



## Newsletter: December 2019 — May 2020 (Issue 1)

### Opening of the DDL PDO office London

Dear friends,

It is with great joy that we announce to you the official opening of the Daughters of Divine Love Philanthropic Development Office (DDLPDO), London, which took place on the 15th of Dec 2019; the 50th anniversary of the founding of our congregation. It was indeed a significant year in the congregation and for the Daughters here in the English region, a great step in the continuation of the work of spreading Divine Love to the world.

Holy mass was celebrated at St Mary's Catholic Church, Croydon, London, with many of our sisters present. At the mass, after holy communion, the Governing and Advisory board members took an oath, pledging to help and support the Philanthropic Development Office (PDO).

The blessing of the office took place immediately after mass - how blessed we are that our office is right opposite the church. After prayers were said by PDO Spiritual Director, Fr Ignatius Edet, and Fr Patrick Feyisetan, PP of St Mary's, Dr Glenda Antonio, CEO of Spring Rain Global, who travelled all the way from Philippines for the launching and blessing of the office, did the cutting of the tape to declare the office open. There was a wonderful visual presentation on life experiences of our beneficiaries and advocacies, as well as food and music and plenty of good cheer. Dr Glenda gave a presentation on the Philanthropic Development system, and the great impact Spring Rain Global is making across the world with its philanthropic consultancy work. In appreciation, PDO Director, Sr Ann Ugoh, with her DDL sisters, crowned Dr Glenda as African Queen of the year—there were photo opportunities accompanied by delightful background music. Souvenirs were given and light refreshment was served. *To God be the glory.*

### OUR COVID 19 RESPONSE



To the glory of God, we have been responding in our own little ways, to help those who are suffering most during the COVID19 pandemic. In Nigeria, we have been able to reach out to the less privileged and most disadvantaged people, especially the daily wage earners who are unable to feed their families during the lockdown. These poor people need help—without support they face starvation and sickness and possibly even death. Some of these people live from hand to mouth and can only feed themselves from their daily struggle and trades. We prepared food packs for relief efforts, which we took to different villages. These food packs are filled with basic necessities like rice, tomatoes, sauce for the rice, meat and a little bit of money. A food pack keeps a family going for a week.

In London we have been providing food to a centre for the homeless, and we continue to deliver food for those in temporary accommodation like hostels and refuges. *To God be the Glory*

### SPONSORSHIP

The Daughters of Divine Love Charity Home - Enugu Nigeria is a home to 43 under-privileged and disadvantaged children including those with special needs. Please consider the great blessing that you can bestow by sponsoring a child. £40 a month will give scholarship to 3 children for a year...  
*Kindly donate at [www.ddlpdo.org](http://www.ddlpdo.org)*



## DDL PDO GIVING CIRCLES

The Daughters of Divine Love PDO London have launched a fund-raising initiative called GIVING CIRCLES. The purpose of the Giving Circle is to be able to develop an ecosystem of donors supporting a common project on a regular basis, thus, developing annual fund campaign towards ultimate sustainability. This is designed to ignite and inspire donors to have an avenue to give according to their project of interest.

A giving circle group can pledge to contribute to the project either monthly, quarterly, or yearly.

Funds raised from the giving circle will finance the following projects:

- ⇒ Free medical care for the less privileged
- ⇒ Scholarship assistance for indigent children
- ⇒ Construction of specialist school for disabled children
- ⇒ Provision of water for poor villages
- ⇒ Agriculture for sustainable development
- ⇒ Pro-life program—supporting mothers to keep their children
- ⇒ Maintenance and care of street children
- ⇒ Feeding program
- ⇒ Empowerment program
- ⇒ Care for the widow
- ⇒ Construction of homes for the less privileged

If you would like to be part of our giving circle, please contact us on

[admin@ddlpdo.org](mailto:admin@ddlpdo.org) or on 07377229830

or visit our website at [www.ddlpdo.org](http://www.ddlpdo.org)

## SPECIAL SCHOOL

To the glory of God, work has started at the acquired site for the Daughters of Divine Love specialist school for children with special needs in Awka, Nigeria. This was made possible by our annual mission appeal to parishes in England and Wales and we thank you all for your support. Please continue to pray and support that we might see it to completion. Regular updates will be available on our website and in our newsletter:

[www.ddlpdo.org](http://www.ddlpdo.org)



## Call for Volunteers

Does it interest you to work for the welfare of the less privileged? Can you support missionaries with your ideas, good suggestions, availability and other giftedness?

Are you experienced in fundraising or database management?

Please call us 07377229830 or 02039959185

## We cannot do this work without your help...

### WAYS TO DONATE

+ You can help us when you shop online—at no extra cost to yourself. Just go to...

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/disabledchildren](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/disabledchildren)

+ You can also help with the education of indigent children by donating to our crowd giving page:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/an-ugoh?utm\\_term=3VBxQmxG](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/an-ugoh?utm_term=3VBxQmxG)

+ You can help the orphans and abandoned children at our charity home in Nigeria. Please visit...

<https://gf.me/u/x2dgab>

**Donations can also be made at our website - please visit [www.ddlpdo.org](http://www.ddlpdo.org)**