

Rev. Felix Ilesanmi Osasona, MSP



- Father Felix was born September 30, 1969 in Nigeria to Mr. Julius Osasona and Mrs. Cecilia Osasona. He is the second of seven children; the first of four sons.
 - Ordained a priest of the Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP) on June 24, 2000 in Abuja, Nigeria.
 - He worked in the Society's headquarters in Abuja, Nigeria as Secretary to the Superior General and Council of his Congregation (September 2000 – December 2001)
 - Assisted in formation program at MSP Formation House in Iperu-Remo, Nigeria (February 2002 – June 2002)
 - Associate Pastor of St. Peter the Apostle in Houston, Texas (July 2002 – October 2003)
 - Administrator/Chaplain of St. Eugene Catholic Chapel and Student Center on the campus of Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Florida (October 2003 – December 2007)
 - Assistant Director of MSP Mission Development Office in Houston, Texas (January 2008 – June 2009).
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- He enjoys listening to Christian inspirational music.
 - He takes as his own, the words of St. Paul: I am God's work of art (Ephesians 2:10).
 - He loves playing tennis, scrabble, and chess.

Inspiration to the priesthood:

Fr. Felix's vocation to the priesthood was inspired by Fr. Martin O'Hare, the SMA Irish priest who worked in his parish and gave him First Holy Communion at the age of seven. After he received First Holy Communion, he became an altar server and would go with Fr. Martin to the mission churches on Sundays for Masses. The dedication of this priest left an indelible mark on the young Felix's heart so much so that he felt called to the priesthood after elementary school. He would have entered the minor seminary then but his father objected. After secondary school, Fr. Felix proceeded to the university where he earned a B.Sc. in Chemistry. It was during his National Youth Service (a service year for Nigerian graduates) that he received the call to be a missionary priest. Fr. Felix served in Misau, Bauchi state in the northern part of Nigeria. His church was served by a priest who had to drive almost 100 km from the main parish to offer the Eucharist. Fr. Felix felt the need not only to be a priest but to be a missionary priest, serving the church where the need is greatest. That was how he joined the Missionary Society of St. Paul. He is proud to be an "Ambassador for Christ."