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KWAHERI FR. LEONCE RAMBAU, CSSp.



Rev. Fr. Dr. Leonce Fabian Rambau, CSSp. was born on 14th July 1974 in Msuni, Uru, Kilimanjaro. After graduating from the High School, he embarked on a journey to the priesthood from 1997-2000. He studied philosophy at Spiritan Missionary Seminary Njiro Arusha where he graduated with a Baccalaureate in Philosophy from the University of Urbaniana, Rome.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, Leonce continued his vocational journey into the Novitiate for one year where he made his first Vows on the 29th of June, 2002.

Leonce joined Tangaza College, Nairobi, Kenya from 2001-2006 for theological studies. With his tireless efforts and blessings from God, he was awarded a Bachelor's degree in Theology. Prior to his deaconate ordination Leonce made his final Vows into the Congregation at Magamba on the 7th July, 2005. He was ordained a Deacon on 10th of September 2005 in Nairobi, Kenya, and on 13th May 2006, he was ordained into priesthood at St Theresa Parish, Arusha.

Leonce had the opportunity to pursue specialized studies soon after his ordination (Cf. the extract below) thus from 2006 to 2015 he joined Master of Theological Studies program and then doctoral program at Notre Dame University. As usual, Leonce proved to be a good scholar.

After his doctoral studies in USA, the Province of Tanzania allowed him to take up employment at the Salvatorians' Jordan University College (JUCO) in Morogoro Region. On 22nd November, 2015, he began lecturing on Scriptures in the Department of Theology. Slowly he became the Head of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, a position he held until his death on the 12th February 2022. He resided and ministered at St. Mary's Parish in the Catholic Diocese of Morogoro. We thank God for the gift of life of Fr. Leonce Rambau-lecturer, pastor, musician and Spiritan missionary.

Tribute

...Father Leonce was in the first group of students accepted for studies in our Department of Theology through the Africa initiative launched by Rev. Dr. Paulinus Odozor, C.S.Sp. and my predecessor as department chair, Dr. John Cavadini. Father Leonce distinguished himself both in our Master of Theological Studies program and then in our doctoral program, paving the way for the African students who have followed in his footsteps to study with us. We are pleased that the initiative Father Leonce helped to begin continues to provide rich fruits for us, and we hope for the Church of Africa as well. Father Leonce's superb work on the New Testament under the guidance of his mentor Dr. David Aune is remembered here with fondness and pride. We are truly blessed to have known and learned with him during his time at Notre Dame.

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