



On the evening of May 12th, 2011, Sister Anne Arabome, SSS graduated with a **Doctorate in Ministry** with a specialty in **Spirituality** from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Sisters Rochelle, Marie and Deborah had the privilege of attending her special event. Family members, including Sr. Anne's mother Mrs. Arabome, JohnPaul, her brother, and Chris, her aunt from Canada, were also able to attend. In addition there were other family members and friends that were present.

A unique situation faced those attending this very elegant ceremony. The graduation took place in a Jewish synagogue which is located right across the street from the Obama family home in Chicago. The secret service welcomed every person who crossed the threshold. The entrance procession came in led by flag bearers. Sister Anne carried the Nigerian flag. We were all present when Anne marched across the stage to be presented with her diploma. She was then "hooded" with a red and black sash. After the graduates had received their diplomas, all were invited to a repast. Eventually, all of Anne's guests went to a special reception that was planned for her – delicious food, good conversation and much joy. It was a great evening! And a wonderful commemoration of three arduous and inspiring years of difficult study and research!

~ Sister Deborah Lorentz, SS

