

## REV. FR. GEORGE ANGMOR, SVD



George was born in Agomanya, Odumase-Krobo in the Eastern Region of Ghana. That was on the feast of St. Clement - the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, 1965. Hence, Clement was taken as his middle name when he was baptized a week after birth. He was born to Mr. Emmanuel Narh Angmor and Comfort Josephine Dede Angmor. The father is an auto-electrician by profession, while the mother was a petty trader until lately, becoming a mortician. George is the first born of four siblings, having one sister and two brothers, Monica, Stephen and Augustine.

**Educational Background:** Starting with Day Nursery in Agomanya, ran by the Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer (HDR), he was enrolled in the Roman Catholic Primary School in the town, attending only Class One. Going to Class Two in 1972, he went to live with his uncle, Prof. Charles T. Angmor in Winneba, when he was lecturing at the then Advanced Teacher Training College – A.T.T.C. (now the University College of Education, Winneba, UCEW). In Winneba, he began with Class Two at the Anglican Primary School, then to the A.T.T.C. Demonstration School from Class Three to Six. He then attended the Methodist Boys Middle School for Form One. He wrote the Common Entrance Exams, passed and gained admission to Pope John Secondary School (POJOSS) in Koforidua in 1978. There he successfully wrote the Ordinary and the Advanced Levels of the General Certificate of Education (GCE) in 1983 and 1985 respectfully.

Upon completion of the A-Level, George carried out his first National Service assignment as a research assistant on a biogas study project at the Agricultural Engineering Department of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. Here he did an extra work when the project had to continue for well over a year. In 1987, he gained admission into the same university to read a two year diploma course in Data Processing at the Computer Science Department. This was followed by a second National Service assignment back at the former place, but this time, on an irrigation study project. That ended in 1990. Later in September of the same year, he began his journey in the SVD.

## **Vocational Journey:**

In 1985 when George was completing his A-Level (the Upper Sixth Form), he felt called to the priestly missionary life. After initially considering the diocese and also the SMA, through his friends and family, he zeroed onto the SVD. He was ready to commence the seminary training that same year when his family advised him to spend some time to ponder over the call he seemed to be having. This was especially the case, as he gave the news of his intention to go to the seminary in a rather sudden unexpected way. Thus, he was encouraged to do so, in order to pay serious thoughts about his life, and at the same time, in the words of his family, not to regret afterwards, but to become a good and holy priest. This he heeded, and took the opportunity to do the National Service, the diploma course etc, while still discerning his vocation. At the end of all these, he was convinced he wanted to follow this call, and so got into contact with the SVD Vocation Director (Fr. Ayem) in 1990. He was processed and in September 1991, he reported to the Freinademetz Philosophy House in Tamale to begin his formation. The rest of the formation journey is as follows:

Philosophy: St. Victor's Seminary, Tamale, Ghana; 1991 - 94

Novitiate: Divine Word Novitiate, Nkwatia-Kwahu, Ghana; 1994-95

First Vows, 16<sup>th</sup> August 1995.

Theology: Tangaza College, Nairobi, Kenya; 1995-2000

Cross-Cultural Pastoral Year (CCPY): in Parakou, Republic of Benin, 1997/98

Final Vows: 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1999, Nairobi.

Diaconate Ordination: 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1999, Nairobi.

## **Priestly Ministry:**

George was ordained on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2000 (together with his classmate, Patrick Kofi Kodom of the Austrian Province) at his home parish – the Holy Trinity Parish, Agomanya. He was assigned to the parish community the SVD had newly taken up: the St. Dominic Parish of Adweso-Koforidua, with Fr. Josef Sprehe, SVD, as the pastor. He officially began his ministry on the feast of the Archangels, September 29, 2000. He worked there until the end of 2003. The following years unrolled as follows:

Member of the Freinademetz formation house, Tamale: January - July 2004

Chaplain of the St. Paul Technical School (SPATS), and Priest in-charge of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Kukurantumi: July 2004 – July 2005.

Further studies, Masters in Guidance and Counseling, at the De La Salle University of Manila (DLSU), Philippines: July 2005 – April 2008.

Participant of the SVD 5<sup>th</sup> International English Formators Course (Steyl/Nemi) April 27 – June 27, 2008.

Appointed Director of Novices, Divine Word Novitiate, Nkwatia-Kwahu, Ghana Province:

1<sup>st</sup> August, 2008 to date.

Participant of the First International SVD-SSpS Retreat Workshop for directors of 30-Day Retreats: Steyl Feb 13 – March 28, 2010.

Elected the president of the Ghana National Association of Religious Formators (NARF): September 2010 till date.

**Hobbies:**

George has a variety of interests for hobby including: gardening, movies, listening to news and music, reading, traveling, hiking, making friends, correspondence, philately etc.

**Games:**

Lawn & table tennis, scrabble, jogging & volley ball.