

Provincial Desk March 2023 **Provincial Desk**

CANONICAL VISITATION **17 March-1 April, 2023**



General Assistants: Frs Jeff Duaine, Jude Nnorom, Philip Massawe and Justi Tarimo after the “exit” meeting with the Provincial Council

In the month of March, the Province of Tanzania received three members of the General Council for an official Canonical visitation to the Province of Tanzania. They were accompanied by Fr. Justi Tarimo who is the coordinator for formation and education at the Generalate and superior of Villa Notre Dame Community in Rome.

Frs Philip Massawe, Jude Nnorom and Justi Tarimo arrived on Saint Patrick day, 17 March and immediately begun the visitation at Spiritan Missionary Seminary (SMS), Njiro. Fr Jeff Duaine who is also our correspondent, arrived on 18 March. The visiting confreres were all met by the Provincial at the Kilimanjaro International airport. Given the limited amount of time assigned to this visitation by Rome, the four visiting confreres started the visits almost immediately.

An entry meeting between the Provincial Council and the visiting members of the General administration took place on 19 March. The purpose of this meeting was to brief the visitors on the state of our province and its geography.

The visitors had a meeting with Archbishop Isaac Amani of Arusha on 20 March in the morning and all left to different destinations in the evening. Jude left for Kigoma, Western zone, where he visited our confreres engaged in refugee, pastoral and education ministries. He also had a scheduled meeting with the bishop of Kigoma, Most Rev. Joseph Mlola. On his way back to Arusha via Dar es salaam, Jude visited Kipawa Parish and participated in coast zonal meeting with Jeff.

Jeff went to the coastal zone which includes the islands of Zanzibar. There, he visited our confreres assigned to the islands. On 22 March Jeff took the boat to Dar es Salaam where he had a meeting

with the Archbishop of Dar es Salaam and then visited our Coastal zone confreres in Dar es Salaam and Bagamoyo. He also met with the bishop of Zanzibar, our confrere, Most Rev. Bishop Augustine Shao, CSSp. who had been in Dar es Salaam for official reasons. He later participated in a Coastal zone meeting which took place on 27 March. Jude and Jeff teamed up with Justi who just finished visitation at the postulancy and travelled by road from Bagamoyo to visit the noviciate in Magamba, and then on to Same where they met our confrere Bishop Rogath Kimaryo. They stopped at Mgagao Parish to meet Fr Aquiline Mrema.

Philip concentrated most of his time visiting confreres working in Southern and Northern zones as well as Njiro Seminary. He had a visit with the Bishop of Mbulu, Rt. Rev. Bp. Anthony Lagwen.

On 28 March, he participated in a meeting of confreres involved in Maasai ministry within the Northern zone. The meeting took place at Mto wa Mbu parish. It brought together confreres working in Ngorongoro, Endulen, Nainokanoka, Mto wa Mbu, Engikaret, Mang'ola, Monduli chini and juu. The generosity of the host confreres in Mto wa Mbu is highly appreciated.

At the tail end of his visitation, Philip presided over a Northern zonal meeting which took place at the Provincialate. In this meeting, Philip had an opportunity to meet some of the confreres whose missions he was unable to visit due to time constraint. The Provincialate community's generosity to confreres attending this zonal meeting is sincerely appreciated and commended.

After a four-day visit at SMS, Justi continued to the noviciate for three days and winded up in postulancy. At the exit meeting, he made specific recommendations as regards formation which will be part of the final visitation report. Some specific concerns and recommendations he made are to be taken up by UCEAF.

Since the visitation started with an entry meeting, it also finished with an exit meeting which took place on 30 March and was presided over by Jeff. He gave a summary of their observations and findings from the visitations. A much fuller report of the visitation will be sent after the Spring General Council session.

On behalf of other visitors, Jeff thanked the Province of Tanzania for the generosity they enjoyed everywhere they visited. He acknowledged that the visitation time was too short but accepted that it was not the fault of the Province. He said that although the tight schedule was pressing, all four visitors enjoyed the opportunity to meet with many confreres and the people among whom they minister. He expressed his regrets that he could not visit Pemba, but promised to make a visit there at some point in the future.

Here are some of the observations from the visitation:

- The province has a very clear mission and vision which embraces most priorities of the Congregation - commitment to primary evangelization, ministry to the refugees, interreligious dialogue, education, health and rural and urban pastoral ministries. He said that all these elements are being effectively attended to by the province.
- Deep sense of ownership of the Congregation's mission: Confreres are very committed to what they do. This commitment serves as a foundation for developing a sense of ownership of our Congregation's mission.

- There is a sense of genuine joy and happiness among the confreres visited. They seem to not be afraid of doing something new and they are certainly not satisfied with the status quo. The role of leadership, Jeff said, is to get confreres dream realistically in order to successfully carry out their dreams.
- All local Ordinaries visited have a great appreciation of what the Spiritans are doing in their dioceses. Some bishops are refusing to have Spiritans hand over some of their current works to the diocese.

Some areas of concerns:

- The visiting team observed that there is a lot to be done but limited resources to achieve the set goals.
- There is a need to improve our sense of connectedness among the confreres so that they support one another and celebrate as a family the successes of each other.
- Clericalism: the temptation to embrace clericalism alongside individualism and a drift towards groups call for constant vigilance, for such tendencies work against community life and focus on Spiritan mission.
- Personnel: There is always a shortage of personnel for many and diverse ministries, the Province of Tanzania is not an exception. Confreres who are hurting, having personal challenges and feelings of being excluded need to be attended to.
- Education: wonderful things have been done and achieved in educational works. However, educational works in the Province seem not to share the common Spiritan identity.

Fr Gaudence Mushi, CSSp.



**Spiritan Mission
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PHOTO NEWS



Meeting with the Lay Spiritan Associates at Usa River



Fr Jeff Duaime with confreres at the retirement home



Northern Zone: group photo with Fr Philip Massawe after the meeting at Poullart des Places Centre



Provincialate: Light moment among Confreres



Fr Jeff Duaime, visit at Libermann Deaf School



Fr Jude Nnorom visit to Spiritan plot-Makere

APPOINTMENT



The Provincial Superior, with the consent of his Council appoints Fr Florian Amani, as assistant Provincial Bursar, for a mandate of four years, with effect from 1 April, 2023.

Florian was ordained in 2012.

Mission Appointment and Ministry

Uganda – 2012 – 2016

2012-2014- Curate Mulago Parish

2012-2014- School Chaplain Bwaise Deanery –
Primary and secondary Schools

2014-2016 – Assistant Chaplain - Mulago
National Referral Hospital

2016 – 2017 Parish Priest – Kasumo Parish- Kigoma

Specialized studies

- Bachelor of Accountancy 2017 -2020
- Field Attachments Mkombozi bank, CRDB bank, ODDO BHF, Paul & Claim
- Associates Auditing Firm 2019 – 2022
- CPA Review Classes and exams 2022 – to date

Additional Experiences

- Self – Employed Entrepreneur 2000-2005
- Lay Spiritans Associate Coordinator – Uganda Group 2012 – 2015
- Short Courses in Information Technology 2021- 2022
- Trade Finance Seminar – ODDO BHF – Frankfurt- Germany- 2019

SAVE THE DATES

✚ Priestly Ordination



Deacons Aloyce Rogath Kimario, Emmanuel Madinda, Modest Pengo and Joseph Mahimbali, will be ordained into priesthood on **25 May, 2023** by His Eminence Polycarp Cardinal Pengo at Joseph Husband of Mary Parish, Patandi, Arusha.

✚ Annual Retreat (Cf. SRL 96 & 96.1):

1st group: 25 June-1 July

2nd group: 2nd July-8 July

3rd group: 6th -12 August

Remarks about the annual retreat: We are all reminded that faithfulness to the Rule of Life doesn't provide for multiple choice option hence the obligation to conform to what is stipulated. We have

enough time to organize our calendars so as to avail ourselves for this important spiritual exercise and ongoing formation. We should avoid to hide ourselves behind lame excuses.

BEREAVEMENT

We extend our prayerful sympathies to:

Fr. Apollinarius Msaky – (mother) Leocadia Msaky on 8 March, 2023

NECROLOGY

Cyril	CHUWA	14 April 2012
Thamelius	MLOKA	25 April 2005

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

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL		
Peter	KWAY	03
Josephat	SHIRIMA	04
Felix	JABU	04
Dickson	DAUD	08
Joseph	FLORIAN	10
Zeno	LELO	12
Thaddeus	SIYA	14
Adam	BAGO	15
Appolinarius	MSAKY	24
Simplis	LAKSHI	27
Gaudence	MUSHI	29

ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN

Dear Confereres and Lay Spiritan Associates, the Provincial leadership team wishes you all the JOY of EASTER.



The resurrection of Chist means that the huge stone which separated the human race from God was rolled away. Christ is risen from the dead. The burden of proof is on those who would claim the opposite. We see the disciples changed, walking in newness of life. There isn't doubt that they were changed by the Risen Christ. We may at times feel that the stone in our life is too big and even doubt that we can

rise into new life with Him. Easter invites us to believe that we can walk in the newness of life. Like the disciples, we can be changed by the Holy Spirit. Because of the Resurrection of Jesus, it is possible to experience the transforming power of God in our lives today.

Happy Easter!

Fraternally,

Florentine Mallya, CSSp.
Provincial Superior

