

## **Rt. Rev. Charles Ochieng' Ong'injo**

Born in Siaya Kenya in late 1960's, Bishop Charles spent his early life in the village where he went to the nearest primary school and proceeded to a local secondary school for his 'Ordinary' level certificate before proceeding to high school for his 'Advanced' level certificate.

Between the years 1987 and 1990, he had a stint as a secondary school teacher. During this time he served the church in various capacities as a youth leader. During the annual (KAYO) Kenya Anglican Youth Organization conference, he gave his life to Christ.

He later discerned a call to join the ordained Ministry and pursued the call that culminated into his admission for a Bachelor of Divinity course at St. Paul's University located in the outskirts of Nairobi City. He graduated in June 1993 and immediately in July 31, 1993 was ordained to the transitional diaconate. One year later on August 1, 1994, was ordained into the priesthood. His ministry has been basically in the Parish with part-time teaching in colleges. He has been involved in various levels of Church administration as Area dean, Archdeacon and Diocesan Vicar General. He was honoured and made a Diocesan Canon in the year 2004 when he was comparatively young in age. He also holds a Master of Arts Degree in Religion and Philosophy from Maseno University. He represented his Diocese at the national synod for over ten years before he was elected as a bishop.

In the year 2018, by the Grace of God upon retirement of the former Bishop, the Electoral College elected him out of the three others as the next Bishop of the Diocese of Maseno South. He leads a diocese with 177 congregations spread across 41 parishes, 11 deaneries and five Archdeaconries. The diocese has over 80 active clergy at the moment serving in institutions within as well as outside. Bishop Charles is also a family man, His first wife Mary rested with the Lord in 2016 and later he got married to Lydia. They have four grown children, Dickson, Miriam, Jackline and Robert as well as two young boys, Charles Hawi and Ethan Omondi. He is passionate about building partnerships in the ministry.