

Deacon Virginus Osuagwu SDS

Background: Virginus grew up in Nigeria with four siblings and says he felt God calling him as early as five years of age. During his high school years, he was involved in the young Catholic students club as well as the debating society and farmers club, though his favorite subject was English.

He earned his undergraduate degree in philosophy from the Claretian Institute of Philosophy in Nekede Owerri, Nigeria before coming to the United States to attend St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Md. where he earned his master's degree in theology.

Prior to joining the Salvatorian Family, Virginus served eight years with the Claretian Missionaries Province of Nigeria, as personnel manager with Divine Referrals Nigeria Limited; and as a volunteer missionary to Cameroon.

"I believe in life. I believe in love. I believe in possibilities," he said.

Why the Salvatorians: The Family model of the Salvatorian community which views sisters, priests, brothers and laity as equals drew Virginus to discern with the Salvatorians. He says he feels called to prepare for the priesthood so that he can go out to live in ways that are life-giving to other members of the community and to the house of God.

Hobbies: Reading, writing and playing or watching soccer.

Favorite Quote: "We make a living by what we earn, but we make a life by what we give."

– Prophet T.B. Joshua.

Favorite Bible Passage: "We are ambassadors for Christ."

– 2 Corinthians 5:20



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