

MY PROFILE

I am Fr. Humphrey Agbim, from the Catholic Diocese of Ahiara. I am the sixth child of a family of eight children. Through the course of my seminary training, I obtained Bachelor's degrees in Philosophy and Theology, from Pontifical Urban University Rome, as well as in Arts and Religious Studies, from Imo State University Owerri, Nigeria. I was ordained a Priest in August 2008, by my late Bishop, Victor Chikwe.

After my ordination, I served for seven years in my Diocese in the following capacities: as an Assistant Parish Priest, Acting Parish Priest and Parish Administrator, respectively. After these years of committed service, the Diocesan Board of Consultors were satisfied and equally comfortable with my interest to further my Studies and improve myself intellectually. With their permission, I travelled to Germany in 2015, as my earlier plan to study with Scholarship in an English-speaking country did not work out.

On my arrival in Germany and to be able to integrate into the system, I enrolled in a language and orientation Course for one year, after which I commenced a Masters studies in Social Anthropology. Alongside my studies during this period, I relieved a Priest in attending to the Pastoral needs of an English-speaking congregation of an African community. In the same vein, I celebrated Masses for the Shoenstatt Sisters of Mary, who run a Retreat Centre in the

neighbourhood of my Hostel, and whose Chaplain is elderly and Sickly.

After the completion of my Course work in July 2017, I was left with the task of an empirical research in the area of research development and subsequent submission of my Thesis, which would mark the end of my Masters Programme. A little before this time, I had thought of the possibility of finding a stable place in a Diocese to live out my Priestly Ministry, as I keep my studies going. My discussion with Fr Martin, was a candle of hope on my way, as he had earlier made a request to Bishop Mark, informing him of the need for assistance. Fortunately, Bishop Mark accepted and granted me the necessary documents that I needed to secure a Visa. Further, His Lordship informed me that I would be with Fr. Martin for a period of induction; which is unspecified.

I arrived in Holy Angels on the 3rd of September 2017, and it has been a fascinating experience, filled with lovely, warm and friendly gestures of Parishioners. I am indeed happy, feeling at home and gradually integrating into the English tradition and culture on the whole.