

Biography of AMSE Olaitan Aderemi Balogun (JP, MPIC)

Head of Diocese, USA Diocese

A Life of Discipline and Service

AMSE Olaitan Aderemi Balogun (JP, MPIC), Head of Diocese of the USA Diocese, lived a life shaped by discipline, leadership and a steady commitment to serving others. From a modest home in Ebute Metta, Lagos, to his calling in North America, he carried the same sense of duty that marked him as a schoolboy.

Those who knew him remember a man of quiet strength, firm principle and deep faith. This is the story of his journey.

His Beginning in Nigeria

Olaitan Aderemi Balogun was born on June 20, 1962, in Ebute Metta, Lagos. His parents were the late Pa Joshua Adeyemi Balogun and Mrs. Abeke Omotunde Balogun, and he was the fourth of their five children.

He began his education at Apostolic Church Primary School, Cemetery Street, Ebute Metta, from 1968 to 1974. He then went on to Apostolic Church Grammar School, Ketu, for his secondary education from 1974 to 1980.

At Apostolic Church Grammar School, his leadership stood out, and he was appointed Head Boy. Even as a young man, he showed the discipline, responsibility and devotion to service that would define his life.

From 1981 to 1984, he attended the Nigerian Defense Academy. His years there deepened his character and strengthened his dedication to duty.

He then worked for a time in banking, at the Tinubu Square Branch of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. In 1990, he travelled to Canada to begin a new chapter of his life.

His early years laid the foundation for all that followed: a humble beginning, a sound education, natural leadership and an unwavering commitment to growth. These memories remain treasured by his family and loved ones.

From Canada to the United States

In Canada, he found a spiritual home at Brigham Parish, where he was a member from 1992 to 1994.

In July 1994, he travelled with Baba Aro to Chicago for the Bi-annual Convention at St. Michael Parish. It was a journey that would shape the rest of his life.

After the convention, he returned to Boston, Massachusetts. In time, he came back to St. Michael Parish, seeking a place to settle, and was eventually led to Oshoffa Parish.

Service in the Church and the USA Diocese

From Oshoffa Parish, he was posted to Indianapolis as Shepherd-in-Charge, his first charge as a shepherd of souls. He later returned to Chicago to serve as Shepherd of Chicago 1 Parish.

From Chicago 1, he stepped out in faith to start Rehoboth Parish. His leadership there was recognised with his appointment as a State Supervisor.

When the USA Diocese broke up during the CTC period, he was entrusted with responsibility as Regional for Region B.

In 2022, he was promoted Head of Diocese (HOD) as the pioneer head of the USA National Diocese, rising to the rank of Assistant Most Superior Evangelist. He led the Diocese faithfully until his passing on September 2, 2026.

Honours, Family and Legacy

Olaitan became a Jerusalem Pilgrim (JP) when he fulfilled a cherished Christian aspiration: to visit the cradle of Christianity. He made his pilgrimage to the Holy Places in Israel in 2024. In 2022, the moment he was promoted Head of Diocese as pioneer head of the USA National Diocese, he became an automatic Member of the Pastor-in-Council (MPIC).

Despite the frailty brought on by his illness, he travelled home to Nigeria to visit his extended family. He passed away in Lagos on September 2, 2026, unable to return to the embrace of his darling wife, [wife's name], his adorable son, [son's name], and his USA National Diocese family.

His remains were flown back to the United States of America, so that Celestial members who knew him on this side of the world could pay their last respects, regardless of diocesan affiliation. VSE Olaitan Aderemi Balogun is survived by his loving wife, Iyanuoluwa Balogun (Nee Nunayan), son Samuel Balogun, daughter Elizabeth, extended relatives and Celestial Church of Christ members.

He will be remembered for his humility, his discipline and his lifelong dedication to God, family and service. Rest in peace forever beloved! Amen.