

**PROJECT PROPOSAL**  
*Sustaining God's Kingdom  
with the  
Marian Missionary Sisters*



*in*  
**Abia State,  
NIGERIA**

# Overview

**The House of the Marian Missionaries Ad Regnum Dei** (*The Marian Missionaries of God's Kingdom*) was inaugurated in Nigeria in 2016.

The **Marian Missionary Sisters** bind themselves with public vows to observe the evangelical counsels (chastity, poverty and obedience). They consecrate themselves to the love of Mary Immaculate, and as dedicated ambassadors, closely follow and imitate Christ through a community life of prayer; organizing conferences and study sessions; establishing musical groups and choirs; and service to the poor and marginalized (including orphaned or street children, and the physically and mentally handicapped).

As the ministry has grown in this region of Nigeria, revealing a hunger and zeal for the message of Jesus, the **Marian Missionary Sisters** are constantly strategizing best practices that would achieve long-term sustainability, and increase their economic independence even as they grow the community and ultimately Catholicism throughout the country.

The most immediate and apparent need, is the production of high quality affordable hosts that meet liturgical and canonical standards. This would not only reduce the traveling costs to obtain hosts for use at **Marian House**, but provide a regular source of income from various avenues.

58 existing parishes and 40 anticipated represent the largest market, with an estimated monthly demand of 30 large and 600 small hosts per parish.

In addition, there are 54 secondary and 40 primary schools with chapels and active liturgical programs; 7 seminaries, also with regular liturgical activities; and 21 female and 4 male religious communities with daily or weekly Eucharistic celebrations.

A room at the **Marian Missionary Sisters House** has been identified for this production; however, it requires some renovation and equipment to be ready for a successful host-making venture.

*The House of the Marian Missionaries Ad Regnum Dei*

# Where They Are



Coordinates: 5.4527° N, 7.5248° E

# Summary

The plan is to implement a host-making room at the Marian Missionary Sisters Ad Regnum Dei in Aba Diocese, Abia State.

The Marian Missionaries require a project in line with Catholicism, which would enable the institution to become sustainable. This project addresses a clear need for affordable and locally produced hosts by the diocese. By leveraging the existing ecclesial communities combined with social media promotions and driven by dynamic and trained Sisters, the Marian Missionary Sisters should successfully penetrate the market efficiently. This would have a long-term effect of sustainability for the Sisters, while providing them the opportunity to grow the community and ultimately Catholicism throughout the State of Abia and Nigeria as a whole.

## Objectives

- Market Penetration:** Achieve 75% adoption rate within the first year among parishes, schools, and religious communities.
- Affordability:** Provide high quality, affordable hosts to parishes and schools, eliminating the dependency and costliness of traveling miles to obtain hosts.
- Sustainability:** Establish a self-sustaining production and distribution model within 12 months.
- Community Engagement:** Strengthen ties with the religious and educational communities in the Diocese.

## Target Market Analysis

- Parishes:** 58 existing and 40 new parishes represent the largest market segment. The estimated monthly demand is 30 large and 600 small hosts per parish.
- Religious Communities:** 21 female and 4 male religious communities have daily or weekly Eucharistic celebrations.
- Seminaries and Formation Houses:** 7 seminaries with regular liturgical activities.
- Schools:** 54 secondary and 40 primary schools with chapels and active liturgical programs.
- Vicariates:** Distribution will be centralized at the location and throughout the 10 vicariates in the Aba Diocese.

## Weaknesses

The demand throughout the country far exceeds present manufacturing capabilities. Papini host-making machines are spread throughout the country and are in monasteries and convents in Lagos, Abuja, Owerri, Onitsha, Enugu and Benin City.

- The convent lacks IT hardware and training.
- The Sisters are presently lacking language skills

# Project Snapshot

**GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN MISSION**, as a Christian organization, exists to put God's love into action, and supports the Marian Missionary Sisters as dedicated ambassadors in Nigeria of Jesus Christ.

***Sustaining God's Kingdom with the Marian Missionary Sisters*** is being established to support the Sisters in their goal to earn an income for the House, and achieve long-term sustainability with the production of canonically-approved affordable hosts.

The product development will include offering priced bundles according to the size parishes, and schools.

The project entails the following:

- Renovating an existing room for the host production
- Purchase of machinery, including
  - Automatic mold
  - Sheet cutter
  - Maxi steam cell
  - Tables, kitchen utensils
  - 2 Computes
  - Printer
  - Bag sealer
- **Training for the Sisters:**
  - Computer literacy. Conducted by the proficient Mother Superior, including the production of letters, invoices and fliers for social media promotion.
  - Database compilation: Of all potential clients in the State.
  - Machine training: The Sisters will be equipped with hairnets and aprons.
  - Package and distribution: Follow-up procedure and processes.

## Projected Impact

1. **Cost savings:** Parishes and schools save significantly on delivery costs.
2. **Community support:** Strengthened relationship with the Diocese through collaborative engagement.
3. **Sustainability:** Local production ensures long-term viability and resilience against market fluctuations.
4. **Professional timely delivery:** Captures more market share.

**TOTAL COST: \$110,221.71**

# *Host-making Samples*



*Papini mold machine*



*Automatic cutter*



*Double steam machine*

# From Global Humanitarian Mission

The host-making project by the Marian Missionary Sisters Ad Regnum Dei is a timely and necessary initiative that, with your support, will address the liturgical needs of Aba Diocese, while fostering community engagement and financial sustainability.

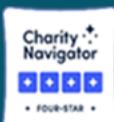
***Supporting the Marian Missionaries in this endeavor will help them make a meaningful impact within the Diocese, that will enable them to assist others in the growth of Catholicism throughout Nigeria.***

## *Outreach Ministry*



***“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made His light shine in our hearts.”***  
**2 Corinthians 4:6**

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