



Fr. Bruno Nwachukwu (pronounced wa-chew-ku) was born in Nigeria and completed his philosophy there before coming to the U.S on February 1, 2011. His uncle was Fr. Peter Njoku (1946-2006) who had served in our archdiocese (in Zumbrota, Stillwater, Coon Rapids, and St. Paul) for about 25 years before his death in 2006. Fr. Bruno was acquainted with his uncle's friend, Fr. Dennis Dease, the former president of University of St. Thomas, who suggested he come to study in the archdiocese his uncle had once served in.

After arriving in the Spring of 2011, he took few classes at St. John Vianney College Seminary and eventually transferred into the St. Paul Seminary in the Fall of 2011. Fr. Bruno was ordained a priest on May 30, 2015, and was assigned at St. Hubert Catholic Community in Chanhassen. He said he enjoyed the hospitality of the parish and the many families who made him feel at home. In 2018 he became a chaplain for North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale and enjoyed the work of visiting the patients and bringing them the sacraments. He also became a chaplain for De LaSalle High School in Minneapolis and a sacramental minister for weekend masses at Church of SS. Peter and Paul in Loretto and Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Corcoran.

He occasionally does a monthly Mass for the Nigerian community held at St. Peter Claver in St. Paul. From 2021-2023, he served as parochial vicar of St. Joseph Church and School in West St. Paul.

He has 5 siblings (3 brothers and 2 sisters) and 19 nieces and nephews. His parents lived in Minnesota but are now back in Nigeria. His 3 brothers and their families live in Minnesota. He also has a sister in Richmond, TX, and a sister in the U.K. He loves priesthood, enjoys meeting the people in the parish, documentary movies, and travel.

"I am very happy and excited to have been assigned here at Church of St. Charles, Bayport as parochial administrator. Also, am grateful to serve as a chaplain to Chesterton Academy of the St. Croix Valley in Stillwater. I am looking forward to meeting all of you both in the parish and the school. Please, pray for me as I begin these new roles both in Bayport and Stillwater. I will be praying for you and your families too. Thank you and God bless you all."

St. Charles, pray for us!

Fr. Bruno