## CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF NIGERIA (CYON)

## Patron Saint: St. Charles Lwanga

The Catholic Youth Organization of Nigeria (C.Y.O.N), one of the three (3) Statutory Organizations in and of the Catholic Church, mandatory for all Catholics and Catechumens between the ages of 14 and 35 who are single, began originally with the gathering of youths in their parishes to plan and execute their Christian functions within specific Parish situations. The need subsequently arose for the youth groups in various Parishes within a Diocese to come together, thus birthing the Diocesan youth Organizations and afterwards, the Provincial/Regional Organizations.

The primary aims of the Organization are "the spiritual development of youth- through personal prayers, bible and spiritual readings and participation in the Sacramental apostolic life of the Church.

To promote Catholic identity and encouragement through the inculcation of Catholic doctrines and practices as contained in the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church;

To support and be loyal to the constituted authority of the Catholic Church in Her mission to the world;

To promote and sponsor cultural, social and sporting events;

To promote the spiritual, physical wellbeing and welfare of the youths of the Catholic Church, to mention but a few.

## Who Do We Need?

Every Youth in the Parish between the age of 14-35

## **Meetings:**

Second Sunday of every month after 10:15am Mass.

**Uniform (White and Black)** 

Slogan: For God and for Youth... Through Christ