



Victor Ugbomah, S.D.S.

Date of Birth *August 10, 1954*

Date of Commitment *December 13, 2009*

Date of Death *February 17, 2011*

Victor Ugbomah was born in Aboh Township, in southern Nigeria on August 10, 1954. He was baptized on June 15, 1956 at St. John Catholic Church in Abbi, Bendel State, Nigeria. He attended St. John's Elementary and Primary School. He graduated first class from Mater Dei Catholic Grammar School in Ashaka, Bendel State in June 1973.

Victor immigrated to the United States in 1978 in pursuit of higher education. He studied briefly at Alabama A&M University before transferring in 1979 to North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota, to study Architecture. Matriculating at North Dakota State, he received his B. Arch degree and also a B.S. degree in Philosophy in 1983. He later went on to receive a Masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning in 1985.

Victor was a diversified and accomplished professional with over twenty years of progressive experience in the field of architecture, planning, administrative and innovative project management techniques.

St. Joseph Catholic Community in Huntsville, Alabama was Victor's parish home for the last several years of his life. He was very involved in the life of the parish. An accomplished photographer, Victor was often seen taking photographs at parish events, especially at First Communion and Confirmation. Victor was a member of the Knights of Peter Claver and the Nigerian Catholic Association. He also sang with Sanctuary Choir at Sunday Mass.

Victor's first encounter with the Lay Salvatorians was on December 8, 2002. The Salvatorians at St. Joseph were celebrating Foundation Day with Mass and a luncheon. Victor thought the luncheon was an open event so he came in and joined us. He felt very welcome and continued to come to gatherings for several years before requesting candidature in 2007. He made his commitment on December 13, 2009 at St. Joseph's. It was a beautiful event enhanced greatly by the presence of his Nigerian community. Victor did not have any family members here in the United States but he was beloved by those who knew him. Many of the Nigerian children addressed him as "Uncle Victor", a profound title of respect.

Victor became ill with cancer in 2008 and bravely fought it. He went into remission for a time but it came back in the fall of 2010. On February 17, 2011, God called him home. He was surrounded by members of the Nigerian community, his Church family and Fr. Patrick Nelson, S.D.S. when he passed. He will be missed by many but we live in the sure knowledge that he is in a better place and resting in the arms of our Divine Savior.