

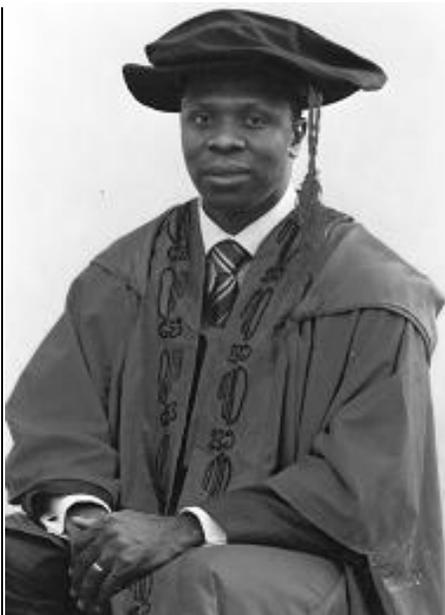
MY GRANDMOTHER HAD DEFINITE QUESTIONS FOR ME

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I am a medical doctor and a specialist in Pathology. When I first joined the Opus Dei, some members of my family did not understand the full implications of my calling. It took some time before my parents, Professors Charles and Josephine Okafor, came round to full understanding of my vocation. My aunt, Professor Chinyere Okafor, made a trip to Pamplona, Spain, to either convince me to leave the community or to find out whether I had my senses, but she turned round to become one of my advocates.

As for Mama who is my paternal grandmother, she had definite questions for me.



“Will you get married?”

I explained that we develop according to how the Holy Spirit leads each of us. That was why some get married and some don't. She understood my passion for using my talent as a doctor to help people because of God and not for money-

making purposes. I explained the vows that I was going to take. Then she asked another question.

“Does it mean that you will become a priest?”

I told her the difference between priesthood and my path. This time she came up with a statement, but she made it sound like a question.

“Then it is a kind of priest with a different name or maybe even more than a priest?” She did not wait for my reply before she continued.

“My son, since you have chosen to serve God in this way, I bless you. As long as you are following Jesus, you are on the right path. I will pray for you. Pray for me also.

I bu nwa Virgin Maria”

