



Nnadiesube Research Institute (NRI)

Motto: Faithfulness to Faith-Culture Dialogue

in partnership with

Igwebuike Research Institute (IRI)

Organizes Her

2020 International Conference

Theme

INCULTURATION CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS

Articulating the Dynamics in Rt. Rev. Msgr. Martin Okeke Maduka's Thought and Praxis for the African Church

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Martin Okeke Maduka, popularly called Nnadiesube, is a native of Ekwulobia, Aguata LGA, Anambra State, Nigeria. He was ordained on December 20, 1953 at St Peter's Basilica, Rome. He had Master's Degree in Canon Law (J.C.L) from Pontificio Urbaniana Universita, Roma. He was ordained for Onitsha Archdiocese but later incardinated into Awka Diocese. This year 2020 marks 25 years of the demise of Nnadiesube (the great ancestor of our Christian faith) as well as his 100 years of birth.

DATE: THURSDAY OCTOBER 22 2020 VENUE: NNAMDI AZIKIWE UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM TIME: 10:00AM

MODALITIES

For Registration, Attendance, Presentation and Participation

The Conference is free of charge.

Abstract should be sent via nriconference2020@gmail.com or nnadiesubejournals1920@gmail.com on or before August 30th, 2020.

Presentation papers will be published in Nnadiesube Journal of Religion, Culture and Society (NJRCS), online and hard copy

Accommodation for participants coming from outside Anambra state is free

Interested participants are therefore to call: **09058875561** for other pieces of info and proper arrangement.

There will be parallel sections at the end of opening ceremonies.

SUGGESTED SUB-THEME

1. Inculturation: Past and Present
2. New Theology of Inculturation
3. Philosophical Basis of Inculturation
4. Dimensions of Inculturation in Christianity
5. African Church and Inculturation
6. Inculturation and Source of Church's Teaching and Praxis
7. Inculturation and marriage in Nigeria church
8. Inculturating the Sacraments
9. Inculturation and African Tradition and Culture
10. Socio-Ethical Dimensions Inculturation
11. Inculturation and the Effects of Imperialism (Mordernism)
12. Inculturation and Afrocentricism
13. Inculturation, Liberation Theology and Evangelization
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15. Inculturation, Enculturation and Acculturation: The Differential Defining Limit
16. Inculturation and Religion Syncretism: Nigerian Church Experience
17. The Early Christians and Inculturation
18. Contemporary African Church and Inculturation
19. Inculturation and the Demise of the North African Church
20. Contemporary Nigerian Church and Inculturation
21. Elements of Inculturation in the work of Christian Missionaries in Nigeria
22. The challenges of Inculturation in the Igbo Church of today
23. Jesus' Incarnation and the Message of Inculturation
24. Agwu and Charisma: Meeting Points for Inculturation?
25. Contextualizing Priestly Celibacy in the African Traditional Religion's Worldview
26. Eucharistic Sacrifice and Necessity of Sacrifice in the Mentality of Traditional Igbo Society
27. Christian Koinonia: the Links to Igbo Umunna Practices
28. Umuada Practices in Igboland: Relevance for greater women inclusion in Church Administration
29. The Church as the People of God and Igbo Concept of Igwebuike: Towards a Stronger Ecclesiology Rooted in Igbo Culture
30. Women, Religion and Patriarchy: the Liberating Role of Jesus in the Life of African Women
31. The Place of Culture in Megr. Maduka's Understanding of Evangelization
32. An Investiion into the Blending Praxis and True Practice of Inculturation in Msgr M.O. Maduka's Ministry (1953-1995)
33. Inculturation: Language, Dressing and Eating Habit of Nnadiesube Example
34. Msgr. M.O Maduka's Models for Traditional Masquerade and Cultural Dance
35. Christianization of Nze na Ozo Institution and Msgr. M. O. Maduka's Paradigm

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Call for Book Review

Two prominent biographies have been dedicated to his eternal memory and the third book listed here was his personal publication:

1. FIDELITY TO CHRIST AND AFRICA: A Biography of Monsignor Martin Maduka by Rev. Fr. Martin F. Asiegbu & Cletus C. Umezima, (1994, Onitsha: Veritas Press).
2. NNADIEBUBE: COURAGEOUS BUT OBEDIENT: A biography of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Martin Okeke Maduka by Kenneth E Okafor & Jude I. Onebume, (1996, Enugu: Pymonak Printing & Publishing Co.)
3. TO A FELLOW TRAVELLER by Rt. Rev. Msgr. M Maduka, (1988, Onitsha: Veritas Pressco).

NB: These works will be made available to you, if it pleases you to have them.

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An abridged profile of

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Martin Okeke Maduka

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Martin Okeke Maduka, popularly called Nnadiesube, is a native of Ekwulobia, Aguata LGA, Anambra State Nigeria. He had his Secondary education at Christ the King College (CKC) Onitsha (1940-1943). He did his probationary work for two years at the same CKC (1944-1946). In 1946, he entered senior seminary at Okpala in Imo State for his philosophical studies after which he was sent to Rome in 1950 for his Theological Studies. He was ordained on December 20, 1953 at St Peter's Basilica, Rome by Cardinal Perfect of propaganda fidei: Pietro Fummasoni Bondi. He was the first catholic priest of Awka Diocese and was later decorated as a member of the papal chamberlin. He had Master's Degree in Canon Law (J.C.L) from Pontificio Urbaniana Universita, Roma. He was ordained for Onitsha Archdiocese but later incardinated into Awka Diocese. This year 2020 marks 25years of the demise of Nnadiesube (the great ancestor of our Christian faith) as well as his 100 years of birth.

Nnadiesube all through hid life as pastor championed the practice of Inculturation (Theology of Incarnation) as the Christian's contextualization of faith (Gospel) and culture (Tradition). He was a great ancestor on how to be Igbo and a true Christian via his peculiar characteristic Christianization of Africa-Igbo Cultures, that is, an Africanization of Christianity, decades before Inculturation become the evangelical refrain of Vatican 11 Council (19612-65). By his sublime teaching as a Pastor and profound practice of Inculturation, he became the forerunner of Vatican II council adaptations and renewal, hence, a precursor of African Synod of 1995 (Ecclesiae in Africa) and avant-garde of authentic Igbo Christianity.

Nnadiesube died on September 15, 1995. This year 2020 marks his 100th birthday and 25 years of his death and the conference is a memento of what Nnadiesube stands for and championed courageously but very obedient in the course of his priestly life. Moreover, Nnadiesube research Institute founded in loving memory of Msgr. Maduka (which publishes Nnadiesube Journals of: Philosophy, Education in Africa, Social Sciences and Religion, Culture & Society), is meant to help develop and encourage scholarship by astute scholars as authentic African thinkers ever proud of their African identity

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