



St. Steven's Roman Catholic Church

*is faith-filled and welcoming, sharing the love of the Eucharist
in celebration of the Glory of God*

www.saintstevensparish.org

January 31, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

I am saddened that Fr. Enoch Tanyi Okpa, V.C. (Via Christi Society) our Parochial Vicar, has been called home to Nigeria in West Africa to a new assignment by his Superior. This all happened within this past week, and we are still adjusting to the news. At this time and given our current pandemic situation, there will be no replacement for Fr. Enoch until possibly the fall.

We are grateful for his smiles, homilies, and prayers. He provided us with wonderful ministry and has been a great addition to the priests of our diocese. He will be deeply missed. Thank you, Father Enoch, for your service among us.

The knowledge that you shared with us and the learning you brought cannot be compared with anything. You have been a true and amazing priest to us. Thank you so much for everything. Your home community is going to gain a truly wonderful person. May all God's blessings be with you.

I would encourage you to send a note of thanks to Fr. Enoch. One of my favorite thing to receive from people is a letter. Not a card with a few words. Those are nice too, but I love receiving a letter or a card with a substantial message in it. It is very powerful to hear somebody describe exactly how the things I said or did was so fruitful for them. It is a reminder that Jesus is a lot bigger than each of us and he can do great things with the little we each have to offer. Letters can be sent to the parish office (the address is printed at the bottom of this letterhead), where we will collect and forward them to Fr. Enoch when we learn of his new address.

We must remember that God has a plan for each of us, and to quote one of Fr. Enoch's favorite mantra's: God is good! All the time! All the time, God is good!

Let us pray for one another to Be Healthy, Be Smart, and Be Holy!



480-895-9266 (phone)
480-895-9304 (fax)
24827 S. Dobson Road
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248