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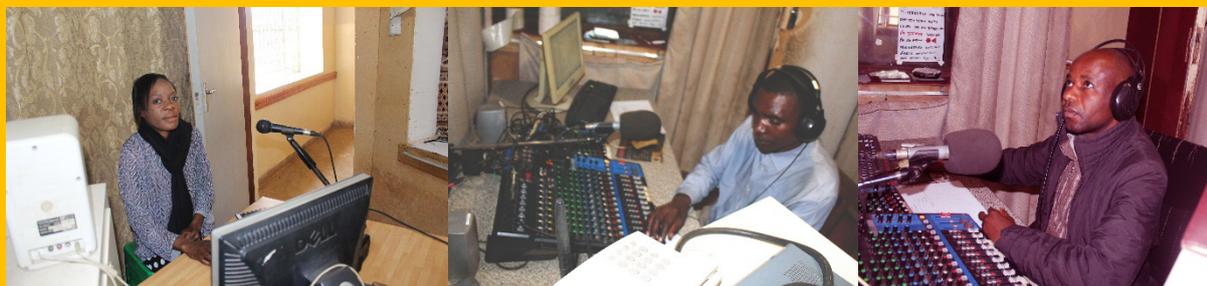
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# RADIO ALINAFE



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MVERANI RADIO ALINAFE, KUZAMITSA CHIKONDI PAKATI PATHU



## ARCHDIOCESE OF LILONGWE

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## ARCHBISHOP'S FOREWORD

We are happy to present to our dear readers this Christmas edition of *“Mpingo Ndife Tonse: Tiyendere Limodzi Magazine.”*

This year has been filled with a lot of activities, both good and challenging but that have provided opportunities to learn from. Prominent among the events in the Archdiocese is the declaration of the new parish of St. John Paul II – Chitedze Parish along Lilongwe-Mchinji road. This is really the sign of the growth of the church of Lilongwe.

The Archdiocese also celebrated jubilees of Diocesan Priests and Religious. The unity that the faithful showed during the new Cathedral project fundraising is very remarkable. The Holy Spirit is indeed working in the Archdiocese.

We dedicate this edition of the magazine to the young people in the Archdiocese and beyond to make use of the information in this magazine to help them in discerning their vocation. We are aware of their challenges in the world of today. We are with you, young people. We are ready to listen to your stories, your challenges as you discern your calling. This is in line with the Synod of Bishops, which was held in October, 2018. The Holy Father, Pope Francis has at heart the concerns of young people.

This year and next is very crucial to our country and the Church of Malawi in particular. We would like to encourage everybody to take a responsible role in the next year's tripartite elections taking place in May.

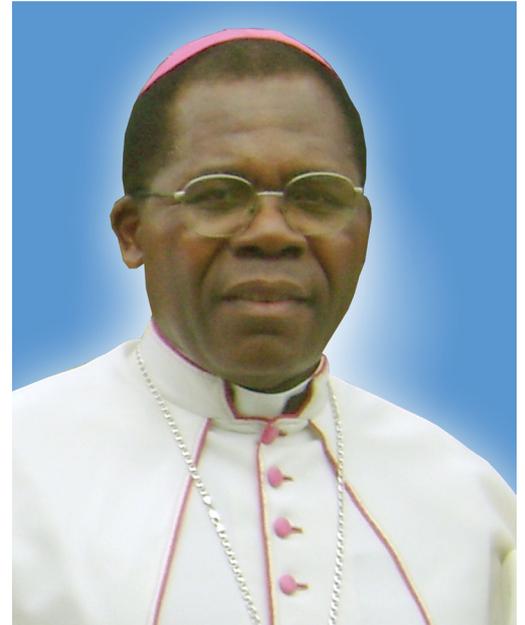
The April, 2018 pastoral letter of the Catholic Bishops of Malawi, particularly in chapter three, is clear on the forthcoming tripartite elections and the necessary qualities of aspiring leaders. We therefore, encourage all to read and seriously reflect on the content of the letter of Bishops.

Finally, we would like to wish all the people of God a fruitful and reflective advent season, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, 2019.

May the good Lord bless you.

+ T.G. Ziyaye

ARCHBISHOP OF LILONGWE



## EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

We welcome you to yet another edition of Mpingo Ndife Tonse: Tiyendere Limodzi Magazine. This Advent and Christmas edition of Tiyendere Limodzi Magazine focuses on the youth; urging them to realise their potential in the society and the church and make right decisions.

Pope Francis says that like the Virgin Mary, youths are needed, and they should not be afraid to leave their mark on the world.

“Like the young woman of Nazareth, you can improve the world and leave an imprint that makes a mark on history, your history and that of many others,” Pope Francis’ message, released March 21 2017.

“The Church and society need you with your plans and with your courage, with your dreams and ideals, walls of stagnation fall and roads open up that lead us to a better, fairer, less cruel and more humane world,” Pope Francis.

This edition of the Magazine has carried out several articles on youths including one on “World Youth Day” which takes place every three years.

The Church, mindful of the role she has to guide the young people had a special assembly this year for the whole month to discuss the youth, faith and vocations; to listen to them on what they experience and help them to answer their call to fulfill their goals.

The articles aim at encouraging parents and guardians to consider youths as the instruments of peace and harmony at all levels. They must encourage them to work hard in school and at work places. They must help them realise and accept their vocations in the church.

As we move towards elections in 2019, youths will always be crucial in all the processes as evidenced in the registration period. The youth have been used as registration officers. They will be used as monitors and they are being used as election reporters already. This is a positive way of engaging the youth but there is need to avoid exploiting them through unpaid or low pay activities.

The youth of Malawi have a big role to play in the society to be agents of change, the change that everyone wants.

Mpingo Ndife Tonse, therefore poses a challenge to every young person to reflect on the type of future that they want for Malawi. 2019 general elections results rest in the hands of the youths. For example, the estimated figures according to Malawi Electoral Commission statistics, over 2 million female youths have registered for 2019 tripartite elections against its counterpart, male youths with slightly over 1.5 million that have registered representing 54 percent of all the registered voters. We can see that over half of the total registered voters for 2019 tripartite elections are the youths.

Young people! make an impact in the society; be the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

Enjoy the reading.

## Forthcoming Events December 2018

### 2 December

First Sunday of Advent

### 8 December

Blessing of offices at St. Patrick’s Parish, Area 18

### 10 December

Association of the Diocesan Catholic Clergy of Lilongwe meeting at Nathenje Parish

### 15 December

Kapiri Parish final profession of Brother Paul Chitende and Brother Stephano Kamwaza

### 19 December

Presbyterium – All priests of Lilongwe Archdiocese Meeting

### 21 December

Catholic Women Organization Christmas wishes

### 24 December

Christmas Vigil

### 25 December, Tuesday

Christmas Day

### 30 December

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

# KNOW YOUR ARCHDIOCESE

By Brian Leonard Banda

S/N	NAME OF PARISH	PATRON SAINT	PARISH PRIEST	OTHER PRIESTS	REMARKS
<b>MAULA DEANERY (8)</b>					
1	Maula Cathedral	Our Lady of Africa	Fr. Audifasio Kapinga	Fr. Gerald Kubetcha	Diocesan
2	Chigoneka	St. Kizito	Fr. Francis Taylor	Fr. Martin Kavisu	St. Patrick's (Katigan)
3	Area 18 (Chimutu)	St. Patrick	Fr. Maxwell Kubalasa	Fr. Louis Chikanya & Fr. Peter Muwanga	Diocesan
4	Area 30 (Police)	St. Ignatius	Fr. Steven Likhutchu		Diocesan
5	Area 49	St. Andrew Kagwa	Fr. Constantine Mgunda	Fr. Mathews Potani & Fr. Henry Zulu	Diocesan
6	Kanengo	St. Francis (of Assisi)	Fr. Bill Turnbull	Fr. Emmanuel Barongo & Fr. Jos Kuppes	Missionary (White Fathers)
7	Chinsapo	St. Denis Ssebuggwawo	Fr. Julio Feliu		Missionary (White Fathers)
8	Lumbadzi	St. Mathias	Fr. Cyprian Chipalamwazani	Fr. Elias Chizule	Diocesan
<b>MTIMA WOYERA DEANERY (6)</b>					
9	Mtima Woyera	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Fr. John Makola	Fr. Martin Mthumba	Diocesan
10	Kawale	Holy Trinity (Utatu Woyera)	Fr. Kelvin Khodola		Diocesan
11	Chilinde	Holy Family (Banja Loyera)	Fr. Francis Damaseke		Diocesan
12	Area 23	St. Don Bosco	Fr. Oswald Mulenga	Fr. Alex Kimu, Fr. Michael Mbandamba, Fr. Peter Nguyen	Selesians
13	Kamuzu Barracks	St. Mary's	Fr. Likado		Diocesan
14	Msamba	St. John the Baptist	Fr. Moses Haruwera		Comboni Missionaries
<b>MCHINJI DEANERY (5)</b>					
15	Guilleme	St. Anne	Fr. Deusdedit Kanyambo	Fr. Richard Mthana & Fr. Peter Chatambalala	Diocesan
16	Kachebere	Our Lady of Help	Fr. Evance Malili	Fr. Peter Jester Banda	Diocesan
17	Ludzi	St. Joseph	Fr. Mathias Chimbalu	Fr. Andrew Kholowa	Diocesan
18	Kapiri	Our Lady of Carmel	Fr. Avalo Marini	Fr. Ephraim Kufankumodzi	Carmelites
19	Mkanda	St. Mark	Fr. Francisco Bisai		Diocesan
<b>LIKUNI DEANERY (5)</b>					
20	Likuni	Holy Rosary	Fr. Tadeo Jobo	Fr. Denis Mwanza	Diocesan
21	Chilinda	St. Clare	Simeon Mteteka	Fr. Jean Damacene	Missionary (White Fathers)
22	Namitete	St. Peter	Fr. Michael Chivalenji	Fr. James Mkwezalamba	Diocesan
23	Mlale	Theresa of the Child Jesus	Fr. Kennedy Malemia	Fr. Michael Malomo	Diocesan
24	Nathenje	Sts Peter & Paul	Fr. Cornelius Kanyambo	Fr. Mathias Modilamu	Diocesan
25	Chitedze	St. John Paul 2	Fr. Innocent Mtapanga	Fr. Francis Lekaleka	Diocesan
<b>MADISI DEANERY (5)</b>					
26	Chiphaso	Our Lady of Hope	Fr. Augustine Matola	Fr. John Paluku Kigonge, Fr. Philbert Namphande	Carmelites
27	Kasungu	St. Joseph	Fr. Terry Mutesha	Fr. Ludwik Zapala Louis, Fr. Alois	The Jesuits

28	Kalembe	St. Thomas Aquinas	Fr. Kelvin Ugwu	Fr. Bonaventure Iyogun	Missionaries of St. Paul
29	Madisi	Our Lady of Victory	Fr. Mathews Sitolo	Fr. Augustine Kaliu	Diocesan
30	Kaphatika	St. Vincent Pallot	Fr. John Wels		Pallotines
<b>DOWA DEANERY (5)</b>					
31	Mponela	St. Benedict the Abbot	Msgr. Francis Sonkhani	Fr. John Kaliwamba & Fr. Daniel Kanzimbe	Diocesan
32	Mtengowanthenega	St. Augustine	Fr. Patrick Byrne		St. Patrick's (Katigan)
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34	Mpherere	Our Lady of Fatima	Fr. Benedict Kamdabweni	Fr. Raphael Piringu & Fr. Regis Mshanga	Diocesan
35	Namthomba	St. Benedict the Black	Fr. Sebastian	Fr. Stanley Muhekiwa	Franciscans
<b>SALIMA DEANERY (4)</b>					
36	Salima	Our Lady of Fatima	Fr. Emmanuel Diliwo	Fr. Vincent Epulani	Diocesan
37	Nkhotakota	St. Paul	Fr. Joseph	Fr. Alfonso Hamweete	Selesians
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## NDIKUFUNA NDIDZAKHALE DOKOTALA

**S**ukulu ya sekondare ya atsikana ya Ludzi, m'boma la Mchinji yomwe imayendetsedwa ndi Mpingo wa Katolika ndi imodzi mwa sukulu zimene zimachita bwino kwambiri pa zotsatira za mayeso a form 4 chaka ndi chaka. Chaka chinonso zotsatira za mayeso a Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE) zayenda bwino ku sukulu. Mtolankhani wa Mpingo Ndice Tonse Magazine anacheza ndi Bridget Gumbo, mtsikana amene wakhoza kuposa aliyense pa sukulupo pa zotsatira za mayeso a MSCE. Iyeyo wapeza 9 points. Kucheza kudali motere:

### Ungandiuze iweyo ndiwe ndani?

Ine dzina langa ndi Bridget Gumbo. Ndimachokera ku area 25 B, mu mzinda wa Lilongwe.

M'banja mwathu tilimo ana awiri. Ine ndi oyamba kubadwa. Mng'ono wanga, amene ndi mnyamata ali mu standade 6.

Ndidasankhidwa kudzapfunzira pa Ludzi Girls Secondary School kuchokera pa Kabwabwa L.E.A School ku area 25 B komweko. Tinalipo atsikana awiri amene tinasankhidwa kuchokera pa Kabwabwa; wina ndi Naomi Kadammanja.

### Utamva kuti mayeso atuluka, choyambirira chimene umachiganizira ndi chani?

Poyamba, ndi m'mene zimamvekera kuti mayeso awoneredwa, ndiye ndimangoti mwina achonga mosakhala bwino; ndimaganiza kuti mwina ndalakuwa kwambiri mayeso. Zinangochitika kuti m'mene zotsatira za mayeso zimaulutsidwa, ndinali ndili ku Ludziko kukachita nawo chikondwerero chakuti sukulu ya atsikana ya Ludzi yakwanitsa zaka 50 chiyambireni. Choncho ndinamvera ndili komweko.

### Utamva kuti wakhoza 9 points, udamva bwanji mu mtima mwako?

(kusekerera) *(I was so excited, and I phoned my parents. They were also excited as well).* Ndinali ndi chimwemwe chodzaza tsaya; nthawi yomweyo ndinayimba lamya kwa makolo anga kuwadziwitsa za nkhani yokomayi. Iwonso anali wokondwa kwambiri.

### Munalimo atsikana angati mkalasi mwanu?

Mkalasi mwathu tinalimo 76, tonse takhoza ndipo womaliza

wapeza ma points 26.

### Chinsinsi chako ndi chani kuti upezeke kuti wakhoza bwino chonchi?

Chinsinsi changa ndikuwerenga kwambiri za mkalasi, komanso kufunsa a phunzitsi pamene sindinamvetse. China ndimadzipatsa nthawi yopuma powerenga; chifukwa powerenga paja kulibwino kuwerenga malo ohepa kuti umvetsetse kusi yana ndikuwerenga malo ambiri woti sungamvetsetse. Komanso munthu udzikhala wodzichepetsa kumafunsa kwa amnzako pamene sunamvetsetse. Ndi bwino osachita manyazi kufunsa zimene sunamvetsetse.

### Ndi ndani amene umamusilira kwambiri pa moyo wako?

Amene ndimamusilira kwambiri ndi Dr. Lungu a ku Chipatala cha Daeyang Luke.

### Ndi chinthu chiti chabwino chimene sudzachiywala pa Ludzi Girls Secondary School?

Chinthu chimene sindidzachiywala pa Ludzi ndi chilimbikitso chimene ma sisitere amatipatsa, makamaka a sister Veronica Massa, a head mistress a pa sukulu. Komanso sindikuiwala anzanga amene amandilimbikitsa pa sukulu, ndi aphunzitsi osiyanasiyana a pa sukulu.

### Masomphenya ako ndiwotani tsopano kuti zotsatira za mayeso wazidziwa?

Ma plan anga ndikufunitsitsa nditapita ku College of Medicine; ndikufuna ndidzakhale *medical doctor*. Ndinaphunzira kumakonda kuthandiza ena, mchifukwa chake ndikufuna ndikaphunzire za chipatala kuti ndizikathandiza anthu odwala mwa padera.

### Uthenga wako kwa amnzako amene akadali pa Ludzi Girls Secondary School ndiwotani?

Uthenga wanga kwa amene ali m'makalasi a m'mbuyo pa Ludzi ndiwoti alimbikire kwambiri ndipo asamadziyang'anire pansi. Adziwe kuti aliyense amene amakwanitsa sikuti zimangobwera, koma ndichifukwa cha mphamvu yolimbikira. Ndiye ndikuwalimbikitsa atsikana kuti nawonso alimbikire kuti adzakhozenso.



## THE DAUGHTERS OF ST PAUL



We, the Daughters of St Paul are an international religious congregation. We were founded in Northern Italy in 1915 by a priest called James Alberione, who is now Blessed (the final stage before being declared a saint) and our co-foundress is Sr Tecla Merlo. The mission entrusted to us by the Church in the name of the Lord is to spread the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Furthest bounds of the world; using the means of social communications and all forms that the modern technology of communications will invent.

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to country, making Christ known and loved in the Spirit of St Paul, our patron and protector. We run Book and Media Centres (Bookshops), organize book and audio-visual exhibitions in parishes and schools and take part in the national and international book fairs.

We live in international communities where sisters from different ethnic backgrounds, cultures, nationalities and races share the same vocation and mission. The Word of God and the Eucharist are the two fonts of our Spiritual life. We live Jesus in the Daily meditation of the Scripture and the Mass and in the hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Our main devotions are: the devotion to Jesus Master, Way, Truth and Life, to Mary Queen of Apostles and to St Paul the Apostles of the gentiles.

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## YOUTH MUST NOT...

By Sam Kalimba

*...Think they would remain minors*

*Judging without acting*

*For they will be judged sooner*

*...Remain slothful*

*Waiting to be breastfed*

*For they will feed others soon*

*...Refrain from active politics*

*Hand clapping and dancing for leaders*

*For they will be ruled by rubble rousers*

*...Desist from church undertakings*

*Leaving it all to seniors*

*For they will be without ecclesia soon*

*...Shun school at all levels*

*Entangled in wildly issues*

*For they will be dull frontrunners*

*...Rush into issues*

*Without substantial thought*

*For they will regret soon*

*...Indulge in violence*

*In churches, politics and sundry*

*For they will break the same*

## SEMINALE YA MLALE ICHITA BWINO

Wolemba Sam Kalimba



Blessings Makina, wophunzira wa a Mlale

Seminale ya Mlale yomwe imapereka maphunzira a sekondale ndiyo yakhonzetsa bwino mayeso a fomu folo a mchaka cha 2018. Izi zinadziwika pomwe unduna wa za maphunzira unatulutsa ndandanda wa masukulu a sekondale potengera momwe zotsatira za ana omwe analemba mayeso a fomu folo zinatulukira.

Seminaleyi inachita bwino pokhala ndi ana onse amene analemba mayeso (36) kukhonza kuyambira ma poyinti 10 kulekeza 22 basi.

Mkulu wa za maphunzira pa Seminale ya Mlale a Oswell Kapakasa anati aka ndi koyamba kuti sukuluyi ichite bwino choncho. Anatinso zotsatira za mayesozi zinawapatsa mangolomera kuti apitirize kuchita bwino.

“Khalidwe la bwino ndi kulimbikira maphunzira ndizo zawathandiza ana amenewa kuchita bwino. Ife sukuluyathuyi ndi zomwe timakhulupirira kuti mwana akakhala ndi khalidwe la bwino ndi kulimbikira mkalasi, amachita bwino pa mayeso ngakhalenso mmoyo wake wonse,” anatero a Kapakasa.

Mwana yemwe anakhoza kupambana anzake onse pa Seminaleyi ndi Blessings Makina wochokera ku Parishi ya Kaggwa. Iye anati ndiwokondwa kwambiri potengera kuti sankakhala patsogolo pa anzake mkalasi. Iye anati kupemphera ndi kulimbikira kuwerenga kunamuthandizira kwambiri kuti achite bwino.

# WORLD YOUTH DAY: What it is

By Brian Leonard Banda



## Background

World Youth Day is a Catholic event for the youth and young adults and was founded in 1985 by late St Pope John Paul II with the aim of gathering together the youth from all over the world to celebrate and share God's love through various activities.

The event takes place in every three years in different countries on rotational basis. Just in brief, in 2002 was in Toronto – Canada, in 2005 was in Cologne – Germany, in 2008 was in Sydney – Australia, in 2011 was in Madrid – Spain, in 2013 was in Rio de Janeiro – Brazil, in 2016 it was in Krakow – Poland, while in 2019 the event will take place in Panama.

Each event is given a theme of focus and the host country chooses special cities of main focus. The experience is like a pilgrimage whose head is the Pope. Other participants are cardinals, archbishops/bishops, priests, nuns and other important figures of the church.

## Major activities during the world youth day event

World youth day is a period of about two weeks associated with various activities in the host country. Almost all dioceses and parishes of the host country are involved in hosting visiting pilgrims and specific cities are chosen to be the main areas of activities. The climax of all events is a holy mass with the Holy Father.

Some of major activities include;

- Prayer services and the way of the cross,
- Guiding tours to various places like museums and other tourism places,
- Music festivals,
- Cultural/traditional dances,
- Charity work,
- Welcoming the Pope,

Upon arrival in the host nation, the visiting youths (pilgrims) are required to do registration to access free accommodation, food, transport, medical services etc. The pilgrims are given; meal/drink/water coupons, transport tickets, travel bags, tourist travel map, hymn book, bibles, entrance tickets to world youth day venue, among others.

## Wooden Cross

In 1984, late Pope St. John Paul II gave the youth, a wooden cross which is about 3.8metres high and about 1.8metres wide. This gift was the demonstration of God's love to mankind and advised the youth to emulate the sufferings of Jesus Christ by serving the church and assist the poor.

This Cross has so far travelled to various countries in the world where young people celebrate it. The cross came to Africa in 2006 for the first time since it was given in 1984. It came to Malawi through Tanzania in December 2006 and was taken to all the dioceses in the country before it was handed over to Zambia.

## Malawi participation at the World Youth Day

The first time Malawi participated at this important event was in 2005, when it was hosted by Germany. Nineteen (19) Ambassadors which included two priests, a nun and 16 youths from all catholic dioceses in Malawi attended this historic two-week pilgrimage. They were based at two different parishes namely Dammie & St Hedwig in Northern and Western Germany respectively. Also in attendance was the Balaka based Alleluya band, which was invited to take part in series

of music festivals lined up to entertain the pilgrims during the event.

After this event, Malawian catholic youths have been attending every event i.e. 2008 Sydney/Australia, 2011 Madrid/Spain, 2013 Rio De Janeiro/Brazil, 2016 Krakow/Poland and we hope this trend will continue as we have World Youth Day coming in 2019 in Panama.



## Pictures from top to bottom:

**Top:** The youth receiving the Cross

**Middle:** The youth celebrating the Cross

**Bottom:** Malawi pilgrims at the concluding holy mass of the 2005 World Youth Day at the Marienfield in Cologne, Germany. The mass was presided over by emeritus Pope Benedict IV.



# LILONGWE ARCHDIOCESE LAUNCHES CMO WITH PRAYER

By Gabriel Kamlomo



*Prayer and service: CMO members make mass offering*

The quiet of Saturday morning, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018, gradually painted Saint Patrick's Parish sweet orange.

Men, from all parishes under Lilongwe Archdiocese, literary trooped onto the grounds of Saint Patrick's Parish at area 18 in Lilongwe. A Holy Mass was to mark the official birthday of their exclusive club.

The launch of the Catholic Men Organization-CMO-was led by His Grace Archbishop Tarcizio Gervazio Ziyaye who celebrated mass in the open grounds of Saint Patrick's Parish.

His Grace Archbishop Ziyaye led the mass alongside Vicar General, Monsignor Francis Sonkhani and a dozen other priests from various parishes in the archdiocese.

A very rare exclusive gathering of Catholic men was characterized with prayer, song and dance.

It was simply unprecedented that so many Catholic men gathered at one place in Lilongwe.

In his homily, His Grace Archbishop Ziyaye dwelt on prayer and love as the two key and noble tasks that the Catholic Men Organization members needed to engross themselves in for the organization to excel.

Quoting Saint John Vianne of France on whose feast day the

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*Sheep for shepherd: CMO members present gift to Archbishop Ziyaye*



*Unity is strength: CMO family of believers*

# INCULTURATION THAT GOES BEYOND DANCE

By Rev. Fr. Louis Chikanya



**I**nculturation is a terminology that became commonly used during and after the Special Assembly for Africa of the Synod of Bishops in Rome in 1994. Looking at the strength and influence of cultures in Africa, the Synod Fathers saw the urgent need for inculturation.

Inculturation, in simple terms, in the words of St. John Paul II is “The process by which catechesis *takes fresh* in the various cultures.” “It is the insertion of the Gospel message into cultures,” (Catechesis Tradendae). In his Post-Synodal Exhortation, *Ecclesia in Africa*, John Paul II explains the two dimensions of inculturation: first he talks of culture being integrated into Christianity and second, the insertion of Christianity in the various human cultures.

Africa has been blessed by a multiplicity of cultures which if made open to the Gospel, can provide a fertile ground for the growth of the Gospel. Most of the cultural values manifest in external expressions such as dance, postures, worship, reparation for damages, for example, a community settling a case between people peacefully by imposing a penalty on a culprit, preservation of nature in respect of the spiritual world, such as conservation of forests on the land of the dead, as well as respecting human life. Africans love and value life beyond death. Anything that threatens life is treated as an enemy. Africans love children as gifts from God. Africans love and value togetherness and family integration.

## Liturgy, Faith and Cultural Dances

In Africa, liturgical actions are a pure expression of the cultures. At the liturgy, shaking and movements of the body are part of worship. But should liturgy be confined to dancing, shaking and moving body parts?

The liturgical dances that we see and watch and perhaps enjoy during worship, must be enlightened by faith. A dance during the liturgy should move the hearts to prayer and deeper reflection and not to entertain the praying congregation.

“A faith that does not become culture is not fully accepted, not entirely thought out, not faithfully lived,” (St. John Paul II).

Similarly, a cultural value that resist to be transformed and integrated into the Christian life cannot be trusted. Faith and culture should come together. It is the work of the Gospel to cast light on any cultural value to assess whether it is helpful for a faith community.

For inculturation to truly take the name has to infiltrate the whole

of a person’s life; family, education, economics, etc. Ecclesia in Africa of St. John Paul II emphasises on witness, “genuine witness by believers, and authentic proclamation of the faith”.

A liturgical dance without deep faith and knowledge of the Gospel can only turn into a theatrical performance. Inculturation is about living the life of the Gospel, letting the faith to transform the life of an individual and to allow Christianity and culture to dialogue. Faith brings out the good in the cultural values and this helps an individual to appreciate culture as a gift from God.

## Relations between Culture and The Good News of Christ

“There are many links between the message of salvation and culture. In his self-revelation to his people culminating in the fullness of manifestation in his incarnate Son, God spoke according to the culture proper to each age. Similarly, the Church has existed through the centuries in varying circumstances and has utilized the resources of different cultures in its preaching to spread and explain the message of Christ, to examine and understand it more deeply and to express it more perfectly in the liturgy and in various aspects of the life of the faithful.” (*Vat. Council II, Church in the Modern World, no. 58*)

There is a belief that culture is a gift from God and that God respects every culture. God used a particular culture to bring his message of salvation to all the people in the world. His message has the power to renew and purify the cultures of people. His Word, (Jesus Christ) came down to dwell with people. While with the people, he transformed their lives, physical and spiritual. In the Gospel of John, he met a woman of Samaritan origin, “*How can you, a Jew ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?*” Jesus replies to her, “*If you knew the gift of God...*” The Word of God is really a gift to all cultures, Jewish, Samaritan, Chewa, Yao, etc.



*Liturgical Dance During Holy Mass, (Photo: LC MEDIA)*

Cultures should be open to the work of the Gospel. The Good News of Christ, in the words of Vatican Council II Fathers, should be allowed to renew the life and culture of fallen humanity. It should be given space to purify and elevate the morality of the peoples. Let the Holy Liturgy not be confined to dancing and shaking of body parts. It should go beyond the carrying of the Holy Gospels in the basket. Inculturation should resonate in genuine reconciliation, love of life, and creation of which the Word of God came to save.

# MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS IN THE SCRIPTURES

By Staff Writer

Mary is mentioned by name **twelve times** in the Gospel of Luke, and **five times** in the Gospel of Matthew, **once** in the Gospel of Mark and **once** in the Book of Acts. The Old Testament and other places in the New Testament mention Mary not by name. She is mentioned by either 'woman,' for example, in Genesis 3:15; John 2:4 or 'virgin' in Isaiah 7: 14; or 'she' such as in Micah 5:2.



A true understanding of Mary and her role in salvation history can come only from a clear understanding of scripture and how she is portrayed in it. This clear understanding comes from a careful study of two covenants between God and His people, the Old and the New. Mary becomes a bridge between the Old and the New.

## Mary in The Old Testament

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the Christ, from the outset of the Scriptures appears as the prototype of the second Eve in the creation account. After Adam and Eve mixed up things in the beautiful garden of Eden, God told the serpent, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers." The verse has a significant messianic interpretation, and is a reference to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the Christ. Catholic tradition also understands the verse to be pointing to Mary the Mother of Jesus Christ, the new Eve. The old Adam was defeated by a 'tree', the new Adam, Jesus Christ, defeated death by a tree, the Cross on which he crucified death.

The Old Testament hesitation to mention the name of Mary directly is also noticed in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, in the fourteenth verse of the seventh chapter: "Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel." The virgin mentioned is certainly Mary, the Mother of Jesus named Immanuel, God with us.

The Daughter of Zion image in the scriptures in Zephaniah 3:14-17 is so striking if one compares it with Luke 1: 28-33. Let us read them comparatively: "Rejoice, Daughter of Zion, the King of Israel, Yahweh, is in you. Do not be afraid Zion; Yahweh your God is in your womb as a strong saviour." (Zeph.3:14-17).

"Rejoice, so highly favoured. The Lord is with



you. Do not be afraid Mary...Listen, you are to conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you must name him "Yahweh saviour. He will reign (Luke 1:28-33).

The two passages are interpreted to be an invitation to joy. The angel in announcing to Mary the good news, employs a formula which a prophet uses to invite the eschatological Zion to rejoice in the salvation which God accords her.

It is clear that from the very first words of the angel, there is already an echo of the theme of the 'Daughter of Zion.' One would immediately interpret the announcement of joy by the prophet to the people of Israel - the Woman Zion - diffuses itself and comes to be focused on one particular woman, Mary, who carries the message of hope and joy for the people of Israel.

Throughout the Old Testament, the image of Mary is presented but in shadows. Mary is presented as the Ark of the Covenant, the tabernacle of God; "The cloud covered the Tent of meeting and the glory of Yahweh filled the tabernacle." (Exodus 40:34) parallels Luke 1:35, which says, "The power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow..."

## Mary in the New Testament

The Old Testament prophecies and prefigurings about Mary are made clear in the New Testament Gospels. In Luke 1:26-27 the message to a 'Virgin' is now clear it is the message to Mary.

The prophecy about Mary and her son is fulfilled; Mary no longer becomes a shadow of God's saving work. She plays an active role in the community. She takes part in the life of prayer (Acts 1:14).

Mary already engages in a lot of activities in her community including synagogue and Temple worship and even in intercessory role (John 2: 5), "Do whatever he tells you." Luke 2:41-52 reports Mary, Joseph and their son, Jesus attending the Paschal festivities in Jerusalem. When the boy Jesus could not be traced amidst the crowd, his Dad and Mum get worried and go straight into a treasure hunt until they get the treasure in the house of God.

When Jesus is led to condemnation and made to saunter and meander the whole way from Jerusalem to the crucifixion place, with a heavy wood, his Mum, Mary (his dad, Joseph had already been called by God) walked with him, suffered with him, and finally expired completely in Mary's laps. A woman who comes into the scene as a shadow, (Gen.3:15) finally, zooms out to become active in the work of salvation, both finite (John 2:5) and infinite (Lk 1:33). She fulfils the prophecy of crushing the head of the serpent in Revelation 12. She is the woman clothed with the sun, giving birth to a male child, who would finally crash Satan on the cross and liberate the foreign human race.



# OUR MORAL DUTY TO THE ENVIRONMENT: AN INSIGHT INTO POPE FRANCIS' LAUDATO SI'

By Rev. Fr. Louis Chikanya

Pope Francis' document of 2015 named *Laudato Si'*, a medieval Italian for "Praise be to you" basically talks about the environment; how humanity's consumerism attitude and irresponsible development have significantly corroded what he calls "Our Common Home".

How should we understand "On Care for Our Common Home"? The Pope uses a language well known by everybody. Everyone wants to stay or live in a clean and hygienic home free from unnecessary noises of any kind whether physical or psychological. Therefore, we clean the home, decorate it with flowers and beautiful shrubs and make necessary land



*Women suffer the most as a result of environmental degradation. (Google images)*

scaping, build fences, all to make the home habitable, secure and exciting.

Talking of moral duty, one would think of responsibility or obligation that comes with that fact of being human. Humans have the moral duty to be just and charitable to fellow members of the community.

If we go by the thinking of naturalist philosophers like Aldo Leopold who said, "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community, and that thing is wrong when it tends otherwise," we perfectly come to moral duty of doing justice and charity to the environment.

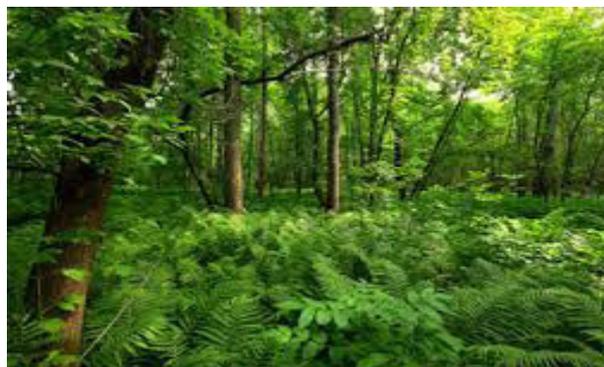
If we understand the environment to be Our Home, and part of the biotic community just as human beings are, (we are part of the ecosystem) then we have no choice but to realise our duty and obligation to take care of the environment. The environment in fact, is more than a home. We may be out of our different homes for a while but we are never out of

the environment.

I read a book about environmental science by Enger and Smith. The two authors inspired me when they explain the early humans' understanding of nature; that the early man expressed reverence for plants, animals and geographic features that provided food, water and transport. The early people understood well the interrelationship between environment and human beings. At this, John Muir, another naturalist philosopher said: "Wilderness mirrors divinity, nourishes humanity, and vivifies the spirit".

Perhaps man should take time to reflect on these facts: who provides for man's habitat? The answer is environment. Who provides food for man? The answer is environment. Can we learn from the saying that "Kambale ka therere kakoma mkuyenderana? (I do you, you do me).

Again if everybody sweeps their home yard we can have a clean environment, instead of waiting for someone to come to sweep our compound. The rainy season has come once again; shall we let it pass as usual without doing anything good to the environment, which we are saying



*The beauty of environmental conservation. (Google images)*

is our home? Why not get one or two seedlings and plant around our homes or somewhere where the land is crying for vegetation which was deprived from her?



*Charcoal trade, hazardous to the environment (Google images)*

I say we have a moral duty to do right, to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community; but moral duty does not come with enforcement, it comes out of the conscious, the free will to do good and right, and to be just to the environment. If everyone notices the cry of Our Common Home, then we would not wait for the government to enforce its citizens to plant trees.

Yes, on the other hand, the government has the political and social obligation to lead the citizens in reforestation and environmental conservation. But it rests on everyone to feel the impact of environmental degradation and decisively make a decision to change the ugly appearance of our once beautiful and attractive environment.

It is high time when tree planting was left to students in schools who only knew planting but never attended to the planted trees until the next tree planting season only to plant again on the same place. Let us plant and care for the seedlings.

Modern person has to feel regretful at the 'spectacle' of the degradation of the environment by nobody other than man himself. Environmental conservation is a social responsibility. We have to notice the damage that the environment is receiving every day and heed to the call of Pope Francis to work swiftly to reverse the situation before it is too late.

It should start with me who is writing this and then the one who is reading this. Does the environment really deserve this harsh treatment?

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launch was held, Archbishop Ziyaye advised that “For CMO to excel, men must devote their life to prayer. Like St. Joseph who accepted God’s will, CMO must be rooted in service and prayer. We need to learn all the time to feed our spiritual life”.

He said CMO ought not only be a gathering to share a bottle or two, but one that deepens prayer and life of service.

“I am happy that CMO is not merely a social gathering but one aimed at getting men to ‘quench the thirst’ of their spiritual lives,” he said encouraging men to make use of spiritual books that are accessible in Catholic bookshops and which carry rich social teachings of the Church, faith and also development.

He observed that prayer, as a ‘union with God’ or a ‘heart-to-heart



*Taking part: scripture readers on the day*

conversation with God’ helps grow men’s love for family, love for their very lives, their communities and now their organization-the CMO.

The archbishop encouraged CMO members to take active part in activities of the organization without losing sight of the hierarchy of the Church and its structures. He said with the Catholic Women Organization already in place and active, CMO would complement that work for the good of the church.

CMO chairperson, Ignatius Chadwala, said the organization aims to help men enhance their spirituality, develop each other and also the church financially besides sharing knowledge in general.

“With the launch of the organization, we are placing ourselves at the service of the Church with a commitment to deepen our spiritual life and enhance the livelihoods of our families,” he said.

Also present during the launch was National Pastoral Secretary and Deputy Secretary General of the Episcopal Conference of Malawi Fr. Regis Kamela, Lilongwe Archdiocese Pastoral Secretary Fr. Innocent Mtpaonga, Fr. Maxwell Kubalasa of Saint Patrick’s Parish, priests and representatives of CWO.

The Catholic Men Organization is in all the 38 parishes of the Lilongwe Archdiocese. Its motto is ‘As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord,’ from Joshua 24. 15.



## RECIPE FOR SWEET POTATO CAKE

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 Cups mashed sweet potatoes
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup margarine
- 1 spoon vanilla
- 3 eggs
- ½ cup milk

### PROCEDURE

- Beat the margarine with sugar; place little by little flour with the sweet potatoes.
- Add baking powder, vanilla, eggs and milk.
- Beat together until it is smooth and floppy.
- Place in a greased pan and bake for half an hour on medium temperature.
- Serve as preferred.

Sweet Potato cake (Google Images)



# GOOGLE AND CULTURE OF HARD WORK AMONG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

By Mpingo Ndife Tonse Contributor



*Some students are at risk of graduating raw*

Google technology, as much as it has made academic life simple for many students, it has contributed to laziness in serious research work.

Google technology and internet, has generated many lazy students especially in research work. One just doesn't want to read books but goes on the net and download shallow information for submission.

Of course Google has done magic in the area of academic research. With good network, one can get volumes of notes. However, much addiction to Google technology has brought a negative side effect to the technology.

"Though there are positive impacts of Google, it becomes a different story when students become used to always browsing for information from the internet. They tend to plant within themselves the habit of going to Google to search for everything, even a simple word," says Evaristo Nkwabi, a computer expert.

In 2012, the City University of New York (CUNY) had found out that 94% of teachers who were asked in a survey thought students in high schools and universities equate research with Google or other search engines, other than the traditional hard print materials such as books.

The Google syndrome has resulted in many students relying heavily on internet to get material for submission. Books, magazines, periodicals, newspapers and other literary works have now become alien to many students in universities.

Before internet, students used to fill libraries in search for information. Newspapers were hot source of hard news stories.

## **Dangerous Effects of Relying Much on Google Search**

Many students who use Google for almost every work or assignment they are given, do not apply critical thinking. What they trust is the information from internet. They do not realize that some sites on the internet contain opinions which are wrong; and some sites are owned by people with no academic credibility.

It is 'unacademic' to solely rely on sources from the internet or Google. Some of the information is fake. Some sites are clearly not recognized as credible sources of information. It is known that Wikipedia is one of the sites that are not reliable sources of information. They are rather sources of most fake and incomplete information. Anybody can edit information with Wikipedia. Therefore, its credibility is questionable.

Plagiarism or theft is the obvious disease that has come in our age of Google technology. Scholars have reduced themselves to copy and paste dummies. Some graduates hardly can explain their own research work; how can they if what they know is copy and glue the information which is not theirs.

Relying much on google search makes one uncritical, lazy, prone to theft of other people's works. No wonder we have a good part of the youthful 'graduated' generation that has a significant lack of

# RETHINKING JOBS

By Austin Madinga

The formal job market is not the same as it was two or more decades ago. There are less formal jobs to go around to an ever growing population. A job advert in the local press is bound to get hundreds of applications at a minimum. Yet for most people, formal employment is where they feel security lies.

Parents seem to be most anxious about their children getting employed. For them they have spent their savings putting them through school and expect that effort to pay off. It is not unheard of that parents are unhappy with relatives and friends because they don't seem to help their children find work.

## **Changing times**

But times have changed. Large scale redundancies have been a more frequent occurrence than recruitment drives. Most organisations are not growing and as such can't absorb the growing job seeking population. Some find it easier to outsource non-essential services - less human resources headaches to handle.

We have come to a point where self-employment is the new reality. Where family and friends help our young ones get started on their own first before expecting an offer of employment. The remuneration may initially be less but a little income is better than nothing. As much as everybody is not cut out for entrepreneurship it is a path that we all need to give serious consideration.

## **Financing**

The question that would then arise would be how to finance these entrepreneurs. A good majority of indigenous Malawians start their businesses with little or no financing. A lucky few will get financial or capital equipment support from family or friends. Some, who have had the privilege of having a full time job, will invest in a side business and then leave employment when the terrain feels safe.

Bootstrapping is the most common method of finance for startups and traders but this approach is fraught with problems. Scaling a business can be hard and it leaves most entrepreneurs playing at the bottom end of the spectrum. Most remain small, using old technologies and struggling with inadequate cash flows.

There are a number of initiatives that help train and mentor entrepreneurs to build their ideas into products. Some even provide seed capital. Malawians have benefited from these initiatives and schemes in the past.

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# TURNING MALAWIANS INTO FOREIGNERS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY

*Fr. Evance Julius Malili*

Foreign investment has been recognised as an important element to aid economic growth in all countries in the world and especially for poor countries like Malawi. China and other big economies are everywhere in Malawi in the name of foreign investment.

Today, citizens of Malawi are crying foul over how government is conducting its affairs with these so called foreign investment. The citizens argue that the government is selling this country to the Chinese and Burundians. The government is eager to receive foreign investors and they are generally granted national importance. The Malawi constitution protects investment irrespective of nationality. The government encourages foreign investment without major restrictions on ownership, size of investment, source of funds or the destination of the final product. This is why we see Chinese, Indians, Burundians and other foreigners doing any kind of business at every corner of the country.

Though the country has experienced the influx of these foreign investors, Malawi's economy is going down. This is because the so called investors have taken small businesses that Malawians were relying on for their daily food. Malawians are now crying foul and are blaming the government for giving the country to the

so called investors. Malawians are now visitors in their own country where all the businesses are run by foreigners.

As much as Malawi needs foreign investors for its economy to grow, this open policy is very worrisome to the future generations. Soon or later Malawi will be captured by these foreigners who are coming in the name of investors. Malawi as a country will remain poor since these investors will never have permanent businesses and structures for their own.

It is very worrisome to see Malawians struggling to own business land while very easy for foreigners to own. Small businesses owned by Malawians are being evicted from shops because foreigners are offering large amounts of money to the owners.

With high levels of corruption in Malawi, foreigners come the way they want, stay anywhere they wish, do any work they want, do any business they want, go to any school they want and marry any one they want at any place and any time they want. This has resulted in having foreigners in every aspect of Malawians' life. We have foreign teachers, shop owners, minibuses owners, church pastors and prophets, bar owners and witch doctors who have brought their traditions and cultures,

languages and foreign goods and even statues.

With this way of doing things, we should not expect Malawi to develop. This is due to high importation of finished goods, high unemployment, low tax and lack of money circulation within the country, loss of land that will lead to high migration of people and loss of family ties and culture. In the end the whole country will be taken by foreigners since very soon they will be members of parliament, ministers, and service men in uniforms.

Therefore, there is a need for government, Parliament, police, Immigration department, chiefs and religious leaders to protect the future generation from foreign invasion by putting in place laws, policies that will protect Malawian citizens and promote their well-being on business and land issues. Police, Immigration authorities and chiefs should avoid corruption in executing these laws and policies. Future generations will judge us if today we are going to handover this country to foreigners in the name of free trade and foreign investment. At the alarming rate at which foreigners, more especially the Chinese are coming to Malawi, soon or later Malawians will be few in number as compared to these foreigners.

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The Tony Elumelu Foundation (TEF) Entrepreneurship Programme trains and mentors 1,000 Africans every year and provides seed capital of \$5,000 for the entrepreneurs to prove their concept. The foundation was founded by Nigerian entrepreneur and economist Tony O. Elumelu. Applications for the 2019 programme start on 1st January 2019.

The African Entrepreneurship Award is run by BMCE Bank of Morocco and awards African entrepreneurs who share prize money of \$1 Million. The entrepreneurs go through a number of mentoring rounds and finally to a presidential jury pitch in Morocco. Applications for the award open in early 2019.

A local SME Fund, Business Partners, provides financial solutions, support and mentoring to formal small and medium enterprises (SMEs). They loan out amounts from about MK36m for various business ideas from tech to manufacturing.

Accesserator is a fund set up by two Dutch professionals who see opportunities for

doing business in Malawi. They invest in local agribusinesses like pig farming.

Other funding opportunities can be sought from the African Leadership Academy's Anzisha Prize and the Growth Accelerator, a new initiative targeting early-stage Malawian entrepreneurs who have a registered business in Malawi with a prototype ready to scale up.

For entrepreneurs and startups looking for investment, websites like Venture Capital 4 Africa (VC4A) provide a platform for African startups to connect to opportunities. Entrepreneurs can also promote their venture and access free online tools.

### Essential Skills

For young Malawian entrepreneurs taking the entrepreneurship route, there are a number of skills they need to learn and brush up on. Selling yourself is perhaps the most critical. In a very crowded market, if one can't properly put their value proposition across to a buyer, they will most likely forever be overlooked for the one with a more promising pitch.

Tech skills are also extremely crucial.

Possible financiers require a lot of information before they are going to pump any sort of money into your venture. Not only are you going to have to be adept with word processors, spreadsheets and online communication tools, you will need to conduct a fair amount of online research. Researching about your market, your competitors, possible partners but also looking for other funding opportunities too. You will also need a few data bundles. Remember, you have to spend money to make money!

Numbers are not for everyone. But knowing them is what will give you a good chance of securing funding. If you frown at the mention of cash flows, cost of sales and balance sheet, well... frown no more. You will need to get comfortable with these terms and know your figures well.

Perhaps the most important skill you will need is patience. Building a business takes time. There will be many wins and losses, good times and hard ones. There will be a lot of learning. And if you have the patience and vision, it will all pay off very handsomely. Never give up!



*Artistic impression of the New Cathedral*

## MOVING TOWARDS A NEW CATHEDRAL

By *Pilirani Tambala*

A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step....and actually, small steps in the right direction are better than big steps in the wrong direction. July 9, 2016 marked the official journey of the new cathedral project for the Archdiocese of Lilongwe. His Grace Archbishop Tarcizio Ziyaye set the first step through an announcement he made during a priestly ordination on the said day urging Christians to embrace and support the initiative. Subsequently a steering committee was set up to provide oversight role and coordinate implementation of all the processes and activities leading to the realization of this colorful dream.

### ***Why a new cathedral where the existing one is still in good shape?***

For years, since 1969, the archdiocese of Lilongwe has been using Maula Cathedral whose capacity now no longer accommodates the growing population in the seven districts that fall under it namely Dowa, Lilongwe, Kasungu, Mchinji, Ntchisi, Nkhotakota and Salima.

Records from the diocesan secretariat indicate that construction of the current cathedral was done between 1966 and 1969 with a maximum seating capacity of 500. It was transformed into this status in 1982 by the then Bishop of Lilongwe, late Right Reverend Matthias Chimole. At that time, the population of Christians was below one million but now the figures are estimated at 2, 000,000. Over the years, the number of parishes has risen to 38 falling under seven deaneries of Likuni, Madisi, Maula, Mchinji, Mtima Woyera,

Dowa and Salima.

According to His Grace Archbishop Ziyaye, besides the challenge on capacity, the present structure is short of characteristics of an ideal cathedral such as chapels and choir stall.

“It is against this background that we thought as an Archdiocese we need to construct a new cathedral which will be big, spacious and modern with all the characteristics of a cathedral.

“On the other hand, and in view of the developing world, a new and modern cathedral is a necessity. A church, and a cathedral for that matter, is House of God which symbolizes the body of Christ, as such, Lilongwe needs to have a befitting House of God that corresponds with the modern world,” observes Arch Bishop Ziyaye.

### ***Background history of Lilongwe Archdiocese***

History of the Archdiocese dates back to 1889 when on July 31 it was erected Prefecture Apostolic of Nyasa which later was established as Vicariate of Nyasa on February 12 1897 before the name Nyasa was changed to Likuni on July 12, 1951. The name kept changing because on June 20, 1957, it was christened Lilongwe before settling for the name Likuni. It was raised to the status of a full diocese on April 25, 1959 with the cathedral situated at Likuni.

Records from the diocesan secretariat

indicates that in principal, the church at Maula which is the current cathedral, and residences were meant to be the administrative center of the diocese.

### **Who will build the new cathedral?**

Unlike in the past when church projects like construction of a cathedral was financially supported by benefactors. But it is a known fact that globally, there is donor fatigue and most of the benefactors that used to support the church in Malawi have withdrawn their support. The Cathedral project therefore is expected to be undertaken by the Catholic faithful of Lilongwe Archdiocese.

Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee for the project, Wilfred Dodoli said, “Every aspect of the project starting from designs, construction, financing and any other necessary works shall be the responsibility of the faithful in the Archdiocese.”

He acknowledged that this is a very big project that may take years to complete but “With God’s help, we can do it and we will do it. It is understandably a difficult undertaking but not impossible.” All the people of Lilongwe are expected to give their all through contributions towards the project as the moto for the diocese implies *Tiyende Limodzi*.

“It is believed that the laity, the religious and the clergy do not belong to the church, they are the church. So, we are the Church and this is our responsibility,” said the Fundraising Committee Chairperson.

Already interest has been shown by the faithful in the archdiocese, welcoming the New Cathedral project as their responsibility and understanding the need to have it in place.

“I know it may take years to have the Cathedral constructed but it is very necessary and I know there are people that will help make this a reality. People are dedicated,” said one of the faithful from St Kizito, Chigoneka parish Dyson Ntapala.

In fact, some of the Christians like Chingati Phiri who has been in the Archdiocese since 1993 feel they have been so humble over the years using the existing cathedral which is too small for services.

“The idea to have a new cathedral is very welcome. I think we are ready as Christians in the archdiocese to fund the project but for us to be forthcoming, updates on what we collect through fundraising activities towards the initiative are very critical,” he said.

Many are excited too with this ambitious project. They confess that they deserve a better church than the existing one.

“It will be costly yes but we should not take it as an expense rather and investment in Christ. I have visited several holy places in the world, old and new cathedrals such as Ludzi in Fatima, very beautiful. In all these, its the Christians that gave in all theirs and therefore we need to have such ambitions too,” observed Oscar Biliati Phiri, a bonafide member in the archdiocese since 1988.

**Cost and period for the project**

Although drawings for the new cathedral are not officially out, there are indications that this will cost a lot of money basing on the current market price for construction materials. The longer it will take to complete the project, the bigger the cost.

Currently according to Dodoli, the actual period for the project has not been determined yet. Probably this will be done after the technical team finalizes technical drawings. But he said “this is a long term project that will take some years hence we have to get prepared for all the phases that the project will go through in the short, medium and long term.”

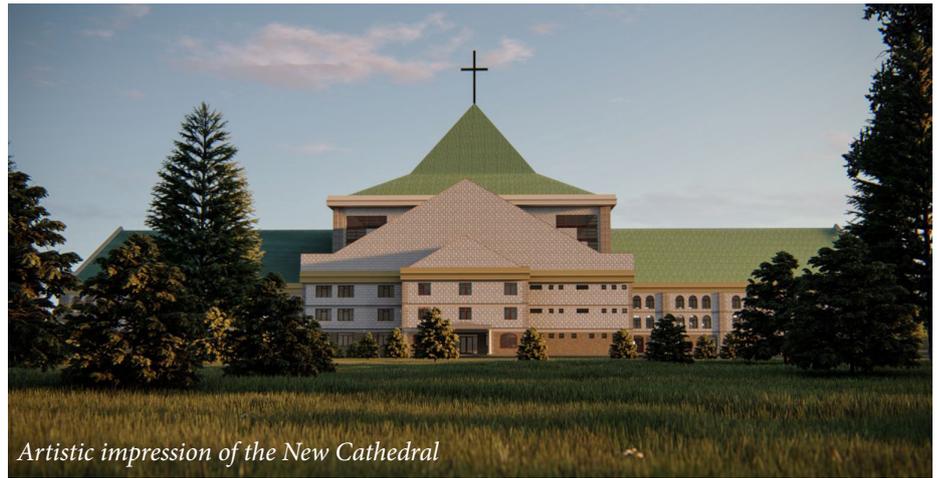
Nevertheless, the project comprises of two main phases, that is; pre-construction and construction phases. It is anticipated that the first phase will take six months to complete with the second estimated to cost three years if all resources would be available.

**Proposed structural design**

It is expected that the new Cathedral



*Artistic impression of the New Cathedral*



*Artistic impression of the New Cathedral*

will comprise of the main cathedral hall which will have projected capacity of 4, 000 people and shall include the entrance, reception area, two chapels and a sanctuary. Besides, there will be a library, administrative offices and other separate buildings that will include toilets, additional storage building, Bookshop and sales area, Kitchen, Café and Flexible multipurpose meeting rooms.

**Fundraising strategy**

Since announcement of the new cathedral project was made on July 9, 2016 by Archbishop Ziyaye, a steering committee was formed chaired by the Archbishop himself. But in addition, three functional committees were set up and these are the Technical, Fundraising and Art and liturgy. Since 2017, a Cathedral day was set up where fundraising activities are lined up in addition to contributions made from the faithful through their parishes. Floating trophies were introduced expected to be presented annually during the Cathedral day to a parish that has done

well on financial target as given basing on the phase of the project.

**But what is a cathedral?**

A Cathedral is a church building but different from other churches in the sense that it surpasses all other church buildings in a diocese. It is the mother of all church buildings in the diocese, in which the bishop has his throne (Cathedra). It is the bishop’s church wherein he presides, teaches and conducts worship for the whole Christian community in the diocese. It symbolizes the unity of all Christians in a diocese.

Now Christians seem to be fired up with excitement and interest to see the final structure of the cathedral in place. However long it may take, transparency and updates is all they are looking for to keep them forthcoming with the much needed contributions for this ambitious project to be achieved. Where there is a will, there is a way and they all have faith that with prayer and commitment, it shall come to pass - this will be achieved.

**GOOGLE AND CULTURE OF HARD WORK AMONG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

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originality in thought.

It is a fact that Google technology and internet have revolutionalised and simplified the area of research and

academic work. It is also an undeniable fact that many students these days have completely forgotten their active role in research and not only relying on Google sources.

# MPONELA YATHA ZAKA 8 TSOPANO CHIYIKHAZIKITSIRENI NGATI PARISH

By Gabriel Kamlomo



**M**paka mchaka cha 2010 Mponela idali outstation ya Madisi parish.

Mwezi wa May mchaka cha 2010, Olemekezeka, Ambuye Remie Saint Marie adagamula kuti Mponela ikhale parish, ndipo Bambo Mfumu woyamba ndi Bambo Francis

Sonkhani, amenenso ndi nduna ya Ambuye Episkopi.

Nyumba ya tsopano ya a nsembe idatsekulidwa pa 24 June, 2017, ndipo chalichi cha tsopano chidatsekulidwa pa 25 December, 2017, zonse ndi Ambuye Tarcizio Ziyaye, a Lilongwe

Parishiyi ili ndi madera awiri: dera la ku m'mawa ndi dera la ku madzulo.

Kulinso a gulupa awiri: A Ezekiel Kapinga ndi A Petulo Ngalande.

Ku parishiko kuli mabungwe Ambiri monga: Legio, YCW, achinyamata, Chifundo, Makwaya alipo 75, charismatic, CCJP, Mafumu, Tilitonse, CMO, CWO ndi Bungwe la Radio Maria.

Parishiyi ili ndi chiwerengelo cha akhristu ndi Akatekumeni okwana 20, 000 kapena kuposa. Chaka chino, akatekumeni okwana 88 alandira ubatizo.

**From top right clockwise:**

1. The new fathers' house
2. The inside of new church
3. The side view of new church
4. The old church, now used as classrooms.
5. The new church and new office block under construction
6. The sanctuary of the new church

# ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASONS

By Sr. Elizabeth Mukami fsp.

A reminder on our Catechism and the Celebration of the Liturgy.

## What is advent?

Advent comes from the Latin word *Adventus* meaning coming. For us Catholics, this season reminds us of the Father's love, his plan for our salvation that led him to send his only begotten Son into the world.

Advent is one of the seasons of the liturgical year of the Church.

## What is a liturgical year?

Liturgical year also known as the Church's liturgical calendar, comprises the cycle of the liturgical seasons (Advent, which leads us to Christmas, and Christmas with the Lord's Baptism. We have a short period of Ordinary time before commencing Lenten season, which takes us to Easter and Ordinary time again.) It is the Church which determines when feast days as well as the celebration of the saints are observed and which readings are used. It also determines the internal decorations of the Church, the Priest's vestments, the colours, Spiritual practices, liturgical hymns and other things.

The Liturgical year begins every year in the month of November or December; that is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent and goes up to the Solemnity of Christ the King in November that marks the last Sunday of Ordinary time.

The "Lectionary" or/ and the Missal which consists the Mass readings from the Bible follow a Sunday cycle and a Weekday cycle.

The Liturgical calendar follows a three-year cycle; A, B, C – during year A, the gospel according to Matthew is the primary gospel used, in Year B Mark is used and Year C Luke is used. The gospel according to John is used on particular Sundays in each of the years. A Catholic who is attentive to the readings of everyday

and every Sunday as organized by the Church in the Missal is able by the end of the Liturgical year to have read the whole Gospel, say of Luke in Year C.

Back to our topic **ADVENT!**

Now we have known advent is one of the seasons in the Liturgical calendar of the Church, and in fact it is the season that opens the year of the Church. It begins either at the end of November or at the beginning of December. It comprises 4 Sundays leading to Christmas. Thus it is a season of devout and joyful preparation in expectation for Christ's coming.

## Practices that mark this period:

- Lighting an advent wreath: an advent wreath is a circular ring made of fresh /green branches with four candles placed at the center; 3 of purple colour and 1 of pink.

Simply the 4 candles represent the 4 weeks of advent, and their colour purple represents the nature of the season that is penance and preparation. The evergreen branches that makes the ring stands for eternal life. Every Sunday of advent a candle is lit and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of advent a pink candle is lit representing the joy of the closeness to the awaited day –

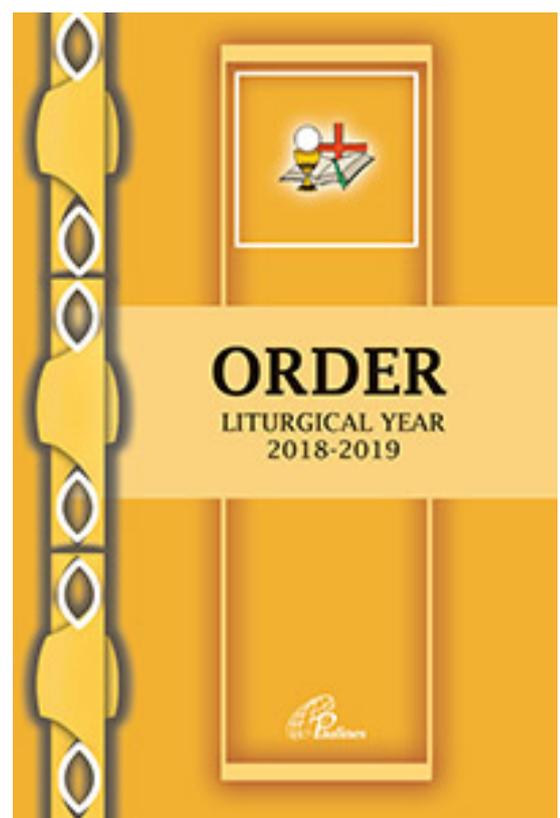
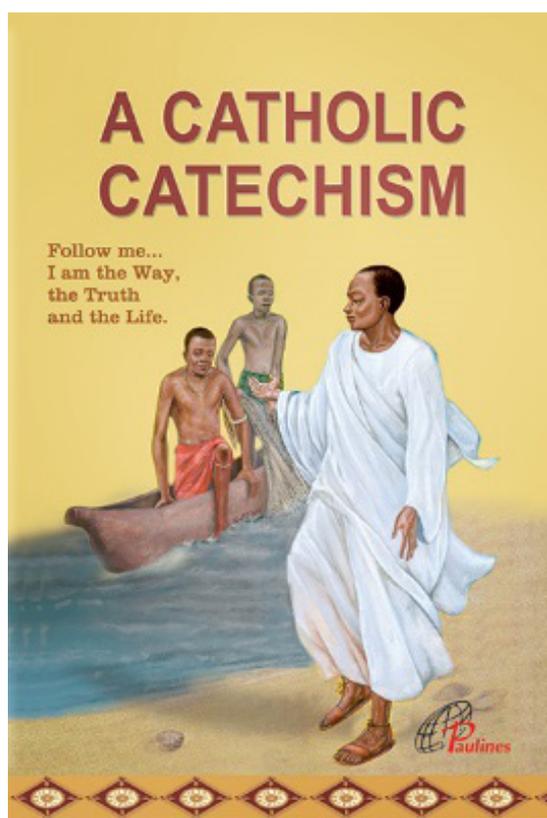
Christmas

- Praying, reading the bible and confession.
- Penance fasting and alms giving
- Moderation in celebrations; less or no flowers and decorations, musical instruments omitted or minimized, Gloria is omitted.
- Active participation in Mass and singing of Advent songs.
- Keeping a liturgical calendar/diary in order to follow the events and feasts.
- Making a tree of Jesse.

## CHRISTMAS

Christmas is the feast of the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. We celebrate it in a very solemn way, knowing that we are celebrating the gift of the love of God the Father to us and above all we prepare ourselves not only to celebrate the first coming of Jesus in the flesh 2000yrs ago at Bethlehem, but also his final coming in glory at the end of time.

**For further reading and study:**



# HOW TO LIVE ADVENT MORE PROFITABLY

By Fr. Louis Chikanya

It is not uncommon for many to overlook the season of Advent and cast their eyes on the nativity of Jesus Christ. Advent, if taken spiritually seriously, can be so enriching a moment.

Sometimes, when Christmas is within reach, we tend to put pressure on ourselves and other people to buy this for us or to purchase that for someone. One wonders whether Christmas is synonymous with new cloths, special food and drinks, or making safaris to various destinations.



Advent is a moment of anticipation. It is a time of waiting; waiting for the rising of the sun which symbolizes the Son. When people learn to embrace this season with the praying mind, it can be of huge spiritual benefit, so refreshing.

## The spirituality of Advent

Waiting is one of the spiritualities of Advent. Waiting is not a nice word to many of us. We disgust waiting. We become sad to wait for the long queue on the road going to work. We become dejected to wait for our time in the bank. We lose patience when the nurse delays to assist us at the hospital. We are unhappy to wait for long for an important call from our loved one. Waiting can be tedious sometimes.

But why waiting can be so rewarding, is something that we will have to learn. A person may grumble to God for delaying to answer a prayer that they have been putting forward to Him. In waiting, preparation is attached. Bishop Robert Barron said that preparation is vital in

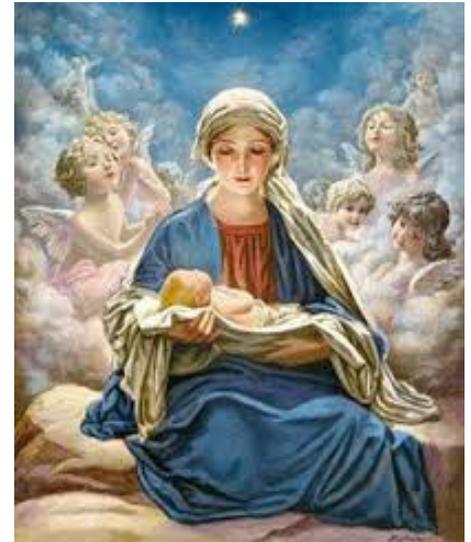
waiting. He taught that God sometimes takes centuries to answer a prayer to enable the heart of the praying individual to get prepared, to expand, to enlarge and dilate to give enough space for God's graces which come in abundance. Therefore, enough time for preparations is vital.



Advent wreaths and candles

In the Holy Scriptures, the book of Isaiah and Micah are two of the biblical texts that prophesy clearly about the coming Messiah; "But you Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah. From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler of Israel; whose origin is from of old. Therefore, the Lord will give them up until the time when she who is to give birth has borne..." (Micah 5:1)

The people of Judah received the prophesy about the birth of the future King thousands of years before. They had to wait and prepare for this coming.



When one is waiting for the good news, joy and hope are part of the emotions. The coming of the future King, who we call Jesus Christ, is a thing of joy and hope. This prophesy propagated the seeds of joyful hope in the lives of the Israelites.

When we are in the banking hall waiting to be served, when we are on the queue on the road, may be at the crossed roads or at the traffic control lights, we pass our time by using smart phones, scanning papers, etc. as we wait for our turn.

In Advent, as we prepare for the future King, prayer and other spiritual activities can occupy the good part of our schedules. Repentance is highly recommended in Advent although it is not the time of lent. The message of John the Baptist should always ring a bell in our hearts, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths."

Trying to live a more intentional Advent can help us to keep the *really* important things a priority and to let go of the small things which don't really matter in the end. Advent, like the prayer of the rosary, should prompt and compel us to slow down and focus on our spiritual standing. Praying the rosary demands one to repeat a decade of the rosary several times, thereby forcing them to slow down.

# LOVE IS OUR MISSION: REFLECTING ON THE 2017 NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF FAMILIES



By Levi Chirwa

According to those that are or have been in marriage and are in family, it is a fact that love has to reign in everything. However, it is said that marriage and family life are not always a smooth ride due to a lot of different challenges due to environment, personalities and many other factors.

However, it was learnt at the first ever National Family Conference for the Catholic Church in Malawi held at Don Bosco Parish in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe from 4 to 6 August 2017 that the challenges in marriage and family life can be overcome “if you still keep the faith and teachings of One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.” This is all because as a church ‘**Love is Our Mission.**’

**Love is Our Mission** was the theme for national conference which attracted families, the religious, the youth and other Catholic Christians from across the country. The conference mainly discussed various issues concerning marriage and family life with the aim of making them better and a conducive environment for children to grow into good priests, good nuns and responsible members of society.

One year down the line, we review the conference in terms of the major issues that came out of this wonderful gathering and how some of the resolutions are being implemented and the areas of attention going forward.

## Recall the Opening

We recall that the conference was opened with the Eucharist Celebration led by

His Lordship Peter Musikuwa, Bishop of Chikwawa Diocese. In his homily Bishop Musikuwa stated that in line with the theme of the conference of ‘Love is Our Mission,’ we have to have love of God and our neighbor. He further said that God is love (1 John 4:18), and this love was revealed through the love of Jesus Christ, and his death on the cross. In Christ, the Bishop said, God want us to love God as He loves us and as such, family life is an example of this love.

The Bishop further indicated that in a family setting where love exists, it shows that they are true friends of God the father and God the son (Jesus Christ). It is through endurance amidst difficult situations, trials and tribulations and overcoming them that families meet Christ.

He further indicated that divorce and failure to trust are but a mere revelation of lack of love in a marriage and family set up. It is important, therefore, to be always patient and kind; never jealous; not boastful or conceited, never rude not take offence or store up grievances, a kind of love defined by St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

He further stated that through the conference there was need to thank God for the gift of love and family as there was a reflection on the elements that make families better - forgiveness, endurance and understanding.

Bishop Musikuwa also touched on the need to safeguard marriage against the

various forms of attack, especially the individual groups, and organizations advocating evils of marriage life through promotion of abortion and same sex marriage.

The Bishop likened the advocates of the evils of marriage to King Herod, as an enemy of family, because he killed all infants in his territory in an effort to kill baby Jesus, the savior. He called on participants to be defenders of life by saving life at any stage by emulating the family of Joseph and Mary who fled to the land of Egypt to save Jesus.

Musikuwa had also further expressed and urged the need to be transformed from the old characters to new ones full of love.

We also recalled that the Chairperson of the Episcopal Conference of Malawi, Archbishop Luke Thomas Msusa of the Archdiocese of Blantyre emphasized the fact that marriage is the first Sacrament of Love, as such it is important to celebrate this vocation of family love. He further stated that in the sacramental marriage, God’s love becomes present to the spouses in their total union and also flows through them to their family and community. Thus, marriage is a Christian vocation because the couple’s relationship is more than simply their choice to enter a union which is a social and legal institution as in addition to these things, marriage involves a call from God and a response by two people who promise ‘to build, with the help of divine grace, a lifelong, intimate and sacramental partnership of

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love and life.’

Furthermore, Rev. Dr. Fr. George Buleya, Vice Chancellor of the Catholic University who talked about the Church teachings on marriage and family indicated the genesis of marriage in the accounts of creation as read in Genesis. He also talked about the elements of marriage in three fold which are unity and indissolubility; fidelity of conjugal love; and openness to fertility. He further cited the major elements of Pope Francis’s post-synodal exhortation of the Synod of Families held in 2014 and 2015 called “*Amoris Laetitia*” or “*The Joy of Love*” which discusses marriage and family life as well as the contemporary challenges faced by families throughout the world. Fr. Buleya also stated that the



A cross section of delegates at the National Conference of Families

exhortation is a good document as it also encourages both pastors and members of the laity to accompany and care for families and others in situations of particular need.

The National Family Conference was also privy to wise words from Most. Rev. Montfort Stima, Bishop of Mangochi Diocese who talked of overcoming challenges of family and marriage such as focusing at strengths of the spouse than fault finding; acknowledging when good things are done unto us with simple words like “*sorry*”; reading the Word of God including advance reading for Sunday and reflection as family; setting prayer time for family; working so that each member contributes to the cost of living at family; and having meals together as family.

### The resolutions

After reflection guided by the inspiring words from the Church leadership and some testimonies from ‘complete family’, single headed family and children headed family, the delegates at the conference came up with some resolutions that if followed would minimize or even deal away with the current challenges of marriages and family life. The resolutions

were for the Church, Church Groups including Small Christian Communities to follow as presented below:

- i. Need to promote, advocate and disseminate the natural family planning method and discourage the popular campaign from the ‘secular world’ for use of pills and other forms of contraceptives for family planning;
- ii. Have a continuous catechesis for all ages after confirmation to marriage stage and some even after marriage so that the people are well equipped to handle the challenges that might be there during their marriage life;
- iii. Training of marriage counselors

so that what is passed on to the married couples are facts that helps strengthen the unity;

- iv. The Small Christian Community as a family should support the other smaller families that are having challenges. Similarly, the church groups such as Catholic Family Movement, and Catholic Singles that aim at supporting family should be open to membership and participation of a wide section including singles in their activities. Marriage Encounter should not be an exclusive club but should look at helping other families that seen to be going through difficulties.
- v. Within a family setting, there should be enhanced communication amongst members by having family time, such as prayer time or bible sharing so that if there are gifts of children, they should be formed into responsible members of society.

### One year after the conference, where are we on marriage and family?

Having done a lot of talking at the National Conference and thereafter, it was time for action. We get to know of the

status of the resolutions of the National Family Conference by the answers we have from the National Family Apostolate Coordinator, Rev. Fr. Valeriano Mtseka and the Family Apostolate Director for the Archdiocese of Lilongwe, Rev. Fr. Cyprian Chipalamwazani.

These family apostolate coordinators have a role of carrying out the church mission for the family in various forms, activities and services so that the family could be helped to live according to its vocation and the Gospel in their everyday life.

It has been learnt that at diocesan level, the family apostolate has undertaken a number of activities in line with its mandate such as recollection and retreats and sessions with different groups (such as catechists, catholic women) on Natural Family Planning (Billings Method). At the National level, there has been drafting of the constitution to guide the activities of association of family movement national wide and the participation at the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland.

Besides these achievements, there are some challenges that are making the apostolate fail to implement some programs such as family preparation courses both at national and diocese level. Lack of funds for and lack of office space (for archdiocese), and lack of collaboration from other stakeholders have also made the coordinators fail to deliver according to their mandate.

Besides the challenges, it is a general feeling that a lot needs to be done to preserve the sanctity of marriage and increase love in family setting so that love remains our mission. There are plans to have intense family preparation courses (in terms of time and content), realizing that this is a life time commitment; conduct ongoing sessions for those in marriage with different periods of experiences (1-5 years; 5-10 years, over 25 years etc in marriage); specifically arranged family visits; pro-life programmes; sessions on awareness of HIV-AIDS; services and counseling for families in problems; special programmes on Natural Family Planning method; and marriage and family encouraging programmes such as retreats, seminars, wedding jubilees and other family celebrations.

Given enough and adequate resources and necessary attention towards the plans in place following the resolutions of the first National Family Conference, it is expected that marriage will indeed be treated as sacred and couples will also enjoy the mission of love. It is expected that Church leadership at all levels will continue to treat the issues of marriage and family with seriousness it deserves so that the Church is assured of good priests, nuns, and citizens.

## DIVINE MERCY PRIGRIMS TO RWANDA IN NEW SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES



*Pilgrims with one the visionaries, Natalia (in white blouse), outside the Sanctuaire Notre-Dame de Kibeho (Sanctuary of Our Lady of Kibeho)*

By Fr. Steven Alfred Likhucha

Departing from Lilongwe in Malawi mid September this year to Kabuga in Rwanda with paternal benediction from the Archbishop of Lilongwe Archdiocese, Tarcisius Ziyaye, the 60-member delegation which included seven priests and three Religious nuns, started a pilgrimage for three nights through Tanzania to the destination.

Spiced up by various forms of prayers, daily spiritual reflection, sharing of different ecclesiastical doctrines depending on the expertise of the Clergy, honest discussion on pertinent current issues affecting the Church and harmonious singing ameliorated by acoustic and classical guitar together with clapping of hands and ululations, a four-day journey seemed to be a flash. The beauty and cleanliness of Rwanda was a marvel to admire and the weather was conducive to the spiritual exercises.

Upon arrival in Kabuga Parish in the Archdiocese of Kigali a *spiritual cleansing* had to take place for all the pilgrims. The Rector of the Divine Mercy Shrine, Rev. Fr. John Baptist Mvukiyehe of Parotine Congregation, prayerfully welcomed the pilgrims before their entry into the Door of Mercy. Holy Water was sprinkled on all the pilgrims

before incensing them to make sure that all were cleansed as they started the five-day annual spiritual exercise. A meditative pace to various shrines and a theological reflection on each shrine was delivered to the pilgrims before a special welcoming mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Alphonso Bizmungu at the Generate of Parotine Congregation in city of Kigali. With plenitude of vitality, the Eucharistic celebration, in which people offered gifts from Malawi such as kilombero rice, added flavor and became the apex to all welcoming spiritual exercises. The mass extinguished all communal activities of the first day in Rwanda.

As part of immersing themselves into the realities of Rwanda, pilgrims went deeply into emotional state after a visit to Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre. Bonheur Pacific, a narrator of Aegis Trust running the centre, sorrowfully explained how 250,000 victims, buried at the centre, went through during the tragic and awful 1994 Rwandan genocide. In this genocide Tutsi women and children were the main target so as to be absolutely wiped out in Rwanda as such they were brutally murdered. Apart from men with deadly deceases openly raping the women, some Tutsis were forced to kill their own wives, husbands and children before their own

fate. To cap it all, prayers were said, roses were laid on various graves and some donations were made to the centre for the survivors of the victims.

During the pilgrim retreat, the members were encouraged to emulate the love and mercy of God in their families. Love and mercy remain the main hinges of family bond as such meditation on incarnation will always be good for all family members to understand how God loved his people and became immanent in them.

The long queues and duration during the administration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation indicated how spiritually touched the people were and how willing they were to be holy and blameless before the Lord God. The presence of the multitude of pilgrims kneeling down during the overnight prayers through adoration of the Holy Eucharist and mid night Way of the Cross prayers, displayed the readiness of the people to mortify themselves before the Lord God.

On the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, pilgrims prayed for innocent souls who suffered in Rwanda and those innocently suffering in Malawi today, their own intentions and special intentions for Malawi as a nation in preparation for



Top: Bishop Hakizimana celebrating mass the Sanctuaire Notre-Dame de Kibeho.  
Bottom: Fr. John Baptist Mvukiyehe at one of the chapels at Kabuga Parish, Kigali



the forth coming tripartite elections. In all these Christians were encouraged to embrace sufferings or make sacrifices in life in order to give life or make life better for others.

The summit of the pilgrimage involved Marian prayers in preparation for the Our Lady of Sorrows Celebration which started with the procession of the meditation of rosary of sorrows where there were an apparition of the Virgin Mary in 1980s to Natalia, Marie Clare and Alphonsina. It was all smiles when the pilgrims were accorded an opportunity to meet Natalia, who still receives messages from the Holy Mother and is single, based in Kibeho, whereas Alphonsina is serving as a Religious Sister in Northern Ireland

and Marie Clare passed on during the tragic genocide.

During the meeting Natalia said that Mother Mary is pleased with Malawians with the enthusiasm they have for God but she is worried that most of the Christians have wrong intentions in their prayer services. People should stop going for prayers with wrong motive, they should not pray in order to be seen or to impress someone, nor praying in order to attract people during weddings or deaths of their relations or themselves but they should pray because they realize the immerse love and mercy God has for them. Once you pray because of accidentals, when those things are fulfilled or are gone, the zeal, need and value for prayer diminishes.

Speaking during the closing Eucharistic celebration for all the exercises at Kibeho in Nyaruguru District, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Gikongoro, Rt. Rev. Celestin Hakizimana said that God has always been merciful to his people and tries as much as possible to intervene into their situation for help.

“As human beings sometimes we do not become satisfied with what is provided for us by our merciful God and as such, we still have the desire for more and more. Time has come for us to appreciate what the Lord God does for us and whatever we have experienced through the mercy and love of God should always be extended to others so that they too should experience the mercy and love of God through us.” Hakizimana said.

The Bishop reminded the people that God has always been faithful to his people who suffer for the sake of the Church in various ways. He therefore assured all the pilgrims that they would be abundantly blessed by the Lord God through the prayers and all kinds of agonies they went through during the pilgrimage.

The song, ‘Ndi Zikomo Mau amene ndinganene ndi Zikomo,’ when Malawi Delegation was given an opportunity for a thanksgiving song, was the main centre of attraction by the rest of the pilgrims who stood up, clapped hands in awe and appreciation for the harmonious singing with only one instrument - a classical guitar.

The Chairperson for the Divine Mercy Apostolate, Janet Banda, at the end of the spiritual exercise asked the pilgrims to continue praying for the needs of the people and especially the needs of our country Malawi even after the pilgrimage. She also encouraged the members to spread the message of Divine Mercy to various people wherever they work and stay.

One of the pilgrims was former Chief Justice in Malawi, Dr. Anastazia Msosa SC, who said that it was worthwhile going and praying in Rwanda and the fruits of the prayers were already been experienced even before reaching Malawi.

2018 Rwandan Pilgrimage included people from Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Burundi, Zambia and Tanzania apart from Malawi. Divine Mercy Group is planning for another pilgrimage next year in September and for more information you can contact the Patron, Fr. Emmanuel Chikaya on 0999492179.

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## LIKUNI PARISH GIVES BIRTH TO A 'THIRD CHILD'

On 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018, His Grace, Tarcizio Ziyaye officially declared and opened a new parish for the Archdiocese of Lilongwe.

St. John Paul II – Chitedze Parish entered the books of parishes in the universal church. The new parish at the time of inauguration had two zones: Chilikhanda and Chitedze, and the two catechists, Mr.

Bernado Malaya and Mr. Elia Kalisoni. There are 17 outstations enumerated with 65 small Christian communities. There are about 30 choirs.

The new parish boasts of not less than 10, 000 Christians and catechumens ministered by Fr. Innocent Mtapanga, the first Parish Priest and Fr. Francis Lekaleka, the first Assistant Parish Priest.

**ST JOHN PAUL II  
CHITEDZE CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

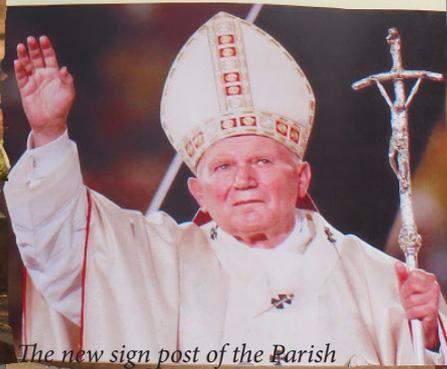
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**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
MONDAY TO THURSDAY - 6:00 AM  
FRIDAYS - 6:00 PM  
SATURDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - 6:30 AM





*The new sign post of the Parish*



*The liturgical dancing girls at the function*



*Left, Fr. Innocent Mtapanga, Parish Priest and Fr. Francis Lekaleka, Assistant*



*Part of the congregation at the function*



# HOW TO MANAGE FAMILY FINANCES

By Levi Chirwa

## The Situation

The recent rise in fuel pump price after a long period of stability in Malawi has caused panic among consumers of good and services. This, therefore, has not left a single household out of the predicament but calls for financial discipline in any family set up. Thus families have to recognize that fuel is a main driver of prices of goods in the country's economy. The consumer has every right to get worried on account of unchanged income. However, this will have to be managed in many different ways. We now want to share some suggestions of how a family setting can manage its finances amidst the challenges during the difficult times and ahead.

## Why manage family finances?

It is important to manage family finances properly because of the benefits that come with it more especially regarding happiness brought about by the unity. It is a known fact that failing to manage spending or agree on financial decisions can cause a married couple to fall into endless arguments.

*“Pangani Ndalama, a business man earns a living from running 2 TukuTuku or Bajaji and 4 bicycles for hire (njinga ya kabaza. His wife, Mwazani Ndalama is a housewife and is financially dependent on the income from the husband who periodically gives her money for personal use. As such, Mwazani is a free spender and does not necessarily need to account for the money used.*

*One time, Pangani went on a business trip to China. As a caring husband, and to ensure that the family income is well looked after, he asked his wife to handle all the money that would come in from the business. This is after he had made sure that all bills at home, food, and other requirements were already taken care of. With this, he had expected that all income from the bajaji and kabaza would be safely deposited in the business account. This was not to be as of the 10 days he was away, he only found cash for the last two days before his return. The wife was at pains to explain what had happened but only to point at a few items that she had bought which were similar items to what Pangani had bought from*

*China. This led to problems and quarrels in the household, there was no peace and mistrust had come in.”*

## Have a Financial Plan

The Ndalama's situation made me realize that it is a fact that to get through the many financial decisions present in married life, you have to coordinate a financial plan with the whole family and keep an open dialogue going about the family's money. This is the motivation for my writing on this subject matter “managing finances in family.”



## Be open on your finances

Therefore, there is need to talk openly about your finances. This is an important element throughout one's life. For those planning to get married, honesty in financial issues is important before the wedlock. For instance, if one partner has a poor credit history or large debts that are not brought up before marriage, it can lead to resentment and problems down the wedlock. Before getting married, you should meet with your loved one and discuss his current financial situation, including how much s/he makes, where that money goes, his/her credit history, and any large debts s/he is carrying. This sets the tone for financial openness in the rest of your lives together.

## Regular Discussions on Finances

Regular discussions about money are crucial. On a monthly basis as agreed between the two of you, you may have to discuss your finances regularly to assess the previous month's expenditures, mark

your progress towards long-term goals, and to propose any changes or major purchases that you want to make. You will realize that talking about money regularly can make you lead a comfortable life and have productive daily undertaking.

As such, even though you are the sole source of family finances through work or business, you should not be the sole manager of the family's as this places an unnecessary burden on that person and leads to others' being unaware of the family's current financial situation.

In addition, if that person leaves through death or otherwise, it leaves the others completely unaware of how to manage or even access the family's finances hence ending up like Pangani's situation in a short time.

## Pooling your finances together

Start now by empowering your spouse to be alternating in financial management in your home. There are several ways of handling this. Others decide on setting up joint accounts while others choose to keep everything together while others keep their finances mostly separate. For couples that have individual income, it is advisable that at minimum, you should have a joint account to pay for household expenses and any other that affects your daily living such as your mortgage payment. At the end of the month, you can split these expenses in half and each transfer in an equal amount of money into this account to pay these expenses. Having separate account can prevent arguments that might arise from one person's spending habits.

Of course it is still important to set limits on expenditure for each of you so that one person doesn't end up spending all of the family's money. In this contest, issues of budgeting come handy.

### **Do have a Family Budget**

You must create a budget and keep it. This could be in form of a note pad, a hardcover or an excel spread sheet which you can keep track. In building your budget for the first time, you must assess your current spending habits. Thus, for a month, write down a note every time you spend money, even for very small amounts. This has to be recorded especially the amount spent and what it was you paid for. At the end of the month, sit down (with your spouse) and total up both your spending. Add in major expenditures to get a clear picture of where the family's money went that month. The expenditures listed, if possible, have to be split according to category like home, car, food, entertainment, tithe, medical insurance etc.

Make sure that you use all the payment methods that you have used in the process, such as cash, mobile money (airtel money or mpamba), online payments, using card for point of sale gadgets) and standing orders just to make sure you didn't miss any payments when totaling your expenses. It is important therefore that the receipts have to be kept safe.

As a couple, you can now come together to create a budget for the next period. It is crucial at this point to look at your compiled spending habits. Tithing should always be the first item on the list. Assess if you have a surplus or you are spending more than you make. Then work from here to identify areas where you can cut back, if needed. If at all possible, try to free up money that can be put into savings or into the retirement fund. Again you must create spending limits on certain categories, like food and entertainment, and try to stick to them over time. You must remember to always leave room in your monthly budget for unexpected expenses, like small medical bills or car repairs.

Work to improve and change your budget as needed. Return to your budget regularly to eliminate unnecessary spending or to adjust your budgeted amounts as needed. For example, having a child may cause you to have to completely restructure your budget. In any case, constantly seek out areas where you can cut back and save more. You'll find that you can be just as happy while spending much less than you

do now.

### **Tithing**

The Lord asks us to pay tithe and offering as a sign of love for Him and help build His kingdom. As the law of tithing is always part of the Gospel, every family has to understand that it is a commandment for us just as it was a commandment for our ancestors in faith. It is important to discuss how paying your tithe is one way of acknowledging what God, our Father in Heaven has given us and show our love and appreciation (Malachi 3:10-12).

### **Saving for your goals in life**

One important aspect that a couple has to do in financial management is to save for some goals that are important for the life of the family. Thus, first you have to decide some long-term goals together. You must have an open conversation about your savings goals, including saving for a house, for retirement, and for other large purchases like a car etc. Make sure that you both agree that the purchase or expense in question is worth saving for and that you agree on the amount needed. This will help coordinate your savings and investment efforts.

### **Have an Emergency Fund**

It is also important to plan eventualities in a family setting; this calls for a creation of an emergency fund for when things go bad. This should cover for issues like loss of job by one spouse or experience unexpected medical problems. You can agree on how much this fund could be depending on your income, but make sure there is a portion towards that.

### **Manage your Debt**

Another important aspect in managing finances at family is to manage your debt. The first important element is reducing your debt by paying off your existing debt. This will ease pressure on your finances. This debt could be in form of paying down student loans, car loans, house loans and other debt that you have. You may even consider paying more than the minimum required payment amount if that is possible as long as it is in line with the agreement. Having settled your debt can you qualify for more credit and move forward with saving for other goals. Make sure that the debt that you uptake is not used for consumption at home, but on something that would bring about better returns.

### **Make plans for retirement**

Make retirement plans early: You should also start planning for retirement as early

as possible. This is because, due to the effects of compound interest, money placed in a retirement fund at a young age will earn much more interest over its life than the same amount of money put in at a later age. Make sure to make every effort to increase your retirement savings, and this should start even before putting money into education funds for your children. This is on account of the fact that there could be scholarships and grants available for your child's education, but not for your retirement.

### **Plan for your Children's Educational Expenses**

You must also plan for educational expenses for your children. If you're planning to fund part or all of your child's higher education, it's best to start saving early on. Thus you can start saving today. This will also help you especially looking at the present situation where the loan and grants facilities for higher education are but a few and may not be reliable.

### **Staying on Track on your Budget**

Don't make large purchases without discussing them first. Establish a monetary limit for what constitutes a "major" purchase. Obviously, this will differ between families, but the important thing is that you have a set limit. For any purchases above this limit, decide that the spouse making the purchase must have the approval of the other before going through with it. If either of you ever breaks this rule, be sure to tell the other immediately. Keeping large expenditures private is just asking for trouble.

### **Uptake only the Debt that is Necessary**

Avoid taking on unnecessary debt. Keep each other on track by avoiding taking on debt for medium-sized purchases like furniture or jewels. Plan these purchases out beforehand with your spouse so that you can combine your resources and afford the full amount of the purchase. This will save you money on interest payments in the long term. In addition, always check in with each other about any debt. It may be in your best interest to help a spouse with debt repayment if she can't make it as missing a monthly payment will hurt your combined financial position later.

### **Live in peace**

Following most of these tips, from discussing your finances, prioritizing tithing on family budget, you should have less on no problems at family setting that are as a result of your financial situations. It is important to plan finances as a family.



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## AKHRISTU A ST. PATRICK'S PARISH KUCHITA MATAMA NDI OFESI YA TSOPANO

*Wolemba: Mkonzi wa Mpingo Ndife Tonse*

St. Patrick's Parish ku area 18 A, mu Archdiocese ya Lilongwe akunyadira Kamba ka ntchito yonyaditsa yomwe adali nayo yomanga ofesi ya tsopano pa parishipo.

Parishiyi yomwe imadziwikanso kuti Chimutu, ili ndi ma outstation atatu, kuphatikizapo pa parishipo. Ili ndi Kauma outstation Komanso Mgubo outstation. Ili ndi miphakati 29, yambiri yangobadwa kumene. Ili ndi mgulupa mmodzi, a Christopher Nkhoma ndi wa nsembe m'modzi, Bambo Maxwell Kubalasa, Komanso ma sistere a chipani cha Tereza wa mwana Yesu.

Parishiyi idayamba chitukuko chomanga ofesi ya makono ya zipinda za m'mwamba mchaka cha 2015, m'mwezi wa August pamene Ambuye Episkopi, T.G. Ziyaye adabwera kudzayika mwala wa maziko.

Padali chiyembekezo kuti ndalama

zomangira ofesiyi zidzachokera m'matumba a khristu eni ake a pa parishipo ndipo zinathekadi. Akhristu adadzipereka kuyigwira ntchito; kunali msonkhamsonkha wa ma paper Sunday, akhristu kupereka mwa paokha ngati ma

donations ndi njira zina zotero.

Ndalama zonse zomwe zagwira ntchito pakali pano sizikuchepera 150 million Kwacha.



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# THE ART OF RADIO BROADCASTING



By: Fr. Louis Chikanya

## Creating a radio personality – branding

Branding is a marketing concept, that connotes the practice or act of giving a company or organisation a particular design or symbol in order to advertise its products or services. It is an act or process of creating a unique feature, name or image for the particular products.

There are reasons why branding is done. Some of them include to maintain loyal customers, to increase the value of the products, to motivate customers and to establish reputation of both the company and the products.

Branding aims at establishing a significant and differentiated presence in the market that attracts and retains loyal customers. It is establishing an image in the customers' eyes. Branding identifies and differentiates a product.

Why do I bother my reader with all these marketing jargons, in a radio article? Dear reader, especially you who wishes to be different in radio broadcasting, this article is meant for you.

## Building a brand for a radio personality

Which buttons do you press to build a personality for the radio? Do you wish to be a crowd puller while in front of the mic in the studio? You need to do several tasks.

Let us first learn from the market concept of branding. In the definition of branding in marketing we note several key words and these are: particular design, or

symbol, creating a unique feature, name or image for a particular product. We note also that branding aims at establishing a significant differentiated presence to attract loyal customers.

With this frame, a prospective radio personality has all it takes to become a liked broadcaster in the radio medium.

A radio personality should aim at creating a unique character, a particular name. you do not want to copy the character of this presenter or that radio DJ. It is embarrassing to be known by copy and paste personality. Your image is crucial. It is your image, the unique and distinctive feature that attracts your listeners and maintain them to be loyal to you. They become your customers. So you are stamped in their ears. Any time you sit in front of the mic in the studio, you arrest them and release them when you sign off.

## How do you do it?

First thing is to research and know your audience and their needs. You will attract the listeners if you touch their life. Always bring something new, interesting and relevant for the audience. Nobody wants to listen to a boring presenter. Be cautious of the feelings of the audience; their culture, their education, their status, their health, etc.

Be conversational when in the studio. Talk to one person not many. Engage the listener and challenge them with their life experiences. For example, how they conduct themselves at work places, at

business points, in church, at the farm, etc.

They say when you work for the radio, you have the challenge of broadcasting to the audience who have ears to hear. The radio is an ear medium. Therefore, you need to paint a picture to every story that you tell in the studio to make the listener to visualise the content.

Be a friendly person around the station. Make fellow presenters feel comfortable with you around. Be approachable. Share stories and listen to others' stories. Be charming and humorous.

Learn to get involved in the community activities. Do not just talk issues on air. Go out and interact with community members. It is there that you get the life experiences of the people.

Brand yourself as a time conscious presenter. In radio, time is an important element. You use time to sell a programme, an advert, etc.

Finally, be a social media savvy. You cannot run away from social media *disturb*. The world of today is overtaken by social communications. You cannot afford to lag behind. However, be selective as social media is not totally reliable.

Dear presenter, creativity is the heart of radio broadcasting. Be creative, be original, be imaginative, be innovative and inventive. Brand yourself to increase the value of your personality as well as that of the station you work for.

# PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES—LILONGWE

## Highlights of Mission Activities—2018

By Rosemary Tsoka Banda, PMS Administrative Assistant

Pontifical Mission Societies continued in its mission to evangelise in the year 2019 through various activities involving the Clergy and the Religious and the Laity themselves. Various missionary animation programs were lined up in the year, and below are some of the captured moments!

### Missionary Childhood—Tilitonse



On 6th January in all parishes, the children celebrated their day, by taking leading roles during liturgy.

On 13th January, about 8,000 children from

all 38 parishes converged at Mtima Woyera Parish, for the Archdiocesan Mission day celebration. More than 30 priests and 20 religious were in attendance.

### Pontifical Missionary Union



In a rare event, on 3rd February more than 200 priests and religious gathered at Maula to celebrate their Union in the mission, marking the Day of the Consecrated. They had a recollection

at the Poor Clares Monastery, then High Mass presided by His Grace Archbishop Ziyaye, after which they had a common lunch. The ceremony was also attended by the National Director of PMS, Fr. Vincent Mwakhwawa.

### Celebrating the Vocations

Marking the Vocations day which was commemorated on 22nd April world wide, the Archdiocese also organized a special event

### PMS MISSION DAYS IN 2019

**6th January** Epiphany

Theme: **Children, Baptised and Sent to Evangelise**

Celebration of Children's Mission day at Chiphaso Parish.

**2nd February** Day of the Consecrated

Celebration of the Pontifical Missionary Union at Mtima Woyera Parish

**4th May** Vocations' Sunday in all Parishes,

**5 to 7 July** Parish Animators' Retreat, Salima

**12 to 16 August** National Animators' Training, Lilongwe

on 21st April at Mponela Parish, attended by priests and Youths from all the parishes. The various congregations displayed what they are to the youth who were so eager to learn more about priesthood and religious life .

### Annual Animators' Mass



On 6th July, Holy Childhood animators from all the parishes in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe gathered at Maula Cathedral Parish for a recollection and annual mass.

On this day, the Archbishop of Lilongwe, also blessed the branded 'Tilitonse' (Holy Childhood) Exercise books which were to act as animation tool to the 'Tilitonse' children.

### Commemorating the Mission Month

On 30th September the Archdiocese was privileged to host a National Launch of the Mission month. The venue was Mtima Woyera Parish. Based on the theme for 2018, the Youths were commissioned to proclaim the gospel. The Team from the ECM led by PMS National Director Rev. Fr. Vincent Mwakhwawa graced the occasion.

### One Million Children Praying the Rosary

Several children participated in the 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' campaign on 18th October 2018. This was done in schools, parishes and many other children centres.

### Missionary Animation

Throughout the year there were various PMS animation programs for different groups, Deanery visits and Animators trainings, like the National training held in Mzuzu in August.

### EXTRAORDINARY MISSION MONTH, 2019

The Extraordinary Mission month—October 2019, was announced by Pope Francis in 2017. on 21st November, the Episcopal Conference of Malawi released a statement on the same, outlining several activities to be carried out from 1st Sunday of Advent, in 2018 up to October, 2019.

#### October

**Every Sunday:** Will have a special theme dedicated to the Extraordinary Mission Month.

**20th October** World Mission Sunday in All Parishes.

## UNION OF THE CATHOLIC PRESS 2018

**T**he Union of the Catholic African Press (UCAP) organized a conference in Cape Town, South Africa in the month of September 2018. Sam Kalimba (SK) talked to Ester Nyanja (EN) who represented Malawi at the conference.

**SK: Tell us more about yourself.**

**EN:** I am Esther Misheck Nyanja, Vice president of the Association of Catholic Journalists in Malawi (ACJ). I am however, the Acting President of the ACJ, as the incumbent, Augustine Mulomole is currently tied up with other businesses. I belong to the Southern Region chapter of the ACJ, which comprises Blantyre Archdiocese and Chikwawa Diocese. I have been a member of the Association for many years now. Before being elected as the VP, I was the Secretary General. And now I am just a new member of the UCAP.

**SK: Recently you attended the 2018 Union of the Catholic African Press UCAP conference in South Africa, what is UCAP?**

**EN:** UCAP is an African forum for professionals and institutions in secular and religious journalism (communication). It is an independent, autonomous and professional African Catholic entity composed of African Catholic communicators, academics, researchers and institutions in all classifications of media and communication. It is a non-political and non-profit association which exists to create platforms for the enhancement of professional skills and promotion of Catholic Christian and



positive journalistic values. And the organization is well recognized by the Holy sea.

**SK: What are the objectives of UCAP?**

**EN:** There are several objectives of this grouping but some of them are to promote the right to information, freedom of opinion and professional ethics; to initiate opportunities for training and retraining of communication practitioners in line with global developments and the needs of the African Continent as well as to collaborate with the Catholic Church in Africa through its communications' offices on the national, regional and Continental levels in its quest to evangelize the world among others.

**SK: What transpired at the conference?**

**EN:** This year's conference dwelt much on *using the media for promotion of Integral Human Development in Africa*, which was also the theme. And about 20 speakers were chosen to present their papers on three sub topics derived from the main theme.

*The sub topics were as follows: journalism for truth and reconciliation in the Church and of service to people; Making the church more relevant to the youth in the church in Africa and; Promoting peace, Truth and reconciliation in Africa in a Digital Age.*

Malawi was lucky to be among the speakers and on behalf of the ACJ, I had the opportunity to present the paper on; *Journalism for truth and Reconciliation in the church and of service to people.*



The conference was another good platform to renew old acquaintances and make new friends during the networking sessions, with one goal of evangelizing the world through our work.

The Most Reverend Archbishop Stephen Brislin, President of the Southern African Bishops Conference (SACBC) and the Archbishop of Cape Town, was the guest of honour. In his remarks, he stressed much on the need to avoid fake news as catholic communicators. He said that the tendency of perpetrating fake news has led to many people finding it difficult to trust what has been presented as objective facts. The Archbishop also said that it is of paramount importance that the catholic journalists root their professional lives in their faith. He also talked much on the need for catholic journalists to report more on abuses that are happening in churches by authorities, he said this is one way of bringing in unity, peace and reconciliation among the afflicted.

During the conference, we also had a chance of beefing up the current executive as well as endorsing the current executive to be maintained. Currently UCAP is being led by Mr. George Sunguh as the president, Mr. Cleophas Samu as treasurer, Mrs. Victoria Lugey as the second vice president while Mr. Rodrigue Dembele is the Secretary General.

**SK: Can you further divulge the paper that you presented?**

**EN:** It talks much on how the media can be promoters of peace, truth and reconciliation especially in this digital age where information travels fast, and thereby as catholic communicators we need to respond to issues with speed. On top of that the paper also points out the



need for communicators to double check and censor any publication before it is released for public consumption; avoid hate speeches that are tantamount to causing civil unrest among the citizens. According to Malawi's paper, with the emergence of social media the country has seen the influx of writers masquerading as citizen journalists which has brought in the tendency of fabricating false news which is intended to injure and assassinate other people's characters. So these were some of the issues that were presented during the conference which was in line with the theme.

**SK: How important was the conference?**

**EN:** The conference was very important bearing in mind that Malawi was its first time to participate after many years. Through that we have learnt a lot and seen how our friends are operating their groupings in their countries. Participants had a chance of sharing their country's experiences and how they are overcoming the challenges, so in that way, it has also opened our eyes on how ACJ can apply the knowledge back here which will make it vibrant and be like some of the catholic communicator's groupings in various countries that are doing well. Despite learning from others I am happy to report that some members were eager to learn on how Malawi is doing its operations in terms of the Association, the formation, activities, as well as the membership drive. Some were even contended that we have divided the Association into regions, saying this is a good initiative to emulate. Another thing which was also very crucial was the networking part, saying even with the absence of the conferences, members are encouraged to continue engaging with different countries even coming up with joint programs with neighboring countries for proper coordination. Through the conference we have also learnt that some countries are also incorporating students that are pursuing communication courses

in various colleges so as to increase the membership drive.

**SK: How often does the Conference take place?**

**EN:** The UCAP conference takes place every two years on a rotational basis. The next conference will be held in 2020 in the Democratic Republic of Congo DRC.

**SK: Any closing word?**

**EN:** Firstly, let me take this opportunity to thank the Malawi Catholic Church through the Episcopal Conference of Malawi (ECM) for the support it rendered to the ACJ. I have seen that this is also what is happening across the continent, but they just need to do more since this is part of the Church's communication commission. Secondly let me commend the Executive of the ACJ through the President and all members for trusting me to represent Malawi at such a big conference I don't take that for granted, the prayers, support made my trip to be successful. I would like also to encourage all catholic communicators in the country to join ACJ and build the communication commission and the church together. UCAP membership is open to all and my appeal is let us all be members by paying a membership fee of \$20. By being a member you are eligible to participate in UCAP's conferences and general assemblies. The good news is that Malawi is now a member. It was very encouraging to note that some countries were being represented by more than two participants and in so doing you are able to contribute fully to the meetings and that your voices can easily be heard than a lone voice. Let me also stress that this grouping is also open to priests and even nuns in the communication sector. Let's start preparing for the 2020 UCAP conference which will be held in DRC, and it's my prayer to see more Malawians participate at the next conference.

# LET THE CATHOLIC GRADUATE SING

By Isaac Songea, (Chanco Catholic Alumni choir member)



*The Alumni Choir singing during mass for fundraising*

“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God”. This is what the psalmist says in chapter 42:1. This was the feeling most Chancellor College Catholic Choir alumni had. Some were members of choirs in their respective parishes. Some were not. However, the nostalgia kept on growing. There was a craving to sing **Paulendo Wanga** and other songs again. There was a longing to serve the Lord again in a small way. This mutual feeling grew stronger when there was a suggestion to record Catholic classic songs.

So, a suggestion was put forward to a few members that an alumni choir should be formed. The dilemma was whether this should be a choir for all Catholic graduates or not. It was felt that it would be easy if the targeted people had a common ground. Therefore, an invitation was first forwarded to the people who were members of the Catholic Choir at Chancellor College, a constituent college of the University of Malawi. At first, the reception of the idea was lukewarm. However, the number kept on growing. Currently, the Choir has about 30 members. Two members are based in Balaka. One is based in Zomba and one is based in Blantyre. The Choir has some members who had never been in a choir before. It boasts of members who graduated from the university in mid 90s and some who have recently graduated.

## **An Opportunity**

Meeting to sing for the fun of it was not successful. There was need for something to challenge the members. The Lord provided an opportunity, a new form of calling his flock. The Chancellor College Alumni Association Lilongwe Chapter was to be launched on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The function was to be preceded by Mass to be presided over by His Grace Tarcizio Gervazio Ziyaye of Lilongwe Archdiocese. This was a good motivation. In response to this call, the Chanco Catholic Alumni Choir was assembled. The choir had two practice sessions only. But the quality of singing during the Mass at Maula Cathedral was so good and lively although the Choir used one guitarist instead of its usual three. Commenting on the Choir, the Archbishop requested the members not to disband. “You should not hide the talent and skills that God gave you. This Choir should be there forever. It is good to sing for the Lord,” advised the Archbishop.

The Choir members agreed that instead of meeting to practise old songs, the Choir should compose new songs and should produce an album. Therefore, a call was made to all members to compose new songs. Those that would not be able to finalize the composition on their own were encouraged to put together lyrics that could be passed on to other members with relevant skills for composition and arrangement.

## **St Patrick’s Parish**

In July 2017 the Choir requested the Parish Priest of St. Patrick’s Parish in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe, Rev. Fr. Maxwell Alufeyo Kubalasa, for an opportunity to sing at the Parish. After liaising with the chairperson for the choirs at the Parish, it was agreed that the Alumni Choir should participate in liturgy at the Parish on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017, the Feast of Christ the King. Members were very excited. St. Patrick’s Parish was a good challenge. The Parish has good choirs of its own. The standard would have to be good.

The Feast of Christ the King came and is gone. The parishioners were very happy with the singing. The Parish Priest was delighted. He invited the Choir to come back to St. Patrick’s Parish. He also offered the Choir to be meeting at the Parish for practices. Since then, St. Patrick’s Parish became the home for the Alumni Choir.

## **Fundraising for the Maula Cathedral**

Recently, the Choir accepted the request to help in fundraising for the Maula Cathedral by leading the liturgy through singing during the Mass that preceded the fundraising function. The Choir sang throughout the fundraising function. As a way of motivating Catholic students at Chancellor College the Alumni Choir invited 20 members of the Chanco Catholic Students Choir to join them during the function. The Chanco Catholic Alumni Association accompanied the Choir and raised about K1.1 million for the Cathedral project.

## **The New Album**

Meanwhile, the Choir intensified its efforts to compose new songs. Subsequent to the singing at St. Patrick’s Parish the Choir started meeting for practices twice a week. The motivation to compose new songs was awesome. In the end the Choir came up with 16 songs for an album.

Recording of the songs started in April 2018 and was concluded in August 2018. It was done at Manyozo Enterprises Studios in Balaka by Montfort ‘Monty’ Manyozo. The decision to record in Balaka was expensive but worthy it. Monty is a member of the Choir. He played instruments in all Chancellor College Catholic Choir albums save for the last one, *Tithawire kwa Chauta*.



Archbishop Ziyaye and the Alumni Choir on Cathedral Day

Balaka is also the base for one of the Choir's long serving member and composer Rodrick Zalimba. Therefore, a studio where Monty was the producer and the proximity of a watchful Rodrick Zalimba was a natural choice.

The songs were composed by six different members. It is pleasing to disclose that one of the songs was composed by a lady member of the Choir. The themes and genres are varied. Four are praise songs. Three are contemplative songs. One of these songs, *Ndine Mkatolika*, goes to the heart of our faith. It is a song that makes one associate proudly with the Catholic faith. It is an image of Profession of Faith.

Six songs, including the title track are supplicatory songs. These songs reflect vulnerability of every person when they are without the blessings and protection from God. While reflecting on the realities of everyday life, these songs help the listener to supplicate and connect with God.

Lastly, there are two joyful songs. In these songs, in reggae and Manganje tunes, the Choir goes mellow and invites the audience to spiritual jubilation. While one is a Christmas song taken from the Catholic Hymn book, the other one is a joyful replication of story of a prodigal son. It celebrates the decision of a sinner to turn to the confession box, to turn back to God. What a joy there is in heaven and in the Church. The title of the album is *Pemphero Langa*.

**Funding of the Album project**

The project was fully funded by the

Catholic alumni community through kind and monetary contributions. Although most of the funders were members from Lilongwe, there were considerable contributions from Blantyre and other districts. Further, not only did the Choir receive financial support from Chancellor College Catholic Alumni community, it also got support from Catholic alumni from other colleges, notably, the Polytechnic. The Choir will forever be grateful for God's providence through His people. As one of the songs (*Ufumu Wanu Udze*) suggests, let us all bring the Lord's Kingdom through our good deeds.

**Release**

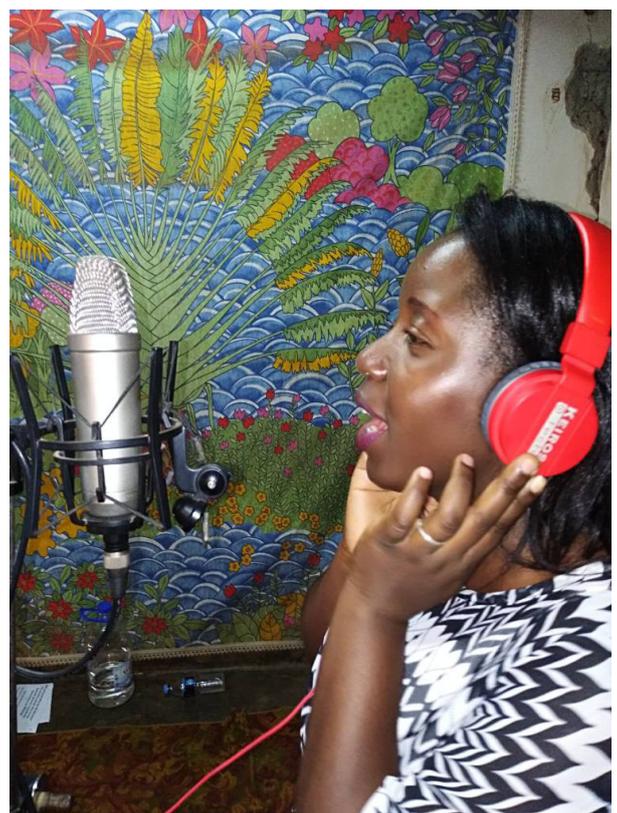
The Choir is expected to release *Pemphero Langa* by the second week of November 2018. The album will be distributed through parishes, bookshops and other reputable music outlets.

**The Future**

The Alumni Choir is here to stay. The Choir is on evangelization mission. As such, it intends to produce as many albums as possible. It also plans to visit as many parishes as possible within Malawi and abroad to evangelize through singing. The Choir plans to contribute to promotion of music in Malawi. It has

ambitions to own a modern studio where choirs and musicians would produce good music.

*“O come, let us sing unto the LORD, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.”* So let the Catholic graduate sing.



Mrs. Angela Kachipapa Mhone, choir member in studio

## ST. THERESA CHOIR SETS THE BALL ROLLING

By Brian Leonard Banda



Like a mustard seed, it sprouted up around 1992. It took a path, perhaps very unpopular at that particular time; and thus praising the Lord through English songs. It has slowly but surely grown to maturity by not only singing well but by also demonstrating to the other choirs that they can organize themselves financially.

The choir has recently purchased a Mazda Bongo minibus to assist them ease mobility challenges. The vehicle, they say, will also assist in fattening the choir's purse, thanks to the proceeds of their recent album, "Rejoice" and ofcourse other well-wishers.

According to the choir's keyboardist, Mr Osward Kaponya, the success lies in the team work and hardworking spirit of its executive committee and the entire group's dedication.

The choir has successfully managed to produce three gospel albums with 'Rejoice,' the recent one released in 2017.

The minibus was officially unveiled at a colorful ceremony graced by Rev. Fr. Jos Kuppens at St Francis of Assisi Parish premises in Area 25 in August 2018. In his remarks, Fr. Kuppens said he was very happy with the choir's landmark achievement and was a double celebration as this has happened within the period he is commemorating his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in priesthood.





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