

## **Provincial Desk January 2022** **Provincial Desk**

### **A SYNOPSIS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY** **BAGAMOYO, 11 – 13 JANUARY, 2022**

*The Province of Tanzania in the early days of the year convoked a General Assembly due to the changes that took place at the XXI General Chapter, Bagamoyo 2021, where Fr. Philip Massawe then Provincial Superior was elected as a member of the General Council.*

The assembly began on the 11 January, 2022 which was the day of arrival of confreres from all parts of the country and some working outside the country who were on holidays. The total number of all the confreres was 93. The assembly was convoked in accordance with the specifications of the Directory for the Organization of the Congregation Pg. 21 and the Rule of Life 248.2.6.

On 12 January, 2022 which was day 2 of the assembly began with Morning Prayer and blessed with recollection, Fr. Joseph Herzstein as the recollection master, in his reflection on mission where he emphasized on the need to intensify our efforts in mission, he began with the prayer of St. Francis of Assis on what it takes to be a good missionary. He reaffirms that the Spiritan Mission is to the poor, the nobodies, to this effect we should work with the people without discrimination. At the Assembly, the financial report of the Bagamoyo 2021 General Chapter held on October 3 to 24 was given by Fr. Casti Mushi. Fr. Florentine Mallya registered his appreciation to all the functionaries and the confreres for their immense support for the success of the General Chapter.

The Assembly was punctuated with presentations by Fr. Philip Massawe, (the General Councilor representing Fr. Jeff the correspondence of UCEAF), on the update in the SRL and some pertinent issues of the Congregation. The Assembly came to a close with the election of the new Provincial Superior of the Province of Tanzania followed by a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit. The Superior General and his council confirmed the election of Fr. Florentine Mallya for a mandate of four years effective 2 February, (SRL 248.2.6). *Cor unum et anima una.*

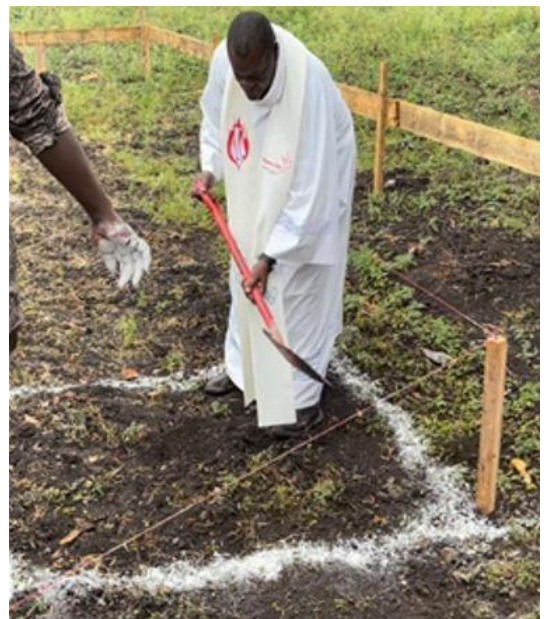
#### **Victor Ashwa, CSSp.**



## BREAKING GROUND AND BLESSING OF NEW USA SEMINARY



On the final day of January under a severely overcast and threatening sky, the community here at Usa River led by our newly confirmed Tanzanian provincial, Fr. Florentine Mallya trapped across the Old Moshi road. We stopped on the edge of the large plot where Fr. Florentine dug the first shovelful of sticky black cotton muddy soil that would soon blossom into the new Spiritan Junior Seminary. Our new leader blessed the ground and talked of the province's hopes for the future for our formation program, a program that has just become more solid and assured of success because of our new seminary here at Usa. The leadership of the school, Rector Fr. Francis Kimaro and the Bursar, Fr. Pamphilius Ngowi happily look on together with representatives of the student body and retired Frs. Joe Herzstein and Ned Marchessault.



### **Ned Marchessault, CSSp.**



*✍️* **A STORY NEVER TOLD**



Fr. Deockary Massawe worked with refugees in Nyarugusu Kasulu District for a period of eight years, where he ministered in accordance with Spiritan charism. While serving at Nyarugusu, Kasulu together with Fathers Paul Flamm and Dickson Kilula, he lived in Nyakitonto and often made the 50 kilometres trip to Nyarugusu to be with the refugees and minister to them. He worked closely with his confreres with a focus of ensuring all are served and none is left behind. They worked in the refugee camp by responding to the refugee situation emanating from social and political conflicts in DRC and Burundi. Some of these are victims of 1994 Rwandan genocide. Together they helped the refugees reimagine their lives according to their present reality. As conflicts continued to ravage the Great Lakes region, refugees from others parts of the region poured into Nyarugusu.

In the course of his service, Deockary, just as his confreres, touched the lives of a lot of refugees in different ways, most of whom are currently living and working in the USA and Canada. In 2019, some of these former refugees saw it fit to sponsor Deockary to undertake his master’s degree in Justice, Peace and Cohesion at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa in Nairobi, Kenya. He successfully completed his master’s degree studies and graduated in November of 2021. Deockary is grateful for the support he received from these former refugees who decided to give back to the society through sponsoring his studies. The efforts made by the Province of Tanzania and other well-wishers who contributed towards his academic journey cannot go unnoticed, he feels highly indebted to all of them.

**Source: Conversation with Fr. Deockary Massawe, CSSp.**

**MISSION APPOINTMENT**



Smiling, Fr Batholomew Kwiyege (centre) reported his safe arrival in PNG to take up his mission appointment.

We wish him all the best in his new ministry.

**PASTORAL MISSION EXPERIENCE (PME)**

Scholarstic Francis Kimaro left for Portugal on 31 January, 2022. We wish him courage as he begins Portuguese language course in Porto.

**CONFRERE/S ON VACATION**

Fr. James Mchamungu

Fr. Ricklan Mallya

Enjoy your stay with family and friends.

**HEALTH**

We continue to remember our sick confreres. May the healing hand of our merciful God be upon them. We also keep in our prayers members of our families who are sick.

 **BEREAVEMENT**

Bishop Augustin Shao, CSSp. (Catholic Diocese of Zanzibar) lost his elder brother John Mweleli Shao on 13 January, 2022. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

 **ONGOING FORMATION**

**Workshop on safeguarding policy**

As you are all aware, the workshop on safeguarding policy which was to take place in November last year was postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions. The seminar is rescheduled as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Group: 9-11 February, 2022 (Poullart des Places-Tengeru)

2<sup>nd</sup> Group: 15-17 February, 2022 (Stella Maris Hotel-Bagamoyo)

Facilitators: Fr. Barry O’Sullivan (England) and Brother Brendan Geary (Scotland).

**Save the dates**

**1. Annual retreat**

1<sup>st</sup> Group: 26 June–July 2, 2022 (Maua)

2<sup>nd</sup> Group: 3-9 July, 2022 (St. Carolus-Tengeru)

3<sup>rd</sup> Group: 14-20 August, 2022 (Poullart des Places-Tengeru)

**2. First Vows**

18 June, 2022 at Magamba, Lushoto

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**BIRTHDAYS**

FEBRUARY	
MUGISHA Patience	02-Feb
KIMARYO Colman	07-Feb
SHAYO Joseph	07-Feb
NJAU K. Patrick	08-Feb
NYAKI Casimir	08-Feb
MALU Jean-Claude	09-Feb
TARIMO Justi	12-Feb
BAYO Valentine	14-Feb
TEMU Priva	22-Feb
KESSY Thomas	23-Feb
LASWAY Firmin	25-Feb

Fraternally in the Holy Spirit,



Florentine Mallya, CSSp.  
Provincial Superior

