

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP) NIGERIA,
ABUJA CENTRAL COUNCIL HELD ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2015 AT ST. LUKE PARISH,
KUBWA, ABUJA.**

1.0	<p>ATTENDANCE:</p> <p>A total of 110 Vincentians were in attendance at the meeting. Details are as shown on pages 15, 16, and 17.</p>
2.0	<p>OPENING:</p> <p>The meeting started with an opening prayer said by Sis. Joy Ohiagu, the 1st Vice President of the Central Council from CKC conference Kubwa at 11.35am.</p>
3.0	<p>SPIRITUAL READING:</p> <p>The reading with the theme “The Spirit of God Has Made His Home in You” – culled from the talk by St. Vincent to his community was read by Bro. James Ishom of St. Monica Conference Byazhin and was taken from page 54 of the manual of the Society. Reflecting on the reading, he said that Standards are set when the spirit of God resides you and it is expected that we try to meet up to the standards in order to make heaven. “Rendering assistance to the needy will also boost the image of the society knowing that the spirit of God resides in you”.</p> <p>He equally prayed God to give us the strength while being guided by the Holy Spirit to reach out to those in need.</p>
4.0	<p>OPENING REMARKS BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT</p> <p>The Central Council President, Bro. Chibuzor Ezeani welcomed all present at the beginning of the meeting. He thanked the conferences for their unflinching support in the activities of the Council and promised a better performance of the Council by next year. He however frowned at the delay in starting the meeting due to the unpreparedness of the host conference.</p>
5.0	<p>WELCOME REMARKS BY THE HOST CONFERENCE:</p> <p>The president of the host conference was not readily available to welcome the Council.</p>
6.0	<p>REMARKS BY THE PARISH PRIEST OF ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH:</p> <p>The parish priest of St. Lukes Parish, Kubwa welcomed the Council to his parish and thanked the society for the useful work they carry out in the church. While wishing the Council fruitful deliberations, he equally prayed God to strengthen the Society in the arduous task of caring for the poor and needy in the society</p>

7.0	<p>READING, OBSERVATION, AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES:</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held at St. Kizito Parish, Kuje on 4th December, 2015 were studied by all present and the following corrections were made: Page 9(12.10), 1st paragraph 2nd line, “Monday” was corrected to be “Sunday” Page 11 Attendance line no. 16 “Uche Ofiah” corrected to be “Uche Offiah” Page 11 Attendance line no.24 Okafor Chinwe’s position as “secretary” corrected to be “member”.</p> <p>In the absence of further corrections and observations, a motion for the adoption of the minutes was moved by Bro. Uche Offiah of Our Lady Queen of Nigeria Pro-Cathedral Conference, Garki and seconded by Sis. Chinwe Okafor of St. Pauls’ Conference, Gwagwalada.</p>
8.0	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p>
8.1	<p>Report on the Inauguration of Sacred Heart Center, Airport:</p> <p>The president of the Council reported that no new efforts have been made in the area of liaising with the parish priest of the Sacred Heart with the view of finding ways and means of inaugurating the conference. He however said that the Council will rely on the suggestions made by the committee set up to handle the matter. The conference will be inaugurated by proclamation and then the Council will visit for awareness campaign. The Council will meet with the leadership of the conference to fine tune the modalities. Dates for these events will be communicated to all conferences as soon as they are fixed.</p>
8.2	<p>Inauguration of St. Christopher Centre, Games Village:</p> <p>The President of the conference Sis. Ugonna Ezekwem, informed the Council that the inauguration took place as scheduled and was well attended. It equally attracted more members to the Society. She thanked the Council for finding the conference worthy for inauguration. The Council president informed the Council that apology letter was also sent to the parish priest of St. Christopher as agreed in the previous meeting. The Council in the letter apologized for the inconveniences rescheduling of the inauguration date by the Council may have caused.</p>
8.3	<p>St. Judes’ Conference Zuba:</p> <p>The Council president reminded the Council that the Conference wrote officially to the Council that they will be holding election to elect a new president in November. However the parish priest suspended the election due to the fact that there were not enough adult members in the conference and requested that the Council carry out awareness campaign to attract new members before the election. Based on this request, the Council then organized awareness campaign on 22nd November led by</p>

	<p>the 2nd Vice President, Sis. Joy Ohiagu.</p> <p>At this point, Sis. Joy Ohiagu reported that the awareness campaign was a huge success and that Vincentians from the zone came out en mass for the campaign. They spoke to parishioners in the two (2) masses and were able to get 25 new members. They equally held meetings with the parish priest and members which resulted in the proposal for election to be conducted in 6months time. This will allow time for the new members to understand the workings of the society and the progress of the conference to be monitored. She promised to follow up and monitor the progress of the conference.</p> <p>The Council president appreciated Sis. Joy Ohiagu and her team for a job well done and called upon Vincentians to be ready to be called upon at any moment as there is an ongoing plan to carry out awareness campaign to reposition ailing conferences.</p>
<p>8.4</p>	<p>Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Conference Sabon Lugbe:</p> <p>Sir. G. Ebhojie, the National Council patron and a member of the conference reported that the election has been held and introduced the newly elected president Bro. Daniel Makava and his assistant secretary Bro. Obioma H. Anumudu. The Council president thanked Sir. Ebhojie for his fatherly role in the conference and told the newly elected president that he is very lucky to have someone in that caliber in his conference and urged him to tap from his wealth of knowledge.</p>
<p>8.5</p>	<p>Leadership Training:</p> <p>The Council Training Coordinator, Bro. James Ishom reported that the training was held as scheduled on the 5th day of September 2015 at St. Martins Parish Lugbe. The training which had about 250 Vincentians in attendance commenced at 9.00am and ended at 3.30pm. The resource persons did justice to the various papers presented and conference representatives received copies of the talks. It behooves on the participants to utilize and apply the knowledge acquired.</p> <p>He thanked the Parish Priest, Fr. Solomon Uko for his magnanimity in accepting to host the Council and providing adequate space for the training. He equally thanked the host conference for their hospitality and feeding on the participants despite the short notice and tight budget.</p> <p>He concluded by saying that the training was impressive and promised that the next training will witness lots of improvement.</p>

8.6	REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARIAT:
8.6.1	Report of Charity Walk and Hospital Visitation by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Abuja Central Council on 19th September, 2015
	<p>Vincentians from various Conferences within the Archdiocese converged at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Wuse by 7.00am and bagged provisions in preparation for the visit.</p> <p>Despite the rainfall, the Charity Walk was kick-started at 8.30am with a blessing by Fr. Jeremiah Illimi. Vincentians moved from Holy Rosary Catholic Church to Wuse General Hospital distributing fliers that gives an overview of the activities of the Society and was guided by Federal Road Safety Corps Marshalls who are members of the Society.</p> <p>Members went into the hospital and distributed provisions to all the patients in the wards while payments of medical bills were paid for indigent patients. Patients were also encouraged and prayed for. Responding to the reason for the Charity Walk and Visit, the president of the Central Council, Bro. Chibuzo Ezeani stated that, firstly, it was to express our solidarity for the poor, giving them hope and letting them know that the Society will always be there for them.</p> <p>Secondly, to create awareness and inflame the fire of charity in our world and also let people know more about the Society.</p> <p>Thirdly, to exercise and energize ourselves in preparation to confronting huge challenges that lies ahead in carrying out charity work.</p> <p>The president lauded the courage, dedication, determination and commitment of members to go on such charity walk and visit in addition to the various charity works they are constantly carrying out in their jurisdiction.</p> <p>He also thanked the hospital management for their cooperation.</p> <p>The exercise ended with prayers said by Sir. Emmanuel Ajewole and Sir. Peter Aliu.</p>
8.6.2	<p>Report of the Vincentian Family Joint Celebration of the Feast of St. Vincent De Paul on 27th September, 2015 at Our Lady Queen of Nigeria Pro-Cathedral Area 3, Garki-Abuja</p> <p>On the 27th day of September every year, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who lived his life catering for the needs of the poor. He was renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity and is known as the "Great Apostle of Charity". This year, the Vincentian Family in the Catholic Archdiocese of Abuja gathered at Our</p>

Lady Queen of Nigeria Pro-Cathedral Garki, Abuja to celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul and also to seek ways and means of collaborating in order to effectively carry out their primary vocation of serving the poor. There are five of these groups presently existing in the Archdiocese of Abuja and they include the following:

1. The Ladies of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (International Association of Charity, AIC)
2. The Congregation of the Mission, CM (Vincentian Fathers and Brothers)
3. The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (DC)
4. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP)
5. The Association of the Miraculous Medal (AMM)

The feast started with the Holy Mass at 10am celebrated by the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese, Most Rev. Anselm Umoren, MSP. In his homily, he stressed the need for lay faithful who cannot identify physically with this vocation can identify by supporting the work of the Vincentian Family in catering for the needs of the poor by donating generously but however “the right hand must not know what the left hand has given”. Other priests who concelebrated the Mass included the assistant parish priest of the OLQN, Fr. Emmanuel Balla, the parish priest of St. Kizito Parish Kuje, Fr. Michael Ngoka, CM, the rector of SS Simon & Jude Seminary, Kuje, Fr. Michael Iroh, CM, the spiritual director of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Archdiocese and parish priest of Cathedral of 12 Apostles, Fr. Sebastian Musa.

Also in attendance at the feast celebration include the heads of the various arms of the Vincentian Family, the Director of Social Welfare in the Archdiocese and parish priest of St. Martin Catholic Church Lugbe, Fr. Solomon Uko and hundreds of Vincentians from all corners of the Archdiocese.

In his welcome remarks, Fr. Michael Ngoka, CM, representing the head of the Vincentian Family in the Archdiocese, Fr. Victor Nyoroh, CM, introduced the various arms of the Vincentian Family present and stressed the need for the various arms of the Family to connect and learn about each other which will in turn create a better environment for collaboration for a better service to the poor.

Highlights of the feast celebration include a paper presentation titled “COLLABORATION AMONG THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY” by Sr. Juliana Okeke, DC, Cutting of Feast Cake by all the heads of the Vincentian Family and Drama Presentation by the youth wing of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

In her paper presentation, Sr. Juliana Okeke said that we gathered to celebrate the feast of our founder in the Vincentian Family’s Year of Collaboration, which has as its theme **“Together in Christ We Vincentians Make a Difference”**. This year-long celebration as directed by the International Head of the Vincentian Family, Fr. Gregory George Gay, CM, spans from the feast of Pentecost, May 24 2015 to the Feast of Pentecost, May 15, 2016. She also said that from the lens of Catholic Social Teaching, to collaborate means working together to build up societies that protect the well-being and dignity of all human persons. This concern remains its primary focus, with recognition that the good of humanity cannot be separated from the good of the planet as a whole.

In concluding her presentation, she posited that collaboration is not just a single event or even something easy to do. It is a process that gets better overtime. The more a group of people collaborate the more significant the working relationships become. Hence teams are better able to share and discuss ideas, and results will be increasingly fruitful. She then charged the Vincentian Family to work out strategy to organize Family days of recollection/prayer, seminars, workshops etc., from which collaborative actions should emerge.

In his closing remarks, the chairman of the occasion Fr. Michael Ngoka, CM thanked all present and called on the leaders of the various arms of the Family to be ready for more actions that will lead to positive collaboration. The feast came to an end with blessings from all the priests present after the rendition of the Vincentian Family anthem.

8.7

Financial Report from the Feast Planning Committee:

Chairman of the Committee, Engr. Emmanuel S. Agada, reported the following:

Amount Contributed by the members of the Vincentian Family

Congregation of Mission CM	50,000
Daughters of Charity	20,000
Ladies of Charity	20,000
Miraculous Medal	10,000
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	445,500

Total Income/Amount Spent: N545,500.00 *(Pls refer to the report circulated at meeting for the breakdown of the expenditure)*

Total Amount realized from cutting of cake N379,000 (Cash = 34,000; Pledge = 345,000)

He however said that recovering of the pledges is the responsibility of the Council
The president thanked the chairman and other members of the committee for their commitment and dedication which led to the success of the feast.

<p>8.8</p>	<p>Metro Meeting:</p> <p>The president reported that the Metro Meeting held as scheduled at Anyimgba from 21st – 23rd August, 2015. The Central Council Youth Coordinator, Bro. Fidelis Akomaye and the Treasurer, Sis. Angya Dorcas represented the Council at the event. Deliberations at the meeting cantered on the annual report and the debt owed by the metro council which is a directly caused by the inability of the Central Councils in paying up their debts to Metro Council. He then enjoined Conferences to clear their debts to enable the Central Council fulfil its obligations to the Metro Council.</p>
<p>8.9</p>	<p>CKC Conference, Kubwa – A report by Bro. Paschal Ahizih:</p> <p>He reported that the Central Council set up a committee headed by him and gave them the task of looking into the activities of CKC based on the petition written by Sis. Joy Ohiagu who brought to the knowledge of the Council some infractions in the Rules of the Society that occurred in the conduct of election in which Bro. Valentine Offor, the immediate past treasurer of the conference, emerged as president of CKC conference Kubwa.</p> <p>He reported that they went about the assignment despite every stumbling block from the conference who he said were very rude and aggressive towards them.</p> <p>The conference on their own set up a committee that audited the immediate past regime and the report heavily indicted some of the officials. The report was presented to the Central Council board for deliberations in the presence of the major actors.</p> <p>The resolutions of the Central Council board were communicated in writing to the conference. The resolution among others required that elections to be conducted at an agreed date with some of the officials being barred from contesting and also the conference to apologize in writing to the Central Council for their uncanny behaviour towards the committee.</p> <p>However, they were able to conduct elections for the conference and the newly elected president Sis. Oby Adoro has constituted a new board.</p> <p>The president thanked the committee for a job well done and for their commitment and resilience in the face of unfriendly attitude meted on them in the course of carrying out the assignment. He also said that the Central Council is interested in the progress of the conferences and would not fold its hands when things are going wrong. Conferences must operate within the rules and guidelines of the Society and would no longer tolerate the attitude of disrespecting in any way the Council Officials.</p>

	<p>He also sought to know why the apology letter has not been tendered but the newly elected president was unavoidably absent from the meeting. He however informed members of the conference present that the Council still awaits letter should reach the council in a reasonable time.</p> <p>The National Patron, Bro. Ebhojie in his remarks cautioned members to always exhibit humility and should have respect for constituted authority.</p>
8.10	<p>Project Committee Report by Sir. Emmanuel Ajewole:</p> <p>He reported that the committee is yet to sit due to some circumstances beyond their control. However, there have been some moves individually to actualize the objectives. He is in touch with a member of his conference, Bro. Wulus, who he believes may be able to help in securing a land. Opportunity also came up for him to meet with the AMAC Chairman and he promised to discuss the issue with him to see the possibility of getting us a better location within the metropolis.</p> <p>He appealed to all members not to leave the search for a better location for OZANAM House for the committee alone.</p> <p>Bro. Paschal Ahizih in his remarks opined that the existing site for Ozanam project can still be utilized if we are able to cross the hurdle of building a bridge over the gully for access. He maintained that the site location still remains a good one. It will cost a lot to acquire another land within Abuja metropolis.</p> <p>The Council president informed the Council that an emergency meeting will be fixed next year for the sole purpose of discussing holistically the Ozanam House project.</p>
8.11	<p>National Youth Rally:</p> <p>The Youth Coordinator reported that the National youth rally held as scheduled from 27th to 29th August in Enugu. 4 persons represented the Abuja metro. The rally was highly successful.</p>
9.0	OTHER MATTERS
9.1	<p>St. Joseph Gwagwa: Awareness Campaign</p> <p>Bro. Jude Akubue reported that arrangements have been concluded for awareness campaign at St. Joseph on the 6th December, 2015 at 6am and 8am masses. Forms have been designed for intending members. Sir. Peter Aliu will be leading the awareness campaign.</p>
9.2	<p>National AGM</p> <p>President informed members that the National Council has chosen Abuja Metro</p>

	<p>Council to host its next meeting coming up on the 14th to 17th April, 2016 at DRAAC sabon lugbe. In that regards, Bro. Paschal Ahizih was chosen as the Chairman of the organizing committee. Other members of the committee include: Augustine Inoh(Venue), Joy Ohiagu(Entertainment), Albert Nzekwu(Programmes/Publicity). He equally said that more members will be drafted to join the committee in due course and any member is called to work with the committee should kindly oblige.</p>																		
9.3	<p>Christmas Sharing:</p> <p>President reminded the Council of the traditional food sharing for Christmas and the need to choose a suitable date in which sharing will occur simultaneously in the conferences. After much deliberation, 19th December, 2015 was chosen by popular demand. The sharing will commence at 10.00am.</p>																		
9.4	<p>2016 Programme of the Council</p> <p>The president presented to the Council the proposed 2016 programmes of the Council for amendments and ratification. The year planner gives an overview of the activities of the Council in 2016 and conferences are expected to draw up their own programmes without clashing with the Central Council activities.</p> <p>The year planner was amended and ratified and will be forwarded via e-mail to all conference presidents.</p>																		
9.5	<p>Central Council Budget Proposal for 2016</p> <p>The president also presented the proposed budget of 2016 to the Council. The details is as stated below:</p> <p>Recurrent:</p> <table> <tr> <td>1. Contribution to Abuja Metro Council Budget</td> <td>N230,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Hosting of National Council Meeting</td> <td>N710,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Administrative Expenses</td> <td>N120,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Vincentian Family</td> <td>N50,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. National Youth Workshop</td> <td>N55,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6. National Youth Rally</td> <td>N30,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7. Metro Youth Rally</td> <td>N25,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8. Contingency</td> <td>N100,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total:</td> <td>N1, 320,000.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Capital: NONE</p> <p>Grand Total: <u>N1, 320,000.00</u></p> <p>The budget was ratified by the Council and will be circulated together with the</p>	1. Contribution to Abuja Metro Council Budget	N230,000.00	2. Hosting of National Council Meeting	N710,000.00	3. Administrative Expenses	N120,000.00	4. Vincentian Family	N50,000.00	5. National Youth Workshop	N55,000.00	6. National Youth Rally	N30,000.00	7. Metro Youth Rally	N25,000.00	8. Contingency	N100,000.00	Total:	N1, 320,000.00
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	<p>amount projected to be paid by each conference based on their categories via email to the conference presidents.</p>
9.6	<p>Uniforms and Manuals:</p> <p>President informed the Council that Uniforms are now available at the cost of N4000.</p> <p>However, the National patron, Sir. Ebhojie informed the Council that the manual is under review and is expected to be printed after June next year. Suggestions and amendment on any part of the manual are welcome and should be made available to the committee handling the review.</p> <p>Consequently, conferences that are in dire need of the manual are authorized to make photocopies of the relevant sections needed.</p>
9.7	<p>Annual Report:</p> <p>The president informed the Council that it has been decided at its board meeting that un-inaugurated conferences should henceforth submit their annual report through their supervising conferences. The Supervising Conferences are to incorporate the annual report of the un-inaugurated conferences into their own annual report. Conferences are then expected to submit copies of both the merged annual report and a copy of the annual report from the conferences under their supervision submitted to them.</p>
9.8	<p>Election of New Conference President:</p> <p>The president informed the Council that it has been decided at its board meeting that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Presidents should inform their parish priests of their intention to conduct election 6months to the date of the election ii. Presidents should inform the central council of the intent to conduct election at least 1 month before the election. iii. Presidents should no longer not stay beyond their tenure
9.9	<p>Organizing Award Presentation by Conferences:</p> <p>It has come to the notice of the Central Council that conferences issue awards indiscriminately which is against the ethics, morals and standards of the society. Consequently, conferences should play down on awards and should inform the Central Council for proper discussions before embarking on the activity.</p>

10.0	REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES:
10.1	Inauguration of Conferences:
10.1.1	<p>Church of Annunciation Centre Kubwa:</p> <p>The president of St. Luke’s Conference Kubwa, Bro. Jude Iwuagwu, presented Church of Annunciation, Kubwa for inauguration. He introduced Bro. Edejour Francis as the coordinator. The centres membership strength is 17 while their total annual income spans from N800, 000 to N900, 000 and they have a clear cut jurisdiction. He proposed period for inauguration to after Easter next year (2016).</p> <p>The Council president then advised that they liaise with their parish priest and choose a specific date and communicate the council.</p>
10.1.2	<p>St. Benedict Centre, Lokogoma:</p> <p>The Vice president of St. Anthony Kabusa, Bro. Johnson Akubo, informed the Council that St. Benedict Centre is ripe for inauguration. They have membership strength of 31 and is being coordinated by Bro. Linus Njoku. He proposed 7th February, 2016 as the date for inauguration at 9.00am mass.</p> <p>The Council approved the inauguration.</p>
10.1.3	<p>St. Augustine Centre Sangbadi Dutse:</p> <p>Bro. Albert Nzekwu of CKC Conference Kubwa presented St. Augustine Centre to the Central Council for inauguration. He introduced the officers of the centre present as:</p> <p>Coordinator: Akaya Michael Vice Coordinator: Rose Adebayor Secretary: Ozo Simeon Clinton Financial Secretary: Monday Agada</p> <p>The centre boasts of membership strength of 17 and annual income of N400,000.00 He proposed 28th February, 2016 as date for inauguration at 9.00am mass.</p>
10.1.4	<p>St. Joseph Center Lugbe:</p> <p>The Secretary of St. Martin Conference Lugbe, Bro. Stephen Agba reported that St. Joseph is an outstation of St. Augustine Lugbe. St. Martin conference Lugbe is nurturing St. Joseph Centre. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Augustine is not functional and St. Joseph is due for inauguration. The new parish priest of St. Augustine wants all Societies at the outstation to work together with those in the</p>

	<p>parish. On that note, the inauguration of St. Joseph is kept on hold until the Parish Priest allows them to be inaugurated.</p> <p>The president of St. Martin Conference will follow up and brief the Central Council accordingly.</p>
10.2	<p>St. Paul’s Conference, Gwagwalada:</p> <p>The president of the Conference Bro. I.G Idemeter appreciated the Central Council once more for coming to their rescue. They are now moving forward and have many conferences they are nurturing.</p> <p>He equally presented the case of St. Peter Claver conference in both the mini campus and permanent site of University of Abuja. The conferences need to conduct election for a coordinator. He needs the advice of the Central Council on which of the campuses should produce the coordinator.</p> <p>He was told to wait behind after the meeting for a discussion with the board.</p>
10.3	<p>CKC Conference, Kurudu:</p> <p>The president of the conference, Bro. Emmanuel Ebi, intimated the Council of a case they are handling which involves a lady with a hole in the heart which needs a surgery at India at a cost of 4.5m. Requesting for assistance from the Council.</p> <p>The president told them to approach other conferences for assistance and that they should also explore other avenues to raise money in their parish through their priest.</p>
10.4	<p>Arch Angel Conference, Durumi:</p> <p>The Conference Secretary, Sis. Damaris Uja sought for authority from the Central Council to sell stickers their conference printed to raise some funds. The conference came to past Central Council meeting and sold some stickers. They neither consulted nor informed the Central Council before printing and selling, hence they were banned from further selling of the stickers.</p> <p>She equally reported that they lost 2 of their clients to cold hands of death namely; Mr. Daniel Agbo and Sis. Joy Biodun.</p> <p>The president after listening carefully to her plea cautioned them not to repeat such again and thereafter listed the ban on the sale of the stickers. He equally urged them to book masses for the repose of the soul of the deceased clients.</p>
10.5	<p>Holy Cross Gwarimpa:</p> <p>The Vice President of the conference Sis. Famimi Doris Uzu informed the Council of the case of a 3 year old child with cancer of the eye they are handling. They have gone to a hospital in Kaduna where the child has been on radiotherapy. The child</p>

	<p>has to lose both eyes to survive. The case has gulped about N1.7m.</p> <p>He appreciated their parish priest Fr. Willie Ojukwu, whom he said has been very supportive to the Society.</p>
10.6	<p>St. Mary Karu</p> <p>Sis. Chinonye Ebere, the secretary of the conference, informed the Council of a case they are handling which will gulp large sum of money. As a means of raising fund they have solicited the assistance of the Parish Priest to have a 2nd collection on their behalf. They are also presently circulating letters to conferences soliciting for funds. She also informed the Council of their intention to present St. Ignatius Centre which they are nurturing for inauguration in the next council meeting.</p> <p>The Council president praised their efforts in raising funds for the needy and urged conferences they will approach for assistance to oblige them.</p>
11.0	AOB
11.1	Comments:
11.1.1	<p>Brother Frederick Nwokeleme:</p> <p>A former president of Owerri Central Council but presently in St. Lukes Confernce Kubwa, appreciated the Abuja Central Council for their performance but decried the attitude whereby some members becomes very active when they are holding a position in the society but relapse as soon as they leave the post. Urged members to continue to serve the society actively even after their tenure ended.</p> <p>He equally appreciated Rev. Fr. Musa, the Council’s Spiritual adviser, whom he said has continued to be the light.</p>
11.1.2	<p>Rev. Fr. Sebastian Musa:</p> <p>The Central Council’s Spiritual adviser, in his comments, touched on the attitude of the leadership of conferences that do not attending Council meetings. He specifically pointed out the absence of Cathedral of 12 Apostles conference, his parish, in the meeting. He wondered how the leadership of a conference that fails to attend Archdiocesan meetings of this nature will be able to lead. He advised that the Central Council should query the leadership of a conference that fails to attend meetings and copy their parish priest.</p> <p>He also informed the Council of the “Year of Mercy” which is an Extraordinary Holy Year that will officially commence December 8 – the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – with the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter’s Basilica. It will close Nov. 20, 2016 with the Solemnity of Christ the King. However, it will commence in the archdiocese on 16th December.</p>

“Mercy is the tangible expression of God’s love in the world and by placing ourselves in situations to reflect upon this love and to experience the grace of this love in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation; we find the strength, the courage, and the compassion to be instruments of mercy to others.”

He urged Vincentians to avail themselves of this opportunity reminding them of God’s desire to forgive us and that he’s always there to forgive us no matter the sin. All will be duly informed of the programme of the archdiocese through their parishes.

12.0 FINANCIAL REPORT:
Breakdown of funds realized at the Central Council meeting held on 5th December, 2015 at St. Luke Conference, Kubwa.

<u>BREAKDOWN</u>	
SSVP National Uniform(wrapper) 25pcs @ 4000	100,000.00
T-Shirt 3pcs @ 2000	6,000.00
Annual Dues 8persons @ 200	1,600.00
2015 Feast Day Levy	11,000.00
Indebtedness of Conference	80,000.00
Feast Day Cutting of Cake	64,000.00
Charity Dinner	40,000.00
2015 Central Council Budget	15,000.00
Raffle Ticket	1,520.00
Idah Metro Donation	15,000.00
SBC	4,410.00
TOTAL:	338,530.00

<u>SUMMARY</u>	
Cash	180,530
Teller	58,000
Cheque	100,000
TOTAL:	338,530.00

13.0 VOTE OF THANKS:
The special board member, Bro. Ajewole, in his vote of thanks, gave kudos to the host conference for their hospitality and members for their patient and contributions in the meeting. He however decried on the attitude of members bursting in on someone speaking. He also prayed for journey mercies back to our various destinations.

14.0	PRESIDENTS CLOSING REMARKS: The president in his closing remarks thanked the Spiritual Adviser for his comments and advice and for making out time to be with us throughout the meeting. He thanked members for their support and encouragement and wished all merry Christmas and Happy New year in advance.
15.0	NEXT MEETING: Next meeting was scheduled to take place at Holy Family Conference Life Camp on 30 th day of January, 2016 at 10.00am prompt.
16.0	ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING: Motion for adjournment was moved by Bro. Emmanuel Ajewole of OLQN Conference, Area 3 Garki and seconded by Sis. Famimi Doris Uzu of Holy Cross Conference, Gwarimpa. A prayer said by Rev. Fr. Sebastian Musa, our spiritual director, and his priestly blessing imparted on members brought the meeting to a close at about 3:35pm.

ATTENDANCE:

S/N	Name	Phone No.	Position	Conference
1	Rev. Fr. Sabastian Musa	08033379434	Spiritual Director	Cathedral of 12 Apostles
2	Chibuzo Ezeani	08037031990	CC. President	OLQN, Garki
3	Ohiagu Joy	08036231140	1st VP CC	CKC Kubwa
4	Henry Enwerem	08035886995	2 nd VP CC	John Mary Vianney, Kubwa
5	Anaedobe Ugochukwu	08069058107	CC Secretary	St. Martins Lugbe
6	Jude Akubue	08064003747	CC Asst. Sec	Holy Family, Life Camp
7	Angya Dorcas D.	08136360096	CC Treasurer	Archangel Durumi
8	James Ishom	07034772323	Training Officer, CC	St Monica Byazin
9	Emma Nnaemeka	08037881653	CC Twinning Officer	St Kelvin Jikwoyi
10	Fidelis Akomaye	08069258134	CC Youth Coordinator	St. Donard Karu
11	Collins Ufromba	08060065145	CC Asst Youth Coordinator	St. Kizito Kuje
12	Nzekwu Albert	07036417736	Metro Fin Sec	CKC Kubwa
13	Sir G.P. Ebhojie	08173496303	Nat Patron	OLQM Sabon- Lugbe
14	Pascal Ahizih	08035912112	Patron CC	Holy Trinity Maitama
15	M.G. Egenti	08033063140	Member	OLQN, Garki
16	Nwachukwu Charles	08036282939	Special Board Member	Holy Rosary Wuse
17	Sir Emmanuel Ajewole	08065709528	Special Board Member	OLQN, Garki
18	Emmanuel Agada	08033493313	President	St. Charles Lwanga Apo
19	Nwokpor Bonaventure	07035962004	President	SS. Peter & Paul Nyanya
20	Tombari Akere	08036621326	President	St John Paul II, Kubwa
21	Uche Offiah	08036373783	President	OLQN, Garki
22	Ignatius Idemdin	08036134853	President	St. Paul Gwagwalada

23	Makava Daniel	08056016025	President	OLQM Sabon Lugbe
24	Ugonna Ezekwem	08033101718	President	St. Chistopher, Games Village
25	Jude Iwuagwu	08034347157	President	St. Luke's, Kubwa
26	Emmanuel Ebi	08034250328	President	CKC, Kurudu
27	Edejor E. Francis	08059650457	President	Church of Annunciation, Kubwa
28	Osuji Chika Atep	08167301729	President	St. Monica Byazhir
29	Cyprian Ebiziem	08051479211	President	All Saints Dutse
30	Ijeh Emmanuel U.	08033567546	President	St. Agnes Wuye
31	Izuchukwu Nwanze	08035975244	President	Holy Ghost, Saburi
32	Innocent Ani	08076515039	President	St. Jude's Zuba
33	Famimi Doris Uzu	08035796241	Vice President	Holy Cross, Gwarinpa
34	Diejomaoh Ena	08098290074	Secretary	Holy Trinity, Maitama
35	Madu Adline Onyinye	08065478472	Secretary	John Mary Vianney, Kubwa
36	Onyedike Manu	08132063593	Member	Holy Cross, Gwarinpa
37	Aganama Ebuka	08036919422	Secretary	St. Matthew Karimo
38	Shonowo David	08166833516	Asst. Sec	OLQN, Garki
39	Unongo Paul A.	08038537882	Secretary	St. Rita Ndako
40	Monday Agada	08062625093	Fin Sec	St. Augustine, Dutse
41	Peter Christiana	08154488211	Secretary	St. Jude's Zuba
42	Amaka Udeogu	08062846119	Secretary	St. Raphael Garki
43	Fidelia N. Ozoemena	08037518673	Fin Sec	Holy Family, Life Camp
44	Okafor Chinwe	08060546726	Member	St. Paul's Gwagwalada
45	Peter Amakihi	08023617483	Training Officer	St Kevin's Jikwoyi
46	Nwaokeleme Frederick	08060931772	Member	St. Luke's, Kubwa
47	Princess N. Ohuoha	08035965814	Member	Arch Angels Durumi
48	Uja Damaris	07035138456	Secretary	Arch Angels Durumi
49	Christopher Chukwu	08038723267	PRO	St. Chistopher, Games Village
50	Maryclaire U. Onyibor	07032120690	Secretary	CKC, Kurudu
51	John okoro	08065934440	Member	OLQN, Garki
52	Obioma H. Anumudu	07038051099	Ag Secretary	OLQM Sabon Lugbe
53	Vincent Akubuike	08065492441	Member	OLQN, Garki
54	Kolo Daniel Audu	08034517650	Member	OLQN, Garki
55	Barbara Ndoor	08036605452	Member	St. John Paul II, Kubwa
56	Marcel Anyatonwu	07035133839	Treasurer	St. Luke's, Kubwa
57	John Okorie	08038723077	Member	St. Luke's, Kubwa
58	Atep Pius	08132107067	Member	St. Luke's, Kubwa
59	Marie-Claire Oguamanam	08087174441	Member	St. Luke's, Kubwa
60	Josephine Eze	08033525098	Member	St. Luke's, Kubwa
61	Ibeh Nkechi	08039668566	Member	St. Luke's, Kubwa
62	Tony Odoh	08039715444	Member	St. Luke's, Kubwa
63	Francis Amalu	07038525898	Secretary	CAFON, Nyanya
64	Egwuonwu Clementina	08065509591	Member	All Saints, Dutse
65	Ugbor Catherine	08074871933	Member	All Saints, Dutse
66	Ipigbhe Simon	08059450589	Fin-Sec	CKC, Kubwa
67	Okafor Uzoh Cally	07066364206	Member	St. Luke's, Kubwa
68	Arinze Onyia	08187666093	Member	CKC, Kubwa
69	Igbila T. Titus	08037881078	Member	St. Benedict, Lokogoma

70	Linus O. Njoku	08033387989	Coordinator	St. Benedict, Lokogoma
71	Igwebuike Ifeyinwa	08038680727	Secretary	Our Lady Queen Of Peace, Utako
72	Lizzy Igbin	08034106448	Fin Sec	St. Benedict, Lokogoma
73	Lizzy Okonmadu	08138911617	Member	St. Benedict, Lokogoma
74	Kenneth Uba	08033043615	Member	St. Monica Byazhir, Kubwa
75	Evans Okwor	08036217635	Member	Church of Annunciation, Kubwa
76	Rosemary Adebayo	08062111640	V/President	St Augustine, Dutse
77	Johnson Akubo	08036782711	V/President	St Anthony, Kabusa
78	Duru rejoyce	08148548487	Secretary	St Anthony, Kabusa
79	Anthony Ogbu	08035617141	President	St. John, Mpape
80	Donatus Ekpo	08132438064	Member	St. John Paul II, Kubwa
81	Iwomi Sarah	08034764213	V/Coordinator	St. Donatus, Dutse-Sokale
82	Sariki Stephen	08056014883	V/President	St. Patrick, Karshi
83	Gladys Oguzie	08068020460	Secretary	St. Donatus, Dutse-Sokale
84	Louis Tabai	08023438145	Asst Secretary	CCA Asokoro
85	Simeon C. Ozor	07032980637	Secretary	St. Augustine, Dutse
86	Moses Abbah	08094172020	Member	St Theresa, Bwari
87	Akaayar Micheal	08036870536	Coordinator	St. Augustine, Dutse
88	Amaegwu Stella	08064141493	Member	ArchAngel Nyanya
89	Adozuwe Eunice	08036234832	Fin Sec	ArchAngel Nyanya
90	Asogwa Elsie	07036312521	Member	St. kizito Kuje
91	Joy Egwu	08077796510	Secretary	St Monica Byazin
92	Ugo Patricia Nnenna	08133230864	Secretary	St Donald Karu
93	Ishiwu Ekene	07035604392	Member	St Augustine Dutse
94	Aloysius Richard	08021282221	Member	St Augustine Dutse
95	Agba Stephen	08036118005	Secretary	St Martin Lugbe
96	Patience Nwanze	08035909381	Member	St. Luke's, Kubwa
97	Christian Nnodim	08037474434	Member	Holy Ghost, Saburi
98	Ofuokwu Mary	08124058192	Asst Secretary	St. Luke's, Kubwa
99	Deji Daramola	08035143076	Secretary	Church of Annunciation, Kubwa
100	Paulinus Nwokorie	08167223566	Member	Church of Annunciation, Kubwa
101	Felicia Aleobua	08055238027	Member	St. Luke's, Kubwa
102	Chinasaokwu P. Okorie	08037875123	Secretary	St. Agnes Wuye
103	Iheoma Mary Charity	07033058646	Secretary	Church of Annunciation, Saburi
104	Emeka Igwe	08133609906	Member	St. Luke's, Kubwa
105	Uzoh Godwin	08036824207	Member	St Donatus Sokale
106	Chinonye Ebere	07035353044	Secretary	St Mary Karu
107	Ameh Charity	08057227467	Secretary	CKC Kubwa
108	Chukwuemeka Thaddeus	08034921816	Secretary	Holy Ghost Saburi
109	Ngozi Ezeigwe	08039239383	Member	St. Luke's, Kubwa
110	Gerald Nlemchukwu	08055349011	V/President	St. Luke's, Kubwa

Signed:

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President

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Secretary