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NEW SUPERIORS MEETING - ROME



Group photo of the New Superiors with the General Council (GC) and Confreres in service at the Generalate

The New Superiors meeting took place at Generalate in Rome from 19 to 29 September, 2022. The last meeting of this kind was organized in 2019 and got suspended in the meantime due to Covid 19 restrictions. The steaming hot 2022 Summer couldn't deter tourists and pilgrims from visiting the "Eternal City." There is life once again in the streets of Rome. New Spiritan Superiors were also in town but for a different purpose all together.

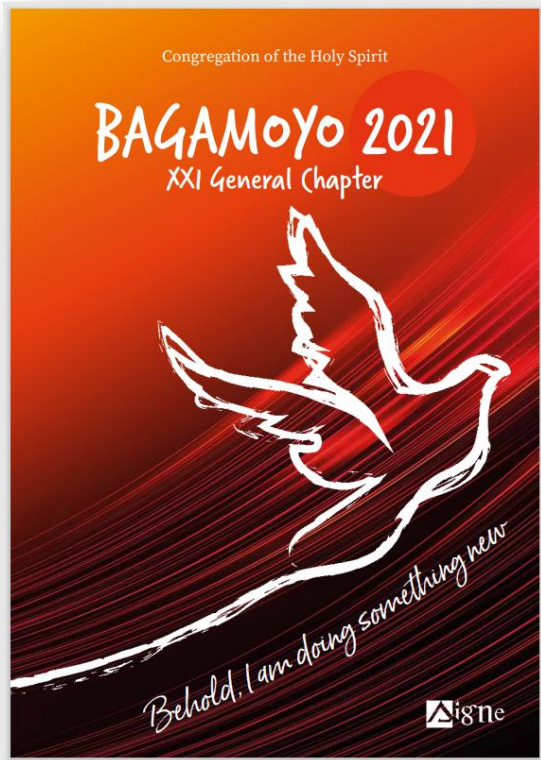
It has been a long standing tradition that each year the Generalate organizes a meeting for New Superiors. This year a total of seventeen Superiors participated in this meeting. They came from Asia, Latin America, North America, Europe and Africa. The meeting was scheduled for ten days. Sessions were quite intense and the content was rich and diverse. The peculiarity of this meeting is that it took



place after Bagamoyo 2021, XXI General Chapter. The underlying theme was "Behold I am doing something new" (Is 43:19-21). On 2 October, feast of Claude Poullart des Places, the GC will roll out eight-year animation plan designed to bring home the implementation of decisions of Bagamoyo 2021.

The new team at the Generalate was articulate and enthusiastic in the presentations made on different topics which constitute the fundamentals of Spiritan leadership, life and mission of the

Congregation today. The participants were exposed to many documents which are essential working tools such as the decisions of Bagamoyo 2021, enhanced Spiritan Rule of Life, revised Guide for Administrative Relations with the Generalate 2022, etc.



The interaction between the New Superiors, GC members and Confreres in service at the Generalate was excellent. Presentation of the Circumscriptions underscored the diversity of Spiritan ministry and the richness of our charism. The Superior General reminded the participant that “Spiritans don’t own the charism of our Congregation,” it is meant to be shared hence creativity in ministry and synodal approach in collaboration with the people of God where we are missioned.

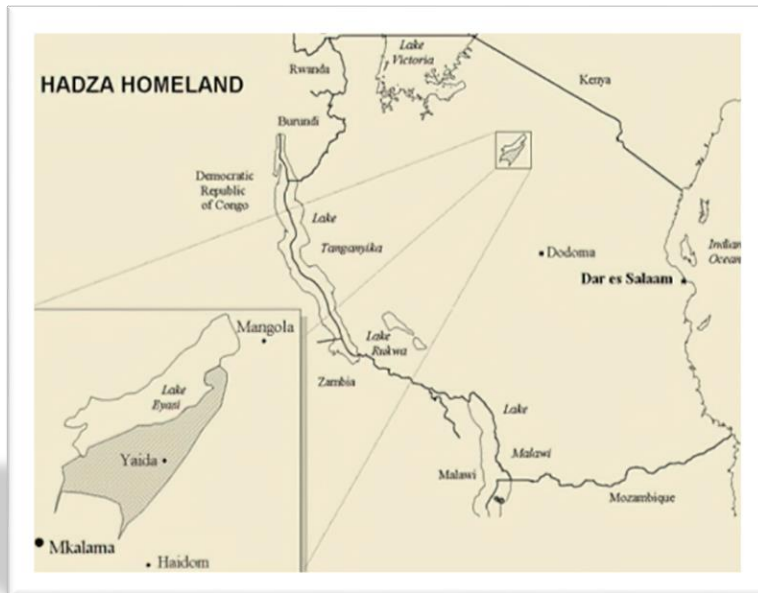
The participants had the opportunity to share and exchange their experiences at both formal and informal settings. One of the memorable moments appreciated by all was the guided tour of the mansarda/attic (pigeon loft) re-enacted at the garden of the Generalate. Venerable Libermann lived in this structure when in Rome in 1840-1941 while waiting for the approval of his plan of evangelization of the liberated slaves by the Propaganda Fide.

Participants took a Sunday off for a pilgrimage in Assisi. It was also a privilege to attend Wednesday Papal audience at Saint Peter’s square. The meeting ended with the commissioning of New Superiors during the evening Mass on the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels to assure them of God’s closeness in their life and leadership ministry.



A UNIQUE AND DISTINCTIVE ETHNIC GROUP: HADZA

Introduction



One of the characteristics of every culture is its dynamics. As cultures interact with the outside world, they undergo a changing process whereby some elements become extant while others are lost. One would have thought this assumption applies to every culture. Nevertheless, a unique and distinctive culture of the Hadza is a proof that to every rule there is an exception. The Hadza is a tribe that has retained its cultural elements and the concept of change seems to be a foreign vocabulary to the tribe. An encounter with the Hadza tribe

always leaves a memorable impression because of their ability to shield themselves from the world. Be that as it may, their improvised livelihood equally draws attention of the need to help out. As Spiritans (Congregation of the Holy Spirit) working with the Hadzabe people, in line with our charism for the option of the poor, we find it obligatory to bring to light the lives of the Hadza and the areas that needs support if such a unique tribe is to be extant. We set the ball rolling with a brief history of the Hadza. To such a course, we now turn our gaze.

Brief history of Hadza

Hadza are an ethnic group of people living in Lake Eyasi basin in the Great Rift Valley and the Serengeti Plateau in Northern Tanzania. They speak click language and carry ancient DNA lineages that can be traced back to the earliest branching of the human family tree. Most of the Hadza people still pursue the same way of life as their ancestors years ago. Records show they are among the last fulltime hunters and gatherers in Africa. It is worth noting that the Hadza are one of the four or five societies which remain in the world where most people try to earn their livelihood primarily from wild resources [Bala G. G. (1998). *Hadza Stories and Songs*. Arusha: Friends of Hadzabe]. In their communal way of life, Hadza are organized in groups or clans with no governing hierarchy.

The structures of their buildings are in a form of simple shelters which are moveable. Their homes often are usually camps around baobab trees, rocks and these settlements help the Hadzabe people to blend in with their environment. Furthermore, Hadza are predominantly monogamous, and are highly skilled, selective and opportunistic foragers. When there is a shortage of animals, the Hadza rely on honey, tubers and seasonal fruits to survive.

Regrettably, they suffer from infectious diseases and with no proper medical attention, some of them pass away. Hadza women look after the children and collect plant roots, fruits and materials for building houses. They also make jewelry traditionally from small animals and plant materials like

feathers, beads, seeds and dried fruits. The main role of Hadza man is to obtain meat for his clan. With his expertise in the usage of bows and arrows, the Hadza man hunts birds like squirrel and occasionally, baboon, zebra, wild beast and buffalos. Having glimpses of who the Hadzabe people are, we now turn over to the areas where attention is urgently needed to support the livelihood of the Hadzabe people.

The Hadza and their habitat

The livelihood of every community rests strongly on its environment because they help to provide the needs of the people. Land and water are two of the most basic and essential amenities that make life worth living due to the functions they play in our lives. The Hadzabe people have a big challenge with these two amenities. The nature of the land where they live makes it very difficult to plant anything. The texture of the soil makes it virtually impossible for anything planted to grow. Moreover, the scarcity of water compounds the challenges of the Hadzabe people. Water, they say is life, and its absence makes livelihood very challenging. This is one of the major contributing factors to their frequent movement from one place to another. These are the two main difficulties of the Hadza. It is interesting to point out that the plight of the Hadza is not something new to the government. One is tempted to believe the Hadza are ignored and exploited because they equally fall into the minority group. One would have thought that a responsible government would seek ways to address these issues. Unfortunately, the contrary is the reality. The Hadzabe people are left to their fate. Interestingly, the places of the Hadza are tourist sites and numerous tourists do visit them, however, despite the revenue generated from these sites to enhance the lives of the Hadza, it finds its way into the hands of the government and the people are left in their underprivileged state.

The Spiritans and our mission with Hadza

The theme of our recent XXI General Chapter, Bagamoyo 2021 reads: “Behold, I am doing something new.” It is a call to avail ourselves to the signs of the times in our contemporary world. Consequently, in consideration to this fact and a response to the reality of the lives of the Hadzabe people, who are found within the mission (first evangelization) area of the Spiritans working in Mang’ola Chini, the call for help to improve their lives has become a *sine qua non* for the contemporary mission. Assistance is provided by the confreres periodically as a way of reaching out in line with our charism and the gospel: *Evangelization of the poor*. Be that as it may, more help is needed to sustain such support and in the same way alleviate the plight of the Hadza, especially considering the exploitation of the government and the nature of their habitat (infertile land). There is a need to give voice to the people as far as the government is concern and also provide alternatives to better their livelihood with regards to their infertile land.

Conclusion

To sum up, mission with the Hadza has become one of our primary calls as far as mission at Mang’ola Chini is concerned. Any assistance provided will go a long way to facilitate our primary call to reach out to the poor and the voiceless.

Frs Jojo Sackey, CSSp. and Matthias Ng’oja, CSSp.

CONGRATULATIONS



On 17 September, 2022, Emmanuel Madinda and Aloyce Rogath (on the right of Fr Albano Mwombeki), Joseph Mahimbali and Modest Pengo (on his left) were ordained deacons at St John the Evangelist Parish in Lang'ata, Nairobi, along with their confreres. Fr Albano represented the Provincial Council. Deacon Joseph Mahimbali is appointed to Salasala Parish while Deacon Emmanuel Madinda to Usa Seminary. We congratulate and wish them joy in practicing this valuable ministry of service.

APPOINTMENT

Fr Emmanuel Kway: Kiaraka Parish with effect from 15 October, 2022



PME



☞ Herman Masha (Center), Fr Mark Brendan Foley (Right), Superior of the South-West Spiritan Group in Brazil and a confrere. Herman arrived safely in Sao Paulo for PME. We thank the Group Superior who facilitated a long visa process. We wish Herman a fruitful PME.



We are glad to welcome Verse Muyumbe, a student from Zambia who has just arrived in Tanzania for PME.

KARIBU

2nd Cycle Formation

Barnaba Kyara left on Thursday 29, 2022, for Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, where he will be doing his 2nd Cycle formation. He is the first Tanzanian student to go to Trinidad for studies and formation in the spirit of Bagamoyo 2021, number 129. We wish him all the best.

VACATION

✚ Fr John Laizer


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

NECROLOGY

12 October 2006: Vedastus Msilanga
 15 October 1997: Thomas Tarimo
 15 October 2011: Eunan Ritte
 26 October 2015: Micheal Massawe

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

 **Save the dates**

16 October, 2022: opening Mass at 10:00 AM-Usa Seminary's **50th jubilee**.

BIRTHDAYS

October		
01	Prosper	GASTOR
01	Francis	LASWAI
04	Deus	TARIMO
05	Gaspar	MUSHI
09	Calvin	MASSAWE
12	Daniel	KILALA
13	Eric	TEMBA
16	Florentine	MALLYA
18	Lucas	TILISHO
19	Dyfrig	MALITI

Faternally,



Florentine Mallya, CSSp.
Provincial Superior



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