

**DIOCESE OF EVO
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FIRST QUARTER BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENT – JANUARY – MARCH, 2021

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Date	Church Season	Ministry	Programme	Venue	Time	Remarks
JANUARY						
Fri. 1 st	Naming & Circumcision of Christ		New Year’s Day Services	In All Churches		Morning Hours
Sun. 3 rd	Second Sunday of Christmas	Bishop	First Sunday of the New Year: Thanksgiving Services Worships at the All Saints’ Cathedral	In All Churches		
Mon. 4 th – Fri. 8 th			Annual Bishops Retreat at Ibru Centre, Agbarha-Otor.			
Wed. 6 th	The Epiphany	Diocese	Eucharistic Services to be held In All Churches. Diocesan Central office resumes operations for the year.			
Thur. 7 th – Sun. 10 th		AYF (SF)	Sisters Forum National Retreat	Diocese of Benin, Edo State		
Sun. 10 th	The Baptism of Christ (Epiphany 1)	Bishop	Engaged in a church (State Service for Armed Forces Remembrance Day)			
Mon. 11 th – Sat. 16 th		Diocese	Week of Prayer with Fasting for the whole Diocese <i>*All members of the Diocese, young and old are strongly encouraged to observe these days of fasting and prayers.</i>	In All Churches	Daily Hours of Prayer: 6-7am; 12Noon-1pm; 6-8pm.	
				Clergy & Wives to retreat @ St. James’, Iriebe on Tue. 12 th & Wed. 13 th ; @ Upper Room, Eliozu on Thur. 14 th & Fri. 15 th & @ Bethany, Pipeline on Saturday, 16 th .		
Thur. 14 th to Sat. 16 th		AYF(SF)	Sisters Forum Set Apart/Retreat	St. Mark’s, Elelenwo		Diocesan and Bloc Excos to attend
Sun. 17 th	Epiphany 2	Diocese	Diocesan Rededication Service	All Saints’ Cathedral, Rumuokwursi	9:am	
Sun. 17 th – Mon. 18 th		Ecumenism	Interfaith Dialogue for peace by The Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN)	Port Harcourt		
Mon. 18 th – Fri. 29 th		CON	Clergy Advanced Management Course @ Ibru Centre, Agbarha-Otor.		Registration – N50, 000. Selected clergy to be sponsored by their churches.	
Mon. 18 th – Sun. 24 th		Diocese	Revival Services/Crusades to begin the year.	In all Admin Blocs & Churches		

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Sun. 24 th	Epiphany 3	Bishop Diocese/ FLHF	Episcopal Visit to Daystar Ang. Youth Church, Rumuokwursi for New Church Building Dedication Home Fellowship Meetings resume across the Diocese *Transferred from 3rd Sunday, 17th January.	9am 5:30-7pm		<i>Home Fellowship Meetings hold on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every Month.</i>
Mon. 25 th	Conversion of St. Paul		Combined Holy Communion Service/Meeting of all members of Paul, Lydia and Goodness Prayer Groups.	Bethel Ang. Church, Rumuibekwe Parish		Diocesan Chaplain & Coordinators of these groups to sensitize members towards this service/meeting.
Fri. 29 th – Sun. 31 st		NDP	Provincial Council Meeting & Sendoff of Archbishop Tunde Adeleye.	Holy Trinity Cathedral, Calabar.		
Sat. 30 th		Bishop	Infant Baptism, Churching and Marriage Blessing.	St. Mark's, Elelenwo District	10am	
		Industrial Chaplaincy	New Year Retreat	Bethel Ang. Church, Rumuibekwe		
		Bishop	Infant Baptism	Chapel of Refuge, Bishop's Court	4pm	
Sun. 31 st	Epiphany 4 (Septuagesima)	Diocese Diocese/Prayer Groups Bishop Industrial Chaplaincy	Bi-monthly Covenant Offering for the Diocese Monthly Prayer Groups Meetings resume. Churching of Mrs. Uchechukwu Chinedu Opara & Dedication of Baby God'slove. Enlightenment Ministration	In All Churches In All Churches CoHS, Eliozu Parish In All Churches		To be remitted 100% <i>Prayer Groups Meetings hold every 4th/Last Sundays of the Month.</i>
FEBRUARY						
Mon. 1 st – Mon. 8 th		Institute of Theology, Awka	Students College Mission to the Diocese of Evo			<i>Clergy & Churches should prepare to receive visiting students to be assigned to them.</i>
Tue. 2 nd	Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)		Eucharistic Services to be held In All Churches.			
Tue. 2 nd – Sat. 6 th		Bishop	@ The 12 th Elohim Power Conference, 2021. Theme: “Igniting the Fire of Revival”. At Civic Centre, Nibo, Anambra State.			

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Fri. 5 th		Bishop	Burial of Mrs. Comfort Epele, Mother-in-law of Mr. Alex Obasi. Local Helper, St. John, The Evangelist, Atali.			
Fri. 5 th – Sat. 6 th		A.C.M.	Teachers Prayer Retreat	Church of Advent, Rumuewhara	4pm. Fri. 8a.m. Sat.	
Sat. 6 th		Music Min.	Beginning of the Year Retreat	Church of the Holy Spirit, Eliozu	9:30am	
		ACB	ACB Opening Retreat/Congress Meeting	Bethel Ang. Church, Rumuibekwe	9:30am	
		Bishop	Wedding of Two God-Daughters: (1) Dr. Joan T. Pepple & Dr. Bernard Chukwumah @ St. Andrew's, Rumuobiokani Deanery. (2) Miss Vivian Nwankwo & Mr. Amos Sigbenu @ St. Nicholas' Ang. Church, Woji District.		10am 12:30pm	
Sun. 7 th	Epiphany 5 (2 nd Sunday before Lent/ Sexagesima)	Bishop/ Rivers BB	Annual State Council Rededication Service	St. Nicholas', Woji District	9am	
Mon. 8 th – Fri. 12 th		CON	Standing Committee & Nat'l MU Executive Committee Meetings	Diocese On The Niger		
Tue. 9 th		CCLCE	Clergy and Church Teachers Wives School			
Thur. 11 th		Lay Workers	Beginning of the Year Retreat	New Wine Ang. Church, Okporo	9a.m.	
Fri. 12 th		PPSSM	Variety Day	Bluebell International School, Trans-Amadi		
Fri. 12 th to Sun. 14 th		Lay Readers	New Year Preparatory Retreat for Ministry & Service of Renewal of Vows of Licensing	Holy City Ang. Church, Pipeline-Rumuokwurusi		Arrival on Friday is 4pm, Saturday – 9am.
Sat. 13 th		Prayer	One Day Retreat for all Prayer Squad members across the Diocese.	Christ Harvest Ang. Church, Woji	9am.	
		AYF	Leadership Retreat/Diocesan Teenstars Coordinators Retreat	Olive Plants, Rumuomasi	9am.	
		FLHFM	Training/Retreat for all Home Fellowship and Family Life Committee Members	ACOP, Rumuogba	9am.	
		Bishop	Wedding of God-daughter, Pharm. Chidera Igboeli & Mr. Brown Orji	All Saints' Cathedral.	10am	

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Sun. 14 th	Epiphany 6 (Sunday next before Lent/ Quinquagesima) St. Valentine's Day	Diocese Bishop	Vestry Meetings of Station Churches Episcopal Visit & Service of Confirmation Celebration of St. Valentine's Day by the Love (Youth) & all members of Red Colour Prayer Groups.	Across the Diocese Church of The Epiphany, Azumini, Rumuokwursi BCMSS, Rumuobiokani	9am 3pm	
Wed. 17 th	Ash Wednesday	Diocese Bishop	Ash Wednesday Services in all Churches @ St. Philip's, Oroigwe District for Eucharistic Worship.		5pm.	
Thur. 18 th – Sat. 20 th		NDP/ELMI	Alumni Convention	All Saints' Cathedral, Rumuokwursi		
Fri. 19 th – Sat. 20 th		Knights' Council	Beginning of the year Retreat	St. Andrew's, Rumuobiokani Deanery		
Sat. 20 th		GG	Girls Guild Coordinators Retreat	Church of Advent, Rumuewhara		
		ASSDLPM	One Day Retreat for all Adult Sunday School/Discipleship Teachers	St. Mark's, Elelenwo District		
		Clergy/Church Workers Children	Beginning of the Year Retreat	@ Admin Blocs	10am	
Sun. 21 st	1 st Sunday of Lent	Diocese Bishop ACMF	Vestry Meetings of Parish Churches Formal Inauguration of Iriebe Archdeaconry Sent Forth Ceremony	Across the Diocese St. James', Iriebe Bishop's Court	10:30am 4p.m.	<i>Vestry Meetings of Parishes in Iriebe Archdeaconry to hold on the 28th.</i>
Wed. 24 th	St. Matthias the Apostle/Anniversary of CoN		Holy Communion Services in Churches			
Fri. 26 th to Sun. 28 th		Women	Clergy/Church Teachers Wives Retreat	Archbishop Akinola Retreat Centre, Rumuobiokani		
Fri. 26 th to Sun. 28 th		AYF	Crusade/Church Planting	Youth Church Site		

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Sat. 27 th		Social Welfare	General Prayer Retreat	All Saints’ Cathedral	9a.m.	
		Ecumenism	First Quarter Retreat	Day Star Ang. Church, Rumuokwurusi	10am.	
		DCMF	1 st Quarter General Meeting	Chapel of Grace & Knowledge	10am.	
		Guild of Stewards	Beginning of the Year Retreat	Holy Trinity Ang. Church, Elimgbu	11am.	
		Bishop	Meeting with Chaplains, Coordinators & Leaders of all Prayer Groups of Churches	All Saints’ Cathedral	3pm	
Sun. 28 th	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Diocese	Vestry Meetings of Cathedral, Deanery & District Churches.	Across the Diocese		
		CoN				
		Bishop	Engaged in a Church (morning hours) Fellowships with Corps members (ACMF)			
MARCH						
Mon. 1 st			Celebration of King David by Purple Prayer Groups	Mon. 1 st		
Mon. 1 st to Fri. 5 th		CoN/Prayer	CoN National Prayer Convocation	Mon. 1 st to Fri. 5 th		
Mon. 1 st to Sun. 7 th		Missions/ Evangelism	Missions Awareness/On the Highway and Hedges	Outreach in Communities	Monday to Wednesday is Mission Awareness and Thursday to Sunday are Outreaches	
Fri. 5 th		Women	Women’s World Day of Prayer	All Blocs		
Sun. 7 th	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Bishop	Episcopal Visit to St. John, The Evangelist, Atali for New Church Building Dedication.		9am	
Mon. 8 th to Sun. 14 th		Women	Mothering Sunday Week of Activities	In all churches		

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Tue. 9 th		CCLCE	Clergy School/Welfare Association Meeting	St. John the Evangelist, Atali		
Sun. 14 th	4 th Sunday of Lent	Women	Mothering Sunday Celebrations	In all churches		
		Bishop	Engaged in a church			
Thur. 18 th to Fri. 19 th		CCLCE	Two Day Training for all Church Clerks, Admin Secretaries and Drivers	Old Cathedral building	10a.m.	<i>With Registration.</i>
Fri. 19 th	St. Joseph of Nazareth		<i>Central Communion Service for St. Joseph's Group (and other Lemon Prayer Groups) at COHS, Eliozi Parish</i>		5pm	
Sat. 20 th		DCMF	DCMF Prayer Retreat	Anglican Church of Messiah, Iriebe	8a.m.	
		CCLCE	Diocesan Training for all Church Treasurers	Old Cathedral building	10a.m.	<i>With Registration.</i>
		Guild of Stewards	1 st Quarter General Meeting	ACOPA, Woji		
Sun. 21 st	5 th Sunday of Lent	Bishop	Episcopal Visit to Holyhill Ang. Church, Eliozi for New Church Building Dedication.		9am	
		AYF	Combined Worship/General Meeting	St. Simon's, Okporo District		
Thur. 25 th	Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary		Celebration of the Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary	In all churches		
Fri. 26 th		Diocese	General Diocesan Night Vigil	St. Michaels', Rumuomasi Deanery		
Fri. 26 th to Sun. 28 th		Lay Readers	1 st Quarter Lay Readers General Meeting/Crusade	St. Mark's, (Eledenwo Archdeaconry)		
Sat. 27 th		CCLCE/AYF	Retreat for Diocesan Youth Fellowship on Anglicanism and Information Technology		9-1pm	
		CCLCE	Diocesan Training for all Church Pastors/Peoples Wardens, Church Secretaries and Guild of Stewards.	St. Jude's, Oginigba Deanery	10a.m.	

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Sun. 28 th	Palm Sunday	Diocese	By-Monthly Covenant Offerings in support of the Diocese				<i>To be remitted 100%</i>
			*In all Churches				
		Knights	Council of Knights Outreach at Emmanuel Anglican Church, Iriebe	Emmanuel Ang. Church, Okporo			
		Bishop	Episcopal Visit to Holy Ghost Ang. Church, Iriebe H/E Parish for Confirmation			9am	
Mon. 29 th – Sat. 3 rd April	Holy Week	Diocese	Daily Services in all churches across the Diocese				
Tue. 30 th		Diocese	First Quarter Diocesan Board Meeting	Upper Room Ang. Church, Eliozu.	10am		
Wed. 31 st	Wednesday of Holy Week	Bishop	@ New Wine Anglican Church, E/W Road Parish, Okporo		5pm		

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APRIL						
Thur. 1 st	Maundy Thursday	Diocese	Services of the Washing of Feet, Holy Communion & Consecration of Chrism (Anointing Oil) in all churches across the Diocese		5pm	
		Bishop	Worships @ St. Philip’s Church, Oroigwe District			
Thur. 1 st to Sun. 4 th		A.C.M./A.Y.F	Teenstars Conference	A.C.M.G.S./Chapel of Grace and Knowledge		
Fri. 2 nd	Good Friday (Celebration of the Lord’s Passion)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Service of the Liturgy of The Word -9am• Liturgical 3-hur Service (Meditations on the 7 Words of Christ on the Cross) – 12:00-3pm• Good Friday Vesper – 5pm			
		Bishop	Worships @ CHACFA, Woji – 9am & St. Jude’s, Oginigba – 12Noon.			
Sat. 3 rd	Holy Saturday (Easter Eve)	SSDLPM	Diocesan Writers Board Training/Workshop	St. Simon’s, Okporo District		
		Social Welfare Dir.	Health Awareness	St. Michael’s Rumuomasi Deanery		

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Sun. 4 th	EASTER DAY		Resurrection Day Services in all Churches across the Diocese		
		Bishop	@ The Cathedral for Eucharistic service.	8:30am	
Mon. 5 th	Easter Monday	Music Ministry	Resurrection Praise @ The All Saints' Cathedral, Rumuokwursi	4.00pm	
Fri. 9 th – Sat. 10 th		Diocese	Diocesan Post Vestry Meeting Concluding Leadership Training/Workshop.	St. James', Iriebe District.	Fri. 30m Sat. 9:30am
Sat. 10 th		Clergy/Church Workers Children	Clergy/Church Workers Children Retreat	St. Philip's, Oroigwe	9am-2pm
Sun. 11 th	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Diocese	Diocesan Endowment Fund Drive & Budget Support	In All Churches	
		Bishop	Episcopal Visit/Service of Confirmation	St. Mark's, Elemenwo District	9am
Mon. 12 th – Fri. 16 th		ELMI/NDP	International Christian Leadership Conference	St. Paul's Cathedral, Diobu	
Sat. 17 th		Women	Training Workshop for Sisters' Forum/Girls' Guild Members	St. Michael's, Rumuomasi Deanery	

Prayers

- Thank God for His grace and mercy in bringing us to the New Year, 2021.
- Thank God for safety for all who travelled out of the Diocese during the festive season.
- Earnestly pray for the coming programmes of the Diocese in January, particularly the **Week of Prayer/Fasting, Rededication Service & the Revival/Crusades in all churches**; that these may serve as avenues for Divine empowerment upon all.
- Pray for Divine direction for the Diocese through the leadership of the Bishop, the Clergy & other leaders.
- Pray for the success of the Diocese/Churches/Groups/Units activities throughout the New Year.
- Ask the Lord for spiritual, numerical and physical growth of all our churches and the grace on our part to labour towards these desires.

Further instructions:

- All Diocesan programmes and activities take precedence over those of churches and groups. Consequently, serious attention should be given to them in the daily/weekly announcements in all churches.

- **The clergy should ensure that all those being prepared for Confirmation pay their N5, 000.00 CoN Endowment Fund and that of the Diocese of Evo. They are to also purchase their personal copies of the BCP, CoN Hymnal and the Confirmation Manual, etc. without which such candidates should not be presented to the Bishop when he visits. Furthermore, other members of the church coming for weddings and churching of women after childbirth, Induction/Admission into CMF & MU/WG and other rites are to also pay their Endowment Funds or show proof of payment. This money is to be faithfully and fully remitted to the Diocese.**
- Priests/Church Teachers in charge of churches/stations are to please endeavor to send in advance (2 weeks) to the Bishop a copy of the service programme for his scheduled visits to their churches.
- Leaders of Prayer Groups should carry out their activities as directed. Those whose Patron Saints' days fall within this quarter should celebrate them. The Chaplains and Diocesan Coordinators are to ensure compliance.
- **Priests and their churches including the Activity Groups – CMF, MU/WG, AYF, etc are hereby reminded that they are to compulsorily patronize the Diocesan Printing Press for all their printing jobs for church services, conferences, special events, weddings, funerals, etc. and obtain payment receipts from the Press.** Those who fail in this regard will be seriously sanctioned after necessary Diocesan audit. - **The Diocesan Bookshop at the All Saints' Cathedral** caters for all your stationeries, literature, vestments and Communion elements needs. Churches, institutions, priests and members of the Diocese are hereby encouraged to patronize it.
- All churches and individuals still indebted to the Diocese in one way or the other are hereby reminded to clear all such debts without further delay.
- The clergy and members of all Church Family Life/Marriage Committees should ensure as a matter of Diocesan Policy that all couples preparing for their weddings in Evo Churches mandatorily carry out all their pre-wedding medical tests/examinations in our BEM Hospital. Similarly, all Diocesan schools Principals are to send to BEMH their newly admitted students/pupils and employed staff for their necessary medical examinations.



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Bishop, Diocese of Evo

31st December, 2020