


Provincial Desk March 2022 **Provincial Desk**

SEMINAR ON SAFEGUARDING¹ MINORS AND VULNERABLE ADULTS TO MARIAN SCHOOLS

- Safeguarding is more than protection
- It is being mindful of promoting wellbeing, including promoting an individual's rights
- Significant moves in promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults.



On Wednesday, 30 March 2022, about 130 teaching staff of Marian Schools (Marian Primary School, Marian Boys High School and Marian Girls High School) convened at Stella Maris Hotel around 3:00PM to participate in a seminar on Safeguarding Minors and Vulnerable Adults. Fr. Valentine Bayo, the manager of Marian schools, assisted by Faustin Emil were behind this noble initiative.

The seminar was facilitated by Fr. Noel Salekwa, the Chaplain of Tengeru schools. The *raison d'être* of this initiative is our obligation to comply with the *Spiritans Guide for Education 8.1* which states: *that safeguarding policies and procedures of every educational work in the Circumscription be communicated "in writing to all staff members" and that they should also have "the possibility of participating in ongoing training and workshops related to the safeguarding of minors."*

In his opening remarks, Fr. Bayo told the staff that it is the right time to embrace a new safeguarding culture beginning with themselves as staff, they in turn are required to safeguard students entrusted to them. Fr. Salekwa in his presentation gave the historical background of Safeguarding of Minors and Vulnerable Adults, Forms of Abuse, Sexual Dynamics in Schools, Principles underpinning the Safeguarding of Minors and the way forward (The New Culture of Safeguarding). He insisted, "The sign of the times has arrived at our door. If we fail to welcome this new way of handling our students, the results are not going to be very promising." Drawing from his experience as chaplain, Fr. Salekwa observed, "We are living in the era where school becomes the first milieu to impart character formation to our students because in most cases many families are disintegrating."

The three heads of Marian schools extended their heartfelt gratitude to the Holy Ghost Congregation, the Administration and to the school management for coming up with this timely idea which was not only well received by the staff but also added more knowledge to them as caretakers of students. In his concluding remarks, Fr

¹ This was the first seminar on safeguarding to our teachers. The Province intends to hold more seminars of this kind.

Faustin called on the participants to use each platform to impart moral values to their students. He added that these days teachers are only focusing on academic excellence and this brings imbalance to the moral and character formation of the students. He was clear that the approach of Spiritan education is holistic.² The Seminar ended at 7:00PM.

Frs. Faustin Emil, CSSp. and Noel Salekwa, CSSp.

✎ MISSION APPOINTMENTS 2022

The Superior General, with the consent of his council appointed the following confreres to the Province of Tanzania:

- ✎ Br. Wallance Zaato Naanware (Ghana)
- ✎ Deacon Jude Emeka Ekeshiri (Nigeria South West)
- ✎ Deacon Edmond Buiemensa Karkamoise (Sierra Leone/Liberia)
- ✎ Deacon Flavian Flavian Komba (Tanzania)

Karibu Tanzania!

✎ Appointment

Fr. Godfrey Mgonja reported his safe arrival in the United States where he has been appointed for ministry. We wish him all best.

✎ SPIRITAN HERITAGE

Fr. Adolph Msoka is already at Kimmage, Ireland. He will receive a hands-on training in the area of Spiritan heritage. We wish him a good start.

✚ UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the dates

✎ Jubilei



We are all invited to Silver Jubilee celebration of the Episcopate of His Lordship Bishop Augustine Shao, CSSp. which will take place on 10 May, 2022, at Amani Stadium Zanzibar. Useful detail:

- ✎ Send your voluntary contribution to CRDB, account holder is Holy Ghost Fathers AC number 0150047777201 (Mpesa AC number 075 8158145, name Fr. Kastory Kisuda).

² Spiritan Guide for Education, p. 9

- 🔥 For the accommodation, kindly contact Fr. Honest Lyimo (Mobile +255 765 081 166; WhatsApp +39 389 537 3406).

The deadline is on 10 April, 2022.

✎ **Annual Retreat**

Change of venue

Due to unexpected circumstances, *1st retreat group* (26 June–July 2, 2022) will take place at the Franciscan Sisters' Sanya Juu retreat centre instead of Maua.

Retreat director

This year we are delight and honoured to have Fr. Gilbert Mardai, S.J. as our retreat director. Gigi is known to many of us because he is *an alumnus* of both Usa Seminary and SMS, Njiro.

✎ **SPIRITAN PUBLICATION/S**

Fr. Joseph Lekundayo, CSSp. has just published *La spiritualite Spiritaine et la vie pastorale*, Laval Editions, Saint Denis, 2022 / *Spiritane Spirituality and Pastoral Life*, Laval Editions, Saint Denis, 2022.

“The book plunges us into pastoral life and particularly the notion of commitment. starting from daily life, how is this notion of commitment lived? What encourages commitment? What prevents our faithful and ourselves from making a lasting commitment? What is the contribution of Spiritane spirituality in promoting commitment and ensuring its success?”

Here are 2 main reasons for this publication:

- 1. To participate in the evangelization at the level of universal Church and in particular our local Church in the Island of Reunion (Mt 28,18-20 and Ac 1,8).*
- 2. To help our lay brothers and sisters discover the hidden treasure of Spiritane spirituality (RVS 24.3; Bagamoyo 1e n°2.10.3, 2.13; Maynooth n° 004, 1.18 and 1.19).”*

Joseph Lekundayo, CSSp.

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✎ **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**

We extend our prayerful sympathies to:

Fr. Arnold Baijukya-(elder brother) Dr. Joseph Baijukya on 9 March, 2022.

Fr. Liberatus Mapendo-(elder sister) Severa Josaphat Mosha on 19 March, 2022

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

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✎ **BIRTHDAYS**

APRIL	
KWAY Peter M.	03-Apr
SHIRIMA Josephat	04-Apr
KILULA Daud Dickson P.	08-Apr
LELO M. Zeno	12-Apr
SIYA Thaddeus	14-Apr
BAGO Adam	15-Apr
MARCHESSAULT Edward	23-Apr
MSAKY Appolinarius	24-Apr
LAKSHI Simplis	27-Apr
KALANDE William	27-Apr
MUSHI Gaudence	29-Apr

Fraternally in the Holy Spirit,



Florentine Mallya, CSSp.
 Provincial Superior

