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A priest of the Catholic Diocese of Enugu, Nigeria, Fr. Chibuko has been a member of CIWA's academic staff since 1991. He served three years as its academic dean and is currently chair of the Department of Sacred Liturgy; he holds both his licentiate and PhD in sacred liturgy from the Pontifical University of St. Anselm in Rome. In addition to his work at CIWA, he served as the first rector of St. Paul's International Institute of Evangelization (now affiliated with Godfrey Okoye University) in Enugu and is also the Master of Liturgical Ceremonies as well as Chair of the Liturgy Commission for the Diocese of Enugu. He also has been enriched with a variety of pastoral experiences in places such as Namibia, Ghana, Belgium, Germany, and the UK. His numerous publications, both national and international, include books such as *The Paschal Mystery of Christ: Foundation for Liturgical Inculturation in Africa* and *Keeping the Liturgy Alive: An Anglophone West African Experience*.

Research Interests

- Liturgy and social justice
- Liturgical ecumenism and interreligious dialogue
- Liturgical inculturation, especially as related to local rites

Research Focus While at CWCIT—"Liturgy for the Church as a Field Hospital"

Countless people worldwide live in the margins, wounded by socioeconomic and political situations. This project explores the idea of the "wounded healer" as the Church—and ultimately, Jesus Christ—who offers the wounded true reconciliation through the liturgy. Christ is both the liturgy and liturgist, the summit and source of all reconciliations, and just as in Mark 5, the woman who was hemorrhaging was not healed until she touched Jesus's cloak, our human efforts at reconciliation will also continue to "hemorrhage" until we touch Christ directly in the Paschal Mystery.