

CHRIST THE KING COLLEGE (CKC), ONITSHA

2011 STATE OF SCHOOL REPORT BY REV FR. DR. CHARLES OKWUMUO PRINCIPAL/MANAGER

TARGET AUDIENCE: OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION OF THE COLLEGE

INTRODUCTION

I thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for giving me the opportunity to present to you the 2011 STATE OF SCHOOL REPORT. This situation report is a modest attempt to paint a true picture of C K C as it is today with all its strength, spots and wrinkles alike. It shows what the nascent administration in the College has done so far, what it is doing at present, what it plans to do and areas where your support as the Old boys of the College is critically needed. The report is more informative than evaluative.

A BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKDROP TO THE RECENT CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE COLLEGE

Sequel to the government handover of C K C to its rightful owner, the Catholic Church in Onitsha Archdiocese, a school Manager was appointed for the College in the person of Rev. Fr. Charles Okwumuo with effect from August 2010. This appointment was made by the proprietor of the College, His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Valerian Okeke, the Archbishop of Onitsha and the Metropolitan of Onitsha ecclesiastical province. However, owing to some serious problems in the school which came to the climax with the institution of a full audit of the school by Post Primary School Service Commission Awka, the Manager was named the Principal as well with effect from September 30, 2010. This happened in the presence of key members of Post Primary School Service Commission Awka., the immediate past Principal of the College, the Manager, the Archbishop of Onitsha, and all the teachers in the school. The teachers were addressed by the team and by the Archbishop. The students were also addressed briefly by the secretary of the Commission. Later, the change of signatories was affected to reflect the latest change in the administration of the school. Meanwhile, peace has returned to the college.

BIO DATA OF THE NEW PRINCIPAL:

BIRTH AND NATIONALITY: June 10, 1962;
Nigerian, from Umudim Nnewi in Nnewi North Local Government Area, Anambra State.

FIRST SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE: Modebe Memorial Primary School
Onitsha, 1976

G.C.E O' LEVEL: - : 1981

1983 : - One year teaching experience at All Hallows Seminary Onitsha under late Msgr. O. P. Achebe

1988: B. Phil (First Degree in Philosophy, Second Class Upper Division) from Bigard Memorial Seminary Ikot-Ekpene, an Affiliate of Pontifical Urban University Rome. 1988/89: - One year teaching experience at St. Pauls Seminary Ukpok, Anambra State.

June 1993: B.D. (First Degree in Theology Second class Upper Division) from Seat of Wisdom Major Seminary Owerri, an Affiliate of Pontifical/Urban University Rome

October 3,1993: Ordained a Catholic Priest for the Archdiocese of Onitsha. I have one decade of pastoral experience as Assistant Parish Priest, Parish priest, Secondary school Manager as well as College Principal at St. John's Secondary School Akwu-ukwu in Idemili North Local Government Area, Anambra State.

I hold a Post Graduate Diploma in Education(PGDE) from Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka with the thesis "A survey of the constraints of implementing continuous Assessment in Anambra State." From 2003 to 2010, I did Biblical Studies at Catholic Institute of West Africa Port- Harcourt in Affiliation with University of Calabar where I bagged the following Post Graduate degrees: MTH (2006), STL(2007), and PHD (2010). I pursued a Masters Degree in Education with specialization in Curriculum but did not complete this course. At present I am the Principal/ Manager, Christ the king College Onitsha.

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VISION

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. It is to recover and re-invent CKC as a fertile ground for the production of viable, veritable, integrated and world class personalities who will be useful to themselves, to God, the Society, Nigeria and humanity as a whole. I see a CKC which recovers, sustains and surpasses her international reputation as the leading Secondary School in Nigeria.

MISSION

My mission is to provide the best possible environment for teaching and learning understood in its comprehensive sense. In concrete terms. It is to ensure that all the classrooms, dormitories, the refectory, hall and indeed all the structures in CKC wear a new and standard look within a space of three years at most. CKC as her motto indicates must always hold in view, the indissoluble connection between discipline and knowledge. Consequently, an important part of my mission is to ensure that the highest standard of discipline is enforced and that excellence in academics becomes a priority of every member of CKC family, students and teachers alike.

C. K. C. AT PRESENT

POPULATION

At present, the students' population of C K C stands at two thousand five hundred and ninety seven (2,597). A breakdown of this figure shows that the population of Junior Secondary (JSS 1-3) is one thousand, three hundred and fifty (1,350) while that of Senior Secondary (SSI-3) is one thousand two hundred and forty seven (1,247). Out of total population of 2,597 students, 2079 are day students while 518 are boarders. The figure for boarders does not include 15 students who are special (Blind) students.

From the above statistics, it is evident that C K C is overpopulated and this puts a severe strain on quality teaching and learning, discipline and infrastructure. In response to this problem, there is a current emphasis on the need to reduce the student population. In line with the current Archdiocesan policy on education (which is the same in Awka, Nnewi and Orlu Dioceses), no Secondary School is allowed to admit more than 200 students in form 1 (JSS 1). It is hoped that overtime, this policy will help to reduce the population of C K C to manageable proportion.

Moreover, CKC has adopted the policy of " Fail and Fail Out" whereby the pass mark has been raised from 45% to 50% and any student who falls below this performance benchmark in three core subjects is automatically withdrawn from the School. This policy has been vigorously discussed and ratified by the Parents Teachers Association. The students themselves are equally aware of it. It is not meant to punish the students or create problems for their parents but to make everybody rise to the challenge of academic excellence.

TUTORIAL STAFF

To augment the numerical strength of teachers, it is customary in C K C to recruit P.T.A teachers as the need arises. At present, CKC has 67 government-paid teachers and 22 PTA-paid teachers. This brings the number of our tutorial staff to 89. This number however does not include the Youth Corpers and teaching practice students who are normally placed under the supervision of professional teachers. Furthermore, it does not include two teachers recruited recently by Anambra State government and sent to the school to teach computer. Please confer Appendix A for the tutorial staff distribution statistics of 2010/2011 academic session. It shows the names of government recruited teachers in C K C, Sex, Subject or area of specialization, qualification, subjects taught, number of periods, date of retirement and phone number. This information is confidential and not for personal use.

NON-TUTORIAL STAFF

The numerical strength of non-tutorial staff in C.K.C is 19. A breakdown of this figure shows the areas where they are working: Secretarial duties: 2
Computer: 2 excluding 2 recruited by the State Government Bursary: 3 Students' Cook: 6 Security: 5
Miscellaneous duties: 1
So, out of 19 non-tutorial staff working in C.K.C, 10 are paid by the Government while 9 are paid by the school.

RESIDENT STAFF

This refers to all the staff whether tutorial or non-tutorial who work and live within the College premises in order to take proper care of the students. At present, C.K.C has 18 resident staff. We have one chief hostel master, 8 house masters and 3 Assistant hostel masters. They enforce discipline, respond to emergency cases and supervise the students during the evening and night prep. They work under the supervision of the Vice Principal Administration and the Principal.

I hereby enclose in Appendix B, a sample of their duty roster. Since my residence is almost in the college premises, I check on the students at odd times, any time of the day or night.

DISCIPLINE AND ACADEMICS

The current administration in C.K.C has left no stone unturned in its effort to maintain discipline. Our first running battle with the students was on the issue of lateness to school and loitering. Other areas abound. However, with the personal involvement of parents who are often invited for discussion, the personal involvement of teachers and sometimes, security men, this problem has been reduced drastically. We can safely say that a certain level of discipline has returned to C K C.

It is my primary duty to ensure that students come out with nice results in both internal and external examinations. To achieve this, I have been working on teachers to be committed and dedicated to their work and to give regular class exercises and assignments to students and correct them accordingly. To ensure teacher effectiveness, teachers take part in teachers forum organized by the Counselling unit of Anambra State Post Primary Schools Service Commission. Giving prizes to outstanding teachers and students is another ways of providing motivation for academic excellence. We hope the Old Boys C.KC AAA can help us in this area as they have been doing in the past.

Please confer Appendix C, D, and E respectively for the result analyses of our last external examinations: WASCE (JS III and SS III) and NECO respectively. Continuous improvement in the performance of our students is a task that must be accomplished cost what it may.

To this end, we have employed more P.T.A teachers and recruited one part- time teacher. At present, we can say that we have enough teachers to handle the students in all the subjects. We also emphasize constant internal supervision and monitoring to ensure that teachers are on their duty post and that students learn properly. C.K.C. was highly rated and commended in the last clinical supervision by the Education Commission. It is hoped that our effort will yield fruit in subsequent external examinations.

Meanwhile, students of C.K.C have won prizes in various competitions organized by various professional bodies among Secondary schools in the state. Let us take a few examples in the recent past. In the Chemistry quiz competition organized by Chemical Society of Nigeria on 19th July, 2010, one of our students (Ozofor Chigozie) won the third position.

- (ii) In Mathematics quiz competition organized by LEAP AFRICA on September 27, 2010, two students of C.K.C got the first and second position.
- (iii) In another Science Competition sponsored by National institute of Physics, our student came third.
- (iv) In a Science quiz Competition sponsored by University of Ibadan Alumni on December 4,2010, a student of C.K.C took the first position.
- (v) In a Science quiz organized by Young African intellectual Association on December 14, 2010, our student took the second position.
- (vi) We have also won prizes in debate, essay and spelling competition.
- (vii) C.K. C. has also won prizes in the field of sports: in athletics, Chess and in singing competition.

INFRASTRUCTURE: PROJECTS ALREADY COMPLETED:

When I came to C.K.C last year, I discovered that there was a good deal of infrastructural decay in the school. I did a detailed and comprehensive listing of the structures in the school, what have gone bad in them and what it would take to fix them. It may be useful to enclose it in this report. Please confer Appendix F for classrooms, G for Hostels, H for Staff Quarters, Corpers' Lodge, External toilet and the College fence.

However, the actual cost of renovating the above mentioned buildings may be less than our estimated cost for the following reasons:

Some of the structures on the list have been renovated either in part or in whole.

- (1) The frontage of the College has been given a face lift.
- (2) Part of the fence has been plastered and painted while another part of the fence has been raised so that students can no longer scale it.
- (3) The manager's office has been renovated.
- (4) The School bore-hole which was hitherto grounded has been fixed so that students can get water twenty four hours a day.
- (5) Electrical problems in the classrooms, hostels and the staff quarters have been fixed.
- (6) A generator has been procured and installed so that students can make use of light during night prep whenever there is power outage.

- (7) Forty-five tables and 45 benches have been constructed for the use of students in the refectory. In addition, enough kettles, pots, long spoon and table mat have been provided for each table.
- (8) The students' Refectory has been renovated with ceramic tiles, burglary proof and iron doors for security reason. The Archbishop single handedly did the entire ceiling and flooded the entire refectory with light and ceiling fan. He has been incredibly supportive in many ways. I ask the Old Boys to join us in thanking His Grace. Confer 2 pictures labelled "Students Refectory".
- (9) The students' toilets in Heerey, Okagbue, Anyogu and Azikiwe hostels have been fixed. The toilets in Anyogu and Azikiwe hostels have been completely re-roofed.
- (10) The greater part of the toilets and bathroom (not all) in the Youth Corpers' Lodge have been fixed and new ones installed.
- (11) Out of the 4 classrooms at the U B E block (cf. Appendix F,p3), one classroom has been renovated.
- (12) Apart from SS 1 Classrooms (Appendix F, page 3. cf also pictures marked SS 1 block) which have neither doors, windows nor good ceiling), all the smashed doors and windows in the academic block, whether wooden or metal have been repaired or replaced. Now, all the classrooms except SS I Block can be kept under lock and key.
- (13) At the staff quarters, 4 rooms have been refurbished for the use of teachers.
- (14) To check truancy and loitering, a small security outpost has been erected for security men on duty near the staff quarters.
- (15) A new marching band has been procured for the students but a new uniform is still needed to replace the old one.
- (16) A few days before our last Inter-House Sports, we succeeded in getting the philanthropist who constructed the school Lawn Tennis Court to refurbish it.

Furthermore, he promised to construct a new volley ball pitch for the students of C.K.C.

- (17) Apart from the Sports equipment donated recently to C.K.C by Anambra State Government, we have purchased more sports equipment to supplement the existing ones.
- (18) Apart from the main field which had been and is still in use, another standard Football pitch has been marked from the lower field. The goal posts and their nets have been put in place so that students can make use of the two fields. On several occasions, some street boys make a large hole on the fence and through it gain access to the school field. We keep plugging this hole while trying to apprehend the culprits through our Security men.

Moreover, we have in the recent time, hired a professional coach to train our junior and senior team.

- (19) As the population of our special students keep increasing by the day, Nigerwives Braille Book Production Centre, P.O Box 542241, Falomo Lagos, Tel. 01 - 2700631 donated 5 cartons of Braille books containing 102 copies to Christ the King College, Onitsha. This was dispatched on 20th December 2010 and received on 17th January 2011. Another Philanthropist from Lagos donated 200 copies of a Chemistry Text book to the school. Finally, after an interactive session with our students, UBA donated some inspirational volumes to the school. Donations of current books from our benefactors is one of the ways of enriching our library. This will be highly appreciated.

ON-GOING PROJECTS AT THE MOMENT

Apart from the above mentioned projects which have been completed, the following projects are still under construction at the time of writing.

- (1) Mending the leaking roof at all the hostels and staff quarters. Originally, our estimated cost analysis was based on complete re-roofing of the entire hostels and staff quarters but later, we discover that this may not be necessary now since some of the zinc are still strong and do not require

replacement. So, presently, we are replacing and refurbishing only what is necessary, while leaving intact, those which have not gone bad.

- (2) Relocation of the School Canteen from one flank of the students' refectory and creating more windows with burglary proof so as to improve natural ventilation in the refectory.
- (3) Fixing and replacement of smashed windows and doors at Tagbo and Brolly hostels.
- (4) Renovation of SS II Block which is an old building containing 3 classrooms with leaking roof. It also requires ceiling and flooring. Please confer Appendix F, p.2. Confer also the picture labelled SS II Block.

PROJECTS TO BE EXECUTED

We have planned to execute the following projects as soon as possible and this is precisely where we are in dire need of financial assistance from the Old Boys CKC AAA.

- (1) The renovation of SS I Block which has 6 classrooms and I staff room (cf Appendix F,p3).
It needs flooring, ceiling, doors and windows. Confer also pictures labelled SS I Block.
- (2) Purchase of a plasma television for students use so that they can listen to the news and watch programs that are informative , educating and entertaining in accordance with the school time table. This is one of the ways of making the school interesting and reducing the temptation to sneak out of the school premises.
- (3) Procuring a generator for the refectory so that the students can have access to light when there is power outage.
- (4) Painting the entire refectory or dinning hall.
- (5) Flooring of the classrooms and dormitories where necessary.
- (6) Repair and replacement of all the damaged doors and windows in the hostels.
Our estimate is based on metal windows which can be quite expensive .Here we might as well use wooden windows to cut down the cost. We shall also put mosquito net at the windows.
- (7) Finally, we shall paint all the classrooms and dormitories.
- (8) Installing ceiling fan in all our staff room, classrooms and dormitories.
- (9) Ensuring that the floor of all our staff room is covered with at least a carpet.
- (10) The structure which houses our physics laboratory needs urgent attention as the ceiling is falling off in bits. Please confer the picture marked "Physics Lab".
- (11) Rehabilitation of external toilet and bathroom. Apart from the toilet and bathroom in every hostel, CKC has one big external toilet containing ten rooms and one big external bathroom which may be used by any student in need. Please confer pictures marked "External toilet" and "External Bathroom". Both need rehabilitation but it is external toilet that needs urgent attention.
- (12) We need to relocate our computer laboratory from the ground floor to the topmost floor for security and other logistics reasons.
- (13) We shall fortify and refurbish the school fence.
- (14) Building a standard clinic in the college to meet the medical needs of our students.
- (15) An arrangement is under way to grade and tar the main entrance to C.K.C as well as the road which runs from the main gate through the academic block to the student's refectory. All things being equal and by the grace of God, this may be done at no cost to C.K.C.
- (16) Finally, we shall beautify the compound with more flowers but this will be done in phases.

CONCLUSION

Our plan is to execute all our projects within a space of three years. As the first year threatens to roll by, we have indicated the projects that have been completed already, the ones that are still under construction at

the moment and those which will take off in the immediate future. What it means is that by the end of the long vacation this year, we shall be left with two years to complete all our projects. We are leaving no stone unturned to achieve this goal. The Archbishop has been wonderful and the P T A has not been unsupportive.

Our current emphasis on infrastructural development is not necessarily on execution of new structures but on rehabilitation of the old ones and on maintenance culture. There are so many structures on the ground in C.K.C but they are not in the best of shapes. Like I did say during the last inter house sports in C.K.C., "The Government take over of schools came with a huge infrastructural deficit. Without the Old Boys, C.K.C would have been a shadow of itself". In the midst of these rare samples of Old Boys, C.K.C AAA is in a class of its own. Your support for C.K.C has been phenomenal to say the least. The records available in the school, the Amaka Gazette of your 13th Annual convention in Chicago, some of the structures and facilities on the ground in C.K.C especially the imposing school gate, your prizes for outstanding teachers and students in C.K.C all bear eloquent testimony to your love, your sacrifices, your passion and your support for C.K.C.

While we are full of thanks and appreciation for what you have done for the school so far, we believe that this is the time when your assistance is needed the most. We are committed to making the most judicious use of every kobo which enters C.K.C. Our accountability shall be transparent.

By the grace of God, we shall do our very best to realize our dream for C.K.C. We shall be unstoppable! .

Wishing you all the best in your deliberations as I pray the Almighty God to bless you, keep you and grant you your hearts desire.

Bonitas .

Primus



Rev. Fr. Dr. Charles Okwumo
(Principal/Manager)

May the fame of our College last forever!!
Long live C.K.C AAA