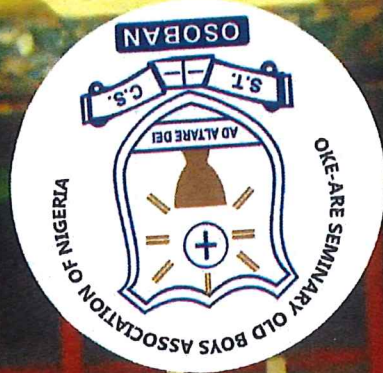


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### PREAMBLE

Whereas, by virtue of common brotherliness and love, We the members of OKE-ARE SEMINARY OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (OSOBAN), acting pursuant to the directives of the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Association and the vision of the founding fathers of St. Theresa's Minor Seminary, Oke-Are, Ibadan, Nigeria, hereby ENACT for ourselves the following Constitution.

### ARTICLE 1

#### NAME

The Association shall be called "OKE-ARE SEMINARY OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (OSOBAN);" hereinafter called "THE ASSOCIATION".

### ARTICLE 2

#### APPLICATION

(i) This Constitution shall have binding effect on all members of OKE-ARE SEMINARY OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (OSOBAN).  
 (ii) The Association shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.  
 (iii) If any other Constitution, Bye-Law, Rules or Regulations of any branch or group is inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution, this

Constitution shall prevail and that such other Constitution, Bye-Law, Rules or Regulations to the extent of its inconsistency shall be null and void.

### ARTICLE 3 MOTTO

The Motto of the Association shall be "Ad Altare Dei" (To the Altar of God). with the slogan Benedicamus Domino, Deo gratias"

### ARTICLE 4

#### PRAYERS/SEMINARY ANTHEM

The Prayer of the Association shall be An Act of Thanksgiving. The Anthems shall be: (i) The School Anthem, (iii) Salve Regina (Being attached as schedule to the Constitution).

### ARTICLES

#### FEAST DAY CELEBRATION/ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Patroness Saint of the Association shall be St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. The Feast day/Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall come up on the 3rd of October and if it falls during the weekday, the Saturday following shall be the Annual General Meeting.

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### ARTICLE 6 SUPREME AUTHORITY

The Supreme Authority of the Association shall be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which shall be duly convened and convoked by the National Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE 7

#### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- (i) The Association shall cooperate with the School Authorities, in the promotion of its duties.
- (ii) To promote the welfare of members.
- (iii) To foster unity and understanding among the clergy and the laity in an atmosphere of genuine brotherliness.
- (iv) To provide an umbrella for meaningful discussions on the church and the society.
- (v) To undertake any and all other activities that it deems fit, without compromising the Catholic faith that will encourage the growth and development of the Association and the Alma Mater.

### ARTICLE 8

#### MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the ASSOCIATION shall be open to all ex-students of the Seminary. For the avoidance of doubt, "The Seminary" (unless otherwise defined in this Constitution) shall mean St. Theresa's Catholic Minor Seminary Oke-Are,

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Ibadan, Nigeria which shall include all other names by which the same was previously known, called and referred.

#### ARTICLE 9

##### DUTIES OF MEMBERS

- (i) Every member shall pay annual dues and other levies as approved from time to time.

- (ii) Every member shall participate in all activities of the Association, including attendance at meetings and functions.

- (iii) Every member shall be duly registered with a branch of the Association

##### ARTICLE 10 MEETINGS

- (i) The Association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall hold on the feast day of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus if it falls on a Saturday or on the Saturday immediately following it.

- (ii) The NEC shall constitute any committee(s) in furtherance of the objectives of this Constitution.

- (iii) There shall be at least Four (4) NEC meetings in a year.

#### ARTICLE 11

##### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

##### FUNCTIONS AND POWERS:

The Annual General Meeting shall exercise the powers and perform the following functions:

- Receipt and consideration of the Branches reports;
- Receipt and consideration of the Secretariat report;
- Receipt and consideration of the Treasurer's report;
- Receipt and consideration of the Auditor's report;
- Taking decisions on all other matters that may be referred to the Annual General Meeting by the National Executive Committee;
- Inducting new members into the Association;
- Approve the process for the Amendment or review of the Constitution when necessary with due recognition to the Amendment Clause;

##### ARTICLE 12

##### QUORUM

30 (Thirty) members are required to form a quorum at Annual General Meeting and 1/3 One third of the Executive to form National Executive Council meeting. If less than 30 (Thirty) members of the existing branches or minimum of 2 (Two) Branches, there shall be no Annual General Meeting



# ARTICLE 13

## EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY GENERAL MEETING

- (i) An Extraordinary Emergency General Meeting (EEGM) to deliberate on specific and urgent issues may be summoned at such time and place as may be determined by the National Executive Committee of the Association.

- (ii) The Extraordinary Emergency General Meeting (EEGM) shall be called by the Secretary on the directive of the President upon the receipt of a requisition signed by not less than 6 (six) members of the NEC, stating the matters to be discussed and the EEGM shall be summoned within Seven (7) days of the receipt of the requisition. For the purpose of this meeting, 2/3 members of NEC shall form the quorum,

- (iii) The President upon receipt of such requisition signed by not less than 6 (six) members of NEC shall not refuse to issue a directive to the Secretary to summon the EEGM and the Secretary shall comply with such directive. A refusal by any designated officer to act shall be regarded as Executive misconduct for disciplinary action which shall be; (a) Investigated (b) Action taken and © Appropriate sanction shall apply.

# ARTICLE 14

## SECRETARIAT

The Corporate/Contact Address of the Association shall be:

**National Secretariat,**

St. Theresa Minor Seminary, Oke-Are,

P.O. Box 40, Dugbe Post Office, Ibadan, Oyo State,

Nigeria

E-mail:

Website: [www.osoban.org](http://www.osoban.org)

Facebook:

All Correspondences, to be addressed to the Secretariat for the attention of the President

## ARTICLE 15 BRANCHES

- (i) A branch of the Association may be formed in a place or area where there are at least 8 (Eight) Old Boys of Oke-Are Seminary.
- (ii) An application to form a branch shall be signed by at least 5 (Five) members and submitted to the National Executive Committee not later than 3 months of the existence of such branch
- (iii) Every branch shall forward a programme and records of its activities to the General Secretary at least once a year to be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

(iv) Every branch shall carry out the directives and decisions of the Annual General Meeting.

(v) Every branch shall have a Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary, Financial Secretary, Social Secretary and Treasurer and such officers deemed necessary.

(vi) Any Branch may impose levies, subscriptions, voluntary donations for the running of its activities.

(vii) Every Branch shall keep an up-to-date list of her members in a register.

(viii) A branch may have its own bye-laws, rules, regulation or guideline provided that such bye-laws shall not conflict with any provisions of this constitution and shall have received the confirmation and approval of the National Executive Committee

## ARTICLE 16 OFFICERS OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NEC)

The Association shall have the following elected or appointed officers. Election or appointment of the officers shall be at the expiration of the term(s) of previous elected executives. This shall be every 2 (Two) years single term renewable for maximum of 2 terms. Subject to this, immediate past President shall be an ex-officio member. The officers are:

- i. President
- ii. 1st Vice-President

iii. 2nd Vice-President

iv. General Secretary

v. Assistant General Secretary

vi. Financial Secretary

vii. Treasurer shall be the Seminary Rector, if the Rector is an OSOBAN. Otherwise, any other active priest member shall be elected to serve as the Treasurer.

viii. Public Relations Officer

ix. Social Secretary/Welfare Officer

x. Provost

xi. Legal Adviser (Appointment)

xii. Auditor (Appointment)

xiii. Chairmen and Secretaries of Branches

xiv. Chaplain (Upon NEC recommendation / appointment of the Seminary Board of Governors)

xv. Ex-officio member (the immediate Past President).

## ARTICLE 17 TERMINATION OF OFFICE

- (a) i. An officer shall not exceed his statutory term of office.
- ii. An office holder shall be accountable to the Association.
- iii. Where any officer is found to be prejudiced on matter of the Association's concerns, obligations and responsibilities such officer shall cease to hold office following confirmation of the following acts:

- (b) NEC should set up a -3 man disciplinary committee which will report back not more than Six (6) weeks.
- (c) Voluntary membership withdrawal, dismissal or resignation from the Association
- (d) Adjudged guilty of gross misconduct, after due investigation by disciplinary committee following its report to the NEC and necessary punishment recommended by the NEC at its meeting and due process of the law must have been meted out by the disciplinary committee.

#### **ARTICLE 18**

#### **LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP**

- (a) A member of the Association shall lose his membership in the event of any of the following:

- (i) Death
- (ii) Voluntary Resignation of membership.
- (iii) Conviction for a serious criminal offence
- (iv) Involved in gross moral misconduct

- (b) A member of the Executive Committee shall lose his membership and/or office in the event of the following:

- (i) Ceases to be a member of the Association
- (ii) When a vote of no confidence is passed by Two Thirds (2/3) majority of members at Annual General Meeting.
- (iii) Expiration of the tenure of the executive.
- (i) Withdrawn by the branch for an alleged misconduct.
- (i) Serious mental or physical disability
- (ii) Travelling out of the country for long time with intention to relocate permanently.

#### **ARTICLE 19**

#### **PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

1. This is effected by passing a vote of no confidence upon the erring officer after due explanation in writing or oral defense, before a 3-man disciplinary committee (including one executive member) set up by the executive council. A simple majority of members present at the AGM meeting. If there is tie in votes, the accused is presumed not guilty.

ii. Non-performance of duty is to be clearly documented and determined by the executives and presented to members of the disciplinary committee.

iii. Allegation of gross misconducts must be properly documented, supported by at least a member each from two or more Branches and forwarded to NEC.

#### **ARTICLE 20**

#### **FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICERS**

#### **1. PRESIDENT**

- (a) The President shall preside over the Association's meetings with an adopted agenda.

- (b) He shall give directives to other members of the executive committee in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities to the Association.

- (c) He shall cause and convene the meeting(s) of the Association to be summoned, either on his own initiative or in accordance with the decision of the executive committee.



- (d) He shall present an address at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

- (e) He shall liaise with the Chairman Board of Seminary Governors, Seminary Rector, Chaplain, Chairmen of branches in Nigeria and in Diaspora including International Organization in networking with the entire Catholic world.

- (f) He shall represent or appoint any member as delegate of the Association to any occasion or ceremony which the Association is invited.

- (g) The President shall ensure that all matters discussed are concluded and resolved and/or referred for necessary action(s) before proceeding to any other business

- (h) The President should call for and receive plan or line of actions of the executive members to be presented at the first NEC meeting of the new calendar year.

## II. 1ST AND 2ND VICE PRESIDENT(S):

- (a) They shall assist the President in the discharge of the Association responsibilities.
- (b) Where the President is absent the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents shall carry out the functions of the President.

## III. GENERAL SECRETARY:

- (a) Shall be in charge of the Association's Secretariat.
- (b) Shall cause announcement to be made for the Association meetings upon directive of the President or 2/3 majority of Executive members.
- (c) He shall record minutes of such meeting and sign it along with the President as a correct record of proceedings.
- (d) He shall perform all secretarial duties of the Association.
- (e) He shall render the Association's report at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to members.
- (f) He shall keep an imprest account as may be determined by the Executive Committee for the purpose of running the Association.
- (g) He shall keep all documents, records, programmes and seal of the Association.

## IV. ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY:

- (a) Where the General Secretary is absent at meetings, his assistant shall carry out the functions as the Association Secretary.
- (b) He shall assist the Secretary General in the performance of his secretarial/official duties.
- (c) He shall on the delegation by the General Secretary carry out the duties assigned to him.



- (c) He shall surrender and make available all receipts, vouchers, and other books of account to the Auditors.
- (d) He shall be a signatory to all the Association's Bank Account with the President and Financial Secretary.
- (e) He shall give account of income and expenditure report at every NEC meeting.
- (f) He shall keep the Association's fiscal property and assets and account for them regularly.

**vii. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER**

- (a) He shall publicize the activities of the Association within and outside Nigeria and the diaspora.
- (b) Under the direction of the President, he shall be the official spokesman of the Association.
- (c) He shall project the image of the Association through awareness, enlightenment and promotion.

**viii. SOCIAL/WELFARE OFFICER**

- (a) He shall coordinate the Association's response to the Welfare of needy members when the information is brought to the attention of the Association.
- (b) He shall coordinate the welfare of members at social events and at other functions when the need arises.
- (c) He shall be responsible for coordinating and informing members of emergency situations involving members.

**ix. LEGAL ADVISER**

- (a) He shall be on appointment on the recommendation of the National Executive Committee



**v. FINANCIAL SECRETARY:**

- (a) He shall collect and keep records of dues and levies agreed by the members and where possible, issue receipts.
- (b) He shall keep and maintain an accurate up-to-date account of all income and expenditure of the Association.
- (c) He shall be the Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee.

- (d) He shall prepare from time to time the list of defaulting branches of the Association.
- (e) He shall personally present and explain to the Association the financial report of the year at the Annual General meeting.
- (f) He will communicate and circulate list of defaulters to the Executive Committee meeting.
- (g) He shall collect all monies and dues and submit same to the Treasurer within Three (3) days of collection.

**vi. TREASURER:**

- (a) He shall within 48 hours or (2) banking days of receiving any money, due or accruing to the Association, lodge same into the Association's bank account.
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- (b) He shall advise the Association on all legal matters.
- (c) He shall be responsible for the drafting of all legal documents of the Association.
- (d) He shall arrange for the conduct of litigation (if any) and defense on behalf of the Association in so far as the subject of litigation pertains to the Association's interest and has directed by the Association.
- (e) He shall be a member of disciplinary committee of NEC.
- (f) He shall give legal opinion on all issues, laws, any provision of the constitution, bye-laws, rules or regulations of the Association in the event of ambiguity.
- (g) He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the President and/or NEC.

#### x PROVOST

- (a) Shall be a member of the Association who commands respect among members by virtue of age, experience and status.
- (b) Shall ensure decorum, law and order at all the meetings of the Association.

#### xi AUDITOR

- (a) He shall be appointed on the recommendation of the National Executive Committee
- (b) Shall collect from the Treasurer and the financial secretary all the Association's financial documents for annual auditing.
- (c) He shall present audited report of account to the National Executive Committee.

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#### xiii. CHAPLAIN:

- (a) He shall be an ordained Catholic Priest member on the recommendation of NEC to the Seminary Board of Governors.
- (b) Provide spiritual direction to the Association and its members.
- (c) Nourish the spiritual life of members with the words and the sacraments, devotions, retreats and recollections.
- (d) Promote proper relations between the Association and the hierarchy of the Catholic Church.
- (f) The Chaplain shall coordinate the liturgical celebrations of the Association on the feast of day of St. Theresa's of the Child Jesus.

#### ARTICLE 21

##### GRAND PATRON

The Association shall have 1 (One) Grand Patron appointed by NEC who shall be an Archbishop.

#### ARTICLE 22

##### PATRONS

- (a) The Association shall have not more than 5 (Five) Patrons at any given time.
- (b) At least one of them must be a Catholic Clergy.
- (c) He/she must be someone of impeccable character.
- (d) He/she shall serve for life except his integrity is in question.

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**ARTICLE 23**

**SECRETARIAT ADMINISTRATIVE STAFFS**  
The NEC shall determine the suitability of Administrative Staff.

**ARTICLE 24**

**STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEES:**

The Executive Committee shall put in place Standing Committees or Ad-hoc Committees from time to time for the purpose of achieving the Aims and Objectives of the Association. Such Standing Committee shall report their activities at appropriate meetings.

- (a) Publicity/Welfare Committee (standing)
- (b) Finance/Budgets/Project Committee (standing)
- (c) Annual General Meeting Committee (standing)
- (d) Honours and Awards committee (ad-hoc)
- (e) Electoral Committee (ad-hoc)
- (f) Disciplinary Committee (ad-hoc)

**ARTICLE 25**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- (a) (i) The nomination to offices shall be received by the General Secretary from branches Two (2) months before the election at AGM. In the event that no nominations are received from Branches, then such nominations shall be made on the floor of the AGM.
- (ii) If only one nomination is received, the person stands elected unopposed.
- (iii) The mode of election shall be determined by the Electoral Committee.
- (iv) Results of such elected officers shall be by simple majority.

**(b) QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTION**

All members of the Association are eligible to vote and be voted for while in addition such member must:

- (i) Be a bonafide member.
- (ii) Be seen to be active in Association's activities.
- (iii) Be judged to be committed to the Association's goals and objectives.
- (iv) Have paid his dues and levies for at least Three (3) years prior to the election.

**ARTICLE 26**

**BYE ELECTION/VACANCY OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP**  
Any vacancy after the Annual General meeting shall be filled by the NEC at the nearest NEC meeting

**ARTICLE 27**

**DISSOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE TENURE**

The President at the AGM shall call for the composition of the Electoral Committee.

**ARTICLE 28**

**ELECTORAL COMMITTEE**

There shall be a Three (3)-member Electoral Committee with the purpose to conduct election for the members present at the meeting. The Electoral Committee shall determine the mode of election.

8. No two members shall stand up to speak simultaneously during a meeting.

9. The order of speaking shall be determined by the President in his absolute discretion but the President shall give a reasonable opportunity for divergent views to be heard.

10. Where the President thinks that sufficient contributions have been made on any matter, he may use his discretion to stop further discussion and rule on the matter under consideration. The discretion must be exercised judiciously in the interest of the Association and moral justification.

11. A member who has any relevant or pertinent information to give during the course of a speech by another member may raise a plea of POINT OF INFORMATION. He shall only give such information if permitted to do so by the President.

12. A member may raise a plea of POINT OF ORDER, which when raised shall only be sustained by the President where he accepts that there is deviation by the speaker from the subject matter.

13. A member, who claims that he has been misquoted or misrepresented, may raise a plea of POINT OF CORRECTION, and if allowed by the President, shall correct same.

14. The President shall ensure that all matters discussed are concluded and resolved and/or referred for necessary action before proceeding to any other business.

15. On any issue, every member present shall have one vote, but the President shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

16. The Annual General meeting of the Association shall have the power to appoint any Committee(s) in furtherance of the objects of this Constitution or its business.

17. The President may give directions or adopt measures reasonably necessary in the interest of the Association towards the conduct of proceedings at any meeting including the appointment of Chairman and members of Committees.

18. It shall be duty of the Provost to maintain sanity and orderliness at meetings.

19. The President shall have the power to ask anyone who in the opinion of the Provost, is found engaged in disruptive or distractive acts at meetings to leave such meeting venue for such duration as may be determined by the President.

20. Any member of the Association may be expelled from a meeting or have any other disciplinary action taken against him for such reasons as the meeting may deem fit.



**NB:** A President in this schedule shall be anyone who presides at the Annual General Meeting, in as much as the President has given authority in writing and such approved by the AGM.

**THIRD SCHEDULE (ARTICLE 4 (i, ii and iii))**  
**(I) AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING FOR MAKING ME PASS THROUGH OKE-ARE**

Lord, you said, "If anyone wants to be a disciple of mine, let him carry his cross daily and follow me" in my days in your Seminary of St. Theresa, Oke-Are, you gave me the health and strength to go through. For this I thank you.

The memory comes with ease but the life-content was of rigour and toughness.

My though past prepared me for the tough world I later found myself in. And so, today, Lord, I thank you for preparing me yesterday to meet today. Prepare me today to meet tomorrow. In like manner, Lord, May my today, tough still as it is, prepare me for blissful eternity with you.

May I not postpone till tomorrow, Lord, those little acts of charity that I can do today. Make me see you, more and more, in my daily responsibilities. Make me realise, and more, in my neighbor, with who, and in the midst of who, I carry out those daily activities, make me realise, more and more, that it is you I serve when I serve my brothers and sisters. Let my daily life reflect the goodness of your presence in my life, shine in me so that others may



easily see you in me. Give me the grace to carry my cross daily without complains. May I serve you daily without counting the cost. Make me ever more committed to those values you evoked in me while in the Seminary. That I May continue to serve you more and more. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

**(I) ST. THERESA'S MINOR SEMINARY, OKE-ARE SCHOOL ANTHEM**

1. **On Oke Are lofty hill,**  
 Stands our Seminary renowned.  
 In the centered of Ibadan.  
 That famous Yoruba town.

**Our Seminary. St Theresa's**

Is the oldest in the land,  
 And has always been protected,  
 By the Lord's own loving hand.

**Chorus:**

Dear St. Theresa Alma Mater,  
 Of our boyhoods' tenderest days.  
 May we cherish thee forever,  
 Ever faithful to the ways

2. On this ancient hallowed spot,  
 Youthful voice rise above.  
 To beg for God's own guidance,  
 To adore the God of all.



3. We have come here far and near,  
From towns both big and small.  
Come prepared to serve our master,  
And to bring his love to all.

### (!!!!) SALVE REGINA

Salve, Regina Mater misericordiae;  
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.  
Ad te clamamus, exules filii havae,  
Ad te Suspiramus  
Gementes et flentes  
In hac lacrimarum valle,  
Eia ergo, advocata nostra,  
Illos tuos misericordes oculos  
Ad nos converter  
Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui.  
Nobis post hoc exilium ostende,  
O Clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

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MR. ANTHONY OGUNDIPE  
GENERAL SECRETARY

+ MOST REV DR. ALFRED ADEWALE MARTINS  
CHAIRMAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF OKE-ARE  
SEMINARY, IBADAN.