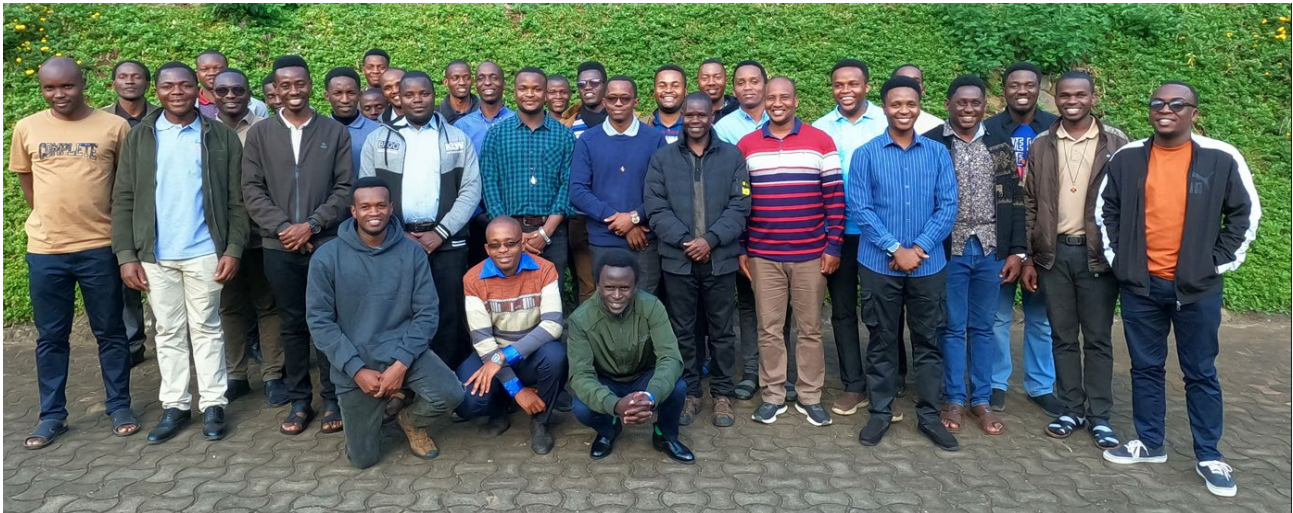


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THE 2025 SCHOLASTICS AND NEW PRIESTS REUNION, BONDING, AND SENDING ON MISSION TAKES PLACE AT TENGERU PROVINCIALATE

Meet and Greet



It was an experience to remember to have a crowd of over 50 confreres sparsed across different stages of formation, most of whom returning from studies and mission experience abroad, laden with life-changing encounters and stories to tell. The purpose was first to build bonds, to meet and greet, to share our home base together; secondly to be immersed in the animation of our province with the help of our leaders, and thirdly, to witness the Sending on Mission for newly professed confreres going on Pastoral of Mission Experience (PME) and Priest confreres going for their Missions of appointment.

All these are significant, so that that we do not grow up as efficient missionaries who are strange to one another, and also to help us build bonds and not to become detached from the home base. We all ought to bounce to missions from a base, a home wherefrom we are sent on mission.



Confreres began arriving from July 30th for a 3-day experience of a nourishing community experience as Tanzanian young Spiritans, with shared prayers, meals, and of course meetings. The Provincial Superior, the Bursar and Councillors gave inputs each from their jurisdiction and capacity to make sure that we are all carried along with regards to the management of the province, leadership, projects and prospects, formation, ministry of care, as well as the upcoming 4th Provincial Chapter set to be held early next year.

Conferences



Fr Florentine Mallya, CSSp. who serves as the Provincial Superior of the Province of Tanzania, encouraged us Scholastics to envision becoming happy Spiritans, and to feel responsible for the Province. This is because the good we see around us is a fruit of the sacrifice and self-giving of those who have gone ahead of us. He admonished those on Period of Mission Experience (PME) to be open to learning, and to take positively recommendations of

areas of growth.

In his words,

We want you to be successful, so that after your formation we can be satisfied to say we have done a good work. We do not want other people to say ‘You have sent us half-baked candidates.’ We want to give you the maximum with the means you have so that you can become good and happy Spiritans.

Fr Florentine also briefed Scholastics on the structure and administrative work and competencies both locally and globally, that is, of the Provincial Council as well as in relation with the General Council. He highlighted the need to learn how things are done in the congregation and to deeply engage with the relevant administrative documents of the Church and our Congregation, especially the Canon Law, the Spiritan Rule of Life, the Guide for Spiritan Formation, Spiritan history, and many others. He encouraged Scholastics to write as well, as literature is a legacy that will last much longer for those who come behind us.

Fr Provincial also made an emphasis for Scholastics to embody Spiritan values and the dynamics of our shared sense of mission, which includes owning and caring for the Congregation as our home in the bigger and more inclusive sense. Most importantly he said, is to ensure that all people we encounter are treated with respect and dignity and minors and vulnerable adults are safeguarded, as problems in these areas are excruciating and damaging to the persons, the Congregation, and the Church, which is the Body of Christ (cf. 1 Cor. 12:12-27, Eph. 1:22-23).

Fr Albano Mwombeki, CSSp. a Councillor for JPIC guided Scholastics in understanding the animation of the Province and the necessity of participating by giving our opinions for the Chapter deliberations. Following that, Scholastics had a three-hour session of engaging collectively with the 4th Provincial Chapter questionnaire, led by the leader of the Scholastics for the Province Br Edward Simkonda, CSSp. The Councilor for Formation Fr Josephat Shirima, CSSp. also had an audience and encouraged the Scholastics to be steadfast and to allow formation to be a transformative journey.

The Provincial Bursar, Fr Kastory Kisuda, CSSp. heartened Scholastics to nurture a sense of belonging and ownership of our Province, especially in giving value to our finances by not being laissez faire. He admonished Scholastics to do their best, and to take all experiences positively, whether welcomed

or repealed where they are sent, and to be mature, selfless, and honest to each other in order to help one another to grow. He also particularly appreciated all confreres who have participated in taking care of our confreres in need of help.

Sending on Mission Ceremony



The sending on Mission was a ceremony of its kind on the eve of August 1, a spiritual and prayerful atmosphere for all Spiritans present to rekindle their missionary zeal as simple people sent for God’s work, each in their different capacities. As we chanted the solemn vespers, our shared intention was gratitude and asking the Lord who sends us to stand and journey with each of us, as we “cross to the other side of the lake” (Lk. 8:22).

This year the Province has sent 13 confreres on PME to 10 Circumscriptions as follows:

Onesphory Vendeline-**Ethiopia**, Joseph Rajabu-**Ethiopia**, Dieudonne Hakizimana -**Zambia**, Baraka Shayo-**Zambia**, Adeus Mgata-**Uganda**, Priva Mkwe-**Kenya**, John Sanary-**Kenya**, Aloyce Kway-**Bolivia**, Patrick Msuha-**Madagascar**, Olaph Urio-**Mauritius**, Emanuel Machibula-**Zimbabwe**, Gasto Laswai-**Zimbabwe**, Joseph Msindo-**South Sudan**

Newly Ordained Priests Mission Appointments are as follows:

Fr Desdery Mfoi-**Tanzania**, Fr Evagre Silayo-**Spain**, Fr Francis Massawe-**Malawi**, Fr George Kitange-**Bolivia**, Fr Oden Siwale-**Italy**, Fr Prince Kimaro-**France**

Excerpt from the Homily of Fr Florentine Mallya, CSSp.

As people who follow a religious tradition with deep roots, we are always sent on mission, we do not send ourselves. If Father Poullart des Places and Libermann were here they would be very happy because it was their dream that the institutes they founded will bear fruit, especially here in Africa, a continent which was dear to the heart of Fr Libermann.

Sending on Mission crowns the fulfilment of both the Spiritan Rule of Life and the Guide for Spiritan Formation which demand us to prepare missionaries for the mission of the Church. As you go it is important you understand that you will encounter different cultures as people do not exist in cultural vacuum. You go among the people who

oftentimes we really cannot change. It is not for them to change, but for you to adapt respectfully and to observe and learn their way of life. Challenges help us to grow.

Conclusion

To end with, the shared few days together meant a lot to all confreres present as it brought back memories as well as new encounters for those who had never met. As Scholastics we are grateful to the entire province for animation, vocation promotion, and financial investment towards formation for our province, among other things. We wish the Province of Tanzania God's blessings always, especially as we approach the upcoming Provincial Chapter next year.

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