

## **Provincial Desk April 2024** **Provincial Desk**

**TRAINING IN PROJECT APPLICATION, MANAGEMENT AND FUNDRAISING**

**22 – 26 APRIL, 2024**



*Participants and animators*

Every missionary activity is at the service of God and humanity, spreading the good news of faith, love and hope that Jesus offers to all. The Congregation of the Holy Ghost plays a crucial role in propagating these values throughout the world. As a matter of fact, the Provincial office of the Planning and Development of the Province of Tanzania in conjunction with the Central Development Office (CDO) in Rome and the Spiritan Mission Desk (Dublin), organized a workshop on Project write-up and project life cycle management that took place at Tengeru Provincialate from 22 to 26, April 2024.

The workshop was designed to provide the participants with essential tools needed to excel in the field of Project writing and application to Funding Agencies, management and fundraising, monitoring and evaluation of projects.

The workshop was facilitated by Fr. Kenneth Okoli, CSSp., Director of the Central Development Office (CDO) Rome, Connie O'Halloran, in-charge of the support development office in Dublin, Ireland and Paul Gichuki, who works with MISEAN CARA and supervisor of projects proposals and monitoring within East Africa.

Participants numbering around 49, came from the Province of Tanzania, Province of Kenya, Uganda Group, Religious Sisters from different congregations, and a lay staff from the Development office in Tanzania.

Kenneth kick-started the workshop by emphasising on our missionary duties to the poor and the vulnerable in society. He stated that, we are called to help the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalised in society. The question becomes, how do we help these people? According to him through project writing and assessment, we could gain clarity and feedbacks on developmental options and possibilities, to ensure that the use of resources aligns to the community's needs and expectations.

He also made references from Bagamoyo II document stating that, the document insists on “the creation of local development offices in every circumscription of the Congregation with a working system and trained staff whose duties are to animate and support projects as well as their evaluation.

He further outlined three main systems of development offices:

1. The Central Development Office helps circumscriptions in capacity building, gives information and animates local development offices in the Congregation.
2. Development support system offices that mediate between funding agencies and
3. Local development offices in different circumscriptions on which project application must go through for professional guidance and support of the administration.

Paul and Connie focused on Project Cycle Management (PCM) which is the designing of ideas and needs analysis with keeping of records of variables and evaluation in a project. It is very important to understand the various stages of Project management Cycle (PMC), that is, planning and monitoring. Every project must also have a Result Focused Plan (RFP), implementation and evaluation.

Paul went further to analyse the steps in Result Focused Planning which are: identifying the problem, analysing, carrying out needs assessment and analysis of objectives, determining intervention logic, risk analysis, monitoring and indicators or sources of information and the drawing up of a budget or activity plan. He went on to differentiate between activities, outputs, outcomes, impacts, indicators and means of verification. These are called the Result Work Frame or Logical Matrix.

On the final day, Kenneth animated the participants on self-reliance initiatives. For him, our primary duty is to serve the poor but we also have a responsibility to take care of their bodies by providing basic needs such as food, clothing, housing or developing self-reliance programs with them. He held that, writing a project is a means of achieving that.

Furthermore, he pointed out that, as Spiritans, we cannot continue to be dependent on donors for our survival as their support continues to diminish day by day. It is the expectation of donors that after many years of support, we should now sustain ourselves. If we do not get support any longer from our donors, what do we do to improve our finances? This is where the need for self-reliance comes in. It is looking within ourselves to know what can be done to provide for our needs.

The following were suggested as means of self-reliance: setting up a working system to guide us, be involved in real estate, agricultural projects, business projects, education and health, workshops, crafts and investment in human resources.

All participants were happy to have gained new ideas on project writing and assessment. The workshop also provided good opportunity for confreres to catch up with each other especially those who hadn't seen each other for a long time.

### *Conclusion*

After these few days of this important workshop, many if not all participants, admitted that project writing is a necessary skill that once acquired, it needs to be treasured and nurtured as an efficient means of evangelization in support of the needy and the poor. The participants expressed special thanks to the Provincial leadership team, our Development and Planning Officers, Kenneth, Paul and Connie for organising and animating this workshop. Last but not least, participants requested that, if possible, such workshops should be continued and extended to younger confreres who badly need competency and skills in Project writing for mission today. The workshop ended on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

**Fr Jude Emeka Ikeshiri**

# Congratulations

## 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPIRITAN PRESENCE IN SOUTH SUDAN



In 2010, just a year before the independence of South Sudan, the Generalate in Rome asked Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania to establish a Spiritan mission there. Frs Martin Keane, Vincent Waiga and Joseph Shio did feasibility studies which led to the opening of the first mission in Wulu, diocese of Rumbek, in 2012. Pioneer missionaries were Frs Sospeter Kiarie, John Skinnader and Nolasco Mushi. Others followed and presently, there are 3 missions in the diocese of

Rumbek: Wulu, Thon-Aduel and Holy Cross parish in Rumbek. There are 4 ordained confreres and 3 PME students from Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. More information is available in the magazine produced for this occasion, *“The Spiritan Chronicles in South Sudan.”* Volume 1, April 2024.

The Republic of South Sudan is a new country slowly coming out of successive fratricidal war. Overall, there is peace. Despite many challenges, South Sudan remains a fertile terrain for evangelization. It is this hope which animates our confreres there.

29 April, 2024 was a blessed day chosen for the anniversary celebration which took place in Thon-Aduel. The Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya and South Sudan and his entourage, Bishop Christian Carlassare (Rumbek), Bishop John Mbinda, CSSp. (Lodwar), Spiritans, diocesan priests, religious sisters and brothers, leaders from the sister churches, government leaders, Christians from Spiritan missions and villagers graced the colorful celebration which begun by the Holy Mass.

Chain of speeches which followed at the end of Mass praised the Spiritans for their vigorous missionary presence in the diocese which has impacted lives of many within a very short period of time. It is to be noted that Fr Nolasco Mushi braved his health challenges to be present for the anniversary. In recognition of his missionary contribution, it was Bishop Carlassare himself who went to meet him at the airport.

So far, the Spiritans approach to evangelization has been through parish ministry, development work and education. Genuine efforts to learn local cultures and languages account for their proximity to all local people without religious distinction. We, members of the Province of Tanzania, would like to

address our hearty congratulations to our confreres in South Sudan for this remarkable milestone. While wishing them God's choicest blessings in ministry, it is both pressing and pertinent that we also think of how to support this fragile mission in terms of resources - personnel and finance. **Cor Unum et Anima Una!**



*Group picture of the Spiritans after the Anniversary Mass*

## SAVE THE DATES

### **Priestly Ordination**

Deacon William Simon Kipelelo

Date: 06 June, 2024

Place: St Augustine parish, Salasala, Archdiocese of Dar es Salaam

### **Final Vows**

Will take place at the end of the Spiritan Month

Date: 08 June, 2024

Place: Kipawa parish

### **Annual Retreat (Cf. SRL 96 & 96.1):**

1<sup>st</sup> group: 23-29 June

2<sup>nd</sup> group: 30 June 6 July

3<sup>rd</sup> group: 4 August 10 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. **Please don't organize other private activities which will interfere with these dates.**

### VACATION

🇧🇷 Fr Emmanuel Chuwa from Amazonia, Brazil.

*Welcome back home and enjoy your stay with family, relatives and friends.*

### NECROLOGY

<b>Josaphat</b>	<b>Msongore</b>	10 May, 2017
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### BIRTHDAYS

<b>MAY</b>		
Florian Paul	AMANI	04
Silvanus	MRINGI	04
Adolf	MSOKA	06
Peter	ASSENGA	08
Filbert	MARANDU	10
Faustine	EMIL	12
Renatus	ASSENGA	13
Elias Petro	RUVAHOFI	14
Andrew	MWIKO	16
Mathew Raphael	ASSENGA	18
Josaphat	MOSHA	20
Casti Cornel	MUSHI	22

Thomas	KESSY	23
Alphonse	DONATHO	24
Pamphilius	NGOWI	25
Gideon	MICHAEL	25
Philip	NG'OJA	27
Peter	KILASARA	28
Barnabas	KILEU	28
Joachim	KARABWE	29
Gilbert	MENAS	29
Aquiline	MREMA	30

Fraternally,



Florentine Mallya, CSSp.  
Provincial Superior

