

OUR LADY SEAT OF WISDOM CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A CHURCH REPORT

Presented To

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Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra

On the occasion of his Pastoral Visit

10<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This is a report on the Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Catholic Church at Oyarifa presented to Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie, C.S.Sp. during his pastoral visit to the Church on the occasion of the Climax of our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Church on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

The church which started in 1995 has made modest gains in growth through the years. The Church was elevated to a Rectorate and handed over to the Spiritans for its pastoral care and management in October 2019 by the Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra, Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie, C.S.Sp.

Rev. Fr. George Omondi Oyango, C.S.Sp. and Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Baffour Osei-Akoto, C.S.Sp. were appointed Priest-In-Charge and Assistant Priest respectively. Shortly after their arrival, the world was hit by COVID-19 Pandemic which seriously affected the activities of the Church pastorally until the latter part of 2021.

Rev. Fr. George Omondi Oyango, C.S.Sp. was transferred by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit to his home Province of Kenya in March 2021. Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Baffour Osei-Akoto, C.S.Sp. took over as the Acting Priest-In-Charge for six months until Rev. Fr. Anthony Anomah, C.S.Sp. was appointed effective 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Rev. Fr. Anthony Anomah, C.S.Sp. arrived on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 and was introduced to the Church on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 as the Priest-In-Charge.

Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Baffour Osei-Akoto, C.S.Sp. was transferred to the Spiritan University College in September 2024 leaving only Rev. Fr. Anthony Anomah, C.S.Sp. Rev. Fr. Nicholas Twumasi, C.S.Sp. has assisted the Church in ministry since July 2012. Rev. Fr. Francis Aninama, C.S.Sp. (in residence) is also assisting the Church with ministry, thanks to the Spiritans.

## **2.0 BRIEF HISTORY**

The church started at Teiman as a family get-together and prayer meeting of three families namely Hamenu, Azameti and Gbormita families. These families used to worship at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church at Kotobabi and had re-settled in Teiman so they decided to come together on Sundays and other days to pray and share the Word of God so as not to lose their Catholic identity.

The desire of these families to establish a church in the community came to fruition in April 1995 when they celebrated their first Mass in the house of the Late Hamenu. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Francis Mulders (SVD) with the Azameti family forming the main singing group. As the numbers increased gradually, they moved to a classroom. They proceeded with the help of the late Mr. Joachim Afetor Mantey and others to establish a school. However, this could not be sustained due to some difficulties encountered and thus the facility was taken over by the Anglican Church. The Anglican Education Unit continued the school and currently runs the school at Teiman.

In the past 30 years of the existence and growth of the church we admit that there have been many challenges (which will be outlined later); but collectively, members, through thick and thin, have been steadfast, accepted the challenges and are moving on strongly.

### **3.0 GROWTH**

These great men who started the church did not rest on their achievement. They pursued issues vigorously and carried the message of establishing a permanent church at Teiman to Rev. Fr. Koos Janssen, SVD, Priest-in-charge, assisted by Rev. Fr. Francis Mulders of Queen of Peace Catholic Church – Madina. They in turn took the message to the Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra, Most Rev. Dominic Andoh (of blessed memory). He received the message with joy and personally moved to Teiman to meet the Landlords for the acquisition of the parcel of land (four plots) where the church is currently occupying. Additional two plots of land were procured and added to the original parcel by the 1<sup>st</sup> Church Pastoral Council led by Mr. Simon Akli. During that time, the church was called St. Paul's Catholic Church, Teiman. However, due to duplication of name, the church was changed to Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Catholic Church, Oyarifa in 2012.

We cannot tell the story of our church without the mention of priests who played very critical roles in the establishment of the church. Apart from those mentioned above, others include Rev. Fr. Matthew Abu Cole, SMA and Rev. Fr. Kajitan, SMA. Rev. Fr. Duncan, C.S.Sp. was very instrumental and supportive during the period and we are grateful for his care and support for our church community until he finally retired to his home country.

Then as an outstation of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Adenta, the following Parish priests and their assistants made significant contributions to the growth and development of the church. They are Rev. Fr. Anthony Opong and Rev. Fr. John Benya Mensah.

### **4.0 CHURCH ADMINISTRATION**

#### **4.1 PRIESTS**

Rev. Fr. Anthony Anomah, C.S.Sp. – Priest-In-Charge

#### **4.2 CATECHISTS**

Mr. Charles Oppong Akwaboah  
Mr. Leonard Azameti  
Mrs. Gifty Amegatse  
Mrs. Belinda Blagooee  
Mr. Theophilus Mamiya

### 4.3 THE CHURCH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A new CPC was inaugurated on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 chaired by Dr. Raymond Afari Sam.

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| 1. Rev. Fr. Anthony Anomah, C.S.Sp. – Priest-In-Charge |                            |
| 2. Dr. Raymond Afari Sam                               | Chairman                   |
| 3. Mr. Martin Adjoke                                   | Vice Chairman              |
| 4. Mrs. Naana Ofori-Dzandu                             | Secretary                  |
| 5. Mr. Francis Forkuo                                  | Assistant Secretary        |
| 6. Mr. Alex Coffie                                     | Chairman Finance Committee |
| 7. Mrs. Elizabeth Avornyo                              | CMA                        |
| 8. Mr. Francis Owusu                                   | CCR                        |
| 9. Madam Elizabeth Agyei                               | SHC                        |
| 10. Madam Georgina Ofori                               | CWC                        |
| 11. Mr. Jones Obeng                                    | KSJI                       |
| 12. Mr. Michael Nhyira Aboagye                         | Choir                      |
| 13. Dr. Elizabeth Awini                                | Laity                      |
| 14. Mrs. Belinda Blagooee                              | Catechist                  |
| 15. Mr. Kojo Sarha                                     | Monday                     |
| 16. Mr. Robert Ofori                                   | Wednesday                  |
| 17. Mr. John Yaw Amankwaa                              | Thursday                   |
| 18. Mr. Nicholas Narh                                  | Friday                     |
| 19. Mr. Daniel Dumevi                                  | Saturday                   |
| 20. Mr. Abraham Apetor                                 | SJE Society                |
| 21. Mrs. Juliet Konadu Danso                           | HFA Society                |
| 22. Mr. Maurice Adjetei                                | Fr's Nominee               |
| 23. Mr. Raphael Kuwornu                                | Fr's Nominee               |
| 24. Madam Golda Denyo, Esq                             | Fr's Nominee               |
| 25. Mr. Moses Asiedu                                   | KLM                        |
| 26. Madam Mercy Ramatu Yakubu                          | STJC                       |
| 27. Mr. Edward Addo                                    | Tuesday                    |

### 5.0 LIST OF CHURCH COMMITTEES

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| <b>1. LITURGICAL COMMITTEE</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Charles Oppong Akwaboah</li><li>Leonard Azameti</li><li>Gifty Amegatse</li><li>Belinda Blagooee</li><li>Vincent Gali</li><li>Stephen Sowah</li><li>Mabel Gali</li><li>Kojo Sraha</li><li>Raphael Adjoke</li><li>Alex Coffie</li></ol> | <b>2. WELFARE COMMITTEE</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>John Yaw Amankwaa</li><li>Naana Dzandu</li><li>Michael</li><li>Frank Delali Mensah</li></ol> <b>Board of Directors</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rev. Fr. Anthony Anomah, C.S.Sp.</li><li>Nicholas Narh</li><li>Maurice Adjetei</li><li>Naana Ofori-Dzandu</li><li>John Yaw Amankwaa (Chairman)</li></ol> |
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| <p>3. <b><u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alex Coffie</li> <li>2. Gifty Hagan Amegatse</li> <li>3. Monica Amissah</li> <li>4. Raphael Sitsofe Kuwornu</li> <li>5. Jones Obeng</li> <li>6. Daniel Dumevi</li> <li>7. Charles Oppong Akwaboah</li> <li>8. Moses Asiedu</li> <li>9. Raymond Afari Sam</li> </ol> | <p>4. <b><u>FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sitsofe Kuwornu</li> <li>2. Pearl Mills-Lampsey</li> <li>3. Eunice Semordzi-Kpogli</li> <li>4. Margaret Adjoke</li> <li>5. Angelina Zilevu</li> <li>6. Benedicta Agbemavor</li> <li>7. Jones Obeng</li> <li>8. Augustine Owusu</li> <li>9. Ernest Afessey</li> <li>10. Mensah Franci Delali</li> <li>11. Moses Asiedu</li> <li>12. Paul Gyeng</li> <li>13. Marianne Cosmos</li> <li>14. Salormey Amoh</li> </ol>                      |
| <p>5. <b><u>EDUCATION COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Maurice Adjetej</li> <li>2. Dr. Mrs. Adelaide Mensah-Kufuor</li> <li>3. Mary Boampomaa Wilson</li> <li>4. Daniel Gaikpah</li> <li>5. Monica Amissah</li> <li>6. Rosemary Ofori Adjei</li> <li>7. Francis Forkuo</li> <li>8. Gifty Amegatse</li> </ol>         | <p>6. <b><u>BULLETIN EDITORIAL TEAM</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rev. Fr. Anthony Anomah</li> <li>2. Mrs. Naana Ofori-Dzandu</li> <li>3. Felix Amissah</li> <li>4. Charles Oppong Akwaboah</li> <li>5. Felix Ensaligne Nyaaba</li> <li>6. Richmond Darko (Printer)</li> <li>7. Mr. Francis Forkuo</li> <li>8. Gifty Amegatse</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>7. <b><u>PROJECTS COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Daniel Dumevi</li> <li>2. Moses Asiedu</li> <li>3. Michael Naah Andivi</li> <li>4. Simon Dzidzornu</li> <li>5. Raymond Afari Sam</li> <li>6. Robert Ofori</li> </ol>                                                                                               | <p>8. <b><u>LAITY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. John Baptist Dumba</li> <li>2. Francis Forkuo</li> <li>3. Alex Coffie</li> <li>4. Elizabeth Apedoh</li> <li>5. Joseph Akakpo</li> <li>6. Eunice Edem Semordzi-Kpogli</li> <li>7. Isaac Dovi Fianyedor</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>9. <b><u>MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vincent Gali</li> <li>2. Mabel Gali</li> <li>3. Martin Adjoke</li> <li>4. Elizabeth Avornyo</li> <li>5. Mary Boampomaa Wilson</li> <li>6. Cecilia Asiedu</li> <li>7. John Baptist Dumba</li> </ol>                                                           | <p><b><u>HEALTH COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Elizabeth Awini V. Gali</li> <li>2. Lassey (Dr.) J. A. Akolgo</li> <li>3. Lassey (Dr. Mrs) J. Mbawine</li> <li>4. Veronica Ayelle A. M-Kuffour</li> <li>5. Louisa Laweh J. Amankwah</li> <li>6. Cecilia Dumevi E. D. Gbogr</li> <li>7. Abraham Meyir Yellu B. Atisu</li> <li>8. Sistofe Kamasa G. Akanlu</li> <li>9. Janet Ayambire L. Kombian</li> <li>10. Adwoa Tiwaa Afakye J. K. Danso</li> <li>11. Ernest Afesey P. A. Duncan</li> </ol> |

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| <p><b>10. <u>LEGAL COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Madam Golda Denyo (Esq)</li> <li>2. Mr. Awuku Larbi (Esq)</li> <li>3. Ms. Priscilla Amegatse (Esq)</li> <li>4. Mrs. Mercy Avoka (Esq)</li> </ol> | <p><b><u>CREDIT UNION</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Simon Akli</li> <li>2. Naana Ofori-Dzandu</li> <li>3. Adwoa Apeanimaa-Dzandu</li> <li>4. Daniel Gaikpah</li> <li>5. Ceracus Gbevillah</li> <li>6. Kwame Dekonor</li> <li>7. Alex Coffie</li> <li>8. Frank Yaovi Lawoe</li> <li>9. Henry Adjei</li> <li>10. Eunice Edem Semordzi-Kpogli</li> <li>11. Mr. Owusu Agyemang</li> <li>12. Gifty H. Amegatse</li> <li>13. Felix Amissah</li> </ol> |
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## 6.0 SOCIETIES & GROUPS

1. Catholic Charismatic Renewal
2. Christian Mothers Association
3. Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Choir
4. Alleluia Ensembles Choir
5. St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society
6. Day-born Groups
7. Christian Daughters Association
8. Knights of St. John International and Ladies Auxiliary
9. Knights and Ladies of Marshall
10. Catholic Youth Organisation (C.Y.O.)
11. Trinity Northern Society
12. St. Michael Ewe Society
13. Borborbor Cultural Troupe
14. Holy Family Akan Society

## 7.0 PASTORAL WORK

Weekday Mass schedules are as follows:

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| Monday morning    | 6:00 am (Holy Mass)                                                                                          |
| Tuesday morning   | 6:00 am (Holy Mass)                                                                                          |
| Wednesday evening | 7:00 pm (Holy Mass)                                                                                          |
| Thursday morning  | 6:00 am (Holy Mass)                                                                                          |
| Friday evening    | 6:00 – 7:00 pm (Adoration)<br>7:00 pm (Holy Mass)                                                            |
| Saturday morning  | 6:00 – 6:30am (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)<br>6:30am (Holy Mass)<br>7:00am and 6:00pm (Confessions) |

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 6:00 -7:00pm (Hour of Grace)

Sunday Mass Schedules are as follows:

First Mass: 6:30 am

Children's Mass: 7:00 am

Second Mass: 9:00 am

Infant baptism is organised once every quarter and catechumen for adult baptism, First Communion and Confirmation are prepared by the Catechists.

## **8.0 SOCIAL INTERVENTION SCHEMES SINCE YOUR LAST VISIT IN APRIL 2022**

### **i. ESTABLISHMENT OF A VIABLE CREDIT UNION SCHEME**

An effective Credit Union Scheme has been in place for about two years now. The object of the union is to promote thrift among its members by providing a means of savings and loans to its members for provident and productive purposes at fair but competitive rate of interest. It provides quality financial services to its members and invest in any viable industry which the union may consider profitable. The Union is managed and run by a competent Board made up of parishioners.

Plans are underway to open it up to the Teiman and Oyarifa community in order to expand its membership and operations.

### **ii. ESTABLISHMENT OF EDUCATION FUND**

We wish to report to you, Your Grace, that OLSWCC launched an Education Fund on Sunday, 23rd March 2025. The Church established the Education Fund in order to assist brilliant

but needy children in the Church in their education.

The objectives are as follows:

- a. To help the Church in its efforts to provide for the spiritual as well as material needs of its members.
- b. To provide financial assistance to all young people who need a helping hand to secure their future through education and skill training.
- c. To solicit for and manage donations to an education fund for the benefit of young church members in need of assistance.
- d. To provide guidance and counselling to the youth
- e. Any other matter that may arise from time to time regarding the educational needs of the youth.

Individuals, families, groups and societies are encouraged to support this worthy cause.



### **iii. ESABLISHMENT OF A WELFARE SCHEME**

A Welfare Scheme Policy also became effective on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023

The aims and objectives of the Welfare Scheme Policy are to

- a) Promote solidarity and mutual cooperation among members of the Church
- b) To assist and support members on the following occasions: i) bereavement, ii) marriage and iii) serious illness and hospitalization.

## **9.0 LAND REGISTRATION TITLE**

We have also secured a land title certificate for our 1.2-acre Church land. Efforts are being made to secure it with a fence wall.

## **10.0 ONGOING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CHURCH BUILDING**

The increasing number of parishioners necessitated the need for a bigger church to accommodate them. In line with this vision, a 1,152 seating capacity church is progressing steadily.

Phase 1 (foundation and ground floor) has been completed. It is made up of 3 offices for priests and Catechists, adoration chapel, 2 classrooms for Children's Ministry and a store. The ground floor is being used at the moment for Sunday Masses and Holydays of obligation.

In 2023, we completed Phase 2A which comprises the columns of the first floor. We have also completed phase 2B namely: slabs, beams, gallery, staircases.

Since 2024 we have been working on Phase 3. We started with the Trusses and the Purlins. Currently we are working of the frontage and later the parapets before roofing. It is our hope and believe that we would be able to complete the roofing before the end of the year 2025.

There are still a lot of work to be done. We appeal to you, Your Grace to help us to write to the PMS or any other agency to support us in the next phases of the project (plastering, fixtures and fittings, furnishing, windows, doors floor, stained glasses, etc.)

## **11.0 PICTURES**

Below are some pictures of stages of construction so far.









## **12.0 THE 30 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (1995-2025)**

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Catholic Church, Oyarifa is 30 years old. Hurray! However, due to the ongoing construction work on our Church building, we decided to celebrate it in a low key until the grand opening of the new Church building. The theme for the celebration is “30 years of Catholicism in Teiman-Oyarifa communities.” The following were some of the activities we have undertaken as part of the celebration is being climaxed with the visit of the Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra, Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie, C.S.Sp.

1. Launching on Palm Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025
2. Anniversary Games,
3. Evangelization (visitation to lapsed Catholics in the Teiman-Oyarifa enclave) in June

4. Mass Wedding (six couples were prepared for Holy Matrimony which was celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025 at 9:00 am. A Presbyterian was received into the Church on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and solemnized his marriage.

### **13.0. CHALLENGES**

1. Due to our ongoing Church building project, we are unable to continue the fencing of the wall of the compound. The compound is exposed to security
2. The landscaping of the compound is a major challenge to us at the moment. Whenever it rains heavily, we experience flooding in the compound.

### **14.0. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Erection of a fence wall and its associated security gadgets to secure the assets of the church.
2. Drainage architecture and landscaping of the compound

### **15.0. APPRECIATION TO THE ARCHBISHOP**

Your Grace, during your last visit in April 2022, we requested for help from the Archdiocese a Legal Representative to help the Church to fight the land litigation we have with a welder who had occupied the Church land for quite some time. We are glad to report to you that with the support of Madam Akushika Dadzie, Esq., we have successfully won the case and removed the welder from the compound.

Secondly, we wish to express our profound gratitude to you for facilitating the granting of twenty-six thousand United States Dollars (\$26,000) from the Pontifical Mission Society in Rome to support the construction of our Church building.

Thirdly, we are honoured and grateful to you for responding positively to our request to grace the climax of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and confirming forty-five of our Church members with the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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DR. RAYMOND AFARI SAM  
(CHAIRMAN – CPC)

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REV. FR. ANTHONY ANOMAH, C.S.Sp.  
PRIEST-IN-CHARGE