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Return of His Grace George Tambala

Most Rev. George Desmond Tambala at his Installation as Archbishop of Lilongwe. (Photo by State House Media Team)



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ARCHBISHOP'S FOREWORD

It is my pleasure and joy to talk to you dear reader of the Christmas Edition of the Mpingo Ndife Tonse, Tiyende Limodzi Magazine of our Archdiocese.

Firstly, I would like to give my sincere gratitude to all for warmly welcoming me in this Archdiocese. I feel greatly at home.

Secondly, I want to pledge my total service in this Archdiocese. We are called to take part in the work of the Lord. Collaboration should be our song as we fondly say in vernacular, “Mpingo Ndife Tonse, Tiyende Limodzi. Let no one remain behind.

The Church of Lilongwe is blessed to have had very important synods that talk to us about having the type of church that stands on its own; a church that is self-ministering; a church that is self-propagating and a church that is self-reliant.

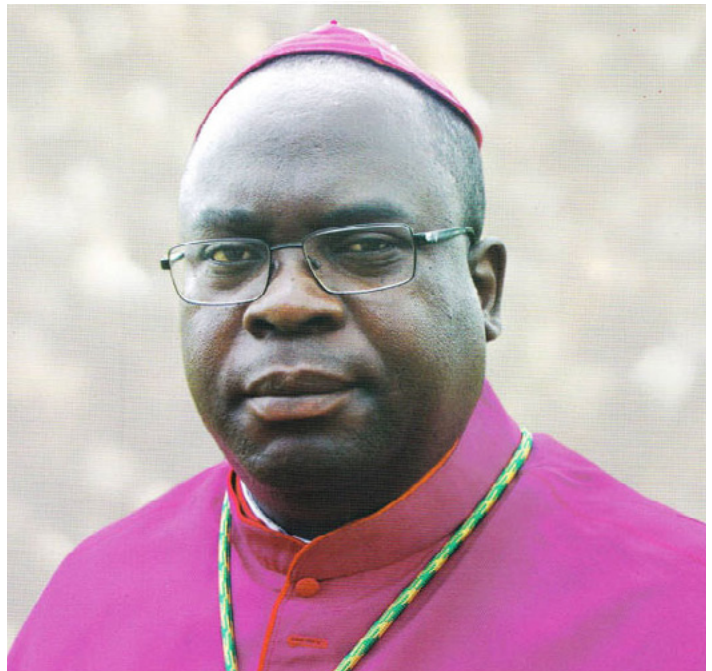
I would like to recommend the church of Lilongwe for having vibrant organisations that are full of life. I should already mention that I am particularly interested in our youths. Our youth today encounter many challenges because of the technological and social changes. The youth of today need to be given attention, to be close to them and to make them realise they are the important instruments in the spread of the Gospel.

Christmas season is here. Perhaps the birth of Jesus Christ should urge everyone to reflect on our role in the society. The humble birth of Jesus Christ is a call to all of us to be humble servants to one another. Like God who was concerned with the state of the fallen humanity, we too should be concerned with the state of helpless people of our society.

I call upon all those with different responsibilities in the Church as well as in the government to think of the birth of Jesus Christ as something that has elements of humble service. Our country has a majority poor who are in need of assistance. I therefore, urge everyone to give their time to share something good with the needy during this Christmas season, just like God shared something good, His Son Jesus Christ with us.

Finally, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May the good Lord bless you.

+ George Desmond Tambala
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EDITORIAL

The 2021 Christmas Edition of the Mpingo Ndife Tonse Tiyyende Limodzi Magazine is here. Evangelization and celebrations marked the period between the last edition and the present.

The Archdiocese of Lilongwe observed and participated fully in the activities and life of the Universal Church. Top on the list was the Mission Month of October activities under the theme “We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20). This called for representatives from all Church organs to share their experiences with the Christians of St. Mark – Mkanda Parish of the Catholic Deanery of Mchinji. This was indeed part and parcel of our journey to Christmas, the Advent until we all say “we have found the Messiah” (Jn. 1:41).

The Magazine also captures memorable events that happened within the period between the 2021 Easter and Christmas.

“I come to work as your servant,” is the quote for the year. The words were said by His Grace, Most Rev. George Desmond Tambala on his installation as the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe at the Civo Stadium. The words, few as they are, are a summary of the Archbishop’s vision and direction.

Another memorable event was the ordination to priesthood presided over by His Grace, Archbishop Tambala at Mlale Parish. He called on the clergy, religious, Christians and people of good will through his advice to the newly ordained priest to get annoyed with injustices just as the other disciples got angry with James and John’s mother who asked for special seats in the hierarchy of Jesus’ administration. “When the ten other disciples heard this, they were angry with the two brothers,” Mt. 20:24).

The Church in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe is also participating in the Synod of Bishops that will run from December 2021 to 2023. Pope Francis is inviting the entire Church to reflect on a process that is vital for its life and mission through listening and dialogue.

The Magazine also announces the closing of 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.

Following this, the magazine also announces the year of *Amoris Laetitia Familiaris* (Joy of family life) that begun in December 2021 and will run up to 26 June 2022. This is an initiative of Pope Francis, which aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals that can be implemented within Parishes, Dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations.

The editorial team wishes you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Enjoy the reading and be evangelized.

Sam Kalimba

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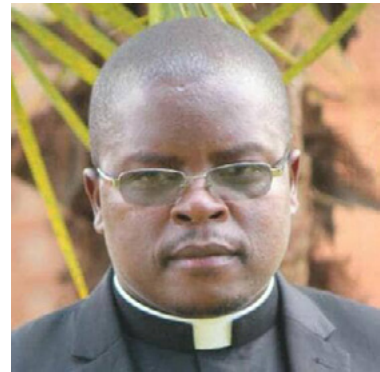
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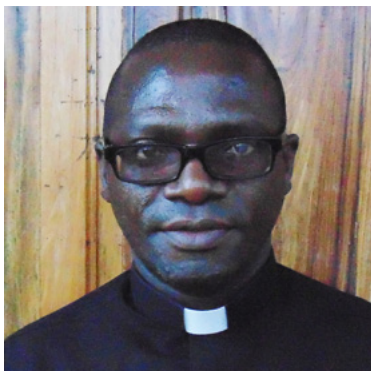
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THE RETURN OF HIS GRACE GEORGE DESMOND TAMBALA

By Sam Kalimba

“ To all the institutions, hospitals, schools, universities and everyone in Lilongwe Archdiocese, I come to work with you as a servant. ”

While others thought it was a mere installation and ascendance to the high office of the Archbishop of Lilongwe, His Grace George Desmond Tambala described it as a return to the very diocese that formed him.

Fr Louis Chikanya of Radio Alinafe had an interface with His Grace George Tambala and it went like this:

Fr. Louis Chikanya: Briefly, may we know you?

Most Rev. Tambala: I George Desmond Tambala was born at Pirimiti 25 kilometers from Zomba City in 1968. My parents were teachers and therefore transfers were the order of the day. For this reason, I spent my

childhood in different places including those in Zomba and Machinga. I went to a preparatory seminary at Ulongwe in Mangochi and thereafter to Child Jesus Nankhunda Minor Seminary at Nankhunda in Zomba. It was after the Nankhunda Seminary experience that helped me discern my vocation. I felt called to a missionary life in the Order of Discalced Carmelite in 1987. The Carmelites are right here in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe. Thereafter, I went to the Inter Congregation Institute in Balaka for my Philosophy. I later joined the Novitiate in Nigeria. After a year I came back and proceeded to Kenya for Theology at Tangaza College. I was ordained a priest on 13th April, 1996 by the Late Archbishop Tarcisius Ziyaye. I worked at Kapiri

Parish in Mchinji for two years after which I was sent for further studies in Spain. After that I was sent to Balaka ICI as a formator in the year 2000. After that I was sent to Chiphaso in Kasungu where I worked for 6 years. Later on I was sent to Nyungwi Prayer House in the Archdiocese of Blantyre. After that I was sent to Rome where I stayed for 7 years working as one of the Consultors of the Superior until 2015 when I was asked to go to Diocese of Zomba as the Local Ordinary. I was consecrated Bishop of Zomba in 2016 until now when I have been asked to come here.

Fr. Chikanya: What was your first reaction when you got the information to leave Zomba for Lilongwe?

Most Rev. Tambala: It came as a bombshell. I was surprised despite the fact that it is common knowledge that we expect a bishop to come in a diocese where there is none. However, I never expected that it would be

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myself. It was at a time when in Zomba we were making some strides within the time. Nonetheless, I realized that it was not me who was doing all that. We were working as a Church and had comfort in the presence of God in the Diocese. So after the astonishment and anxiety, I accepted the will of God. I knew that it was not because of my talent nor was it because of my ability but I realized that God wanted me to leave Zomba for Lilongwe and that with His help we will work as a Church together with the people of God.

Fr. Chikanya: Do you remember some of the priests that you had worked together before?

Most Rev. Tambala: There are so many of them especially those that are over 45 years of age. Others are late while others are still around.

Fr. Chikanya: Talking of your motto, what words inspire you as a Lord's Shepard?

Most Rev. Tambala: I chose 'DIVES IN MISERICORDIA' – God who is full of Mercy as my motto. You get these words in most Pauline Letters in the Bible. I chose this motto in that year when we were called to reflect on God's mercy, the year of mercy that Pope Francis declared. I am a witness of the mysteries of God's mercy.

Fr. Chikanya: Your Grace, Diocese of Zomba is smaller in size and therefore workload must be easier than that of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe, how ready are you to quickly adapt?

Most Rev. Tambala: You are right. Diocese of Zomba could even be half of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe but regardless of size each diocese has set guidelines that are followed and are very similar. It could indeed be an issue of workload. I know there are many parishes here and far apart. However, as I already indicated that it is not for the first time that I will be working in the Archdiocese, I have a picture of what workload I have before me and at least

I have a starting point based on the already said fact that Church procedures are one and the same everywhere.

Fr. Chikanya: How do you intend to foster the already existing self-reliant spirit that is in the Archdiocese?

Most Rev. Tambala: This is an important area. For those that have followed what I have been saying in the near past, they would agree that this is at my heart. Of course I learnt this while I was working in this Archdiocese. We are talking of the Church that is self-propagating, self-ministering and self-supporting. This is what makes a self-reliant Church. This I will have to enhance. It is an issue that has a long history from the former Shepherds including, Late Bishop Kalilombe, Late Bishop Chimole, Late Bishop Mkhori, Archbishop Emeritus Ste Marie and late Archbishop Ziyaye. They all inculcated this spirit among the faithful. I will not be different. Let's thank God that the Archdiocese of Lilongwe has been built on a strong foundation in respect to this subject matter. Let's nurture this as it is the future of the Church.

Fr. Chikanya: Your Grace, what could be your vision for the Archdiocese?

Most Rev. Tambala: First of all, I will have to learn the Archdiocese through interfacing with all collaborators. Next is to ensure that every member of the Archdiocese has a role and that they are playing such roles just as it has been before. I don't believe in having a Church with spectators. I call upon priests, the religious, the laity as well as the youth and the poor. On the part of the youth, I have a special heart for them. I don't need to have youth who are indulging in drug abuse and other promiscuous behaviours. Again, I will call every member to be development conscious for our Archdiocese to move on. Lastly, let's have an Archdiocese that is built on the principles of Church Teaching. The life of our priests or what I called the welfare of priests is also what I would want us all work together to improve the conditions of every priest regardless of where they are.



On the occasion of his installation as the Local Ordinary of Malawi's Lilongwe Archdiocese on 27th November, 2021 Archbishop George Desmond Tambala expressed his readiness to be a servant leader.

Archbishop Tambala who was appointed to the Metropolitan See of Lilongwe, on October 15 as the successor of the late Archbishop Tarcisius Gervazio Ziyaye talked to the people of God who are under his pastoral care and find below some quotes.

“I come to you as a servant, a helper, called to lead you my brother Priests to that Priesthood of Christ which our people need to tell.”

“We will need to remind each other of our vocation and the sanctity of life and Priesthood to which we are called. We will need to remind ourselves of our commitments and accountability before the Church and before Christ.”

“To become evangelizers of each other through the life and structures of our Archdiocese.”

“As the Archdiocese, we have offered you the youth many programs and types of human and spiritual formation. I offer my support to the schools, colleges and universities; my support to the youth and all those who are working with you.”





THREE POINTS OF ADVENT

Fr Louis Chikanya

Adventus, advenire, advent, basically, means coming or arrival. It has a threefold character: as a season to bring to the faithful, the memories of Christ's humble and modest birth. His physical birth comes to our memories, and it carries us to his space and time. It makes us to imagine the happenings at the House of Bread, (Bethlehem), in the manger, where he was born.

Christ's nativity gives everybody an opportunity to think about God's *kenosis*- humility; *"Though he was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross."*

Humility is something that God approves and loves. Humility, according to Thomas Aquinas, is an important virtue. It removes pride. Humility allows selflessness. It is freedom from conceit and arrogance. Humility acknowledges she does not have it all. She recognises insufficiency. She seeks to add value to others. Humility takes responsibility for her actions.

We see humility in action in different ways. She is manifested, for example, in letting someone ahead of you in line in the banking hall when you see they are in a hurry. Offering a seat to an elder in the bus, cleaning the toilet of the office block even though one is a boss. This is an act of humility. God became man; suffered, humiliated but did not lose focus. He came to add value to the fallen humanity.

What could be the indications of humility? Listening to others, expressing gratefulness, asking for help when one

needs it and seeking feedback from others, all these could be indicative of a humble person.

"When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom," Proverbs 11:12.

"Cloth yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 1Peter 5:5

The second point of advent is Christ's presence in the lives of the faithful. Christ comes to believers in various ways including in His Word, in the Sacrament and in the poor. In Matthew 25:31-40, Christ says, "I was hungry and you did not give me something to eat. I was thirsty and you did not give something to drink. I was in prison and you did not visit me..." Jesus comes to people in the poor and the needy, the sick and the imprisoned.

Adventus, advenire, advent, and Greek Parousia came to mean the second coming of Christ; the eschatological second coming of Jesus. Advent, ultimately, should remind the believers that they are a pilgrim people; they are going back to the Creator.

Christ said in John 14:1ff, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again to take you to myself, so that where I am, you also may be."

Believers should be aware of the threefold character of advent; thus the physical nativity of Jesus Christ, the presence of Christ in the life of believers through the Word of God, Sacraments and in the poor and the eschatological second coming.



“GOD HAS SHOWN ME HIS MERCY”, FR. THOMAS MSALALA

By Gabriel Kamlomo

The journey of seven boys that began at Kasina Formation Centre ten years ago ended on December 11, 2021 with the ordination of only one, Thomas Msalala, as a priest. The rest fell on the way: one at Kachebere Major Seminary, three at St. Peter’s Major Seminary before others were asked to quit. From seven to one for the Archdiocese of Lilongwe, 2021.

“The journey to priesthood is not all rosy. It is one where you know where you are going but not sure you will ever get there. You simply need to always be mindful of where you long to be.

“ The difficulties I met pushed me on just like did the good things. I am so happy that God has shown me His mercy. What I have longed for for nine years is here at last,” said Fr. Msalala in an interview with Radio Alinafe on the day of his ordination.

Speaking on the occasion, Archbishop George Desmond Tambala advised the new priest, the clergy and people of good will to be concerned with and never be shy to correct injustices in society.

Archbishop Tambala said priests should “get angry with injustices” on humanity.

Deacon Msalala was ordained priest at a ceremony held at St. Paul’s Minor Seminary grounds in Mitundu in



the Archdiocese of Lilongwe where Archbishop Tambala stressed on the need for the clergy to be near to the suffering masses and condemn any injustices in society.

“I urge priests to choose for themselves models from within the Church, and not outside, so that they stand up for justice for the people of God,” Archbishop Tambala told the gathering.

The archbishop further advised the new priest, Fr. Msalala, to stand up for the truth and also work to bring souls to salvation.

“Your priority responsibility is to bring souls to Christ. Life shall definitely not be all roses. But always remember this day (of your ordination). It will remind of your commitment to God,” said Archbishop Tambala.

Fr Msalala has been posted to Kagwa Parish.

In his remarks on behalf of diocesan priests, Fr. Kenedy Malemia, welcomed Fr. Msalala in the fold of local priests. Fr. Malemia thanked formators for the work they continue to do moulding priests.

He was, however, concerned that for the whole of 2021, the Archdiocese of Lilongwe has only produced one local priest but was optimistic that the ceremony would inspire more young men to want to become priests.

Fr. Msalala was born to Thomas Senior and Judith (both now late) together with his young brother and grew up under the care of his Uncle right at Ng’ona village.

He did his primary school at Mlale Full Primary and obtained his secondary education from Mlale Minor Seminary from 2009 to 2012.

In 2013 he went to Kasina Formation Centre and did philosophy at St. Anthony Major Seminary between 2014 and 2016 and later Theological studies at the St. Peter’s Major Seminary.

On his ordination, Deacon Msalala drew inspiration from Eucharistic Prayer II “We thank you Lord for you have counted us worthy to stand in your presence and minister to you”.

THE LAUNCH OF MISSION MONTH, 2021



One of many animations at Ngulukira Zone of St Mark Mkanda Parish

“For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard” from Acts 4:20 is the theme for the 2021 Mission Day that falls on October 24. The Catholic Archdiocese of Lilongwe launched a Mission Month with activities that took place at Ngulukira Zone of Mkanda Parish on 1 October and Kaggwa Woyera Parish on 2 October.

Siting at over 170 kilometers from Lilongwe, Ngulukira is in Mchinji after Chimwankango in the Traditional Authority Mkanda. The area is usually easily accessible during dry season and is over one-hour drive from Mkanda Parish. There are Christians at Ngulukira who need the love of Christ through sacraments and pastoral visits. A mission team from the Archdiocese made it to the Zone to deliver a message from His Holiness, Pope Francis for the mission day.

“Once we experience the power of God’s love, and recognize his fatherly presence in our personal and community life, we cannot help but proclaim and share *what we have seen and heard*. Jesus’ relationship with his disciples and his humanity, as revealed to us in the mystery of his Incarnation, Gospel and Paschal Mystery, shows us the extent to which God loves our humanity and makes his own our joys and sufferings, our hopes and our concerns (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 22). Everything about Christ reminds us that he knows well our world and its need for redemption, and calls us to become actively engaged in this mission: “Go therefore to the highways and byways, and invite everyone you find” (*Mt 22:9*). No one is excluded, no one need feel distant or removed from this compassionate love,” Starts the message from Pope Francis.

Leading the Archdiocesan team was the Archdiocesan Administrator Very Rev. Fr. Dr. Patrick Thawale. In his homily, Monsignor Thawale asked Christians to translate the theme of the Mission Day and practice it.

“With the proliferation of use of social media, many

Christians have tended to go preaching. While it is good, the Pope’s message is calling upon us all to first know Christ and then preach him. If we don’t know Jesus we end up preaching ourselves. Let us not struggle to do extraordinary things. Let us just do the ordinary things in an extraordinary manner,” preached Thawale.

He went on to simplify Christianity by putting it that it is all about being ready to give and being ready to receive.

“Christianity is as simple as being ready to offer. Offer your time, prayer and other resources to your fellow man or woman for the sake of God’s Kingdom and at the same time be ready to receive criticism, God’s blessings and good things from people of good will,” said Thawale.

He also called upon all the faithful to among others give priority to prayer for the mission; praying in groups as well as individually.

“Holy Masses, Adoration, the Missionary Rosary, and Novenas are some forms of prayer that we should all adopt and dedicate to this mission,” he said.

According to Fr. James Mkwezalamba, Pastoral Coordinator of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe, the Church has to be self-reliant if she is to be in the theme of this year’s mission day.

“We have seen Christ through the works of the early to modern missionaries of building the local Church. Now is our time to live that life of supporting the activities of the Church by ourselves. We have heard Christ in receiving donations on which the local Church has built its foundation. Now is time for Parishes to be self-reliant. In that way we are preaching love and harmony that we have seen and heard from our early missionaries,” said Mkwezalamba.

This year the mission month took place at Mkanda Parish, Mchinji Deanery

TRIPLE CELEBRATION FOR CARMELITE SISTERS



By Grace Kapatuka

Sisters of Our Lady of Mount Carmel also known as the Carmelite Sisters have all the reasons to thank the Lord for a colourful event they held on 12th June, 2021 at the St. Peter Parish-Namitete. The event was in three-fold; first vows, final vows and silver jubilee for some of the members of the congregation.

Novice Malania Kavina made her first profession to chastity, obedience and poverty for one year while Sisters Florence Sitima and Esther Banda made the same vows for life. Sister Bernadette Malomo was during the same Mass celebrating her 25 years as a Carmelite nun.

The Sisters made their professions in respect to chastity, obedience and poverty.

According to Sr. Clara Kapachika, Mother Superior for Malawi; Sr. Malania Kavina was born in a family of Mr. and Mrs. Kavina of Saidi Village in Traditional Authority Chikowi in Zomba under St. Anthony-Thondwe Parish. Sr. Florence Sitima was born in a family of Mr. and Mrs. Sitima of Gochi 2 Village, in Traditional Authority Mpando in Ntcheu under Tsangano Parish in the Diocese of Dedza. Sr. Esther Banda was born in a family of Mr. and Mrs. Walawati Banda of Peter Mkola Village in Chiradzulu under St. Joseph-Nguludi Parish in the Catholic Archdiocese of Blantyre. Sr. Bernadette Malomo was born in a family of Mr. and Mrs. Malomo of Chimalambo Village in Traditional Authority Chitukula under Mtengowanthena Parish.

The event was marked by the Holy Mass celebrated by the Very Reverend Fr. Patrick Thawale in his capacity as the Archdiocesan Administrator of the Catholic Archdiocese of Lilongwe. In his homily, Fr. Thawale urged the Religious to live what he called the rule of life, love.

“show to everyone and sell your God given product of

being in Christ. This does not imply that you live as an Angel. You are still human but a special one for that matter. Love is key to your life. Be happy Sisters in order to share the same happiness with whosoever comes in contact with you. Radiate the joy of being a follower of Christ,” advised Fr. Thawale.

He further unpacked the meaning of faith as being knowing and believing without necessarily expecting a receiving. He said that faith comes with spiritual wisdom and knowledge. He told the gathering to cultivate the values of self-reliance and self-discipline if at all they are to move with their mission and faith.

Fr. Thawale did not mince words in mentioning the fact that to work for Christ will always have some challenges that only those with strong faith will survive.

“You will meet challenges, I urge you to face all trials and challenges head on for they will keep you stronger. Sorrows keep you human enough. Accept failure for it will keep you humble. Humility is key to success. Success keeps you glowing. However, let your success be beneficial to others. When others benefit from your success it pleases God. Only God keeps you going. When working for God don’t forget Him who sent you in His vineyard,” counselled Fr. Thawale.

People from all walks of life including priests from the parishes the Sisters originate from attended the event.

Anna Paula Bove from Luxemburg Republic founded the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on 28th March, 1872.

Carmelite Sisters run a nursery school at Namitete, Bethany Prayer House at Msamba in Lilongwe and also support in teaching in government schools in the Archdioceses of Lilongwe and Blantyre, among other apostolates.

CATECHIST FRANCISCO CHIBENTHULA RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

ECM Advocates Celebrating Catechists' role in the Church

By Gabriel Kamlomo



Francisco Chibenthula and his wife

The office of Pontifical Mission Societies under the Episcopal Conference of Malawi has challenged Catholic priests and Christians in all parishes in Malawi to recognise and celebrate the role played by Catechists.

National Director for Pontifical Mission Societies, Fr. Vincent Mwachwawa, said this on September 26th, 2021 at Salima Parish where Catechist Francisco Chibenthula bid farewell.

“They are custodians of the Church and need to be celebrated. Catechists are very important and strategic in the Catholic Church. They are the ones who stay with people in the rural communities. They are the ones who teach the Catholic doctrine and also prepare people for sacramental life. Catechists also give on-going formation to the baptised Christians so that they grow strong in their faith,” observed Fr. Mwachwawa.

I am really happy today; people have shown me love and proved that they care about me

“A zealous and committed person to his work” is how Fr. Mwachwawa described Catechist Chibenthula. He said Catechist Chibenthula is an inspiration to many.

“He is a true reflection of servant leadership. I was here in Salima sometime back as a deacon, he helped me how to lead and teach the community. He is someone who is available to people in rural areas. He always interacted well with the people,” said Fr. Mwachwawa while advising other catechists to pluck a leaf from the character and performance of this man.

Fr. Mwachwawa noted that being a catechist is a calling

hence they have to discern, reflect and seriously accept their role and give themselves committedly as people expect them to be exemplary.

Francisco Chibenthula has been a Catechist for 30 years. Serving God, the church and mankind. However, there is always time to leave the stage.

Catechist Chibenthula retired but not without memorable recollections.

“I am here now and still serving people because of God’s Grace. It’s not easy to be a catechist. We meet a lot of challenges since we work with different people. My journey as a Catechist has been a moment of grace. I thank God for always being there to guide me,” he said.

The joy, happiness and sense of gratitude filled the atmosphere when the laity and the religious at Salima parish joined in the celebration.

“I encourage everyone to keep that heart of celebrating each other’s success,” said Chibenthula adding “I am really happy today; people have shown me love and proved that they care about me”.

Vice Chairman for Salima Parish, Mr. Jerad Safali said as a result of commitment and dedication to his calling, Catechist Chibenthula brought many to Christ.

“He was very friendly and ready to listen to you. He ably dealt with people of different cultures and backgrounds. He was a unifying factor,” Safali said.

Chibenthula worked in the Parish in the centres of Chitala, Mpatsanjoka, Katelera, Lipimbi and Salima. He is now at his retirement home.

KAGGWA WOYERA PARISH FUNDRAISING FOR A NEW CHURCH

By Sam Kalimba



Kaggwa Woyera Parish of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe is seriously fundraising for the construction of the new church. There is a general feeling that the 29 year old house of God can no longer contain the ever increasing number of the faithful, which is estimated at 17, 000 plus.

According to Mr. Emmanuel Mwase, vice chairperson of the parish, in order to fulfil the dream, the Parish engaged in some fundraising activities from the first half of the year 2021. The church managed to have up to 20 tonnes of quarry dust, 20 tonnes of river sand and 100 bags of cement raised from pledges. He also said that the land on which the building will stand has already been cleared.

On 7th June 2021, the Parish Priest for St Andrea Kaggwa Catholic Parish Rev. Fr. Constantine Mgunda launched a raffle draw fundraising activity that seeks to raise over MK25, 000,000.00 in the last half of the year 2021.

“We are giving away a 30 x 15-meter residential plot at Mthunzi Heritage near Lilongwe MDF Air base as first prize while unregistered Mitsubishi half toner truck is the second prize and a defy 4 coil-cooker is the third

prize. We urge not only Catholics to participate in this raffle draw but even non-Catholics should join in not only for the purpose of winning the prizes but for the sole reason to help build the house of the Lord,” said Fr. Mgunda.

Dr. Elvis Salagi, the Church Council Chairperson who is also steering the raffle draw said that all the prize items had been procured procedurally and that it is only change of ownership that awaits the winners come December 2021.

“Let me assure the prospective owners of these items that they will own virgin properties. They will have to register them under their own names. All what they have to do is to buy a ticket pegged at MK2,000.00 only for them to own the properties,” said Salagi during the official launch of the competition.

Kaggwa Woyera Parish is situated to the north of Bingu National Stadium and currently has 10 outstations with over 200 Small Christian Communities. It was established by the Friars of Capuchin Missionaries in 1992 and from 2015 it was handed over to the local ordinary of the Catholic Archdiocese of Lilongwe to be administered by the local clergy.

Kamangilira Parish

Kamangilira Parish, whose Patron Saint is Augustine, was established on 1st July 2018 and commissioned on 27th August, 2018.

The parish was partitioned from Guilleme Parish. It is 18KM from the main road off Kamwendo trading centre in Mchinji.

The parish has one priest, two catechists to look after four centres, 22 Outstations and 67 Small Christian Communities.

The parish, through the Archdiocese, secured some funds to start the construction of the priests' house.



WHO IS DEACON JULIUS DOKOWE, SPS

By Brian Banda



Julius Dokowe was born on 20th October, 1988 in Lilongwe. He is the 3rd born child of Francis Dokowe [late] and Otilia Dokowe (Anyakumwenda) in the family of 7 (4 males and 3 females). He comes from Kamteteka village, in the area of M'belwa in Mzimba district. He has been raised up in Lilongwe, specifically at Mtsiriza [Banja Loyera church] under the parochial territory of St Kizito, Chigoneka Parish in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe.

He was baptized an infant on 18th February, 1989 by Fr. George O'Brien, SPS. He received his first Holy Communion on 23rd November, 1997 which was administered by Fr. Francis Taylor, SPS. He was confirmed on 3rd June, 2001 by Rt. Rev. Felix Eugene Mkhori, then Bishop of Lilongwe [now deceased].

He did his primary school education at Chigoneka and Mtsiriza. He did his secondary school education at Chigoneka Community Day Secondary School and later at Mkwichi Secondary School where he obtained the needed results to join the St. Patrick's Missionary Society [SPS]. He was motivated to join the congregation of St. Patrick's

Missionaries because he had been always in touch with their priests time to time, as they are the ones managing the parish [Chigoneka] administration.

Julius joined the St Patrick's Missionary Society in January, 2009 and began his formation journey at St. Patrick's Initial Formation House in Lusaka, Zambia. In 2011 he proceeded to do his studies in philosophy at St Joseph's Theological Institute in the Republic of South Africa. However, at the end of the same year he was asked to discontinue from the formation program. Between 2012 and 2014, Julius got a job at HTC supplies where he worked as a Stores Clerk and Sales Representative.

In October 2014, Julius was readmitted into the St Patrick's Missionary Society formation system. He resumed his philosophy studies in South Africa in January 2015 and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy in 2016. Thereafter, he proceeded for his first Missionary Assignment in February 2017 at St Luke's Parish in the Catholic Diocese of Bauchi, Nigeria. In August 2018, he was admitted into Theology studies at Tangaza University College [a constituent college of the Catholic

University of East Africa] in Nairobi, Kenya and currently he is in 4th year doing Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology.

He took the Oath of Permanent Membership in the St Patrick's Missionary Society on 20th August 2021 and was ordained Deacon on 21st August 2021.

Julius strongly believes that his vocation story is the journey of faith which can be compared to a risk of jumping into a deep dungeon with the hope of being held safely by the Divine hands. His guiding verse is Luke 5:5, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets."

His hobbies includes; farming, playing mental games like cards, scrabble and draught. He also like volleyball and watching football. Furthermore, he enjoys searching for new knowledge. His favourite food includes Nsima [mgaiwa] served with chicken and Nkhwanyana wotendera.

Deacon Julius Dokowe will be ordained priest of the St. Patrick's Missionary Society congregation next year in Lilongwe, Malawi.

ECM COMMENDS KACHEBERE'S ADMINISTRATION

By Fr Evance Malili



The Episcopal Conference of Malawi (ECM) has commended the new administration of St. Anthony (Kachebere) Major Seminary located in the Catholic Archdiocese of Lilongwe for the strides so far made after the reopening.

Speaking on the occasion of the 2021 Cassock's Day Celebration on Saturday, 17 July, 2021 ECM's Bishop Chairman responsible for Seminaries and Education, His Lordship Bishop Martin Mtumbuka of the Catholic Diocese of Karonga was thankful to the Sulpician priests who are providing the administration services at the Seminary.

"Thanks to the Rector, Fr. Patrick Simutowe and your fellow Sulpician priests for transforming the Kachebere Major Seminary. It was in 2018, that the seminary had to close due to shortage of members of staff (formators). When you, the Sulpicians from Zambia were contacted, you gladly accepted to come and assist. Your presence means a lot to the Church in Malawi and it was good that we had such challenges that we see what Kachebere is now," said Bishop Mtumbuka.

He however, was very quick to emphasize the point that the Sulpician priests are not there to stay for good and that Malawian priests should learn to accept them and appreciate the good work they are doing at Kachebere as a matter of transitioning. He also thanked the Malawian priests who are working in collaboration with this team of priests of the Society of St. Sulpice.

"To you my fellow Malawian Clergy who are working in close collaboration with our brother priests of the Society of St. Sulpice, I firstly salute you and secondly extend our Episcopal blessings for your kind gesture that is defined in your spirit of humility and hard work. We urge you to

keep up the spirit until we achieve the objectives of the Seminary," added Bishop Mtumbuka.

The Seminary welcomed 46 young men who received their cassocks. His Lordship Bishop Martin Mtumbuka applauded the first-year seminarians for having taken a step further on their journey towards priesthood. He encouraged them to respond to the Lord positively as Samuel did (1 Samuel 3:1-11).

In his homily, His Lordship drew the lesson from Jesus' life that seminarians ought to have a spirit of detachment from worldly things if they are to become good and effective priests in future. Here he referred to material things and bad behaviors.

"Jesus died on the cross naked. He accepted to die such a humiliating death in order to save humanity. He did not cling to his glory as son of God. So, learn to be like him," preached His Lordship.

He also told them to avoid debauchery, that is, immoral behaviors such as, drugs and alcohol. He emphasized the point that the Church needs holy priests/ministers whose lives can have an impact on the people they are ministering. The bishop also pointed that when the seminarians encounter problems they will need to turn to the Eucharist in order to gain strength to face such problems or to Jesus himself the owner of priestly vocation.

Of the 46 Seminarians who received the cassocks, 8 were from the Diocese of Chikwawa; 10 from the Archdiocese of Blantyre; 6 from the Diocese of Dedza; 3 from the Diocese of Karonga; 8 from the Archdiocese of Lilongwe; 3 from the Diocese of Mangochi and 8 from the Diocese of Mzuzu with none from the Diocese of Zomba.

KNOWING THE LEGION OF MARY APOSTOLATE

By Mai Cecilia Imedi



Bishop Peter Musikuwa with Legion of Mary members

Legion of Mary, Legio Mariae, is a popular devotional group in the Catholic Church whose membership varies from the youth to the elders, men and women.

Legion of Mary gets its meaning from the ancient Roman military system where a legion comprised between 4000 and 6000 soldiers. The members of the Legion of Mary take themselves as soldiers under the command of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Legion of Mary is governed through the structures of presidium, curia, Senatus, Comesium and Legia.

Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil.

Legion of Mary membership is restricted only to those in good standing with the Church; thus, they receive sacraments in the Church.

Legion of Mary apostolate involves

giving glory to God, working on holiness and helping others to be holy. It also involves cooperating with the Mother of Jesus to fight the devil by promoting the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Legion of Mary members are involved in charitable works, teaching the first communion children, visiting the imprisoned and the commercial sex workers to convert them.

The core of this apostolate is humility, obedience, kindness, prayer life, sacrifice and holiness. The apostolate encourages her members to be active at their Small Christian Communities; to visit the lapse Christians and the sick.

Based on the Word of God in Ephesians 6:11, which says, "Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil."

Legion of Mary this year celebrated 100 years since it started after the First World War, in 1921 in Dublin.



LEGION OF MARY
FOUNDED 7 SEPTEMBER 1921

KNOW YOUR ARCHDIOCESE

By Brian Leonard Banda



The local clergy of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe with their new Shepherd, Archbishop George Desmond Tambala at Msamba Pastoral Center.

Head: Most Rev. George Desmond Tambala

Deaneries: (7)

Parishes: (41)

Coverage: Lilongwe, Mchinji, Dowa, Ntchisi, parts of Kasungu, Nkhotakota & Salima.

	NAME OF PARISH	PATRON SAINT	EST.	PARISH PRIEST	PAROCHIAL VICAR / CURATE / ASSISTANT PRIESTS	PRIESTS CONGREGATION
MAULA DEANERY (8)						
1	Maula Cathedral	Our Lady of Africa	1954	Msgr. Fr. Dr. Patrick Thawale, DP	Fr. Louis Chikanya, DP	Diocesan
2	Chigoneka [Area 47]	St. Kizito	1975	Fr. Martin Kavisu, SPS		St. Patrick's Missionary Society (SPS) or Kiltigans
3	Chimutu [Area 18]	St. Patrick	1976	Fr. Henry Zulu, DP	Fr. John E. Kaliwamba, DP / Fr. Peter Muwanga, DP	Diocesan
4	Kanengo [Area 25]	St. Francis [of Assisi]	1976	Fr. Bill W. Turnbull, M Afr.	Fr. Frederick A. Bedijo, M Afr. / Fr. James Ngahy, M Afr.	Missionaries of Africa (M. Afr.) or White Fathers
5	Lumbadzi	St. Matthias [the Apostle]	1987	Fr. Thomas Kasiya, DP	Fr. Augustine L. Kalu, DP	Diocesan
6	Police Headquarters [Area 30]	St. Ignatius of Loyola	1989	Fr. Steven A. Likhutcha, DP		Diocesan

7	Kaggwa	Andrea Kaggwa Woyera	1992	Fr. Constantine Mgunda, DP	Fr. Mathews Potani, DP / Fr. Thomas Msalala, DP	Diocesan
8	Chinsapo	St. Denis Ssebuggwawo	2009	Fr. Patyk Pawel Michal, M Afr.	Fr. Jean Kesse Tanoh, M. Afr.	Missionaries of Africa (M. Afr.) or White Fathers
MTIMA WOYERA DEANERY (6)						
9	Mtima Woyera	Sacred Heart of Jesus	1955	Fr. Deusdedit Kanyambo, DP	Fr. Denis Mkomwa, DP	Diocesan
10	Chilinde	Holy Family [Banja Loyera]	1974	Fr. Augustine Katundu, DP		Diocesan
11	Msamba	St. John the Baptist	1974	Fr. Jean D. Kossi, MCCJ	Fr. Silvio Zanardi, MCCJ	Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus (MCCJ)
12	Kamuzu Barracks	St. Mary	1986	Fr. Augustine Likado, DP		Diocesan
13	Kawale	Holy Trinity [Utatu Woyera]	1991	Fr. Kelvin Khodola, DP		Diocesan
14	Don Bosco [Area 23]	St. Don Bosco	1996	Fr. Michael Mbandamba, SDB	Fr. Peter Nguyen, SDB	Salesians of St. Don Bosco (SDB)
MCHINJI DEANERY (7)						
15	Kachebere	Our Lady of Help	1902	Fr. Richard Mthana, DP		Diocesan
16	Guilleme	St. Anne	1935	Fr. Mathews Sitolo, DP	Fr. Elias Chizule, DP	Diocesan
17	Ludzi	St. Joseph	1942	Fr. Mathias Chimbalu, DP	Fr. Evance Malili, DP	Diocesan
18	Kapiri	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	1966	Fr. Augustine Matola, OCD	Fr. Ephraim Kufankumodzi, OCD / Fr. Chitende, OCD	Order of the Discalced Carmelites (OCD)
19	Mkanda	St. Mark	1984	Fr. Emmanuel Diliwo, DP	Fr. Daniel Kanzimbe, DP	Diocesan
20	Kamangilira	St. Augustine	2019	Fr. Peter Chatambalala, DP		Diocesan
21	Mchinji	St. Paul	2020	Fr. Frank L. Phiri, DP	Fr. Cornelio Kanyambo, DP	Diocesan
LIKUNI DEANERY (6)						
22	Likuni	Our Lady of the Holy Rosary	1902	Fr. Benedict Kamdabweni, DP	Fr. Alberto Elifala, DP / Fr. Francis B. Lekaleka, DP	Diocesan
23	Mlale	St. Theresa of the Child Jesus	1950	Fr. Kennedy Malemya, DP		Diocesan
24	Namitete	St. Peter	1960	Fr. John Nyongani, DP	Fr. Anselm Chiwaya, DP	Diocesan
25	Nathenje	Sts. Peter & Paul	1960	Fr. Steven Chikhasu, DP	Fr. James Mkwezalamba, DP	Diocesan
26	Chilinda	St. Clara	2010	Fr. Jean Damacene, OFM	Fr. Mbuvi, OFM	Order of the Friars Minor (OFM) or Franciscans
27	Chitedze	St. John Paul II	2018	Fr. Innocent Mtapanga, DP		Diocesan

MADISI DEANERY (5)						
28	Chiphaso [Kasungu]	Our Lady of Hope	1930	Fr. Philbert Namphande, OCD	Fr. Alvaro Marini, OCD	Order of the Discalced Carmelites (OCD)
29	Madisi	Our Lady of Victory	1957	Fr. Alphonso D. Kaphira, DP	Fr. Audofansio Kapinga, DP / Fr. Geoffrey Chikapa	Diocesan
30	Kasungu	St. Joseph	2000	Fr. Terry Mutesha, SJ	Fr. Ludwik Zapala Louis, SJ	Society of Jesus (SJ) or Jesuits
31	Kalembe [Chamama, Kasungu]	St. Thomas Aquinas	2011	Fr. Kelvin Ugwu, MSP	Fr. Bonaventure Iyogun, MSP / Fr. Henry Emeziem, MSP	Missionary Society of St. Paul of Nigeria (MSP)
32	Kaphatika [Malomo, Ntchisi]	St. Vincent Pallot	2016	Fr. John Wellos, SAC		Society of the Catholic Apostolate (SAC) or Pallotines
DOWA DEANERY (5)						
35	Nambuma	Christ the King	1928	Fr. Maxwell Kubalasa, DP	Fr. Andrew Kholowa, DP	Diocesan
36	Mpherere [Ntchisi]	Our Lady of Fatima	1939	Fr. Raphael Piringu, DP	Fr. John Chibweza, DP	Diocesan
37	Mtengo-wanthenga	St. Augustine	1959	Fr. Patrick Byrne, SPS	Fr. Regis Kamera, DP	St. Patrick's Missionary Society (SPS) or Kiltegans
38	Namthomba	St. Benedict the Black	1992	Fr. Sebastian, OFM	Fr. Stanley Muhekiwa, OFM	Order of the Friars Minor (OFM) or Franciscans
39	Mponela	St. Benedict the Abbot	2010	Fr. Francis Sonkhani, DP	Fr. Regis Mshyanga, DP	Diocesan
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 (SDB)
40	Chezi	St. Charles Lwanga	1992	Fr. Charles Sunday Ntaki, M Afr.	Fr. Alfred Nkundimana, M Afr. / Fr. Willem Kerkoff, M Afr. / Fr. Marcellin I. Mubalama, M. Afr.	Missionaries of Africa (M. Afr.) or White Fathers
41	Benga	Mary, Mother of the Church	2010	Fr. Emmanuel Hernandez, CSP	Fr. Steven Ochieng, CSP	Missionary Community of St. Paul the Apostle (MCSPA)

LILONGWE ARCHDIOCESE - OTHER ASSIGNMENTS FOR PRIESTS

NAME OF THE PRIEST	POSITION
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Rev. Fr. Frank Phiri	Patron of Celebrations & Assembly Guide
Rev. Fr. Augustine Kaliu	Director of Liturgy & Master of Ceremonies
Rev. Fr. Benedict Kamdabweni	Director of Social Development & Industries
Rev. Fr. Francis Lekaleka	General Manager of Likuni Press
Rev. Fr. Louis Chikanya	Communications Coordinator & Director of Radio Alinafe
Rev. Fr. John Nyongani	Vocations Director
Rev. Fr. Thomas Msalala	Vocations Director
Rev. Fr. Peter Kapiri	Rector of St Paul's Minor Seminary
Rev. Fr. Demetrio Banda	Bursar of St Paul's Minor Seminary
Rev. Fr. Henry Zulu	Bible Apostolate Coordinator
Rev. Fr. John Makola	Teacher and Formator, St Paul's Minor Seminary

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CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (CADECOM) CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



CADECOM Officer (in blue) training people in setting up beehives at Chabwera Village in Mchinji

The Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM) of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe is a not-for profit Organization whose mission is to create awareness and empower disadvantaged women, men and the youth to undertake development, which is integral, gender and environmentally sensitive, sustainable and which promotes justice, human dignity, and self-reliance with the active participation of the people themselves so that they take up the responsibility of their own destiny.

Since 1994 when CADECOM was instituted by the bishops of the Episcopal Conference of Malawi, the commission has been instrumental in alleviating people’s social challenges through humanitarian work, livelihood improvement of vulnerable rural populations, disaster risk reduction and mitigation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, natural resource and environmental management.

In the past decade, CADECOM of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe (CADECOM Lilongwe) with support from various development partners, has implemented various projects that have improved access to portable water, food and alternative livelihood sources like crop and livestock production, irrigation and honey production, processing



A group of women at STA Kaphaizi in Kasungu organized into a Village Savings and Loans group to provide them with alternative income sources

and marketing. The commission has contributed to protecting the protected areas like Kasungu National Park through working with communities that surround the park. Further the commission has worked with survivors of Gender Based Violence by empowering them economically so that they are financially independent. It is very important to note that despite being a Catholic church-based charity Organisation, CADECOM works with every person regardless of their religious affiliation.

This Christmas season, the CADECOM secretariate wishes to let all people in the Archdiocese that the team is committed to reach out to every corner of the Archdiocese. It is in its plans to put in place self-sustaining programmes that can run independent of donor support. The re-alignment of already existing development committees at parish, zone, out-station and small Christian community levels with other CADECOM work is a priority in 2022. CADECOM secretariate would like to see these development committees also looking into issues of food



Katope pure natural honey produced and processed by Katope bee keeping cooperative that is comprised of people that stay close to Kasungu National Park.

and nutrition security and livelihoods, natural resources and environmental management, gender, social inclusion and early childhood development and skills development of the people in their institutional levels. The involvement and support of parish priests will be very critical in this mission.

The secretariate wishes to foster partnerships across commissions in the Archdiocese where possible synergies in areas of general human development with health, justice and peace, and education are utilized to achieve a holistic approach to human social life. CADECOM understands that people who are socially well are central to the development of the church. It is for this reason also that the commission is coming closer to the Pastoral Commission to see possible ways of how these two can work together in jointly implementing projects.

Lastly, CADECOM wishes to wish all people in the Archdiocese and beyond a Merry Christmas and Happy New year 2022.

CATHOLIC COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE



CSO members being taken through an analysis process by Dr. Asiyati Chiweza



Paralegals in Kasungu resolving a case



Paralegals discussing land case in Kasungu



CCJP Paralegals training community members on land laws in Ntchisi

Background Information

CCJP Lilongwe is a Malawian faith-based registered NGO established in 1991 and incorporated within the Episcopal Conference of Malawi (ECM) that has been in existence since 1970. ECM is duly recognized both by the NGO Board and CONGOMA. Over the years, CCJP Lilongwe has endeavored to promote social justice by increasing awareness of human rights and corresponding responsibilities in the strengthening of grassroots structures at both community and district levels to identify and act on human rights violations.

CCJP Lilongwe’s vision is to have a “God-fearing, just and peaceful Malawian society that upholds moral values, human rights, social justice, good governance and democratic values based on the Gospel and fundamental teachings of the Church”. Our Mission is “To advocate for a Malawian society that embraces human dignity and rights, rule of law, intergenerational equity, good governance and democratic values based on the Gospel and fundamental teachings of the Church.” Although the Commission is under the umbrella of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe, its mission goes beyond the institutional

church boundaries and is non-political and non-ethnic.

The Commission has four strategic pillars in its 2019 – 2024 Strategic Plan which include Good Governance; Gender Equality and Social Inclusion; Access to Justice and Rule of Law and lastly, Environmental Justice. All Commission core programs fall under these four Strategic Pillars. The proponent applied for falls under the Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Strategic Pillar

Key Achievements

1. Built the capacity of 40 CSOs and Media houses on urban governance for effective advocacy. This was done under the Tilitonse Funded Urban Governance Project being implemented with the Lilongwe City Council.
2. Assisted over 500 people access justice across the Archdiocese of Lilongwe through the both the district level and community level paralegals. Cases handled were broken down as follows: 200 Land cases, 150 labour cases, 100, GBV cases, 30 Child support cases, 20 other cases. Lilongwe, Kasungu and Nkhotakota reported the highest

number of cases.

3. Produced the first ever Civic Engagement Manual which was used to train of 30 Local Development structures in the 7 district of Dowa, Mzuzu, Mzimba, Ntcheu, Zomba, Blantyre and Mangochi. The trainings reached out to over 300 community members.
4. Helped end over 66 Child Marriages in Dowa and Ntchisi through the spotlight initiative project with funding from UN Women
5. Supported the Lilongwe City Council in enhancing the waste management framework through the development of the first ever Lilongwe City Waste Management Plan and also establishment of 4 sanitation committees in Chinsapo 1 &2, Phwetekere and kawale Ward: <https://www.nyasatimes.com/lcc-develops-first-ever-waste-management-plan/>
6. The Commission also helped resolved 3 big conflicts in Chinsapo, Kabwabwa and Lumbadzi wards leading to better development : <https://www.nyasatimes.com/councillor-wdc-confess-ignorance-on-role-and-responsibilities/>

EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LILONGWE (ECAL)



ECAL is one important arm of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe. According to the Malawi Catholic Education Policy; “the Education Commission is based on the Gospel of St. Luke 4:18 and from the directive received from Jesus Christ as recorded in the Gospel of St. Mathew to go and teach and baptize (Mathew 28:19). In fulfilment of this directive; ECAL promotes the provision of holistic education that enhances the self-esteem and dignity of the human person in an atmosphere of truth, belonging, care and concern for all.

As per the mandate above, ECAL focuses on ensuring quality education in Catholic Schools.

This is done by:

- Working hand in hand with teachers and administrators of schools.
- Ensuring that there is discipline amongst teachers and students/learners through adherence to school rules and regulations
- Promoting and implementing policies from both ECM and Ministry of Education
- Instituting boards of management /School Management Committees in all Catholic schools as a response to good governance requirement
- Giving incentives to teachers both materially and in words

This is what brings a distinction between Catholic schools and other schools. That is why Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe are recognized nationally. Schools like Likuni Girls, Ludzi Girls, Likuni Boys and Loyola Jesuit, and St. Johns Catholic Secondary have always produced 100% pass rate in both JCE and MSCE with good grades. This is an indicator that Catholic Schools offer quality

education. Therefore; it won't be exaggerating if it can be concluded to say that Catholic Schools are the best.

Apart from offering quality education, ECAL recognizes the need to reach out to the needy. Some learners fail to attend classes due to lack of learning materials. In 2021, Education Commission managed to distribute note books, pens and school bags to 900 needy students in the parishes of Mlale, Chilinda and Chitedze. This brought a positive change in class attendance. Again, other organizations like Catholic Women and Catholic Men emulated what ECAL did and distributed clothes and soap to the needy learners alongside ECAL. This was a good gesture. Giving must start with us before we call for external assistance, the little that we have can make a positive impact in someone.

In the year to come, ECAL intends to establish Catholic Teachers' Association in all parishes, deaneries and Archdiocese level. There is also need to have Parish Education Committees in all parishes to assist in issues pertaining to education in parishes. It requires a unison effort in order to achieve the goal (Mpingo Ndife Tonse, Tiyendere Limodzi).



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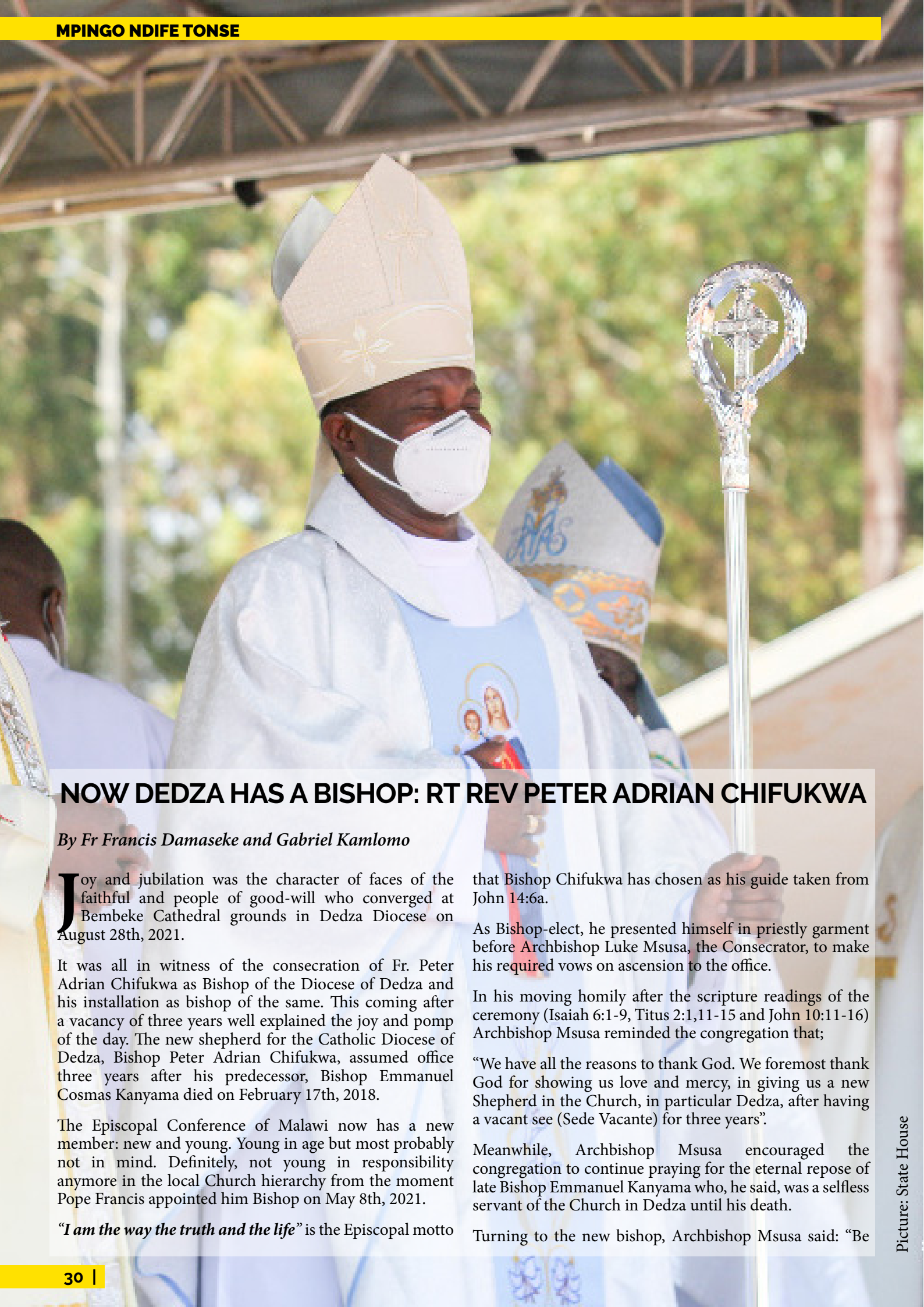
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NOW DEDZA HAS A BISHOP: RT REV PETER ADRIAN CHIFUKWA

By Fr Francis Damaseke and Gabriel Kamlomo

Joy and jubilation was the character of faces of the faithful and people of good-will who converged at Bembeke Cathedral grounds in Dedza Diocese on August 28th, 2021.

It was all in witness of the consecration of Fr. Peter Adrian Chifukwa as Bishop of the Diocese of Dedza and his installation as bishop of the same. This coming after a vacancy of three years well explained the joy and pomp of the day. The new shepherd for the Catholic Diocese of Dedza, Bishop Peter Adrian Chifukwa, assumed office three years after his predecessor, Bishop Emmanuel Cosmas Kanyama died on February 17th, 2018.

The Episcopal Conference of Malawi now has a new member: new and young. Young in age but most probably not in mind. Definitely, not young in responsibility anymore in the local Church hierarchy from the moment Pope Francis appointed him Bishop on May 8th, 2021.

“I am the way the truth and the life” is the Episcopal motto

that Bishop Chifukwa has chosen as his guide taken from John 14:6a.

As Bishop-elect, he presented himself in priestly garment before Archbishop Luke Msusa, the Consecrator, to make his required vows on ascension to the office.

In his moving homily after the scripture readings of the ceremony (Isaiah 6:1-9, Titus 2:1,11-15 and John 10:11-16) Archbishop Msusa reminded the congregation that;

“We have all the reasons to thank God. We foremost thank God for showing us love and mercy, in giving us a new Shepherd in the Church, in particular Dedza, after having a vacant see (Sede Vacante) for three years”.

Meanwhile, Archbishop Msusa encouraged the congregation to continue praying for the eternal repose of late Bishop Emmanuel Kanyama who, he said, was a selfless servant of the Church in Dedza until his death.

Turning to the new bishop, Archbishop Msusa said: “Be

courageous and count on God's help in your new role as bishop. A good leader is one who recognizes God's holiness and his own finitude. Once a fish gets rotten from the head, things fall apart."

The Consecrator urged the new bishop to teach the truth, give hope to all, help all to attain holiness and get salvation and also advance peace, unity and integral development which the Church has preached in the vicissitudes of time.

"Your appointment is a responsibility not simply power. You are a Shepherd of all, give them hope," he said.

Speaking for the first time as bishop, Rt. Rev. Chifukwa said that God does wonders. He expressed clear bewilderment at why he, of the many priests in the diocese, had been picked to lead the diocese.

But he was quick to remind all about what John says in 15:16, "You did not choose me, but I chose you".

He thanked the Holy Father, Pope Francis through the Apostolic Nuncio to Malawi Gianfranco Gallone for

entrusting him with such a responsibility.

Composed but with a fatherly voice, he outlined unity, self-reliance, charity, promotion of vocations, contact and dialogue as his priority tasks in office.

He finished his speech by inviting all to pray for him as he will conversely pray for all.

Bishop Chifukwa is the fifth to run the diocese of Dedza since it stopped being a Vicariate in 1959.

The first was Bishop Cornelius Chitsulo who in 1984 was succeeded by Bishop Gervasio Chisendera before Bishop Remi St-Marie came in 1998 as auxiliary Bishop but the Holy See appointed Rt. Reverend Emmanuel Cosmas Kanyama to head the Diocese of Dedza assigning Bishop St-Marie to Lilongwe as Bishop in 2007.

The diocese of Dedza has 17 parishes with three deaneries (Dedza Deanery, Ntcheu Deanery & Lakeshore Deanery) 355 church structures and 1,714 Small Christian Communities (SCC).

LAITY COUNCIL WINDS UP TERM

December 2021 marks the end of tenure of office bearers in all the lay groups. January 2021 will not only be a new month in a new year but will mark the beginning of a new term for the elected leaders in various positions of different church groups.

We now look back at what we have done for the church through the laity Council leadership. Dr. John Paul is the outgoing Chairperson of the Laity Council for the Archdiocese. He boasts of having vibrant lay groups that have supported all the Archdiocesan functions. He reckons the establishment of Catholic Men Organisation (CMO) for the Archdiocese, which he said had been instrumental in introducing the same in other dioceses.

He also said that the Laity Council strengthened the relationship between the laity and priests and the religious. He argues that the Mpingo Ndife Tonse philosophy is what characterized the outgoing laity council's leadership. He gives examples of how the Archdiocesan events had been carried out including the Mission month in the years they had been in positions where the planning and execution were done by all players including the laity and the Religious not the clergy alone.

The laity council Chair who was from St. Francis, Kanengo Parish also mentioned of having enhanced the spirit of self-support across parishes. He remembers that almost in all the Archdiocesan events he attended and was made to speak, he ever spoke to encourage Catholic Christians to own the Church by taking lead in functions and not leaving them to the clergy as it used to be during the early days of Christianity.

However, Dr. John Paul lamented over Covid19 pandemic as having landed a big setback on the operations of the laity council executive. He asserts that many fundraising activities that were lined up for the executive to carry out were forfeited and rendered redundant during the curfew ordered by the government in both first and second phases

of the Covid19.

In his own words, to the new executive, as part of the handover statement, Dr. John Paul advised the new executive to improve the face of the Priests Cemetery at Likuni as advised by the late Archbishop Ziyaye. "Plan to improve the face of the priests' cemetery at Likuni as advised by the late Archbishop, Tarcisius Ziyaye," he said.

He continued to counsel the new group to know that being an umbrella executive for the laity, much of their work is delegated to the lay groups. An executive plays an oversight role to avoid duplication of work. "Get to know that being an umbrella executive for the laity, much of the work is delegated to the lay groups to avoid duplication of work," he added.

He went further to assure the new team that the Archdiocesan Management is very open and that it works closely with the laity executive. He says that the Management engages the laity executive in most decisions that affect the Church and that builds a very strong bond between the two entities. "It is a team with clear listening ears and very supportive," he recalls as he means to encourage the incoming laity council executive.

Dr. John Paul asks the laity in general to recognize themselves as the Church together with the priests and the religious. He urges them all to continue taking responsibility of supporting the needs of the Church at all levels to make the Church a living entity.

The outgoing chair encourages the spirit of teamwork, and focus.

Dr. John Paul ends our interface with a message of good will during the Christmas season. He advises those that are married to ensure to celebrate the festive season with their families and not to forget to be responsible as they enjoy themselves.

ST JOSEPH IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LILONGWE

By Sr. Janet Angala, Dsp

To many of us, the Jubilee year of St Joseph came as a surprise. A December 8 apostolic letter, “*Patris Corde*” with a father’s heart, Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus, St Joseph marking 150th anniversary since he was declared patron of the universal church.

Hardly, much is written or spoken and known of the person of St Joseph. He seems to be invisible and yet in the shadows one can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter sheds some light regarding the whereabouts of St Joseph. Quoting the Bible Evangelists; Matthew and Luke, we get little yet enough information to appreciate what sort of person, father just to mention a few St Joseph was and the possible reasons why God’s divine providence was entrusted to him. St Joseph declared his own fiat like those of Mary and Jesus.

As an Archdiocese of Lilongwe, the Year of St Joseph was officially launched with a colourful celebration at Maula Cathedral by Monsignor Patrick Thawale who by then was the Archdiocesan Administrator. Catholic Men turned up in large numbers to honour this day. This was undoubtedly unlocking many special graces not only for the Archdiocese but also for their family, the faith community and for themselves. There is no greater model than St Joseph. Emulating his example, Catholic Men were challenged by profound virtues presented by the Holy Father.

They extended this noble responsibility to other dioceses and parish levels to sensitize their fellow men. A good example would be; every Wednesday CMO would air some Radio programs over Radio Maria and Radio Alinafe. Wednesday participation was an opportune time to develop a catechesis on the figure of St Joseph. Guided by their Chairperson Mr Chadwala, they planned prayers and activities in March, the month that the Church celebrates St Joseph. A selected group of St Joseph group, embarked on a 33-day consecration to St Joseph. Some members still incorporated a study of St Joseph’s virtues through the Booklets (Prayers to St Joseph and St Joseph a man of faith) provided in order to understand better the person of St Joseph. A pilgrimage too was planned but due to Covid-19 pandemic it could not be realized.

In all these activities, the Archdiocese in communion with the Holy Father Pope Francis endeared to teach each of its faithful members to live a just life like St Joseph. St Joseph guarded the intimate secret that lies at the bottom of the heart in order to protect Mary and the baby Jesus. St Joseph appears to be a respectful and sensitive man. While



the whole world would have hauled verbal and physical violence, St Joseph chose the contrary. Creative courage in the family and society when ground reality fails to meet the objectives Presence was also another element that he portrayed. Thirdly, as a carpenter who earned “an honest living to provide for his family,” he teaches workers to hold in the highest regard work and to appreciate it.

Echoing the words of the Holy Father in “*Patris Corde*”, the saints help all the faithful to strive for the holiness and the perfection of their particular state of life. Their lives are concrete proof that it is possible to put the Gospel into practice (cf art 28). May St Joseph intercede for our Archdiocese and us all. Amen

ARCHBISHOP MSUSA CLOCKS SILVER IN PRIESTHOOD



Archbishop Thomas Msusa welcoming President Lazarus Chakwera

By Gabriel Kamlomo

A hitherto, little known village called Iba in the area of Traditional Authority Katuli in Mangochi Diocese and District was a place of national focus on Sunday September 20, 2021.

This was the day Archbishop Thomas Luke Msusa celebrated his silver jubilee in priesthood. And he chose to hold the celebratory Mass in his home village, where he was born and grew up.

Archbishop Msusa said he has always drawn inspiration from his priesthood motto *“That they may be one”* taken from John 17:21.

In both his homily and speech, Msusa stressed on the need for unity and love.

“God called me to priesthood from Iba Village. A little-known place where nothing much would be expected. I’ve grown up here. This remote area and I never expected that today I would be here. Words fail me today because of what God is doing in my life. God, does not choose people based on what people see and I am very thankful,” he said.

The Archbishop, who is the reigning President of the Episcopal Conference of Malawi (ECM), also used the anniversary to preside over the wedding of a close relative.

The silver jubilee anniversary Mass was attended by people from all walks of life; Catholics from various dioceses, other religions, traditional leaders, professionals, politicians including State President His Excellency Dr. Lazarus Chakwera and first lady Monica Chakwera.

President Chakwera described Archbishop Msusa as true reflection of servant leadership saying the archbishop’s priestly journey was inspirational to many, including himself.

“I get inspired by the life of Archbishop Msusa every time I think of leadership. He encourages institutions to work with dedication. He is a living example of servant leadership,” President Chakwera said, at the same time, hailing what he called ‘his humility’.

“Humility is putting the interest of others first,” Chakwera said, adding: “You’ve shown us the need to respect where one comes from. You were free to choose to celebrate this silver jubilee elsewhere in town. But you decided to do it here, in your home village.”

Archbishop Thomas Luke Msusa was born on February 2, 1962 at Iba Village, in the area of T/A Katuli in Mangochi district.

He was ordained priest on August 3 in 1996 by the then Bishop of Mangochi Diocese, Alessandro Assolari.

He was appointed Bishop on December 19, 2003 by Pope Saint John Paul II.

Then bishop of Zomba, Orlando Antonini, consecrated Msusa as bishop on April 17, 2004.

Msusa was appointed Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Blantyre on November 21, 2013 and installed as such on February 8, 2014.

MARTYRS OF UGANDA PILGRIMAGE AT HOME

By Sam Kalimba



Participating Christians during the retreat

A group of Malawian Catholics who for the past 11 years have been gathering to pray with the intercession of the Martyrs of Uganda through a pilgrimage to Namugongo in Uganda, this year have prayed at home.

Isaac Mphweya is the publicity secretary of the grouping and said that every 3rd June is a day to commemorate the martyrdom of the 23 Anglican and 22 Catholic converts to Christianity in 1885 to 1887 in Uganda. He said that according to history, they were martyred by King Mwangwa

the second.

“Due to the Covid19 pandemic we have not been able for the past two years to go on a pilgrimage to Uganda. This year we are commemorating the martyrdom of our African Saints in different parishes within our chapters. Others have gathered in Mzuzu, others are in Zomba, Others are in Blantyre while we are here in Lilongwe. We have chosen Catholic Parishes whose patron saints are either Martyrs of Uganda or one of them,” said Mphweya.

He said that the team that met at Kaggwa Woyera Parish of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe had a retreat facilitated by Fr. James Mkwezalamba who also celebrated Mass for them.

While reflecting on the lives of the African Martyrs, Fr. Mkwezalamba also reflected on the dilemma of Peter and Paul on who is to be served. He said that while Peter emphasized on the fact that salvation was for the Jews or those gentiles who were willing to follow the Jewish customs and traditions Paul stood for the position that salvation was for all.

“It took the Holy Spirit to appear to Peter in the vision he had in which he saw a lot of animals with the words that say ‘You have no right to call what God created profane.’ This only tells us that Peter was cleared of his dilemma and that no food could determine who should be saved,” narrated Fr. Mkwezalamba.

He went further to ask the Namugongo pilgrims that in their prayer life and daily life they should not segregate others and take themselves as holier than the others who are not part of them.

The Malawi Friends of Namugongo according to Mphweya was founded some 11 years ago and allows all Christians regardless of faith and denomination to join.



Fr. James Mkwezalamba during the retreat at Kaggwa Woyera Parish.



POLITICIANS, POLITICAL BICKERING AND ARRESTS

By Fr Evance Malili

Malawi is a democratic country that follows the rule of law. Being a democratic country, Malawi follows the principles of justice, fairness equity and equality. In principle, no one is above the law. Those that are suspected of going against the law are taken to task by the law. This is why every passing day we witness many people being arrested and tried by the courts of law.

Regardless of one's background, either from religious, business, cultural, political and other affiliations, everyone is supposed to be loyal to the constitution. If someone has been arrested for being suspected that they have broken the law, it is through the courts that you are proven either innocent or guilty.

Since the days of Kamuzu Banda, we have seen many people being taken into police custody on suspicion of breaking the law. One of the most eye catching in recent times, is when a politician has been arrested. Whenever a politician has been arrested, there are calls from different people and groups more especially the civil societies demanding the unconditional release of the suspect(s). "The government through the security agents wants to intimidate and silence the opposition and government critics", these are the most famous words they say.

It is interesting and amusing to see

politicians who represent us all in making the country's laws not ready to be answerable when they have gone against the same laws they enact. Do they think that they are immune because they are politicians? They always think that their duty is to make laws that others who are not politicians should follow.

Some quarters of the society think that whoever is making noise against the government is a freedom fighter who is a saint and can never be in conflict with the laws of the country. The truth of the matter is that, not all who make noise in the name of fighting for the welfare of the people do it in the interest of the common people. Some of them are fighting personal battles with their political enemies.

It is therefore important that our politicians should be the first people following the rule of law both when they are conducting their daily activities and when they are being suspected of breaking the law. Pronouncements, declarations and intimidations through party leaders, civil society leaders when a politician has been arrested is undermining the courts of law. Those who are being suspected of breaking the law should undergo the legitimate legal process just like everyone else to clear their name. There are no sacred cows in a democracy.

It is not uncommon to hear the arrests of politicians on allegations of corruption, abuse of office, embezzlement of public funds and money laundering. It is very sad to see poor people going to the court in the name of solidarity with their leaders. They are there singing songs of praise and encouragement, taking placards in their hands and even resorting to violence with the aim of showing their disapproval that their leaders have been arrested. It is very sad since these people are poor because of the very politicians they are risking their lives for. The crimes that these politicians are being arrested for, contribute to slow and poor economy whose effects are unemployment and lack of economic opportunities that render the poor people vulnerable to abuse such as taking them to be agents of political violence. It becomes so irritating to see that, instead of fighting for the speeding up in concluding the cases, the poor people fight for the freedom of their oppressors.

Malawians, let us respect the rule of law. Let us stop idolising the politicians who steal our huge sums of money and cheat us with peanuts to seem to be charitable.

Our politicians have proved ineffective and outdated. They have failed to provide concrete solutions to the economic woes of our country.

TOMBSTONE UNVEILING OF ARCHBISHOP TARCISIUS ZIYAYE

The unveiling of the tombstone of the late Archbishop Tarcisius Gervasio Ziyaye was held on Monday 20th December 2021 at his resting place in the Chapel of St John Paul II in Maula Cathedral. The unveiling ceremony was presided over by His Grace Archbishop George Desmond Tambala.



CATHOLIC WOMEN ORGANISATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN PICTURES

Members of Catholic Women Organization (CWO) in Malawi held their National Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Bembeke Teacher's Training College from Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th December in the Diocese of Dedza. Some pictures from the meeting.



ARCHDIOCESE OF LILONGWE NEW LAITY COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

- CHAIRPERSON:** Mr. Gabriel Kamlomo from Banja Loyera Parish
VICE CHAIR: Mr. Nicholas Kathumba from St. Joseph Parish, Kasungu
- SECRETARY:** Mai Janet Siliya from Our Lady of Fatima, Salima Parish
VICE SECRETARY: To come from Maula Deanery
- TREASURER :** To come from Mchinji Deanery
VICE TREASURER: To come from Dowa Deanery

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- CHAIRPERSON:** Mai Doreen Banda from the Diocese of Mzuzu
VICE CHAIR: Mai Christina Lupiya from the Archdiocese of Lilongwe
- SECRETARY:** Mai Cathereen Katsaila from the Diocese of Chikwawa
VICE SECRETARY: Mai Calister M'bayeni from the Diocese of Mangochi
- TREASURER:** Mai Stella Kaunjika from the Archdiocese of Blantyre
VICE TREASURER: Mai Chancy Gondwe from the Diocese of Zomba

YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS NEW NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- PRESIDENT:** Francis Belekanyama from the Archdiocese of Lilongwe
VICE PRESIDENT: Isaac Kaunda from the Diocese of Mzuzu
- SECRETARY:** Takondwa Moyo from the Diocese of Mangochi
VICE SECRETARY: Emmanuel Chisoni from the Diocese of Chikwawa
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