REPORT OF VISIT TO C.K.C. ONITSHA & DISCUSSIONS WITH CKC-AAA'S INTERLOCUTORS 28-29 January 2012

<u>Introduction</u>: The undersigned visited CKC campus briefly on 28 January 2012. Since the visit was unannounced and I was unable to reach the college principal Fr. Charles Okwumuo on the phone on short notice, I undertook a quick drive through tour of the campus.

<u>Brief Visit to CKC Campus 28 January 2012:</u> Due to the shortness of the notice and time constraint, I took an unescorted tour of the CKC campus, mainly to ascertain if any work had started on the college kitchen for which CKC-AAA had provided partial funding in the latter part of 2011. There were two important observations worth reporting:

- 1) The college thoroughfare had been tarred and the rehabilitation of most of drainage system completed. The landscaping was vastly improved with new hedges, plants and flowers on the tennis lawn/Assembly periphery. The Botanical garden in front of the Peter Odili Hall was flourishing. The landscaping in front of "Block E" clearly indicated a demarcated parking lot. Overall, the campus was clean and well kept. Additional dormitory buildings had been painted since the last time I was there.
- 2) The College Kitchen was still untouched. There were no changes and no signs that any work had been done or attempted. (See discussions with Principal Okwumuo below).

<u>Discussions with Actg. National Vice-President, Dr. C. Anyaeji:</u> After several futile attempts, on Sunday 29 January 2012, just before I left Nigeria, I was able to reach Ag. National V.P., Dr. Charles Anyaeji. We spent about twenty minutes on the phone. He informed me that the election for the Executives of the CKC Old Boys National Association slated for last year had not taken place. He was not at the last NEC meeting and had not seen the minutes. I too noted that CKC-AAA had not received the minutes of recent NEC meetings assuming such meetings took place. He undertook to contact the National Secretary, Mr. Onugha to send out the minutes and to update on developments.

Discussions with Principal Fr. Charles Okwumuo: In a subsequent telephone discussion with Fr. Charles Okwumuo (upon my return), I asked him why there had been no progress on the rehabilitation of the college kitchen. He indicated that though CKC-AAA had provided funding, he did not think the amount would be sufficient for the job. I informed him that the amount of N1 million (CKC-AAA's plus Agbimson's donation towards the kitchen project) represented a partial (about 50% of the) allotment. The balance was on hand and should have been remitted by the close of 2011, which was the understanding reached at the Fourth Quarter 2011 ExCom. I also informed him that CKC-AAA would expect a detailed report of the spending of the funds for the motivational awards and the kitchen project to be included in his report to the 2012 convention. I urged him to commence work immediately. Principal Okwumuo indicated that with this new insight, the kitchen rehabilitation project would start soon, once he has had the opportunity to consult with his superior, and the college proprietor, Archbishop Valerian Okeke.

<u>Conclusion:</u> This visit represented the fourth visit by CKC-AAA officials and representatives, (Aug. & Nov. 2011 and Jan. 2012) to the CKC Campus within the past six months.

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