

Write-up on the Progressive Friday Group

(Corpus Christi Parish, Sakumono)

Introduction

Everyone born on this planet is born on a specific day of the week and this is a truism. However in Ghana, especially among many tribes, the day a person is born is tied to the name the person is given at birth. Thus a boy born on a Friday is named Yoofi, Fiifi, Kofi, and others depending on the tribe, if she is a girl she is called Efua, Afi, Ewurafua and others also depending on the tribe.

The Friday Group is therefore a group of persons both males and females born on a Friday. In many religious and social gatherings day groups have usually been used to mobilize efforts to get things done, be it for resource mobilization or for undertaking a task. In such instances the day groups compete healthily among themselves to make any task easily accomplished. In many communities, societies and churches where the day group idea is brought up, it is mainly narrowed to mobilization of resources and generally labelled as “Kofi and Ama”. This was what also prevailed at Corpus Christi Catholic Church at Sakumono until the birth of the DAY GROUP Concept.

Background

After a number of years the Church mooted the idea of “Day Groups” to replace the concept of “Kofi and Ama” which was considered to be narrow in nature. It was argued that the Day Groups Concept was going to embrace other dimensions which hitherto had not been focused on. Any key among the reasons for the adoption of day group concept as explained then was that such groupings would create a better sense of togetherness and camaraderie among its members. The Church after thorough deliberations adopted the concept as a sound management tool to facilitate church administration. This was how the name of the Group known as **THE FRIDAY GROUP** of Corpus Christi Catholic Church at Community 13, Sakumono Estates now in the Tema Deanery of the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra which is made up of all Friday borns or any member of the congregation who wishes to be part of its membership.

The Friday Group’s focus is set to evangelize and to build a united family through the Gospel of Christ.

The Spiritual Director of the Group is the resident Parish Priest of the Parish.

SLOGAN:

The SLOGAN of the group is “Friday Group - The Courageous!”

Objectives:

- To serve as an effective means of communication between the leadership of the Church and the membership of the Group
- To provide the platform for discussing and meeting both spiritual and general welfare needs of members
- To provide a cohesive environment for practicing Charity and love.
- To promote Christian values and brotherliness among members of the group and the entire congregation
- To foster spiritual growth of its members through the establishment of “praying cells”.
- To serve as a takeoff platform for nurturing able bodied youth to serve the Church.
- To build a community where members are able to freely express themselves on issues concerning the Group/Church and to be more interactive with one another
- To educate and encourage the youth to fully indulge themselves in matters of the Group/Church and to help them actively take up leadership roles
- To be abreast with the trending needs of the Church’s Doctrines.

Chairpersons of the Friday Group:

Since the formation of the Friday Group, the following are known to have presided over the affairs of the Group:

1. Mr. Michael Kofi Mensah
2. Mr. Kofi Asamoah
3. Mr. Michael Kofidum Otoo
4. Mr. Anthony Krakah
5. Mr. Godwin Kofi Menyawovor
6. Madam Olivia Hayford
7. Judith Anumel

Founding Members:

The following are the founding members of the Day:

1. Mr. Michael Kofi Mensah (served as First Chairman)
2. Mrs. Theresa Adams
3. Mr. Charles Brew-Hammond (Representative on PPC)
4. Mrs. Sally Brew-Hammond
5. Ms. Emma Otabil (served as Treasurer)
6. Mr. David Sasu-Kumi (Served as Vice Chairman)
7. Ms. Janet Arthur (Served a Secretary/Treasurer)
8. Mrs. Tina Diego (deceased)
9. Mr. Kofi Asamoah
10. Mrs. Irene Lartey (now at St. Bakhita, served as Secretary)
11. Mrs. Mary Markham

Issue of Patrons:

At one the meetings of the Courageous Friday Group, two of its members were elevated to the position of Patrons. These are Messrs. Michael Kofi Mensah and Theresa Adams.

Achievement of Courageous Friday Group:

1. In 2002, one of our able grandmothers Mrs. Theresa Adams became mother of the year for the Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Subsequently, in later years, Mrs. Mary Markham.
2. In 2021, one of the founding member, Mr. Michael Kofi Mensah and in 2016, Mr. Michael Kofidum Otoo was honoured respectively as Father of the respective years.
3. The Courageous Friday Group has tremendously contributed immensely to the spiritual and socioeconomic development of the Corpus Christi Catholic Church community.
4. The Group has a whatsapp platform where members are given ample information regarding the growth of the Community.

Immediate past executives of the Courageous Friday Group:

Madam Olivia Hayford's Administration

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| 1. Madam Olivia Hayford | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Joseph Seripinah | - | Vice Chair |
| 3. Deborah Afulani | - | Secretary |
| 4. Kofi Aristide | - | Assistant Secretary |
| 5. Sabina Kwofie | - | Financial Secretary |
| 6. Michael Forson | - | Assistant Financial Secretary |
| 7. Dela Ofori Asare | - | Tresurer |
| 8. Bama Sylvain | - | Organizer |

Current Executive Members

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| 1. Judith Anumel (0243431999/0208702612) | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Gloria Ayivor (0244804681) | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Kofi Aristide (0577439913) | - | Secretary |
| 4. Deborah Afulani (0242226754) | - | Assistant Secretary |
| 5. Sabina Kwofie (0247882565) | - | Financial Secretary |
| 6. Dela Ofori Asare (0243070070) | - | Treasurer |
| 7. Bama Sylvain (0546630546) | - | Organizer |
| 8. Victoria Akpatare (0248520589) | - | Assistant Organizer |

MEETING DAYS

- A) General Group Meeting - Every 2nd Sunday of the month or whenever necessary (e.g. emergency meeting)

B) Executive Meeting – Determined by Executives (whenever necessary)

DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT

The Day Group concept, for that matter Friday Group was established at Corpus Christi Parish, Sakumono a little over two decades ago. Over the years, membership has grown to about members with members permanently active.

PATRON SAINT

Our patron saint is Saint Maria Goretti, a young virgin who died a martyr at the age of twelve (1890-1902). She is one of the youngest saints of the Church. She died courageously, holding firmly to her belief of virginity. She courageously forgave her murderer before her death. Her tenacity of purpose and simple courage is worthy of emulation. The feast day of our patron saint is 6th July.

Membership Drive

Admission is open to all especially those who do not know the exact day they were born and would like to fraternize with us. We invite everyone to come and join our day group to help grow the Church as well as our spiritual development.

Conclusion

The strong features of the Friday people are their tenacity of purpose and are strongly willed. If today you happen to sight this write up and you do not for any reason have a day group or a day name; then we the Friday people are special people who are in all fields of endeavors and they exude courage and leadership qualities. They get going when the going is tough for most people.