



**Most Rev. Dr. Fortunatus Nwachukwu, B.Phil, LSS, STD, DCL.
Tit. Archbishop of Aquaviva
Apostolic Nuncio**

Born on 10 May 1960, at Ntigha, Abia State, Nigeria.

Ordained Catholic Priest on 17 June, 1984, at Aba, Nigeria.

Joined the diplomatic service of the Holy See (Vatican) on 1st July, 1994.

Was elected Archbishop and appointed Apostolic Nuncio (Ambassador) on 12 November, 2012;
was ordained Archbishop on 6 January 2013.

Academic formation

1992-1996	Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas, Rome (<i>Doctorate in Canon Law</i>).
1992-1994	Pontifical Ecclesiastical (Diplomatic) Academy, Vatican.
1991-1992	Philosoph-Theologische Hochschule, Sankt Georgen, Frankfurt/M, Germany (<i>Specialization on Textual Criticism of the Bible</i>).
1990-1993	Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome (<i>Doctorate in Dogmatic Theology</i>).
1989	The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel (<i>Modern Hebrew language</i>).
1986-1990	Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome (<i>Licentiate in Biblical Sciences and admission to the Doctorate</i>).
1977-1984	Bigard Memorial Seminary, Ikot-Ekpene and Enugu, Nigeria (<i>Bachelor's degrees in Philosophy and in Theology</i>).
1972-1975	Immaculate Conception Seminary, Umuahia, Nigeria.

Appointments:

2021-	Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations Office, Specialized Institutions, and the World Trade Organization, Geneva; Representative of the Holy See to International Migrations Organization.
2017-2021	Apostolic Nuncio (Holy See/Vatican Ambassador) to Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, CARICOM; Apostolic Delegate to the Antilles.
2012-2017	Apostolic Nuncio (Holy See/Vatican Ambassador) to

Nicaragua

2007-2012	Chief of Protocol of the Secretariat of State, Vatican City.
2006-2007	Desk Officer for Human Rights and International Organizations, Secretariat of State, Section for Relations with States, Vatican City.
2002-2006	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva.
1999-2002	First Secretary, Apostolic Nunciature in Algeria and Tunisia
1996-1999	Secretary, Apostolic Nunciature in Paraguay
1994-1996	Secretary, Apostolic Nunciature in Ghana, Togo and Benin.
1984-1986	Teacher, dean of studies and vice-rector, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Umuahia, Nigeria.

Archbishop Nwachukwu speaks and understands, in addition to his mother tongue, Igbo, also English, Italian, German, French, Spanish, modern Hebrew and a bit of Arabic, as well as some ancient languages of Biblical research namely, Latin, Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic.

Some publications:

- *Parola abusata. Il Chiacchiericcio nell'insegnamento di Papa Francesco*, Vatican City, 2021.
- *Awaiting the Holy Spirit. Biblical Reflections and Novena Prayers*, Abuja, Paulines, 2021.
- *One Faith. Many Tongues: Managing Diversity in the Church in Nigeria* (Paulines, Abuja, 2017, pp. 1-120).
- *The Courage to Change: Take Off Your Shoes* (Paulines, Nairobi: 2003, pp. 1-120, 1st reprint in 2009; tr. in Italian as *Togliti i sandali: Il coraggio di cambiare*. Paoline, Milano, 2013, pp. 1-179).
- *Cann. 364 and 365: The Holy See and the State of Israel: An Example of the Logic of Pontifical Diplomacy*, Rome, 1996.
- *The Birth of Systematic Theology in Contemporary Black Africa* (Rome: 1994);

Articles:

- "The Silence of the Bible" (in Italian: "*E se la Bibbia tace? Il silenzio della Bibbia*") in: *Il Volto dei Volti*, XV/2 luglio-dicembre 2012, pp. 24–35);
- "The Challenge for Change in the African Universe", in: *Challenges For Africa in the 21st Century: Removing Barriers to Progress*. IUHEI, Geneva, 2005, 186-205;
- "Inculturated Translation of Biblical Personal Names", in: *Encounter*, vol. 4 (1998/99, pp. 36-51);
- "The Textual Differences Between the MT and the LXX of Deuteronomy 31...", in: *Bundesdokument und Gesetz, Studien zum Deuteronomium* (Herder, 1995, 79-92).