

Provincial Desk May 2026 Provincial Desk

THE FOUNDER'S DREAM LIVES ON



It was both a coincidence and a blessing that on 27 May 2026, the very day we celebrated the 323rd anniversary of our Congregation, our five deacons were ordained to the priesthood, along with a Pallottine deacon who joined them. Our Founder's dream of preparing missionaries who will bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth lives on.

By all accounts, it was a joyful day for all of us: the newly ordained priests, their families, friends, well-wishers, and the parishes from which they come. We know that the formation program is a long process involving many people, some of whom are more visible than others. We are grateful for each person's contribution to their formation. It is our hope that the newly ordained confreres will generously share the charism of our Congregation with the people among whom they are sent to serve.

Bishop Wolf Gang Pisa's homily carried a clear message that invited all of us to take our calling seriously. His message was not limited to the occasion itself; rather, it addressed the challenges we face in society in relation to our faith. He referred to philosopher Charles Taylor's book, *The Ethics of Authenticity*, to illustrate his point that modern society has lost the meaning of things. We Christians, and even more so consecrated men and women in the Church, are not immune to this challenge. He reminded us that "in a world where the meaning of things is trivialized, it is our duty to restore a sense of the sacred, especially with regard to the sacraments."

RENOVATION AND RELOCATION



“The Chapter entrusts the Provincial Administration to reinstate ICOF (Inter-Congregational Ongoing Formation Programme) at the existing Provincialate and to disseminate information about ICOF programmes to confreres through zonal meetings (Bag. II, 135 to 137).” Cf. 4th Provincial Chapter, No. 25

In compliance with this Provincial Chapter decision, the Provincial Administration has initiated the implementation of the directive.

1. At the Provincialate

- 1.1 Construction of a 117-square-metre kitchen complex, comprising a pantry, two cloakrooms, and a staff room, has reached the roofing stage. The structure is located behind the Poullart des Places Building, adjacent to the conference room. Once completed, the current refectory will

be converted into the new conference room. Landscaping works to improve the surrounding garden area are currently underway.



- 1.2 An overhaul of the plumbing and water-heating system is necessary to accommodate the increased number of participants expected in the ICOF programme.
- 1.3 All rooms on the first floor of the Administration Building will be renovated and converted into en-suite rooms in accordance with ICOF requirements.
- 1.4 The Provincial Archives, currently located on the first floor of the Provincialate, together with the office of the Provincial Archivist, will be relocated to Tangi la Maji (the Old Provincialate) in Arusha. The necessary modification works have already been completed.
- 1.5 The Development Office, the Spiritan NGO (currently awaiting registration), and Missionary Spiritan Travel (MST) will also be relocated to Tangi la Maji.

2. Spiritan House (Sekei)

- 2.1 The Provincialate is expected to relocate to Spiritan House by the end of November 2026.
- 2.2 The two-storey building will serve as the new Provincialate. Significant renovation work will be required to convert the existing rooms and spaces into offices and residential accommodation including replacement of asbestos sheets. To facilitate this process, a consultant has been engaged to provide technical expertise, including architectural plans, structural designs, services specifications, and bills of quantities.



2.3 As a consequence of these changes, accommodation capacity at Spiritan House will be significantly reduced. This development further underscores the need to construct a Mission House/Provincialate in Tengeru.

3. **Challenges and Financial Implications**

3.1 The principal challenges facing the Province are the limited timeframe for implementing these projects and the financial resources required to complete them. Preliminary estimates indicate that works will cost approximately USD 170,000. These funds must be secured in addition to the Province's ordinary commitments, including formation, administration, and other ongoing expenses. In due course, a formal appeal for solidarity and financial support will be made to us.

4. **Legal and Administrative Compliance**

4.1 It is important to emphasize that the Provincial Administration is ensuring that all legal and administrative requirements associated with these changes are duly addressed. In this regard, a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Congregation of the Holy Spirit and ICOF has been submitted to the General Council for review and endorsement.

Welcome



Fr. Joseph Loc, CSSp.

We are pleased to welcome Joseph as he begins his mission appointment. He comes from Vietnam and previously completed his Period of Missionary Experience (PME) in Tanzania. We wish him every blessing in this new mission.



Venue: Carolus Retreat Centre

Dates:

 **Group 1: June 21 – 27**

 **Group 2: June 28 – July 04**

 **Group 3: August 02 – 08**

FIRST AND PERPETUAL VOWS



First Vows: 27 June, 2026

Perpetual Vows: 13 June, 2026 in Uganda (6 candidates from Tanzania)
07 July, 2026 in Manila (2 candidates from Tanzania)

BIRTHDAYS

June		
06	Gasto	LYIMO
07	Deockary	MASSAWE
15	Honest	LYIMO
20	Joseph	KIWANGO
22	Erasmus	MANWA
24	John	MAENDELEO
28	Dennis	LEIYA

INFORMATION

1. 18-30, June: The Provincial will be in Ethiopia for the Chapter.
2. 03 July, July: Fr. Evarist Shirima, CSSp.-1st Provincial Assistant will arrive from France.

VACATION

 Fr. Gilbert Tairo

We wish you a happy stay with your family and loved ones.

BEREAVEMENT

Joseph Truong Van Nhan, Brother to Joseph Dang, 1 June, 2026

NECROLOGY

26 June 2005: Bishop Bernard Ngaviliau

20 June 2021: Fr Clemence L. Mushi

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



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Fraternally,



Florentine Mallya, CSSp.
Provincial Superior

