

DISSERTATIONS DIRECTED BY PROF. FRANCIS A. OBORJI¹

a) Doctoral Dissertations:

1. OBASI Okezie Solomon – (Nigeria): *Evangelization and Modernity: Cultural Issues as Missiological Imperatives in “Ecclesia in Africa”*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2002.

– Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

2. MUBIRU Patrick B. – (Uganda): *Mission and Healing Ministry: A Missiological Approach to the Christian Healing Ministry in Africa*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2003.

– Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

3. ATUEGBU Amobi Simeon – (Nigeria): *Christian-Muslim Relations in Nigeria: An Historical-Theological Approach*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2005.

– Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

4. ODUHO Alfred Gedion – (Sudan): *The “Plantatio Ecclesiae” Theory of Mission of Pierre Charles and Its Relevance for the Church in Sudan*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2006.

¹ This list includes only those students I directed their dissertations as their moderator. I have not included the names and theses of those other students I served as co-relator for their dissertations (and there are many of them). I reserve that honor and recognition to their first moderators. I hope these students will pardon me for omitting their names here. I cherished every aspect of the contribution we might have made for their academic growth when they were doing their research with me and the other professors. Both the published and unpublished versions of students’ dissertations published here may be obtainable from the Library of the Pontifical Urban University, Rome.

– Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

5. IGWENWANNE Fidelis – (Nigeria): *The Concept of God in Igbo Traditional Religion: Continuity and Differences in Relation to the Christian God*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2007.

– Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

6. RANI JOSEPH Mary Shruti – (India): *The Role of Consecrated Women in the Missionary Activity of the Church: A Missiological Approach in the Context of Bihar, North India*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2008.

– Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

7. KWANYA Charles Odira – (Kenya): *Debate on African Concept of Time: Analysis of Its Missionary Consequences on the Pluralistic Society*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2009.

- Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

8. UKAMBU Appolonia Ngozichukwu – (Nigeria): *Missionary Formation of the Laity in Nigeria: The Role of Schools of Evangelization*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2009.

- Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

9. RUBAGUMYA Deogratias – (Uganda): *Conflict Resolution and Management in the Recent Social Teachings of the Church: A Missiological Study in the Context of Kibaale District, Uganda*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2010.

- Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

10. SIMBA Vincent Nyang'au – (Kenya): *Missionary Cooperation in Kenya Since Vatican II: Challenges and Prospects in the Light of the Recent Documents of the Church*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2010.

- Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

11. MUHINDO Vincent – (Uganda): *The Challenges of Urbanization and the Pastoral Role of the Church: A Study in the Context of Uganda*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2010.

- Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

12. KAFANDO Gilbert M. – (Burkina Faso): *Paul VI et la Maturation de la conscience missionnaire en Afrique: La Contribution de « Africae Terrarum » et du Discours de Kampala*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2011.

- Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

13. IWENOFU Mary Joan – (Nigeria): *The Participation of Women Religious in School Education: A Missiological Study in the Context of Igboland of Nigeria*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2011.

- Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

14. EKKA Francis – (India): *The Contributions of the Lay catechists in the Evangelization of the Tribals of Chotanagpur, India*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2012.

- Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

15. SEYOUM Fransua Noel – (Ethiopia): *Peace-Building in Ethiopia and the Pastoral Role of the Church: A Missiological Study in the Light of the Teachings of Ethiopian Bishops' Conference*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2012.

- Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

16. CHELIMO Richard Kimosop – (Kenya): *African Palaver as a Reconciliation Model: A Missiological Study in the Social Context of Kenya*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2012.

- Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

17. VAZHAKOOTTATHIL ANTONY John – (India): *Missionary Challenges of the Catholic Popular Devotions: A Study in the Context of the Church in Kerala*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2013.

- Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

18. MAYALA Nicodemus Simon – (Tanzania): *Julius K. Nyerere's Ujamaa Community Philosophy: Its Significance for the Building of Small Christian Communities*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2013.

- Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.

19. EZE Matthew Otuosorochukwu – (Nigeria): *Missionary Dimensions of the Lay Apostolate Organizations in Nigeria: Experiences and Prospects*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2013.

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20. IHESIABA Paschal K. – (Nigeria): *The Role of Living Stories in the Evangelization of Africa: A Missiological Study of Chinua Achebe’s “Things Fall Apart”*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2013.
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21. PUTHANGADY VARGIS Antony (India): *Environmental Protection in the Social Teachings of the Church (1987 – 2023): A Missiological Study in the Context of India*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2015.
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22. ANAWIA Bèdilana Jonas – (Togo): *La Protection de l’environnement en Afrique dans l’enseignement du SCEAM (1969-2009). Un Dèfi Missionnaire*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2015.
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23. KADIMA MULAMBA Liévin – (DR Congo): *L’église locale de Mbuji-Mayi et les Sectes. Dèfi missionnaire*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2015.
- Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji.
24. MBIERE Fredrick Chima – (Nigeria): *Healing Ministry in Nigeria: A Missiological Study of the Teachings of Nigerian Catholic Bishops on Healing*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2016.
25. MORAS Wilfred – (India): *Conversion and Evangelization in India: A Study of the Teachings of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2016.

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26. OKOLI Ferdinand Ndubuisi – (Nigeria): *Mission As Transcultural: A Study of the Thoughts of Eugene A Nida & Lamin Sanneh on Translatability in Mission*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2017.

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27. CIMANUKA NYAMUHAJA Théodore – (DR Congo): *La Construction de la Paix comme Paradigme de la Mission de l’Eglise en RD. Congo Aujourd’hui: Une Estude a la lumiere de l’Enseignement des Eveques du Congo (1997-2006)*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2017.

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28. MINGA Adolf Bernard – (Tanzania): *The Missionary Identity of Diocesan Priests in “Pastores Dabo Vobis”*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2018.

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29. NYIRENDA Alcuin Maurus – (Tanzania): *The Missionary Witness of Hanga Benedictine Community in Tanzania: Experiences and Prospects for Monastic Mission in Africa*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2018.

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30. ZEGBEHI Gnadou Alphonse – (Cote D’Ivoire): *La Dimension Narrative du “Pagne Noir” de Bernard Binlin Dadie et le Processus de Reconciliation en Cote D’Ivoire. Une Etude Missiologique*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome 2018.

- Moderator: Prof. Francis Anekwe Oborji

31. KIRATO Gebremeskel Shikur (Ethiopia): *Sacred in the Worldview of the Gurage People of Ethiopia: Analysis of Its Missiological*

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32. DJON LIMAY André Marie (Cameroun): *L'Art Africain Comme Langage Religieux: Une étude missiologique de la pensée d'Engelbert Mveng*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Roma 2019.

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33. JOHN Viji (India): *Mission and Discipleship in Contemporary Missiological Debate: Implications for the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians' Apostolate in North East India*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Roma 2020.

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34. GONGADA Raju (India): *Human Dignity, Religious Freedom and Christian Mission: A Contextual Study of the Missionary Challenges of the Archdiocese of Visakhapatnam, India*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Roma 2020.

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35. ELIA Flaminia (Italy): *Il senso della Natura nella cosmovisione tradizionale africana: Questione ecologica e implicazioni missionarie*, Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Roma 2020.

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