

REVEREND MONSIGNOR ANSELM NWAORGU, Ph.D.

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu was born and raised in the Eastern part of Nigeria and immigrated to the United States in May of 1988 and was ordained to the priesthood in May 1992 for the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey. On May 30th, 2009, he became the first native African born priest in the United States Catholic Church to be elevated to the status of a Monsignor (Chaplain to His Holiness) by Pope Benedict XIV. Currently, he is the pastor of Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo Church, Newark, New Jersey, and the Administrator of the Igbo Catholic Community, Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey. He was the First Executive President of the African Conference of Catholic Clergy and Religious in the United States and is presently, the consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on the Pastoral Care of African immigrants, in the Department of the Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees and travelers. He is also Grand Chaplain to the New York Grand Commandry of the Knights of St. John International and the Spiritual Director to the West Hudson and Essex Federation of the Holy Name Society in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu has a bachelor's degree in philosophy, from Urban University, Rome; a master's degree in Systematic Theology; a master's degree in Counselor Prep; a Master's in Divinity in Pastoral Ministry, and a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, from Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey. He is a licensed Psychologist in the State of New Jersey.

Msgr. Anselm has received a couple of awards for outstanding performances. In May 1991, he received the Pope John Paul II Medal for Superior Academic Work in Theology from Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey. In October 2008, he received a Citation Award in Recognition of Outstanding Religious Accomplishments and Dedicated Service to the Community by the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Delta Pi Chapter; and in June of 2010, he received a Commendation Award for Outstanding and Dedicated Service to the City of Newark by The Newark Municipal Council, City of Newark, New Jersey.

Apart from his priestly duties, Msgr. Anselm has also worked as a Staff Psychologist at the Eric J. Feldman Child/Family Development Center, Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health Care; Newark, New Jersey. He also was an Adjunct professor at Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey and The Jersey State University, Jersey City, New Jersey.

He has made many presentations at professional bodies including workshops on International Migrations and Marital Distress at the New Jersey Academy of Science Annual Meeting, May 11, 1996 Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ.; Cultural Competence Round table: African American Families, at the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Atlanta, GA. September, 1997; Conflict Management and Conflict Resolution for Couples at the New Jersey Counseling Association Conference, Princeton, NJ. March 1998; The Dynamics of Workplace Stress at the New Jersey Catholic Charities, USA, June 2001 Convention, Eatontown, New Jersey.

Some of his publications include: A co-authored Book Chapter in the *Comprehensive Handbook of Psychotherapy, Inc.* Baker & Taylor – 2002 by F. W. Kaslow, J. J. Magnavita, T. Patterson, R. F. Massey, & S. D. Massey (Eds.) titled: Adlerian Pschotherapy: A century of Tradition and Research.

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