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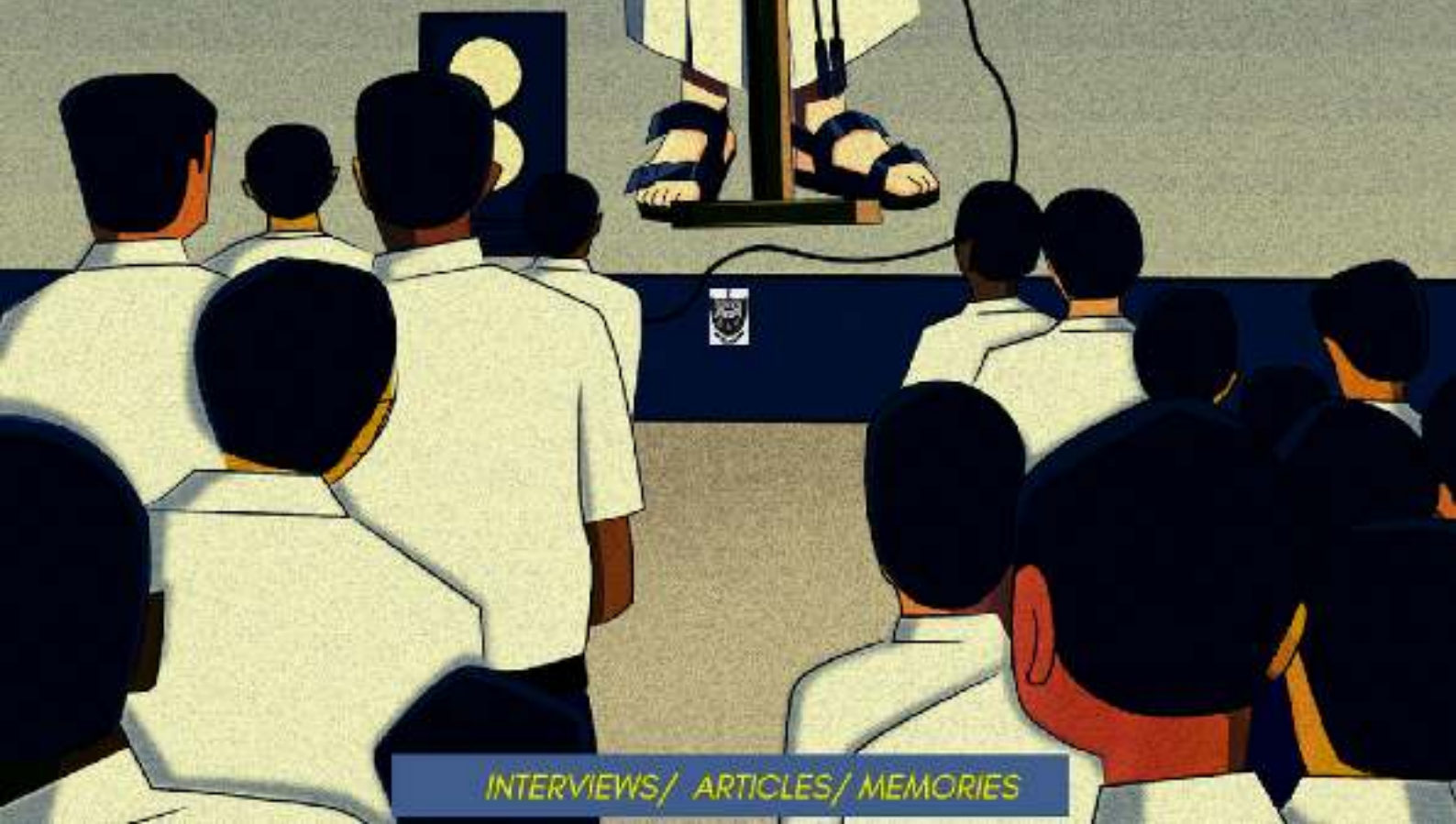
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# ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL



## PRAY FOR US!

## *the Infinite beauty of brotherly memories*

It is one thing taking pride in what you do, and another thing taking pride in sharing memories about what you have achieved with people-your brothers. This magazine gives us the unending joy to recalibrate and revisit the highways of memories and experiences we created consciously and unconsciously in the arms of love and in the presence of the good and challenging moments.

Every page, every word, every picture, is a letter to the scrabble of the memories every member of this set owns.

Recreating these experiences in this format gives us an earnest ability to take our thrones as kings of the future.

In this magazine, our first-ever president, Comrade Audu Jameel, speaks on his legacy and on the positive lookout for the set's development.

The current president, Comrade Tatyough Jeremiah, keeps the rods in the fire as he is ready to sharpen and sterilize the structure laid on the ground by the previous administration.

In the bid to keep the magazine interesting, articles by Wuese -Ter Lucas, Sadiq Robert, and Adaaku Sesugh keep us busy and educated.

It only gets better as you keep flipping the pages. Most importantly, I can't wait to see us shine.

Cheers to a merited anniversary!

*Titus Harrison Editor in chief*

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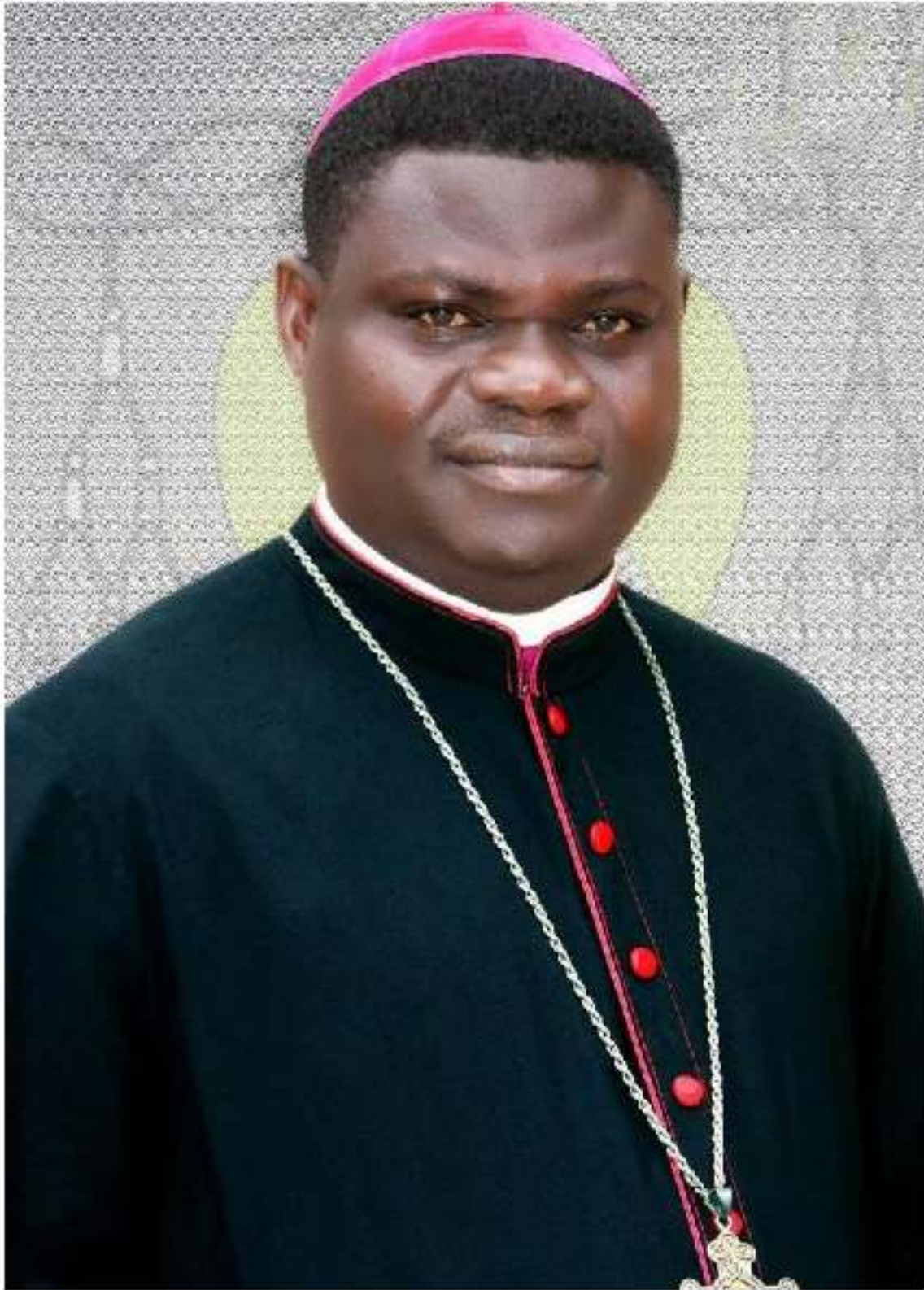
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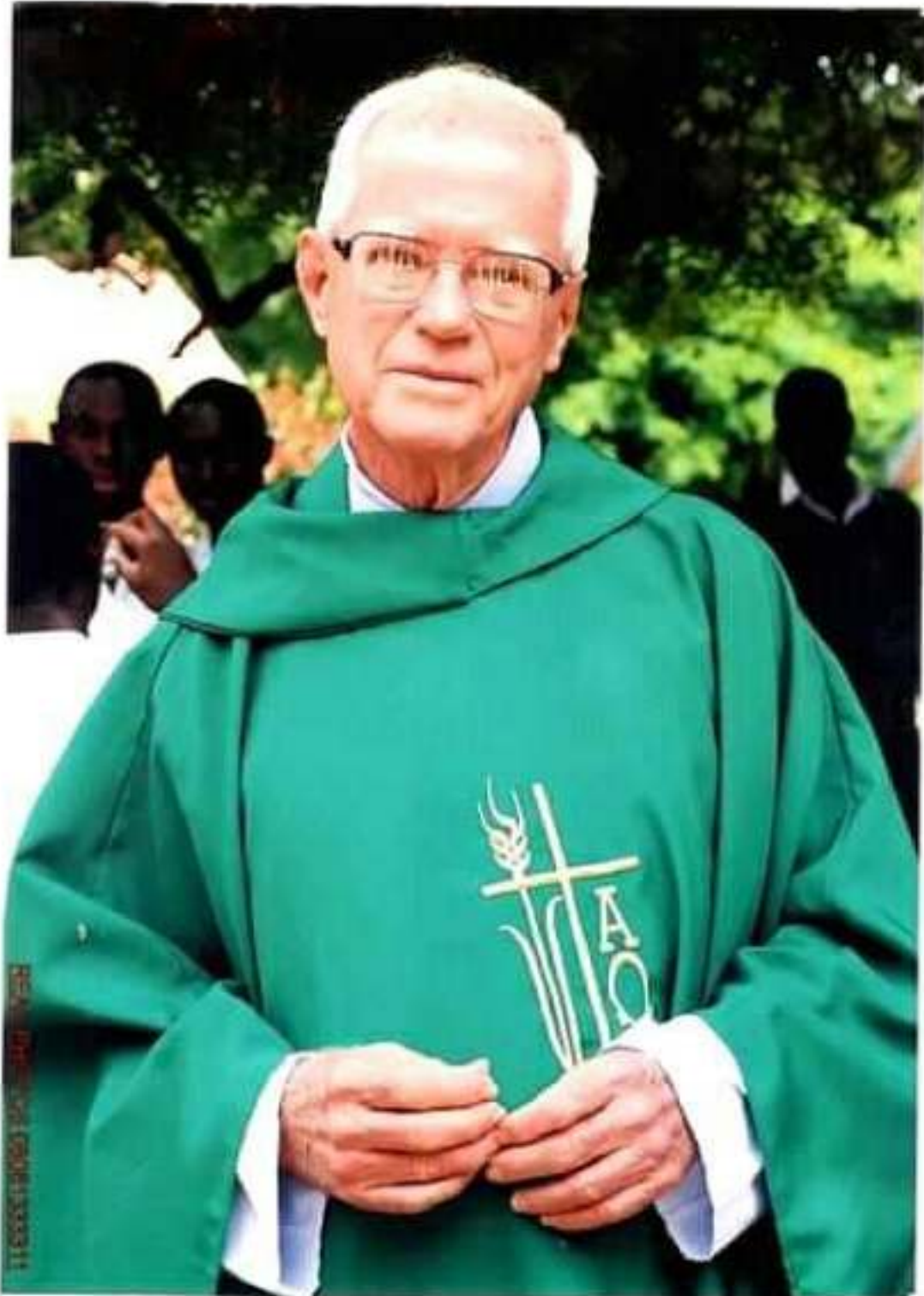


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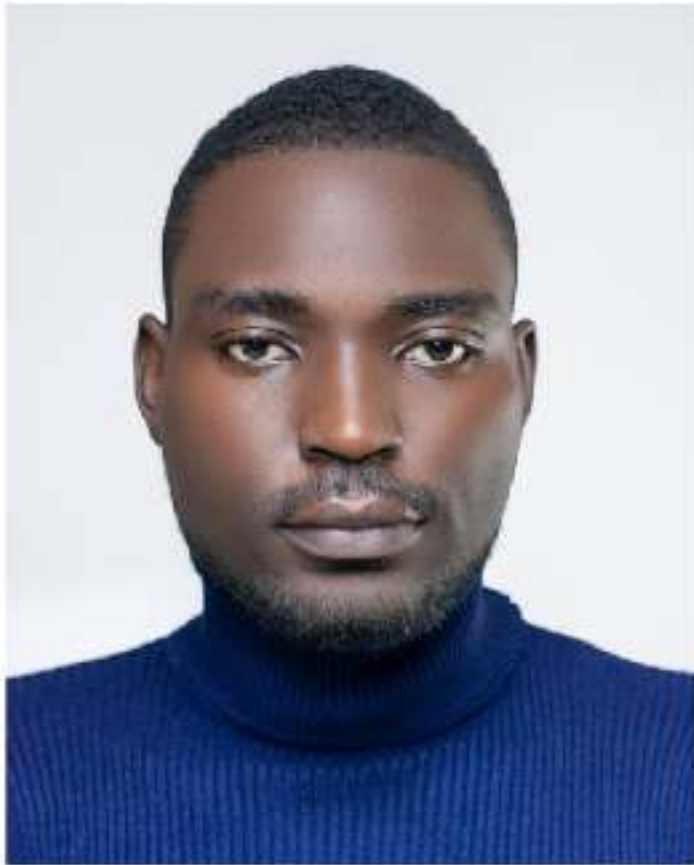


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*In  
Loving*

MEMORY OF



**Simon Otache**



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*Our beloved brothers, continue to rest in  
peace*



# A Tribute to our Brothers

*In honour of those who have departed, let us pay tribute to our high schoolmates whose lives were cut short, but whose memories continue to burn brightly within us. We come together, not with sorrow, but with gratitude for the moments we shared, the laughter we enjoyed, and the indelible mark they left upon our lives.*

We reminisce on our high school days, we are reminded of the vitality that coursed through our veins, the dreams that danced in our hearts, and the boundless potential that flickered in our eyes. Our departed classmates were kindred spirits who journeyed alongside us, shaping the mosaic of our collective experience, and reminding us of the fragility and preciousness of life.

Echobu Leonard, Odenigbo Kelvin, and Simon Otache; call their names out in your hearts where they continue to thrive in eternal vitality. Remember them for they were the ones who pushed boundaries, daring to dream big and emboldening us to do the same. They were brave souls who embraced challenges, inspiring us to conquer our fears and reach for the stars. They were the passionate individuals who championed causes, igniting flames of activism within us and teaching us the power of our voices. Each of them, in their unique way, touched our lives and enriched our shared narrative.

Though their physical presence may have faded, their essence endures, woven into the tapestry of our memories. In the halls that once echoed with their laughter, in the space in which we all shared our meals, in the dormitories in which we hid from night preps and gathered in sweet brotherhood, we find solace in knowing that their spirit lingers, reminding us to embrace life's joys with fervour and to cherish the precious bonds we form.

Today, we stand not only as witnesses to their lives but also as torchbearers of their legacy. We are entrusted with the task of carrying their dreams forward, of living lives that honour the extraordinary individuals they were and the extraordinary potential they saw in each of us. Let us seize each day, for them and for ourselves, pursuing our passions, embracing our loved ones, and cherishing every fleeting moment.

In this solemn gathering, let our tears be a testament to the profound impact our fallen classmates had on us, and let our smiles reflect the joy they brought into our lives. Together, we will remember them, not as faded echoes of the past, but as beacons of inspiration, guiding us toward a future filled with purpose, compassion, and unyielding determination.

To our high school mates who have passed away: Leonard, Kelvin, and Otache, we bid you farewell with a heavy heart, but we celebrate your lives with fervent gratitude. Your memory shall forever reside within our souls, and as we raise our glasses in a final toast, we honour the profound mark you have left upon our hearts.

Rest in eternal peace, dear friends, and know that you shall never be forgotten.

Amen.

*By Adedero Cosmos*

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF MOUNT SAINT GABRIEL'S SECONDARY SCHOOL



Mount Saint Gabriel's Secondary School Makurdi was established as a Day Secondary School for boys, on 14th January 1964, with 63 (sixty-three) boys; the Sixty-third student joined the school on 27th September, 1964. This number was made up of 22 Tivs, 17 Idomas, 16 Ibos, 4 Jikuns, 2 Hausas, 1 Igala and 1 Kanuri. The Students were temporarily housed in two rooms in the compound of the Holy Ghost Parish - what later became the Spiritian Press. It was the first secondary school in Makurdi.

The founder, Bishop James Hagan, transferred the then Principal of Mt. St. Michael's Aliade, Rev. Fr. Stanislaus Roman, to become the founding Principal of the new school with a staff strength of only three teachers including the Principal. He served between 1964 and 1968.

Mount Saint Gabriel's Secondary School, Makurdi was moved to its present site between the then Government Craft School (now Government College) and All Saints Primary School in 1966. The planned development of the school was slowed down between 1967 and 1971 as a result of the Civil War. Due to a shortage of accommodation, the school had to enrol in single classes between 1967 and 1970.

The demand for quality education, which the school now provided, led to the addition of a third stream in 1974. A year later, the Ministry of Education prompted the addition of two more streams while the sixth was added in 1976.

A significant development took place in 1983 when as a result of outstanding performances in the sciences over the years, the Federal Government very generously awarded a contract for the supply of science equipment and materials worth Five Hundred Thousand (N500,000.00) Naira for the school.

Mount Saint Gabriel's Secondary School has over the years earned a reputation for academic excellence and the inculcation of high moral standards. The academic performance of the first graduating sets was not very encouraging. For example, in 1962, 29% pass was recorded out of 49 candidates that sat for the final examination.

This was the trend up to the early 1970s. the poor outing in the early years could be traced to the negative impact the Nigerian Civil War had on the school.

*curled from Mt St. Gabriel's secondary school website*

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF MOUNT SAINT GABRIEL'S SECONDARY SCHOOL



All teachers of Ibo and European origin who formed the bulk of the staff had to leave the school for their homes at the start of the war in 1967.

Since the mid-1970s, however, there has been steady academic progression and performance by the students. For example, results of 2003 show that, of the 178 students that sat for WASSCE, 178 had up to five credits or more, representing 89%, while all the 200 that sat for NECO had five credits or more, representing 100%. For over three decades now the school has continued to be rated among the best five (5) in the Federation. These performances have won the school several academic laurels both within and outside Benue State.

As a school that emphasises all-around education, adequate provision has been made for the religious, physical and social development of students. They are encouraged to participate in Games and Sports such as athletics, football, lawn tennis, badminton, volleyball, basketball and chess.

The success story of Mount Saint Gabriel's Secondary School, Makurdi has been a result of the collaborative efforts of the management of the school, the Parent Teachers Association (PTA), the Old Boys Association, the International Development Agency (IDA) and the Government of Benue State, especially since the inception of the George Akume administration which carried out comprehensive renovation of the school and approved the recruitment of all the teachers of the school on PTA payroll 2000. These bodies have individually contributed to the provision of standard facilities, which explain the high quality of education in the school.

The PTA also provides for the extra funds used in the feeding of boarding students. The Old Boys on the other hand have been responsible for the renovation of the library and supply of books; the renovation of a basketball court, the renovation of the Principal's residence and the construction of an ultra-modern multipurpose hall among others.

The International Development Agency (IDA) has also contributed much to the development of the school by building two classroom blocks of eight classes; three blocks of toilets; a pantry with attached stores; two science laboratories and a big hall that later became ST. KALEMBA house.

Mt. St. Gabriel's Secondary School has six dormitories, which correspond with the 6 houses that bear the names of African Saints. These are ST. TUZINDE, ST. MUGGAGA, ST. KIZITO, ST. LWANGA, ST. MUKASA and ST. KALEMBA.

Religious freedom is guaranteed and practised in the school even though it is a Catholic institution.

From the very humble beginning, Mount Saint Gabriel's Secondary School, Makurdi has indeed developed into maturity, producing high-quality graduates that are today contributing their quota in virtually all fields of human endeavour across the globe.



# WHY MSGOBA?

MSGOBA is an acronym which stands for Mount Saint Gabriel's Old Boy's Association, Makurdi, Benue State.

It is a body comprised of all former students who attended Mt. St. Gabriel's Secondary School, Makurdi who desire to come together in unity and out of will, this established Association to cater for the needs of the Members as well as the interests of their Alma mater.



# 10 YEARS AND COUNTING

**"Nothing is ever really lost to us as long as we remember it"-  
LM Montgomery**



Junior boys- yes! Junior boys-yes! That was how it all started, from screaming "yes" from our dry throats to becoming seniors and now, we are here; moulding ourselves into machines, inventive references of value and most importantly, we are becoming active solutions to our society.

We have moved from dreams to reality. If we recall, we spent more time thinking of how to dodge a general beating than what we were going to have for lunch. Some of us even thought we would remain juniors forever, as a Tuzinde boy I thought being a junior boy was a lifetime job. Indeed, It wasn't luxurious to be a junior, we were only strategists of survival finding ways to make it to the most senior class. unsurprisingly, it happened and now it is a thing of blessed memory. Always believe.



In those six years, we spent together as brothers (in arms, lol), some saw Shege, some saw Prado (boarding house demon), and some saw Leo, but we all came, saw, and conquered. We always had conspiracy theories to make a drama out of, and all this constituted making our experience together a thing of diverse beauty.

We are just celebrating a fragment of what God has planted ahead of us as a collective people simmered in his grace. Late Very Rev. Fr. Fraser (in blessed memory) will be proud of us for having achieved so much in just a decade. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

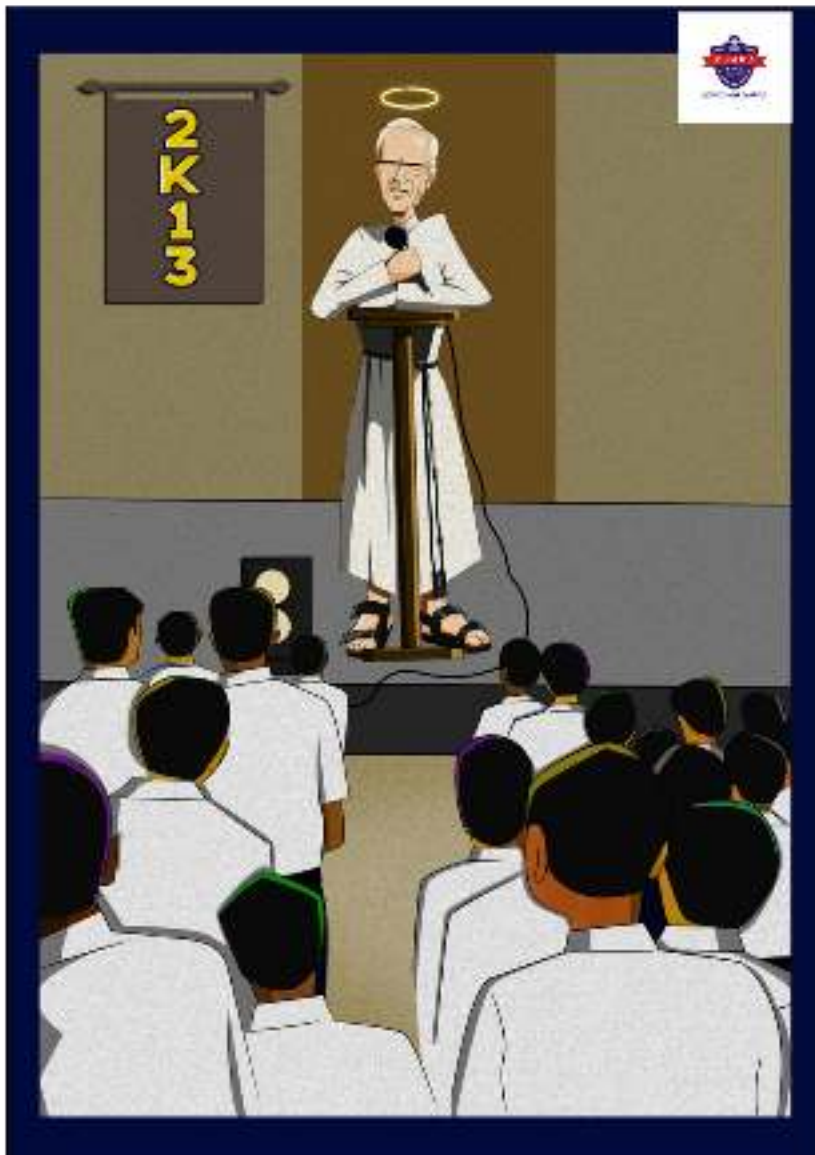
Cheers to a hearty 10th anniversary.

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# Tatyough

*The  
President  
Speaks*



**Comrade Tatyough Jeremiah, President,  
MSGOBA SET 2013**



## **My dear Brothers,**

Although all men now (mostly I guess) yet we remain Father's little Angels, and celebrating this great decade of unending blessings forged from the proper upbringing of our parents and the training/mentorship of our beloved principal, the Late Very Rev Fr Angus Goerge Fraser. It gives me great joy to see us all gathered together again ten years after graduation from the prestigious Mount Saint Gabriel's Secondary School (MSG) Makurdi to celebrate our 10th Anniversary. Our gathering together here today shows that we all have time for what is important: what is cherished, what is loved, and what is valued and held dear to our hearts.

Our 10th anniversary is themed "Father's Little Angels: a decade of unending blessings" a glance around and you will truly see the unending blessings of God in each person seated here today which captures the true essence of the celebration.

We are products of a great institution - our alma mata, an institution we consider so dear to our hearts, Mount Saint Gabriel's Secondary School, Makurdi under the tutelage of a quintessential Principal, a Principal whose legacy will live beyond our imagination. The man whose vision and academic success at a low cost were simply amazing. A man who created a climate where teaching and learning seemed like a joke but had everyone looking forward to it with excellent grades reflecting accordingly. We are therefore most grateful to Very Reverend Father George Angus Fraser, School Management, Staff, Ancestors, seniors and juniors of this institution.

seem like yesterday, it's but a long time indeed. We have lost some of our loved one - Our Principal, some of our teachers and mates. This has left us in tears, pain and sorrow, but by the strength that comes from God alone, we will stop to cry and ponder like a train that just halts briefl, but then we have always continued our journey and today, we are here to celebrate a decade of unending blessings.

as long as there is life, there is hope. I urge you to constantly seek to create platforms for set members to succeed. The more successful men we have, the more glorious Set 2013.

While some will rise and fall, the rich will also cry, others will be saved by money, others will be saved by experiences (practical part of life). But for us to be stronger, the bond must be tighter.

I must say today, that life, my dear friends, is not predictable in most cases. Life has taken each one of us by storm and directed us to different paths, although some still searching. We had thought so differently on the day of graduation from Mount Saint Gabriels. A lot of us had varied aspirations and strong convictions, but alas, one thing that remained common and that is hope that the future would be brighter, this decade reminds us to be brave and never give up for our "blessings are unending".

One thing has kept us going amidst the storms of life. It is the zeal, courage doggedness, commitment and above all, the discipline that the strong catholic doctrine imbibed in us through the "White Man" - Fr Fraser. Looking back, we are thankful to God for his life and what he meant and still means to us. Let's cut ourselves loose tonight, let's take time to be those crazy little angels of Fr. Fraser that each one of us was 10 years ago.

Let's remember the Siesta and Lights Out, funny night experience (na by force to sleep?).

Let's remember the Morning Function(portion) Labour and Dorm 7.

Let's remember the great Atakpa squad, doing away with others beans or chawa

Let's remember the Choir Practice, choir competitions, Handel's Messiah Night.

Lets remember the crazy morning cold rush bath at the tap.

Let's remember the exam periods, the mallams, exam results, promotions and advices to repeat.

Let remember the suspensions, especially when you have to bring your parents.

Let's remember the teachers that bullied and students that bullied the teachers.

Let's remember the jumping of fence and sneaking out of school.

Memories and History make Life, hence its beauty, life is so beautiful that what seemed like a long journey now seems like it happened in a twinkle of an eye. Now, the question is, "How many of us will make it to the next decade? This ultimately depends on the quality of life we choose to live. A healthy life, a life of responsibility, a life devoid of negativity but full of positivity, a life of peace with each other, a life of a brother's keeper. While we age and trim our circle of friends (a natural phenomenon), we must learn not to trim bearing grudges, we must learn not to trim by fighting, and we must learn to use the principles of natural selection. We must stay connected even though we are apart. Our Saint, Angus Fraser had a way of forgiving and drawing back people to himself. Let's continue to keep that spirit.

I feel particularly honoured and grateful for the sacrifices and efforts you have all put in place towards the success of this event. Without your genuine love, commitment and funding, we wouldn't have been here today. I also say a big thank you to my EXCO who chose a brilliant Committee to drive and deliver this event. God bless you all immeasurably.

My brothers, this moment is ours, lets us enjoy ourselves within these few days we have chosen to be physically together, Some of us have not met since we left MSG 10 years ago and some of us after today will never meet again. So we must spend quality time here together, and any other time we meet knowing that all we have is but a gift from Almighty God.  
Welcome to a magnificent, marvellous and memorable 10 years anniversary reunion.

Tatyough Jeremiah Sughter,  
President,  
MSCOBA Set 2013



# A Letter from the Planning Committee Chair



Adaaku, Peter Sesugh



*Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests,  
and fellow MSGOBA2K13 classmates,*

**A** warm and heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you as we gather here today to celebrate a momentous occasion—the 10-year anniversary of our beloved set. It is an absolute honour to stand before you as the Chairman of the Anniversary Planning Committee, Adaaku Peter Jr aka Scar Face, and I am humbled by the opportunity to address such an extraordinary group of individuals.

When we embarked on this journey a decade ago, little did we know that it would shape our lives in ways we could have never imagined. We entered the prestigious Mount Saint Gabriels Secondary School as young, ambitious individuals, with dreams and aspirations as vast as the sky.

And now, here we are, a decade later, standing as a testament to the bonds we have forged, the memories we have created, and the achievements we have accomplished.

Today, we come together to celebrate the passage of time and honour the invaluable friendships we have nurtured over the years. These friendships have been the cornerstone of our success, providing us with support, laughter, and unwavering encouragement in the face of challenges. As we reflect upon our journey, let us take a moment to express our gratitude to those who have stood by our side, offering a helping hand or a listening ear when we needed it the most.

This anniversary celebration serves as a reminder that our achievements extend beyond individual triumphs. It is a celebration of unity, resilience, and the collective spirit that defines set MSGOBA2K13. We have grown together, pushing boundaries, and breaking barriers as a united front.

## A Letter from the Planning Committee Chair- contd.

It is this shared experience that has shaped our lives and made us who we are today.

As we come together to commemorate this milestone, let us also take a moment to remember and honour our dear friends who are no longer with us—Otache Simon, Odenigbo Ebuka aka znice, and Echobu Leonard aka Kpuka. Their absence leaves a void in our hearts, but their memories and the impact they had on our lives will forever remain. May we observe a minute of silence to pay tribute to their lives and the indelible mark they left upon our set?

As we celebrate this joyous occasion, let us carry their spirits with us and cherish the moments we shared together. Their presence will forever be a part of the fabric that binds us as the MSGOBA2K13 family, reminding us of the fragility and preciousness of life. In this minute of silence, let us honour their memory and express our gratitude for the time we had with them.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Anniversary Planning Committee for their tireless efforts in organizing this remarkable event. Their dedication, commitment, and unwavering enthusiasm have made this celebration possible, and I am grateful for their outstanding work. Let us take a moment to applaud their remarkable contributions.

Finally, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you, my dear classmates. Your presence here today is a testament to the enduring spirit of MSGOBA2K13. I encourage you all to relish this moment, to reconnect with old friends, and to forge new connections. Let us celebrate the incredible journey we have undertaken together and embrace the promise of a future filled with endless possibilities.

On behalf of the Anniversary Planning Committee, I would like to thank you for your support and contributions. Without you, this celebration would not have been possible. As we raise our glasses to toast this milestone, let us remember that the actual value of this occasion lies not in the payment or the material mementoes but in the collective memories we have shared and the friendships that will last a lifetime.

Long live MSGOBA2K13!

Thank you, and may this anniversary celebration be an unforgettable testament to our enduring bond.

*Adaaku peter,*

For Planning committee.

# Do we Really Forgive and Forget?

I did forgive him, but the trauma of those intoxicating blows still linger freshly in my memory. Did I forget? Not at first, I learned not to be a bully to anyone. I will not forget the lesson it taught me. I will not forget the experience either. Forgetting easily may be consequential if lessons are not learnt.

Maybe we don't make peace with ourselves before deciding to forgive. In the Sopranos (series), Tony Soprano appears to quickly forgive those who betray him, but as the psychotic sly fox that he is, he puts his betrayers to sleep just when they think reconciliation is at their doorsteps.

Sometimes as humans, our motivating factor not to forgive is based on peremptoriness. The feeling of being better or more significant than others can't allow most of us to go to bed in peace. We are so tied to social status and class to an extent that when we are offended it becomes a challenging affair to put our storm to calm.

Yes, we may forgive, but forgetting is something a bit calculated. Forgetting refers to disconnecting from the timeline of the event; where it simply can't trigger vengeance, but the opposite of vengeance. Mercy.

We have to forgive, and then master the art of forgetting to enable the process wholesome. Forgiving because we are told to do so isn't enough, we have to trigger the decision based on our conscious choice of letting go. If this is done, then we must have forgiven and begin to forget.

I am still mastering the art of forgetfulness, but I doubt if we forgive, and fully forget.



**F**orgiveness is an action word, but it is expected to relay a reactive feeling that means more than "I forgive you", "Don't worry, it is okay". It is meant to cauterize the pain or the impact of the damage caused. But does all of this take away the trauma of the damage? Does all of this give the offender a chance to repent? Forgiving and forgetting is a psychological phenomenon of switching off the memory booth of an experience that supplies resentment, hate or revenge instincts for the brain to meditate on or act on.

Forgive and forget is more of a philosophy for peace, but not peace itself. Forgiveness is first of all a word, before an act. Forgetfulness in this context, is an intentional act to let go of the pain or misery you have been put through. We have to fully know that, forgetting easily may not teach you the lessons you should have learned because you have been told to forgive and forget.

I have been running into my seniors from my high school since I graduated from Mt St. Gabriel's Secondary School ten years ago. I was bullied by seniors who were bullies in the form of vengeance for what they went through and those who were bullies by pressure from their mates. It took me everything to maintain my self-control to not punch one when I saw him— and he was even looking at me smiling. Shameless.

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26th April 2023.

The President,  
MSGOBA '13,

Dear Tatyough Jeremiah,

### **Letter of Goodwill**

It is with great pleasure that we extend our warmest congratulations to MSGOBA '13 on your 10th Year Graduation Anniversary. We take immense pride in being able to convey our best wishes and heartfelt greetings to our esteemed juniors.

The 10th Year Graduation Anniversary is a momentous occasion in every graduate's life, as it marks a decade of achievements, struggles, and memories. It is an opportunity to reflect on the past, cherish the present, and look forward to the future with renewed enthusiasm and optimism.

We, the exco and the entire set of MSGOBA '12, join you in this celebration and wish you all the success and happiness life offers. We are confident that the education and values imparted to you by our alma mater have equipped you to face the challenges and opportunities of the future with grace and resilience.

As you celebrate this milestone, we encourage you to stay connected with the MSGOBA family and contribute to the growth and development of our beloved institution. Let us continue to support each other and uphold the values of excellence, integrity, and service that are the hallmarks of MSGOBA.

Once again, congratulations on your 10th Year Graduation Anniversary, and we look forward to hearing about your continued success in the years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Jude Msonter Awuna  
President Secretary-General





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**MSGOBA SET 2015**

With immense pleasure, we the class of 2015 gladly congratulate class of 2013 for their 10th Year Anniversary since graduation. As you cherish the fruits of your hard work and one another, I wish that success keeps following you in everything that you do. Dream new dreams, embark on who you are, embrace life with passion, and keep reaching for the stars and most especially, May the spirit of oneness never depart from you our dear Seniors, Amen. Shine on and go for it Great Gabrielites.  
"Fortutudo Dei"

**Alagh Tiza Japhet  
President,  
MSGOBA SET 2015**



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The Exco and entire members of MSGOBA Set 2002 congratulate Set 2013 on their 10th anniversary, we wish you many more years of growth, unity and success in all your endeavours .

**Charles Ekah,  
National Auditor  
MSGOBA/President,  
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It is with admiration, and happiness that we share in the joy and celebrations of SET 2013 on reaching their first decade of success and blessing. We, Set 1995, wish you limitless growth as you keep growing to achieve your dreams and ambitions.

**Mr. Michael Agada,  
President,  
MSGOBA SET 1997**





# *felicitations*



To the entire set members 2013 congratulations on your 10 year anniversary after graduation!

This is a significant milestone that deserves recognition and celebration. As you reflect on the past decade, I hope you feel a great sense of accomplishment and pride in all that you have achieved.

Graduating from school is a major accomplishment in itself, but the real challenge is what comes after. It takes dedication, hard work, and perseverance to make your dreams a reality. And you have done just that!

Your 10 year anniversary is a testament to your resilience and commitment to personal and professional growth. You have undoubtedly faced challenges and obstacles along the way, but you have persevered and come out stronger on the other side.

As you continue on your journey, I wish you continued success and fulfillment in all that you do. May your next 10 years be even more rewarding than the last, and may you continue to make a positive impact on the world around you.

Once again, congratulations on this incredible achievement and best wishes for the future!

With Love,

**MSGOBA SET 2005**



**Saai, Michael Kerter,  
President, MSGOBA SET 2005**



# MSGOBA

## SET 2013

### PERFORMANCE

### OVERVIEW

By Tatyough Jeremiah, Set President



**MOUNT SAINT GABRIEL'S**  
OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

"It is with great optimism and ambition I write to share the testimonies of our growth over the years and that of the school.

If we all remember, we all started this journey as young innocent boys looking to find an identity and share in the greatness of our ever-prestigious school(Mt. St. Gabriel's secondary school) and gracefully, we are a happening testimony.

"Ten years after our graduation, it has been a time of test and philosophy-building on which the wings of this set is forging its path to contribute immensely to the growth of the school that gave its members a purpose and sense of brotherhood.

In these Ten years, our pioneer Excos led by Comrade Audu Jameel built a foundation of trust and unwavering commitment which the current Excos as led by me(Tatyough Jeremiah) is demonstrating a high level of continuity and making creative adjustments.

"As part of our achievements within these 10 years, we have produced two(2) medical doctors and many more still in the process, we also have produced Engineers in various fields ranging from Civil, Electrical, Mechanical and Agric, we as a set are blessed with computer scientists, data analyst and programmers, we are also most fortunate to have an Aeronautic Engineer, successful, businessmen and entrepreneurs, all these successes we are celebrating and thanking God for his mercy towards us and all he does to preserve us.

"Sadly to note that within these 10 years, we also have recorded the death of our beloved mates (Otache Simon, Kelvin Odenigbo and Oshigbo Leonard) may God rest their souls in peace, Amen.

"This set has always paid close attention to the school's development, its academic exploits, and extra-curricular activities. During the time of these engagements, we also discovered the challenges it has been facing. The challenges lean towards infrastructural collapse and as stated in our congress, we have made special arrangements to help support the school in our capacity.

"We all know that handwork and digital skills aside school-based qualification is now a selling point. We may not have had the opportunity to be educated on the importance of handwork and digital skills, but we did not let that happen to the young ones. We will always find time and the convenience to create awareness of its growing significance which will help improve the lifestyle of our fellow brothers.

"I hope we keep to our words as pledged during the congress. The Set has always delivered at points members needed most, and it is worth appreciating. The issue of late payments of dues is improving and these are magnificent signs of undoubtful cooperation and collective yearning for development.

We have come a long way but in earnest sincerity, we have only started. The beginning is important, but we must see this development mature into realistic ventures so that we can look back and appreciate what we have all done.

"We will be looking forward to being more active and reactive to matters that bind us with the national body. This has been our major challenge. We have unintentionally lacked representation at the National level, and this doesn't do us the honours if we are to support the school through collaboration with other sets. We have to deepen our commitment by stretching beyond the boundaries of our set's immediate objectives.

"Remember, we are on the course of collective victory, collective participation, and collective success and these? We must achieve!

Long live Set2013, long live National MSCOBA, and long live Mount St. Gabriel's Secondary School, Thank you, and God bless".



### **Tell us a thing about your legacy and performance as the pioneer President**

**JA:** One thing I kept as a legacy as the pioneer president was to create a social network with all my mates and always be there for them during their happy and sad moments. I tried as much as possible to reach out to all my mates even the ones that showed interest in our association just to tell them we still love them, and that we are all brothers.

### **It is 10 years already, we can look back and say what fluid of time and memory, as the Pioneer president of the set, how can you say the set has fared?**

**JA:** So far so good, a substantial number of us are doing pretty well in our endeavours and we appreciate God for giving us brothers in every sector of the labour market. Be it doctors, engineers, journalists, Lawyers, Researchers, Musicians and so on. The set is on a trajectory of unimaginable progress, and I believe is to come in the future.

### **What areas did you focus on during your tenure in regard to improving and developing the Set?**

**JA:** As the pioneer president my main focus was to keep us together and make sure we are there for each other because, in the race of life, they always say two good heads are better than one, and they say united we stand and divided we fall. After secondary school, we were all scattered around but I kept reminding ourselves that we are brothers and that we should always be our brother's keeper. Always spread love after all love conquers all.

### **Any advice or words of encouragement for the new executives?**

**JA:** My word of advice will be to the president to always carry his Excos along and make sure everybody performs his duties allocated to his office. Before any decisions are made, the president should sit with his Excos to arrive at a proper conclusion before bringing it to the house. During my time we were nonchalant about the payment of dues because most of us were still students struggling with our studies, but right now a lot of us can afford the one thousand naira for annual dues. No association can run effectively without funds.

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# CAPTAIN FANTASTIC

Jameel Audu was the pioneer president of Mt Saint Gabriel's Old Boys 2013 set (2017-2021). He shares a little side of his leadership experience with us.



## THE MAN IN TECH

Blockchain technology has the potential to revolutionize a wide range of industries, from finance and healthcare to supply chain management and beyond. This technology, which first gained widespread recognition as the underlying architecture of the digital currency (Bitcoin), allows for a secure, transparent, and decentralized storage and transfer of data.

At its core, a blockchain is a digital ledger that records transactions on a network of computers. Each transaction is verified by multiple parties on the network, ensuring its accuracy and security. Because a blockchain is decentralized, it is not controlled by any single entity, which reinforces its resistance to tampering and censorship.

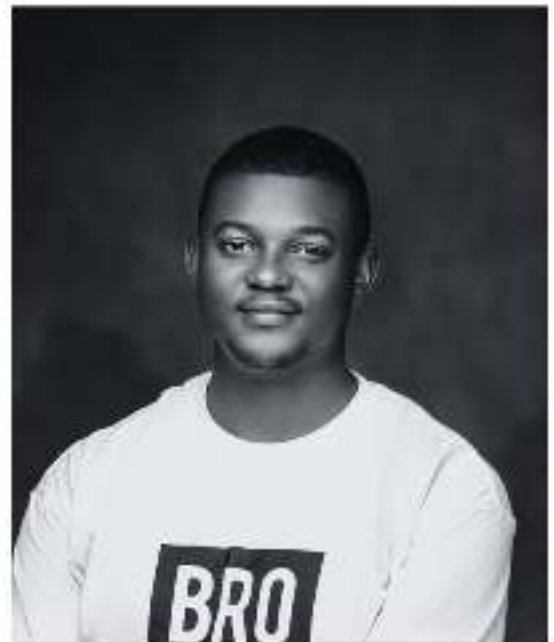
One of the key advantages of blockchain technology is its ability to facilitate secure and transparent transactions. In the financial industry, for example, blockchain technology allows for the transfer of value without the need for a trusted third party, such as a bank. This not only makes transactions faster and more efficient, but also significantly reduces the risk of fraud.

In the healthcare industry, blockchain technology has the potential to revolutionize the way patient data is stored and shared. By using a decentralized and secure network, patients can have greater control over their personal health information, and healthcare providers can access and share this information more efficiently. This could greatly improve the quality of care and reduce the risk of medical errors.

Supply chain management is another area where blockchain technology has the potential to make a big impact. By using a decentralized and transparent network, businesses can track the movement of goods from their point of origin to their final destination. This can help to improve efficiency, reduce the risk of fraud, and increase transparency in the supply chain.

In addition to these specific applications, blockchain technology has the potential to transform many other industries and aspects of our daily lives. For example, it could be used to create more secure and efficient voting systems, or to verify the authenticity of documents and contracts.

Overall, it is clear that blockchain technology has the potential to revolutionize industries and transform the way we live and do business.



**Blockchain technology will be a game changer**

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**By Adaaku Peter**

*The web 3 developer looks at the potency of blockchain technology in revolutionizing industries*

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**"While it is still in the early stages of development, the future of blockchain technology looks bright, and it is poised to have a significant impact on the world in the years to come".**

*Charles*

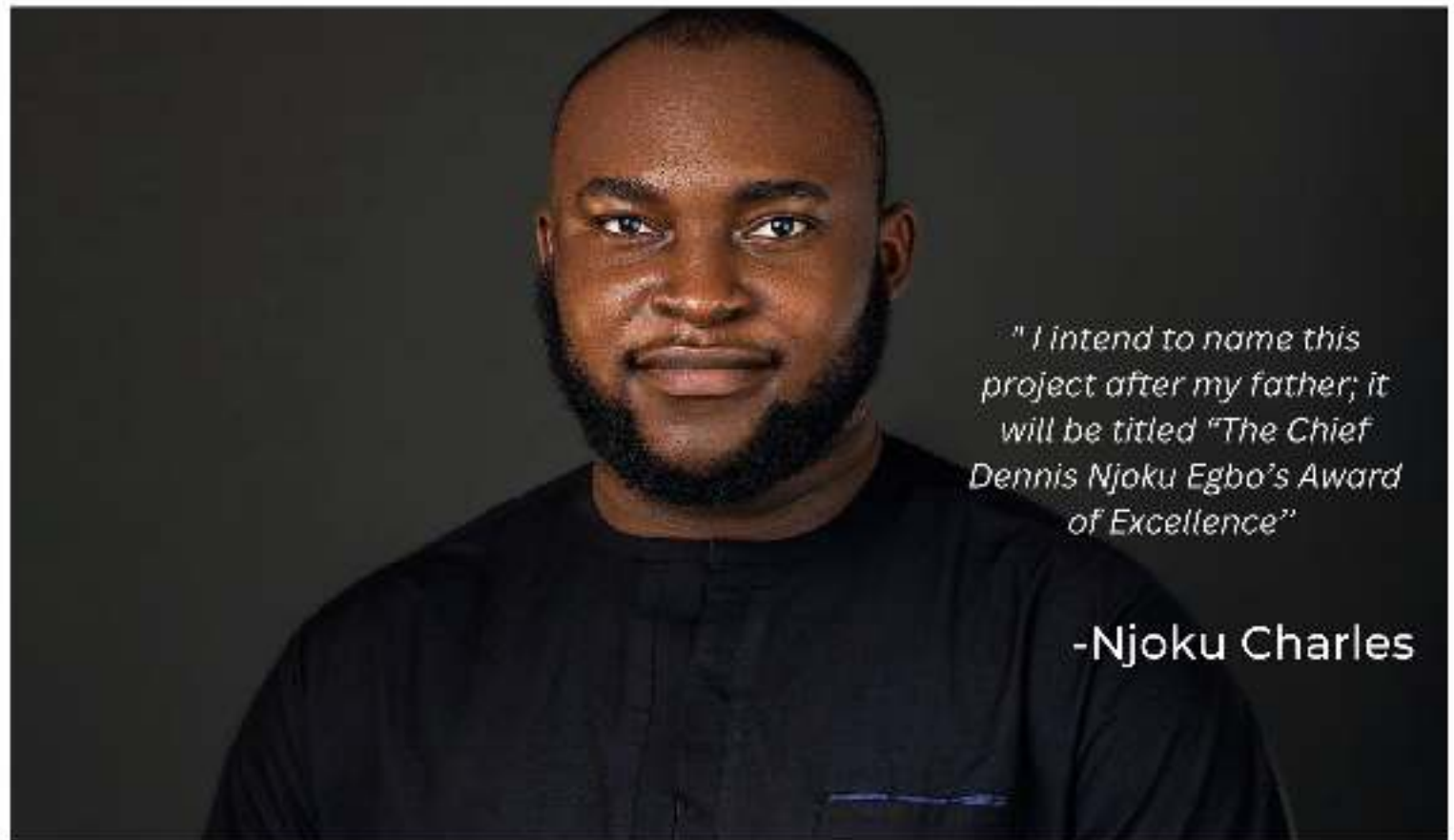
# NJOKU:

**"I WILL REWARD  
EXCELLENCE AND  
HARD WORK"**

After graduating with excellence in the prestigious Mt St. Gabriel's Secondary school, Njoku Charles of MSGOBA SET2013 is coming back to his alma mater to express his gratitude and appreciation for everything good he learned in the White and Navy blue uniform. He discusses the limitless sacrifice his father made to get him this far, and In this interview, he shares his passion, motivation and most importantly, his big and selfless plans for the society.

*INTERVIEW*





*"I intend to name this project after my father; it will be titled "The Chief Dennis Njoku Egbo's Award of Excellence"*

**-Njoku Charles**

**How far? It has been ten years already; how has the journey been?**

Honestly, it feels like just a couple of years ago. I was just this teenage boy who had finished a phase of his life and had to face the reality of finding my place in this world. Indeed, it has been ten years! The journey has been intense, it tested every resolve, but more importantly, it built me to be the man I am today.

During this time, I attended the University of Nigeria, where I studied Biochemistry. I subsequently chose to build my career in digital technology as opposed to a healthcare career, considering my course of study and the possibility that I would have gone to medical school afterwards. Today, I am a digital product designer; my job means I design computer software. I also co-founded a technology startup, Spire. Overall, life has been interesting, and the journey is still on.

The objective of this project is simple, to support, encourage and reward excellence across all levels of society. They say charity begins at home, and to kickstart this project, I am rewarding the best students in JSS3 and SS3 with the sum of 100,000 naira each.

**Can you explain your intentions and objectives for the project you are about to embark on?**

Let me tell you a short story: During my MSG days, I was one of the very privileged ones to have represented our school in competitions. Through my 6 years in MSG, I travelled to at least ten states just for competitions. All the experiences from my travels, meeting different students, and competing at various levels were my earliest exposure to what the real world looks like and ignited my desire for excellence. Behind the scenes, the planning that made it possible for me to travel was not always easy.

I remember crying once because the school said we could not travel to a camp in Abuja because they could not afford it. I later went to that camp, and my father funded it all. Not to mention the extra classes he had to pay for me to learn more and improve. This is just one story; there were so many like this.

I have profound gratitude to my father, who, despite how inconvenient it was at times, would do all he could to ensure I got into programs and competitions as possible. His undying zeal for excellence is something I particularly admire. Today,

Today, I am riding on the back of that commitment to excellence as instilled in me by my father and the MSG community.

I intend to name this project after my father; it will be titled "The Chief Dennis Njoku Egbo's Award of Excellence" to the Best Student in JSS3 and SS3", respectively.

I want the winners and every student who had to go through unusual circumstances to be excellent to know they are not alone. And I hope our small token encourages them to continue to strive further

### **What are the experiences and lessons that birthed the idea behind the project?**

I already mentioned it in my previous answer. But I have one more to share. I am the first child of seven children, and my father insists that every single child of his attends one of the best schools around. He continues to demand an exceedingly high standard of excellence from each of us. Not even the dire economic situation in the country is deterring him from changing his mind or dropping his standard.


Looking back at things like this teaches me that not even money should make anyone anything less than excellent. Today, I have gone on with that mindset to become the best at what I do. Money has never limited how far my ambition is. The cash prize to the students might not pay their next fees even, but the impact is to encourage them and others to continue to strive for excellence no matter what.

I strongly believe in giving people their flowers while they are still alive to enjoy the euphoria of it. The award is to honour my father's significant contributions while he is still alive."


### **Could you tell us anything else you want us to know?**

Hahaha, fun fact? 2 of my uncles, 1 cousin and myself are all old boys today!

*Charles Njoku is an enthusiast of innovation and tech-based initiatives. He is fired up to stimulate and support the possibilities and opportunities excellent science students in MSG will be exposed to or be part of.*



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## MONEY ONLINE



In recent times, there has been an increase in the level of poverty and untold hardship in our country and Africa at large. This is due to the economic downturn resulting from poor governance and misappropriation of funds by government officials.

Civil servants are either not paid or underpaid at their places of work. It begs the question; how do I survive when my salary doesn't increase yet the prices of commodities keep increasing in the market? How do I fend for myself and my family? How can I become financially buoyant? If you're currently asking yourself these questions, then this is for you Undergraduates and graduates can't get a hold of any good source of income and this leads to the majority of the youths seeking illegal activities to earn money and save their current financial situations, take care of their families, and do other business. But how do you achieve this legally, without fear of what your source of income is, without fear of the EFCC, and without fear of being accused of ritual or robbery?

What if you know a way? What if you find a path where your solutions are waiting for you to grab them, will you take it or will you still relax and wait till the government ruins your career completely?

Affiliate marketing is a business model in which a company or individual compensates third-party marketers to generate traffic or leads to the company/individual's products and services. The third-party marketer is affiliates and the commission fee incentivizes them to find ways to promote the company. They promote these products or services using different social media platforms and oral marketing if need be, whichever way the goal is simple which is to **RECOMMEND HELPFUL PRODUCTS** to those who **NEED** the products or services and can **AFFORD** it.

Simply put, Affiliate marketing is the sales of digital products and assets that belong to another individual or company but in return earn a huge commission for the sales done online.

# UNTOLD TRUTH ABOUT INTERNET MONEY

By Sadio Robert, Affiliate Marketer

Affiliate marketing training programs like the 72ig implementation program equip you with knowledge on copywriting, Facebook advertising, sales funnel building, website creation, graphic designing, email marketing,

WhatsAp marketing, traffic generation, social media optimization, etc. And these high-income skills help you in the promotion of these products easily and becoming atop Affiliate marketer in the sales and marketing industry.

In this age and time where technology has taken over the world, having a digital skill may be just what you need to attain that financial freedom you desire. As opposed to the mentality of the popular majority that all online money-making platforms are scams, Affiliate marketing is not a multi-level marketing (MLM) scheme where one has to build referrals to earn referral commissions nor is it a Ponzi scheme where you earn a particular commission daily even if you are not working. As aforementioned, Affiliate marketers earn commissions from only selling digital products and when you don't sell, you don't earn.

The difference between here and there is T which is time. If you make the most of your time you'll get there. It is one thing to be uninformed and another to have information and sleep on it. Take action NOW.

# THE THING WITH BOARDERS AND DAY STUDENTS

*AN INTROSPECTION INTO CHARACTER AND CHILD-LIKE BIASES*



*By Wuese-Ter Lucas & Titus Harrison*

*As the mentality had it, the boarders thought, they were the OGs, and for the day students, they were the current and refined ones. In Mt St. Gabriel's you couldn't be a fan of both day and boarding students—you must align yourself with either. This classification was not to look down on anyone, but to build a collaborative standard in social interactions and academic pursuits. Some took it too personally, but that is a story for another anniversary.*

Like every other school, there are so many peculiarities to this great citadel of learning, so many that I can't begin to mention them all because the list will be endless. One of such that sets Mount Saint Gabriels apart or used to, is the boarding and day system combo. It's not practised anymore as the school has now transitioned into a boarding system for reasons not deemed public-worthy.

During my time here, the boarding and day systems were operational and ran simultaneously.

I dare say this unique and unusual way of running a school promoted inclusivity and diversity as there weren't so many schools that operated both systems around.

To make for the smooth operations and running of the school, we had different sets of prefects.

Some prefects were specifically boarders and some were day students.

In a system where two or more factions exist, it is almost inherent that there will be power struggles, one faction thinking or feeling like they're top dog and superior to the other. This kind of rivalry can be seen all across human society. My school wasn't left out, there was a subtle and unspoken rivalry that existed between day students and boarders. It wasn't necessarily strong and degrading to downright anarchy or violence, but it was there. Boarders felt they were superiors of the day students, it was very subtle yet with proper discernment you could tell. One too many times you would hear statements like "blank that one, na day student" or "leave am, na jew day student" or "senior mates".

*contd.*

Having experienced both sides of the divide, I think boarders felt superior because they were always in the know of all the happenings on school grounds, they also spent all of their time in school and hence were more closely knit and established bonds that can be likened to that of siblings. Day students on the other hand, I doubt if they ever tried to assert any form of superiority, the only viable card they had was the fact that they were current and in the know of all the happenings and events outside of the school premises.

I could go on and on about instances that will give you a sneak peek of this subtle rivalry but it has been so long and I might not be able to document accurately some of these events.

Overall, regardless of being boarder or a day student, we were brothers, and our principal Rev. Fr. Angus Fraser of blessed memory was our father, he taught us to love, compassion, kindness, togetherness and what it truly meant to be a Gabrielite, we were a family and still are and will continue to be, Mount Saint Gabriel Secondary School is a part of all our lives that we will never forget.



Characteristically, the teachers and other school staff had the presumption that boarders had a higher chance of being rebellious, while the day students were more of the Saints. Evidently, boarders were better team players due to their higher adaptation mechanism.

As students, boarders or day, we simply wanted to be understood and appreciated for being students with values to uphold. Today, we can gladly claim of being better versions of ourselves. Cheers!



# Memory Gallery





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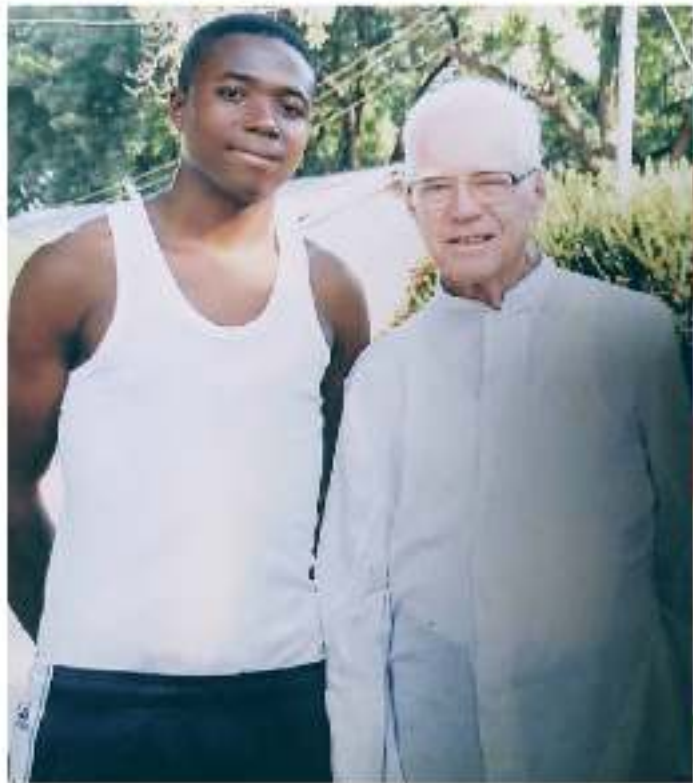
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## common Slang used in MSG



"This one way I miss GM like this, na COLDISH get me for night be that , when everybody done sleep, I go do my solos"

Omoh, na JONSING period now, i for like buy that fair woman OKPAo, but SHORTAGERS full market square now, so i go come during short break

This your joke no CATCH,  
smoke no comot self

The CHOKES Rhyme? Yeah e rhyme  
Adaaku and them Divine solve na the  
same answers them get🤔

Any small money wey i get na to do  
CONCUSSION with seven colours

I go NASS labour like say i join CHOIR on monday, if  
them come class i go PIANTE go back for CULTURE or  
go ball OGBA because i be NSG





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## years later...

"Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever... It remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything."

— Aaron Siskind





























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