

*Next weekend, Father Dominic Nelson Tawiah of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit will be here next weekend for the annual authorized mission appeal. Mission appeal envelopes are available next to the bulletins at all Church entrances. Please make out checks to Our Lady of Fatima and we will forward the funds. Thank you.*

**PROSPECTUS OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
PROVINCE OF GHANA  
HOLY GHOST FATHERS & BROTHERS**

The Congregation of the Holy Spirit, popularly known as the Holy Ghost Fathers or Spiritans, is an International Missionary Society. The Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) was founded in France in 1703, by Claude Poullart De Places. It was given its present worldwide missionary thrust in 1848 by Venerable Francis Libermann who was also French and a convert from Judaism.

This Congregation was established to work with the disadvantage, needy and the abandoned. We work in difficult places where the Church finds it difficult to get personnel to work.

The late Pope John Paul II, on his pilgrimage to Africa repeatedly stressed the need for Africans to be missionaries, “not only in their own countries, but outside, and, in particular, to other African countries.” The Missionary Congregation of the Holy Spirit has undertaken this task; more than 2000 Africans are in formation with about 1000 members on active missionary service. Several missionary provinces have emerged, the Spiritan Province of Nigeria, Angola and Kenya, Tanzania, Kogi and to mention a few.

In 1978, the West African Foundation was formed to accept candidates from Senegal, the Gambia, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Ghana, which became a province in 2000. Her first members were ordained in 1986. They were four members. Since then, we have ordained more than 200 others. In 2009 the West Africa Province was grouped into three circumscriptions, The Province of Ghana, Gambia Foundation and the Foundation of Sierra Leone, because of the growth in numbers. Right now, the Province of Ghana has her members working in mission areas like Guinea in West Africa, attending to the needs of the refugees from Sierra-Leone. In Malawi, members are working with the abandoned, like the (A.I.D.S.) patients. In the Gambia, members evangelize by bearing witness to the Muslim community, and trying to restore the image of the female population they relegate in a male dominated culture. Spiritans are presently working in Sierra-Leone, Liberia, Northern Nigeria, Northern Ghana, and Benin and recently in Taiwan (Asia).

The Province of Ghana has its headquarters in Ghana. The Novitiate is in Sierra Leone and Philosophy house is in Ghana that now has about 77 students. The Theology house is in Nigeria, West Africa. Our cost for maintaining and caring for a student which includes food, medical, clothing and tuition is approximately \$5,000.00 per annum.

The Congregation of the Holy Spirit has about three thousand members working in all continents in sixty-five countries of the world.