

**“Father Francis Asomkase, SSJ**, is a Josephite priest who was born and raised in Nigeria. He joined the Josephites Congregation and moved to the USA for seminary training after graduating from high school. After 11 years of seminary training, Father Asomkase, SSJ, was ordained a Catholic priest on May 29th, 2010.

Father Asomkase, SSJ, has served in different capacities on various assignments. Immediately after his ordination, he was assigned to St. Raymond - St. Leo the Great in the Archdiocese of New Orleans as a parochial Vicar. He also served as parochial vicar at Our Mother of Mercy in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. His first assignment as pastor was at Holy Family Catholic Church, Baytown, Texas.

After years of being pastor, he was made the rector of St. Martin de Porres House of Studies and was responsible for the Josephite seminarians studying philosophy. Father Asomkase’s last assignment before coming to Detroit was in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He served as pastor of St. Peter Claver-St. Pius V Catholic Church Baltimore.

Father Asomkase is deeply excited to serve in Detroit. There is much about him that the community will get to know as time progresses. He is an open-minded person with a tremendous sense of humor, deep faith in God, and easily approachable”