

MEET YOUR NEW PASTOR

Fr. Kizito Okhuoya was born and raised in Minna, Nigeria by his parents Raphael (deceased) and Beatrice Okhuoya. He has three brothers, four sisters and several nephews and nieces who all live in Nigeria.

Fr. Kizito completed his seminary formation at St. Augustine Major Seminary, Jos in 1995 and was ordained a priest for the Catholic Diocese of Minna on September 14, 1996.

He served as pastor for about eight years in three parishes in Nigeria before coming to the United States and the Archdiocese of Omaha in 2004.

Prior to his appointment as Pastor of St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre and St. William Niobrara, plus more recently pastor of St. Andrew, Bloomfield, Fr. Kizito served as Associate pastor at St. Thomas More Church, Omaha (2004-2010), St. Wenceslaus Church, Omaha (2010-2013) and Chaplain of Our Lady Queen of Africa Omaha (2006-2013).

Since 2004 Fr. Kizito has completed MSc in Clinical Counseling, and MA in Christian Spirituality. He is currently a doctoral candidate in the Department of Philosophy and Theology, Barry University, Miami Florida. Also, Fr. Kizito has completed at least three years of clergy leadership training with Good Leaders, Good Shepherds and Divine Renovation Network; and attended several hours of pastoral leadership workshops and seminars. Fr. Kizito's academic interests revolves around Ministry, Ecclesiology, Virtue Ethics and Leadership. Other areas of interest include: Spirituality, Psychology and Non-profit organizations. Fr. Kizito is the founder of Hope Connecting Hearts Nigeria, an international non-profit that helps to make education accessible and affordable in the poor and remote regions of Nigeria.

Fr. Kizito's hobbies include reading, helping others, visiting, traveling, watching wildlife, listening and watching news and sports channels, and golfing. He is a fan of the Los Angeles Lakers and the Golden State Warriors. Also, He is the unofficial chaplain of the Huskers! Go Big Red!