

## **Profile of Fr. Ambrose Akalawu**



My Name is Ambrose Akalawu. I come from Umuagu-Aguneze Ahiara in Ahiazu LGA of Imo State, NIGERIA. I am the first of 12 children born to Mr. & Mrs. Clement & Beatrice Ibeawuchi. After my primary education I entered the Junior Seminary where I obtained my GCE Ordinary and Advanced levels. I entered the Holy Ghost Novitiate in 1964 and was professed into the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, Under the Congregation I studied Philosophy and Theology and was ordained in 1971.

I worked as Associate Parish priest for four months and as Parish priest for three years under Bishop Mark Unegbu. To date, that was my only parish leadership experience- a fact I regret but can not help. I went into the school system in 1974 and was made a High School principal in 1979. I left my last school-(Okeovoro-Mbaise Sec. School) in 2000 for Sabbatical leave here in the USA. I got into the Hospital Chaplaincy here and was certified in 2007 by the College of Clinical Pastoral Psychotherapy. Earlier in 1981-83, I was sent here to study Philosophy with the hope of going to teach in the Seminary-which I did for a short time, but later there was need to return to the School I co-founded in the North and so I had to change my course of studies. Besides my CPE Certification, I have MA Philosophy, & M.ED. FROM CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA. B.DIVINITY (ROME)

I now spend my time with the sick and their families. I take much joy in praying and conversing with the sick and sharing our spiritual, emotional and physical weakness of humanity. Many times we prepare to meet our creator God by way of returning to where we really belong- home/heaven.

I claim that I am, (or would like to be) an Apostle of the poor. To substantiate this claim, I have a foundation called -THANK YOU JESUS AND MERCY FOUNDATION. It is totally humanitarian and spiritual. A few good samaritans are helping but the economic melt-down is having its effect on the foundation.

We (Fr. Ambrose, the Management and the poor we take care of) will always appreciate your prayers and any other kind of help