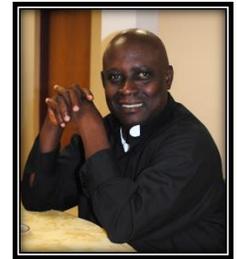


Parishioners of Our Holy Redeemer may recall that on XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018, Bishop John Bonaventure Kwofie, C.S.Sp. visited Our Holy Redeemer and offered the 5:00 P.M. Mass; much to the delight of parishioners and the young men and women who were preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. To my knowledge, it was the first time in our 116 Year history (1903 – 2019) that a Bishop from the African continent visited our Parish. The Bishop was so moved by his encounter with the Catholic faith of our Parish family that he gave his permission for the renaming of the school in Father Jerome's parish. In thanksgiving, our Parish family (that has adopted Father Jerome) prayed, fasted, and gave alms during the Holy Season of Lent 2018 for our "new school".

Since Father Jerome's return to us on 01 September 2019, he has been gratefully opening the hundreds of mite boxes containing our Lenten offering, and counting the contents. Hopefully, before he returns to Ghana on 01 December, he will give us an update on our school, and our Lenten-efforts to make that school "absolutely beautiful" so that anyone and everyone who attends it will know why: "Coming home (to Our Holy Redeemer Nursery School) is what it's all about."



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Diocese of Sekondi-Takoradi  
 The Most Reverend John Bonaventure Kwofie, C.S.Sp.  
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Your Excellency,

Peace and greetings from the Church in Freeport, New York where I have been officially serving as the Pastor since 19 October 2008! It is the same Church where your beloved son Jerome Ackah has served faithfully for the past three months. You are truly blessed to have such a humble, hard-working and dedicated man in your diocese. He will be remembered with gratitude.

Father Jerome told me of his attempt to provide a Catholic education to the many children entrusted to his Pastoral Care in the Parish of Saint Mary's. Together we presented that attempt to the people of the Parish where there is a willingness to support his efforts to provide that education in a proper environment. As such, I am ready to offer the People of Our Holy Redeemer the opportunity to "adopt" the Parish School of Saint Mary's, and suggest that we use the Holy Season of Lent to increase our time, talent, and treasure to further the school's development. It would be my hope that from time to time, Father Jerome (and perhaps with you by his side) could return "home" to Freeport and give us a "progress report."

Centuries ago, Our Holy Redeemer sent His disciples into the deep for a great catch. I truly believe that with a fisherman like Father Jerome tending the nets, a great number of fish is waiting to be caught in Freeport to help feed the children in Ghana.

All for the Greater Glory of God,

*Douglas R. Arcoleo*

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 Pastor