



**Fr. Chux C. Okochi, PhD, MA. Bio**

Fr. Chux C. Okochi graduated with bachelor's degree in philosophy and a Bachelor of Divinity degree in Theology from Pontifical Urban University, Rome before going on to acquire a Master of Arts degree in Theology and a PhD in Rhetoric and Communication from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA.

Fr. Chux C. Okochi received a proclamation from the Nassau County Executive for his humanitarian services to humanity within Nassau County and the medical mission program to Nigeria, in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University Hospital, with particular focus on tropical medicine. He coordinates a hospital in Nigeria, INFANT JESUS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, ISHIAGU, NIGERIA as the president of Uplift Help International, Inc. Cambridge Who's Who recognized Fr. Chux C. Okochi as an Honored Member and included him in the 2007-2008 edition of the Cambridge Who's Who registry of Executives and Professionals. He was the Director of Pastoral Care Services at Calvary Hospital. In this role, he was responsible for the daily administrative affairs of Pastoral Care; supervising chaplains and staff of the department, while assisting Administration in the smooth running of the hospital and was later assigned the responsibility of Director of Mission Services.

Fr. Chux C. Okochi is an Adjunct Associate Professor and teaches public speaking at St. John's University and Hofstra University as a theoretical and practical discipline, and mentor students to develop their speaking skills using their areas of interest as an initial tool. As an Adjunct Associate Professor at St. John's University, Queens Campus, one of the prestigious Catholic universities in the New York metropolitan area; he teaches courses in Interpersonal Communication for Pharmacists in the Department of Communication Studies. He also teaches Language and Culture in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at St. John's University. Fr. Chux is a member of the American Association of University Professors. He has given public lectures on *Spirituality as a Human Rhetorical Activity*; *Persuasion: Method and Mission*; and *Rhetoric: Its Application in Our Life and Ministry*.

Fr. Chux Okochi's academic interest centers on using Rhetorical tools of Culture, Religion, Faith Traditions and Language in the education and training of healthcare

workers. The research goal is developing “Spiritual Pain in the context of communication with dying patients and their families” in a Palliative and End-of-Life setting.