

**IBADAN CATHOLIC ALTAR SERVER'S ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA,  
ST. RITA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, AROMETA, IBADAN,  
LAITY ANNUAL REPORT OF PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR - {2025}.**

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❖ **STATUS OF CURRENT EXECUTIVE (EXCO) - ALTAR SERVERS' ASSOCIATION (YEAR 2025).**

The leadership of the Association for the 2025 tenure is vested in the Executives who have been entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating all spiritual, administrative, moral, and social activities of the Altar Servers' Association. It is important to note that during the period of our election, we were more in number; however, due to school engagements, relocation, and other unavoidable circumstances, some members were unable to continue serving in their executive capacity. As a result, replacements were appointed to ensure continuity, effective leadership, and the smooth running of the association.

We officially assumed our respective positions in **2022** and have remained committed and active in leadership up until this present year **2025**, working together to maintain discipline, unity, growth, and active participation among all altar servers.

The executives are as follows:

S/N	NAME	CAPACITY
1	Olisa Emeka Callistus	President
2	Paul Josephine	Secretary
3	Onumabor Hannah	Financial Secretary
4	Akosa Edwin	Treasurer
5	Odusanya Emmanuel	Public Relations Officer (PRO)

The Altar Servers' Association currently has a total of **25** registered and recognized members, out of which about **15** are active participants regularly involved in liturgical and organizational engagements. The association continues to welcome, train, and mentor new members to maintain continuity, discipline, and active participation in the service of God at the altar.

## **LIST OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2025 WITH DATE/VENUE**

### **1. BIBLE STUDY**

**Date:** January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Location:** Parish Hall

#### **Highlights/Achievements:**

- ✧ **Active Participation:** Members consistently and actively engaged in the weekly study sessions.
- ✧ **Positive Outcomes:** The sessions led to improved Scripture knowledge and enhanced group bonding among members.

#### **Constraints/Problems:**

- ✧ Some members didn't show up due to the resumption of school sessions, indicating a scheduling conflict.
- ✧ Limited number of Bibles for group study.
- ✧ Some servers were shy to contribute during discussions.

#### **Recommendations:**

- ✧ Begin publicity earlier in December to encourage participation and to increase awareness and encourage maximum participation for future sessions.
- ✧ Provide shared study materials or digital resources for easy access.
- ✧ Encourage peer-to-peer follow-up to improve attendance.
- ✧ Introduce interactive activities (quiz, role play) to make sessions more engaging.

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### **2. SPORT FIESTA**

**Date:** February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Location:** Community Field

### **Highlights/Achievements:**

- ✧ Discovered talented servers with strong sports abilities.
- ✧ Cheerful interactions between senior and junior servers.

### **Outcomes from the Activity:**

- ✧ Increased participation of junior servers in future activities.
- ✧ Boosted morale, making servers more active and engaged in parish life.
- ✧ Enhanced sense of belonging and pride in being part of the association.

### **Constraints/Problems:**

- ✧ Insufficient sports kits and uniforms for all players.
- ✧ Limited funds for refreshments and medals.
- ✧ Scheduling conflict with some school activities reduced attendance.

### **Recommendations:**

- ✧ Organize a fundraising event or seek parish support for sports materials.
  - ✧ Introduce rotational practice sessions to keep servers active throughout the year.
  - ✧ Plan dates earlier to avoid clashing with school programs.
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## **3. LENTEN RETREAT**

**Date:** March, 2025

**Location:** Main Church

### **Highlights/Achievements:**

- ✧ Deepened spiritual life of members; confession and adoration were impactful.
- ✧ Improved understanding of the Eucharist and service at the altar.
- ✧ Strengthened discipline and commitment to their duties.

### **Outcomes from the Activity:**

- ✧ Increased reverence and attentiveness of servers during liturgy.
- ✧ Many servers renewed their dedication to serving at Mass.
- ✧ Stronger bond of unity and fraternity among altar servers.

### **Constraints/Problems:**

- ✧ Transportation challenges for servers from distant areas.
- ✧ Some junior servers found it difficult to concentrate during long sessions.

**Recommendations:** Arrange parish bus service for future retreats.

- ✧ Provide parish bus service or pooling arrangement for transport.
  - ✧ Seek parish or donors' support to subsidize materials and meals.
  - ✧ Break long sessions into shorter, interactive segments to engage younger servers.
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## **4. PICNIC**

**Date:** April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**Location:** Schoenstatt Communities

### **Highlights/Achievements:**

- ✧ Fun activities including games, music, and group meals.
- ✧ Senior and junior servers bonded outside liturgical duties.
- ✧ Opportunity for relaxation after the busy Lenten season.

### **Achievements:**

- ✧ Strengthened friendship and unity among servers.
- ✧ Boosted morale and participation in subsequent church activities.
- ✧ Created a welcoming atmosphere for new members to integrate.

### **Outcomes from the Activity:**

- ✧ Increased sense of belonging among servers.
- ✧ Positive feedback encouraged more active involvement in altar service.
- ✧ Improved teamwork and cooperation through group games.

### **Constraints/Problems in Carrying Out the Activity:**

- ✧ Limited budget restricted variety of games and refreshments.
- ✧ Some members could not attend due to school and family commitments.

### **Recommendations:**

- ✧ Organize early fundraising or contributions to improve resources.
  - ✧ Prepare indoor backup options in case of bad weather.
  - ✧ Fix the date earlier to ensure higher participation.
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## **5. MAY DEVOTION**

**Date:** May, 2025

**Location:** Main Church

### **Highlights:**

- ✧ Daily rosary prayers led by servers.
- ✧ Marian hymns and reflections shared after each session.
- ✧ Participation of both senior and junior servers in leading prayers.

### **Achievements:**

- ✧ Strengthened devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary among altar servers.
- ✧ Built confidence of junior servers in public prayer leadership.
- ✧ Promoted punctuality and discipline through daily attendance.

### **Outcomes from the Activity:**

- ✧ Increased spiritual commitment among altar servers.
- ✧ Greater reverence observed during liturgical celebrations.
- ✧ Unity among servers improved through shared devotion.

### **Constraints/Problems in Carrying Out the Activity:**

- ✧ Decline in attendance during weekdays due to school schedules.
- ✧ Some servers lacked rosaries or prayer booklets.
- ✧ Weather interruptions (rain) sometimes affected turnout.

### **Recommendations:**

- ✧ Provide rosaries and booklets for servers who need them.
  - ✧ Encourage family involvement to sustain weekday attendance.
  - ✧ Prepare indoor prayer space when weather is unfavorable.
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## **6. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**Date:** 18th July, 2025

**Location:** Parish Hall of St. Richard for the Quiz

### **Highlights/Achievements:**

- ✧ Participated in a quiz competition in St. Richard, which some of our servers represented us at the parish.
- ✧ Boosted confidence in public speaking, and performance.
- ✧ Strengthened collaboration between different age groups.
- ✧ Our parish team gained exposure by competing with neighboring parishes.
- ✧ Recognition for strong teamwork and discipline during the quiz.

### **Outcomes from the Activity:**

- ✧ Enhanced communication and leadership skills of participants.

- ✧ Increased enthusiasm and motivation to take part in parish and inter-parish activities.
- ✧ Promoted healthy competition and teamwork among altar servers.

#### **Constraints/Problems in Carrying Out the Activity:**

- ✧ Some activities ran longer than scheduled due to large participation.
- ✧ Limited resources (props, costumes, and writing materials).
- ✧ A few members were shy and needed encouragement to present.
- ✧ Transportation challenges for the quiz team to the host parish.

#### **Recommendations:**

- ✧ Improve time management by limiting participants per category.
  - ✧ Provide better resources for drama and creative displays.
  - ✧ Introduce mentorship where seniors coach juniors before presentations.
  - ✧ Arrange transportation and earlier rehearsals for inter-parish competitions.
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## **7. SEMINAR / WORKSHOP**

**Date:** June 28th, 2025

**Location:** Parish Hall

#### **Highlights:**

- ✧ Seminar focused on leadership, discipline, personal growth and liturgical roles.
- ✧ Resource persons included the parish priest and invited facilitators.
- ✧ Interactive sessions with questions, group discussions, and role play.

#### **Achievements:**

- ✧ Improved understanding of altar servers' responsibilities at Mass.
- ✧ Equipped senior servers with leadership and mentoring skills.
- ✧ Inspired junior servers to be more disciplined and committed.

### **Outcomes from the Activity:**

- ✧ Increased confidence of servers in handling liturgical duties.
- ✧ Better cooperation between executive leaders and members.
- ✧ Greater interest in learning church traditions and values.

### **Constraints/Problems in Carrying Out the Activity:**

- ✧ Not enough handouts and training materials for all participants.
- ✧ Some servers could not attend due to school exams.
- ✧ Limited time prevented covering all planned topics in detail.

### **Recommendations:**

- ✧ Print adequate training materials or share digital copies in advance.
  - ✧ Schedule the workshop to avoid clashes with school exams.
  - ✧ Organize follow-up mini-sessions to cover topics not treated.
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## **8. EXCURSION**

**Proposed Date:** August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

**Location:** National Museum

### **Highlights:**

- ✧ The program was scheduled to expose altar servers to educational and recreational experiences outside the parish.
- ✧ Activities planned included sightseeing, cultural education, and team bonding.

### **Achievements:**

- ✧ The excursion could not be carried out.

### **Outcomes from the Activity:**

- ✧ No practical outcomes since the activity was not executed.
- ✧ Raised awareness of the need for financial planning in future programs.

### **Constraints/Problems in Carrying Out the Activity:**

- ✧ Harsh economic situation made funding the trip difficult.
- ✧ High transportation and logistics costs exceeded available resources.
- ✧ Lack of external sponsorship or support.

### **Recommendations:**

- ✧ Seek sponsorship or parish support early in the year for excursions.
  - ✧ Consider low-cost local alternatives (e.g., visiting nearby educational centres or parks).
  - ✧ Organize fundraising activities specifically targeted at supporting such outings.
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## **9. ALTAR SERVERS WEEK**

**Date:** September 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Location:** Parish Extended Building

### **Highlights:**

- ✧ Daily activities including Masses, talks, games, and group reflections.
- ✧ Training on proper liturgical practices and discipline.

### **Achievements:**

- ✧ Gave servers visibility and recognition within the parish.
- ✧ Strengthened the spiritual, social, and moral formation of servers.
- ✧ Built stronger unity among members through prayer and recreation.

### **Outcomes from the Activity:**

- ✧ Improved participation of servers in parish liturgical functions.
- ✧ Inspired junior servers to take their roles more seriously.
- ✧ Increased collaboration between the servers and other parish groups.

#### **Constraints/Problems in Carrying Out the Activity:**

- ✧ Limited funds prevented executing all planned events.
- ✧ Organizers experienced fatigue due to the week-long schedule.
- ✧ Some members were unable to attend weekday activities because of school.

#### **Recommendations:**

- ✧ Budget and seek sponsorship earlier in the year.
  - ✧ Share responsibilities across subcommittees to reduce stress on leaders.
  - ✧ Adjust weekday programs to evenings or weekends for better attendance.
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### **10. OCTOBER DEVOTION**

**Date:** October, 2025

**Location:** Main Parish

#### **Highlights:**

- ✧ Daily recitation of the Rosary led by servers, catechists, and parish groups.
- ✧ Strong participation from parishioners, especially children and youths.
- ✧ Opportunity for spiritual growth and deeper devotion to Our Lady.

#### **Achievements:**

- ✧ Increased attendance and active involvement of altar servers throughout the month.
- ✧ Strengthened Marian devotion among parishioners.
- ✧ Improved altar servers' confidence in leading prayers publicly.

### **Outcomes from the Activity:**

- ✧ Deepened spirituality and communal prayer life in the parish.
- ✧ Built stronger unity among altar servers and the larger parish community.
- ✧ Inspired greater reverence and participation in liturgical activities.

### **Constraints/Problems in Carrying Out the Activity:**

- ✧ Weather interruptions (rain on some days) reduced attendance.
- ✧ Some altar servers struggled with consistency in daily participation due to school schedules.

### **Recommendations:**

- ✧ Assign a rotation schedule for altar servers to balance school and devotion.
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## **11. NOVENA / FEAST DAY**

**Date:** November 17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Location:** Parish Church

### **Highlights:**

- ✧ Daily Novena prayers, Masses, and spiritual teachings.
- ✧ Active involvement of servers in liturgy and choir support.
- ✧ Feast Day celebration was well-attended by servers and guests.
- ✧ Strong sense of unity and spiritual renewal across the parish community.

### **Achievements:**

- ✧ Deepened devotion and participation in parish spiritual life.
- ✧ Strengthened servers' liturgical roles and teamwork.
- ✧ Positive feedback from parishioners on the organization of the feast.

### **Outcomes from the Activity:**

- ✧ Renewed commitment to faith and parish activities.
- ✧ Greater recognition of altar servers' contributions during major parish events.
- ✧ Built stronger collaboration between altar servers, priests, and parish groups.

### **Constraints/Problems in Carrying Out the Activity:**

- ✧ Some invited speakers could not attend as scheduled.
- ✧ Minor challenges with organizing logistics for large attendance.

### **Recommendations:**

- ✧ Confirm guest speakers earlier and keep backup resource persons.
  - ✧ Improve logistical planning for large events, especially feast days.
  - ✧ Engage altar servers in more preparatory training for such big liturgical celebrations.
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## **12. GET TOGETHER**

**Date:** December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Location:** Parish Hall

### **Highlights:**

- ✧ Joyful end-of-year celebration with servers and parish community.
- ✧ Recognition of outstanding members for their dedication and service.
- ✧ Music, dance, and drama performances were successfully showcased.
- ✧ Strengthened bonds among servers, parents, and parishioners.

### **Achievements:**

- ✧ Boosted morale and appreciation among altar servers.
- ✧ Enhanced unity and fellowship through fun and relaxation.
- ✧ Highlighted the creative and artistic talents of members.

### **Outcomes from the Activity:**

- ✧ Renewed motivation and commitment to serve in the coming year.
- ✧ Stronger sense of belonging and teamwork among altar servers.
- ✧ Improved parent–parish–altar server relationship through shared celebration.

### **Constraints/Problems in Carrying Out the Activity:**

- ✧ Limited budget restricted the variety of activities and refreshments.
- ✧ Some planned side attractions (games/contests) could not be executed.

### **Recommendations:**

- ✧ Organize a small fundraising event or contribution drive before December to support the get-together.
  - ✧ Seek sponsorship or support from parish societies and individuals.
  - ✧ Plan early to accommodate more fun activities and refreshments for all participants.
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