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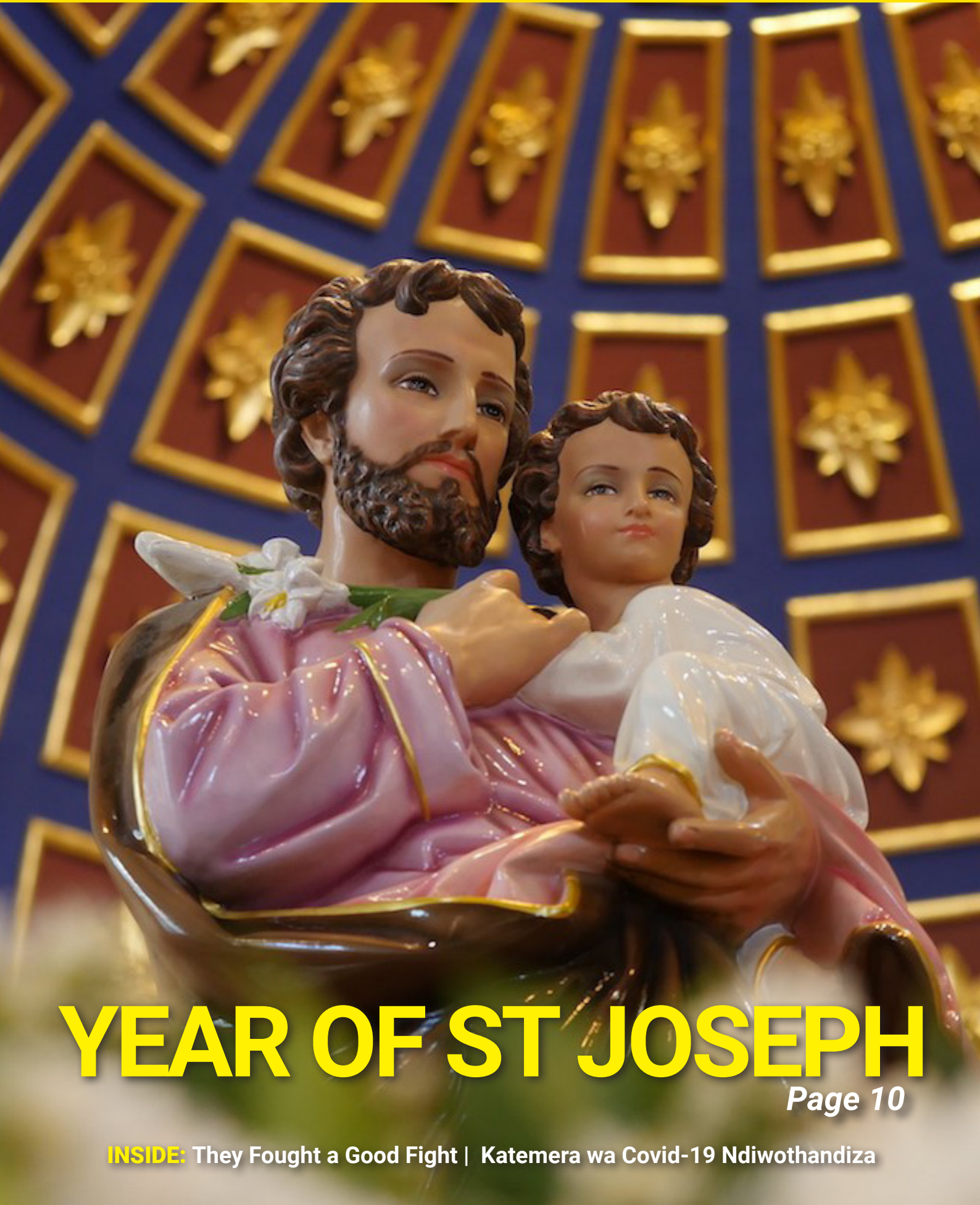

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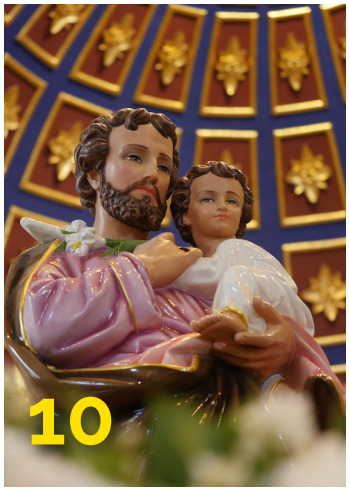

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A sculpture of St. Joseph holding the baby Jesus in St. Joseph's Church at Ayutthaya, Thailand. (Photo by Mminnano/shutterstock.com)

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ADMINISTRATOR'S FOREWORD

Dear reader of **Mpingo Ndife Tonse; Tiyende Limodzi Magazine**. Once again, we come with another issue of the lovely Magazine but this time in a new style – the style befitting the digital user.

With the constant changes in the world today, one would be naïve to ignore the power and influence of digital platforms. Digital phenomenon has penetrated many areas of our life including banks, communications, entertainment name it.

For the past year and half, a lot has happened in our Archdiocese as well as our country. We have seen and experienced the surge of COVID-19 and the deaths of church and government leaders because of this deadly pandemic. We have witnessed the passing on of influential individuals in academic institutions, health sector including in religious institutions. We pray for the repose of their souls.

The deadly pandemic has brought unexpected changes on lives. Life styles and general spiritual, social, economic conduct have changed. We no longer shake hands as we used to. We no longer receive Holy Communion on the tongue as we used to do. We are encouraged to stay at home or gather in small groups. For some, life has come to a dull level.

However, where there is life, there is hope. We are the people of hope. We are a people who believe in a merciful God. We continue to pray for His intervention in this difficult situation. We pray for wisdom unto to the scientists who are searching for a drug that can contain the corona virus.

May St. Joseph, whom we celebrate this year, intercede for us and may he encourage us in our hope for the healing of our nation and the entire world from COVID-19.

With the same hope in the risen Lord, we encourage all to share the joy of the resurrection amidst doubts and uncertainties due to the pandemic of COVID – 19.

Very Rev. Mons. Patrick Thawale

(Archdiocesan Administrator)

EDITORIAL

Welcome to an exciting 2021 Easter edition of Mpingo Ndife Tonse: Tiyende Limodzi Magazine. In this edition, the Editorial Team of the Magazine looks back in order to give hope in respect to the events that took place in the Archdiocese.

The magazine, this time around focusses on the events that have recently taken place in the Archdiocese. Mpingo Ndife Tonse Tiyende Limodzi also hints on the Year St. Joseph and the Family. It offers itself as one of the crucial media that can store the information for posterity.

Covid-19 has changed the way of living and doing things. People have learnt fast how to use electronic means of communication more than physical means. We are in E-world. Radio stations, television stations, Face Book and WhatsApp have increasingly been instrumental in spreading the word of God. We have no choice as well but to make this edition very compliant to Covid-19 measures thereby keeping it as electronical as possible. With this edition, we assure our reader to be close to the Archdiocese of Lilongwe.

Death is part of the life of the church. Our faith is rooted in the belief that God made us to enjoy eternal life with him. As Christians, we have a longing in our hearts for peace, friendship, love and happiness. This longing is to discover the ultimate meaning of life, to know the love of God, and to share in a destiny beyond the horizon of death. As St. Augustine of Hippo, one of the great teachers of the Church wrote, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." We bring to you in this edition those soldiers of Christ who lived, ate and worked with us in His vineyard and departed to the eternal house of the Lord.

It is the year of St. Joseph. With the Apostolic Letter *'Patris corde'* -With a Father's Heart, Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8th day of December 2020, to 8th day of December 2021. We encourage you to participate in the activities organized locally irrespective of your gender and status in the Church for St. Joseph was a family man and we are all members of the family of God.

This edition also highlights on the status of the construction of the New Cathedral.

The Archdiocese's plans to build a new Cathedral are still alive. This edition gives you the resource mobilization strategies in force and highlights of the architectural activities of the church building. We encourage the continued participation in fundraising for the New Cathedral. Please be generous to donate.

We wish you all the best as we manifest the risen Christ. Enjoy the read.

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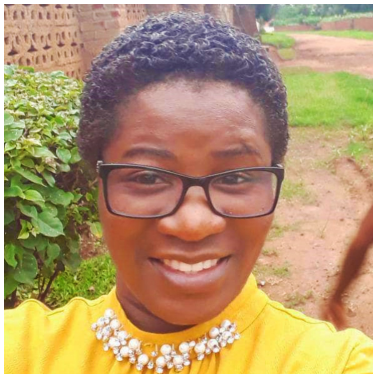

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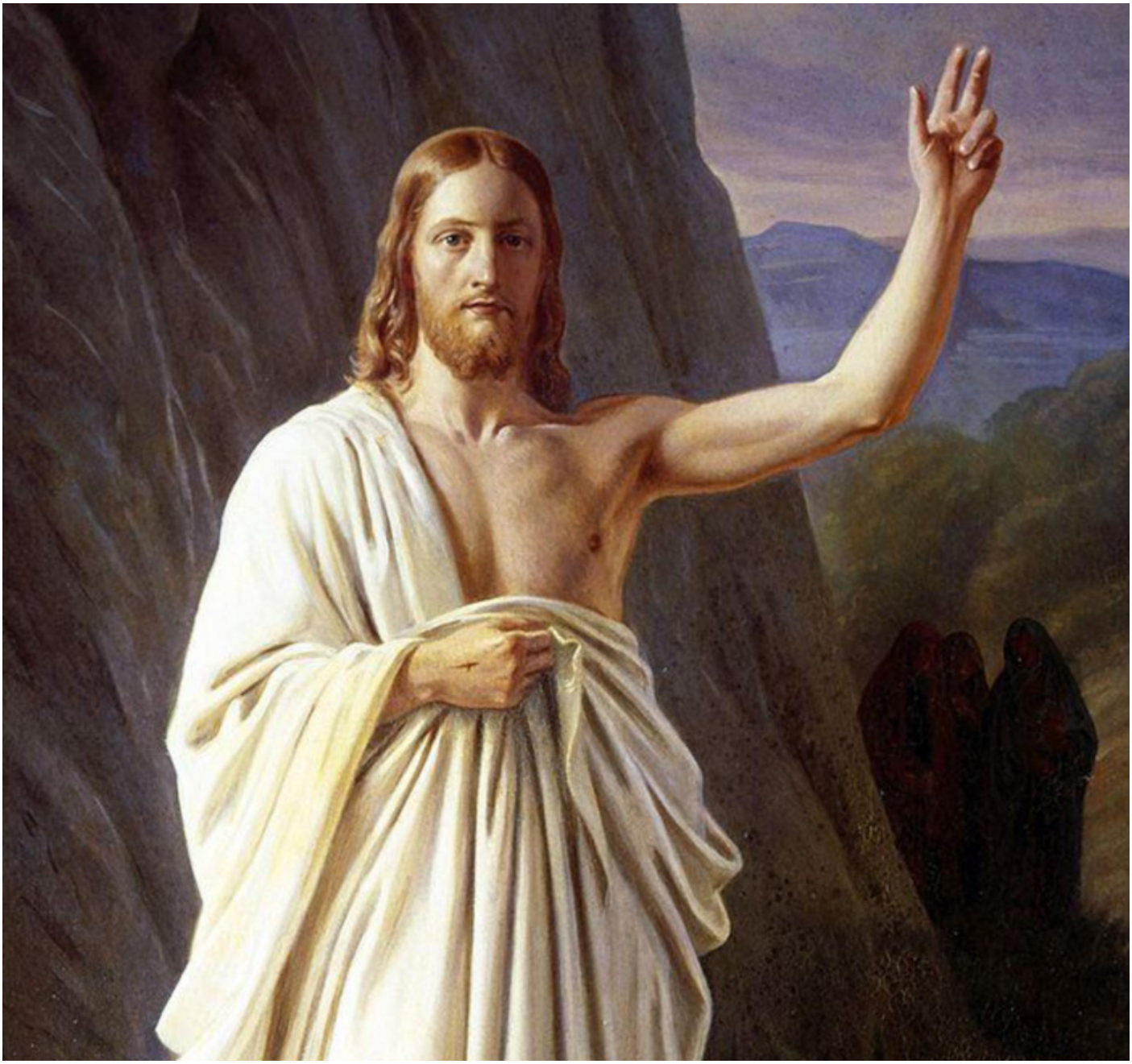


Chikhristu chili ndi fungo chifukwa cha kuuka kwa Ambuye Yesu kwa kufa. Chikhristu chili ndi tanthauzo chifukwa cha kugonjetsa imfa kwa Ambuye Yesu. Pachipanda kufa ndi kuuka kwakufa kwa Ambuye Yesu, akhristu akadakhala anthu ochititsa chisoni kwambiri.

"Ndipotu ngati Khristu sadauke, chikhulupiriro chanu mchopanda pake, ndipo mukadali m'machimo anu. Pamenepo nawonso amene adamwalira ali okhulupirira Khristu, adatayika ndithu. Ngati tiyika chikhulupiriro chathu mwa Khristu chifukwa cha moyo uno okha, ndiye kuti ndife anthu omvetsa chisoni koposa anthu ena onse". (1Akor 15:17-19).

Dzina la Mkhristu ndi dzina la ulemu, ndi dzina lopambana. Mkhristu ayenera kunyadira dzinali chifukwa Ambuye Yesu adagonjetsa imfa. Ambuye Yesu salinso m'manda. Imfa ilibenso mphamvu pa iye. Zimenezi zitanthauza kuti Mkhristu sayeneranso kuchita mantha ndi imfa; imfa idagonja, ilibenso mphamvu pa Khristu, ilibenso mphamvu pa Mkhristu wokhulupirira Yesu.

Nanga moyo wa Mkhristu okhulupirira Ambuye Yesu ouka kwakufa aukhale bwanji? Mkhristu akhale mlaliki wa kuuka kwakufa, akhale kuwala kochotsa mdima, akhale odzetsa chimwemwe pakati pa anthu amnzake. Maria wa ku Magadala atamva ndi kudzionera yekha kuti Yesu ndiwamoyo, adanka nalalika za kuuka kwa akufa kwa Yesu, ndipo aliyense amene adamva uthengawu adali ozizwa ndipo ena adali ndi chimwemwe chodzaza. Petro ndi wophunzira wina onse adathamangira ku manda ndi chimwemwe atamva kuti Ambuye Yesu auka, (Yoh 20:3-4).

Tiyeni tikondwere Yesu wauka kwakufa, salinso m'manda ayi, wagonjetsa imfa.

LESSONS FROM JOSEPH THE HUSBAND OF MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS?

By Fr. Louis Chikanya

ST. JOSEPH IN THE SCRIPTURES

St. Joseph, the husband of Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ first appears into the scene in the gospels of Matthew 1:15-17 in the genealogy, which traces his lineage back to King David, and in Luke 2:41-49, when he with Mary went back to Jerusalem to search for the lost Jesus.

The scripture has very little about St. Joseph. Mark, one of the synoptic evangelists does not mention the name of this Joseph. Surprisingly, St. Paul also makes no mention of Joseph in his letters.

What we know about him is his call by God through the angel Gabriel in Luke1:26 to take Mary as his wife. Joseph was betrothed to Mary but Joseph intended to divorce her as she was found to be with child without his knowledge.

SOME DATUM AND FICTION

Everything we know about St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus comes from the few lines of Matthew and Luke. The epistles by St. Paul make no reference to him at all, not even the Gospel of Mark, the first of the Gospels.

Some apocryphal writings such as the 2nd Century *Protevangelium* of James and the 4th Century History of Joseph the Carpenter, cloud the history further by presenting him as a widower with children by the time he met Mary. These claims are not accepted by the Church; they are fictions.

LESSONS THAT JOSEPH OFFERS

The name, Joseph means God shall increase.

We learn that St. Joseph was a righteous and just man from his first reaction upon hearing the news that Mary, his wife was pregnant. He was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He decided to divorce her quietly. Joseph did not want to make any noise of accusations against her nor initiate a court case for Mary's unfaithfulness. He knew doing that would expose Mary to a shameful death by stoning.

Another precious lesson that we learn from St. Joseph is his obedience to God's commands, Matthew 1:20-24, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home…"

St. Joseph obeyed the command of God in Matthew 2:13-15 to take the child and the mother to safety when Herod wanted to harm the child.

St. Joseph offers to the whole church, especially to men, the example of a person who works hard for his family. He is industrious to ably support his family. He established his own carpentry shop. He also gave example to his son Jesus who joined his father in the carpentry shop, (Mark 6:2-3) when he was a young adult, before he started his ministry.

St. Joseph was a man of few words but more action. We hardly meet a talking Joseph in the scripture rather an action one. St. Joseph offers men the example of valuing work and more work than talk as the saying goes, successful people always have two things on their lips: silence and smile. St. Joseph's talk is seen in his work.

St. Joseph challenges all men of faith to be the bulwark of their families, the good examples of their sons and the guardians of their households.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE

By Fr. Louis Chikanya

Pope Francis declared this year the Year of St. Joseph, which runs from 8 December, 2020 to 8 December, 2021. This Year of St. Joseph will rub shoulders; indeed will go hand in hand with the Year for families, 19 March, 2021 to 26 June, 2021.

Amoris Laetitia will somehow act like a tool for the success of the two, the Year of St. Joseph and that for families.

I would like to draw some attention of a reader to the highpoints from Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia. These are Latin words; translated, *Amoris* - Love, and *Laetitia* - Joy. Pope Francis, in the title of his book decided to hide one important word, *Married*. The title would have perfectly read, The Joy of Married Love. Why do I think like this? In his book, Pope Francis writes extensively about love in marriage set up.

From the very onset, Francis writes about husband and wife before the arrival of any child in the home. God created man and woman to be useful to each other. A man therefore will leave his parents, the woman too will leave her parents, and the two will come together to be one, Gen 2:24.

He goes on to write about the fruit of their love, children. Children, in his language are a shoot of an olive tree. Children are the joy of the two.

In chapter two of the book, he talks about the experiences and challenges of families, one of which being the growing tendency of individualism, love for possessions and pleasures.

Another highpoint in Amoris Laetitia is where Francis writes about marriage as sacrament. He says "the family is the image of God, who is a communion of persons". The sacrament of marriage, he says, is not a social convention, an empty ritual or merely the outward sign of a commitment. It is given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses.

Spirituality of marriage and the family is yet another highpoint in Amoris Laetitia, the Joy of Love. The first on the list is the supernatural communion. God always dwells in the family, especially in the family where the owners have a concern for each other. Family communion should make each member of the family to cultivate the value of truthfulness and honesty. A family bond is makes family members to find it hard to lie. A husband or wife who leaves on lies in the family is an unwanted member, a traitor, someone who is immature. Staying together every day is something beautiful, something consoling. You may be rejected outside home, hated by others at work, and mistrusted by business partners, but family gives you consolation, love and trust.

One cannot miss family or home as the school of love and faith. The Pope, in paragraph number 87 talks of the "Church as family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all those domestic churches". He continues to say that every family, by virtue of the sacrament of matrimony, becomes, in effect, a good for the Church.

The experience of love in families is a perennial source of strength for the life of the Church.

THEY FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT

By Sam Kalimba

We lost them but their desire to serve the Lord devotedly when they were alive remains a good teacher in the present world.

Late His Grace, Archbishop Tarcisio Gervazio Ziyaye (1949 – 2020)

The Most Reverend Tarcizio Gervazio Ziyaye was born on 19 May, 1949 in Zimbabwe. He was the fifth born in the family of 11. He was born to Gervazio and Bernalidina Ziyaye. He hailed from Khombe Village, T/A Zulu, Ludzi Parish, Mchinji District. He received his Baptism in Zimbabwe where he stayed for 9 years before he came back to Malawi, Mchinji in 1957.

He was ordained a Catholic Priest on 14th August, 1977. From 1977 to 1981, he served at Guilleme Parish as a Parochial Vicar and later as a Parish Priest in the same Parish. He was appointed Bishop`s Secretary under Bishop Chimole in 1981 up to 1984. He doubled the roles of Bishop's Secretary and Parish Priest of Maula Parish.

Whilst in the office of Bishop`s Secretary, he was sent for a short course in Kenya at Christian Organizations Research and Advisory Trust of Africa (CORAT Africa) for studies in Church leadership and management.

Later on, in 1985, Bishop Chimole sent him to Rome for a two-year study in Dogmatic Theology. After coming back from Rome, he was appointed as the Vicar General of Lilongwe Diocese and the Parish Priest of St. Patrick's Parish for three years, from 1987 to 1990. Later on, in 1990 to 1992 he came back to Maula Cathedral as the Parish Priest and the Vicar General. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Dedza and titular Bishop of Macon on 21st January, 1992. He was consecrated Bishop on 23rd May, 1992 at Bembeke. On 29th May, 1993, he was appointed coadjutor Bishop of Lilongwe. On 29th November 1994, he was appointed Bishop of Lilongwe. Later on, he was appointed Archbishop of Blantyre on 15th February, 2001 where he served for 12 years. On 5th July 2013, he was appointed Archbishop of Lilongwe and was installed on 21st September, 2013.

His death

He died in a hospital in Windhoek, Namibia on 13 December 2020. His remains arrived at around 9pm on 17 December 2021 through Kamuzu International Airport and went straight into the Poor Clare's Monastery for Mass and later was moved to the Cathedral for subsequent series of Holy Masses before his burial. Body viewing commenced on Friday, December 18 and closed on Saturday, December 19 after a 6 am Mass. The body was later moved to the CIVO Stadium for final requiem Mass. Later on, the body was laid to rest in the St. John Paul II Chapel within the Maula Cathedral.

Condolences

People from different walks of life poured their condolences.

We visited a condolence book and sampled the following quotes:

Bishop Mtumbuka – Diocese of Karonga, ***"Go in peace dear Archbishop until we meet at Jesus' feast."***

Rev. Fr. Henry Saindi, Secretary General – ECM, ***"Sincere condolences to the entire Archdiocese."***

Bishop George Cosmas Zumaire Lungu of the Diocese of Chipata- Zambia, ***"Ambuye, least did I know you came to be with us at the golden jubilee celebrations of our Sisters, the Teresian to bid farewell to us. I thank you for asking me to serve you by ordaining your priests at Mkanda, a way of thanking you for being a father and a dean friend to us in CHIPATA. RIP"***

Monsgr John Chithonje, ***"you assisted me in the absence of late E Kanyama our Bishop. May your soul rest in peace."***

Rt. Rev. Moses Hamungole Diocese of Monze – Zambia, ***"May you rest in peace great son of Africa."***

Bishop Dr. Joseph Paul Bvumbwe – Evangelical Association of Malawi, ***"Deeply affected on the passing on of the great servant of the Lord and a brother in the service of the Lord."***

Daughters of St. Paul, ***"God rest your gentle soul in eternal peace. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"***

Sr. Gloria Tenthani – Sisters of Charity of Ottawa, ***"May your soul Ambuye Ziyaye rest in peace. We will misss you as our Congregation. Be our intercessor in Heaven. Pray for us always."***

Sr. Esther Banda, Carmelite Sisters – Namitete, ***"In you we learnt a lot. Rest in peace."***

Sr. Margaret Zulu, Teresian Sisters of Chipata Zambia, ***"Go well Ambuye. You were a father to all; we will miss you in Zambia."***

Sr. Sovena Wiseman – Medical Sisters of Mary, Lilongwe,

"Beloved Tarcizio Ziyaye, may your soul rest in peace. Always remembered for all good deeds to have done in God's vineyard."

Rev. Brian Kamwendo, Presidential Advisor on Religious Affairs, ***"The state is mourning the departure of this servant of the Lord and the statesman."***

Hon. Patricia Kaliati – Minister of Gender, ***"May your soul rest in peace. You will be remembered by Kaliati family."***

Calista Mutharika – Former State First Lady, ***"Ambuye you were a comfort and shall be greatly missed by many people. May your soul rest in Peace."***

Justice Anaclet Chipeta SC – JA, ***"Rest well good Shepherd and elder brother".***

Justice R.R. Mzikamanda SC, ***"Beloved Most Rev. Archbishop Ziyaye to be remembered always for love, humility and dedication to the Lord. May your soul be received in eternity."***

Dr. John J.N. Phiri, High Commission of Zambia in Malawi, ***"Your leadership will be greatly missed. The God who brought you to us is with you forever. Amen, rest in peace."***

Dr. Heatherwick M. Ntaba – Politician, ***"What a great loss. He was a courageous and kind gentleman. We shall all miss his examples. He was a real gentleman, kind father."***

Dr. Francis Z. Pelekamoyo, ***"Ambuye Ziyaye, God has loved you more but me and my family will remember your wise counsel and spiritual guidance."***

Hon. Susan Kacholola Ndalama, MP, ***"The Archbishop was very cool, I poured source on his vestments when we were serving him as Chair for CWO at Kasungu and yet he was not worried about it, I enjoyed his reaction."***

Mrs. Agnes Katsonga Phiri -Blantyre, ***"We will miss your wisdom. You were the face of faith, stood for the truth, you were eventually in everything, Rest in peace."***

Dr. Peter & Mrs. Beatrice Matipwiri, ***"We love you – May your soul rest in peace."***

Mrs. Lucy Jocelyn Vokhiwa – CWO National Chair, ***"Atate kumwamba – landirani mzimu wa mtumiki wanu yemwe anakutumikirani ndi mtima wonse."***

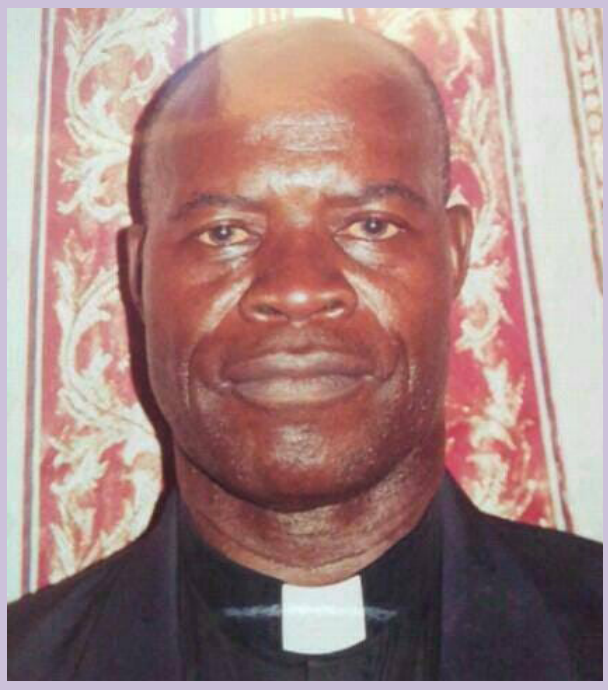
+Mrs. Steria Kulemeka, ***"Dear Ambuye, thank you for the love of my family which I will live to cherish. Rest well our good Shepard."***

Hon. Mary Connie Mpanga, MP, ***"Ambuye, I mourn you with happiness for what I learnt from you during your stay in the Archdiocese of Blantyre. MYSRIP."***

Mrs. Marian Mtingwi – Kaggwa Woyera Parish, ***"Ambuye, indeed you saw the need to build Nyumba ya Maulungu ya Makono. Rest in peace in your heavenly House."***

+Mary Chimwemwe Chidzanja – Nkhoma – The Archbishop's Neighbour, ***"We thank you for your great interest and encouragement in our Ministry of the Word Work. You also taught about how the Church produces lots of academic giants but Spiritual dwarfs. We cherish your memories. May your soul rest in God's peace."***

Mr. Ignatius Chadwala – CMO Chair for Archdiocese of Lilongwe, ***"Ambuye mwatisiyira Mphatso ya Catholic Men Organisation. Chikondi chanu, kutilimbikitsa komanso kutipempherera, bungwe lathuli lidzapitilira kufalitsa uthenga wa Ambuye."***



Late Major Rev. Fr Martin Mthumba, DP (1944 – 2021)

From Chiwala Village, TA Kabudula, Lulongwe in Nambuma Parish, Fr. Mthumba was born on 5th January 1944. He traditionally hailed from Chingalande Village, TA Kayembe, Dowa, the maternal home side and where they lived. He was born in a family of nine, seven boys and two girls.

He was ordained a Catholic Priest on 4 August, 1974 together with late Fr. Gabriel Sambani. He was one of those early priests who went to Guillime Preparatory Seminary. He lost his father when he was in form one.

He was assigned by the State to a Prison apostolate at Dzaleka while he was a Deacon at Mtengowanthenga Parish until his first appointment as a Priest at the same Parish where he stayed for two years. He was then moved to Chilinde Parish while residing at Mtima Woyera Parish in 1976. He found time to teach at Lilongwe Girls Secondary School using the proximity advantage. In no time The Malawi Army requested the Church to appoint one Priest to take the Military apostolate. The Church then suggested his name and was subsequently moved to Kamuzu Barracks as the first Army Chaplain in 1977 at the rank of Captain after completing military training. After 16 years of military service at the rank of Major, Fr. Martin Mthumba retired on 13th December 1993. He was then assigned to Mlale Parish as a Parocial Vicar in 1993 and in the same year he was appointed Parish Priest for St. Mark – Mkanda Parish. He later served St. Mathias – Lumbadzi, Kachebere Parishes as Parish Priest. Later on, he was assigned to manage the Msamba Home for the Elderly priests where he took care of the late Bishop Mathias Chimole. After that he served at Utatu Woyera – Kawale, Guillime, Lumbadzi, Nathenje, Mtima Woyera, and Likuni Parishes.

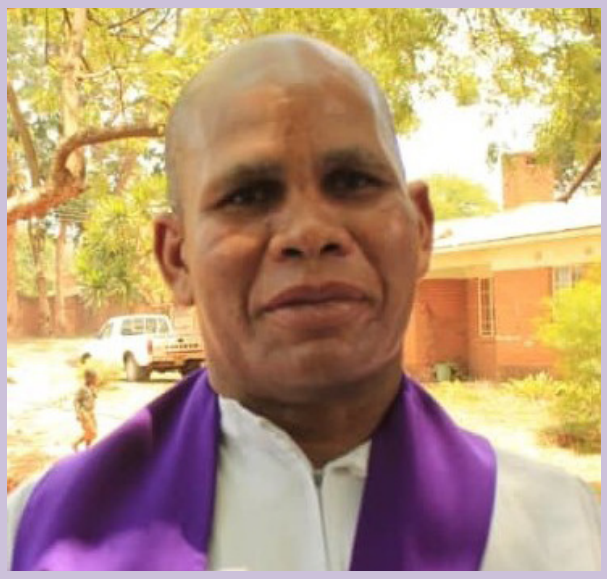
In his own words, late Fr. Mthumba used to say he enjoyed being surrounded by children in all the places he worked.

In a radio interview that was aired at Radio Alinafe in 2020, late Fr. Martin Mthumba advised the faithful not to despair amidst the Covid19 pandemic but to keep their faith in God the creator of everything including the corona virus. He further asked them to build their lives on God in any circumstance be it good or bad so that at the end of time they should not regret.

'I will do it with the help of God' was his priestly motto.

He died in the evening of Saturday, January 23 2021 and buried on Monday, January 25 2021 at Likuni Cemetery. He was buried on the same date and time with late Fr. Vincent Epulani.

Colonel Paul Chiphwanya, Spokesperson for the Malawi Defense Force (MDF) described late retired Major Fr. Martin Mthumba as a disciplined retired officer and a dedicated Catholic Priest.



Late Rev. Fr. Cyprian Chipalamwazani Mbumba Betha, DP (1966 - 2021)

Born to a family of Sylvester and Rita Chipalamwazani in 1966, Fr. Chipalamwazani was the fifth born in the family of ten, four boys and six girls. Both his parents were primary school teachers who worked in Catholic schools.

It so happened that the schools Mr. Sylvester and Mrs. Rita Chipalamwazani worked at, were close to parishes. The parents used to take their children for Mass, which later on became the cornerstone for Cyprian Chipala's vocation to priesthood.

He joined Mlale Preparatory Seminary in 1979 and proceeded to St. Kizito Minor Seminary in 1982. In 1986 he joined Kachebere Major Seminary and proceeded to St. Peter Major Seminary in 1989.

He was ordained a Catholic Priest on 7 August 1993 at Maula Cathedral a long side Fr. Alpheus Zikomankhani and late Fr. Gabriel Jana.

He was first assigned and appointed Parochial Vicar for Namitete Parish then under Fr. Alberto Samson Nyamazi as Parish Priest. Later after two years, he was moved to St. Mark, Mkanda as Parish Priest where he only served for one year. Later, he was asked to be the Parish Priest for Madisi Parish where he served for two years and was moved to Salima Parish where he served for close to 5 years. He went back to Namitete Parish and served for another good 5 years and from 2008 to 2015 he served at Nathenje Parish. In 2015, he was asked to go for further studies in India at John Paul II Institute College for 2 years. When he returned in 2017, he was resident at Kaggwa Woyera Parish for a short while and later he was assigned and appointed Director of family Apostolate, Catholic Women Organisation Chaplain and Director of Child Protection in the Archdiocese and resident at St. Mathias Parish - Lumbadzi where he was the Parish Priest until his death.

Obedience, readiness to serve and endurance were key for his vocation. He liked asking christians to pray for priests.

He enjoyed watching European League games.

Francis & Stella Namulu - Chair Couple for the Christian Family Movement (CFM) in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe wrote that CFM will always remember Fr Cyprian Chipala in many areas including the following:

"Our family together with executive team learnt from late Fr. Chipala to persevere and to be committed to our plan of action. He encouraged us to adopt a method of spreading our movement to all Parishes within the Archdiocese, which he called "Apostolate of Presence" which means visiting prospective members at their own parishes. Today we are proud and happy to say without fear, that we have visited all Parishes and CFM messages have reached all corners of the Archdiocese. He encouraged us to embark on a new scheme called 'Natural Family Planning'. He took the initiative to teach us the whole process. As CFM in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe, we are proud to tell the world that the scheme is running very well in many parishes. Many Christians are benefiting. He loved the Movement and was very dedicated because every simple gathering we had, he was always present to give us spiritual guidance concerning family affairs. During his period, we experienced influx of new members joining the Movement. He introduced uniform certificates of recognition issued to couples, who lived 15 years; 20 years or 25 years and above on Holy Family Day Cerebration. He could sign certificates for all parishes and distribute them. I remember towards the 2020 Holy Family Day Cerebrations, he signed the certificates while he was at the sick bed, to which I found as a sign of commitment and love he had for the Movement.

Despite being the Parish Priest of St Matthias Parish, he was always ready to accompany us, as our Chaplain, to Annual General Meetings for the Movement as far as Mangochi Diocese. To us he was like a father for the Movement. In fact, his death has created a gap, but we are not afraid because his advices and teachings made us strong. Today we are practicing comfortably all what he taught us. Physically, Fr Cyprian Chipala is dead but spiritually we feel he is close to us. We promise to work hard and be committed so that whenever he sees us through the window of his Father's House, he must be happy. May his Soul Rest in eternal

Peace."

Mrs. Prudence Kadiwa is the Archdiocesan Chairlady for the Catholic Women Organisation and she writes from the CWO's Offices at the Archdiocesan Administration Centre.

"I received the news of the demise of our Chaplain Fr. Cyprian Chipalamwazani with shock and disbelief. Fr. Chipalamwazani was a selfless leader, very humble; he could fit in easily in all activities of CWO and coordinates freely. He worked very hard to help women (Catholic Women Organisation) become useful members of the church and community. The Contributions he made to CWO are so enormous. He is gone, yes, but not forgotten. The membership of CWO Lilongwe Archdiocese will never get accustomed to the sad departure of him. May the Soul of Fr. Cyprian Chipalamwazani continue resting in God's glory".

Late Rev. Fr. Vincent Epulani, DP (1968 – 2021)

He was born on 7 December, 1968, at Morosiyo village before the family relocated to Sitoro village in 1972. Both villages are in T/A Mulonyeni in Mchinji, Kachebere Parish. He was born Vincent Tukulani in a family of seven children, five males and two females. He was the sixth born.

He did his primary education, that is, standards one to seven at Sitolo Full Primary School right at his home village. He moved to Bua Primary School right at the heart of Mchinji Boma for his standard eight where he was selected to Dedza Secondary School commonly known as Box 48. Upon successful completion of his Malawi School Certificate of Education, he applied for a priestly vocation with the Diocese of Lilongwe. He was accepted and went through Kachebere and St. Peter Major Seminaries before his ordination on 12 August, 2000.

Fr. Vincent Epulani served in Nathenje, Mkanda (twice), Lumbadzi, Madisi, Likuni, Salima and finally Namitete Parishes.

He also served as the Vocations Director for the Archdiocese from 2002 to 2007.

Fr. Vincent had the passion for the youths. One of his projects he never saw to fruition was opening an IT training school in St Mathias Parish, Lumbadzi.

He had his rare charismatic and mystic powers that many will testify to. However, like many charismatic and rarely gifted individuals only he and God knew where the full stop of his sentence of life would be.

"Growing up, he used to love traditional music and dancing such that he was a member of the local Mganda group, the fast paced one, then called Kandale. He also loved joining Ingoma troups, whose most members were much older than him. He however kept his love for cultural dances throughout his life and whenever he had a chance, he could join in Ingoma dances. He was never impressed by fashion or materialism. I have been away for the whole of his priestly life, and know very little of what went on the various postings). Somewhere in between he was involved in a serious car accident whose recovery appeared to have left his body prone to hypertension, possibly leading to the High Blood Pressure incident on whose wings he flew home on the lonely night of 23rd January, 2021" writes his elder brother, Dr. Francis Epulani from his base in German.

Late Rev. Sr.Mary Magdalena Ndawala, Teresian Sisters (1966 – 2021)

Sister Mary Magdalena Ndawala was born on 28 July, 1966 in the family of Mr. Lawrent ndi Mrs. Cecilia Ndawala at Kamtsokwe village, T/A Kabudula, Lilongwe District, Nambuma Parish in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe.

She became a Postulant in 1988 and proceeded to Novitiate from 1989 to 1991. She had her first vows on 1st October, 1991 and made her final vows on 19th October, 1999. She

celebrated her silver jubilee in 2016.

Sister Ndawala specialised in non-profit business, Catholic leadership, project cycle management, human development and leadership as well as accounting.

She served at Maula Parish from 1991 to 1992; as a Cashier at Likuni Hospital from 1992 to 1995; as Drug Administrator at Likuni Hospital from 1997 to 2000; as a teacher at Nambuma Girls Boarding school from 2000 to 2002; as a Cashier at the Archdiocese Administration Offices from 2004 to 2008; as Mother General for the Teresian Sisters from 2009 to 2013; as Novice Mistress at Mlale Novitiate from 2013 to 2014; as Association of Women in Religious Institutes of Malawi (AWRIM) Secretary General from 2015 to 2018; as Administrator at Alinafe Comuunity Hospital in Nkhotakota from 2018 to 2021 and at the time of her demise, she was due to take up the role of the Treasurer General of the Archdiocese.

Her Congregation described her as a woman of prayer, one who had her congregation at heart, one who believed in counselling others, persevering, and brave Sister.

She died on 15 January, 2021 after a short illness and was buried on 18th January, 2021 at Mlale Cemetery for the Teresian Sisters.

Late Rev. Sr. Gregolina Chimtupansi, Teresian Sisters (1942 – 2021)

Sister Gregorina Chimtupansi was born on 25th May, 1942 in a family of Mr. Lenato and Mrs. Bernadina Chimtupansi from Ngononda Village, T/A Kamenyagwaza in Ntcheu, Bembeke Parish, in the Diocese of Dedza.

She became a Postulant with the Teresian Sisters in 1960 and proceeded to the novitiate from 1961 to 1963. She made her first vows on 8 September, 1963 and her final vows on 8 December, 1972. She did her silver jubilee in 1988 and also cerebrated her golden jubilee in 2013.

She served the Church in different roles and stayed in different communities. She taught at Mlale Primary School from 1964 to 1965; She studied at Bembeke Teachers Training College from 1965 to 1966; She taught at Likuni Girls Primary School from 1966 to 1971; She was a Head Teacher at Mpherere Primary School from 1971to 1976; She also worked as a Head Teacher at Nambuma Girls Boarding Primary School from 1976 to 1987; She went back to Likuni Girls Primary School as a teacher from 1987 to 1991; She was later asked to work at Mtendere Parish from 1991 to 1996 and also worked as a Head Teacher at Nambuma Girls Boarding Primary School from 1996-1999. She was once a community superior of Generalate convent and later moved to serve as a Matron at Mlale Seminary before she was asked to be the community superior for Kasina Covent.

Her Congregation described her as a woman of prayer, devoted to her congregation, counsellor, enduring, brave, amusing, soft hearted and one who practiced arms giving mainly to less privileged school going children.

She died on 22 January, 2021 after a long illness and was buried on Monday, 23rd January, 2021 at the Mlale Teresian Sisters' Cemetery.

Late Rev. Sr. Odilia Mtanga (1940 – 2021)

Sr. Odilia Mtanga was born on 12 December, 1940 in a family of Mr. Damaliphetsa and Mrs. Elizabeth Mtanga from Mkwichi Village, T/A Kayembe, Nambuma Parish in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe.

In 1959 Sr. Odilia took her first step (Postulate) in the Congregation of Teresian Sisters. She became a Novice in 1960 and completed this level in 1962. She professed her first vows on 22 August, 1962 while her final vows took place on 1st October, 1972. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee in 1987 while her Golden Jubilee was held in 2012.

Her entire 59 years of service in the Vine Yard had seen her work in various institutions including teaching at primary schools at Bembeke, Chiphaso, Mtendere, Mpherere (where she was the Head Mistress), Likuni Girls (as Head Mistress) and Kasina. She also worked at Likuni Girls Secondary School as a Matron, Chiphwanya Health Centre as Administrator and finally went to the Generalate for health care.

She is always remembered for being a hard worker, talented teacher and Head Mistress, friendly and accommodating, ability to share ideas and knowledge with others and enduring Sister.

Sr. Odilia was involved in a car accident and eventually became lame and was imposed on a wheel chair for over 10 years. All over a sudden, on 29th January, 2021 she started having difficulties in breathing and in no time, she slept for good.

Late Senior Media Practitioner and Artist, Maria Chidzanja Nkhoma (1952-2021)

Maria Chidzanja Nkhoma was born in 1952.

At the time of her death, Maria was a member of St. Mary's Small Christian Community of the Maula Cathedral, a member of Maula Cathedral English Choir and a member of the English Service Liturgical Team. She used to say Maula Cathedral first and media work second. Her close touch with Catholic Media Houses such as Radio Maria, Radio Alinafe and Luntha TV will not go without recognition as she aimed at mentoring the youngsters to work professionally. She lived what the Catholic social teaching demands for professionals and hence led by example to the upcoming media persons in the church.

The Association of Catholic Journalists (ACJ) in Malawi described her as staunch Catholic media woman, who behaved, worked, prayed and defended Jesus Christ while she was alive.

Late Mr. Oscar Phiri (1962 – 2021)

On 30 December 1962 a son was born in the family of Andsen Billiat Mankhwazi and Phillipina Sandlamu Mankhwazi at Mphonde Village, T/A Dzoole, Mtengowanthenga Parish in Dowa District. He was named Oscar.

He married Sabina Samalani Phiri in 1982. 33 years later, on 28 March 2015, Mr. Phiri lost his wife, Sabina who was buried on 30 March, 2015 at Mphonde Village.

Together with his wife, they bore and raised five children; one male and four females. Andsen was their first born followed by Philipina, Susan - Titani, Florence - Olivia and Bridget, in that order.

As a family man, Mr. Oscar Phiri was a resident in the parishes of Mtengowanthenga- Ntchefu outstation, Bilila in Ntcheu, St. Francis – Kanengo Area 25, St. Kizito – Chigoneka Area 47 and Kaggwa Woyera – Padre Pio Area 49 Gulliver. He also used to frequent Maula and St. Patrick Parishes as a guest faithful occasionally.

He played some notable and commendable roles in these Parishes such as being a Vice Chairperson for Catholic Men Organisation, Treasurer and Patron for St, Theresa Choir at Kanengo Parish. He was most times elected Chairperson for Small Christian Communities in the Parishes he congregated.

Mr. Oscar was an active member and supporter of friends of Association of Diocesan Clergy in Lilongwe (ADCOLL) no wonder ADCOM honoured him with a number of funeral masses on the burial date and after. At the Archdiocesan level, Oscar was part of the Events Committee.

According to his children, Mr. Phiri preached love and respect for other people. They said they will miss his teaching on three H's; Honesty, Humility, Hard-work. They also said, he taught them to lend a helping hand to the needy.

"His words dwelled much on helping out. He always said that a hand that gives always receives, and that giving does not necessarily mean you should have so much, or you should wait until you have so much. he always stressed on sharing even if you also have little," wrote Phillipina from her base in Mzuzu City.

"He always said that it 'doesn't hurt to be kind even if one isn't kind to you. You will not die because they are not giving you back the kindness you are giving'. He also said that the best thing you can give to someone/anyone is LOVE. '*Ngati ndilibe Chikondi, ndiye kuti changa palibe. Chikondi chilibe matama kapena chipongwe. Sichidzikonda ndipo sichikwiya,*" wrote Bridget from Area 49, Lilongwe.

"Oscar was an icon of hope, he inspired and supported many people, in his area and beyond. He was the man of the people; he lived a life that is a true definition of humanity. He believed in the philosophy of I am because they are, and they are because I am," wrote Dr. Martin Mazinga, his nephew.

Fr. Innocent Mptapaonga is the Chairperson for the Diocesan Priests in the Archdiocese and he participated in the requiem Mass and burial ceremony for Mr. Oscar Phiri. During his time to speak, he had this to say;

"We have lost a friend of ADCCOLL who was not only supporting us socially and spiritually, but had a free hand to financially support us as local clergy. No wonder you see us here in large numbers to say mass for him despite

the situation and the restrictions we are going through as a country. We have lost a true friend of ADCCOLL, Oscar and his friends have done so much for ADCCOLL of which, we will always remember him for."

For a living, Oscar worked for Alliance One and rose to the level of Production Manager. He had survived with a wife he married in 2019, the five children and six grandchildren.

He died on 8 January, 2021 at Kamuzu Central Hospital and was buried on 9 January, 2021 at Mphonde Village in Dowa.

Mrs. Steria Dominica Kulemeka (nee Chirwa) 1956 – 2021

Mrs. Steria Dominica Kulemeka, 3rd child to late Patrick Kenvas Sam Chirwa and Domina, was born on 5 November 1956 in Ndola, Zambia.

She went to Lilongwe Girl's Primary School, Ludzi Girls and Lilongwe Girls Secondary Schools. She was trained a teacher but changed her career and worked as a secretary for various Government institutions such as Dedza District Commissioner's office, Ministry of Information, the Office of President and Cabinet's (Cabinet Office) and Ministry of Lands until retirement.

She had survived with a husband, Crispin Kulemeka and four children.

Her husband still remembers when she asked him to renovate a church at his home, Kulemeka Village in Dedza and to provide liturgical vestments. She also led her family to provide items to help the liturgical activities at her home church, Ngulukira Zone under St. Mark – Mkanda Parish in Mchinji. She encouraged the priests and religious in their vocation and always made sure they were happy people.

Her husband simply described her as a woman with overflowing heart of charity, love and prayer. He further described her by the '**Ode of the capable wife'** found in Proverbs 31: 10-31.

"She is far more precious than jewel, her husband trusts in her, ….and will not have lack of gain…. does him good not harm all days of her life,….and he praises her. She opens her mouth with wisdom and the teaching of her kindness on her tongue, a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."

Together with her family, she prayed at St. Pius, St. Montfort - CI, in the Archdiocese of Blantyre and St. Patricks', Area 18, Archdiocese of Lilongwe.

Some of the positions she held included Chairlady for Catholic Women Organisation at Nyambadwe in Blantyre, Parish Council Secretary at St. Montfort – CI in Blantyre, member of Liturgy Group at St. Teresa Small Christian Community in Area 12, and member of Fundraising Committee at the same Mphakati. Apart from the positions, Mrs. Kulemeka was a pilgrim to various Holy places around the globe.

She died on 25 January 2021 and laid to rest at Kawale 2 Cemetery in Lilongwe.

The list of those who did their best is endless; we commend them to the mercy of God.

NEW CATHEDRAL UPDATES

By Jayne Chetama (Senior Official of the Cathedral Fundraising Committee)

Generally, due to COVID-19, the year 2020 was not a good year for the Cathedral Project. Despite the orientation of Parish leadership on fundraising strategies, all planned activities slowed down such that the committee slowed down as well in reinforcing them. Additionally, the year 2020 ended on a sad note in that the Archdiocese lost Archibishop T.G. Ziyaye (May his soul rest in peace) who was the custodian of this great idea of constructing a beautiful cathedral befitting the capital city of Malawi.

However, despite all these challenges, the dream still lives on and the committee would like to assure the laity that the dream of the late Archbishop Ziyaye will be fulfilled, especially if we continue joining hands in the fundraising activities in support for the construction of the cathedral. The committee would like to update the laity on the following issues, which are critical on this project:

1. The architectural drawings are almost at the final stage now and the chair of the Technical Committee will be updating us in due course. The final drawings were expected to be presented in January 2021 to the Steering Committee for approval, however, this was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. With an improvement in the COVID-19 cases, a new date would be set soon

2. Ndimanganawo Cathedral strategy is in place and most parishes in the Archdiocese have made their

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KNOW YOUR ARCHDIOCESE

By Brian Leonard Banda

Head: Very Rev. Patrick Thawale, DP (Archdocesan Administrator)

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Parishes: (41)
Coverage: Lilongwe, Mchinji, Dowa, Ntchisi, parts of Kasungu, Nkhotakota & Salima.

	NAME OF PARISH	PATRON SAINT	EST.	PARISH PRIEST	PAROCHIAL VICAR (CURATE) / OTHER PRIESTS	CONGREGATION
1. MAULA DEANERY (8)						
1	Maula Cathedral	Our Lady of Africa	1954	Msgr. Patrick Thawale, DP	Fr. Louis Chikanya, DP	Diocesan
2	Chigoneka (Area 47)	St. Kizito	1975	Fr. Francis Taylor, SPS	Fr. Martin Kavisu, SPS	St. Patrick's Missionary Society (Kiltegans)
3	Chimutu (Area 18)	St. Patrick	1976	Fr. Francis Damaseke, DP	Fr. John Kaliwamba, DP / Fr. Peter Muwanga, DP	Diocesan
4	Police Headquarters (Area 30)	St. Ignatius	1989	Fr. Steven Likhucha, DP		Diocesan
5	Kaggwa (Area 49)	St. Andrew Kaggwa	1992	Fr. Constantine Mgunda, DP	Fr. Mathews Potani, DP / Fr. Henry Zulu, DP	Diocesan
6	Kanengo (Area 25)	St. Francis (of Assisi)	1976	Fr. Bill Turnbull, M Afr.	Fr. Frederick Bedijo, M Afr. / Fr. James Ngahy, M Afr.	Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers)
7	Chinsapo	St. Denis Ssebuggwawo	2009	Fr. Pawel Patyk, M Afr.	Fr. Kesse John, M Afr	Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers)
8	Lumbadzi	St. Matthias	1987	Fr. Thomas Kasiya, DP	Fr. Augustine Kaliu, DP	Diocesan
2. MTIMA WOYERA DEANERY (6)						
9	Mtima Woyera	Sacred Heart of Jesus	1955	Fr. John Makola, DP	Fr. Cornelius Kanyambo, DP / Fr. Dennis Mkomwa, DP	Diocesan
10	Kawale	Holy Trinity (Utatu Woyera)	1991	Fr. Kelvin Khodola, DP		Diocesan
11	Chilinde	Holy Family (Banja Loyera)	1974	Fr. Samson Kumkumbira, DP		Diocesan
12	Area 23	St. Don Bosco	1996	Fr. Osward Mulenga, SDB	Fr. Alex Kimu, SDB / Fr. Michael Mbandamba, SDB	Salesians of St. Don Bosco
13	MDF - Kamuzu Barracks	St. Mary	1986	Fr. Augustine Likado, DP		Diocesan
14	Msamba	St. John the Baptist	1974	Fr. Jean Marie, MCCJ	Fr. Slvio Zanardi, MCCJ	Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus
3. MCHINJI DEANERY (7)						
15	Guilleme	St. Anne	1935	Fr. Mathews Sitolo, DP	Fr. Daniel Kanzimbe, DP / Fr. Richard Mthana, DP	Diocesan
16	Kachebere	Our Lady of Help	1902	Fr. Francisco Bisai, DP		Diocesan
17	Ludzi	St. Joseph	1942	Fr. Mathias Chimbalu, DP	Fr. Evance Malili, DP	Diocesan

18	Kapiri	Our Lady of Carmel	1966	Fr. Augustine Matola, OCD	Fr. Paul Chitende, OCD/ Fr. Ephraim Kufamkumodzi, OCD (Noviciate)	Order of the Discalced Carmelites
19	Mkanda	St. Mark	1984	Fr. Emmanuel Diliwo, DP	Fr. Charles Jester Banda, DP	Diocesan
20	Mchinji	St. Paul	2020	Fr. Frank Lazaro Phiri, DP	Fr. Anselmo Chiwaya, DP	Diocesan
21	Kamangilira	St. Augustine	2019	Fr. Peter Chatambalala, DP		Diocesan
4. LIKUNI DEANERY (6)						
22	Likuni	Holy Rosary	1902	Fr. Tadeo Jobo, DP	Fr. Francis Lekaleka, DP	Diocesan
23	Chilinda	St. Clara	2010	Fr. Jean Damacene, OFM	Fr. Mbuvi, OFM	Order of the Friars Minor (Franciscans)
24	Namitete	St. Peter	1960	Fr. John Nyongani, DP	Fr. Alphonso Kaphira, DP	Diocesan
25	Mlale	Theresa of the Child Jesus	1950	Fr. Kennedy Malemia, DP	Fr. John Chibweza, DP	Diocesan
26	Nathenje	Sts. Peter & Paul	1960	Fr. Steven Chikhasu, DP	Fr. James Mkwezalamba, DP	Diocesan
27	Chitedze	St. John Paul II	2018	Fr. Innocent Mtapaonga, DP	Fr. Elias Chizule, DP	Diocesan
5. MADISI DEANERY (5)						
28	Chiphaso	Our Lady of Hope	1930	Fr. Philbert Namphande, OCD	Fr. John Paluku Kigonge, OCD / Fr.	Order of the Discalced Carmelites
29	Kasungu	St. Joseph	2000	Fr. Terry Mutesha, SJ	Fr. Ludwik Zapala Louis, SJ	Society of Jesus (Jesuits)
30	Kalembe	St. Thomas Aquinas	2011	Fr. Kelvin Ugwu, MSP	Fr. Bonaventure Iyogun, MSP	Missionaries of St. Paul (MSP)
31	Madisi	Our Lady of Victory	1957	Fr. Deusdedit Kanyambo, DP	Fr. Hodges Mzunga, DP / Fr. Audofasio Kapinga, DP (Madisi Hosp. Chaplain	Diocesan
32	Kaphatika	St. Vincent Pallot	2016	Fr. John Wellos, SAC	Fr. Richard Nyasaland, SAC/Fr. Francis Chibota, SAC (Noviciate)	Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallotines)
6. DOWA DEANERY (5)						
33	Mponela	St. Benedict the Abbot	2010	Fr. Francis Sonkhani, DP	Fr. Regis Mshyanga, DP	Diocesan
34	Mtengowanthenga	St. Augustine	1959	Fr. Patrick Byrne, SPS	Fr. John Awoke, SPS	St. Patrick's Missionary Society (Kiltegan)
35	Nambuma	Christ the King	1928	Fr. Geoffrey Chikapa, DP	Fr. Alberto Elifala, DP / Fr. Andrew Kholowa, DP	Diocesan
36	Mpherere (Ntchisi)	Our Lady of Fatima	1939	Fr. Benedict Kamdabweni, DP	Fr. Raphael Piringu, DP	Diocesan
37	Namthomba (Dowa)	St. Benedict the Black	1992	Fr. Sebastian, OFM	Fr. Stanley Muhekiwa, OFM	Order of the Friars Minor (Franciscans)
7. SALIMA DEANERY (4)						
38	Salima	Our Lady of Fatima	1948	Fr. Michael Malomo, DP	Fr. Mathias Modilamu, DP	Diocesan
39	Nkhotakota	St. Paul	1978	Fr. Joseph, SDB	Fr. Alfonso Hamweete, SDB	Salesians of St. Don Bosco
40	Chezi	St. Charles Lwanga	1992	Fr. Charles Ntaki, M Afr.	Fr. Alfred Nkundimana, M Afr. / Fr. Willem Kerkoff, M Afr.	Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers)
41	Benga	Mary Mother of the Church	2010	Fr. Emmanuel Hernandez, CSP	Fr. Fernando, CSP/Fr. Steven Ochieng, CSP	Missionary Community of St. Paul

LILONGWE ARCHDIOCESE - OTHER ASSIGNMENTS FOR PRIESTS

	NAME OF THE PRIEST	POSITION
1	Monsignor Dr. Patrick Thawale, DP	Archdiocesan Administrator Vicar General
2	Fr. John Kaliwamba, DP	Archbishop's Secretary
3	Fr. James Mkwezalamba, DP	Pastoral Coordinator
4	Fr. Francis Lekaleka, DP	General Manager - Likuni Press & Publishing House Archdiocesan Coordinator - PMS
5	Fr. Louis Chikanya, DP	Communications Coordinator & Radio Alinafe Director
6	Fr. Peter Muwanga, DP	Chaplain - Maula prison and Kachere rehab. & Bwaila Hospital
7	Fr. Claudio Biliati, DP	Chaplain - Kamuzu Central Hospital
8	Fr. Demetrio Kadelera, DP	Chaplain - St. Johns/St. Maria Gorretti Schools & Teresian Sisters Confessor at Poor Clares
9	Fr. Audifasio Kapinga, DP	Chaplain - Madisi Mision Hospital
10	Fr. Archangel Banda, DP	Lecturer - St. Peter's Major Seminary, Zomba
11	Fr. Henry Zulu, DP	Director of Investments & Chaplain - Catholic Action (Aksio Katolika)
12	Fr. Denis Mwanza, DP	Teacher - Mlale Minor Seminary
13	Fr. Demetrio Banda, DP	Bursar - Mlale Minor Seminary
14	Fr. Peter Kapiri, DP	Rector - Mlale Minor Seminary
15	Fr. Vincent Mwakhwawa, DP	National PMS Coordinator & National Laity Chaplain (ECM)
16	Fr. Samson Kunkumbila, DP	Chaplain - Atumiki Achifundo
17	Fr. Augustine Kaliu, DP	Chaplain - Choirs Master of Ceremonies
18	Fr. Francis Damaseke, DP	Assembly Guide & CWO Chaplain

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contributions and are still making their contributions. As COVID-19 is slowing down and upon directives from the Archdiocese administration the committee will be revisiting the strategy and take it to another level.

The Committee would like to commend the Parishes which managed to make contributions towards the project through the "Ndimanga Nawo Strategy". The parishes include St Patrick's, St. Francis, Utatu Woyera, Don Bosco, Nanthomba, Kaphatika, Don Bosco, Kasungu, Nkhotakota and Mponela. The committee would like to commend also several individuals who have been making deposits towards the project.

3. The committee would also like to thank those parishes and individuals who supported the cathedral project through procuring of the cathedral cloth.

4. It is pleasing that the current leadership has a keen interest to take the project further. As you might remember the whole Archdiocese agreed to embark on this project. The project is going on and we anticipate that before the year 2021 ends with a continued improvement in the Covid-19 pandemic situation, the fundraising committee and other Cathedral committees will commence their activities with approval from the Steering Committee.

5. In addition to the Ndimanga Nawo Cathedral strategy, the committee is also in the process of writing concept papers and proposals seeking additional funds for the project.

6. Once again, Ndimanga Nawo Cathedral Strategy is ongoing and the fundraising committee is reminding everyone in the Archdiocese that it's MK1,000.00 per person per year and those who can manage can even contribute more. It is all our expectations and desire that this project should start as soon as possible so let's join hands in fundraising for the project as per the theme of the Archdiocesan Synod.

ARCHDIOCESE YA LILONGWE ILI NDI BAMBO MLANGIZI WATSOPANO WA BUNGWE LA AMAYI

Wolemba Sam Kalimba

Wansembe yemwe akuyendetsa ntchito za Arkidayosizi ya Lilongwe, a Monsignor Dr. Patrick Thawale, mogwirizana ndi bungwe la alangizi a Arkidayosiziyi, adankha Bambo Augustine Matola kukhala mlangizi wa bungwe la amai a chiKatolika-Catholic Women Organisation - CWO mu Arkidayosiziyi.

Polankhulapo pa ntchitoyi, Bambo Matola anaati anali ndi mantha pomwe anawafunsa maganizo awo pa udindowu koma atalingalira za utumiki wawo anazindikira kufunika kovomera kutumikira mwa njirayi pambali pa unsembe wawo.

Iwo anaati ntchito yoyambilira ikhala kuliphunzira bungweli, komiti yake yayikulu, zolinga zake komanso ntchito zake asanayambe kutumikira.

Wapampando wa bungwe la CWO mu Arkidayosizi ya Lilongwe, Mayi Prudence Kadiwa, adati ndiwokondwa kulandira Bambo Matola ngati Bambo Mlangizi watsopano kutsatira infa ya yemwe adali pa udindowu, Bambo Cyprian Chipalamwazani.

“Tsopano tili ndi kofikitsa nkhani zathu,” adatero Mai Kadiwa.

Bambo Matola anabadwa m›banja la chiKatolika kwa Bvumbwe m›boma la Thyolo.

Atamaliza maphunziro awo a sekondale, anagwirako ntchito m›boma ngati wogula katundu kwa chaka chimodzi.

Bambo Matola adati Mulungu anawayitana ku unsembe kudzera m’chipani cha ma Carmelite. Ndipo iwo adati adayamba ulendo wao ndi chaka chimodzi cha u postulate ku Kapiri ndipo pambuyo pake adapita ku sukulu ya kaganizidwe (Philosophy) ndi ya za u Mulungu (Theology) ku Intercongregation Institute imene kale imatchulidwa kuti Intercongregation Seminary (ICS) ku Balaka.

Atachita maphunziro awo ku ICI kwa zaka zitatu, Bambo Matola anabwerera ku Kapiri kwa chaka chimodzi ngati munovisi. Kumapeto a chaka chimenecho analumbira koyamba ku moyo wamchipani.

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TIDZIWE MA PARISH A M'MALAWI

ARCHDIOCESE OF BLANTYRE (1903)
Our Lady Queen of All Hearts

His Grace, Archbishop Thomas Luke Msusa, SMM.

DEANERIES (8)

PARISHES (43)

The Archdiocese covers the districts of Blantyre, part of Chiradzulu, Mwanza, Neno, part of Thyolo, Mulanje & Phalombe.

BLANTYRE DEANERY - (7) PARISHES

1. St. Louis Montfort (Blantyre-C1) - 1913.
2. St. Pius X (Soche) - 1965.
3. Sts. Peter & Paul (Chilobwe) - 2013.
4. St. Vincent (Mwangata) - 2013.
5. St. Mary (Chemusa) - 2016.
6. St. Martin (Chilimba) - 2013.
7. St. James (Chilomoni) - 1968.

LIMBE DEANERY - (7) PARISHES

8. Our Lady Queen of all Hearts (Limbe Cathedral) - 1921.
9. Christ the King (Mthawira) - 1981.
10. Sts. Peter & Paul (Ntenje) - 1967.
11. St. Michael's (Bangwe) - 1967.
12. Holy Trinity (Mzedi) - 1967.
13. Holy Ghost (Ndirande) - 1968.
14. St. Mary (Namame) - 2019.

LUNZU DEANERY - (3) PARISHES:

15. Sacred Heart of Jesus (Lunzu) - 1962.
16. John the Baptist (Lirangwe) - 1962.
17. St. Bernadette (Kadikira) - 1968.

MWANZA DEANERY - (3) PARISHES:

18. St. Paul (Mwanza) - 1927.
19. St. Amand (Neno) - 1904.
20. St. Kizito (Lisungwi) - 1978.

NGULUDI DEANERY - (5) PARISHES:

21. St. Joseph (Nguludi) - 1904.
22. St. John the Baptist (Mkhwai) - 1964.
23. Queen of the Holy Rosary (Masanjala) - 1968.
24. Church of the Resurrection (Nyungwe) - 1968.
25. The Good Shepherd (Njuli) - 1965.

THYOLO DEANERY - (6) PARISHES

26. Our Lady of Sorrows (Thyolo) - 1951.
27. St. Joseph (Mitengo) - 1967.
28. Immaculate Conception (Thunga) - 1959.
29. Martyrs of Uganda (Bvumbwe) - 2002.
30. St. Januarius (January) - 1968.
31. Sacred Heart (Chingadzi).

MULANJE DEANERY - (7) PARISHES

32. St. Theresa of the Child Jesus (Chisitu) - 1927.
33. St. Charles Lwanga (Mulopwe) - 1975.
34. Holy Spirit (Bango) - 1967.
35. St. Anne (Gambula) - 1968.
36. St. Joseph (Mendulo) - 1967.
37. St. Kizito (Mtepuwa) - 1967.
38. St. Anne (Namulenga) - 1941.

PHALOMBE DEANERY - (5) PARISHES

39. The Most Pure Heart of Mary (Phalombe) - 1931.
40. Our Lady of the Poor (Chiringa) - 1968.
41. St. Joseph Mukasa (Muloza) - 1964.
42. St. Peter Claver (Mwanga) - 1965.
43. Mithungu Parish (St. Mary) - 2019.

ARCHDIOCESE OF LILONGWE (1959)
Our Lady of Africa

Very Rev. Monsignor Patrick Thawale, DP (Archdiocesan Administrator)

DEANERIES (7)

PARISHES (41)

The Archdiocese covers the districts of Lilongwe, Mchinji, Dowa, Ntchisi, part of Kasungu, part of Nkhotakota and part of Salima.

MAULA DEANERY - (8) PARISHES

1. Our Lady of Africa (Maula Cathedral) - 1954.
2. St. Kizito (Chigoneka, Area 47) - 1975.
3. St. Patrick (Chimutu, Area 18) - 1976.
4. St. Denis Ssebuggwawo (Chinsapo) - 2009.
5. St. Andrew Kaggwa (Area 49) - 1992.
6. St. Francis of Assisi (Kanengo) - 1976.
7. St. Mathias (Lumbadzi) - 1987.
8. St. Ignatius (Police Headquarters, Area 30) - 1989.

LIKUNI DEANERY - (6) PARISHES

9. Holy Rosary (Likuni) - 1902.
10. St. Clara (Chilinda) - 2010.
11. St. Theresa of the Child Jesus (Mlale) - 1950.
12. St. Peter (Namitete) - 1960.
13. St's. Peter & Paul (Nathenje) - 1960.
14. St. John Paul II (Chitedze) - 2018.

MTIMA WOYERA DEANERY - (6) PARISHES

15. Sacred Heart (Mtima Woyera) - 1955.
16. Holy Family (Banja Loyera, Chilinde) - 1974.
17. St. Don Bosco (Area 23) - 1996.
18. Holy Trinity (Utatu Woyera, Kawale) - 1991.
19. St. John the Baptist (Msamba) - 1974.
20. St. Mary (MDF, Kamuzu Barracks) - 1986.

MADISI DEANERY - (5) PARISHES

21. Our Lady of Victory (Madisi) - 1957.
22. Our Lady of Hope (Chiphaso) - 1930.
23. St. Thomas Aquinas (Kalembe, Chamama) - 2011.
24. St. Joseph (Kasungu) - 2000.
25. St. Vincent Pallot (Kaphatika, Malomo) - 2016.

DOWA DEANERY - (5) PARISHES

26. St. Benedict the Black (Nanthomba, Dowa) - 1992.
27. Our Lady of Fatima (Mpherere, Ntchisi) - 1939.
28. St. Benedict the Abbot (Mponela) - 2010.
29. St. Augustine (Mtengowanthenga) - 1959.
30. Christ the King (Nambuma) - 1928.

MCHINJI DEANERY - (7) PARISHES

31. St. Paul (Mchinji) - 2020.
32. St. Anne (Guilleme) - 1935.
33. Our Lady of Help (Kachebere) - 1902.
34. Our Lady of Carmel (Kapiri) - 1966.
35. St. Joseph (Ludzi) - 1942.
36. St. Mark (Mkanda) - 1984.
37. St. Augustine (Kamangilira) - 2019.

SALIMA DEANERY - (4) PARISHES

38. Our Lady of Fatima (Salima) - 1948.
39. Mary Mother of the Church (Benga) - 2010.
40. St. Charles Lwanga (Chezi) - 1992.
41. St. Paul (Nkhotakota) - 1978.

DIOCESE OF MANGOCHI (1969)
St Augustine of Hippo

His Lordship, Bishop Montfort Stima, DP

DEANERIES (5)

PARISHES (25)

The Diocese covers the districts of Mangochi, Balaka and part of Machinga.

MANGOCHI DEANERY - (5) PARISHES

1. St. Augustine (Mangochi Cathedral) - 1965.
2. St. Peter (Lulanga) - 2015.
3. St. Joseph (Namalaka) - 1961.
4. Our Lady of Lourdes (Namwera) - 1964.
5. St. Padre Pio (Katema) - 2003.

NANKHWALI DEANERY - (4) PARISHES

6. Our Lady of Victories (Nankhwali) - 1937.
7. St. Alessandro (Nankumba) - 2000.
8. St. Magdalena of Canossa (Koche) - 2003.
9. St. Louis (Monkeybay) - 2015.

BALAKA DEANERY - (6) PARISHES

10. St. Louis Montfort (Balaka) - 1961.
11. Mzimu Woyera (Phalula) - 1993.
12. St. Peter the Apostle (Utale 1) - 1908.
13. St. Theresa (Utale 2) - 1979.
14. St. Charles Lwanga (Kankao) - 1974.
15. St Peter's (Mbera) - 2015.

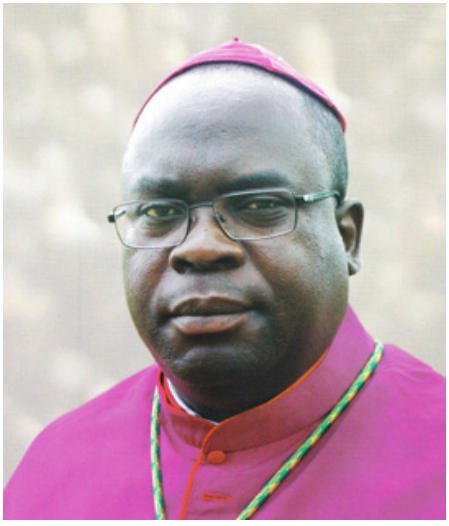
ULONGWE DEANERY - (4) PARISHES

16. Sacred Heart (Ulongwe) - 1968.
17. St's Joachim & Anna (Kausi) - 2003
18. St. Francis (Chidzanja) - 2015.
19. St's Joachim & Anna (Kapire) - 1971.

MPIRI DEANERY - (6) PARISHES

20. St. Louis IX the King (Mpiri) - 1926.
21. St. Ignacio Loyola (Masuku) - 1999.
22. St. Martin de Porres (Nsanama) - 1970.
23. Immaculate Heart of Mary (Namandanje) - 1968.
24. St. Mary (Ntaja) - 2015.
25. St. Montfort (Masanje) - 2019.

DIOCESE OF ZOMBA (1959)
Sacred Heart



His Lordship, Bishop George Desmond Tambala, OCD.

DEANERIES (5)

PARISHES (18)

The Diocese covers the districts of Zomba, parts of Machinga & Chiradzulu.

ZOMBA DEANERY - (5) PARISHES:

1. Sacred Heart (Zomba Cathedral) - 1924.
2. St. Charles Lwanga (Lwanga) - 1968.
3. St. Joseph (Sitima) - 1965.
4. Holy Trinity (Matawale) - 2017.
5. St. Vincent de Paul (Katamba) - 2020.

THONDWE DEANERY - (4) PARISHES:

6. St. Anthony (Thondwe) - 1965.
7. St. Pius (Magomero) - 1965.
8. St. Agnes (Mlombozi) - 1965.
9. St. Lawrence (Kwipululu) - 2019.

SHIRE DEANERY - (3) PARISHES:

10. St. Lucia (Chipini) - 1976.
11. St. John (Lisanjala) - 1993.
12. St. Mary Immaculate (Namitembo) - 1954.

DOMASI DEANERY - (3) PARISHES:

13. Christ the King (Domasi) - 1995.

14. St. Francis Xavier (Lingoni) - 1960.

15. St.Theresa (Liwonde) - 1971.

NAMATOPE DEANERY - (3) PARISHES:

16. St. Paul (Matiya) - 1965.

17. St. Martin de Porres (Mayaka) - 1965.

18. Our Lady of Fatima (Pirimiti) - 1965.

DIOCESE OF MZUZU (1961)
Immaculate Conception and Charles Lwanga

His Lordship, Bishop John Alphonsus Ryan, SPS.

DEANERIES (3)

PARISHES (18)

The Diocese covers the districts of Mzimba, Nkhatabay, part of Rumphi, Nkhotakota & Kasungu.

NORTHERN DEANERY - (4) PARISHES:

1. St. Denis (Rumphi) - 1948.

2. St. John (Mzambazi) - 1940.

3. St. Cecilia (Mpherembe) - 2017.

4. St. Joseph Mukasa (Hewe) - 2017.

CENTRAL DEANERY - (8) PARISHES

5. St. Augustine (Luwinga) - 1977.

6. St. Peter (Mzuzu Cathedral) - 1955.

7. St. Padre Pio (Lusangazi) - 2002.

8. St. Bernadette (Chibavi) - 2017.

9. St. Albert the Great (Katoto-Mchengautuba) - 2017.

10. St. Thomas the Apostle (Zolozolo) - 2013.

11. St. Joseph (Nkhatabay) - 1952.

12. St. Mary (Kasitu) - 2018.

SOUTHERN DEANERY - (6) PARISHES

13. St. Paul (Mzimba) - 1940.

14. Utatu Utuba (Mzimba) - 2018.

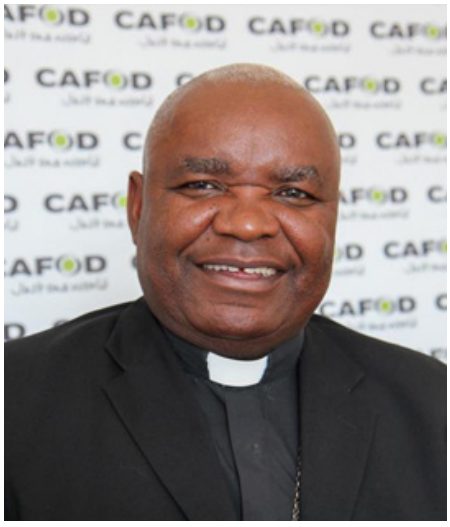
15. St. Theresa (Katete) - 1938.

16. St. Monica (Embangweni) - 2017.

17. Holy Cross (Nkhamenya) - 1950.

18. Holy Family (Bowe) - 1995.

DIOCESE OF KARONGA (2010)
Saint Joseph the Worker



His Lordship, Bishop Martin Anwel Mtumbuka, DP.

DEANERIES (4)

PARISHES (13)

The Diocese covers the districts of Karonga, Chitipa and part of Rumphi.

KARONGA DEANERY - (4) PARISHES:

1. St. Mary (Karonga) - 1945.

2. St. Steven (Kasantha) - 1988.

3. St. Joseph the Worker Cathedral - 2016.

4. St. Martin de Porres (Ngerenge Sub-Parish) - 2020.

CHILUMBA DEANERY- (3) PARISHES:

5. St. Anne (Chilumba) - 1955.

6. St. Apollonia (Nyungwe) - 2019.

7. St. Francis de Sales (Livingstonia) - 2017.

KAPOKA DEANERY - (3) PARISHES:

8. St. John Paul II (Kapoka) - 2017.

9. St. Matthias Mulumba (Misuku) - 1970.

10. Immaculate Heart of Mary (Chisankhwa) - 2018.

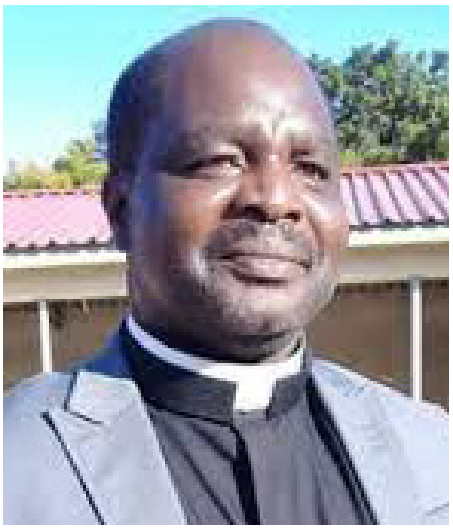
CHITIPA DEANERY - (3) PARISHES:

11. St. Michael's (Chitipa) - 1949.

12. St. Ignatius of Loyola (Nthalire) - 2011.

13. St. Augustine (Kameme) - 2018.

DIOCESE OF DEDZA (1959)
Saint Martin de Porres



Very Rev. John Chithonje (Diocesan Administrator)

DEANERIES (3)

PARISHES (17)

The Diocese of Dedza covers the districts of Dedza, Ntcheu and part of Salima.

DEDZA DEANERY - (7) PARISHES

1. St. Martin de Porres (Dedza) - 1958.
2. The Martyrs of Uganda (Kasina) - 1925.
3. Holy Family (Bembeke Cathedral) - 1910.
4. St. Joseph (Chiphwanya) - 1957.
5. Holy Angels (Matumba) - 2006.
6. Our Lady of Peace (Mtendere) - 1914.
7. John the Baptist (Kanyama) - 2017.

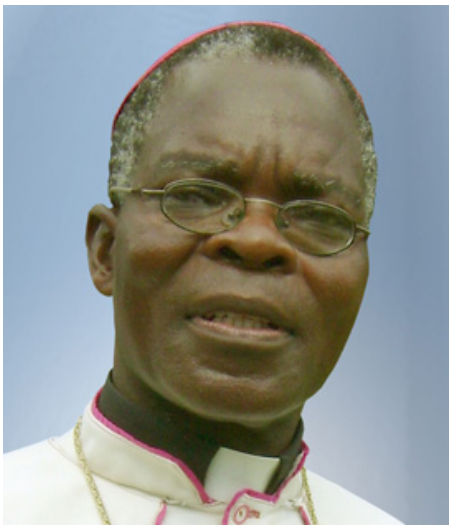
LAKESHORE DEANERY - (5) PARISHES

8. Our Lady of Victory (Mtakataka) - 1908
9. Our Lady of Fatima (Chipoka) - 1974.
10. Queen of Heaven (Sharpevale) - 1949.
11. Our Lady of Help (Mua) - 1902
12. St. Anne (Ganya) - 1970.

NTCHEU DEANERY - (5) PARISHES

13. Corpus Christi (Ntcheu) - 1972.
14. St. Peter Claver (Nsipe) - 1928.
15. St. Francis of Assisi (Mikoke) - 1988.
16. St. Theresa (Tsangano) - 1953
17. St. Mary (Mzama) - 1901.

DIOCESE OF CHIKWAWA (1965)
Our Lady the Cause of Our Joy



His Lordship, Bishop Peter Martin Musikuwa, DP.

DEANERIES (4)

PARISHES (14)

The Diocese covers the districts of Chikwawa, Nsanje and part of Thyolo.

CHIKWAWA DEANERY - (4) PARISHES

1. St. Michael's Cathedral (Chikwawa) - 1918.
2. St. Mathews (Nchalo) - 1966.
3. Sacred Heart (Misomali) - 1967.
4. St. Anthony (Changoima) - 2017.

NSANJE DEANERY - (4) PARISHES

5. Good Shepherd (Nsanje) - 1921.
6. St. Kalemba (Bangula) - 1967.
7. Holy Family (Tengani) - 1967.
8. Our Lady of the Poor (Ngabu) - 1957.

MOLERE DEANERY - (3) PARISHES

9. St. Simeon (Njale) - 1967.
10. Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Molere) - 1942.
11. Good Shepherd (Konzalendo) - 1966.

FATIMA DEANERY - (3) PARISHES

12. Our Lady of Fatima (Fatima) - 1959.
13. St. Kizito (Mitondo) - 2017.
14. Holy Spirit (Nkhate) - 1965.

KNOW YOUR FAITH AND WIN

A PMS initiative on Catechism lessons for youth and children during the Covid-19 pandemic

By Levi Chirwa

The Corona virus disease of 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic has affected almost every part of human life: from economic, social, political and religious as things are not the way they used to be. No more handshakes, no more hugging, physical distance of one meter apart, regular washing of hands with soap, regular use of hand sanitizer, wearing of face masks, early closure of bars and markets, closure of schools, restricted public (including church) gathering such as Eucharistic celebrations as well as small Christian community prayers.

Realizing that the partial lockdown in Malawi also restricted the gathering of the children and youth, to attend catechism lessons, the Church in Malawi, the Holy Father and Bishops advised that some missionary activities should not stop but rather use the digital platforms to keep the faith growing amidst Covid-19 pandemic. The National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS) with collaboration from National Pastoral Office thought of using the media to impart the same knowledge to children and youth while they are at home. This saw the birth of **Learn Your Faith and Win**, a program that is broadcast every Saturday morning on Luntha Television, Radio Alinafe, Radio Maria and Radio Tigabane. The aim of the program is to spread the Good News and strengthen the faith of the people of God through Catechism lessons. The programme mainly targets the youths.

The programmes are presented on Saturdays morning by animator/teacher volunteers and on Sundays through a quiz based on the Saturday lesson by volunteers.

Catechism lessons are taken from different books (among them the newly approved books by the Episcopal Conference of Malawi). Mr. Noel Chimbenje who is the producer and coordinator of these lessons, prepares the material for the teachers to use.

Feedback from children, the youth and parents is overwhelming as the PMS National Director, Fr. Vincent Mwakhwawa expressed, "We are even surprised with the way the numbers of participants and followers is growing. There are about 30-35 callers participating in the one (1) hour quiz programme which comes every Sunday afternoon to answer questions about the previous lessons. So parents and guardians are very happy with this initiative of giving faith formation to children and the youth."

Children and the youth who call and answer the questions very well, accumulate points and are to be rewarded periodically (every month-end) with various gifts to motivate them and appreciate their commitment. The rewards are within the framework of faith formation of the children and the youth.

Therefore, amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, the Church, through these Radio and Television programmes, continues to give pastoral/missionary care to children and the youth. This initiative should continue even after the pandemic. It is so helpful to many faithful who use digital platforms for communications. The managers of the media houses are also pleased with this initiative, as it has necessitated the increase in viewership and listenership.

Noel Chimbenje, the volunteer producer and coordinator of these catechetical programs said "This is very exciting now but initially we were afraid of its sustainability and reception by the people but we thank God for being on our side. We are also happy to be part of the solutions to

Archdiocese of Lilongwe Holy Childhood Day, Sr. Teresa Mulenga left, and Fr. Kaliu far right.

some problems that have come because of Covid-19."

There are plans to improve the programmes such as making them animations for the visual (TV) programs and use attractive ways of presentation suitable for the youth and children. But for this to happen there is need for skills and expertise in the field of designing and planning in addition to funds for making the same. There is also a desire to increase the number of children to be awarded prizes so that the outreach is also increased.

When asked of other motivations such as sacraments administered to those youth and children doing these lessons through this mode other than just the prizes, Fr. Vincent said that with guidance from church leaders there shall be something to be done regarding the administration of Sacraments to the learners who have demonstrated to have acquired new knowledge through this initiative.

This popular initiative by the Pontifical Missionary Societies in Malawi is having funding challenges.

"There is a cost to have these programmes prepared and broadcast, and PMS has to pay. We have had well-wishers helping out but we need a sustainable way of financing, as such we are designing fundraising activities" said Fr. Mwakhwawa with optimism.

Another challenge is on the volunteer teachers who are helping a lot, as some of them are still in school and stay with their parents and guardians. They are not given any money by PMS to be used for transport to and from the Radio or Television. Accessing hard copies of notes for teaching is another challenge.

Printing notes is costly to most volunteer teachers as they receive the notes in soft copies. There is a desire to motivate them through small things like lunch, transport and small tokens of appreciation to ease some of their challenges but lack of funds is what prevents this from happening.

The team delivering this initiative go by the theme ***"Here I am Lord, send me" Isaiah 6:8.*** Beside the challenges, the team expressed satisfaction that the programs are helping a lot of adults (parents and guardians) not only children and the youth. The National Director of PMS called upon all the partners to support the initiative financially or through strategizing and participating in the fundraising initiatives. He encouraged those moved to contact his office at ECM - **Catholic Secretariat**, Area 11 or Deposit money to Account Number: **1006796199, PMS Fund**, National Bank of Malawi, Capital City Branch.

Fr. Francis Lekaleka, animating children

TIYANKHULENI AMBUYE: The Digital Innovation in Evangelisation amidst Covid-19

By Levi Chirwa

Fr. Francis Damaseke, a Priest behind Tilankhuleni Ambuye

A few Reverend Fathers of the Church in Malawi have teamed up through *Tiyankhuleni Ambuye*, the evangelization through the daily word of God video clips and voice notes that is becoming popular each passing day. In trying to understand a few issues about this good innovation, Fr. Francis Damaseke offered some insights on the genesis and status of *Tiyankhuleni Ambuye.*

In his answer to my question on the how the video clips that we receive in the morning and in the evening daily on WhatsApp groups and on Facebook page, Fr. Damaseke had this to say:

"On a number of occasions, I was being approached by a few Christians at St. Patrick's Parish to share some written notes or points of my homilies, so I would just scribble a few highlights and share. I also started sharing voice notes."
Fr. Damaseke continued to say, "Generally I didn't set out to make the video clips or voice clips go viral. I was only trying to find a way to stay connected to those who usually ask me to share my homilies."

This innovation became very useful to many social media followers due to the partial lockdown because of the Covid-19 pandemic around April 2020, when government had imposed restrictions on church worship.

"I would just record my voice and send to the one who asked. Then I realized there was limited sharing but more people requested for timely and regular access of the same. So my sharing to a lot of people proved a bit expensive because of the cost of the data bundle. Creation of a WhatsApp group was an option as I would only send one message to the group and everyone gets it in real time and a minimal cost on my part" he said.

The people's response became like a motivation to the priests who are behind this as it was a manifestation of the growing interest in listening to homilies. So taking off from the Holy Father 's stand and the Bishops' guide to the Church in Malawi that some missionary activities should not stop but rather use the digital platforms to keep the faith growing amidst Covid-19 pandemic.

The St, Patrick's Parish leadership also resolved that the Parish Priest should also be sending his homilies to all Small Christian Communities. Realizing that this was on demand because of the people's thirst for the word of God and the desire to deepen their faith, the forum name **Tiyankhuleni Ambuye** was born. The group was opened on 15th April, 2020, initially for St. Patrick's Parish parishioners. Now the initiative has boomed and more groups have emanated from the original group. More priests such as Frs. John Kaliwamba, Augustine Kaliu, Stephen Likhutcha, Jean Marie, Frank Phiri, Emmanuel Chikaya (from Lilongwe Archdiocese), Welemu (Blantyre Archdiocese), Makande (Zomba Diocese) also joined the digital evangelization team by sharing their homilies. More so others have shared the Good News for the evening sessions of Chidzulo ndi Ambuye such as Br. Makita (from United States of America), Srs. Chakalamba, and Yohane and Mrs. Christina Kandodo all from Lilongwe Archdiocese)

When administrators noted that the groups were reaching the limit fast and more groups created, he realized that this could be a creative way of evangelizing the peoples everywhere. Now **Tiyankhuleni Ambuye** has become a household name for many Catholics as well as non catholics.

Tiyankhuleni Ambuye opens twice a week, on Sunday and Wednesday for questions from members ranging from the Catholic docrine and the Bible.

Currently there are 24 Tiyankhuleni Ambuye WhatsApp groups with 257 members each, **Tiyankhuleni Ambuye** Facebook page with over 600 members (and over 900 likes) and 2 **Tiyankhuleni Ambuye** Telegram groups making the total audience to be over 5,700 members.

The members proclaiming the Good News through these videos and audios are from Lilongwe, Salima, Dedza, Chikwawa, Blantyre, Mangochi, Zomba, Mulanje, Republic of South Africa, Canada, United States of America, and England, just to mention a few.

Reacting to such an over whelming response, Fr. Frank Phiri who is Parish Priest at S. Paul's –Mchinji Parish said "I think social media is a gift from God, so we have to make good use of it. This is the right time"

It has been established that it has not been an easy flowing initiative to get this far due to some challenges to have these videos and audios done, which include but not limited to

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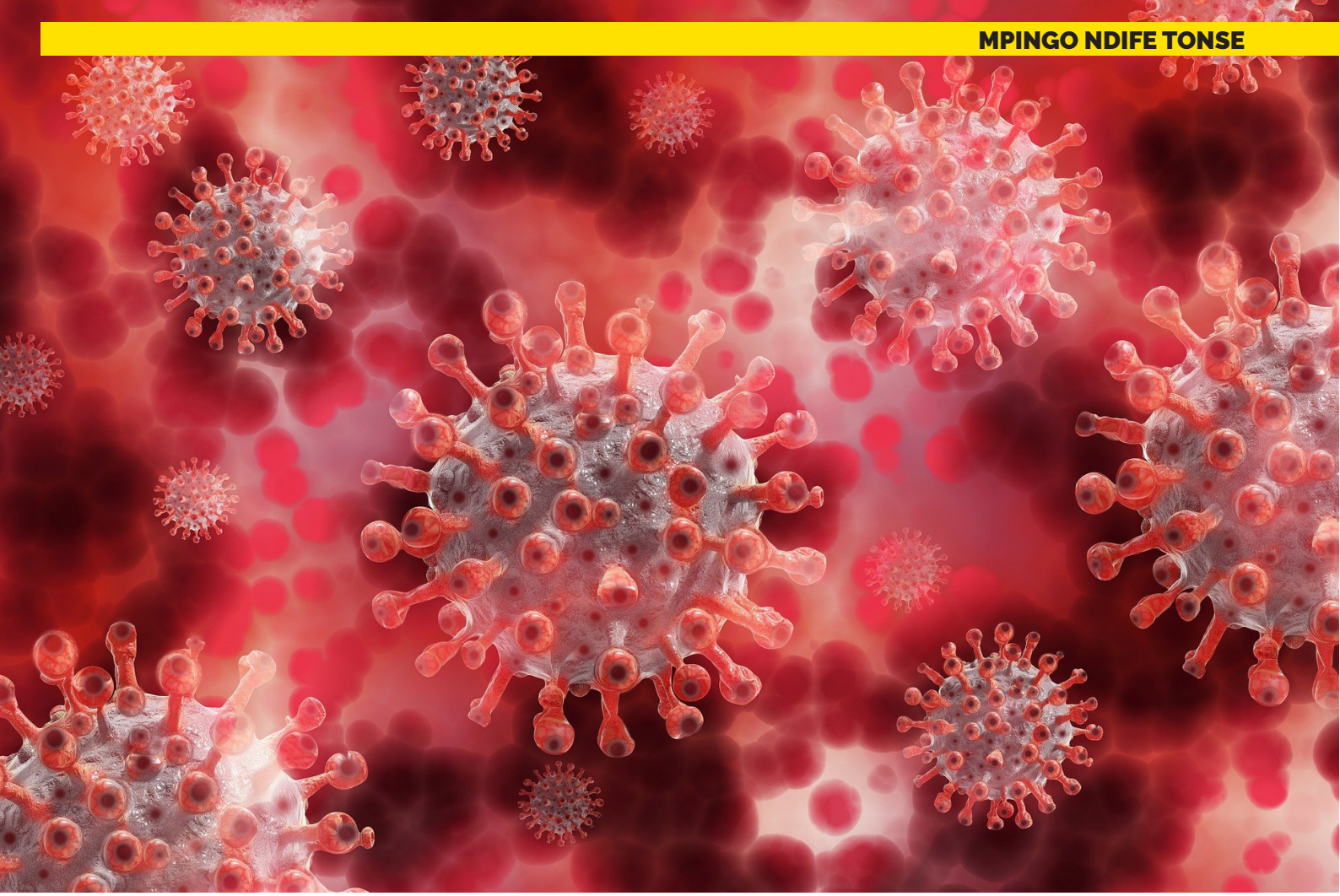

KATEMERA WA COVID-19 NDIWOTHANDIZA

By Sam Kalimba

Mtsogoleri wa Bungwe la ma Dotolo (Society of Medical Doctors) mdziko muno Dr. Victor Mgonjetsi Mithi anatsimikizira Bungwe la atolankhani achikatolika mkati mwa mwezi wa March kuti katemera wa Covid19 wotchedwa AstraZeneca athandiza kwambiri kuchepetsa mphamvu za kachilombo ka corona virus.

A Mithi omwenso anathandiziranawo kutorera thandizo kuchokera kwa nzika zogulira zipangizo zakuchipatala zothandizira pa nkhondo yolimbana ndi mliriwu anauza atolankhaniwa kuti katemerayu alingati katemera wina aliyense yemwe wakhala akugwiritsidwa ntchito mmbuyomu. Ndipo iwo anali atalandirapo kale katemerayu pa nthawi ya mkumanowu.

Dr Victor Mithi, Mtsogoleri wa Bungwe la ma Dotolo

Ndipo poyankhapo kuti nchifukwa chiyani pamawoneka kuti gulu lawo la ma dokotala silinayambe lachita kafukufuku ngati katemerayu ndi woyenera ku matupi a Malawi, iwo anati mliriwu ndi wachilendo pambuyo pa zaka pafupifupi zana limodzi pomwe kunaliso mliri wina wofananirapo ndi uwu. Mwaichi anati pali nkhondo yayikulu yoti kafukufuku wa ku maiko akhoza kuchedwetsa chipambano koma maiko akuyendera zomwe a bungwe la za umoyo pa dziko lonse la WHO latsimikizira. Choncho, pakuti a WHO analamula kuti katemerayu ndi wabwino, dziko la Malawi ndilongoyenera kutsatira chifukwa kafukufuku wa pa dziko lonse anachitika kale.

Anapitiliranso kufotokozera kuti katemerayu monga achitira katemera wina aliyense, sangagwirizane ndi thupi la munthu aliyense. Ndipo anatinso kafukufuku akuwonetsa kuti ndi anthu ochepa kwambiri amene akupezeka ndi mavuto mthupi mwawo poyerekeza ndi omwe katemerayu akuwathandiza choncho ndikoyenera ndithu kuti anthu ambiri alandire katemerayu.

Panthawi ya mkumanowu ndikuti mayiko ena anali atayimika kulandiritsa katemerayu ndipo poyankhapo pa zifukwa zake Dr. Mithi anati katemera angathe kuyimitsidwa pakapezeka umboni wokwanira kuti akuwononga anthu ambiri kuposera omwe akuthandizika. Iwo anati poyamba peni peni ndi Bungwe la WHO lomwe lingaimitse katemera ndipo kenako dziko nalo likhoza kuimitsa pa zifukwa zakambidwazo. Iwo anati zoti katemera akumaundanitsa magazi sinkhani ya chilendo ndi akatemera a matenda oyambitsidwa ndi virus. Anafotokozera kuti katemera aliyense amakonzedwa pophatikiza tizilombo toyambitsa

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finances. It takes some effort to shoot the videos such as time to travel to various places, editing and production. As such **Tiyankhuleni Ambuye** administration mainly relies on donations by well-wishers, a thing which is not sustainable).

Mrs. Prisca Tabu Chikwesere, one of the administrators said that they used to pay for the recording of the videos as the equipment was hired but recently new equipment has been purchased to ease the challenge of hiring.

She continued to say that they still need funds to facilitate the travel of the volunteer who helps in recording and shooting the proclaimers of the Word because they are from all over Malawi.

The administrators have also indicated that this initiative will continue even when the Covid-19 situation improves for the better. The plans are underway to make **Tiyankhuleni Ambuye**, benefit all at all the time.

KATEMERA WA COVID-19 NDIWOTHANDIZA

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matendato, koma tocheperapo mphamvu kuti tikalowa mthupi mwa munthu, thupi lidzutse asilikali ake ake othana ndi tizilombo timenetoto koma osamupweteka munthuyo. Anatinso, ichi ndi chifukwa chake onse amene amawapeza kuti ali ndi corona virus kapena kuti akudwala Covid-19 kumene, amawayikira mankhwala osungunura magazi powopetsa kuwundana kwa magaziko. Mwa ichi anati ku maiko omwe anaimitsako amafuna angowone kuti kodi kuwundana kwa magazi mmatupi mwa anthu enako kukuchokera ku katemera kapena ku Covid19. Pambuyo pa kupeza zowona zake akatswiri akuyembekezeka kukonza povutapo.

Koma nanga nchifukwa chiyani akuti katemerayu aziperekedwa kawiri? Dr. Mithi anati mtundu wa katemera wa AstraZeneca anakonzedwa mwakuti azilandiridwa kawiri, kachiwiriko ndi pa mbuyo pa pakati pa masabata asanu ndi atatu (8) ndi masabata khumi ndi awiri (12). Akuti dziko lino linachita izi pofuna kupereka mwayi wakuti katemerayu adzakhale alipo nthawi zonse zofunikira chifukwa akuchokera kutali komanso akumabwera pang'onopang'ono kuti asawonongeke pa nthawi ya kusunga. Iwo anatsimikizira atolankhaniwa kuti mwa ichi dziko lathu sililephera kukwaniritsa kugawa katemera wachiwiriyu chifukwa pali mpata wokwanira kuti okonzawo akonza wina ndipo ntchto yoyitanitsa ndi kulipira zonse zichitika mu nthawi yake. Akuti kwakukulu ndi nkhani yakuti ndi mmene anakonzera katemerayu kuti akuyenera kulandiridwa kawiri kusiyana ndi akatemera ena ngati wa Johnson & Johnson yemwe anakonzedwa kuti azilandiridwa pa kamodzi ngati mlingo (dose) yake. Iwo anati ngati munthu salandira katemera wa chiwiriyu ndekuti sakhala ndi chitetezo chofunikiracho.

Pankhani ya chifukwa chomwe katemerayu sakuyenera kulandiridwa ndi ana a zaka zosaposera 18 iwo anati potengera malamulo a za umoyo, sikololedwa kuchita kafukufuku wa matenda mmatupi a ana ngati awa chifukwa alibe ufulu wa kuvomereza okha. Ndipo anapitiliza kuti kafukufuku wa covid19 anachitika ndi matupi a akuluakulu ndipo chilolezo chomwe chinaperekedwa ndi cha matupi a akuluakulu basi. Koma ngati makolo adzavomera kuti ana awo alowenawo mukafukufuku wa Covid-19 kutsogolokuno, ndipo chilolezo chikadzaperedwa chokhudza katemera wa Covi-19 kwa ana, iwo adzavomerezedwa kulandiranawo katemerayo.

Kupatula anawa, a Mithi anati omwe akudwala matendawa kapena angochira kumene ku matendawa mpaka miyezi isanu ndi umodzi sakuyenera kulandira katemerayu chifukwa ngati wina akudwala nde kuti ali ndi tizilombo kale tomwe thupi lake likulimbananato ndipo kubayitsa kudzachititsa kuti thupi liyambe mantha ndi kuchuluka kwa nkhondo ya mthupi, komaso akuti ngati wina wangochira kumene, pali umbomi wakuti mpaka mwezi wa chisanu ndi umodzi thupi lake limakhala ndi chitetezo chokwanira pa lokha.

Majakison wokwanira 360,000 a Katemera wa Covid19 wa AstraZeneca anafika mdziko muno pa 5 March 2021 ndipo katemera woyamba analandira ndi mtsogoleri wa dziko lino Dr. Lazarus Chakwera pa 11 March 2021 ndipo pa tsiku lomweri, mtsogoleri wa Bungwe la a Episikopi kuno ku Malawi Ambuye Luke Thomasi Msusa analandira katemerayu ku Zomba.

Lilongwe CMO at the launch in 2018

MAULA PARISH HOSTED CATHOLIC MEN ORGANISATION FIRST QUARTER COUNCIL MEETING ON 6TH MARCH, 2021

By Sam Kalimba

Catholic Men Organisation leaders from all the 41 parishes of Lilongwe Archdiocese convened on Maula Parish Hall on Saturday, March 6 2021.

The council meeting, among other things, sought to find ways and means of keeping the organisation vibrant in parishes and at denary level.

However, it was established that progress was hampered by restrictions imposed by authorities in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

CMO chairperson for the archdiocese, Mr. Ignatius Chadwala, cautioned CMO leaders gathered for the council against killing the spirit ignited two years ago when CMO was launched.

"Even with the restrictions, it is possible to sustain our activities. All we need to do is use all available means of communication, such as the social media, to keep moving. As brothers in Christ, we do not have an excuse as soldiers for Christ," Chadwala said.

On his part, Monsignor Patrick Thawale, who is also chaplain for the CMO in the Archdiocese, said the presence of CMO in parishes lifts the spirits of parish teams.

«Most of us priests, are always encouraged when we see men in CMO attire available during any function including at Mass, not undermining the presence of women, but you complement and sweeten the occasion," said Fr. Thawale.

During the CMO council meeting, it was also communicated that the Archdiocese of Blantyre had invited CMO for the Archdiocese of Lilongwe to the launch of CMO in Blantyre.

Archdiocese of Lilongwe was first to launch and functionalize the CMO concept.

Lilongwe CMO at the launch in 2018

MBIRI YA ST FRANCIS - KANENGO PARISH, ARCHDIOCESE OF LILONGWE

By Brian Leonard Banda

Parish ya St Francis imatchedwanso kuti Parish ya Kanengo. Francis Woyera ndiye nkhoswe yake. Kanengo ndi dera limene lidatchulidwa ndi anthu amene ankakumba maziko a nkhokwe zosungiramo madzi pamphepete pa mseu wopita ku Kasungu. Anthuwo ankapeza tinyama totchedwa NENGO tomwe timagona mmaenje pamene pali kampani ya fodya ya Alliance One imene kale inkadziwika ndi dzina loti Stancom. Tsono ankati akawona Kanyama kamodzi ankati awona ka NENGO. Ichi ndicho chiyambi cha dzina la Kanengo mdera la mfumu yayikulu Chitukula, m'boma la Lilongwe.

Parishiyi inatuluka mu Parishi ya Maula Parish yomwenso inatuluka mu Parishi ya Likuni. Ansembe ankachokera ku Parish ya Maula kudzapempheretsa akhristu a ku Koleji. Panthawiyo Bambo Mfumu adali Bambo Grevazio Chisendera, mothandizana ndi Bambo Jean Pickard ndi Bambo Piere Federie. Akhristu ena ankasonkhana kwa Mchokwe, ena kwa Phereni kumene lero amati Lingadzi. Panthawiyo dera lomwe muli parishiyi linali m'manja mwa Likuni kuyambira mchaka cha 1902 mpaka 1970.

Boma litagamula kuti likulu la dziko lino lisamukire ku Lilongwe mchaka cha 1970, midzi ina inasamukira ku Mchinji, ku Salima ndi ku Dowa. Anthu ochokera m'midzi ya Kabwabwa, Mbvunguti, Chagwira ndi ina adasamuka ndipo malowa adasanduka ma inja. Nyumba zoyamba kumangidwa zinali za ku Koleji (Lilongwe Teachers College) ndi za Capital City Development Corporation (CCDC). Anthu amene adamanga nyumbazi adali kukhala kwa Mgona ndi ku 25A. Mwa anthu odzagwira ntchito mudera la Alimaunde anali osamutsidwa kuchokera ku Maula/Thope kubwera ku Area 25, munalinso Akhristu achikatolika.

Mchaka cha 1975, A Bishop Patrick Kalilombe adaitana Bambo Julio Feliu kuchokera ku Parish ya Nambuma kuti adzalowe m'malo mwa Bambo Pickard amene anawatumiza ku Mozambique komwe adali kale. Ali ku Maulako Bambo Julio anagwira ntchito ndi Bambo Albert Kamera ndi Bambo Federie.

Mchaka chomwecho A Bishop Patrick Kalilombe adagamula kuti Parish ya Maula igawidwe panayi chifukwa cha kuchuluka kwa a khristu. Ma Parish a Maula, Chigoneka (St Kizito), Chimutu (St Patrick) ndi Kanengo (St Francis) anakhazikitsidwa. Panthawiyo nkuti akhristu aku Area 25 atazolowera kumasonkhana pansi pa mtengo wa mbvunguti pa malo pamene lero pali Sukulu ya dzina lomweli.

Mabvuto analipo ambiri chifukwa chakuti malowa anali pafupi ndi nyumba zomwera mowa, pamtetete, komanso panjira yodutsira gule wamkulu.

Pali mbiri yakuti tsiku la Mulungu lina lake, Bambo Julio Feliu

atatha kupempheretsa akhristu a ku St Patrick, anakhala pansi ndikumacheza nawo za ndondomeko yokhudza maparishi atsopanowa. Mgulu la anthuwo munali malemu a Zakeo Mwale amene ankachokera ku Area 25. Iwo anafotokozera Bambo Julio kuti ku Area 25 kulinzika yaku Mozambique, imene ikugulitsa nyumba yake koma yosafolera. Ndi ndalama zokwana K200, Bambo Julio anagula nyumbayo ndipo Br. Jean Guy anayikonza bwino lomwe ndipo guwa loyamba linachokera ku Maula Parish. Pa Christmas mchaka cha 1975 akhristu anapemphera m'nyumbayo imene inkatchedwa Alimaunde Church Centre. Ndipo mchakachi, ntchito ya mpingo kwa Alimaunde Centre, inakondweretsa a Bishop Kalilombe kotero analamula kuti ikhale Parish yodziimira payokha. Pang'ono ndipang'ono dzina loti Alimaunde linazimirira ndipo anthu anazolowera dzina loti Kanengo.

Akhristu anali kunka nachulukirachulukira tsono zinapangitsa kuti apeze malo ena akulu kuti amangepo tchalichi. Tsono anapeza malo ena oti amangepo ndipo malowa ndi pamene pali holo yaing'ono lero, Koma pa malopo kalero panali manda ndi dambwe la gule wamkulu la mudzi wa Chagwira. Bambo Julio mothandizana ndi Br.Wiro adamanga tchalichi loyembekezera pamalo pamene lero pali holo yayingonoyi. Mchaka cha 1979 msonkhano wa Parish Council ya Kanengo, udapangana zomanga tchalichi lina lalikulu chifukwa chakuchuluka kwa a khristu. Tchalichili la tsopanoli adalimanga pamalo pamene panali bwalo la mpira wa miyendo la anyamata a Tilitonse. Tchalichi yake ndi yomwe ikugwiritsidwa ntchito pano kungoti panopa inakuzidwa. Pa 16th November,1979, Tchalichiyi inadalitsidwa ndi a Bishop Mathias Chimole.

MNDANDANDA WA ANSEMBE OMWE AGWIRA NTCHITO PA PARISH YA ST. FRANCIS

Bambo Julio Feliu

Bambo Phillip Laurin mothandizana ndi Bambo Jacques Pallas.

Bambo Andrew Edele mothandizana ndi Bambo Peter Wels ndiponso Bambo Jos Kuppens.

Bambo Damiano

Bambo Jean Marie Hougady mothandizana ndi Bambo Bernard

Bambo Martin Onyango mothandizana ndi Bambo Mike Mawerera

Bambo Julio Feliu mothandizana ndi Bambo Julian Kasiya

Bambo Peter Mateso mothandizana ndi Bambo Moise Yebedie

Bambo Michel Sanou mothandizana ndi Bambo Phillip Meraba

Bambo Emmanuel Barongo omwe adali bambo Mthandizi

Bambo William (Bill) Turnbull omwe ali Bambo mfumu pakali pano ndipo iwowa akuthandizana ndi Bambo Frederick Bedijo komanso Bambo James Ngahy.

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WHITE SISTERS

Sr. Getrude, Sr. Hellen ndi Sr. Louisa

CANOSSIAN SISTERS

Sr. Giovanna Tosi, Isabel Lopez, Hellen Kasonga, Modesta Chinawa (malemu), Louisa Tornaghi, Dafroza Kalinga, Rosemary Chimwaza, Mary Benito, Judith Rodridges, Christina Njoloma, Julie Pereira, Martha Nzima, Yasinta Kacheta (malemu), Prisca Viola, Evelyn Loyola, Stella Paschal, Joanita Kayungilizi, Cecilia Namuthuwa, Martha Justino, Christin Law ndi S. Josephine Allieri.

MNDANDANDA WA AGULUPA OMWE AGWIRA NTCHITO PA PARISH YA ST. FRANCIS

Mr Chidyali, Mr Hermes Simeon Kamanga, Mr Lucius Dothi (malemu) ndi Mr Paul Chitsulo.

ZIPATSO ZA PARISH YA ST. FRANCIS

Bambo Peter Kapiri Mwale, Br. Emmanuel Saopa, Srs. Ruth Msiska, Joyce Chitsulo, Evarista Sachira, Rosemary Zimba, Maria Selina Mchenga, Mariana Biliati, ndi Sr. Stella Zuza.

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