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Questions

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Little information was found on St Paul’s Anglican church in Oke Bola. Sources confirm that it does exist, and give the names of the associated clergy. An email address was found, not for the church itself, but for the Anglican cathedral St James which is also in Oke Bola.

The Church of Nigeria Anglican Communion website at <http://www.anglican-nig.org/> provides a breakdown of provinces and dioceses in Nigeria. The page for the Diocese of Ibadan at http://www.anglican-nig.org/p1_ibadan.htm provides a further breakdown of Archdeaonries within the diocese.

This document states that St Paul’s Church in Oke-Bola parish is in the archdeaconry of Molete. The clergy for the church are Rev. Canon M. Ebubechukwu and Rev. J.O.Gbotosho. The telephone number provided is 02-2311002. No outreach activities are mentioned (‘Archdeaonries’ (undated), *Diocese of Ibadan*, Church of Nigeria Anglican Communion website, http://www.anglican-nig.org/xp1_ibadan.pdf - Accessed 10 October 2005 - Attachment 1).

The same document provides the details for the Cathedral Church of St James the Great in Oke Bola, including the name of Provost Very Rev. Matthew A. A. Osunade, and an email

address jamescat@skannet.com ('Archdeaonries' (undated), *Diocese of Ibadan*, Church of Nigeria Anglican Communion website, http://www.anglican-nig.org/xp1_ibadan.pdf - Accessed 10 October 2005 - Attachment 1).

2. Please also locate any information on St Dominic Yaba Catholic School in Lagos.

A little information was found on St Dominic's school in Yaba, and an email address was found for the Dominican community in Yaba which can be used for further questions if necessary. The sources consulted indicate that St Dominic's is a primary school, and that the current headmistress is named Mrs C.A. Gbemisola.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria website at <http://www.cbcn.org/aspscripts/homepage.asp> provides information on all Catholic institutions in the country. The page for the Lagos Archdiocese in the Ecclesiastical province of Lagos has a list of nursery and primary schools in the area, and mentions a Dominican Pri. School at 7/11 Oludegun Ave, Mafoluku, Box 4458, Oshodi, Telephone:01-497-6104, 472-4198. [Mafoluku appears to be an area of Lagos not far from Yaba] ('Nursery/Primary Schools' (undated), *Lagos Archdiocese*, Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria website, <http://www.cbcn.org/aspscripts/page5.asp?IDX=32&INST=26> – Accessed 11 October 2005 – Attachment 2).

The page on Catholic secondary schools in Lagos at <http://www.cbcn.org/aspscripts/page5.asp?IDX=32&INST=27> does not mention a St Dominic's school.

A recent news item mentions a St Dominic's Primary School in Yaba, Lagos, and gives the name of the current headmistress as Mrs C.A. Gbemisola ('Omo prepares children for New School Year' 2005, *All Africa*, 29 September – Attachment 3).

It is not clear whether the two reports above are referring to the same school. A map of Lagos is attached with Yaba and Mafoluku marked ('Lagos' 1999, *Microsoft Encarta* – Attachment 4).

The Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria website also has a page on religious houses in Lagos, which gives contact details for the Dominican Community at St Dominic's Yaba, including an email address, which is written as domlagos@rcl.nig.com ('Religious Houses (Men)' (undated), *Lagos Archdiocese*, Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria website, <http://www.cbcn.org/aspscripts/page5.asp?IDX=32&INST=2> – Accessed 11 October 2005 – Attachment 5).

List of Sources Consulted

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Databases:

Public DIMIA	<i>FACTIVA</i> <i>BACIS</i> <i>REFINFO</i>	Reuters Business Briefing Country Information IRBDC Research Responses (Canada)
RRT	<i>ISYS</i>	RRT Country Research database, including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, US Department of State <i>Country Reports on Human Rights Practices</i> .
RRT Library	<i>FIRST</i>	RRT Library Catalogue

List of Attachments

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