CKC ONITSHA-2011 Sand Prints & Marble Etchings

- 1. "It is no exaggeration to say that the name **CKC** has the capacity to throw many doors open." ~ *Fr. Charles Okwumuo*, 22nd Principal of Christ the King College (C.K.C.) Onitsha
- 2. "It should still hold true, that anyone who has been so privileged to include CKC Onitsha on his resume, needs no further certification to validate his bona fides and a citizen in good standing.
 - ~ Amb. U. Joy Ogwu, 2009 Keynote address to CKC-AAA.
- 3. "This is great but not unexpected considering the global impact of CKC Alumni in all walks of life. Opinions may differ, but I personally believe that there is no other good secondary school in Nigeria like CKC. Long live our great alma mater and many thanks for the dedicated efforts of fine gentlemen like you and other alumni all over the world in the tireless promotion of the image of the School."
 - ~ C. O. Enwonwu, OON; FAS On learning that CKC was ranked the best school in Nigeria in 2009
- **4.** "How come we did not read/see this piece of information about our alma mater? [Christ the King College, Onitsha.] Our labors shall not be in vain. Primus." ~ Emma Onua, President, CKC-AAA
- 5. "Before we knock **CKC** too much, there is this sobering fact to consider: Remember the list of Africa's 100 best secondary schools? The last time (2 years ago) we looked at that list (from 2005), only 5 Nigerian schools made the list and CKC ranked highest of all Nigerian schools. I googled that list again this evening and have attached the 2009 list here. Again CKC ranked highest of any Nigerian secondary school at #36. The only other S.E. Nigerian school to show up (at a distant #75) is none other than Government College Umuahia. The venerable King's College was #85 and St. Greg's #99. Our GSSA did not make the list. Surprise. Surprise."
 - ~ Obi Nwasokwa, School Captain, GSSA, (Govt. College Afikpo) 1967-1970
- 6. "Comparatively, no other school in Anambra State is doing as well as **C.K.C.** and this is mainly due to the constructive engagement of the alumni and branches such as **CKC-AAA**. I hope they will not relent in their efforts at raising the standards."
 - ~ Emmanuel Ezenduka, 21st Principal of Christ the King College (C.K.C.) Onitsha
- 7. "My vision as the new principal and manager is to return CKC to her prime position as the leading Secondary School East of the Niger not only in academics but in sound morals, sports, human relationship and other areas of human endeavour.... I see a CKC which recovers, sustains and surpasses her international reputation as the leading Secondary School in Nigeria."
 - ~ Fr. Charles Okwumuo, Principal of C.K.C Onitsha in his Maiden 2011 State of the School Report
- 8. "As a product of a Catholic Secondary School, myself; albeit a school, a few hundred miles on the other side of the Niger Bridge, I know that **CKC** is a highly esteemed Catholic Secondary School."
 - ~ Ejeviome Eloho Otobo, CKC-AAA 2010 Convention Guest Keynote Speaker
- 9. "We call ourselves the Amaka Boys for a reason. We knew what we had at **CKC** and we are all very proud and confident to have graduated from **CKC**. The number of National leaders that **CKC** has produced for our Country evidences this."
 - ~ Eddyfunn Ikemefuna, In his welcome address to CKC-AAA 2010 Convention
- 10. "As such, many of you would have liked your children to do their secondary school at CKC in order to share in your experience and also to be culturally rooted before coming abroad. Today, it is not possible precisely because the standards are no longer that high. This is why the efforts of CKC-AAA to in contributing to maintain the high standards of CKC are very much appreciated."
 - ~ Ejeviome Eloho Otobo, CKC-AAA 2010 Convention Guest Keynote Speaker
- 11. "I wear the "white-and-blue" school blazer with absolute pride! The contributions of **CKC-AAA** to the school have been trail-blazing, and indeed serve as a model for many other schools and their alumni. As one who was privileged to oversee such efforts for two years, I am very proud of our Boys and their generosity toward the rebuilding and revitalizing projects that we have embarked upon."
 - ~ Emma Onua, President, CKC-AAA

- 12. "For our part, we have led by example, with our proactive engagement, which has yielded discernible results, notably, funding C.K.C.'s revitalization and spearheading its return of to the Catholic mission on 1 January 2009. Second, we have a say in those who run our alma mater and including the principal and his staff. Third, we motivate the students and the staff to be the best they can be. Finally, we see it as our duty to create an enabling environment, for those privileged like us, to attend C.K.C., and to make the school attractive for those who would seek the very best for their children and wards. That is not a mission impossible!"
 - ~ Oseloka Obaze, in a 2010 Editorial in The Amaka Gazette
- 13. "I am grateful to the Alumni Association for the various monumental development projects they have individually and collectively executed in the school, which have in no small way singled out **CKC** as the BEST Secondary School in the state in terms of physical development, layout and maintenance culture."
 - ~ Emmanuel Ezenduka, Principal of CKC in his 2010 Ste of the School report
- 14. "Rebranding education in **CKC** is necessary. **CKC** must remain one of the best schools in Nigeria. Our goal is to make it even better. This is not an insurmountable challenge, as long as there is a collective commitment amongst all of us."
 - ~ Eddyfunn Ikemefuna, In his welcome address to CKC-AAA 2010 Convention
- 15. "CKC-AAA continues to give primacy to motivating deserving students and teachers and remains cognizant of its role as a catalytic enabler and booster for the overall restoration of the college to its erstwhile eminent and enviable status."
 - ~ CKC-AAA 2010 State of the Association Report
- 16. "Our calling is enriched when we are able to serve because service to others is the greatest act of humanity. To some people, a decision to serve might be a struggle. For me, it is part of who I am.
 - ~ Dr. Jude Nwokenwko, CKCAAA Member (Illinois Chapter) declaring for public office in 2010.
- 17. "In 1943, St. Patrick's College Ikot Ansa, played one of its greatest football matches in the history of the college. It played against **Christ the King College, Onitsha.** For years, CKC had reigned supreme in college football throughout the Eastern part of Nigeria. Previously, when we met, we were beaten 6 to 1 in Onitsha. In 1943, we hosted them to raise funds for war relief (the 2nd World War). Ten minutes into the start of the game, one of our players (late Tom Alu) was carried off the field of play with a severe injury. We played 10 men against their 11. The match ended in a draw. This was when our football fame started."
 - ~ In Birth of a College, SPC Calabar website
- 18. "First and foremost, I want to congratulate **CKC AAA**, The Amaka Gazette and its editorial crew for the beautiful things you are doing; and above all, for your passion for **CKC** even in a foreign land. You have taught us to appreciate what we have."
 - ~ Fr. Charles Okwumuo, 22nd Principal of Christ the King College (C.K.C.) Onitsha
- 19. "We should all try and reach out and touch someone, especially the younger ones, so that the world can get more people in the mold of the Hon Secretary and all bona fide and properly brought up 'Amaka boys' To paraphrase the US Marines; We are looking for a few good men! Our Hon Secretary is already a good man and more... How can we find more like him, for us, our dear country and humanity ...that's the real challenge! I pray that where ever we find ourselves in this universe with all its discouraging vicissitudes; we should try and contribute a 'little' of ourselves to that higher CKC ideal we should all strive not to leave this place the way we found it, after what CKC did for us all." ~~Dan Ngerem , (CKC Class of 75)
- 20. "I knew Hon. Justice Aniagolu very well, from when I was a little boy in Enugu. My dad and uncle were close. We all lived closed by at Park Lane Enugu. Tony, Emeka (Greg) Charles (BBC) Lorretta et al, were our childhood chums. Justice Aniagolu lived a good life, was an excellent Jurist âand one of the best, and has gone to take a well-earned rest in eternal life. God be with him." ~ Olisa Agbakoba, SAN, Message to CKC-AAA on passing of CKC Icon, Justice Anthony Aniagolu
- 21. "Our two associations will continue to march on together, facing the challenge of our history responsibly by seeking to realize our shared vision of our alma maters as places where once again "bonitas, disciplina, scientia" prevail and kids are raised above all to Fear God and Honor the king and thereby to fulfill their God-given potential. God willing, we shall succeed beyond our wildest dreams and CKC and GSSA shall rise again to new and hitherto unheard of heights."
 - ~ Obi Nwasokwa, Chairman of the Board, Govt. Secondary School Afikpo, Alumni Assoc.