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Italy based choir sings Ibo song at ordination Mass

When three Nigerian faithful of Opus Dei were ordained priests in Rome on Saturday 20 May 2023, the choir had this surprise for them: an Ibo hymn “Ezi Chukwu”.

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EZI CHUKWU

The full title of the song is *Ezi Chukwu Nara Aja Anyi*, with translates to *Precious God, Receive*

our Sacrifice. We offer the lyrics in Ibo of this very popular offertory song in Catholic liturgy, and the full translation in English.

CHORUS:

Anyi ario Gi, nara'ja'nyi Ezi Chukwu,
Ezi Chukwu nabata ya;

were ya, gozie ya, mekwaa ya Nna,
k'odi mma, (kwesi) n'Iga'nara ya.

VERSES:

1. Mgb'anyi n'erunyere Gi aja obi
oma'nyi nke bu ihe ala miputara; o
bughi nkwughachi Ihunanya Gi; anyi
enweghi ike ya... *Chorus*

2. Mgb' obula'nyi bu'mugi gbakoro
n'ihu Gi, I churu Gi aja kasi nso,
k'anyi n'erunye ya maka ndi mmadu
nile, ndi ndu na ndi nwur'anwu...
Chorus

3. So Gi bu ndu ndi kwere na Gi; ndu
ihe nil e n'uwa na n'eluigwe; gosi

anyi uzo nke ka mma iji wee gosi Gi
anuri anyi na Gi... *Chorus*

4. Ndi Nso n'ejì ukwe anuri eto
Afoma Gi n'etokwa Ike Gi. Kwere
k'anyi soro ha too Gi oge nile site
n'aja anyi... *Chorus*

5. Gozie anyi, gozie anyi gozie O
Chukwu anyi ndi n'achuru Gi aja;
nara'nyi nara'nyi nara O Chukwu
anyi aja nke onwe anyi... *Chorus*

Translation into English

CHORUS:

We pray to you, accept our sacrifice,
Good God, Good God, receive it. Take
it, bless it, make it holy, Father, That
it may be acceptable to you.

VERSES:

1. When we offer you our joyful
sacrifice, the fruit of the land, it is not
meant to pay back your love, because

we cannot repay back your love for us... *Chorus*

2. Each time your children gather before you, to offer you the most Holy Sacrifice, we offer it for all, both the living and the dead... *Chorus*

3. You are the sole life of those who believe in you, the life of all creation both in heaven and on earth. Show us the most worthy way to show you our joy in you... *Chorus*

4. The saints praise your power and goodness with songs of joy. Grant us the grace to join in worshiping you every day, through our sacrifice of praise. The holy ones sing joyful songs to praise your goodness. Allow us to praise you with our sacrifice...
Chorus

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