

## **PSALM 23 (THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD)**

*Venerable Dr. Paul Ekezie's Favorite Psalm,  
Sung by Lady Chima Ekezie & Dr. Nwando Ekezie  
(His Girls)*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want  
He makes me down to lie;  
In pastures green, he leadeth me,  
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make;  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou art with me, and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

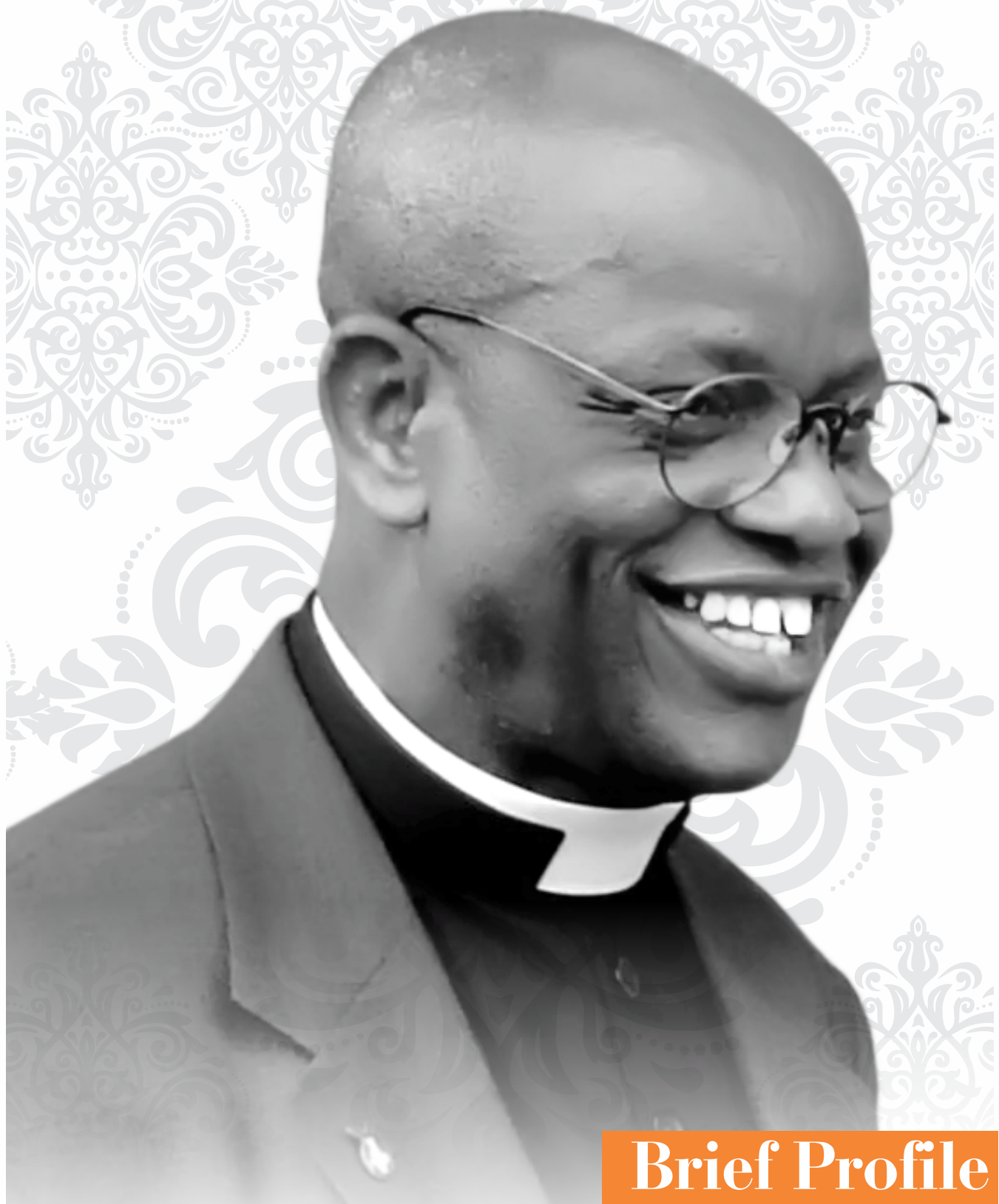
My table thou hast furnished,  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life,  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forever more,  
My dwelling place shall be.

### **ALL TOGETHER STANDING**

Glor-y be to the Fa-ther, Son,  
And to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
As it was in the be-ginning,  
Is now and ever more.

**A-men!**



## Brief Profile

**THE VEN DR PAUL**

**UGOCHUKWU EKEZIE, JP**

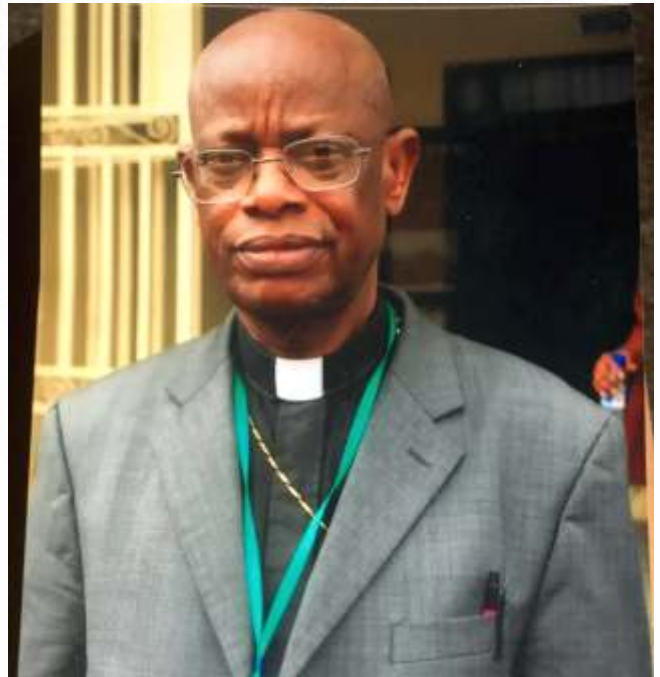
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Venerable Paul Ugochukwu Ekezie was born to Late Paul and Bernice Ekezie of Alaoma-Umuenyi in Isiala Mbano LGA of Imo State. His parents were foundation members of St. Stephen's Church Umunkwo (now Stephen's Church, Umuenyi). He Started his primary Education at St. Stephen's Church Missionary School Umunkwo. The rest of his primary school career depended on where I was posted as a primary teacher.

He did his Secondary education at St. Augustine's Grammar School, Nkwere and his higher school at the Merchant of Light School Oba-Anambra State. in 1964, I had to break my study plan in Britain and returned to Nigeria to send Godwin and Paul back to school. My immediate junior brother Timothy was already a business man in Kano. Promise was with our Aunt Malinda Chukwuezi and our only sister, Rose was at Umudim with our Big Aunty.

Paul left for overseas for university, he attended schools in Italy, Britain, Canada and USA. He was well educated with degrees from Oxford, Concordia University Canada and Texas Southern University in Houston Texas, USA. He came back to Nigeria and worked briefly with Hardel and Enic before going back to settle in New York, USA.

*"The great use of life  
is to spend it for  
something that will outlast"*  
- William Jones.



Paul's entry into the ordained ministry was not accidental, it started from his humble Christian upbringing. We (the family) lived next to the church compound, our mother insisted on our attending daily morning devotion in the church. Our mother was a chorister in the church choir. When Paul informed me of his intention to Join the ordained ministry, I was not surprised because of the Christian foundation our parents diligently imparted in all of us. We are extremely proud of his exploits as a people's Reverend. Our parents will be happy that their dream of producing an ordained servant of God has been fulfilled.

Paul was tolerant of every man and woman, he was a kind to a fault. He always prepared to part with his last kobo if that will help the other person, he was that caring and considerate. He was a courageous and outspoken servant of God who was not afraid to speak truth to power, he will it as it is, he bore no grudges.



He would come back from USA loaded with gifts for all and sundry, he gave scholarships to many to complete their secondary and tertiary education. He had a peculiar good relationship with his junior colleagues- many of whom he helped to settle in the United States. He never discriminated, he was at home with the high and lowly.

*"To live in the hearts of  
those we leave behind,  
is not to die"*  
- Thomas Campbell.

*"Let no one weep for  
me or celebrate my  
funeral with  
mourning, for I still  
live as I pass to and fro  
through the mouths of  
men"* Quintus Emills

Paul was a gentleman, very humorous and lively. He was a devoted husband and a caring father. He related well with his brothers and their wives and also with our only sister and family. I remember before he went to hospital, he phoned to know whether his senior brother Sir Godwin had succeeded in traveling to Houston for treatment.

Yes, death is necessary end, people die

everyday, but there are people who have made such an admirable impact in their environment that missing them is exceptionally painful especially when the prospects of their living longer are still high, such was my brother/son Paul.

He endeared himself to all who came in contact with him, his generosity and hospitality speak volume about him. His house in New York was open to all who visited.

My brother Paul, to me you have not died, you have only gone before. In the present

circumstances as Christians, we take solace that God knows best. We know that the bible says that we should not like those without hope, we your brothers whom you loved and cared for so much - Sir Timothy and Lady Christiana, Sir Godwin and Lady Ngozi, Sir Promise and Lady Jane, Lady Rose and Sir

Stephen and Lady Theresa and I are all in agreement with thousands of well wishers and ofcourse your colleagues at All Saints bid you goodnight. We know you are resting in the bosom of the Lord you sincerely served.

