

## Provincial Desk **August 2022** Provincial Desk

### Perpetual Vows and Silver Jubilee Celebration



*Group picture after Mass*

*On 11 August, 2022 we gathered at the Provincialate, Tengeru, to celebrate two important events: the perpetual vows of our confreres, Joseph Mahimbali and Emmanuel Madinda. Joseph did the Period of Missionary Experience (PME) in Angola and 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle formation in Portugal while Emmanuel was in Gabon for PME and in France for 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle formation. They will join other scholastics for diaconal ordination in Nairobi on 17 September, 2022. Frs Patrick Kagwa and Marcel Kessy had the joy of celebrating Silver Jubilee of religious life on the same day. With deep sense of gratitude Emmanuel puts in words and shares the joy he and Joseph had on this special day.*

“This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” Ps 117:24. On the eleventh day of August, 2022, my confrere Joseph Rodrick Mahimbali and I, Emmanuel Jonas Madinda, committed ourselves definitively to religious life in the Spiritan family. Two things permeated this unforgettable day; joy and thanksgiving.

Joy because our Lord Jesus Christ, the one who called us to follow Him in a radical way, never ceased to fill us with His grace throughout our formation. He was always close to us to support and encourage us whenever we felt overwhelmed by the difficulties and challenges we encountered. He has been the source of joy and hope to us. It was a day of joy because our biological families and the great Spiritan family came together to celebrate and give thanks to God for the wonders He has done and He continues to do for us.

It was also a day of thanksgiving because we acknowledge with all humility that, it is not by our own strength that we have been able to reach this far. Of course without the help of others we couldn't have made it.

Above all, we would like to thank the almighty God for the gift of life and vocation. We all know that mission belongs to Him, He just calls us, weak as we are and without merit. Despite our weakness, He does not hesitate to call us in order to serve His people.

We thank our parents for bringing us into the world. They gave us the spiritual, moral, social and human foundation. Thanks to this that the Congregation was able to build something on the foundation laid by them. Of course they were not alone in the whole process of educating us. Many other people participated to this basic formation; people who were around us, catechists and teachers. Nevertheless, we admit that the parents played the key role.

We as well thank Provincial Superiors of Tanzania (past and present) and their respective councils since our admission in the Spiritan formation to date. They trusted us and allowed us to integrate ourselves into the Congregation. They also entrusted us to the formators whom we also thank sincerely from the bottom of our hearts. Together they worked to ensure our holistic growth in the best conditions.

We thank all the confreres who supported and encouraged us. Their advice and good witness of the mission gave us the desire to go ahead. All who welcomed us in our respective pastoral insertions and those who participated in our preparation for the perpetual vows during the Spiritan month. Indeed, this account will not be complete if we don't mention those who helped us to reach this far.

Before our confreres and the people of God, including the ones we have just thanked, we pronounced our definitive commitment to follow Christ in a radical way by living the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. We recognise that by our own strength we cannot live these commitments faithfully. It can only be possible through the grace of God and the help of our dear confreres. That is why we committed ourselves to an intimate relationship with the Lord through prayer and community life.

In fact, it was not only the day of joy and thanksgiving, but also a day of promise. We vowed before God, and before our confreres, our families and all who came to witness our perpetual profession, to live faithfully the evangelical counsels within the framework of the Spiritan Rule of Life. So that, through our fidelity to the Spiritan charism and the Spiritan way of life, the poor and the marginalized may find joy and hope. And those who have not yet heard or have scarcely heard the good news may "Taste and see that the Lord is good" Ps 33:9.

After living with/in the Spiritan family for more than ten years, with our strengths and weaknesses, this beautiful family definitively welcomed us with open hands. With these words of thanksgiving, we also ask for your prayers dear confreres, so that we may faithfully keep the vows we made. May the Lord keep us strong. **AMEN.**

**Emmanuel Madinda, CSSp.**

*"Behold, I am doing something new"*  
*« Voici, je fais une chose nouvelle »*  
*"Vejam, vou fazer algo de novo"*  
*"Tazama! Ninafanya jambo jipya"*  
 (Is 43,19)



## PERIOD OF MISSIONARY EXPERIENCE (PME) 2022



*Commissioning of two PME confreres to South Sudan by the Provincial of Kenya, Fr Dominic Gathurithu, L-R Constant Maloba (Kenya), Naftari Mgumba (Tanzania), Fr Boniface Muema (S. Sudan group coordinator) and other confreres*

On 10 August, 2022, there was a sending on mission ceremony for eight PME students during vespers. Peter Mallya had already left for Uganda just on the previous day. Since then Naftari Mgumba (cf. the above caption), Amani Mwacha pictured below (2<sup>nd</sup> right). First from right is the Superior of Malawi, James Balala with other two confreres from the same circumscription. Edson Sambala (Zambia), Jackson Kway (Kenya) and Deogratus Mbonde (Cap Verde) have left the country. The only one who is assigned to Tanzania, Boniphace James, has already reported to Tengeru Boys. Andrea Myinga is patiently waiting for the invitation letter to Switzerland while Herman Moshia is expecting the release of his visa to Brazil.



## EDUCATION

### Libermann Schools

The hand-over between Frs Joseph Shio and John Maendeleo took place on 29 August, 2022 at the end of the Libermann Schools Management Team (LSMT) meeting (cf. photos below). The Provincial Superior and his 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant, Fr Peter Assenga (Councillor for Education), attended the meeting. It was the appropriate occasion to thank the team and Fr Maendeleo in particular who valiantly managed the long transition after the death of Fr Josaphat Kilawila in March 2021. It is hoped that the new manager, Fr Joseph Shio, will bring a vast amount of administrative experience in his new ministry. We thank him for accepting the call to cut short his well merited time of renewal/sabbatical so as to be available for this service in the Province. We wish him and the Libermann Schools family all the best.



**General Statistics  
2022-23**

	<b>Members</b>	<b>Observation</b>	<b>Number</b>
1.	Professed Tanzanian Confreres	This number includes ordained and student members	158
2.	Ordained confreres	Two Bishops are included	128
3.	Brother/s	From Ghana	1
4.	Tanzanian Confreres in <i>mission ad extra</i>	Including two who are in Rome for the specialized training	43
5.	Tanzanian Confreres <i>in mission ad intra</i>		86
6.	Confreres appointed to the Province of Tanzania	This figure doesn't include the two who are yet to arrive for mission appointment	16
7.	Period of Mission Experience (PME)		12
8.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle/Theology		18
9.	Confreres by origin and by appointment working in Tanzania		102

**VACATION**

✚ Fr Colman Kimaryo

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

**BEREAVEMENT**

We extend our prayerful sympathies to:

28 August, 2022, **Mzee Steven Kimaro**-Father to Zakayo Kimaro

*May he rejoice in the company of God's saints. Amen.*

**NECROLOGY**

02 September 1998: Fr Joseph Tenga

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

## UPCOMING EVENT/S

### Deaconate



*The Congregation of the Holy Spirit*  
*Under The Protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

Cordially invites.....  
 To the diaconate ordination of their brothers on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022,  
 at St. John the Evangelist,  
 Holy Ghost Parish, Karen Nairobi.

*Ordaining Prelate: His Lordship Bishop David Kamau, The*  
*Apostolic Administrator of Nakuru Diocese.*  
**TIME: 10:00 AM**

  
**FABIAS ARIGANYIRA CSSp**

  
**AUDREY NTI CSSp**

  
**FRANCIS DOMETIERO CSSp**

  
**MODEST PENGU CSSp**

  
**ALOYCE ROGATH CSSp**

  
**JOSEPH MAHIMBALI CSSp**

  
**PONTIEN KENFACK CSSp**

  
**JOSIP BRNJIC CSSp**

  
**EMMANUEL MADINDA CSSp**

**“One thing I ask of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.” (Psalm 27:4)**

### New Superiors Meeting

Fr. Florentine Mallya will attend the New Superiors Meeting which will take place at the Generalate in Rome. During his absence from 12 September to 19 October, Fr Peter Assenga, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant will be in charge. Contacts: Mobile +255 743 492 018, Email [ptassenga@yahoo.com](mailto:ptassenga@yahoo.com)

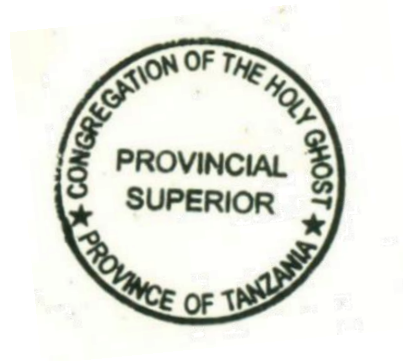
## BIRTHDAYS

September		
Philip	MASSAWE	01
Respicius	KWEYAMBA	01
Nicodemus	MASSONG	03
Fulgence	MOSHI	04
Zakayo	KIMARO	15

Evarist	SHIRIMA	18
Anno	MASSAWE	18
Arnold	BAIJUKYA	22
January	MKUDE	22
Paul	CHUWA	28

**Fraternally,**

**Florentine Mallya, Cssp.  
Provincial Superior**



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