

**REPORT OF THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, NIGERIA NATIONAL COUNCIL AT 12 APOSTLES CATHEDRAL, KUBWA.**

**PREAMBLE:**

In October, 1960, the International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul came into existence in Nigeria. In October, 2020, the Society decided it will be worthwhile to celebrate her sixty years of existence but due to the prevailing situation occasioned by the Corona Virus Pandemic, the plan for the celebration was suspended until 2021.

In the year 2021, the National Council decided that the celebration will hold at three locations within the Northern See, Western See and Eastern See respectively.

The Abuja Metropolitan Council was chosen to host the celebration in the Northern Sees comprising of Abuja, Kaduna and Jos Metropolitan Councils. The Abuja Central Council being at the seat of the capital of Nigeria was chosen to locally host the celebration. As at the time it was concluded that the celebration will be hosted by Abuja Central Council, it was barely a month to the scheduled date of 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2021.

**PLANNING:**

A local organizing committee of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary which reports to the National Committee was quickly constituted by the Abuja Central Council president, Sis. Joy Ohiagu.. The Committee which was chaired by Bro. Chika Muobike, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Council swung into action, creating subcommittees to take care of specific assignments. The Members of the Committee include:

<b>Sis. Joy Ohiagu: Coordinator</b> <b>Bro. Chika Muobike: Chairman.</b>	
<b>A. Publicity/ Media Subcommittee</b> 1. Ugochukwu Anaedobe <b>Chairman</b> 2. Gerald Ukor 3. Fidelis Akomoye 4. Jayne Okoh 5. Philip Nyiam. 6. Louis Tabai	<b>B. Protocol/ Logistics Sub Committee</b> 1. Bona Nwokpor <b>Chairman</b> 2. Cletus Ameh 3. Chika Atep 4. Albert Nzekwu 5. Kolo Audu 6. Fidelis Molokwu 7. Sylvester Odogwu.
<b>C. Finance Sub Committee</b> 1. Onyinye Amulu <b>Chairperson</b> 2. Ebere Ameh 3. Okafor Chinwe	<b>D. Entertainment Sub Committee</b> 1. Agatha Irabor <b>Chairperson</b> 2. Julie Chika Olisah 3. Beluchi Nwanisiobi 4. Anyanike Benedict 5. John Okoro.
<b>E. Liturgy</b> 1. Sir. G.P. Ebhojie 2. Rev. Fr. Solomon Uko	

**BUDGET:**

The Committee also drew up a budget of **Three Million, Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand naira, only(N3,350,000.00)** spread across the stakeholders as follows:

<b>Jos Metro Council:</b>	<b>500,000.00</b>
<b>Kaduna Metro Council:</b>	<b>700,000.00</b>
<b>Abuja Metro Council:</b>	<b>800,000.00</b>
<b>Abuja Central Council:</b>	<b>1,350,000.00</b>

## **FUND RAISING AND ACTIONS:**

The subcommittees created were given specific assignments and timelines. The major challenge of the Committee was in the raising of fund and planning an event of this magnitude within a space of 1 month. The committee's challenge was compounded by the fact the fund expected from other stakeholders were not immediately forthcoming.

The Abuja Central Council had to go extra mile in raising the fund which it used to take off. Parts of the activities of the Committees include:

Production of Brochure, Plaque and banners, writing and dispatch of various letters of invitation to dignitaries, awardees, special guests, media houses, request advert placements and subscriptions, request for goodwill messages, courtesy visits etc.

Other activities include planning for Entertainment of about 1000 guests and members, Arrangement of accommodation for officers from the Metro Councils and the National officers, Procuring of items for thanksgiving and for visitation to the Daughters of Charity Hope Center for Inclusive Education for Children and Young Adults with Disabilities at Byazhin Kubwa, Abuja and procurement of items for thanksgiving and logistics.

## **COURTESY VISIT:**

As part of the activities planned prior to the celebration, the Society paid a courtesy visit to the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, Hon. Mohammed Musa Bello on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 where he promised to assist and collaborate with the Society in various ways. He equally sent a representative at the event.

The Courtesy visit to the Archbishop of Abuja Archdiocese, **His Grace, Most Rev. Ignatius Ayau Kaigama**, could not hold because he was not in the Country as of the time. Also, the Courtesy visit to the Auxiliary Bishop, **His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Anselm Umoren, MSP** could not hold because he was indisposed.

## **VISITATION:**

A planned visitation to the Daughters of Charity Hope Center for Inclusive Education for Children and Young Adults with Disabilities at Byazhin Kubwa, Abuja was also cancelled because of circumstances at the home on the scheduled day. The Committee is already planning on the date for the visit.

## **CELEBRATION:**

The celebration featured thanksgiving mass celebrated by His Lordship, Anselm Umorem, the auxiliary Bishop of Abuja Archdiocese. The Bishop represented the Catholic Bishop of Kano Diocese and Chairman Catholic Bishops of Nigeria Committee on Laity, His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Dr. John Nyiring who could not attend because of circumstances beyond his control.

Furthermore, awards were given to 21 benefactors selected from the 3 Metro Councils in recognition of their service to humanity and support to the work of Charity.

Award was also presented to Sir. Peter Aliu who was a member of the first conference of the Society formed at St. Paul's Catholic Church Ebutte-metta Lagos on 6<sup>th</sup> march 1960. He equally gave a talk on the Evolution of the Society at the event and is still very active as a member of the Society. The award was in recognition of his position as a foundation member of the Society, his steadfastness and continued participation in the activities of the Society.

**The Awardees include:**

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| 1. Barr. Odera Ozobialu(Holy Rosary, Wuse)                     | 12. Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Kwaku Fevlo SMA(Jos Metro)          |
| 2. High Chief, Sir Chris Ohadiugha, KSG, KSJI, AMSP(Ebube UGA) | 13. Chief Ike Madubuko ( Kaduna Metro)                        |
| 3. Sir. Comrade Richard Gbawuan (Makurdi CC)                   | 14. Dr. Charles Egbufor(Kaduna Metro)                         |
| 4. Lolo Iphie Ben-Chiobi(Ifediche)12 Apostles                  | 15. Rtd. Major (Dr.) Livinus Jatto(Kaduna Metro)              |
| 5. Mr. Patrick Ojeka(St. Luke's Kubwa)                         | 16. Sir. Alex Uche Ukaigwe (OLQN)                             |
| 6. Mrs. Beatrice Jedy Agba(Holy Family)                        | 17. King Angelo Peter Elosia(OLQN)                            |
| 7. Mrs. Confidence Omoh Essien(St. Mary Karu)                  | 18. Engr. & Mrs. Michael Chukwurah (St. Damian)               |
| 8. Mrs. Anastasia Nwaobia(Holy Cross. Gwarimpa)                | 19. Mr. Frank Ugwu(St. Damian)                                |
| 9. Sir. Peter Aliu (Foundation Member)                         | 20. Chief Richard Lamai (Holy Trinity Maitama)                |
| 10. Sir. (Prof.) Victor Okechukwu Chude(CKC Kubwa)             | 21. His Excellency, Sen. Hope Uzodimma( Holy Trinity Maitama) |
| 11. Hon. Boniface Linus Waziri (Jos Metro)                     | 22. Lady J.T Okechukwu(CKC Kubwa)                             |

The awardees made donations in cash and pledges to the Society after the award presentation. Notable among the donation is a pledge by King Angelo Peter Elosia, who made a donation of health services to the tune of N10million Naira to be rendered at his hospital and to be accessed by masters referred by the Society. He equally promised to double the donation at the exhaustion of the initial amount.

Also, the Society celebrated together with the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the feast of St. Vincent de Paul which the Abuja Central Council had earlier scheduled for October 3, 2021. Members also performed their annual renewal of Commitment at the thanksgiving mass.

The event also featured cutting of the anniversary cake, cultural dance and performance from children from the conference of St. JohnMary Vianney Lugbe.

In attendance at the event include: Sir. Chris Ohadiugha - who also graciously chaired the event, the awardees from the three Metropolitan Councils, representative of the various arms of the Vincentian family, the National Council President - Bro. Kim Eseka Emmanuel, the National Council Secretary - Bro. Victor Eze (KSM), the National Spiritual Adviser - Rev. Fr. Cosmas Ukadike, CM; the Metropolitan Presidents of Abuja, Jos and Kaduna Metropolitan Councils, Central Council presidents, members of the Society and Media organizations (AIT, NAN, CTV, Good Shepherd, NTA).

**FINANCIAL REPORT:****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT****AMOUNT REALISED FROM GODWILL MESSAGES****APPENDIX 1**

DAYS	S/NO.	DATE	CONFERENCE/COUNCIL/INDIVIDUAL	AMOUNT(₦)
1	1.	11 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	HOLY FAMILY LIFECAMP	10,000.00
2	2.	12 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	ST DAMIAN ASOKORO	10,000.00
	3.	12 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	ST JOHNMARY VIANNEY TRADEMORE ESTATE	10,000.00
	4.	12 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE UTAKO	10,000.00
	5.	12 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	OUR LADY OF MIRACULOUS MEDAL	5,000.00
3	6.	14 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	ST. MARY KARU	10,000.00

	7.	14 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	AIC	5,000.00
4	8.	15 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	HOLY TRINITY MAITAMA	10,000.00
	9.	16 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	ST. AGNES WUYE	10,000.00
5	10.	17 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	KADUNA METRO FOR BISHOP SPONSORSHIP	70,000.00
	11.	17 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	OLQN GARKI	10,000.00
6	12.	18 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	KADUNA METRO, SOKOTO C.C, KADUNA C.C, KAFACHAN C.C KANO C.C	30,000.00
7	13.	20 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	MARKURDI C.C FOR SPONSORSHIP OF BISHOP AND HALF PAGE	15,000.00
	14.	20 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	ST. PETERS ABAJI	7,000.00
	15.	20 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	HOLY CROSS GWARINPA, 12 APOSTLE PARISH	20,000.00
	16.	20 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	SACRED HEART PARISH AIRPORT	7,000.00
	17.	20 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	ATABORISAHAGUDE	15,000.00
	18.	20 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	ST JOHN PAUL 11 GUZAPE	10,000.00
8	19.	21 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER	SS PETER & PAUL NYANYA	10,000.00
	20.	21 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER	JOY ONYEMA	10,000.00
	21.	21 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER	ST. PAUL GWAGWALADA	10,000.00
	22.	21 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER	HOLY ROSARY PARISH WUSE	10,000.00
	23.	21 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER	HOLY GHOST CONFERENCE SABURI	10,000.00
	24.	21 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER	ERUCHALU OBIAGAELI	20,000.00
	25.	21 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER	UJU OKAFOR	10,000.00
	26.	21 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER	AVM UCHECHI NWANGWU	10,000.00
	27.	21 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER	IFECHUKWU A. BEN CHIOBI	10,000.00
	28.	21 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER	ESV & ARCH CHIKE OBIEFUNA	10,000.00
	29.	21 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER	ST LUKES KUBWA	7,000.00
	30.	21 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER	LOLO UCHE OKEKE	10,000.00
	31.	21 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER	GUARDIAN ANGEL	7,000.00
	32.	21 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER	IFECHUKWU A. BEN CHIOBI	10,000.00
	33.	21 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER	LOLO IFY CHUKWUMA	10,000.00
9	34.	22 <sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER	CHIEF & LOLO OBI UCHENDU	10,000.00
	35.	22 <sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER	MRS ABVES EVELYN OGHOMWEN	10,000.00
	36.	22 <sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER	FRANCIS AMOLE.. MINNA C.C	10,000.00
	37.	22 <sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER	MARGARET MARY AZINIPARI	10,000.00
	38.	22 <sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER	SACRED HEART PARISH GWAGWALADA	7,000.00
	39.	22 <sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER	ST. JOHN MARY VIANNEY KUBWA	10,000.00
	40.	22 <sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER	JESSICA DAMULAK (JOS)	15,000.00
	41.	22 <sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER	ODOGWU SYLVESTER	10,000.00
	42.	22 <sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER	ST. BENEDICT CONFERENCE	7,000.00
	43.	22 <sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER	AMM	5,000.00
10	44.	23 <sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER	ST. KEVIN CENTRE KABUSA	7,000.00
	45.	23 <sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER	SYLVESTER OGBO IFEANYI FOR MRS NWOBIA. A.	10,000.00
	46.	23 <sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER	ST. ANTHONY KABUSA	10,000.00
	47.	23 <sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER		10,000.00
11	48.	24 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	ST MONICA BYZHIN	10,000.00
	49.	24 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	ADVERTISMENT	50,000.00
	50.	24 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	HOLY TRINITY MAITAMA	10,000.00
12	51.	26 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	CHURCH OF ARCH ANGEL GADUWA	7,000.00
13	52.	27 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	DARGAK PAUL	10,000.00
	53.	27 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	SHAMAKI DAVID (MOBUTO)	10,000.00
	54.	27 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	FR. MUK JUKAS	10,000.00
14	55.	28 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	BLESSED	10,000.00
	56.	28 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	SSVP LOKOJA	10,000.00

	57.	28 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	DAMIAN ROB (CC LAFIA)	10,000.00
15	58.	30 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	AMBROSE SUNDAY OLCH	10,000.00
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>696,000.00</b>

## INCOME /CONTRIBUTIONS FROM HOST (METRO COUNCILS)

## APPENDIX 2

S/NO	COUNCIL	DATE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT(₦)
1	ABUJA CENTRAL COUNCIL		1,350,000.00
2	KADUNA METRO	29TH SEPTEMBER	200,000.00
3	JOS METRO	28TH SEPTEMBER	100,000.00
4	ABUJA METRO		
i	LAFIA CENTRAL COUNCIL	5TH OCTOBER	40,000.00
ii	MAKURDI CENTRAL COUNCIL	30 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	70,000.00
iii	KATSINA ALA CENTRAL COUNCIL		35,000.00
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,795,000.00</b>

## EXPENDITURE

## APPENDIX 3

### A. PUBLICITY/MEDIA SUB COMMITTEE

S/NO	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	AMOUNT(₦)
1.	BROCHURE	600,000.00
2.	PLAQUE	220,000.00
3.	EVENT PICTURES	26,500.00
4.	BANNERS, TAGS & RESERVE NOTICES	43,500.00
5.	PRINTING OF PRESIDENT ADRESS	2,000.00
6.	CCTV ADVERT PLACEMENT	50,000.00
7.	GOOD SHEPARD ADVERT	100,000.00
8.	ENTERTAINMENT FOR LOC (SIS AGATHA)	20,000.00
9.	RED CARPET	5,000.00
10.	TRANSPORT TO NATIONAL EXCO	3,000.00
11.	A.I.T CREW	20,000.00
12.	NEWS AGENCY OF NIGERIA REPORTER	10,000.00
13.	CCTV STAFF	5,000.00
14.	GOOD SHEPHERED STAFF	2,000.00
15.	PAYMENT TO CARPENTER FOR MOUNTING/DISMOUNTING RED CARPET BANNER	2,000.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,109,000.00</b>

### B. ENTERTAINMENT

S/NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	AMOUNT(₦)
1.	FOOD	874,500.00
2.	CAKE	100,000.00
3.	WATER	85,000.00
4.	DRINKS & LOGISTICS	472,200.00
5.	CARRIER BAGS, SWEETS AND BISCUITS	12,000.00
6.	GARDEN EGG/ KOLANUTS	8,000.00
7.	FOOD, SNACKS, FOIL & FILM PAPER	22,750.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,574,450.00</b>

### C. PROTOCOL AND LOGISTICS

S/NO	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	AMOUNT(₦)
1.	HALL	50,000.00
2.	CHAIRS	50,000.00
3.	TABLES	106,500.00
4.	UNITY DANCE	40,000.00
5.	BUS ( COASTER) HILUX AND FUELLING	53,000.00
6.	ACCOMODATION FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS AND SPIRITUAL ADVISER	100,000.00
7.	USHERS	20,000.00
8.	CHILDREN DANCERS TRANSPORT	10,000.00
9.	MASTER OF CEREMONY	20,000.00
10.	DECORATION	210,200.00
11.	SECURITY	45,000.00
12.	GENERAL LOGISTIC	25,000.00
13.	NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ADVISER'S TRANSPORT	20,000.00
14.	DRIVERS STIPEND	10,000.00
15.	CHOIR	20,000.00
16.	NATIONAL EXCO. FEEDING	16,000.00
17.	D.J	30,000.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>825,700.00</b>

### D. OTHER EXPENDITURE

S/NO	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	AMOUNT
1.	BOOKING OF MASS	1,000.00
2.	HOST AND WINE	5,000.00
3.	CLEANING OF HALL	8,000.00
4.	THANKSGIVING ITEMS	54,000.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>68,000.00</b>

### SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE:

S/NO	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	AMOUNT
1.	PUBLICITY/MEDIA SUB COMMITTEE	1,109,000.00
2.	ENTERTAINMENT	1,574,450.00
3.	PROTOCOL AND LOGISTICS	825,700.00
4.	OTHER EXPENDITURE	68,000.00
	<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,577,150.00</b>

### AWARD APPRECIATION FROM RECIPIENTS

### APPENDIX 4

S/N	NAME	PHONE NO	CONFERENCE	PLEDGE	TRANSFER\ CASH
1	RICHARD OMOESSIEN	08091719802	ST MARY KARU		
2	SIR. RICHARD GBAWULEM	08035886982	ST MONICA JOS	500,000.00	
3	ODERA L OZOBIALU	08034529056	HOLY ROSARY WUSE		20,000.00
4	LOLO IFY-BEN CHIOBI	08033142738	12 APOSTLE CBD ABUJA	250,000.00	
5	MRS. UZO JULIE (MRS CHIOBIS FRIEND	08033142738	12 APOSTLE CBD ABUJA	50,000.00	
6	LAMAR/ STEVE PRE. EMERITUS	07031813005	HOLY TRINITY MAITAMA ABUJA	200,000.00	
7	BONIFACE WAZIRI	07067897350	ST MARTINS PARISH	100,000.00	

			GANYE YOLA		
8	SIR. PETER ALIU KCSG	08033492837	HOLY TRINITY MAITAMA	100,000.00	
9	KING ANGELO PETERS	08096470111	OLQN ABUJA	10 MILLION NAIRA IN SERVICES EQUIVALENT	
10	SIR. CHRIS OHADIUGHA		CHAIRMAN OF THE OCCASSION	100,000.00	
11	MR.UCHE UKAIGWE	08034057726	OLQN ABUJA		20,000.00
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,300,000.00</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>

**NOTE: KING ANGELO'S 10 MILLION IS GEARED TOWARDS SERVICES IN HIS CLINIC.**

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VINCENT DE PAUL IN NIGERIA  
NORTHERN SEES**

**CASH**

GOODWILL MESSAGE/ADVERT	696,000.00	APPENEDIX 1
CONTRIBUTION/LEVY	1,795,000.00	APPENEDIX 2

TOTAL INCOME: **2,491,000.00**

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TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<b><u>3,577,150.00</u></b>	APPENEDIX 3
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BALANCE IN DEFICIT **(1,086,150.00)**

AMOUNT MADE FROM AWARD APPRECIATION	APPENDIX 4
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**CASH**  
**40,000.00**

**PLEDGE**  
**1,300,000**

**TOTAL AMOUNT:**

**N1, 340,000.00**

**CONCLUSION:**

The Committee planned the activities of the celebration to be a memorable one. However, it came at a cost which the total fund spent is a little bit above the budget and also which at the end a deficit was incurred. The Committee is now faced with the actions towards recovery.

In this regard, the Committee is urging the Councils that are yet to pay up their contribution to do so to enable a seamless replacement of the fund borrowed to finance the celebration. The Committee is indeed grateful to all who contributed financially and otherwise towards the success of the celebration.

**Bro. Chika Muobuike**  
**Chairman, Planning Committee**

**Sis. Joy Ohiagu**  
**Coordinator, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**