

Provincial Desk May 2023 **Provincial Desk**

PRIESTLY ORDINATION 2023



Just before the ordination day, as is the customary practice of the Church, solemn vespers were said on the eve of the ordination, which was set to be held on Thursday 25th May, 2023. The Solemn Vespers were attended by Superiors of the Passionists, Spiritans and Pallotines, whose candidates were being ordained, male and female religious and lay faithful. The ordaining prelate was His Eminence Polycarp Cardinal Pengo, Archbishop emeritus of the Archdiocese of Dar es Salaam.

Together with the prayers, the candidates for ordination made their profession of faith and took the oath of fidelity that solemn evening. The culmination of this was signing the official documents respective to the same.

The ordinations took place at St Joseph, Husband of Mary Parish, Patandi, which is served by the Apostles of Jesus (AJ). Ordinands for priesthood were Rev. Aloyce Kimario, CSSp., Rev. Modest Pengo, CSSp., Rev. Emmanuel Madinda, CSSp., Rev. Joseph Mahimbali, CSSp., and Rev. Stephen Wambua, SCA. Alongside them, Candidate Nicodemus Balama, CP. was raised to the order of diaconate.

The joint ordination was symbolic of the unity of purpose amongst Religious Orders as well as collaboration with the local church, as we strive towards the same goal of bringing God to people through our witness, and by the same, bring people to God.

In his homily, His Eminence Polycarp Cardinal Pengo highlighted that the priority of our apostolate is building bridges for people so that they can reach God. We need to be cautious, he said, so that we don't leave the Holy Spirit behind in our adventures.

"While we work so hard for the missions and the people, we need not take the glory for ourselves, or prioritize it. There is no need to say 'I did this... I did that...' That is not the goal. It is the Holy Spirit who is at work in us who accomplishes all that for us, as we heard in the second reading" he highlighted.

In addition, His Eminence emphasized on the need to serve with joy. While serving joyfully and lovingly, those in ministerial positions ought to be people who are judged to be with integrity, filled with the Holy Spirit, and with wisdom.

After the ordination mass, the newly ordained were given mission appointments, as is customary of the participant religious orders. Fr Aloyce Kimario, CSSp., is appointed to the Group of Sierra Leone-Liberia, Fr Modest Pengo, CSSp. is appointed to the Province of Tanzania, at Tengeru Boys Secondary School, Fr Emmanuel Madinda, CSSp. will go to school for a particular mission within the province. Fr Joseph Mahimbali, CSSp., is appointed to the Province of Brazil, and Fr. Stephen Wambua, SCA. is appointed to Esso Parish in Arusha. Rev. Nicodemus Balama CP is appointed to the Passionist technical school in Veyula, Dodoma.

These ordinations are a vivid sign that God is at work within His Church, as he calls people to join the ministerial vocations in the Church, for His greater glory and for the good of all his people.

Scholastic Pastory Shimbo, CSSp.

**ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGE, DUBLIN, IMMERSION TRIP TO TANZANIA:
SURPRISING ENCOUNTER WITH THE HOLY GHOST SCHOOLS IN TANZANIA**



From Libermann Schools Jonathan Chicot (PME student) reports:

It took us some months, definitely with some reasonable anxiety, to prepare for their coming, including formal and informal meetings held with those concerned, virtual consultation with the head of Delegation, zoom meeting to facilitate first online encounter with the students from both ends and amending several times the tentative timetable prior to their first landing in Tanzania... Hopefully, they came and enjoyed their stay in our midst. They were 22 in number 19 students and 3 teachers namely; Oliver Doolan, Gavin Knaggs and Brendan Kearney.

Our respective institutions were so cooperative towards the logistics to be put in place prior to our guests' arrival and showed exceptional dedication in expressing their usual sense of great hospitality towards the accommodation of our visitors so that they may feel at home. Our sincere gratitude to all our collaborators who made this immersion trip a reality and a successful one. We look forward to receiving them again hopefully next year. Below is the feedback we received from them and wish to share with you all...

Being the first trip to Tanzania from St Michael's College, we were understandably nervous. However, from the moment Ronan Barry in Kimmage Manor, Dublin, put us in touch with Fr Joe Shio, we knew we were in safe hands. From the off, Fr. Joe understood where we were coming from. He was able to manage our expectations, while putting together a program of events that were highly immersive and spiritually enriching. With the help of his confrere, Jonathan Chicot, that both put a schedule together exceeding all expectations.

It is indeed surprising that we put this immersion trip together so quickly. My school has put a lot of support into building up this wonderful relationship. From our Principal, Mr Tim Kelleher, right down the managerial line to teachers, auxiliary staff and students, all have become invested in what we are doing.

The moment my students set foot in Tanzania, they were welcomed with open arms. They met Fr Joe Shio, Jonathan Chicot, Fides Mkenda, Loyce Gautu, Edister Massawe, Nicolaus Buretta, other staff members and Libermann Boys students setting an incredible tone for the trip.

The reason we believe trips like this are important is it allows us to engage with a culture and society different to us and it allows us to properly appreciate the world of a nation thousands of kilometres away from us. By immersing ourselves in our surroundings here, we have learnt things that cannot be put into words and become new and hopefully better people. We are also part, however, of a global Spiritan network. Guided by our Founders core vision, we articulate our faith in a similar language.

"Together we go far" is a motto we have embraced propelling and guiding our relationship. This union is an expression of our missionary enterprise for the 21st century. Meeting the staff and students we could witness the gospel at work through our shared vision of high educational standards, a sense of community, commitment to service, concern for the poor, global vision, personal and faith development.

Our immersion trip to Tanzania was of the highest importance as we felt it enriching to be given the opportunity to see life outside our world. This aided our education about the world generally and, in particular, meeting the students in the schools immersed us in their day-to-day lives. Learning about a culture so vastly different to our own can only help us to better understand and appreciate the cultural diversity in the world we share. This furthered our feeling of unity with Spiritans across the globe and gave us valuable insight into the wonderful work the Holy Ghost Fathers carry out in this beautiful part of the world.

On behalf of the group, the teachers and students, I would like to express a sincere thank you to all the schools who kindly opened their doors and hearts to us. To the Libermann Primary School for the deaf, what a wonderful group of students. They performed a fascinating drama and presented us with a unique painting that we will hang in our halls back in Dublin. To the Libermann Primary school - we will never forget the first encounters with them, sitting in their classrooms chatting and laughing. To the Libermann Boys School - what an amazing welcome. We were greeted in the road and walked in together through their gates. The singing, dancing, food, sharing of stories were magnificent. The concluding 'breaking of the ground' ceremony and football game was a fitting end to an amazing day. Finally, the Marian Boys and girls, they were very generous to give of their time, particularly as there are exam preparations at this time. It was wonderful for our students to speak to all the older boys and girls in Marian schools to see the similarity in interests, career options, sporting and music.

Can I also thank Marian University College for their warm welcome? Also, the Stella Maris for their homey accommodation, food and cultural show.

Our bus trip to Arusha kept a fascinating impression on our senses. Traversing along this route allowed us to see life on the road as we meandered ourselves towards the North. When we arrived at USA Seminary, we were again greeted with outstretched arms and welcomed in for rest and supper. We got to meet so many smiling faces and Spiritans wanting to hear our story.

While in Arusha we also had the privilege to visit the Provincialate house and received a guided tour by Fr Florentine Mallya, Provincial superior of Tanzania. Looking at old photos on the walls gave great insight to the history of the Holy Ghost in Tanzania and worldwide. It was a testament to all the great men who dedicated their lives over the last 320 years worldwide and 155 years through their presence in Tanzania.

Following the Provincial visit, we went to see Tengeru Boys Secondary school and also get to spend some time in the Herold Evans wing for deaf boys. We had a wonderful exchange there getting to know each other briefly. To tell where we have come from and to share life plans and what each would like to do when they graduate. This was a special moment.

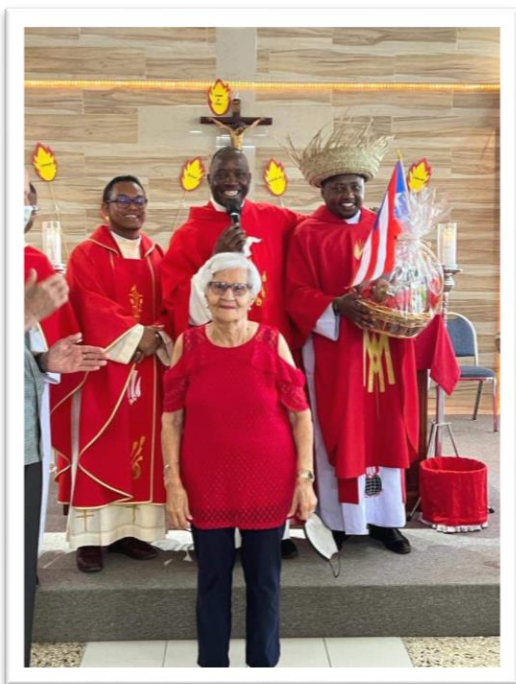
We finished our visit to Arusha with going to see the Snake Park, Arusha Cultural Heritage Centre, Sanaa, Maasai Market and finally going on a safari to Ngorongoro National Park. Truly breath-taking.

While staying in Arusha, I must add a mention of thanks to the Charles Borromeo Sisters who gave us beautiful lodgings in their convent and nourishing homemade meals each night.

Finally, the quantity and quality of our experience over the last ten days was only made possible by the care and extreme attention to detail of our new Tanzanian family. For this and more, we are all immensely grateful.

Oliver Doolan
Head of Delegation

APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS



✚ Mission appointment

Pentecost Sunday, 2023: Jubilant Fr Plato Ndetembea (right) was welcomed to the assembly by Fr Canice Njoku (centre), Superior of Puerto Rico, where he will serve as a missionary. We wish him the best of luck as he embarks on his ad extra missionary quest.



NB. 'Free Associated State of Puerto Rico'), is a Caribbean island and unincorporated territory of the United States with official Commonwealth status. Plato is the first member of the Province of Tanzania to be sent to this territory.

✚ Transfer

The Provincial Superior with the consent of his Council transfers:

	Name	From	To	Remarks
1	Fr Marcel Kessy	Mto wa Mbu Parish	Igoma Parish	15 July 2023

VACATION

✚ Fr. Gaspar Mushi

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

PME

We are glad to have among us Brother Andrew Novan from India. He arrived on 27 May, 2023 for his PME in Tanzania. He will soon begin Kiswahili language course.



ONGOING FORMATION

At an assembly hosted by CYNESA (Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa), which took place at Carollus Centre from May 29 to June 1, 2023, four confreres were among the many attendees. By highlighting the efforts of young Catholic environmentalists in Cameroun, Rwanda, and Kenya, the network hopes to make the Pope's Laudato Si message more accessible.



Respectively from L-R Fathers Modest Pengo, Joseph Mahimbali and Brothers Jimmy Bizimana and Anrew Novan



DEPARTURE

On 27 May, 2023, that is, one year and five months after his return to Tanzania, Fr Ned Machessalt, returned for good to US for a well merited retirement at Bethel Park. We thank him for decades of missionary work in Tanzania particularly among the Maasai.



SAVE THE DATES

Annual Retreat (Cf. SRL 96 & 96.1):

1 st group: 25 th June 1 st July	Preacher: Fr Patrick Mwanja, CSSp.
2 nd group: 2 nd 8 th July	
3 rd group: 6 th 12 th August	Preacher: Fr Joseph Lekundayo, CSSp.

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.

NECROLOGY

Clemence MUSHI 20 June 2021
 Bernard NGAVILIAU 26 June 2005

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

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE		
Gasto	Lyimo	06
Deockary	Massawe	07
Honest	Lyimo	15
Joseph	Kiwango	20
Erasmus I	Manwa	22
John	Maendeleo	24
Dennis	Leiya	28



Call for prayer: each community is asked to offer special prayers for the healing of our sick confreres in particular, Frs Nolasco Mushi and Evod Shayo.

Fraternally,

Florentine Mallya, CSSp.
 Provincial Superior

