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PROFESSOR CELESTINE ONWULIRI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS – INSTITUTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OF MBAISE INDEGINES (ILMI)

The International Liaison of Mbaise Indigenes is comprised of Mbaise sons and daughters resident in different parts of the world who speak with one voice on issues that affect the Mbaise Nation at home and abroad. ILMI is a non-partisan, nonprofit, and non-governmental organization of the sons and daughters of Mbaise in Diaspora. Our mission is to promote peace, security, education, demand accountability and good governance from our leaders as well as engage in activities that will foster social and economic development in Mbaise - our homeland.

As Umu Mbaise in Diaspora, we have a duty to see to it that the virtues and ideals for which Professor Celestine Onwuliri was known for will **NEVER** be forgotten.

In fulfillment of the promise this Association made during the burial ceremony of Prof. CEO Onwuliri last year by her Secretary – Dr. Collins Ugochukwu on behalf of the Association, the International Liaison of Mbaise Indigenes (ILMI) instituted these Annual Scholarships in memory of Professor Celestine Onwuliri. The scholarships shall be named **The Professor Celestine Onwuliri Memorial Scholarships.**

Professor Onwuliri was an illustrious son of Mbaise who contributed immensely to the raising of the profile of Mbaise and its citizens during his lifetime, especially in the academic area. This scholarship will provide financial support to prospective students of Mbaise origin who attend a two-year College of Technology or a four-year University education in Nigeria.

Each beneficiary of this maiden scholarship will receive the sum of N100, 000.00 for only one academic session to help for school fees, upkeep and books.

On behalf of the President of the Association – Dr. Charles Onyegbule Uzoaru, I hereby announce the following **SIX** candidates are the winners of the maiden Professor Celestine Onwuliri Memorial Scholarship for 2013:

- 1. **ANAELE, CHUKWUDI S.** Nguru Nweke Aboh Mbaise LGA (Student of Imo State University, Owerri)
- 2. **OBANI, IZUCHUKWU P.** Ibeku Okwuato Aboh Mbaise LGA (Student of Federal University of Technology, Owerri)

- 3. **ONUOHA, STELLAMARIS U.** Otulu Ahiara Ahiazu Mbaise LGA (Student of Federal University of Technology, Owerri)
- 4. **IBELECHE, KELECHI T.** Amuzi Ahiazu Mbaise LGA (Student of Federal University of Technology, Owerri)
- 5. **AMUZIE, OSINACHI C.** Eziagbogu Ezinihitte LGA (Student of Abia State University, Uturu)
- 6. **NWACHUKWU, CASMIR C.** Ihitte Ezinihitte LGA (Student of University of Uyo, Akwa Ibom State)

Finally, our prayers are with his wife, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri, his children and the entire Onwuliri family. May the soul of Prof. Celestine Onwuliri continue to rest in the Lord. Amen.

Msgr. Theo Nwalor Diocesan Administrator, Ahiara Diocese

On behalf of Dr. Charles Onyegbule Uzoaru, MD

President International Liaison of Mbaise Indigenes (ILMI)

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