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PRESS COMMUNIQUE

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Rev. Father John Alphonse ASIEDU, SVD as the new Apostolic Vicar of the Apostolic Vicariate of Donkorkrom.

The news is released from the Apostolic Nunciature by His Excellency Most Rev. Jean Marie Speich, the Apostolic Nuncio.

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(Encl. *Curriculum Vitae*)

CURRICULUM VITAE OF REV. FR. JOHN ALPHONSE ASIEDU, SVD

Rev. Fr. John Alphonse Asiedu is a member of the Society of Divine Word (SVD). He was born on 12th May 1962 at Adeemmra-Kwahu in the Afram Plains, part of Koforidua Diocese before but now the Apostolic Vicariate of Donkorkrom, to the late Opanin Danie-I K. Boadu from Adjena in the Akwamu Traditional area and to Madam Rebecca Akua Boadu from Nkonya Ntumda.

Fr. Asiedu had his elementary education in Adeemmra-Kwahu and Amankwakrom and completed Middle School at Adeemmra-Kwahu in 1978. He had his secondary education at Donkorkrom Agric Secondary School from 1978-1981; Nkonya Secondary School from 1981-1984 obtaining GCE Ordinary Level and at Kadjebi-Asafo Secondary School with GCE Advance Level. In 1987, he got admission into SVD formation program. He did three years philosophy studies at St. Victor's Major Seminary, Tamale from 1987-1990. He then went to Nkwatia-Kwahu for his SVD Novitiate Formation and had his First Religious Profession on 21st September 1991 at Nswam-Adoagyiri. He had his four years theological studies at St. Victor's Major Seminary (1991-1994; 1996-1997). He went to Mexico for his Overseas Training Programme (OTP) from 1994-1996. On 8th September 1996 he had his Perpetual Religious Profession at Holy Family Parish, Mataheko, Accra. He had his Diaconate Ordination at St. Victor's Major Seminary, Tamale by Most Rev. Gregory E. Kpiebaya, the then Archbishop of Tamale and on 19th July 1997 he was ordained to the priesthood at the Holy Spirit Cathedral by the late Archbishop Dominic Andoh in the Archdiocese of Accra. After his ordination, he was assigned Assistant Priest at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Kwahu-Tafo.

In 2001 Fr. Asiedu studied Religious Formation Course at the Institute of St. Anselm, Cliftonville, Kent, England taking up the following Diploma and Certificates: Diploma in Human Growth and Development; Postgraduate Certificate in individual and Group Psycho-Spiritual Counseling Skills and Human Development; and Certificate in Integrative Group Facilitation.

As a Religious, some of his major assignments are the following: Director of Overseas Training Programme (OTP), SVD Ghana Province from 1998-2001; 2003-2005; Assistant Novice Director, Divine Word Novitiate, Nkwatia-Kwahu – 1999-2001 and 2002-2005; SVD Ghana Province Treasurer from 2005-2008; Director of Divine Word Catholic Conference Centre, Nswam-Adoagyiri from 2005-2008; Chairman of SVD Ghana Province Formation Board from 2008-2014; Prefect of SVD Common Formation Centre, Tamale, 2008-2017; SVD AFRAM (Africa and Madagascar) Zonal Coordinator for Formation since 2013; Board member of Tamale Institute of Cross-Cultural Studies (TICCS), 2013-2017; and Tutor in Spiritual Theology (Ascetics) and Biblical Apostolate in St. Victor's Major Seminary from 2014-2017. Fr. Asiedu is the Novice Director of Divine Word Novitiate, Nkwatia-Kwahu until his appointment as Apostolic Vicar of the Apostolic Vicariate of Donkorkrom on 11th February 2019.