# MIRACULOUS EVENT



Madre mia, fiducia e speranza, in Te mi affido e mi abbandono

### UN MESSAGGIO DA SCOPRIRE E UN VOLTO DA CONTEMPLARE

Foglio di collegamento per gli Amici di suor Maria Chiara Scarabelli



Gesù Maria Vi amo, salvate tutte le anime

## The Medal, gift of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, she manifested herself in a visible prodigy to save one of her lost daughter. In the light of faith we can live every day the reality of this miracle , in abandoning to His Mother's Heart.

Dear friends of Sister Chiara,

it is with great emotion that we are announcing that, on June 9th 2018, celebration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Archibishop of Lagos has signed the Decree with which he acknowledges that ten years ago, in his Diocese, miss Josephine was saved from death by a miraculous event, due to the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by mean of the Medal.

In a spirit of praise and brotherly communion, we are offering the reading of the text of the Decree, of the complete testimony written by the protagonist and of the brief text which concludes the collection of all the documents and the testimonies which were presented, titled "Report of the Encounter with the Medal of Mother Chiara Scarabelli".

#### **DECREE**

**OBJECT:** Approval of miraculous event. Refer: **Miss Josephine Ogiye** at the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary through the medal of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Sister Chiara Scarabelli.

#### HISTORICAL NARRATION ON THE EVENT:

1 Beneficiary of the miraculous event: Miss Josephine Ogiye, born in the year 1980, age 38, a graduate of Public Administration; she is a Catholic, Parishioner of St. Agnes Catholic Church, Maryland Lagos-Nigeria, a member of Legion of Mary and Association of Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

2 The place where Miss Josephine Ogiye received the medal of Immaculate Heart of Mary was in the Chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ahmadu Bello way, Victoria Island Lagos, Nigeria.

3 The person who gave Miss Josephine Ogiye the medal was Madam Gold Oruh, the Coordinator of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel.

4 The date of incident experienced by Miss Josephine Ogiye was 20 September 2007.

5 Miss Josephine Ogiye gave a summary of the incident in which the medal of the Immaculate Heart of Mary she wore saved her. She narrated

her experience as follows: Ritualists tried to strangle her with the aim of cutting off her tongue and plucking out her eves. She praved "Lord let my soul find rest in you which I could not finish. before suddenly a mysterious breath like oxygen was transfused into all my body system and life come back into me as I immediately gained consciousness to the danger I was. and with a loud scream I cried out "Mother of perpetual help!" instantly the atmosphere changed, the medal was sparking rays on my clothing in a brilliant sky blue as it was flaming like stars which I saw. I became afraid on myself because I hadn't seen a thing like that before, but I also noticed my presence became unpleasant to them seeing that mysterious flaming wich put them into confusion as it was like a terror and loudly they screamed and pleaded with me when I cried out "Holy Mary!". On their quest to know who I was as they felt disappointed on accomplishing their wicked act. In spite of the horrible torture to death, it was the height on climax on hearing that name "Holy Mary!" as they pleaded I should not mention it again as they have agreed to free me and let me go I was baffled because that name was a thunder strike attack to their hearing. In their ponder and dismay, while luck was against them, I heard one of them said look at that thing on her neck that is where the power is from and immediately all responded: ves ves ves it is true oh. It was the medal of the Immaculate Heart of Mary given to me by Madam Gold Oruh in the chapel of our Mother of Perpetual Help which she distributed to all present after Mass in the month of August 2007. As they could see the spark radiated from the medal, immediately held to my throat and struggled who could take it first from my neck which they finally succeeded but with much struggles after which I was pushed out of the vehicle on the highway flyover bridge".

6 The testimonial Letter of Rev. Father Anthony O. Odjegba, the celebrant (visiting Priest) of the Mass on the day Miss Josephine Ogiye gave the testimony of the miraculous event in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel.

7 The testimonial Letter of Rev. Father Innocent Opogah, the Parish Priest responsible for the Chapel and witness to the report of Rev. Father Anthony Odjegba on the experience narrated by Miss Josephine Ogiye in Our Lady Perpetual Chapel. 8 The testimonial complete file from Madame Gold Oruh in collaboration with Prof. Msgr. Francis Ogunmodede of the testimony of Miss Josephine Ogiye: Investigation, Research, Coordination of documents: historical and scientific after ten years (September 2007 – 20 June 2017) from the experience of Miss Josephine Ogiye to the time of the request of the committee of Rev. Sister Maria Chiara Scarabelli from Italy.

#### **SCIENTIFICAL NARRATION:**

1 Medical report by Dr. Anthony Dibie C. who admitted and treated Miss Josephine Ogiye (20-24 September 2007) in St. Anthony Hospital and Maternity, 7 Fadiya street off Demurin Street, Ketu – Lagos, Nigeria (at. file p. 6)

2 Medical report of Dr. Andrew O. Jolugbo, Specialist Ophtalmologist who treated Miss Josephine Ogiye after her being discharged from St. Anthony hospital.

3 Medical file of St. Anthony hospital with description and report of the four days (20 September night -24 September) of Miss Josephine Ogiye after the incident.

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

After a prayerful reflection on the testimony of Miss Josephine Ogiye, I am of the opinion that she is sincere, genuine in her testimony and simple in her expression and narration. One can discern her purity of intention in giving the testimony: we notice the following character in her testimony:

a. Her testimony was only to glorify God and thank him for the gift of life.

b. After her testimony, she did note take advantage for publicity or personal interest rather she disappeared until she was contacted by Miss Gold Oruh in June 2017 on the request of the Committee on the Cause of Sister Maria Chiara Scarabelli.

c. The historical description of the experience of Miss Josephine Ogiye is supported by the scientific medical report from St. Anthony Hospital which were found intact in the hospital after 10 years with the report of Dr. Anthony Dibie admitting her into the hospital 10 years ago. d. Report of Dr. Andrew O. Jolugbo on the condition of Miss Josephine Ogiye's eyes and her difficulty to speak.

e. My impression of Miss Josephine Ogiye as she gave her testimony in my presence is that she is a simple and balanced person. I had no reason to believe that her testimony was her invention or fantasy.

In the light of the above, I APPROVE the experience of Miss Josephine Ogiye as a miraculous event due to the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the medal of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Sister Maria Chiara Scarabelli,

May the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, triumph in the local and universal Church, for the maximum glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Given from the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Lagos on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Rev. Msgr. Anthony Obanla Archdiocesan Chancellor

Most Rev. Alfred Adewale Martins Archbishop of Lagos

#### HISTORICAL ENCOUNTER WITH OUR LADY WRITTEN BY JOSEPHINE OGIYE

With profound and joyful praise of thanksgiving to God in respect connection to my experience which would not be forgotten in a life time with an encounter of unknown ritualist killers.

I am alive today to share this experience not because I was only opportune and privileged but because of the extra-ordinary mercies and the intervention of God through our Lady in her medal of the Immaculate Conception which for me I considered the "seat of power to restoration and revival to human salvation".

It was early one morning of 20th September 2007 on my way to work from

Ketu on Ikorodu Road of Lagos to Victoria Island, as I was in a hurry to beat the traffic, I set out praying my rosary on the road, and as it was quite unusual for me, I completed the 15 mysteries outside my usual daily 5 decade.

On arrival to work that morning, I thought of visiting the chapel which I was almost going to forget considering the task at hand, but just immediately it was going to clock 3:00pm, I stepped into the chapel of our Lady Mother of Perpetual Help to join others offering the hour of mercy as there was a notice of that information, but rather unfortunate after waiting, no one came inside the chapel, so I continued on with the prayer and because of the little more time I had, I remembered I was making a novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help which was into the fourth day of thereabout and I offered another five decade rosary and concluded with the Magnificat and hurried rushed out to continue with my job. Angrily my MD instructively ordered the extension of my closing time as I was not on seat when she arrived the office, I pleaded guilty even when it was my break time but she would not listen. So I closed 10pm to join the staff bus which dropped me at Western Costain Avenue of Lagos at about 12am. Due to the heavy traffic flow that day, it was scarcely only few people and commercial vehicle passing, I was desperately anxious to get home through much apprehensive as I was not conversant with the environment and with a little more delay a car drove by, hastenly I saw the rush of the two men standing with me at the bus stop on black suit boarded the vehicle, freely I boarded because the driver said he was going my direction when I asked. I was the last to board, immediately the driver spared off as soon as I entered the vehicle and immediately re-diverted to another direction heading toward a turning to the Mainland of Lagos, just as I was going to scream I perceived an odour spraved inside the vehicle, and immediately I was pushed to sit into the middle and with loud screaming voice, I cried out "blood of Jesus" when my neck was strangled and squeezed tightly and forcefully to the throat by the men in order to take off the tongue form the mouth, meanwhile I was injected into the mouth to widen its expansion, at that time, neither could I speak nor breath, my legs and hands had been chained which was struck by heavy hammer on both joints of legs (ankle, knees) as if it was not enough, a deep sharp object was inserted into my eyes and pulling it out forcefully from the eye socket with the object. I had given up because the pain was too unbearable for me to withstand, and secondly I could not breath any longer as the throat was seized over about 30 minutes, and because of the few more seconds left for me on dving parting from the world. I gave my last word of prayer "Lord let my soul find rest in you" which I could not finish before suddenly a mysterious breath like oxygen was transfused into all my body system and life came back into me as I immediately gained consciousness to the danger I was, and with a loud scream I cried out "Mother of perpetual help" instantly the atmosphere changed, it was a sparking rays on my clothing in a brilliant sky blue as it was flaming like stars which I saw as I became afraid of myself because I hadn't seen a thing like that before, but I also noticed my presence became unpleasant to them seeing that mysterious flaming which put them into confusion as it was like a terror and loudly they screamed and pleaded with me when I cried "Holy Mary" on their quest to know who I was as they felt disappointed on accomplishing their wicked act in spite the horrible torture to death. It was the height on climax on hearing that name "Holy Mary" as they pleaded I should not mention it again as they have agreed to free me and let me go. I was baffled because that name was a thunder strike attack to their hearing. In their ponder and dismay while luck was against them I heard one of them said look at that thing on her neck that is where the power is from and immediately all responded yes yes is true oh. It was the medal of the Immaculate Heart of Mary given to me by Madam Gold Oruh in the chapel of our mother of perpetual help which she distributed to all present after mass in the month of August 2007. As they could see the spark radiated from the medal, immediately held to my throat and struggled who could take it first from my neck which they finally succeeded but with much struggles after which I was pushed out of the vehicle on the highway flyover bridge where I had no knowledge of where I was until rescuers came from only where God knows where and how who told me where precisely where I was at Ijora Olopa Apapa Road. It was about 1-2pm that night as the rescuers facilitated all the help and support they could render as they could not take to me to the police station to make a police report for the fear of being arrested. I was traumatized, brutally wounded and weakened as I could not stand to me feet; I was immediately moved away from the scene as there was no street light on the street. They took all the details and information about me as they contacted my office that morning.

#### JOSEPHINE OGIYE

#### **CONCLUSION**

The report herein is a documentation of the process of our encounter with the medal of Mothr Chiara Scarabelli. The medal which seemed very ordinary ended up being a thing of great marvel. The account of the Beneficiary Josephine Ogiye, that of Dr. Anthony Dibie, hospital records ad well as the eye doctor Dr. Jolugbo all point to the mystery of God and the unfathomable intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The proceedings are pure and unadulterated.

We give God the glory.

#### GOLD ORUH

Dear Friends,

now the Medal is truly acknowledged as **MIRACULOUS** by the Church, in the person of the Archibishop of Lagos.

Such recognition should arise the desire and the need as well to know in depth the tool chosen by Mary to give this Gift.

We are positive this very event will reveal the wonders of a concealed life, left to be shaped by the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to the point of living Her very Love for Christ and for the salvation of the souls.

We think that the miracle of the Medal will clear off the prejudices of those who thought that, all considered, the life and spirituality of Sister Chiara were exaggerations, when they are in truth a hidden treasure, which honor and will honor the Mother Church and the Franciscan Family.

The whole Committee praises the Lord for this great grace, which allow us to hope that the desire of Mary may found its full accomplishment, also through the knowledge of her whom the Virgin Mary chose to give the Gift of Her Heart symbolized in the Medal.

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