

Provincial Desk December 2024

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Highlights of the Provincial Council Activities - 2024

Dear Confreres and Lay Spiritan Associates,

As we approach the end of 2024, the Provincial Superior and his Council send warm greetings and best wishes from the Provincialate. Below are highlights of some of the activities undertaken by the Provincial Superior and his Council during the year.

Visits and Engagements

- **January-February:** The Provincial Superior conducted canonical visits to the Coastal Zone, excluding Pemba and Unguja (Zanzibar). He also visited Marian Schools and Dogodogo Multipurpose Centre. Additional ministries visited include:
 - ✚ Tengeru Boys on March 11, Holy Ghost VTC on March 27 and Novitiate Formation Community at the end of May.
- **April:** Capacity Building Seminar on Project Writing and Fundraising jointly organised by the Central Development Office (Rome) and the Provincial Planning and Development Office at the Provincialate.
- **June:**
 - ✚ Priestly ordination of Fr. William Kipelelo at Salasala Parish in the Archdiocese of Dar es Salaam.
 - ✚ Perpetual Profession made by 16 fourth year theology students coming from 5 different nationalities, held at Kipawa Parish, Dar es Salaam.
 - ✚ The Provincial Superior attended the French Provincial Chapter, followed by visits to our development partners in Germany in early July.
- **July:**
 - ✚ The Provincial Superior held his first meeting with new novices in Magamba Lushoto.
- **August:**
 - ✚ The Spiritan Conference of Circumscriptions of Africa and the Islands (SCCAI) held its biennial meeting in Madagascar.
 - ✚ Official launch of the “Resource Management Guidelines” took place at the Provincialate on the Feast of Assumption.
- **September**
 - ✚ Blessing of the foundation stone of the new two-storey building at Usa Seminary. The aim is to move the existing seminary to the adjacent ten acres of land purchased by the Province a few years ago.

Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation (JPIC)

- ✚ Fr. Deokary Massawe was elected as the new UCEAF JPIC coordinator, replacing Fr. Paul Flamm.
- ✚ The JPIC office has been working with TEC in response to the government's unjust efforts to relocate the Maasai from Ngorongoro to Msomera in Tanga region.

UCEAF: regional collaboration

- ✚ **April, October, November:** UCEAF Superiors, Bursars and Formators meetings in Nairobi.
- ✚ **April 14-20:** the Provincial participated in the Chapter of the Uganda Group.
- ✚ **April 25-30:** the Provincial travelled to South Sudan to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Spiritan

Education and Formation

- ✚ A new Spiritan school, St. Luke Secondary School in Endamaghan was officially registered with the Ministry of National Education and will open in January 2025.
- ✚ The Formation Committee organized a vocation camp for new candidates during which psychological assessments were carried out as part of the recruitment process.

Collaboration and Governance

- ✚ In mid-March a meeting was held at the Provincialate with 25 Spiritan parish priests. A number of topics were discussed. The participants decided to make a conscious effort to promote the Spiritan charism and to recruit lay Spiritan associates in their parishes. They also promised to make financial contributions for formation.
- ✚ December 6: The Provincial Council organized a one-day meeting in Arusha with the leaders of the Spiritan institutions in Tanzania. A consultant was hired to help us address issues of compliance with government requirements.

Annual evaluation

- ✚ Members of the Provincial Council were in Karatu for annual evaluation and planning for 2025. Among the items on the agenda was the Provincial Chapter 2026. According to procedures, a formal communication will be sent out to all the member of the Province.

Phase 2 of the Animation Plan of the Congregation: Spiritan Spirituality for Mission

- ✚ On 2nd October, the General Council launched the second phase of the animation plan with a focus on Spiritan spirituality for mission. The Generalate has sent us prayer guides and other useful materials. We are thus invited to be creative and resourceful at the local level in order to make full use of our rich Spiritan heritage.

MEETING OF INSTITUTIONS UNDER PROVINCE



In anticipation of the impending tax audit of the province by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), the Provincial Administration convened a meeting of the heads of the institutions under the Province, together with key technical and management personnel. This meeting took place at the Carolus Centre on 6 December.

In light of the intricacies involved, we sought the expertise of Mr Nicholaus Duhia, a registered tax consultant and a fellow chartered accountant in public practice, to assist in navigating Tanzania's tax compliance regulations.

Following this meeting, each institution is now required to ensure that its financial records for the years 2020 to 2023 are in order. A dedicated team has been established to oversee the coordination and preparation of consolidated accounts for the entire Province, with a deadline of 12 December to complete this exercise. This allows sufficient time to prepare the consolidated accounts for the identified financial years to meet the TRA audit deadline of February 2025. We hope that everyone will recognise the gravity of responsibility we have taken on. Looking ahead, we are preparing a dossier for the application of charitable status for the Province.



MISSION

Fr Edmond Karkamoie joined Maasai ministry in Ngorongoro mission just before Christmas after completing Kiswahili language course in Morogoro. Bon courage!

FORMATION

Scholastic Deogratius Mbonde has obtained a visa for Brazil, where he will begin the second cycle of his formation programme in Ipiranga, São Paulo. He is scheduled to depart for São Paulo on 17 January, 2024. We wish him well.

ONGOING FORMATION



An ongoing formation program for UCEAF confreres with less than five years* of ministry is planned for 2025. The programme will begin on 3 February (arrival) and end on 10 February (departure) 2025 in Tangelbei, East Pokot, Kenya.

NB: We (Tanzania Province) have excluded confreres who are learning Kiswahili and have included some who are in their 6th year of ministry.

VACATION

-  Philip Ng'oja
-  Justi Tarimo

Welcome back home and enjoy your stay with family and friends.

BEREAVEMENT

-  Fr Filbert Marandu-(mother) Mama Maria Tunu Salehe on 26 December 2024
-  Fr Arnold Baijukya-(sister) Christine Kagemuro Rwezaura on 28 December 2024

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS

| JANUARY | | |
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| Gregory | MALLYA | 01 |
| Nolasco | MUSHI | 01 |
| Festo | URASSA | 05 |
| Emmanuel | SAITOTI | 06 |
| Nicetas | KYARA | 07 |
| Ezekiel | MREMA | 12 |
| Clement | TEMBA | 13 |
| Linus | MBAJO | 13 |

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| Joseph | MASHAKA | 15 |
| Peter | MAMBO | 18 |
| Arbogast | PLATO | 20 |
| Gaudence | MAEMBE | 25 |
| Eligius | MKULIMA | 27 |
| Joseph | SHIO | 23 |
| Rogasian | KIMARIO | 31 |

OUR SICK CONFRERES

Fathers Nicetas Kyara, Nolasco Mushi, Dan Macha and Evod Shayo still have health challenges. Let us continue to pray for them and all who support us in the care of our sick Confreres.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2025!

Fraternally,



Florentine Mallya, CSSp.
Provincial Superior

