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SAINT JAMES MINOR SEMINARY: HISTORICAL THROWBACK

It was on a very beautiful sunny day 8 June, 2024, on the feast of Holy Heart of Mary, over two thousand people came to Kipawa Parish in the Archdiocese of Dar es salaam in Tanzania to witness the final commitment to religious life of our dear confreres coming from five countries: Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Gabon and Ethiopia.

This was a double celebration indeed. Thus, while on one hand, Kipawa parish was closing at the parish level the Golden Jubilee for the inception of Small Christian communities by the AMECEA Bishops. On the other hand, the faithful of Kipawa accepted and hosted this very important celebration of final vows to Spiritan family. Those who made their final vows are: Scholastics Desdery Mfoi, Evagre Silayo, Francis Massawe, Odeon Siwale, from Tanzania. Hillary Khayumbi, Felix Munyao and Samuel Mambo from Kenya. Kamara Vincent, Nssereko Emmanuel, Ronald Basudde, Ross Kingstone Kakooza and SSerwadda Ssebuguzi Denis from Uganda. Bourobou Fiacre Marcel and Obame Obiang Levy-Bertel from Gabon. Joseph Desalegn Tesfaye and Mengistu from Ethiopia.

In his welcoming remarks Fr Renuus Assenga who is also the Parish Priest of Kipawa Parish, started by thanking God almighty for the gift of life as well as allowing us to gather in such manner. He proceeded by welcoming the assembly and invited the whole assembly to unite in prayer for the faithful of Kipawa and for the brothers who were taking their final vows.

The main celebrant was Fr Florentine Mallya, Provincial Superior of Tanzania. The Mass was concelebrated by Spiritan Priests especially those who are working in coastal region as well as representatives from the above-mentioned countries. In his homily he reminded the candidates that Evangelical Counsels are the heart of religious life and confreres must be ready to keep them and remain faithful to them. He also encouraged the parents to be supportive to their children whenever they are showing interest to join religious life instead of discouraging them. "Many of you prefer encouraging other people's children to become priests and religious but you do not want to offer your children", insisted the provincial

At the end of the celebration, one of the finally professed confreres was given the opportunity to give a brief history of our Congregation. He also invited the laity to share in our charism as Lay Spiritan Associates or Spiritain friends as a way of being a missionary in the Church today.

Speaking on behalf of the Parishioners, Mr Simplis Aloise Kimariyo, the chairman of the parish council, he thanked all the parishioners for their active participation in the small Christian communities. He highlighted that this is what has helped the parish to excel in evangelization and other social pastoral activities. He also thanked the Parish Priest and his assistant Fr William Kalande for their unwavering cooperation and support. He concluded by commending their method of door to door visitation to all the 50 Small Christian communities. During visitations all households were blessed when the 50 year Jubilee was inaugurated in the year 2023.

It must be remembered that Kipawa Parish which was once an outstation of Ukonga Parish before it was declared a parish in 1997 by the then Archbishop of Dares salaam Polycarp Cardinal Pengo, celebrated its silver jubilee in 2022.

Fr. William Kalande, CSSp.

CHAPTER OF THE PROVINCE OF FRANCE

In response to the directive from the General Council regarding the harmonization of provincial Chapters in relation to the General Chapter after Bagamoyo 2021, the Province of France held the Provincial Chapter from 19 to 29 June, 2024 in Chevilly Larue. These were intensive but very rich days of reflection on community, pastoral and missionary orientations for the coming years.

The Chapter was the culmination of a year-long preparation in communities and commissions. The new method of Chapter facilitation helped to embrace the bottom up approach in a synodal way. A lay consultant-facilitator journeyed with and guided the confreres to choose orientations which will help to make Spiritan life and mission relevant in society today.

There were representatives of the Lay Spiritan Associates (LSA) and Spiritan Fraternities in the Chapter. They were invited to participate in different stages of the Chapter. They brought different perspectives in the discernment process through the contributions they made whether in group discussion or in plenary assembly.

Fr Jean-Pascal Lombard has been re-elected as Provincial Superior. According to the tradition of the oldest Province in the Congregation, the capitulants elect two assistants who must have two third majority of votes each. It's the Provincial's prerogative to choose his first and second assistant among them. The three form the Provincial team. Four councillors, who are yet to be appointed by the Provincial team, together with the bursar will form the Provincial council.

We congratulate and wish Jean-Pascal and his leadership team all the best in making all things new by way of their leadership ministry.

PHOTO NEWS





was ordained priest by the Archbishop of Dar es Salaam, Jude Thaddeus Ruwa'Ichi in Salasala parish.



Mother Mary Companion of Missionaries Grotto at Usa river, Arusha, was blessed on 1 May, 2024.

REMINDER

Animation Plan of the Congregation phase One on Spiritan Mission Today 2022-2024




Dear Confreres, we have been receiving questions for reflection and discussion from the Generalate to guide us for the first part of animation plan. We have just received this weekend, the last part on conclusion of Phase one. We are required, as a Province, to send to Rome the responses of the questions asked by September 2024. Zonal leaders and community superiors have the oversight of this exercise.

Kindly send in your responses to the Provincial Secretary for compilation by the end of July, 2024.


“We are aware that many of you already live very busy schedules in your ministry, but the proposed plan of animation is not intended to add yet another burden to your already busy calendar. Rather, it is intended to commit each one of us, personally and collectively, to a process of conversion, ...We are all called to participate actively in this process... The plan the General Council is proposing is an invitation to put into action the call of Bagamoyo II to do “something new”. Our very future as a Congregation depends on this pilgrimage.”

**Alain Mayama, CSSp.
Superior General**

SAVE THE DATES


Annual Retreat (Cf. SRL 96 & 96.1):
 3rd 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.**


Jubilee Celebration: date-15 August, 2024, time-10:00 am, Place-Provincialate

Golden Jubilee of Religious life



1. Daniel Moris Macha
2. Liberatus Mapendo Kundi
3. Paul Michael Chuwa

Silver Jubilee of Religious Life



1. Adam Joseph Bago
2. Firmin Asoni Laswai
3. Joachim Boniface Karabwe
4. Linus Richard Mbajo

Silver Jubilee of Priesthood



1. Justi Kiralia Tarimo
2. Paul Martin Flamm

VACATION

Fr Gideon Mrema

We wish quality time with family and friends

NECROLOGY

Alfred	Matei	04 July 2007
Isaiah	Kessy	18 July 1993

Karibu

Fr Edmond Karkamoie from Sierra Leone arrived on 26 June, 2024 for his mission appointment. He will be in Morogoro, Modeco community for the language course. Karibu!

BIRTHDAYS

JULY		
Honest	Munishi	02 July
Paul Mbav	Kalukang	07 July
Daniel	Macha	12 July
Valence	Tingo	12 July
Renatus	Karumuna	14 July
Godfrey	Mgonja	14 July
KESSY	Marcel	20 July
Gervase	Taratara	17 July
John	Laizer	21 July
Emmanuel	Kway	31 July

Fraternally,



Florentine Mallya, CSSp.
Provincial Superior

