

## **Provincial Desk September 2023** **Provincial Desk**

**50 YEARS ON...FROM NOVITIATE THROUGH PRE-PHILOSOPHY TO USA SEMINARY**



*First Form IV graduating class, 2023*

On May 29, 1972, the Superior General authorized the establishment of a Novitiate at Usa River, marking the inception of the East African Foundation. On January 10, 1973, the first group of novices was received into this newly established Novitiate. This marked the birth of Usa River as a Spiritan Mother House dedicated to formation and education. The inaugural group of East African Foundation Novices professed their vows on January 3, 1974. They were Liberatus Kundy, Daniel Macha, Paul Chuwa, and Alois Minde. They are considered the pioneers of Usa River as a house for formation and education. Fr Pat Ryan was the first novice director.

On September 22, 2023, a large crowd, comprising current students, alumni of Usa Seminary, and numerous well-wishers, led by the Provincial Superior, gathered at Usa Seminary to celebrate a remarkable milestone in the institution's history – 50 years of unwavering dedication, excellence, and progress. Over these five decades, Usa River has evolved and transformed, adapting to changing times and the evolving needs of our Congregation and society at large.

On January 10, 1973, it began as a novitiate and later evolved into a pre-philosophy house of study. In 1980, it was officially registered as an institution offering advanced-level secondary school education. In 1981, the seminary admitted its first students for Form Five, with Fr. Tom Tunney serving as the first rector of the seminary. Since then, the seminary has witnessed 42 graduations, and more than half of the members of the Tanzanian province are proud alumni of Usa Seminary.

Another significant milestone for Usa River occurred on January 6, 2020, when it received formal recognition and a permit from the Ministry of Education to provide Ordinary Level secondary school education, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the current rector, Frs Francis Kimaro and Pamphilus Ngowi.

Throughout these 50 years, Usa River has welcomed generations of students through its doors, each leaving their unique mark on the world, equipped with the knowledge and values instilled within its walls. It has faced challenges that tested its resilience, emerging stronger and more determined each time. It has also celebrated triumphant moments of profound inspiration that reaffirmed its vital role in our Congregation's commitment to mission and education.

As we commemorate this significant milestone, let us not only express gratitude for the past but also look forward with hope and ambition. The next 50 years promise to be as exciting and transformative as the previous half-century. We must continue to innovate, educate, and inspire.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DEACON



*Deacon Emmanuel Kipelelo: L-Father and Mother, R-Fr Kastory Kisuda*

Scholastic **Emmanuel Kipelelo, CSSp.** was ordained Deacon at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Nairobi, along with 15 other Spiritan deacons on 16 September, 2023.

**IN MEMORIUM**

**REV. FR. ROGASIAN MASOY, CSSp.**



In the afternoon of Saturday, 16 September, 2023, at KCMC Hospital in Moshi, our confrere Rogasian Masoy passed away after a long battle with cancer, pulmonary complications, and high blood sugar. He was 69.

Rogasian was born on 28 May, 1954, in Komela Marangu, Moshi, to Alex Ndechoka and Maria Ngawiliau. He was the firstborn in a family of eight, consisting of seven boys and one girl.

He made first profession in Magamba on 2 March, 1979 final vows on 1 March, 1982, at St. Austin, Nairobi. He was ordained priest at Usa River Parish on 4 June, 1983, by our confrere, Rev. Bishop Bernard Ngaviliau, CSSp.

Immediately after his ordination, the Superior General assigned him for further studies at the Gregorian University in Rome from 1983 to 1987, where he specialized in Biblical studies. In December 1987, Rogasian returned to Tanzania and was appointed as a professor at the Spiritan Missionary Seminary in Arusha. On 9 March, 1988, he was appointed as Vice Rector of the Seminary.

Among other places where he was assigned for pastoral ministry are Zambia International Group (ZIG), Holy Family Parish in Njiro, Arusha, Monduli Chini Parish, and St. Luke Endulen in Ngorongoro. He was proficient in multiple languages, including French, Italian, and various Zambian local languages. Until his death, Rogasian was a member of the Mbokomu Spiritan Community.

His funeral took place on 21 September, at Usa Seminary, and was laid to rest in Usa cemetery.

On behalf of the entire provincial administration, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to those who offered their time and resources to ensure that Rogasian received a dignified farewell. This includes those who cared for him during his last days at Mbokomu Parish, those who helped arrange the funeral service, and those who provided financial support to facilitate all of this. Your selflessness did not go unnoticed.

We continue to offer our prayerful sympathies to his family, relatives, Spiritan confrères, and friends.

**Fr. Florentine Mallya, CSSp.**



### APPOINTMENT AND TRANSFER

The Provincial Superior, with the consent of his Council appointed:

- Fr Ezekiel Mrema to Marian Schools with effect from August, 2023.

*We wish him all the best in his new ministry.*

### SPECIALIZED STUDIES

Fr Emmanuel Madinda, CSSp. will begin B.Sc degrees (bachelor of science) at Mwenge University, Moshi, as from October 2023.

*We wish him all the best in his studies.*

### INTERNATIONAL MEETING

Through the auspice of the *Foundation Apprentis d'Auteuil International*, Fr Flavian Komba will participate in the International Community Meeting of Practices and Knowledge (CPS) Protection of Children / Children in Street Situations (ESR) hosted by REIPER from October 7 to 17, 2023 in Brazzaville in the Republic of Congo.

*We wish him safe journey and good participation in this important meeting.*

*Congratulations*

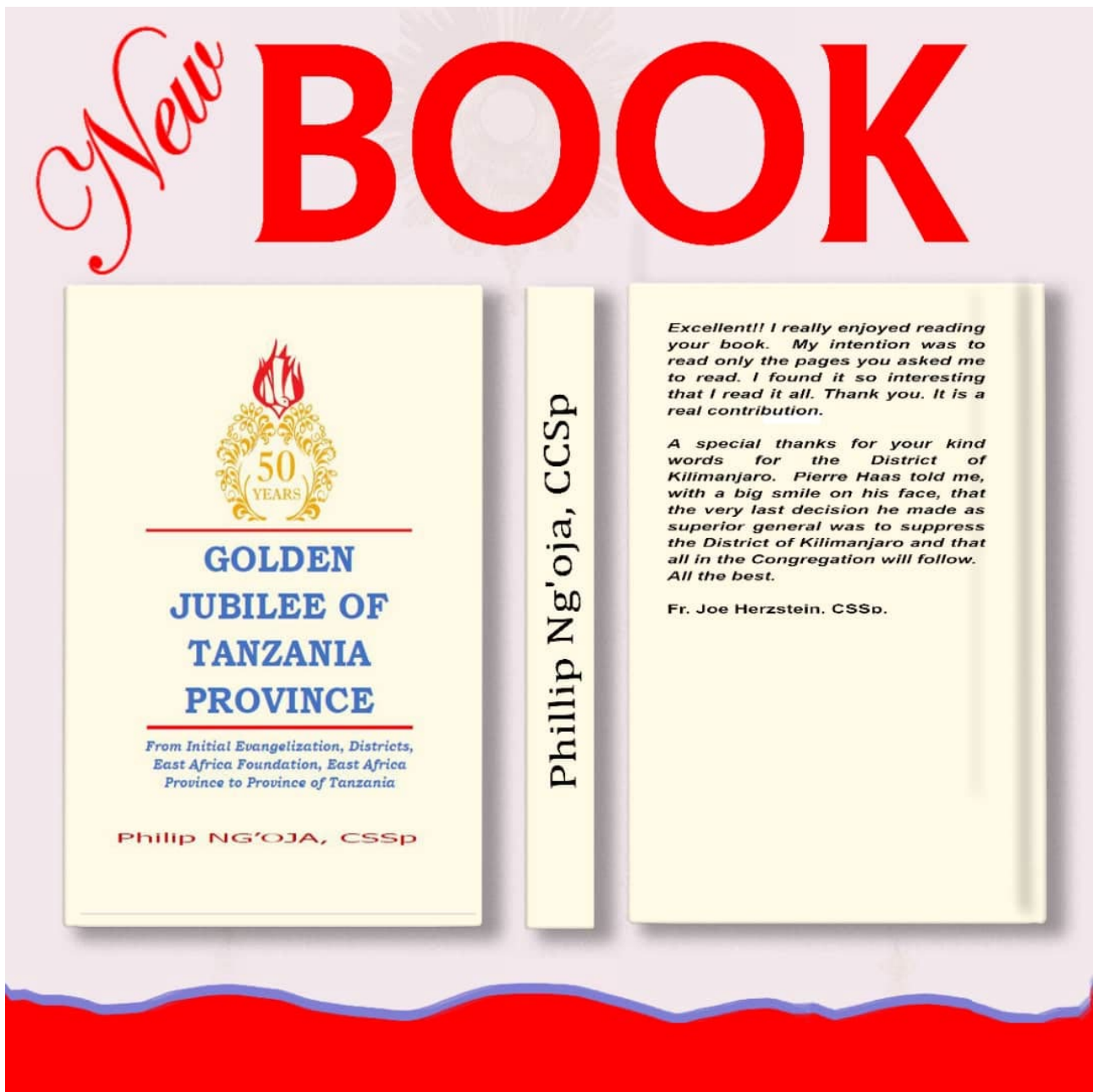
We congratulate our confrere, Fr Felix Jabu, who became a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) on 30 September. He is the first CPA in our Province. We wish him all the best in the exercise of his profession.

### VACATION

-  Fr Gilbert Tairo
-  Fr Firmin Lasway

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

SOON TO BE PUBLISHED



Fr Philip Ng'oja is finalizing the publication of his book, ***GOLDEN JUBILEE OF TANZANIA PAROVINCE***. Philip's book is a timely initiative and a gift for the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of our Province. It is a handbook which fills many historical gaps. The topics are well chosen to capture significant moments of the Spiritan mission and presence in Tanzania. The language is simple and straight forward. It is a compelling reading to all members of our Province indeed to all those who wish to be conversant with the Spiritan history in Tanzania.

**BEREAVEMENT**

We extend our prayerful sympathies to:  
 Fr Thomas Salekio-(Brother) Felix Francis Kessy, 27 September, 2023.  
 Fr Joe Herzstein-(Sister) Constance Hezstein, 29 September, 2023.

**NECROLOGY**

Vedastus	MSILANGA	12/10/2006
Thomas	TARIMO	15/10/1997
Eunan	RITTE	15/10/2011
Micheal	MASSAWE	26/10/2015

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

**BIRTHDAYS**

November		
<b>Amandus</b>	KAPELE	23
<b>Raymond J.</b>	RIZIKI	29

**PRAVERS**

We thank God and continue to pray for the speedy recovery of Frs Nolasco, Nicetas, Dan and Evod who are convelescing well.

Fraternally,



Florentine Mallya, CSSp.  
 Provincial Superior

