

## **Cardinal Olubayo (Jestina Dismuke)**

Cardinal Olubayo (Jestina Dismuke) joined the Shrine of the Black Madonna in 1965 with her husband General Masai Bolugun. She has served in numerous ministries in the church, Shrine Administrator, Group Leader on all levels, Kitchen Coordinator, MOR Coordinator and much more. Her level of commitment and dedication to helping people demonstrates her character as well as her heart. She asked her children to remember that “Nothing is more Sacred than the Liberation of black people”. Also, she reminds her children of the importance of the family bond and asks them to cherish those relationships because tomorrow is not promised.

After the death of her husband, she took on the responsibility as the head of her household and was determined to continue to nurture, teach and raise a GOD fearing family. After years of being out of school, she decided to pursue her college education and received a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Counseling from Wayne State University. During her time at Wayne State University she volunteered as a Counselor with the Department of Education. Today she uses those skills with her brothers and sisters in the church who seek her knowledge, trust and loyalty.

Cardinal Olubayo continues to work on the development of her Mind, Body and Spirit by daily exercising, healthy eating and daily meditation. She provides service in the church and remains guiding light and an inspiration to the Holy Order of the Maccabees. Cardinal Olubayo takes computer classes at the neighborhood community center as well as provides loving care to her 97 year old mother in law. Cardinal Olubayo has six children (Sekayi, Monifa, Fuindi, Omar, Raquiba and Tulani), six grandchildren (Omar, Monique, Jamila, Zawadi, Diallo and Emani) and many God Children.

This award could not be giving to a more loyal, deserving, honest, hardworking, committed member of The Shrine of the Black Madonna church community.