



DAY ONE

TUESDAY 12TH MARCH 2024

“Community Life, the axis around which Augustinian Religious Life turns: Charting the UAFA Path”

Eucharist

The day began with the Holy Mass that was presided by the President of UAFA, Rev. Fr. Anthony Kanu, OSA at 7 am. Concelebrating were Fr Felix Usman and Mark Jande.

Conference/Workshop

At the Opening ceremony, the Prior General, Most Rev. Fr. Alejandro Anton Moral, OSA; the Assistant General for Africa, Fr Edward Daleng, OSA; the President of UAFA, Fr Anthony Kanu, OSA; the Vicar for the Vicariate of Kenya, Fr Robert Karanja, OSA; the Vicar for the Vicariate of Tanzania, Fr Cosmas Azenga, OSA; the Vicar for the Vicariate of Congo, Fr Martin Banga, OSA were present among other friars from Tanzania, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, South Africa Togo and Algeria.

The meeting began at 9:35AM with prayer led by Fr Jude Ossai, OSA. This was followed by the UAFA delegates/Members from different parts of Africa and Europe introducing themselves.

Welcome Address by the President of UAFA: Fr. Antony Kanu, OSA

The President welcomed the Prior General of the Order and his Assistant for Africa, and all the members of the UNION and called for sincere discussions around who WE are; how we have been WE, and how we can become a better WE together.

Message of the Prior General, Fr. Alejandro Moral Anton, OSA

He expressed happiness for being part of the historic event (UAFA Conference) taking place in Africa, and encouraged the brothers on the path of brotherhood and collaboration among the circumscriptions in Africa.

Message of the Assistant Prior General for Africa, Fr. Edward Daleng, OSA

He congratulated UAFA for bringing the brothers together in Africa for the conference and emphasized the importance of preserving our Augustinian identity, preparing formators for the formation houses in Africa and the need to spread the Order in Africa.



Presentation by the Secretary of UAFA: Fr. Daniel Male, OSA

He presented the recent developments in UAFA, which include:

- a. launching a new website for UAFA
- b. launching an online Journal for UAFA (AUGUSTINE DISCOURSE) as a ground for Augustinians in Africa to express ideas on Augustine and the African society. The editors of the Journal are: Fr. Jude Ossai, OSA (Editor in Chief), and Fr. Daniel Male, OSA (Assistant Editor).

c. Purpose and Objectives of UAFA: Collaboration, Apostolic growth, Fraternal forum, Aid and support, Policy Promotion and Expansion of the Order in Africa.

d. Areas for Collaboration: Initial and on-going formation, Studies and Research, Publications, Mission, Creation of organizations like NGOs, Associations and Foundations

Paper Presentation by Fr Jude Ossai OSA

The lead paper for the conference was presented by Fr Jude Ossai, OSA on the theme of the conference: “Community Life, the axis around which Augustinian Religious Life turns (Cons. no. 26): Charting the UAFA Path”. During his presentation, he outlined the major elements of Augustinian spirituality: Interiority, Community Life, Service to the Church, humility and ongoing conversion.



Reports from different Circumscriptions in Africa

Reports were presented on the state of the province of Nigeria by its Prior Provincial; on the Vicariate of Tanzania by its Vicar; On the Vicariate of St. Rita Kenya by its Vicar; on the Vicariate of Congo by its Vicar; on the state of affairs in the Augustinian missions in Algeria, South Africa and Togo.

The conference came to a close with a prayer led by Fr Robert Karanja at 6.30 pm.

Evening Prayer was said at 7 pm at the Chapel of Saint Rita.