**PROFILE OF PROF. IKECHUKWU ANTHONY, KANU, O.S.A**

IKECHUKWU ANTHONY, KANU is a Friar of the Order of Saint Augustine, Province of Nigeria. He is a Professor of African philosophy, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Tansian University, and a Visiting Professor of Philosophy to the University of Jos, Veritas University Abuja and Saint Albert the Great Major Seminary. Kanu is also a Tenured Professor of African Theology and Orthodox Studies at The University of America, California.

Prior to Tansian, he was the Rector of Villanova Polytechnic, Osun State and taught Philosophy and Religion at Saint Augustine’s Major Seminary, Jos and the Augustinian Institute of Philosophy, Makurdi. He is currently a member of the Governing Council of Veritas University, Abuja, and the African Institute for Consecrated Life and Allied Studies, Abuja. He is also the National Moderator of the National Association of Philosophy Student in Nigeria.

Professor Kanu has a PhD in African Philosophy from Selinus University, London; a second PhD in ATR from UNIZIK; he has an MA in Metaphysics from UNN, and a second MA in ATR from UNIZIK. He also has an Masters in Theology and Orthodox Studies, and a fourth Masters in Higher Institution Administration both from The University of America, Curacao, Netherlands. Added to these are Bachelors of Philosophy from the Pontifical Urban University, Rome; a Bachelors of Theology from the University of Jos, and a PGDE from NOUN.

Kanu is the President of the World Cultural Studies Research Association, and also the President of the Association for the Promotion of African Studies. He has to his credit more than 255 articles published in National and International Peer-Reviewed Journals; he has written and edited more than 90 books and presented more than 280 academic papers at National and International conferences. He has also contributed more than 75 chapters to books, not counting his contributions in the area of encyclopedia entries.

He is the recipient of several awards, and notable among them are: 2018 Patron of the Arts, by the Faculty of Arts, UNIZIK; 2018 Distinguished Academic of the Year, by the Society for Research and Academic Excellence, UNN; 2018 Oracle of Wisdom Award, by the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Tansian University; the Louis Althusser Golden Award in 2021 by Eudoxia Research Institute, India; the 2020 Kwameh Nkrumah Transformational Leadership Medal by the African Institute for Public Administration, Ghana. Added to these are three honorary doctorate degrees in Education, Public Administration and Metaphysics from citadels of academic excellence in London and the United States of America.

The Professor has been certified in E-Learning, by UNESCO; certified in *New Trends in Education,* by London Graduate School; certified in *Advanced Negotiation Strategies* by Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; certified in *Creative Writing* by Wesleyan University, Middletown, USA; certified in different aspects of leadership by the Business School of the University of Michigan, USA; by HEC International Business School, Paris, France; and by the College of Business, University of Illinois, Chicago, USA.

Professor Kanu is a proponent of *IGWEBUIKE* Philosophy, which he holds to be the operative condition of the thermodynamics of African Philosophy, Religion and Culture. He hails from Arondizuogu, an eastern ancestral homeland and a centre of ancient civilization.