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She is presently the **Associate Director of the Faber Center for Ignatian Spirituality at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA**. The Faber Center is dedicated to providing faculty and staff with support and guidance in leading a reflective life. Through retreats, reflection groups, and spiritual direction, faculty and staff connect to their spiritual core and God (<https://www.marquette.edu/faber-center/>).

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She is a

- faith-filled and active Catholic woman religious, with a deep sense of vocation and call to serve God and the people of God in the church and in the world with compassion and dedication.
- highly creative and motivated African-US Catholic woman religious, committed to ministry and scholarship within diverse traditions of Christianity.

Her ministerial and research interests include ethical and theological issues that shape the spiritual and devotional lives of African women in African and North American Diaspora; spirituality of minority groups in the 21st century; contemporary and contextual expressions and applications of Ignatian spirituality; justice-informed ministry, counseling, and accompaniment; social justice; and the interplay of religions, cultures, gender, church, and society.

Of Nigerian parentage and origin, she is a naturalized US citizen.

She holds

- a **PhD in Systematic Theology** from the University of Roehampton in London, UK. Dissertation title: “‘Bridge over troubled waters’: a critical reevaluation of gender in religion with particular emphasis on the role, identity and mission of African women in Christianity in rhetoric and practice within the Roman Catholic Tradition.” 2015 – 2016.
- a **Doctor of Ministry in Spirituality** from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, USA. Dissertation title: “Gifts and Challenges of African Nigerian Women in Diaspora to the Parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago.” 2008 – 2011.
- a **Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Studies** from the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, Illinois. 2008 – 2009.
- a **Masters in Religious Studies and Pastoral Counseling** from Mt. St. Mary’s College, Los Angeles, California. 2002 – 2004.

She has published several articles and book chapters on Theology, Gender, Ecclesiology and Church Leadership; Feminist, Womanist, or Mujerista Ethics, including:

- “Who is Christ for African Women?” in *Catholic Women Speak: Bringing Our Gifts to the Table*, ed. The Catholic Women Speak Network (Paulist, 2015).
- “How Are Theologians Challenged by their Engagement with the Sense of the Faithful in the Global/Local Church,” *CTSA Proceedings* 70 (2015): 60-71 (Also published in chapter 25 of Bradford E. Hinze and Peter C. Phan, eds., *Learning from All the Faithful: A Contemporary Theology of the Sensus Fidei* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2016)
- “African Spirituality for a New Ecclesia in Africa,” in *The Church We Want: Foundations, Theology and Mission of the Church in Africa*, ed. Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator (Paulines, 2015)
- “Reimagining African Theology: The Promise of a New Generation,” in *Theological Reimagination: Conversations on Church, Religion, and Society in Africa*, ed. Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator (Paulines, 2014)

- “The Sacrifice of Africa and the Midwives of a New Church and a New Africa,” *Modern Theology* 30 (2):408-413 (2014)
- “Dreams from My Mother, Prayers to My Father: Rethinking the Trinity of God, Woman, and Church,” in *Feminist Catholic Theological Ethics: Conversations in the World Church*, eds. Linda Hogan and A. E. Orobator (Orbis 2014)
- “‘Woman, You are Set Free!’ Women and Discipleship in the Church,” in *Reconciliation Justice, and Peace: The Second African Synod*, ed. Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator (Orbis, 2011)
- “Gender and Ecclesiology: Authorities, Structures, Ministry,” in Lisa Sowle Cahill, Diego Irarrazaval and Elaine M. Wainwright (eds.), *Gender in Theology, Spirituality and Practice*, *Concilium* 2012/4
- “Making Justice at Home or Justice Begins at Home” in *Practicing Reconciliation, Doing Justice, Building Peace: Conversations in Catholic Theological Ethics in Africa*, ed. Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator (Pauline, 2013).

Professional Activities and Affiliations:

- Theological Colloquium on Church, Religion, and Society in Africa
- Black Catholic Theological Symposium
- Catholic Theological Society of America
- Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church

She is Co-founder and Co-director, Wellspring Africa, a US-based non-profit charity in support of HIV/AIDS orphan girls in Kibera slum, Nairobi, Kenya (<http://www.kiberagirls.org/about/>).