)	325	70	395
PROMIC 1 (Swiss-hand)	301	153	454
PROMIC 2 (Swiss-hand)	345	60	405
PROMIC Agriculture (Swiss-hand)	105	62	167
JDPC Micro Credit	30	45	75
Total	2, 110	561	2,676

The CADOMICS project is a parish based initiative for both male and female parishioners and has given out over N30 Million naira in revolving loan to empowered 1,570 beneficiaries from 64 parishes in Onitsha Archdiocese. The PROMIC project is a community based initiative for rural women only and has given out over N18 Million naira to empowered 1026 beneficiaries across 52 communities.

Mrs. Okeke Agnes the JDPC Chairperson of St John De Apostle Ogbakuba gave her testimonies of change; she said she bought a refrigerator which help in sustaining her perishable goods, yielded more income and meeting up market demand. This ensures sustainability for herself and her family. She also testified that most of the migrant farmers in her area has embraced Christianity (Catholic) because of the CADOMICS empowerment programme.



Mrs. Okeke Agnes with her Refrigerator

KEKE (TRI-CYCLE) PROJECT

Keke (Tri-Cycle) is an empowerment based transportation support project aimed at empowering interested committed publics in a sustainable way. Six (6) additional Keke were given out at the cost of ₦3,250,150 (Three million two hundred and fifty thousand one hundred and fifty naira) were given to the willing operators. This brought the total number of Keke Tri-cycle so far given out to twelve (12). JDPC Onitsha was supported by four new keke by a committed philanthropist to realize this goal. Beneficiaries of this project have appreciated JDPC Onitsha for helping them to alleviate their poverty in a sustainable way.



A beneficiary receiving one of the KEKE Trucks key

SCHOOL RUN PROJECT

JDPC School run started as an intervention to alleviate the suffering of parents and pupils. The two buses currently on the scheme carry a total of 52 children (32 children to & fro and 20 children fro only) from various schools in Onitsha.

The parents of the children in our school run programme testified that the programme was of immense relief to them and wants the project to be expanded to accommodate more beneficiaries.



AUTO-MECHANIC WORKSHOP

JDPC Onitsha with the support of His Grace, Most Rev. Valerian Okeke the Archbishop of Onitsha Archdiocese acquired good site/location for the construction of the workshop. The construction work for a one story building has been roofed and plastered. Some of the needed machineries have been procured waiting for installation.



JDPC RADIO PROGRAMME

JDPC live Radio Listeners programme has become a house hold programme. In 2016 the programme acquired a new name '**Church and Society.**' Important issues such as: Role of the church in Promoting Education, Role of Church in Eradicating Poverty, Dangers of Early Marriage, Promoting Girl Child Education and Elimination of Violence Against Women were discussed.

The radio programme is on air at Radio Sapientia every Friday from 3.30pm-4.30pm. The number of callers has increased to 2, 014 callers every quarter of 12 times appearances.



JDPC Communication Officer with one of the traditional rulers (Igwe George Ekwealor) of Umuoba-Anam at JDPC Radio Programme

CADO POULTRY/FISH FARM PROJECT.

JDPC Onitsha collaborated with the Archdiocesan Education Commission to establish large scale battery caged poultry farm and fish farm called CADO Agric Project. The farm was commissioned on 6th November 2016 by the Archbishop of Onitsha Most Rev. Dr. Valerian Okeke and has commenced with initial 5,000 birds capacity and 10,000 fish capacity. JDPC involvement is mainly on managerial capacity. The farm is situated near Boys Secondary School Ogidi, Idemili North LGA Anambra State premises.



CADO Poultry Farm

REV. FR.'S MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY

JDPC Onitsha facilitated the formation of three cooperative societies for priests that are interested in agriculture. The cooperatives have been formed and registered with the Ministry of Agriculture Awka.

DEMOCRACY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE: SOME IMPACTS AND RESULTS

In a society hijacked by selected few and a society circumvented with some norms, beliefs and practices that denigrate human dignity and suppress human rights giving voice to the poor and the marginalized becomes inevitable to bring about change. Through sensitization and capacity building JDPC Onitsha has mobilized and galvanized 48 communities in Anambra State to come together to discuss their problems and prospects with aim of finding solutions. Voice to the People (V2P) project sponsored by Dfid, a good governance project has propelled JDPC into core community development intervention. Through collaborative partnership of Christian Aid U.K, Christian Aid Nigeria, support of other local partners and cooperation of community people JDPC Onitsha as social/community development institution painstakingly carried the intervention with passion and commitment to arrive at targeted outcome. Creatively, a lot of approaches and processes were designed and employed as target drivers and innovative tools to bring about change, active citizenship, responsive governance for accountability, holding duty bearers to account, community ownership through monitoring and reporting and transforming some obnoxious cultural norms or

practices to be camaraderie through advocacies. Within the four years of this project a lot of impacts, achievements and innovations for development have been registered and successfully applied. Thus, below are some of the outstanding impacts of the project after four years of the intervention.



V2P engages with all members of the community for effective governance.

- **Capacity Building:** JDPC Onitsha used the opportunity created by Dfid funding support offer capacity buildings for the marginalized communities. More than 20 capacity building and strengthening programmes focusing on power and gender analysis, right based approach, policy advocacy and new approaches for effective coordination of civil society including religious groups for social accountability action were conducted for the target communities. Other capacities impacted on communities areas include; documentation, development of charters of demand, leadership and good governance, networking and linkages, community based monitoring and reporting. In addition, community groups have demonstrated lessons learnt on the need for proper record keeping that promote accountability. The impact is enormous as one observes the increase in knowledge on human rights, gender equality, gender balance, improved understanding of governance, active citizenship and other social and intellectual awareness. The capacity built has empowered the communities to stage meaning advocacies to government ministries, raised questions about government community interventions and monitor ongoing and completed projects in their respective communities as active citizens.



JDPC Project officer- V2P, training community members on right based approach

- **Election Observation Enhancement and Voter's Education:** JDPC engaged and taught community members during the intervention civic education and voters' right. Basically, V2P project period encountered 2 elections in Nigeria. The V2P partner JDPC Onitsha led a continuous massive citizens elections awareness support programmes such as voter information sharing, political manifesto tracking, election observation/monitoring and non-violence election education that contributed to increase in voter turnout - eligible citizens especially women participated and voted in the elections. As a result of these activities apathy to vote on Election Day has significantly reduced in the State. Series of voter education and sensitization on Radio Sapientia were carried out to enlighten greater audience on election issues. . Significantly invalidation of ballot papers as a result of voting in between lines reduced. JDPC election intervention helped to promote voters' confidence and deterred many from fraud during election.



JDPC/V2P Project Officer training Women Voter Education Facilitators.

- **Community Engagement:** The emergency of Community Empowerment Network through the GTF and V2P has strengthened and increased number of citizens actively engaging and demanding accountability from government. The continuous support provided by JDPC-V2P to COMEN institution and Town Unions through capacity strengthening on networking and policy advocacy has enable communities to close the gap between local government departments and Town Unions. Other supports such as provision of office equipment, development of community groups need assessment, strengthening of co-operative by linking them with Government schemes, tax justice, M & E supportive and supervisory visits, civic/voter education, political/civic rights, Rights Based Approach and review meetings with the COMEN, CBM and TU stakeholders have been employed to empower and strengthen communities for meaningful engagement with relevant duty bearers and for development. It is worthy of note that communities are no longer estranged from the government. Through community engagement communities learnt why and how to monitor projected cited and going on their community. Equally, some understaffed government schools and health centres have received prompt attention through JDPC-community interface with the government.



JDPC support community groups to interface with Anambra State Business Agency (ASBA)

- **Charter of Demand:** This is a working document developed by JDPC Onitsha for the community members to use for engagements with the relevant government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in presenting their prioritized needs for community development. 40 communities have continuously developed demand charters as the community need arises. Over 90 demand charters have been developed throughout the duration of the project by the community members. Community advocacy and demand for accountability using community demand charter have contributed to development of Education, Health and rural infrastructures. Interestingly, the government is developing interest in these charters as demands are being made for inserting them in state budgets. Before JDPC-V2P intervention governments have been spending fabulous money on elephant projects that had no relevance to the community. Lots of abandoned projects littered many communities. Demand charter is veritable tool for communities to demand their needs from government and the same time track government response and action in providing the needed infrastructural facilities. It is interesting to note that the era of empty campaign promises has gone as today many communities present and sign their demand charter with politicians.



Anaku community engaging the head of Local Government with Community Demand Charter

- **Society Taking Action through Rights (STAR Circle):** This is a strategy developed by JDPC Onitsha to increase women and girls voters turn out during election. 192 women were specifically trained to carry out voter education. 180 out of 192 women trained in the voter education as STAR circle members engaged in training of other women and 5400 women have been sensitized across 30 remote communities on voter education (1700 Adolescent girls and 20 PWDs). This resulted in massive turnout of women during voting process and reduction of invalid ballot paper on the National Assembly and Presidential Elections held on 28th March 2015. This strategy has equally given confidence more to adolescent girls to come out to voter and encourage their likes to exercise their franchise during elections.

- **Commitment Register:** JDPC Onitsha introduced a commitment register to get traditional leaders involved in cultural transformation to obliterate obnoxious cultural norms. This innovative approaches/ methods introduced and used by V2P partner JDPC Onitsha in engaging community stakeholders have quickened the realization of set results – 11 Traditional Rulers signed the Commitment register in 2014 to end obnoxious cultural practice especially those limiting space for women participation in their various communities. In Umuoba-Anam women have been allowed and elevated to become councillors in Igwe palace. Nando.....



Traditional Ruler of Umueje, signing the commitment register

- **Monitoring and Reporting Budget Using Pictures (MR. BUP):** This is an approach developed by JDPC Onitsha to monitor and report budget using pictorial evidence of what budget has provided or achieved. The tool was used in 2013 and 2014 to report budget performance to MDAs across sectors by community monitors. The approach encouraged joint monitoring of projects across communities where both Heads of Departments and community based monitors carryout monitoring of government development projects. Formerly projects or government interventions were often awarded, flagged up, judged executed and signed off in government gazette as completed without evidence on the ground. This particular innovation provided the government with first hand information and actual situation report of ongoing projects. Basically, it has instilled the sense of ownership to the communities. MR. BUP as on spot check tool has helped both the community and the government.



COMEN Ayamelum monitoring project with LG information officer

- **Radio Listeners Group (RLG):** JDPC Onitsha introduced RLG to improve access to information by building a culture of radio listening among communities and citizens. More than 70 listeners groups were formed across 32 communities. RLG members do participate in Radio Programme review and evaluation. The idea was to enrich citizen's interaction with Authorities through Radio by mobilizing for more listener groups across different locations. The members of the group participated to review the Radio Programme topics. This approach has increased the visibility of the governance program, attracted the ears and actions of government to people's plight and needs.

- **Girls Parliament:** Girls parliament was formed by JDPC Onitsha during V2P project to increase girls' active participation in formal and informal decision making structures in the community. Through this their knowledge and skills were built on leadership, rights, courage and confidence. Consequently, these empowered girls could now demonstrate the capacity to claim their rights against forced early marriage and cultural intimidation. Equally, they have the courage and confidence to contribute and participate in community affairs.



JDPC/V2P team with members of Girls parliament

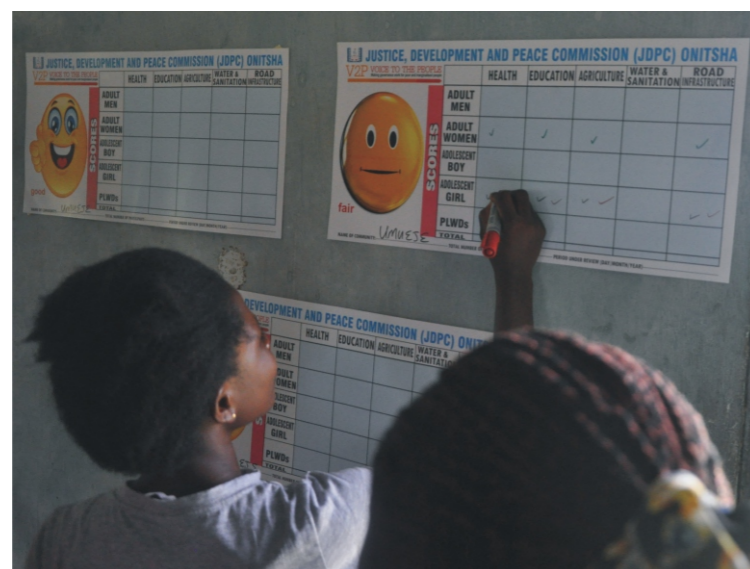
- **Social Media Usage:** The whatsapp and facebook page platforms were created to empower girls to have access to information, emboldened them to claim their rights and fearlessly contribute to community development. Through this platform Girls Parliament has gained more visibility and has continued to reach other girls from different locations with information that can improve their citizenship. Through this platform the girls freely air their views online to interact and educate their likes on matters concerning them.

- **Media Platform for Development (MeP4D):** MeP4D was introduced as a partnership platform to drive development through electronic and print media relationship between JDPC and Media practitioners. JDPC Onitsha has built a cordial and committed relationship with 12 media houses, both print and electronic. As a way of promoting media commitment and engagement, JDPC Onitsha developed a Media assessment and commitment form that was signed by her media friends to assist in tracking media reports and participation in voice and accountability activities. Through publications and joint advocacies MeP4D has influenced government decisions, improved quality education, health care and succor to the oppressed and marginalized.



MEp4D members lead trade unions to engage ministry of Information

- **Community Score Card:** This was introduced as on the spot facility monitoring. It is a participatory performance monitoring method. The method gives the community members a sense of ownership over their communities and the facilities. Before this new strategy, community members do mark the scoring grid in a designated venue not in the facility/site. It is a community watch dog and scalar to weigh service providers. It is noteworthy to say that this approach served as a wakeup call for service providers who saw the community members scoring their performance at their work post and they too scored their services. Community score card as a governance tool has accelerated development, reduced the incidences of abandoned projects or shoddy jobs.



JDPC support community Score Card Process.

- **Community to Community Support learning Programme (C2C):** This was designed by JDPC Onitsha for 10 identified community champions each in the 8 LGAs to go and sensitize other non V2P communities on the activities of V2P. The objective was geared towards the existing communities taking ownership and displaying the skills learnt in the V2P project all these years. The exercise targets to increase membership for COMEN. 80 (41 Male and 39 Female) champions were mobilized and 6 line agenda (Introduction, Sharing of V2P benefits, V2P template/ model, Action plan/ next step, presentation of documents and sign off) were set for the support learning Programme. The 80 champions visited 24 non-V2P communities with more than 300 participants. The champions testified that the C2C was a strong push for them as Michael Chukwurah stated *“I never knew we could do such a thing oooo!. It was so interesting! It really helped us to know that we have actually learnt a lot. I never knew I could actually teach and sensitize people. I thank God for this visit ooo.”*

- **Direct Service Providers (DSPs) interface:** JDPC Onitsha built linkage between the community members and direct service providers (DSPs). DSPs are those people that have immediate and close service they render to the community. They include teachers, health personnel like nurses and doctors, agric extension workers and project contractors. This created a forum for the DSPs to share their reports and challenges with the community members who in turn shared their own. The interface helped to improve understanding between community members and service providers in areas of service provision across facilities hence increase community sense of ownership. These led communities to have mutual agreement with service providers on improving service standards in the community: some strong terms of agreement include; Direct Service Providers would henceforth be providing Periodic Updates to community through the Community leader/Leader of the Community Based Monitors, Direct Service providers should provide periodic briefing to the community on issues, challenges and the progress made on the services being provided, All issues raised by service providers are to be complied by them, documented and copies submitted to The Town Union and The traditional Council, Biannual Community-Service Providers Joint Enlightenment Campaign to sensitize the community on community entitlement.

- **Women Inclusion:** Women inclusion is one of the major gender education promoted by JDPC. JDPC Onitsha has always supported women inclusion in community decision making structures. 26 women became part of traditional council decision making in 3 communities; 24 in Umuoba Anam, 1 in Umuonnachi and 1 in Nando. These women were selected due to their effort towards promoting community development demonstrated as a result of their participation in V2P activities that gained them relevance. Interestingly, to make sure that women are always represented now and always, Igwe Ekwealor of Umuoba Anam gave a chieftaincy title, *Nneora (Mother of all)*, to one of the CBMs. JDPC Onitsha built confidence and courage among Adolescent Girls; 40 young girls drawn from the 32 V2P communities were supported with training on leadership and confidence building. 1 adolescent girl, Miss Chika from Umuonnachi, who was among the participants in the training, has been invited to champion community sensitization and awareness programmes by elderly women.



Igwe Umuoba Anam with women members of his Cabinet

- **Engagement with Local Government Officials:** JDPC worked closely with LG Officials to strengthen their capacity on community engagement. 10 capacity strengthening and building activities were conducted for the LG Officials; HODs and Information Officers across the 8 LGAs. They include Capacity assessments, building training focus, due process, transparency and accountability training, interface meeting with LG HODs and community members, support LG to develop implementation Strategy. All these were geared towards addressing capability gaps of the LG official.



Anaku community engaging the head of Local Government with Community Demand Charter

- **Town Hall Meeting (THM)/ Constituency briefing:** Often after election the politicians are hard to reach, hence JDPC used this strategy to organize interface meeting between the community members and their representatives. It is platform where the community members meet with their representatives at the State and Federal Government to discuss on the campaign promises and the way forward. Here community members equally raise matters bordering them on development.



JDPC support COMEN to organize Town Hall Meeting

- **Election observation:** JDPC Onitsha has 1090 trained election observers who are being deployed to polling units to observe record and report the integrity of the election process for both the Federal, State and Local Government elections. Election observation checklist was developed to be used as a report card for election observation.

JDPC ONITSHA WON BEST PARTNER IN NIGERIA IN GOVERNANCE AND GENDER

JDPC Onitsha in her V2P programme won the best Christian Aid Partner in Governance and Gender programme for 2015 and 2016 concurrently. This follows the initial success recorded in the Governance project as the best project sponsored by DFID through Christian Aid UK and Christian Aid Nigeria in 2015



2016 Award Picture

WONDERFUL JDPC/V2PTEAM:

The Archbishop, Most Rev. Valerian M. Okeke, the Auxiliary Bishop, Most Rev. Denis Isizoh, the Board Members and the executive Director, thank and appreciate the JDPC-V2P team, who executed the voice to the people project sponsored by Dfid, UK aid and Christian Aid Nigeria from 2013-2017. We thank all the members of the team one by one for their doggedness, sacrifice and result oriented vision that made them to win best Christian aid partners Awards for two consecutive times. Bravo! Ndewo nu !!



PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION:

JDPC Onitsha peace building and conflict resolution unit has helped a lot of families, business partners and communities to achieve sustainable and peaceful resolution to issues affecting them. Eight cases of troubled marriages, four cases of child separation and six cases of business misunderstandings were peacefully resolved leading to happier marital homes, children re-union and cordial business relationship.

JUDICIAL AND PENAL REFORM

In 2016, JDPC Onitsha judicial and penal reform unit engaged the services of additional three human right lawyers leading to the releasing and rehabilitation of 8 prison inmates with minor offences. IDPC Onitsha is working towards establishing a rehabilitation centre for people with minor offences.

THE YEAR OF MERCY INTERVENTIONS

Activity Description

Justice Development and Peace Commission Onitsha in the Year of Mercy focused her work predominately on pastoral charity to bring relief and succor to people. This is hinged on the message of the Holy Father Pope Francis in the book (Misericordiae Vultus) which emphasized the following goals; Judge not, Condemn not, Forgive, Give. Furthermore, the Holy Father underlined the importance of Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

It was in accordance to His Holiness' teachings and call on helping the poor and the marginalized during the Year of Mercy; and through the approval of the Archbishop Most Rev. Valerian Okeke and the auxiliary Bishop Most Rev. Denis Isizoh that JDPC Onitsha carried out Year of Mercy sensitization and caritas interventions. The Year of Mercy sensitization cum fund raising took JDPC to four parishes in each of the six Episcopal Regions as was approved and permitted by the Archbishop. Underneath were the regional mappings for the sensitizations:

Onitsha Region:

- (1) St John the Baptist Odoakpu (2) SS. Peter and Paul Iba-Pope Awada
- (3) St Michael's Fegge (4) St Stephen's 3-3

Dunukofia Region:

- (1) St Joseph Enekwasumpu (2) St Dominic Abatete
- (3) St. Edward Eziowelle (4) Blessed Iwene Tansi Umudioka

Igbariam Region:

- (1) Christ the King Parish, Omor (2) St. Theophilus Parish, Nkwelle-Ezunaka
- (3) St. Raphael Parish, Awkuzu not yet (4) St. Anthony's Parish, Nteje

Aguleri Region:

- (1) St Joan of Arc Parish, Nando (2) St Joseph's Parish, Aguleri-not yet
- (3) St Augustine's Parish, Umuoba-Anam – not yet (4) Holy Family Oroma-etiti

Nnobi Region:

- (1) St Mary's Parish, Nnokwa (2) St. Francis Umuoji
- (3) St. Dominic Uke (4) St Joseph Awka-etiti

Iyiowa Region:

- (1) St Gregory's Iyiowa (2) St Charles Lwanga Okpoko
- (3) St Theresa Akili-Ozizor (4) Chukwu Bu Eze Osomalla

The exercise made many to visit the Door of Mercy. It opened the eyes of many to understand better, the corporal works of mercy and the need to give for the good of others. Below are the realized proceeds;

S/N	REGION	AMOUNT REALIZED	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
1	Onitsha Region:			
	St. John the baptist, Odoakpu	493,015.00	1,500.00	491,515.00
	SS. Peter & Paul Iba-Pope, Awada	617,415.00	17,500.00	599,915.00
	St. Michael's, Fegge	512,790.00	3,900.00	508,890.00
	St. Stephen's, 3-3	377,590.00	1,500.00	376,090.00
2	Dunukofia Region:			
	St. Joseph's Enekwasumpu	644,275.00	-	644,275.00
	St. Dominic's, Abatete	78,045.00	1,000.00	77,045.00
	St. Edward's, Eziowelle	148,600.00	-	148,600.00
	Blessed Iwene Tansi, Umudioka	135,785.00	-	135,785.00
3	Igbariam Region:			
	Christ the King Parish, Omor	42,135.00	3,000.00	39,135.00
	St. Theophilus, Nkwelle-Ezunaka	105,830.00	-	105,830.00
	St. Raphael's Awkuzu	INDISPOSED		
	St. Anthony's, Nteje	77,585.00	-	77,585.00
4	Aguleri Region:			
	St. Joan d'Arc, Nando	55,560.00	-	55,560.00
	St. Joseph's, Aguleri	INDISPOSED		
	St. Augustine's, Umuoba-Anam	INDISPOSED		
	Holy Family, Oroma-Etiti	23,295.00	-	23,295.00
5	Nnobi Region:			
	St. Mary's, Nnokwa	88,155.00	-	88,155.00
	St. Francis, Umuoji	37,410.00	-	37,410.00
	St. Dominic's, Uke	20,190.00	-	20,190.00
	St. Joseph's, Awka-etiti	20,000.00	-	20,000.00

6	Iyiowa Region:			
	St. Gregory De Great, Iyiowa	488,030.00	8,000.00	480,030.00
	St. Charles Lwanga, Okpoko	516,830.00	5,000.00	511,830.00
	St. Theresa's, Akili-Ozizor	17,660.00	-	17,660.00
	Chukwu Bu Eze, Ossamala	31,285.00	-	31,285.00
	TOTAL	4,531,480.00	41,400.00	4,490,080.00

Underneath are the various interventions initiated by the commission targeting the poor, vulnerable children, physically challenged, the sick, the hospitalized, the aged and some of the riverine communities of Ogbaru and Olumbanasa of Anambra West.

1. Brothers of St. Stephen, 33

On the 21st of September, 2016, JDPC Onitsha visited three aged and sick brothers of St. Stephen and assisted them with a sum of N15, 000 each. Words of encouragement and advice were dished out for the three aged clergy men. They in turn expressed their gratitude to God and to JDPC Onitsha that they were remembered as often they were forgotten. In attendance were five staffs plus the Director of JDPC Rev. Fr. Edwin Udoe.



JDPC Director with some staff and the 3 aged & sick brothers

2. IHM Sisters' Old People's Home, Nkpor

More than 42 aged and sick Rev. Sisters of Immaculate Heart were visited as the event unfolded with a mass said by the Director of JDPC, Rev. Fr. Edwin Udoe at Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters' old people's home chapel on 21/9/16. After the mass was presentation of gift items which included cartons of cracker biscuits; gallons of washing bleach; packs of adult diapers; big tins of skimmed milk et cetera. Additionally, a cash gift of N 50,000 was also given to them through the mother general of the convent. The aged women of God were visibly happy, full of laughter and appreciative. Vote of thanks was given to JDPC Onitsha on their behalf by the mother general of the convent while the aged Rev. Sisters sang for us (JDPC). In attendance were 5 staffs, the Director and some parish JDPC members.



The aged & sick Rev. Sisters and the JDPC team

3. Missionaries Sisters of Charity (Mother Theresa's Motherless Babies Home), Fegge

On the 27th of September, 2016, the JDPC Onitsha visited the motherless babies' home operated by the Missionaries of Charity Fegge. There, a little time was spent with the motherless kids of different age brackets. Afterwards, the Director of JDPC blessed the kids and the workers. In addition to the spiritual gift, was material gifts which included gift items and a cash sum of N50,000 The superior of the home, in appreciation, expressed her delight on the work of JDPC.



Missionary Sisters of Charity posing with JDPC members

4. Sisters of the Needy, Fegge

Leaving the motherless babies' home on that same 27/9/16, JDPC went to the sisters of the needy's home of deformed and debilitated children's home. The joys of the incapacitated children were so visible amidst their deformity where as the visiting JDPC members' emotions were so difficult to control. JDPC Onitsha provided them with gift items like clothes, buckets, drinks, detergents, dettols, and cash gift of N50,000 amongst other items. Their satisfaction and appreciation was conveyed to JDPC through the head of the home.



Sisters of the Needy posing with JDPC crew

5. Visit to Kristi bu Chukwu Parish Ogwuikpele- (Ogwuikpele, Agwezechi, Akili-Ogidi, Obeagwe I, Obeagwe II, Utuowon)

On Sunday, 6th of November 2016, JDPC Onitsha made another Year of Mercy journey to Ogwuikpele across the River Niger. It was a journey of about 40 minutes on top of the River Niger from Ossamala



The visiting JDPC crew on top of River Niger

We celebrated single Sunday mass with the whole communities at Christi Bu Chukwu Parish. The mass was celebrated by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr Mofunanya and JDPC Director Rev. Fr. Edwin Udoe, who was the chief celebrant with about 1000 worshipers. The Parish Priest within the mass was also presented with year of mercy purse of N20,000 to support his apostolate.



Fr. Mofunanya receiving his purse from JDPC while the Director looks on

After the holy mass, the gift items JDPC went with to Ogwuikpele were distributed to the people beginning with the issuing of 60 brand new wrappers to women especially the widows and the poorest in the communities. The recipients of the wrappers were visibly happy and over-joyed with the year of mercy gesture showed them by JDPC Onitsha.



Some of the women receiving their brand new wrappers with joy

It was a massive event which was actively led by the JDPC director, the parish priest and Mrs Nonyelum Okoye (Osodieme) who donated N100,000 for JDPC year of mercy intervention. The following gift items were distributed; 300 pieces of Detergents, 144 pieces of Soap, 96 pieces of drinking cups, 48 buckets, 7 Dozens of Bathroom slippers, 10 bags of fairly used cloths donated by people from various parishes.



JDPC Director partakes actively in sharing of the gift items

JDPC did not stop at distribution of material gift items alone. They went further to de-worm the whole community members present totaling about 750 people. Of course, the Director was active as ever together with his staffs in the de-worming exercise too in the company of two staff nurse from Ogbaru LGA.



De-worming exercise going-on

6. Year of Mercy Visit To Orumbanasa Communities- (Odeh, Igbedoh, Alah, Onugwe, Igbokenyi, Odekpe and Odumagwu)

JDPC also extended the year of mercy intervention to Orumbanasa where the seven communities (Odeh, Igbedoh, Alah, Onugwe, Igbokenyi, Odekpe and Odumagwu in that area were visited. It was a strenuous journey intermittently on land and in ferryboat. Gift items which included, 70 new wrappers, 7Cartons of Detergents, 7Cartons of Soaps, 336 pieces drinking cups, 168 pieces buckets, 10 and half Dozens of Bathroom slippers, 28 bags of fairly used cloths were shared equitably among each of the 7 communities. It is interesting to note that the Executive Director led the JDPC team to these communities in the company of Rev. Fr. Aloysius Agba. The communalistic and camaraderie natures of these communities were conspicuously noticed as people of all faiths and traditionalists came out en mass to welcome us. All the traditional rulers and their chiefs wore their traditional regalia to witnessed the event as it is seen in the pictures. The priests working at the communities were also shown pastoral charity in the spirit of Year of Mercy by giving them a cash gift of N20, 000 to support their riverine apostolate. In the same vein, the Sisters of Emmanuel Family Institute working at Igbedoh were also supported with cash of N20, 000 as a year of mercy package. To wrap up the event the JDPC team who see themselves as missionaries of mercy provided medication for de-worming of about 7100 persons in the respective communities- (Odumagwa-1000, Odeh- 1200, Igbokenyi-600, Odekpe-1500,Onugwa-400, Allah-400 and Igbedor-2000).

Below are the 7 reached communities:



7. Hospital Evangelization and Year of Mercy Caritas

JDPC Onitsha led by the executive Director visited 3 Mission Hospitals to off-set the bills of patients.

- a) At St Charles Borromeo Hospital Onitsha the total amount of N1, 225,720 were paid to discharge 16 patients (11 Female and 5 Male). The bill of one dead person as well was offset.



At St Charles Borromew Hospital Onitsha

- a) At Holy Rosary Hospital Onitsha the total amount of N1, 130,970 was paid to discharge 14 patients (12 Female and 2 male).



At Holy Rosary Hospital

b) While at Iyienu Hospital Ogidi the total amount of N299370 was paid to discharge 8 patients (3 female and 5 male).



At Iyienu Anglican Hospital, Ogidi

8. JDPC Supports Caritas Food Apostolate

To relieve the burden of indigent people JDPC through the CARITAS unit spent N200,000 to provide food items to identified persons.



JDPC carrying out its caritas function with the Caritas Unit

9. Prison Apostolate

JDPC also engaged in prison apostolate where the total amount of 200,000 was spent to help 6 inmates to be released from custody.

1. JDPC CARITAS INTERVENTION

The JDPC Caritas intervention revolves around giving the needy cash charity, paying for school fees of indigent students or pupils, paying bills for the sick and feeding the poor.

Ephesians 4:10: “As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men especially unto them who are of the same faith”.

In fulfillment of the above scripture, JDPC Onitsha through its P-JDPC gave out assorted food stuffs, clothing materials and cash gift worth of N3 Million to over 2,000 less privileged, poor and needy beneficiaries within the year.

JDPC Head office through her Caritas desk extended hand of support to the needy and less privileged under the following headings:

➤ Cash charity: 52 persons totaling	N 427, 500
➤ Bursary: 15 persons totaling	N 195, 000
➤ Medicals: 29 persons totaling	<u>N 219, 330</u>
	N 841, 830

OTHER CARITAS INTERVENTIONS

The Archbishop (Cathedraticum proceeds)

❖ Foodstuff	
➤ 1,000 tubers of yam	} N 2,180,000
➤ 30 bags of rice	
➤ 110 bags of garri	
➤ 3 bags of beans	
➤ 4 bags of cocoyam	
❖ Cash	N 600,000

THROUGH ARCHDIOCESAN ST STEPHEN SOCIETY

✓ 91/2 bags of rice	} N 400,000
✓ 142 tubers of yam	
✓ 2 bags of Semovita	
✓ 70 bars of key soap	
✓ 1 carton of Indomie	
✓ 1 bag of garri	
✓ 30 tablets of soap	
✓ 10 packets of detergent	
✓ Cloths	

REGIONS AND PARISHS' ACTIVITIES/CARITAS INTERVENTION REPORTS

ONITSHA REGION

Onitsha region conducted election in four parishes namely: St. Mary's parish Iba-Pope Awada, S.t Jude's parish Fegge, Holy Spirit parish Omagba and Immaculate Conception parish Woliwo.

Onitsha Region organized a seminar that succeeded in enlightening its members on their basic functions as JDPC members and financial record keeping. The region also produced the JDPC Anthem for the Archdiocese input and adaptation. Onitsha region participated in the Lenten market campaign and was adjudged the best in membership participation and revenue generation

SS JOHN & PAUL PARISH IBA-POPE AWADA

JDPC St John & Paul Parish Iba-Pope Awada engaged in the following interventions in 2016:

Consumers Protection Council sensitization: JDPC SS John & Paul Parish Iba-Pope Awada collaborated with the Consumers Protection Council (CPC) to enlighten the parishioners on the fake and genuine products in our markets

Year of Mercy Campaign: JDPC SS John & Paul hosted the Archdiocese JDPC in the year of mercy campaign and over N600, 000 was realized for the mercy work to the poor and needy.

- 1) Medical support to Mrs. Nkiru Abba (accident victim) N30, 000 and another N20,000 to Mr. Onyeka Uche
- 2) Easter for the poor: Food items and cash worth N169,000 was given to the needy
- 3) Christmas for the poor: 85 people receive N2, 500 each and N500 to all the beggars around. Rice was cooked and distributed to all people present on that day.
- 4) Financial empowerment of 15 parishioners at between N5, 000 to N20, 000.
- 5) Donate drugs worth N30, 000 to Onitsha prisons.
- 6) Donate a pew worth N30, 000 to the parish.



JDPC SS John & Paul with Consumers Protection Council during sensitization

ST. JUDE'S PARISH FEGGE

To promote human dignity the P-JDPC St. Jude Fegge worked to promote the dignity and self-respect of human person through the following:

Prison Apostolate: JDPC St Jude's parish visited the Nkisi prison and gave out assorted foods and cloths worth over N100, 000 to the inmates.. JDPC St Jude's Parish met a mother and her grown up daughter from Aguleri (name and photo withheld) at the Nkisi prison. They inquired and found out that the family was unable to meet their bail bond. JDPC St Jude raised the money, paid their bail bond and they were set free.

Medical Interventions

- a) Helped Mrs. Oleke to pay her hospital bill of N 20,000
- b) Paid Mr. Barnabas Njoku's hospital bill of N10, 000 and also gave N10, 000 supports for drugs.
- c) Visited one of our members and help him pay his debt of N20, 000.
- d) Christmas for the poor: Food stuffs, condiments, cloths worth over N40,000 were shared to poor and needy in the parish



St. Jude Parish Fegge JDPC distributes foods and cloths to the needy

SACRED HEART PARISH ODOAKPU ONITSHA

The JDPC of Sacred Heart Odoakpu engaged in the following caritas interventions in 2016:

- Paid N18, 000 hospital bills and provided a pair of eye glasses to a student of Metu Secondary School Master Ikechukwu Otua.
- Solicited successfully for blood donation for Miss Chinwe Kamalu.
- Spent over N100, 000 on feeding and clothing the poor and needy in and outside the parish during the annual Christmas for the poor.

ST. MARY'S PARISH INLAND TOWN ONITSHA

In the year 2016, JDPC St Mary Parish Inland Town had a refreshing JDPC week program and extended hands of fellowship in its caritas program as follows:

- Over N250, 000 cash distributed to 125 poor and indigent parishioners during the Easter for the poor.
- 8 parishioners were empowered with between N10, 000 to N20, 000 to re-start the businesses.
- 10 bags of rice, 2 bags of beans and 2 bags of onions worth over N100,000 was distributed to 120 poor parishioners during the Christmas for the poor.

JDPC St Mary's Parish wishes to use this opportunity to thank their supporters such as Late Mr. Tony and family, G36 Onitsha Ado Kingdom, Lady Udoji, Kpajie Ubaike and other parishioners who donated towards the Easter and Christmas for the poor.



Food items distributed by St. Mary's Onitsha Parish JDPC to the poor.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH OMAGBA

In 2016, JDPC Holy Spirit Parish Omagba participated in the following activities:

Inauguration of Human Right Commission Desk:

JDPC Holy Spirit Omagba achieved the fit of establishing a human right desk in the Holy Spirit Parish Omagba. The occasion attracted officers of the National Human Right Commission (Anambra State Chapter), the Parish Priest of Holy Spirit Omagba and the Executive Director JDPC Onitsha Archdiocese.

Tuesday feeding of the Poor:

JDPC Holy Spirit Omagba, instituted every Tuesday feeding of the poor in the parish with the support of the Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Dr. Marius Obiagwu. In the 2016, N365, 060 naira worth of food was distributed to the poor and needy parishioners and beggars.

Christmas for the Poor: 13 bags of rice, 200 tubers of yam, 7 cartons of noodles, 2 cartons of tomatoes worth N150,000 cash was distributed to 120 indigent parishioners and widows.

Year of Mercy: The parishioners of Holy Spirit Omagba contributed immensely to the Year of Mercy intervention. They contributed more than 20 bags of fairly used cloths and about one hundred sixties new wrappers.

ST. JOHN DE BAPTIST ODOAKPU

The JDPC St John De Baptist Odoakpu participated in the following caritas interventions:

Medical Support: The JDPC St. John De Baptist Odoakpu sponsored the surgical operation of Miss Anita Chisom at St Charles Boromeo Hospital Onitsha at the tune of One hundred and Sixty Seven Thousand, four hundred and twenty naira.

Easter for the Poor: Food items and clothing materials worth One hundred and thirty six thousand naira only was distributed to the poor and needy in the parish.

Christmas for the Poor: Food and clothing materials at the cost of N250, 000 was given to one hundred and twenty poor and needy parishioners.



*Miss Anita Chisom sponsored by
St John Odoakpu PJDPC*

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH WOLIWO

The JDPC Our Lady of Fatima Woliwo gave helping hands to the poor and needy in their parish through her caritas intervention in 2016 as follows:

Medical Support: Master Chidera Nwanya was supported with N40, 000 for his medical treatment at Toronto hospital.

Miss Amaka Madubuike was billed N564, 100 for her burns surgery at Menax hospital Onitsha. JDPC Our Lady of Fatima paid N90,000 and led advocacy to the Medical Director of the hospital which resulted in discharging the patient without further payment. Mr. Chinedu Nwakibeya was supported with N15,000 for his treatment at Boromeo hospital.

JDPC Our Lady of Fatima parish led by Fr. Austine Mario Ibeh, invited a doctor from the Federal Medical Centre Asaba who tested and treated 57 parishioners and community people.

Bursary Support: Miss Immaculater Onah was support with N80, 000 for her school fees at Queen Rosary College for 2015/2016 academic year.

Christmas for the poor: 22 bags of rice, 70 tubers of yams, 10 cartons of tomatoes, onions, indomi-noodles and cloths worth over N260, 000 were distributed to 119 poor and needy persons from different part of the town and parishioners.



Miss Amaka Madubuike supported by Our Lady of Fatima Parish JDPC.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH (IHM) FEGGE

Office Shop Empowerment Project: JDPC IHM parish through the support of the Parish priest established and stocked the JDPC office shop at the tune of N200, 000 naira

Charity to Lay Missionary of Charity Sisters Fegge: JDPC IHM parish extends hand of charity worth N50, 000 to the needy in this home.

Charity to the Holy Family Sisters of Needy Fegge: JDPC IHM parish extends hand of charity worth N50, 000 to be distributed to the needy in this home.

Archdiocesan JDPC hosting and sensitization: JDPC IHM hosted the fourth quarter Archdiocesan P-JDPC meeting/ sensitization. This resulted in 15 more JDPC volunteers' members being inducted into the parish JDPC.



JDPC Immaculate Heart at the Office Shop Empowerment Project site.

ST CHARLES BORROMEIO PARISH ONITSHA

In the year 2016, JDPC St Charles Borromeo Parish had a refreshing JDPC week program and participated actively in the year of mercy sensitization.

Christmas for the Poor: 8 bags of rice, 2 bags of beans and 2 bags of onions worth over N100,000 was distributed to 120 poor parishioners during the Christmas for the poor.



ST STEPHEN'S PARISH TRANS NKISI 33 ONITSHA

The JDPC St Stephen's Parish Nkisi 33 gave helping hands to the poor and needy in their parish through her caritas intervention in 2016 as follows:

Medical Support: Mrs. Ejeagwu was supported with N25, 000 for his medical treatment of her child and Mrs. Ezechukwu was supported with N5, 000 to pay her hospital bills.

Charity Support: JDPC St Stephen parish shared a charity pause of N50, 000 to ten (10) parishioners

Christmas for the poor: Cash ranging from N1, 000 –N3,000 each was given to 30 parishioners. Bags of rice, tubers of yams, cartons of tomatoes, onions, indomi-noodles and cloths worth over N100, 000 were distributed to 190 poor and needy persons from different part of the town and parishioners.



During Christmas Charity to the poor

IYIOWA REGION

The activities of Iyiowa region received big boast in 2016:

SMEDAN Seminar: The region conducted an entrepreneurship seminar in collaboration with Anambra state Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) office for the benefit of members of its parishes and youth from Ogbaru LGA communities. This resulted in the training of sixty youths and formation of six cooperative societies whose empowerment process is being packaged.



Mrs Chito, SMEDAN Coordinator, Sir Frank Oranwuba, Manager JDPC and some participants

Sensitization and Inauguration of new parishes: In 2016, Iyiowa region had P-JDPC sensitization in six parishes. Three of the parishes were inaugurated namely St. Mary Independent station Iyiowa Odekpe, St. John the Apostle Ogbakuba and St. Mary parish Ochuche.

Charity to Members affected by Fire disaster: The region mobilized support for her members affected by fire disaster at new haven area. This resulted in donation of cash, clothing and food stuff worth over N150,000 to beneficiaries.

ST. CHARLES LWANGA PARISH OKPOKO

The JDPC St Charles Lwanga extended hand of fellowship to the poor and needy as follows

- Medical support visit:** JDPC St Charles Lwanga visited 10 sick parishioners and gave them medical support of N5,000 each
- Easter for the Poor:** 56 indigent parishioners and community members were given N1,000 cash gift and assorted foods and clothing worth over N100,000 during the Easter for the poor period
- Christmas for the Poor:** JDPC St. Lwanga gave out 8 bags of rice, 10 bags of beans, 10 bags of onion, 10 gallons of vegetable oil, 12 cartons of Tummy noodles, 30 tubers of yams and cloths worth over N120,000 to the poor and needy among the parishioners, beggars and community people.



Medical visit to Mr. Chukwudi Nkpado (PWD) by St. Lwanga Iyiowa Parish JDPC

ST. JOSEPH PARISH ATANI

- Leadership Seminar:** The JDPC St. Joseph Atani conducted a leadership seminar for the St. Joseph the worker newly elected officers from the various groups and societies. Among the resource persons were the Archdiocesan JDPC Program Manager Sir Frank Oranwuba.
- Christmas for the Poor:** JDPC St. Joseph gave out 16 bags of rice, 15 cartons of tomatoes and cloths worth over N250,000 to 150 needy parishioners



Members of JDPC St. Joseph Atani with some beneficiaries

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI OKPOKO

The JDPC St. Francis of Assisi report of 2016 featured the following caritas interventions

- Christmas for the Poor:** Forty parishioners were given N2, 000 each. Rice, tubers of yams, gallons of oil, tomatoes and cloths worth over N50, 000 were shared to the less privileged in the parishioners.
- Empowerment:** 3 parishioners were given N3, 000 each to start a petty trade
- Easter for the Poor:** 3 poor and needy parishioners were given N3, 000 each. Rice, yams tomatoes and oil worth over N25, 000 were distributed to poor parishioners and beggars around the church.



St. Francis Parish Okpoko JDPC's donation to the poor, needy & motherless babies

ST. PATRICKS NKPIKPA NEW HAVEN OKPOKO

The JDPC St Patrick's Nkpikpa New Haven carried out activities in the following caritas interventions with the support of an anonymous donor:

- Christmas for the Poor:** 18 bags of rice, 54 tubers of yams, 18 gallons of oil, 18 cartons of Indomie noodles, beans and onions worth over N300,000 were shared to the needy parishioners.
- Empowerment:** 5 parishioners were given N5, 000 each to start micro- trading.
- Easter for the Poor:** 11 poor and needy parishioners were given rice, yams tomatoes and oil worth N22,000
- Prison Apostolate:** JDPC St Patrick's Nkpikpa visited the prisoners with N5, 000 and other gifts.



St Patrick's Nkpikpa JDPC distributes foods to the poor and Aged.

ST. GREGORY DE GREAT PARISH IYIOWA ODEKPE

The JDPC St. Gregory De Great extended helping hands to the poor and needy in their parish through her caritas intervention in 2016 as follows:

Medical Support: Miss Euphoria Azu was supported with two points of blood worth N20, 000 for her medical treatment at Good News Hospital along GMO Bridge head.

Mr. Destiny Ogenyi was supported with N50,000 for his treatment at Boromeo hospital.

Bursary Support: Miss Chidinma Ositadinma an orphan was support with N70, 000 to enable her start trading and take care of her siblings.

Easter for the Poor: The parish organized Easter for the poor and food worth N75,000 was given to the poor and needy

Christmas for the Poor: 20 bags of rice, 70 tubers of yams, 10 cartons of tomatoes, onions, indomie-noodles and cloths worth over N208, 000 were distributed to 140 poor and needy persons from different part of the neighboring town and parishioners.



St Gregory De Great JDPC with Miss Chidinma

MADONA PARISH IYIOWA ODEKPE

Participation in JDPC Activities: JDPC Madonna Parish has actively participated in various activities of JDPC.

Lenten Market Campaign: Five of our members participated in the JDPC Lenten market campaign both at Ogbaru relief, Electronics, Abada and Ogboo-ogwu. We had a well organized JDPC Week and were actively involved in the year of mercy sensitization.

Easter for the Poor: JDPC Our Madonna parish marked our Easter for the poor with the poor and sick. Items worth N48, 000 were given to the less privilege and sick within the parish.

Christmas for the Poor: Food items worth over N80, 000 was shared to the 52 poor and sick in the parish.



JDPC Madona Parish distributes foods and cloths to the poor during Christmas

DUNUKOFIAREGION

Sensitization and Inauguration of New Parishes: In 2016, Dunukofia Region had P-JDPC sensitization in five parishes. Two of the parishes were inaugurated namely St Albert De Great Odume Obosi and St. Edmund Parish Nkpor.

Prison Apostolate:

JDPC Dunukofia region encouraged prison apostolate in 2016. The region sourced for money and is in the process for releasing two prisoners from Federal Prison Onitsha. Underneath are the reports from the parishes in the Region.

ST. THERESA PARISH OBOSI

The JDPC of St. Theresa's Obosi's interventions for 2016 are as follows:

Agricultural Farm: JDPC St. Theresa Parish Obosi acquired four plots of land for agricultural purposes.

Cold room: JDPC St. Theresa parish acquired two cooling units at the cost of N38, 200. At the end of the 2016, N8, 000 has been realized.

Christmas for the Poor: 5 bags of rice, 5 cartons of tomatoes, 5 bags of salt, 5 packets of knorr cube and cloths worth N57,300 were distributed to the poor parishioners.



St. Theresa's Parish Obosi Christmas for the Poor.

ST.ANTHONY OF PADUANKPOR

In 2016, JDPC St. Anthony's of Padua through her caritas intervention gave helping hands to the poor and needy in their parish as follows

- a. **Free Immunization and Free Medical Treatment:** JDPC St. Anthony again partnered with Idemili North LGA health management to give free monthly immunization of children and free medical treatment twice monthly to the sick parishioners.
- b. **Free HIV Test:** JDPC St. Anthony Parish again collaborated with Idemili North LGA health management to conduct free HIV medical test and distribute drugs worth N300, 000 to both parishioners and others sick people. .
- c. **Easter for the Poor:** JDPC with the support of the parish gave out 10 bags of rice, 12 cartons of tomatoes, soaps, toilet tissues and etc worth over N180,000 to the poor and needy within the parish



St. Anthony's Nkpor Parish JDPC free medical treatment to parishioners.

ST. PATRICK'S IKENGA OGIDI

JDPC Patrick Ndiagu Ogidi effort to alleviate the suffering of the poor and less privilege yielded the following results :

- a) **JDPC Activities:** JDPC St. Patrick Ogidi participated actively in the Archdiocesan and Regional activities. Five members of our parish participated in the annual Lenten market campaign. We had a well turn-out JDPC week and Year of Mercy sensitization programmes.
- b) **Christmas for the Poor:** 2^{1/2} bags of rice, 3 bags of Indomie, 2 bag of semolina, 4 wrappers of cloth, 2 packets of lux soap, tissue papers, detergents, salt etc worth about N100,000 were distributed to the poor and needy and less privileged.



JDPC St Patrick with Parish Priest at the JDPC week.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH AKUZU

The JDPC Holy Family Akuzu participated in the following caritas interventions in 2016:

- a) **Medical Support:** JDPC Holy Family Parish gave the sum of N20,000 to Mr. Emmanuel Nwaokpor for his medical bill at Guinness Hospital Onitsha
- b) **Easter for the Poor:** Five bags of rice, 5 cartons of tomatoes, 1 bag of beans, toilet tissues, indomie-noodles and cloths worth N125, 000 were distributed to 55 needy parishioners.
- c) **Empowerment:** JDPC Holy family gave N30, 000 (10,000 each to three parishioners to assist them start small scale business.



Holy Family Akuzu JDPC with Mr. Emmanuel Nwaokpor

AGULERI REGION

ST.AUGUSTINE PARISH UMUOBA-ANAM

To promote solidarity and human dignity the P-JDPC St. Augustine Umuoba achieved the following:

- a) **Peace Building and Conflict Resolution:** JDPC St Augustine Umuoba adjudicated and reconciled an aged long quarrel between Mr. & Mrs. Ifediegwu Onyekwe and both are living happily together as couple today

- b) **Democracy and Good Governance Monitoring:** JDPC St Augustine went on project monitoring of N20, 000,000 select your project of Governor Willie Obiano. JDPC St. Augustine found that 90% of the work has been completed at both Community Secondary school Umu-oba Anam and Community Health Center Umu-oba Anam.
- c) **Christmas for the Poor:** 2 bags of rice, 40 tubers of yams, 2 gallons of oil, 2 cartons of tomatoes and cloths worth over N90, 000 were shared to the needy parishioners.



Rebuilding of Health Centre monitored by JDPC St. Augustine Umuoba-Anam

ST. FRANCIS IFITE AGULERI

The JDPC St Francis Ifite- Aguleri participated in the following caritas interventions in 2016. Three bags of rice, yam, tomato worth N82, 450 and cloths were shared to the less privileged from Igboezunu, St. Peters Abor outstation and the main parish.



Parish Priest, St Francis Ifite Aguleri Parish JDPC Donated food for the Poor

ST. JOSEPH PARISH AGULERI

JDPC St. Joseph Parish Aguleri participated in the following activities in 2016:

JDPC Activities: JDPC St. Joseph Aguleri participated in all Archdiocesan and regional activities namely P-JDPC quarterly meetings and regional JDPC meetings

Medical visitations: JDPC St Joseph Aguleri visited several sick parishioners, prayed for them and gave them token to support their drugs.

JDPC Week: The 2016 JDPC week was well attended. External resource persons were invited and the Lenten week guide was followed.



JDPC St Joseph Aguleri during the 2016 JDPC Week

ST. THERESA UMUEZE ANAM

JDPC St. Theresa Umueze Anam participated in the following activities in 2016.

Re-structuring: JDPC St. Theresa was in comatose situation as a result of organizational lapses. A new executive was elected through the administrative acumen of the parish priest with Mr. Charles O. Anaekwe as Chairman.

CADOMICS Loan Debt Recovery: The new executives were able to recover N114, 000 from debtors and beneficiaries taxed themselves to pay the remaining balance making it possible for them to access another credit.

Visitation to the aged and sick: JDPC St. Theresa Umueze Anam visited several aged and sick parishioners and community people both at their homes and hospital. Provisions and cash tokens were offered for their early recovery.



Visitation at Orthopaedic hospital by JDPC St. Theresa Umueze-Anam

OUR LADY OF VICTORY UMUERI

In 2016, JDPC Our Lady of Victory engaged in the following activities:

Good Governance Monitoring: JDPC Our Lady of Victory Umueri engaged in the monitoring of schools at Holy Trinity Catholic school Obinetiti Umueri. The school was in bad shape and only two teachers are available for all primary pupils. JDPC intervention has resulted in the community employing additional two PTA teachers.

Advocacy to Anambra East Education Authority: JDPC Our Lady went on advocacy visit to the Education Secretary of Anambra East Local Government. This resulted in posting two federal teachers and four teaching practice students.



JDPC Our Lady of Victory on Monitoring visit to Holy Trinity Catholic School Umueri

HOLY CROSS PARISH OROMA-ETITI

The JDPC Holy Cross Parish Oroma-Etiti participated JDPC week program and participated actively in the year of mercy sensitization.

Christmas for the Poor: 2 bags of rice, yams, oil onions, cloths etc worth over N60,000 was distributed to the poor parishioners during the Christmas for the poor.



Rev. Fr. Charles Odogwu (PP) JDPC Members & Beneficiaries during Christmas for poor

IGBARIAM REGION

ST. WILLIAMS PARISH NKWELLE EZUNAKA

The JDPC St Williams Nkwelle were involved in the following caritas interventions in 2016

Christmas for the Poor: Three bags of rice, a carton of vegetable oil, three cartons of tomato and food stuff worth N33, 770 were distributed to the less privilege during the Christmas.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHAPLAINCY NKWELLE EZUNAKA

JDPC St. Stephen's Chaplaincy was established on November 2016 and did the following interventions:

Prison Apostolate: JDPC St. Stephen Chaplaincy mobilized to visit Onitsha prison custody in December 2016 and the process is still on-going at the time of this report.

Christmas for the Poor: JDPC St. Stephen Chaplaincy marked their Christmas with the poor and needy in the parish and community. Foods items namely Rice, tomatoes etc. worth N94, 500 were purchased and distributed to 54 less privileged beneficiaries.



Chaplain Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Ndubuisi, JDPC Officials and food items

NNOBI REGION

ST. ODILIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH OJOTO-UNO

JDPC St. Odilias's Parish Ojoto-Uno through her caritas intervention in 2016 has extended helping hand to the poor and needy in their parish as follows:

- a) **Farming for the Poor:** JDPC St. Odilias went into farming basically to feed the poor parishioners and communities. These yielded a good result. Cassava worth N60, 000 was harvested and distributed to the poor and less privilege in the parish and community.
- b) **Christmas for the Poor:** Ten bags of rice, one carton of tin tomatoes, a carton of Indomie, a carton of vegetable oil worth N113, 000 were shared to 128 less privilege and poor people in the parish.



Members of St. Odilia's Ojoto Parish JDPC and Beneficiaries of their empowerment program.

OUR LADY'S PARISH UMUOJI

Participation in JDPC Activities: Since inauguration on 31st January 2016, JDPC Our Lady's has actively participated in various activities of JDPC. Six of our members participated in the JDPC Lenten market campaign both at Nnobi and Mgbuka. We had a well organized JDPC Week and were actively involved in the year of mercy sensitization.

Easter for the Poor: JDPC Our Lady's parish marked our Easter for the poor with the Umuoji Motherless baby home. Items worth N12, 600 were given to the managers of the home for the benefit of the children.

Christmas for the Poor: Food items worth over N40, 000 were shared to the poor and sick in the parish.



JDPC Our Lady's and Parish Priest during the JDPC week program

ST.DOMINICS CATHOLIC CHURCH UKE

Christmas for the Poor: JDPC St. Dominic's Uke with the support of HRM Igwe Oranyelu 111 provided the following to the poor and needy in the Church and community: 37 bags of rice, 105 tubers of yams, wrappers, shoes, sandal and fairly used cloths worth N450, 000 were distributed on 24 & 31st December respectively.



JDPC St Dominic's Uke distributed food and clothing to both parishioners and communities

CHALLENGES

- Three major challenges were encountered in the process of performing our activities this year. First, the national economic recession hindered repayment of loan by beneficiaries and hence limited the number of new loans given to beneficiaries. Some beneficiaries stubbornly reneged in their repayment and this has led us to engage the parish priest, community leaders and lawyers in our debt recovery process.
- The second major challenges to realizing the goal of our projects especially V2P activities are uncooperative attitude of the Heads of Local Government Administration (acting Chairmen). They always find it difficult to honour scheduled meetings leading to delays in executing our activities.
- JDPC Onitsha renders its yearly report as at 31st December. Some of the success of 2016 activities may not be captured as at the time of submitting this report.

LESSONS LEARNT

- We learnt that JDPC should be very cautious with our loan procedures to avoid bad debts.
- The Heads of Local Government Administration (acting Chairmen) must be sensitized to buy into our V2P activities before we can realize desired result.
- JDPC Onitsha learnt that many citizens are willing to contribute to charity to the less privileged as demonstrated during the year of mercy sensitization.
- Many who come for help are often insincere

RECOMMENDATIONS

The world is working towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) and we recommend that parish JDPC should work hard to establish projects that will sustain their JDPC's activities and the parishioners. For formidability and sustainability parish priests should be interested in JDPC work as JDPC is not in many parishes and even in many places it exists they are weak.

OUR MAIN PARTNERS

- Department for International Development (DFID) UK, Christian AiD (CA) UK-V2P project , Swiss-hand Switzerland –PROMICs project, Archbishop of Onitsha –CADOMICs 1/Caritas and Stella Oduah Foundation-CADOMICs 2 project

NEXT STEPS

- To mobilize fund to start off mechanic workshop for youth empowerment
- To launch Agric project in 2017

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