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WE ARE CALLED TO BE MESSENGERS OF HOPE

Our world is marked by covid-19 pandemic. It has touched all levels of society, rich and poor, young and old, believers and agnostics, men and women. It has transformed our lives and our world. Many of us have been marked by the images of thousands of coffins, big figures of the dead announced on television screens, millions of those affected and the frustration of not finding a remedy. We have lost confreres, relatives and friends; some have survived and most of us have undergone the unpleasant tests and spent lonely days in quarantine. It is already hard enough not to be able to visit our loved ones. It is even harder for those who suffer and die alone like Jesus on the cross. We are talking more of death and the threat of death. Africa may have not been hit so much in terms of numbers as compared to the other parts of the world but surely it is being hit hard by the consequences of covid-19. We are witnesses of businesses closing and unemployment increasing. This pandemic has broken down family bonds, increased loneliness and resulted

in an increase in domestic violence, teenage pregnancies, etc. It has affected our community life where some communities are reluctant to welcome confreres from outside. There are communities where one member is zealous to continue visiting and serving people and the others are afraid that their brother might bring back the virus to the community. Our faith has been put to the test where we do not seem to find God during this trying time. We must admit that the advanced technologies we have developed cannot protect us. We are vulnerable and not in control of our destiny. We cry out like Jesus, *“My God, my God why have you abandoned me?”* There is a deep-down desire in the heart of every person that this pandemic should come to an end. We all desire to return to a world without covid-19 where we can interact, work and live freely.

The 2017 Chapter exhorts us stating that, *“Every confrere should be able to read the signs of the times, use them for discernment and act in consequence. That in his place of pastoral work he*

should be particularly alert to young people without work or hope for the future.” (3.5 c) We have a prophetic mission in the situation of the world today.

It is in the context of the world affected by covid-19 pandemic that we are celebrating Easter. We celebrate Christ who descended to the depth of human misery in order to raise us up to a new and abundant life. Easter is about transformation, newness and hope. We celebrate Easter as the dawning of a new day to end the long dark night; our rebirth in the waters of baptism to a new life; the gift of the sacramental life from the side of Jesus that nourishes us for eternal life. We know that Easter joy comes after Good Friday, the resurrection comes after the cross and the tomb. God showed his mighty power by raising Jesus from the power of death and restoring him to life. This act of divine intervention reminds us not to close ourselves in the sorrow of death but to raise up our eyes to see the day that is dawning. We should not return to the hopeless state of those who are without Christ (Eph 2:12). We should not lose sight of so many signs of hope from God, like the solidarity that has sustained us during this challenging time, the vaccines, the rediscovery of the value of staying at home and of silence, the invention of new ways of communicating and the new pastoral initiatives. We have discovered through a painful experience that we are part of the global community where *“no one is saved alone; we can only be saved together.”* (Fratelli Tutti, 32). This may help us understand more deeply how Christ’s painful passion united humanity (Eph 2:11-22) and how this painful experience can also be a moment of grace.

At Easter we receive Christ the light of the world, but we are also sent to share the hope of the gospel with the world. Pope Francis exhorted us saying, *“Finally, in the wake of Cardinal Lavigerie, be sowers of hope, fighting against all current forms of slavery. Always seek to be close to the small and the poor, to those who expect, at the periphery of our societies, to be recognized in their dignity, to be welcomed, protected, raised, accompanied, promoted and integrated.”* (Message for 150th Anniversary). Amid the dark reality of our world, Pope Francis invites us to renew our hope (Fratelli Tutti, 55) for *“in hope we were saved”* (Rom 8:24). *“It is important to know that I can always continue to hope, even if in my own life, or the historical period in which I am living, there seems to be nothing left to hope for. Only the great certitude of hope that my own life and history in general, despite all failures, are held firm by the indestructible power of Love, and that this gives them their meaning and importance, only this kind of hope can then give the courage to act and to persevere.”* (Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe Salvi*, 35) May this Easter be the dawn of a new era of hope where Jesus Christ the resurrection and the life overcomes death and grants us life in abundance.

“Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful (Heb 10:23). May we be empowered by the risen Lord to go out to bring hope to our world. On behalf of the provincial team I wish you a Happy Easter! Jesus is truly risen- Alleluia!

Fr. Aloysius Ssekamatte (Provincial EAP).

YOUTH MIGRATION IN KHARTOUM: JOYS AND CHALLENGES. – St. Stephen's Parish, Hajj Yousif



Introduction: Experience has shown that migration is as old as human history. Not only human beings migrate but also animals migrate looking for security or green pasture. Speaking of Youths and Migration in Khartoum: Joys and challenges, we can ask ourselves how Khartoum is a green pasture for young

people who are searching for a better life? What are the push actors and pull factors for youth migration in Khartoum? What are the challenges of migrants or refugees in Khartoum? What is our pastoral approach to the youths in our parish, St Stephen, Hajj Yousif?

Definition and causes of migration: According to the dictionary, human migration involves the movements of people from one place to another with the intention of settling permanently or temporarily at a new location. With regard to this, there are many youth migrants in Khartoum who come from upcountry and from neighboring countries like Ethiopia, Eritrea and South Sudan. They flee from their countries because of different causes: socio-economic reasons (unemployment), political (insecurity and war). Youngsters see Khartoum as a place offering opportunities for employment, studies, health facilities and chance to get a visa of establishment in a second country. According to the UN data, the population of Khartoum estimation in 2020 was 5,829,000 and young people are the majority.

Accommodation and work: Most of migrant youths rent small houses with their migrant friends. Others live with their relatives who have settled before as a family and many families live in refugee camps and others live in buildings under construction



and very few live with their family who have means to rent houses. Youth migrants especially girls, are found working in well off Arab families for daily wages. The boys work mostly in construction, building, in factories and other small jobs to sustain their daily living and at times to pay for their schools fees themselves.

Social Challenges: The integration of these youth in urban areas is not easy, because they face challenges of social exclusion, disruption of family, absence of social protection, working in informal sector. For Christians, the church has

become one of the places of social integration, recreation, meeting, and entertainment. It is important to mention that 99 % of our parishioners are South



Sudanese refugees and the majority of them are young people and children. There is a big number of children who do not go to school and young people who drop out of school because of difficulties of life. So many young people are jobless and desperate about their future. As a consequence, some youths are facing problems of drug abuse leading them to criminal acts, early pregnancies for girls

due to promiscuity and poor education. In short, there is a problem of moral degradation and of bad behavior especially in refugee camps.

Pastoral response to the youths in our parish: Our pastoral youth ministry has a vision of accompanying young people through an integral Christian formation taking into consideration their human development, psychological growth and spiritual growth. To realize this vision, youth activities are organized in three major areas: **spiritual activities** (prayers, Bible sharing, recollection, youth Catechesis), **cultural activities** (cultural dance, music, drama) and **sports activities** (football and volleyball). Youth programs and activities offer to our youths the opportunity of ongoing christian formation, human formation in nurturing their God-given talents and gifts, mentorship through behavioral change programs and team work. These activities help youths to know Jesus Christ and to integrate better in the church and the society. They are strengthened inwardly to face their daily struggle and challenges with patience, hope and faith in God. Also they are formed to stand firm in the Catholic faith and tradition with respect for the dignity of other people from others churches and religions, especially Muslims. There is also a conviction that when young people have a good faith foundation they become better evangelizers of their peers/fellow young people because they know better their language.

Our mission through all those activities is to bring the youths together regardless of their origins to express their talents, develop their gifts and at times their passion may become their career. Those activities have also an impact of trauma healing from the bad



experience of war and the persistence of tribalism. So youth ministry has been promoting mutual acceptance and peaceful cohabitation among all the tribes of South Sudan in sowing in young people and children the seeds of love, unity, peace, justice, forgiveness and reconciliation.

Conclusion: The situation of youth migration, seen with eyes of faith is a blessing and a joy for the Archdiocese of Khartoum. Without South Sudanese refugees, many parishes could have closed. However the local church cannot rejoice much over this because these same people have been forced to live at the margins of society against their own will despite their abilities to live a better life. The good news is that, as young people and children are the majority in our parishes, the future of the local church is assured whether in Sudan or in South Sudan.
MUGALIHYA MACARA Fidèle

TUSA HOLISTICALLY TAKING CARE OF REFUGEE CHILDREN AND THE YOUTH – Charles SENDEGEYA for TUSA

TUSHIRIKIANE (TUSA) is a community-based organisation, a status it acquired on 26 January 2018, the date at which it was registered by the Government of Kenya as such. Before that date, it was operating as a Charity Trust, under the names of AMECEA Refugee Programme (1996-2001), Africa Refugee Programme Great Lakes (2001-2010) and Tushirikiane Afrika (2010-2018).

TUSA works with and for refugee families from the African Great Lakes Region living in Nairobi and its suburbs help them to settle in the host country, integrate into the host community and become self-reliant. TUSA's approach and methodology holistically take care of refugees' spiritual, social and economic needs. TUSA's success relies in the active participation of its beneficiaries in fostering solidarity, mutual support and volunteerism. As a community, members are encouraged to be their brothers/sisters' keeper.

Primary school children after receiving revision material during Covid-19 period



TUSA's key activity areas are family support (through integration, material assistance and income-generating activities), education and socio-pastoral and

peacebuilding activities. Though Tushirikiane takes care of all its families in general, it gives special attention not only to the neediest and the most vulnerable members but also to the future generation of the community and the world. It is in that context that children and the youth are given priority and get assistance through intellectual and spiritual education and material assistance.

Refugee children's holistic education, a catalyst of social transformation.

Basically, Tushirikiane helps children in school in different ways depending on their level of study. **For Pre-school children**, it helps them with school fees and lunch fee. **For primary school pupils**, Tushirikiane helps them join schools by paying admission fee, lunch fee, remedial class fee. For both pre-school and primary school children, Tushirikiane also provides them with school uniform. No school fees are paid for children in primary school because primary school is said to be free in Kenya, though in practice, parents have to pay different kinds of levies like admission fee, etc. As **for secondary school students**, they are assisted with tuition fees (a contribution of Ksh 20,000 per year) and scholastic materials. Those who join Form 1 are also given uniforms. Finally, college students are assisted with tuition fees, transport fee and any other materials they may be in need of.

“The first effective response to human suffering must be solidarity and charitable listening”

During holidays, parents and community leaders always ensure that pupils and students participate in sociocultural, pastoral and peacebuilding activities. Giving them an opportunity to share with peers on their lived experiences at school as well as in their families. These activities are meant to build refugee children and youth's capacities and capabilities to become promoters of peace and justice in their society in exile or back home once they will return to their countries of origin.

Priority and attention to the most vulnerable

The category of unaccompanied youth is given special attention because they are among the group of the most vulnerable. These are young men and women who have no parents because they are either late or they got separated from them and lost contact with them. As such, they have no-one else to turn to and to take care of them so Tushirikiane takes full responsibility as far as their needs are concerned. Not only school fees and all other school materials are provided for them but also Tushirikiane pays for their accommodation and pays for their foodstuffs and all basic utilities like electricity and water bills.

These unaccompanied youth are really in need of assistance to survive and become responsible citizens. For that reason, they do not need material assistance only but also spiritual and emotional assistance. To help them in this regard, training sessions are often organised for them and a regular monthly meeting is organised

for those in colleges. These are also organised to participate in TUSA activities: they do voluntary work at grassroots level and have a choir which animates masses on different religious feasts like Christmas and Easter.

Children with special needs are also taken care of. These are children, for instance with mental and physical handicaps and who need to go to special schools or need special equipment. Tushirikiane helps in identifying appropriate schools for them and collaborates with them so that their special needs may be met. In addition, it provides them with material assistance that they need. The picture shows a physically handicapped child who was given a wheelchair.

Synergy for good service delivery

TUSA collaborates with like-minded agencies and organizations that work with and for refugees through sharing information, referrals and team work. In this regards, TUSA enjoys moral support from the Archdiocese of Nairobi and three of its parishes. Religious Congregations also play a key role to offer leadership and to some extent to foster good governance at all levels. Among these congregations there are Missionaries of Africa, Pallottine Fathers, Daughters of the Heart of Mary, and Divine Word Missionaries. As an interreligious and ecumenical community, we also enjoy support from our brothers and sisters from Muslim communities and other churches. Through this synergy our children, youth as well as their parents are provided with psychosocial and mental support.



Identity crisis and generation conflicts

Refugee parents are still struggling to fully integrate the social and cultural life of the host country. They are physically in Kenya but their hearts remain attached to the customs and cultures of their countries of origin. As for the children, they have easily adapted and some behave and think like their fellow Kenyans with whom they have been and are in schools together. Some parents have been subjected to a long process of refugee status determination that resulted either in rejection or never ending appointments. The consequence is that children may complete their



TUSA CEO (standing) in a meeting with the

studies and face difficulties of getting decent employment or easy access to tertiary education simply because of lack of a proper identification. This situation leads to identity crisis and generation conflicts as children do not always

understand why they cannot enjoy the same opportunities like their fellow Kenyans.

“Upon completion of my secondary education in 2004, I wanted to join the Missionaries of Africa and our then chaplain was ready to accompany me. However, my dream died prematurely when I was asked my identification and I could not exhibit”, Faustin H.,

Networking and advocacy for refugee children’s plights

TUSA always teams up with other agencies working for refugees to advocate for the plight and protection of refugee children and youth. Some refugee children and youth have secured their slots in universities in Kenya and abroad, thanks to TUSA’s active collaboration with like-minded humanitarian agencies. TUSA believes that such a collaboration would also make the Kenyan Government review its laws and policies that govern the refugees’ management. Life skills education and capacity building of refugee children and youth and their families to understand and accept their refugee situation and learn positively to live with it is very important.

Ongoing awareness about TUSA core values and its sustainability dream

Peacebuilding, active non-violence programs shall assist in this social transformation. Ecumenism and interreligious initiatives shall contribute to personal and community growth in terms of faith, mentality and attitude changes. TUSA dreams of becoming a self-sustained community in the coming years and this solely depends on each refugee family’s sustainability. The more refugee children and youth’s social and economic capacities and capabilities will be enhanced, the more chances that TUSA will have to achieve its sustainability.

“The first effective response to human suffering must be solidarity and charitable listening” (Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke, M.Afr. during end year evaluation 2000).

PASTORAL EXPERIMENTATION: GREAT INITIATIVE OF THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS – Gabriel Ime Udoh, M.Afr.

Who Are Young Professionals (Yp)?

The Young Professionals (YP) is a group of young catholic adults, aged 25 years and above. It is based at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, South-B, Archdiocese of Nairobi, Kenya. It comprises of mostly young adults who exit the youth group at the age of 27.

History/Objective of its creation

YP dates back to 2005 when a few members gathered to deliberate on: *“What happens to church members after they leave the youth group since they only resurface when they are getting married?”*



According to the youth's pastoral guideline of the Archdiocese of Nairobi, above 27 years of age, a young person is expected to retire from the youth group and join the Catholic Men Association (CMA), while a young lady, to the Catholic Women Association (CWA).

However, the feeling of most of those young people towards these associations was marked with a lot of discomforts and unenthusiastic views. This was because the majority and active members of these groups are their parents and grandparents, or generally groups of people they felt awkward being around. As young graduates or professionals who are in their initial stages of profession, they were much more concerned with a group comprising of people of their age, same level of understanding and vision on social, economic, spiritual, psychological reality etc. This would favour a common ground to share their experiences on these aspects of human and spiritual growth. Therefore, the idea of joining CMA and CWA provoked a lot of uncomfortable feelings on how to reconcile their visions, thoughts, understanding of life with that of their parents and grandparents in the same group- without being irrationally judged.

The group has brought back most of the lost sheep.

Consequently, this experience discouraged most young adults from their usual engagement in the church as the reality in these new associations couldn't offer them that needed warmth and their objective. So, gradually, some withdrew from the church with a few returning as visitors during their sacrament of Matrimony.

This unfavourable experience prompted some youth in transition to look at things otherwise in order to review matters concerning their spiritual growth and that of their colleagues. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they came out with some suggestions which were presented to Fr. Francis Kangwa, (the then Assistant Father-in-Charge); who in collaboration with Fr. Clement Alekwe, (the then Father-in-Charge), saw the birth of a new group, called “**Young Professionals**” (YP) on Pentecost Sunday, 2005.

The mustard seed has germinated and grown bigger. Now it is bearing a lot of fruits and the birds of the earth are taking refuge in it. The group has brought back most of the lost sheep. In addition to spiritual matters, the group is also answering to its divine calling in addressing other burning issues in our contemporary society, such as: **social, health, and career development.**

Spiritual Response

Spiritual growth being one of its core values, the YP deploys some incredible tools such as weekly Bible sharing, annual recollection, annual retreat at any center of their choice, etc., to foster this value. This experience has attracted most young people and has enabled them to come to appreciate their faith and improve their relationship with God.



Besides, other things attract young people to try YP group and one of those things is belonging to a group with their fellow working mates for professional support and encouragement.

It is through this means that many have come to realize their calling and become committed Christians, serving in different capacities in the church.

Social Response

The YPs take it as one of their ways of living their Christian vocation addressing some social issues and discrepancies created in the society. Starting among themselves, they foster a family spirit that enables members to realize that a family is not really an issue of blood, but of one who is willing to hold your hand when you need it the most. As a group comprising of so many young Kenyans from different ethnic groups settling in Nairobi as a result of work, occasions such as funerals and weddings which often prompt visiting another part of Kenya or ethnic group, are often grabbed as chances to erase tribal prejudices.

They also organize teambuilding activities annually to help strengthen their bonds. Other interesting activities that make the group so dynamic are monthly birthday celebration of the members, seminars and liturgical dance practice for mass animation.

The YP also take it as a point of duty to mentor the young people who are still in school on their prospective career, human growth and development. These are realized through seminars, etc. Furthermore, they make it part of their constitution to indicate and sponsor a less privileged child throughout secondary education, one after the other. Since this was introduced as one of their important missions, today the YP can thank God for about five students sponsored by them through secondary education, of which some are responsible members in the society today. As in the words of Mother Teresa: “If you can’t feed 100 people, then feed just one.”

Part of the Corporal Works of Mercy the YP group deems very important is to visit from time to time a centre where needy or less privileged children are cared for, to manifest Christ love to them by spending quality time with them, cooking

and eating with them and donating what their hand can reach. **‘Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren’,** says Jesus, **‘that you do unto me... When I was hungry, you gave me to eat; when I was thirsty you gave me to drink, (Cf. Mt 25:40-45)’;** a laudable way of preaching the Gospel.

In 2019, the YP added something new by choosing to celebrate their Christmas with the less privileged elderly people in the area. A good number of elderly people in the area, (Catholics and non-Catholics) were invited to celebrate with them and through that manifest the smiling face of Christ to them.

HEALTH RESPONSE

“The glory of God” says St. Irenaeus **“is man fully alive”**. A fully sound man is the one who is spiritually and physically healthy. Hence, seeing the rising need of having sound human beings in our society, and mostly as our



parish is situated next to Mukuru Slum, one of the largest in Kenya, with most inhabitants struggling to make ends meet, this prompted the *MEDICAL CAMP* initiative. Medical Camp was first organized in November 2015 at Our Lady of Mercy Primary school ground, next to the Church premises. On these occasions, doors are always opened to everyone to come for medical test and treatment, catholic and non-Catholic alike. Doctors from the YP group and many others from outside are usually hired for the day and enough stock of drugs provided. All is privately funded by YP with the help of the OLQP church family and their well-wishers.

OATHS, DIACONATES AND PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS

Somda Armel from Burkina Faso was ordained to priesthood on the 29th of December 2020, in Burkina faso, He is appointed to Katakwi parish in Uganda.



OUR JUBILARIAN

Our Mzee **Fr. Moroney William** celebrated his 60 years of Missionary Oath on 24th January 2021 at Lavigerie house, Mbezi, Tanzania.





New acolytes of EAP

15th January 2021 four of students received the ministry of Acolyte at Fraternite Lavigerie, Abijan, namely; Ariho Henry Moses from Uganda, Kavishe Emmanuel from Tanzania, Mugeni Simplicious from Kenya and Niwamanya Crescent from Uganda.

Stagiaires' Meeting in Tanzania Sector

Stage is a third phase of Formation in the Society of the Missionaries of Africa. Province of Eastern Africa organises meeting for Stagiaires every year. This meeting is divided into two, one year the meeting is done at a level of the Province and the other year at Sector level. This year we had the meeting at Sector level.

Our meeting as Stagiaires in the Sector of Tanzania took place at Consolata Spiritual Centre in Dar es Salaam. Those who attended this meeting were; Fr. Arsene Kapya the Assistant Provincial and Stage Coordinator of the Province, Fr. Roland Kamuntu the outgoing Stagiaires Coordinator of the Sector, Fr. Berthrand Dakyie the new Stagiaires Coordinator in Tanzania, Joseph Tshibanda of Kasamwa Parish, Joseph Tembely of Nyakato Parish, Desire Kwizera of Kasamwa Parish, Theophile Kabre of Tandale Parish, Toussaint Mukono of Nzovwe Parish and Medrick Langwani of Usagara Parish.



We started our meeting with the session with Fr. Gilbert Bujiriri on Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection. During this session we discussed different ways of protecting these vulnerable people in our apostolate. The last thing to discuss was the following question; what should we do to prevent new cases? This session helped us to share different experiences concerning different abuses.

After the session on Protection of Child and Vulnerable Adult we started sharing our different experiences of stage. During this sharing Stagiaires shared their joys and difficulties in the mission as Stagiaires. We shared experiences starting from the time of language course to our present day experiences of stage in our Parishes. This sharing helped us to know and understand what we are going through during this

period of stage. The experiences we shared encourage each one of us to be open to the different situations that we encounter in our communities and in our mission at large.

When the Stagiaires finished sharing thier experiences of stage the confreres who were present gave some words of encouragement to the Stagiaires. The confreres encouraged the Stagiaires to be open to their members of the community and to different situations in the mission in order to be helped. They also encouraged the Stagiaires to take prayer life seriously in order to understand the call of Our Lord Jesus Christ in their life.

During this meeting we had one day of outing to Bagamoyo a historical place for the Catholic Church in Tanzania. At this place we saw what our brothers and sisters did for the faith in Tanzania. This outing was an encouragement for us Stagiaires as we are in a process of discernment.

We concluded our meeting with a recollection which was preached by Fr. Arsene Kapya. The theme of our recollection was SHEMA ISRAEL. During this recollection Fr. Kapya said, to listen is very important for our discernment. In connection to our sharing he said we should listen to God through our different experiences of our stage for it is through these experiences that God speak to us. He also said listening is a source of wisdom and wisdom is to have a big head and a small mouth.

He concluded by saying that we should not forget to say thanks to God and others, to say excuse me (asking forgiveness from God and people) and to pray. After the recollection we had a concluding mass.

Funeral of Fr. Mangnus Marcel, M.Afr., on 12th March 2021 Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania



CONSTRUCTION OF CHARLES LWANGA HOUSE, NGONG ROAD, KENYA

Construction of the Eastern Africa Provincial House began at the end of December 2020 and the official blessing of the foundation was done on 25th January 2021 on the feast of the conversion of St. Paul. Few confreres from different communities in Nairobi came for the same celebration. Fr. Aloysius Ssekamatte was the main celebrant and blessed and placed the first concrete at the foundation.



COMMUNICATION FROM THE PROVINCIAL'S OFFICE

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Until otherwise indicated, the venue for the meeting remains Kampala in Uganda, and the dates chosen are those of the week after Easter.

□ Arrival will be on Wednesday the 11th April 2021.

□ Departures on Friday the 17th April 2021.

AHSANTENI SANA!

ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES

- Konseimbo K Etienne from Burkina Faso arrived Kampala to join the team of Arua Project. We wish him all the best as he begins to learn the new language.
- Michael Mawelera arrived in Tanzania and joined the Mbeya Youth Centre Community. We wish him all the best in the new ministry.
- Fidele Mugalihya left Khartoum Community for home leave then to Rome, PISAI, for studies.
- Anselme Ngetwa went to Abidjan after his home leave.
- Africano Mucunguzi came for home leave and went back to Malawi.
- Bukelembe John came for home leave from DRC.
- Bernard Gachuru came for home leave from DRC.
- Charles Obanya came for home leave from the Great Britain.
- Limo Frederick came for home leave from DRC.
- George Okwi came for home leave from South Africa.
- John Ssekweyama came for home leave from DRC
- Quinbert Kinunda came for home leave and went back to South Africa.
- Gubazire Bonaventure came for home leave from Philippines and went to Ghana for mission.

OUR DEAD



"This is indeed the will of my Father that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day." Jn 6:40

We pray for the following deceased confreres and members of our families:

Month of December 2020

⇒ 23/12/2020 Mr. Francis

Mbuya, Uncle of Fr. Erasto Shayo.

⇒ 28/18/2020 Mrs. Ancilla the Aunt of Fr. Innocent Maganya.

Month of January 2021

⇒ 19/01/2021 **Fr. Marcel Boivin, M.Afr**, in Canada. He was missionary in Tanzania from 1964 upto 2010.

⇒ 20/01/2021 Mrs. Elizabeth Matinde, Grand Mother of Fr. Rioba James.

⇒ 22/01/2021 Mrs. Germana Mapunda, Aunt of Fr. Baptist Mapunda.



⇒ 26/01/2021 Mrs. Cuzo, Cousin Sister of Fr. James Rioba.

Month of February 2021

⇒ 13/02/2021

Fr. Guy Larouche, M.Afr, in Canada. He was missionary in Uganda.



⇒ 16/02/2021 **Fr. Bedel Alain, M.Afr**, in France. He was missionary in Tanzania upto 2014.

⇒ 20/2/2021 Cousin Brother of Fr. Deusdedit Mjankwi.

⇒ 21/2/2021 Antidius Musa Mjankwi, Brother of Fr. Deusdedit Mjankwi.



Month of March 2021

⇒ 07/03/2021 **Fr. Magnus Marcel, M.afr**, in Dar es Salaam. He was missionary in Tanzania most of his life up to the last day.

OUR SICK CONFRERES

"Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them... The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up;" James 5:14-15

We pray for the quick recovery of the following confreres:

- Fr. Robert Ubemu in Nairobi.
- Fr. Didasio Mwanza in Nairobi.
- Fr. Venance Baratota in Dar es Salaam.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR BROTHERS!

"For it was you Lord who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well"
(Ps 139:13-14)

April

Ouedraogo Richard Frt.	02-04-1992	Eshetu D. Br. Lema	05-04-1990
Asampana Bernard Frt.	02-04-1990	Sawadogo Adrien	08-04-1971
Chipimo Joseph	03-04-1977	Kouraogo Jean Baptiste	08-04-1987
Nkingwa Norbert	04-04-1977	Chishugi Apolinaire	18-04-1964
		Balma Parfait	18-04-1991

Kanse Edwin	20-04-1981	Gachoki John Waweru	22-05-1985
Schoofs Willy	25-04-1941	Bukelembe John	27-05-1979
Kinunda Quinbert	27-04-1966	Guinko Hilaire	31-05-1976
Reilly Peter	28-04-1943		

June

May		Ramde Justin	01-06-1985
Ngahy James	02-05-1966	Obanya Charles	02-06-1968
Simon Njuguna Chege	06-05-1987	Wani James	05-06-1976
Wezyk Mateusz	08-05-1986	Nsengiyumva Louis	07-06-1982
Somda Olivier T.	09-05-1976	Alckias Antony	09-06-1981
Muchunguzi Theobald	12-05-1976	Tembely Joseph Frt.	15-06-1994
Afeku Anthero	13-05-1977	Mwebembezi Elias	11-06-1961
Kapya Arsene	16-05-1967	Mapunda Baptiste	25-06-1959
Nibogora Theogene	16-05-1985	Sebakunzi Justin	30-06-1970
Biju John	18-05-1971	Kapange Elias	30-06-1982

Rejoice, for this is the day that God made you!
Happy Birthday 2'Uuu!!!

NEWS FROM OUR CONFRERES

Riny writes: "I know that the Confreres in Holland are interested in getting the Newsletter Flashes in Heythuysen each time when it is being published. That is almost the only link still of Africa we have and still very much appreciated.

Thank you so much for your kind appreciation. If it is possible the letter setting a bit bigger because some have difficulties in reading! Pictures are beautiful too! Give my regards to the Confreres and united in prayer.

I would like to come this year to Kenya for the ordinations but Corona might frighten me off. When do they take place??? May be you could find out and give indications what to do."

Halliluuyah, Amen! Good morning! Thank you very much for the FLASH, all the news of communities and confreres. Thank you, Chekuruba Arsene for your message. It is very comforting to see all these young men who answered the call. Missionary life is a wonderful call and mission!

Yours in prayer. Yours in Jesus and Mary. **Jean Le Vacher, M.Afr.**

Fr. Jürgen Pelz phoned from Trier, Germany. He greets all confreres and invites us to join him in thanksgiving to God for his Golden jubilee of ordination. It falls on Easter Sunday 2021. Hongera sana Padre Pelz.



WISH YOU ALL A GLORIOUS EASTER