

**MARSHALLANS PRESENT AT BISHOP OLIVER
BOWERS 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT
AGORMENYA ON 5TH APRIL, 2010.**

Marshallans from the Archdiocese of Accra joined their counterparts from the Koforidua dioceses at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church-Agormenya in the Krobo District of Ghana to celebrate the 100th Birthday Celebration of Bishop Oliver Bower.

The Marshallans delegation was led by W/Bro Charles Kwame Appiasi, the Regional Grand Knight under whose jurisdiction the Celebration took place.

The residence of Bishop Bowers and the HDR sisters saw large groups of catholics and non-catholic faithfuls from far and near. The Birthday which fell on March 28th was rather shifted to 5th April 2010 – Easter Monday on the request of the celebrant who was apparently born on Easter Monday, March 28th 1910.

A great number of the clergy and the religious were at the function. This included His Eminence Peter Cardinal Appiah- Turkson, President of Pontifical Council of Peace and Justice who flew in from the Vatican in Rome just for the celebration, Most Rev. Leon Kalenga- Apostolic Nuncio to Ghana and the Most Rev. Gabriel Charles Palmer – Buckles Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra who presided over the celebration. Others were Most Rev Joseph Afrifa Agyekum, Catholic Bishop of Koforidua and Very Rev. Fr. D'melo (SVD) Provincial Superior of S.V.D.

Dr. Nicholas J.O. Liverpool – the Dominican president, chiefs and people of the Krobo traditional area as well as family members and friends, Bishop Bowers' niece Irma and her husband Lawrence Wandele were all around him up stage.

Archbishop Gabriel Charles Palmer-Buckle not only made the celebration a vivid one but also enumerated the various deeds and achievements of Bishop Bowers. Educational set-ups and hospitals which are one of the best in the country now, are some of the visions of Bishop Bowers. Other achievements include the set-up of convents especially the HDR sisters convent in Agormenya. Archbishop Palmer – Buckle also mentioned the humane and disciplinary qualities of the Bishop Bowers. He said that he was mentored by Bishop Bowers as a mass server, and thereby admonished bishops and priests to groom their mass servers in love and peace because they would not know when their mentees would turn to be their bishops.

Bishop Palmer-Buckles was full of praises for the celebrant. All other speakers, such as the Republican president, the SVD, the Catholic Bishops, The HDR sisters, and well wishers were very happy. Chiefs of Krobo Traditional area in a durbar at the function gave out splendid performances in music and dance in honour of the birthday celebrant.

Indeed, it was a sight very admirable and memorable.

Gifts from all sort of people and societies were presented to the Bishop. A cheque of One Hundred Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 100,000.00) signifying GH¢ 1,000.00 for each of the years was presented to him by the Ghana Catholic Bishops Conference. This amount was to be used for Bishop Bower's Dream Retreat Centre in honour of St. Lucy of Fatima who aided him in his life as a priest.

The Knights and Ladies of Marshall also made a handsome donation to the worthy course of the Bishop. On behalf of the Supreme Council and the Grand Court, an amount of One Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 1,000.00) and a Citation was presented to the Birthday Celebrant.

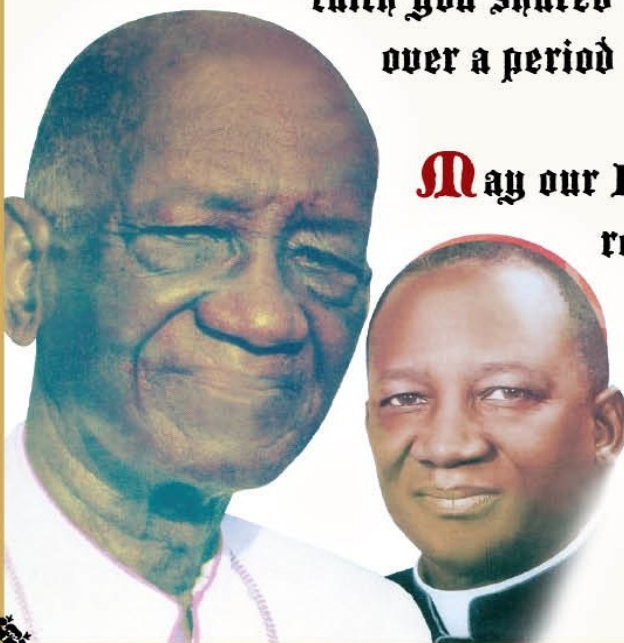
The 100th Birth Celebration of Bishop Oliver Bowers was a very gratifying one. He blessed all the people present with good health and with the miracle of attaining hundred years of quality life.

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Happy Centenary Birthday
**Bishop Emeritus Joseph
Oliver Bowers SVD,**

Today, your maker has granted you an enviable 5 score years and good health. Today you join the club of privileged Centenarians.

As patron of the Noble Order of the Knights and Ladies of Marshall, we recount the many deep teachings of the Catholic faith you shared with us as Bishop of Accra over a period of about 71 years.



May our Father in Heaven continue to reward you for all you did for us and continue to do for the poor and under privileged.

**Presented By:
The Knights and Ladies of Marshall**