

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ASSOCIATION

The Guild of St. Anthony is a pious Catholic society which follows the virtues of St. Anthony of Padua in worshipping, and living with our fellow men.

The aims of the Guild are:

- To promote devotion of St. Anthony of Padua in the parish
- To promote active Christian participation amongst members.
- To support and participate in the work of evangelism of the catholic church.
- To help and support the poor and the needy.
- To be guided by lay Apostolate activities laid out in the guild National constitution.

HISTORY OF THE GUILD

Devotion to St. Anthony started immediately after his death. It is known that as soon as the news of his death became known, a great multitude of children began to exclaim “our Father, St. Anthony is dead” and when St. Bonaventure who assisted in the transfer of his remains to Padua found that his tongue remained fresh said ”Blessed tongue which always merited the presence of God” the incorruptible tongue is still fresh today; this is a miraculous gift to the church since St. Anthony was a great preacher. Saint Anthony is popularly known as the finder of lost things

St. Anthony was born in Lisbon Portugal in the year 1195 and died at the age of 36years in 1231.

The Guild started in the 17th century AD. Since then it has spread to almost every part of Christian world. The statue or picture is available in almost every Catholic Church. The society came to Nigeria with the early missionaries during the 1920s

The Abuja Guild was established in 1983. It came to Holy Family (formally Saint Jude) in 1985.

Major Activities:

- The guild engages in prayer devotions which take place every Tuesday.
- Works of Charity and mercy are part of our activities.
- Our prayers/meeting days is Tuesday at 5pm. (this is worldwide)

One of our major devotion is the 13 Tuesdays of prayers which precedes the saints feast day which is on the 13th of June.