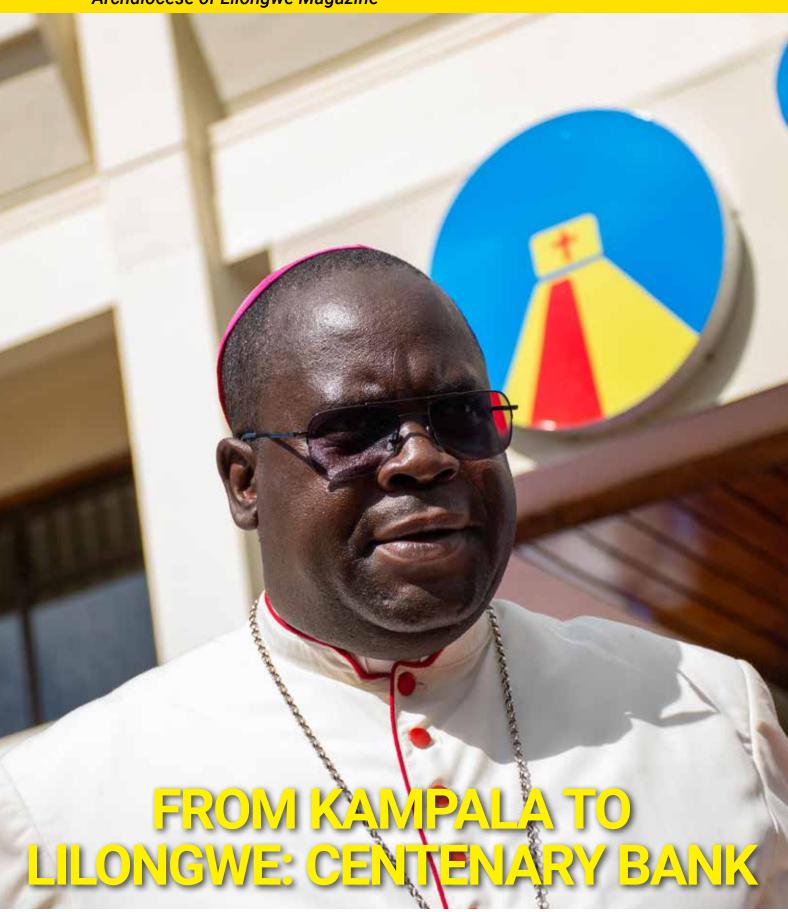
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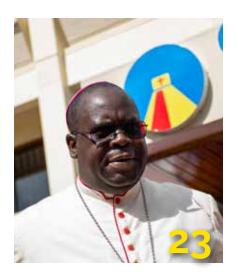
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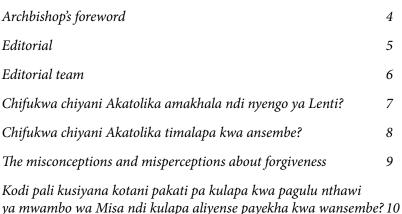
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ARCHBISHOP'S FOREWORD

Greetings in the name of the risen Lord. We rejoice because of the immeasurable love of God for sending His only Son to redeem us. We therefore have no choice but to celebrate and share the celebration with others.

Easter season has found us in the Synodal process of our Archdiocese. We are in the Second Phase of the Synod. I would like to reiterate the importance of the process and the need for everyone to take part in this wonderful opportunity. Once again, may I ask all the leaders facilitating the process to value and take seriously the listening part of the process. Everyone should be given chance to present their ideas freely with respect.

Let us not forget the role of the Holy Spirit in the Synodal process. The Church of God is ran by the Holy Spirit, and we are just collaborators. The Holy Spirit guides our decisions; He enlightens us in the right paths.

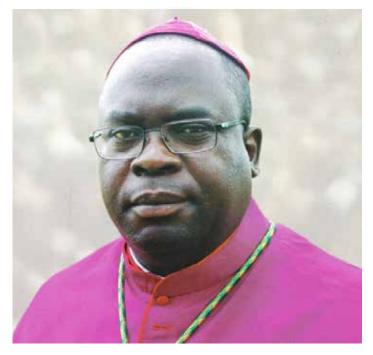
Our Archdiocese is ever growing in many areas. We are growing in pastoral, spiritual and social responsibilities. In order to take care of all these needs of the people of God, the Pastoral office of the Archdiocese is again looking at the prospects of establishing some more new parishes in some parts of our territory.

I would also like to present to you the great news of the finalisation of the process of acquiring MyBucks Banking Corporation changed to **Centenary Bank Limited**, with stakes from the Rural Development Group Limited from Uganda and the Catholic Archdiocese of Lilongwe in Malawi. We thank God for guiding us to reach this level. With this, we have a huge responsibility ahead of us to make sure the investment works for our benefits.

Finally, once again I wish everyone a happy Easter season and may the blessings of the risen Lord be upon you and remain with you now and always.

+ George Desmond Tambala

ARCHBISHOP OF LILONGWE





EDITORIAL

Dear reader

Welcome to another edition of the Mpingo Ndife Tonse Tiyende Limodzi Magazine. From the onset, it feels like saying, 'Tiyende limodzi with Centenary Bank'. On the other hand, it feels like starting with 'Tiyende Limodzi with those being savaged by the aftermath of Cyclone Freddy'.

It is an edition that has a mixed bag of situations that the Archdiocese has undertaken over the period between the previous edition and the current.

In our previous editions, we prepared you to be owners of MyBucks Bank. In this edition we come with the great news in the Archdiocese, and indeed the greatest in the church of Malawi of the acquisition of the Bank now renamed Centenary Bank Limited. The Bank is with us. It is a happy moment for the Archdiocese and we have all the reasons to celebrate the operationalization of the first ever faith-based financial institution in the country.

Indeed, the Magazine mourns together with the faithful in the Archdiocese of Blantyre, and Dioceses of Chikwawa, Mangochi and Zomba for the loss of lives of people in these areas due to the devastating effects of Cyclone Freddy. The Magazine indeed is grieving with the rest of Malawians for the loss of property and with hope in God's mercy it invites all people of goodwill to come to the assistance of the survivors, most of whom are in camps, some are in hospitals and in homes.

The Min-Synod has engaged a second gear in ensuring that everyone participates in the processes of bringing together knowledge for governance of the Archdiocese. The Magazine invites us all to take part in processes of the Synod of Lilongwe with the help of the Holy Spirit.

We at the Mpingo Ndife Tonse Magazine wish you a happy 2023 Easter Season.



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CHIFUKWA CHIYANI AKATOLIKA **AMAKHALA NDI NYENGO YA LENTI?**

Wolemba Brian Leonard Banda

Tikawerenga buku la Baruki, tikumva kuti, Ayuda pamene adali mu ukapolo wa ku Babiloni, "...adalira, nasala zakudya, ndipo adapemphera kwa Ambuye. Adasonkhanitsa ndalama monga momwe aliyense ankathera", (Baruki 1:5-6). Izi zikuomba mkota za m'mene anthu a Mulungu kuyambira kalekale amadzilangira. Mu nyengo ya Lenti, ife akatolika timapitiriza kuonetsa chisoni chifukwa cha machimo athu popemphera, posala zakudya, ndi pogwira ntchito zachifundo.

Mpingo umapatula nyengo ya Lenti mwapadera pokumbukira komanso kulimbikitsa akhristu pa zakufunika kwa nyengoyi. Ngakhale izi zili chonchi, ndikofunika kuti zochitika munyengoyi, zizichitika kawirikawiri m'moyo wathu wonse. Kudzera mwa Mose mu Chipangano chakale, Mulungu analamula

anthu ake kupatula tsiku loyeretsera machimo awo (Levitiko 16:29). Patapita nthawi, Ayuda anaonjezera masiku opepesera machimowa, (Zakariya 8:19).

Akhristu oyamba ankapitiriza kukhala ndi masiku kapena nyengo zopembedzera ndi kusalira zakudya, (Ntchito 13:2-3). Nyengo ya Lenti imachitika masiku makumi anayi (40), isanakwane nyengo ya Pasaka. Masikuwa amafanizira masiku makumi anayi, amene Ambuye Yesu Khristu anayesedwa m'chipululu. Iye anapemphera ndi kulimbana ndi Satana, (Luka 4:1-13). Kufunika kwa mapemphero mu nyengo ya Lenti, ndi kosachita kufunsa. Pomwe kusala zakudya ndi kugwira ntchito zachifundo, kumatithandiza kusiyana ndi zinthu zimene timazikonda ngati nsembe yotiphathanitsa ndi Mulungu.



Buku la Baruki limafotokoza za m'mene Ayuda amalapira machimo awo amene anachititsa kuti atengedwe kupita ku ukapolo wa ku Babiloni. Iwo anaulula machimo awo kwa Mulungu ndi kwa ansembe ku Yerusalemu kupempha kuti awapempherere: "Ifenso mutipempherere kwa Ambuye Mulungu wathu, chifukwa tidawachimwira. Ndipo mpaka lero lino, Ambuye sanaleke kutikwiyira ndi kutisungira ukali" (Baruki 1:13). Choncho chizolowezi choulula machimo kwa Mulungu kudzera mwa ansembe amene amayankha popempherera chifundo cha Mulungu chili ndi chiyambi mu mbiri ya anthu a Mulungu (Levitiko 19:20-22).

Monga mwa chizolowezi cha Mpingo wa Katolika, wansembe samangopempherera kokha munthu wolapayo, komanso amapereka chilango ndi kuyankhula mmalo mwa Mulungu mawu a chikhululukiro. Sakramenti la Chiyanjanoli, monga momwe limatchulidwira, lili ndi mizu yake m'malembo oyera, komanso mu zosiyiranasiyirana zoyambirira za chikhristu, (early Christian tradition).

Mphamvu yokhululukira machimo m'malo mwa Mulungu

imene wansembe alinayo, inaperekedwa ndi Ambuye Yesu kwa Petro Woyera ndi Apostoli ena. Ansembe ena onse amene analandira sakramenti la Ukulu, ndiwo olowa mmalo mwa Apostoli amenewa. "Ndidzakupatsa makii a ufumu wakumwamba, kotero kuti zimene udzamange pansi pano, zidzamangidwa ndi kumwamba komwe, ndipo zimene udzamasule pansi pano, zidzamasulidwa ndi kumwamba komwe", (Mateyu 16:19; 18:18). "Anthu amene mudzawakhululukira machimo awo, adzakhululukidwadi, koma amene simudzawakhululukira, sadzakhululukidwa", (Yohane 20:23).

Pakati pa Akhristu oyambirira mu Mpingo, nthawi zambiri, munthu amene anali ndi machimo aakulu, amawaulula machimowo kwa gulu lonse la akhristu ndi kwa ansembe. Kudzera mu kuulula machimo awo, odwala amachiritsidwa ndi kukhululukidwa (Yakobo 5:13-16). Akatolika amapemphedwa kulapa machimo awo aakulu ndi kuwaulula kwa wansembe kuti akhululukidwe. Wolapayo amayenera kuchita chilango chomwe wapatsidwa kuti alipire machimowo ndi kuyambanso kukhala ndi zizolowezi zomuthandiza kukhala woyera.



Porgiveness, as defined by mind scholars is a conscious, deliberate decision to release feelings of resentment or vengeance toward a person or group of persons who have caused harm to someone (who forgives) regardless of whether they actually deserve the forgiveness.

Indeed, from the biblical perspective, forgiveness is an act of pardoning an offender. In the Bible, however, the Greek word translated forgiveness, literally means "to let go", as when a person no longer wants payment for a debt. In forgiveness, we let go the offender.

In asking for forgiveness, one needs to take **Responsibility** for the wrong done or for the mistake done. **Regret** is another thing one has to have. The path of **Repentance** should be followed. **Reconciliation** and **Restitution** make forgiveness complete. In short, there are 5 Rs of forgiveness.

Responsibility: we should be accountable and take blame for the mistakes that we make for which we ask for forgiveness.

Regret: we should feel the guilt, remorse and shame of our actions for which we beg to be let free.

Repentance: the guilty party should atone and be contrite for the wrong made for which we request for forgiveness.

Reconciliation: is vital for breaking the barrier created by the wrongs. Reunion is a very important aspect for a complete forgiveness.

Restitution: is nothing other than return, repaying, refunding, compensating, making amends to the victim of the wrong doing.

Forgiveness is a value highly proclaimed by a variety of individuals from different disciplines; Psychiatrist, theologians, name it. They all speak highly of the benefit of forgiveness. Forgiveness, according to Richard Firtsgibbons is the treatment for anger. Anger, he says, affect adversely the mind, body and spirit. Forgiveness, furthermore, is the single most important ingredient in producing happiness.

Robert Enright, director of the International Forgiveness Institute, who did a voracious study in forgiveness says, "People who are deeply and unjustly hurt by others can heal emotionally by forgiving the offender." Forgiveness provides both peace and personal freedom as indicated by Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa. He said in his 1994 inaugural speech, "If I did not forgive I would still be in prison." Forgiveness imprisons the unforgiving party.

For Christians, forgiveness is a value that adds a positive motivation as Pope John Paul II, in his Pastoral letter, *Jesus the Redeemer*, indicates. John Paul II says, throughout scripture we find two characteristics that describe Jesus Christ: healing and forgiving. To forgive, therefore, is to be Christ-like. To forgive others is to invite God's forgiveness, as explained by Jesus Christ in the prayer of the Our Father.

MISPERCEPTION ♯ 1 – FORGIVENESS DOES NOT TAKE AWAY RESPONSIBILITY FOR JUSTICE

Forgiveness does not remove responsibility for the offender to be accountable. The offender must account for the wrongdoing. Where necessary, they should be punished. Punishment and forgiveness continued on page 10

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ABOUT FORGIVENESS

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are two different things. The offender may be forgiven but still receive punishment.

MISPERCEPTION ♯ 2 – **FORGIVENESS IS EASY:**

Forgiveness is not a normal human reaction to the harm. They say, to err is human and to forgive is divine. The hardness to forgive comes because of the very reason that it is not human. Faced with a punch, normally, everybody looks for the chance to revenge, even if they have no chance and opportunity to do so. Forgiveness is for the courageous and those who do not fear. It is not an act for the weak.

To appreciate the difficulty of forgiveness, picture Jesus hanging on the cross. He had been severely beaten, ridiculed, crowned with thorns, treated shamefully and with hostility. Despite all these evils, he forgave all the tormentors. He forgave them all while he was feeling the pain on the cross. Forgiveness is not easy.

MISPERCEPTION # 3 − FORGIVE AND FORGET:

There are some people who encourage forgiving and forgetting. To ask this is to be insensitive. The suggestion to forgive and forget is an unhelpful mandate. How could one ask the mother of the son who was raped and brutally murdered by a gang to forgive and forget! Forgiving and forgetting are two different concepts. It is ludicrous and absurd to promote forgiveness and forgetting. Forgiveness is an act of the will and forgetting is not. One theologian proposed that Christianity is not about forgetting. It is about remembering and each time we recall the injustices that have been done to us or to those we love, our Christian response must be to forgive again and again. This is the challenging mandate that Jesus Christ gave to his disciples to forgive seventy times seven, Mt. 18:21-22.

MISPERCEPTION # 4 – FORGIVENESS MUST BE COMMUNICATED TO THE OFFENDER

Forgiveness is an act of the will. One chooses to forgive. We do not always tell the offender that we have forgiven them. It does not depend on communication for the forgiveness to be effective. Sometimes the offenders or wrongdoers may not be easily reached to communicate forgiveness.

MISPERCEPTION \$5 - FORGIVENESS APPROVES THE BEHAVIOUR OF THE OFFENDER

Some people hesitate to forgive thinking that forgiving will approve the reprehensible behaviour of the offender. Nobody would condone the behaviour of the murderer. Forgiveness does not in any way approve the behaviour of the offender.

Forgiveness is a powerful antidote to the wounds caused by the offenses of the other. It is the greatest gift that one gives to oneself. Forgiveness heals the spirit, body and mind. Make a conscious and courageous decision to forgive and be Christ-like.

[Adapted from Human Development, vol. 29.2008.]

KODI PALI KUSIYANA KOTANI PAKATI PA KULAPA KWA PAGULU NTHAWI YA MWAMBO WA MISA NDI KULAPA ALIYENSE PAYEKHA KWA WANSEMBE?

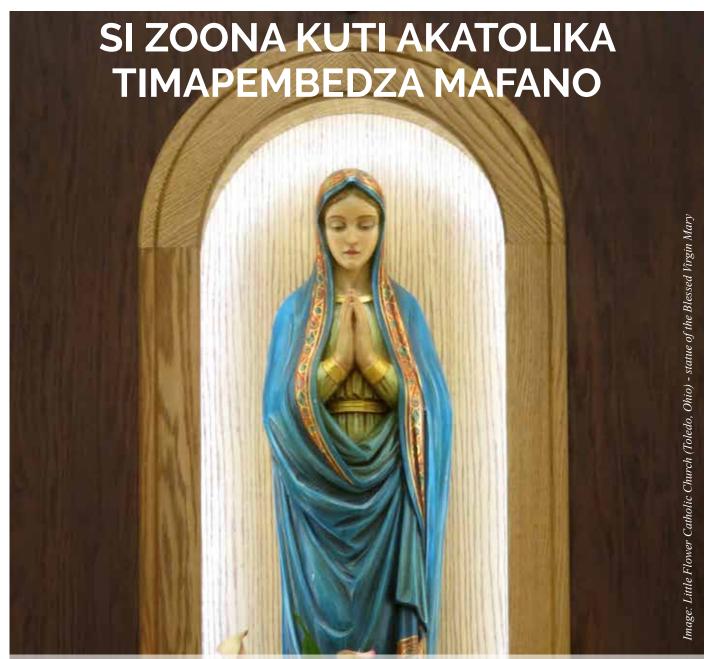


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Mwambo wa kulapa umene umachitika pa Misa umatsogoleredwa ndi wansembe ndipo anthu onse amavomerezana ndi wansembe pa kulapa machimo awo kuti atsire nsembeyo ndi mitima yoyera. Wansembe amawatsogolera anthu pa kulapa machimo awo kudzera mu imodzi mwa njira zomwe zinalembedwa mu buku la Misa.

Kulapa kumene timakalapa kwa wansembe aliyense payekhapayekha ndi Sacramenti; pamene kulapa kwa gulu pamisa si Sacramenti ayi. Uku ndiye kusiyana kwakukulu pakati pa kulapa kwa mitundu iwiri imeneyi. Mu Sacramenti la kulapa munthu amaulula machimo ake kwa wansembe popanda wina aliyense kumvetsera, ndipo pambuyo pake wansembeyo amapereka chikhululukiro kwa munthuyo. Mphamvu zokhululukira machimo zinaperekedwa ndi Yesu Khristu mwini (Yohane 20: 23).

Tizindikire kuti kulapa machimo kwa gulu pa Misa kumangokhala kudzikonzekeretsa kupereka nsembe yoyera ya thupi la Yesu Khristu ndinso magazi ake. Kumakhalanso kukonzekera makamaka kulandira thupi loyerali. Choncho chikhululukiro choperekedwa pa kulapa kwa pagulu kotere ndi chosiyana ndi chikhululukiro choperekedwa ku Sacramenti la kulapa komwe munthu amaululira wansembe machimo ake.

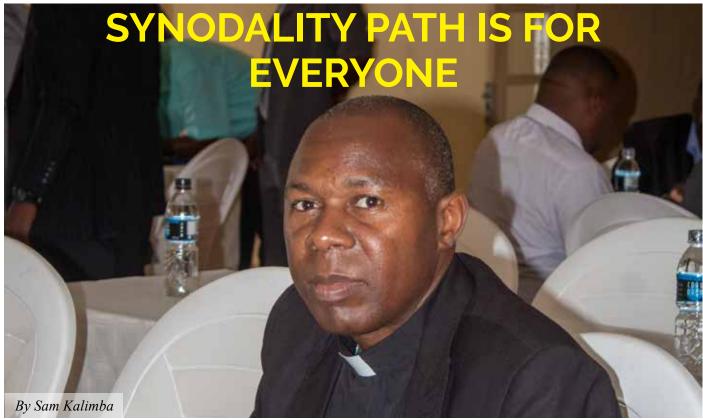


oyambirira tid<mark>ziwe ku</mark>ti, anthu ampatuko ndi osakhulupilira Akatolika akamanena kuti amapembedza mafano, amanena za zosema ndi zithunzi zimene zimapezeka m'tchalitchi zathu. Nkofunika kudziwanso kuti Mulungu analetsa kupanga zithunzi zimenezi ndi cholinga chomazipembedza monga momwe amachitira anthu achikunja. Mulungu sanayambeko waletsa mwa njira ina iliyonse kupanga zithunzi za chipembedzo. Iye anakonda komanso kulamula kupangidwa kwa zithunzizi. Pa Eksodo 25:10-22, timamva kuti Mulungu analamula Aisraele kuti aike miyala iwiri yolembedwapo malamulo, m'bokosi lachipangano lokongoletsedwa ndi zithunzi za angelo awiri agolide (akerubi). Zithunzi kapena zosema zimene zimapezeka m'tchalitchi kapena m'sukulu m'nyumba ndi malo ena onse a Katolika sizitanthauza kuti zikuyenera kupembedzedwa kapena kuzisandutsa milungu ayi, koma kuti zithandize kukumbukira komanso kulemekeza Ambuye athu, Amayi awo, Oyera komanso Angelo. Ngakhale kuti Akatolika amagwada, kuyatsa makandulo, kuika maluwa pamaso pa zosema

sakhala akuzipembedza ayi, amakhala akungosonyeza ulemu ndi chikondi kwa amene akuimiriridwa ndi chithunzicho.

Mwa chitsanzo, pamene tikuika m'manda okondedwa athu timayika maluwa pa mtumbira, kugwada ndi kupemphera kumene. Nanga tinene kuti uku kumakhala kuwapembedza kapena kuonetsa chabe chikondi chathu? Ayi, ichi ndi chikondi komanso ulemu, osati kupembedza. Chosema kapena chithunzi chili ndi tanthauzo lomweli. Ngati wina aphwanya kapena kuononga chilichonse chimene chimatikumbutsa za wokondedwa wathu, timapsa mtima chifukwa cha chikondi ndi ulemu umene tinali nawo pa munthuyo osati pachinthucho koma pa munthu amene chinthucho chikumuimirira. Kotero kuti Akatolika samapembedza mafano.

Dziko lapansi lapanga zithunzi zosema ndi zithunzi za anthu opambana ndi akatswiri osiyanasiyana. Uku kumakhala kuonetsa chikondi ndi ulemu pa iwo. Nanga nkulekeranji Mpingo nawonso kukumbukira anthu oyera ndi opatulika ake mwa njira imeneyi?



s the Archdiocesan Mini Synod processes moved into the second phase in February 2023 more and more priests and the religious including the laity are observed taking part. This adds value for quality and kind of voice the prelate of the Archdiocese, His Grace Archbishop George Desmond Tambala may need as he governs his See.

The trend seems to have taken a new twist from the first phase when only the laity were seen taking part. The first phase according to reports from some commissioners of the Min Synod had some unclear responses to the questionnaires. This proved that the laity did not understand the questions and that there was no support from the clergy and the religious.

This was also evident when the Vicar General of the Catholic Archdiocese of Lilongwe, Very Rev. Fr. Vincent Fredrick Mwakhwawa issued a call to the clergy and the religious in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe to take part in the on-going Min Synod of the Archdiocese.

Fr. Mwakhwawa made the call on the occasion of the 27th World Day of Consecrated Life in Lilongwe on 4 February, 2023.

"I would like to take this opportunity to report that we just concluded the first phase of our journey of helping our Shepherd to govern the Archdiocese according to the will of God. What we have observed so far is that most of us clergy and the religious did not take part in responding or helping the laity respond to the questions. We left it all to them. As we move into the next phase, let us all take part. Our Archbishop needs your views as well on how this metropolitan see can be governed," he told the consecrated men and women who gathered at St. John's Msamba Parish.

Rt. Rev. Patrick Kalilombe took over the See of Lilongwe from Bishop Fady in 1972. It was the then late Bishop Patrick Kalilombe, a Missionary of Africa, who forecasted

the type of church that we have now based on the Mpingo Ndife Tonse Synod. A year after being elected as the Local Ordinary of Lilongwe, Bishop Kalilombe convoked the first synod from 24 November, 1973 to 24 August, 1975.

The synod was mainly aimed at empowering the faithful to own the church; and to take active role in the activities of the church. This is why until today the Archdiocese harbours the ideas such as the self-ministering church, self-propagating church and self-reliant church. All this because everyone participated in the Mpingo Ndife Tonse Synod.

The second synod was convoked in 2004, almost 30 years after the first synod, then under the episcopacy of late Rt. Rev. Felix Mkhori. The Tiyende Limodzi Synod ran from 2004 to 2006.

Now 17 years since the second one was done the Archdiocese is yet in another synod for good reasons. One reason being the fact that this is the first synod after elevating Lilongwe to an Archdiocese status. Second reason being the fact that the incumbent prelate was new in the Archdiocese by the time he was convoking the Min Synod that is being carried under the help of the Holy Spirit. It is therefore imperative that all of us take part in the processes.

In his statement during his investiture of a Sacred Pallium, Archbishop George Tambala connected the synod of the Archdiocese to the global synodality.

"In wanting to make sure there is continued listening in the synodality of Pope Francis, the Archdiocese is undergoing own Min Synod as a means of engaging the faithful in giving what they want the Church to be like in accordance with the Church Teachings and canons," he said.

So, as we take part in Min Synod, we are also contributing to the processes of the on-going global Synod that is now at the Continental stage having received the outcomes of the phase one from Rome.













Selected pictures from Synodal Orientations for the Parishes in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe













ADALOWA LITI UNSEMBE WAO?

Ena mwa Ansembe mu Archdiocese ya Lilongwe

Wolemba Brian Leonard Banda



Fr. Audifasio Kapinga: The longest serving priest in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe

#1952 (2):

- Rev. Fr. Ezekiel Chibwinja, DP (late) Likuni Parish +
- Rev. Fr. Severo Sepere, DP (late) Guilleme Parish +

#1957 (1)

■ Rev. Fr. Albert Kamera, DP (late) - Kachebere Parish+

#1960 (1):

■ Rt. Rev. Gervazio Moses Chisendera, DP (late) - Msamba Parish +

#1962 (2):

- Rev. Fr. Samson Muza, DP (late) Namitete Parish +
- Rev. Fr. Joseph Tenthani (late) Likuni Parish +

#1964 (1):

■ Rev. Fr. Mathias Malipa, DP (late) - Mlale Parish +

#1967 (1):

■ Rev. Fr. Audifasio Kapinga, DP - Guilleme Parish

#1972 (2):

- Rev. Fr. Abdon Gamulani, M. Afr. Guilleme Parish
- Rev. Fr. Andrew Weluzani, M. Afr. (late) Guilleme

Parish +

#1974 (2):

- Rev. Fr. Martin Mthumba, DP (late) Nambuma
- Rev. Fr. Gabriel Sambani, DP (late) Chiphaso Parish+

#1977 (2):

- Most. Rev. Tarcizio Gervazio Ziyaye, DP (late) Ludzi
- Rev. Fr. Alois Shawa, DP (late) Mlale Parish +

#1979 (3):

- Rev. Fr. Jonas Chiuye, DP (late) Namitete Parish +
- Rev. Fr. Edward Fulawo, DP (late) Nambuma Parish+
- Rev. Fr. Raphael Gware, DP (late) Likuni Parish +

#1980 (2):

- Rev. Fr. Nazarius Kamzere, DP (late) Guilleme Parish +
- Rev. Fr. Lawrence Chauwa, DP (late) Madisi Parish+

#1982 (1):

■ Rev. Fr. Everlisto Chikuse, DP (late) - Madisi Parish +

#1983 (2):

- Rev. Fr. Auleriano Sandaula, DP (late) Kapiri Parish+
- Rev. Fr. Alberito Samson, DP (late) Salima Parish +

#1984 (3):

- Rev. Fr. Dr. Patrick Thawale, DP Ludzi Parish
- Rev. Fr. Demetrio Kadelera, DP Likuni Parish
- Rev. Fr. Gilbert Gomani, DP (late) Ludzi Parish +

#1986 (2):

- Rev. Fr. Francis Sonkhani, DP Kachebere Parish
- Rev. Fr. Robert Chisale, DP (late) Guilleme Parish +

#1988 (5):

- Rev. Fr. John Thawale, DP Kachebere Parish
- Rev. Fr. Regis Kamera, DP Kachebere Parish
- Rev. Fr. Denis Mkomwa, DP Namitete Parish

- Rev. Fr. Bernard Chawala, DP (late) Namitete Parish
- +
- Rev. Fr. James Chizuma, DP (late) Chezi Parish +

#1989 (6):

- Rev. Fr. Peter Muwanga, DP Nambuma Parish
- Rev. Fr. Peter Jester Banda, DP (late) Kalembe Parish +
- Rev. Fr. Claudio Billiat, DP Nathenje Parish, Lilongwe
- Rev. Fr. Gracious Kanyambo, DP (late) Nambuma Parish +
- Rev. Fr. Clement Chikuta, DP (late) Chiphaso Parish+
- Rev. Fr. Pius Kanyendera, DP (late) Mkanda Parish+

#1990 (4):

- Rev. Fr. Anselmo Chiwaya, DP Nambuma Parish
- Rev. Fr. Peter Jele, DP (late) Kachebere Parish +
- Rev. Fr. Hermes Paononga, SAC Ludzi Parish
- Rev. Fr. Maurice Kalino, DP Salima Parish

#1991 (4):

- Rev. Fr. Innocent Mtapaonga, DP Mpherere Parish
- Rev. Fr. Matthews Potani, DP Chiphaso Parish
- Rev. Fr. Joseph Mpinganjira, DP Namitete Parish
- Rev. Fr. Julian Kasiya, M. Afr. Guilleme Parish

#1992 (4):

- Rev. Fr. Gerald Kubetcha, DP Ludzi Parish
- Rev. Fr. Andrew Thom, DP Nambuma Parish
- Rev. Fr. Julius Mbulu, DP (late) Chilinde Parish +
- Rev. Fr. Vincent Gulule (late) Guilleme Parish +

#1993 (4):

- Rev. Fr. Cyprian Chipalamwazani, DP (late) Msamba Parish +
- Rev. Fr. Eleneo Kamende, DP (late) Namitete
- Rev. Fr. Alpheus Zikomankhani, DP Likuni Parish
- Rev. Fr. Gabriel Jana, DP (late) Salima Parish +

#1994 (2):

- Rev. Fr. Regis Mshyanga, DP Ludzi Parish
- Rev. Fr. George Chimndozi, DP Mtengowanthenga Parish

#1995 (1):

■ Rev. Fr. Henry K. Zulu, DP - Guilleme Parish

#1996 (1):

■ Rev. Fr. John Nyongani, DP - Nambuma Parish

#1997 (3):

- Rev. Fr. Auxensio Nyongani, DP (late) Guilleme Parish +
- Rev. Fr. Peter Gonam'mwamba, DP (late) Guilleme Parish +
- Rev. Fr. Bazilio Malipa, DP (late) Mlale Parish +

#1999 (1):

■ Rev. Fr. Peter Kapiri, DP - Namitete Parish

#2000 (6):

- Rev. Fr. Frank Lazaro Phiri, DP Nathenje Paris
- Rev. Fr. Vincent Epulani, DP (late) Kachebere Parish+
- Rev. Fr. Maxwell Kubalasa, DP Chilinde Parish
- Rev. Fr. Augustine Katundu, DP Namitete Parish
- Rev. Fr. Joseph Kathewera, DP (late) Mtengowanthenga Parish +
- Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Chikaya, OCD Nkhotakota Parish

#2001 (1)

■ Rev. Fr. Sylvester Kansimbi, CSSp - Guilleme Parish

#2002 (4):

- Rev. Fr. Maximian Khisi, DP Mtengowanthenga Parish
- Rev. Fr. Francis Ngalande, DP Mponela Parish
- Rev. Fr. Thomas Kasiya, DP Chiphaso Parish
- Rev. Fr. Sosten Chimwaza, DP Nambuma Parish

#2003 (3):

- Rev. Fr. Vincent Mwakhwawa, DP Nkhotakota Parish
- Rev. Fr. James Mkwezalamba, DP Chilinde Parish
- Rev. Fr. Peter Chatambalala, DP Mtengowanthenga Parish

#2004 (1):

■ Rev. Fr. Francis Bright Lekaleka, DP - Guilleme Parish

#2005 (1):

■ Rev. Fr. Richard Mthana, DP - Mpherere Parish

#2006 (2):

- Rev. Fr. Gerald Loti, DP (late) Ludzi Parish +
- Rev. Fr. Oswald S.P. Gomani, OSB Kachebere Parish

#2007 (5):

- Rev. Fr. Archangel Banda, DP Lumbadzi Parish
- Rev. Fr. John Makola, DP Mpherere/Mlale Parish
- Rev. Fr. Elias Chizule, DP Kawale Parish
- Rev. Fr. Michael Malomo, DP Mtengowanthenga Parish
- Rev. Fr. Mathews Sitolo, DP Namitete Parish

#2009 (2):

- Rev. Fr. Louis Chikanya, DP Kachebere Parish
- Rev. Fr. Daniel Kanzimbe, DP Salima Parish

#2010 (2):

- Rev. Fr. Joseph Francis Makoka, M. Afr. Likuni Parish
- Rev. Fr. Bosco Sungamoyo, SAC Guilleme Parish

#2011 (3)

- Rev. Fr. Deusdedit Kanyambo, DP Nambuma Parish
- Rev. Fr. Mathias Modilamu, DP Mlale Parish
- Rev. Fr. Benedict Kamdabweni, DP Mtengowanthenga Parish

#2012 (6)

- Rev. Fr. Kennedy Malemya, DP Namitete Parish
- Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Diliwo, DP Mlale Parish
- Rev. Fr. Charles Chimutu, DP Guilleme Parish
- Rev. Fr. Cornelio Kanyambo, DP Nambuma Parish
- Rev. Fr. Constantine Mgunda, DP Nambuma Parish
- Rev. Fr. Samson Kumkumbira, DP Kawale Parish

#2013 (2)

- Rev. Fr. Ignasio Chiphiko, SAC Guilleme Parish
- Rev. Fr. John Alois Mangwele, SAC Kaggwa Parish

#2014 (6)

- Rev. Fr. Silvester Chasweka, DP Nathenje Parish
- Rev. Fr. Geoffrey Chikapa, DP Mlale Parish
- Rev. Fr. Mathias Chimbalu, DP Chilinda Parish
- Rev. Fr. Michael Chimvalenji, DP Don Bosco Parish
- Rev. Fr. Augustine Lewis Kaliu, DP Nanthomba Parish
- Rev. Fr. Remi Nyengere, M. Afr. Mponela Parish

#2015 (2)

- Rev. Fr. Francisco Bisai, DP Mtengowanthenga Parish
- Rev. Fr. Evance Julius Malili, DP Nambuma Parish

#2016 (7)

■ Rev. Fr. Francis Damaseke, DP - Madisi Parish

- Rev. Fr. Alberto Elifara, DP Nathenje Parish
- Rev. Fr. Raphael Piringu, DP Guilleme Parish
- Rev. Fr. Tadeyo Jobo, DP Guilleme Parish
- Rev. Fr. Kelvin Khodola, DP Benga Parish
- Rev. Fr. Andrew Kholowa, DP Guilleme Parish
- Rev. Fr. Richard Njanje, SAC Likuni Parish

#2017 (3)

- Rev. Fr. John Enock Kaliwamba, DP Nambuma Parish
- Rev. Fr. Dennis Mwanza, DP Ludzi Parish
- Rev. Fr. Demetrio Banda, DP Namitete Parish

#2018 (3)

- Rev. Fr. Andrew Kasiya, CSSp Kamangilira Parish
- Rev. Fr. Francisco Ndelemani, CSSp Mponela Parish
- Rev. Fr. Dominic Kapatamoyo, M. Afr. Chezi Parish

#2019 (1)

■ Rev. Fr. Stephen Chikhasu, DP - Ludzi Parish

#2020 (5)

- Rev. Fr. Richard Nyasaland Jele, SAC Kamangilira Parish
- Rev. Fr. Alphonso Desderio Kaphira, DP Mkanda Parish
- Rev. Fr. Hodges Mzunga, DP Don Bosco Parish
- Rev. Fr. John Chibwezachilaula, DP Mtengowanthenga Parish
- Rev. Fr. Robert Chiritsiro, M. Afr. Guilleme Parish

#2021 (2):

- Rev. Fr. Paul Chimwemwe Paipi, M. Afr. Namitete Parish
- Rev. Fr. Thomas Msalala, DP Mlale Parish

#2022 (5):

- Rev. Fr. Stanislaus Jobo, MCCJ Guilleme Parish
- Rev. Fr. Damiano Precious Chitha, DP Nathenje Parish
- Rev. Fr. Julius Dokowe, SPS Chigoneka Parish, Lilongwe/Utatu Utuba Parish, Mzimba
- Rev. Fr. Christopher Chikwezachilaula, DP Mtengowanthenga Parish
- Rev. Fr. Mayamiko Kachipapa, SJ Guilleme Parish

Other Priests

- ■Rev. Fr. Tobias Sam Banda, DP (late) +
- ■Rev. Fr. Ivis Mtingiza, DP (late) +
- ■Rev. Fr. Tobias Nyongani, DP (late) +





ZOFUNIKIRA PAMENE MUKUFUNA KUTSEKULA AKAUNTI KU BANKI YANU YA CENTENARY

Tiyeni tikasangalalile limodzi pamene tikukhazikitsa Banki ya Centenary loweruka pa 15 April 2023 ku Maula Cathedral

Akaunti Ya Munthu Payekha (Personal Account)

- I. Mukhale ndi Chaunzika (National Identity Card)
- 2. Umboni woti mumalipira ma bilo a madzi kapena magetsi (Utility bill), Kapena chikalata chochokera kwa a Mfumu a m'dera mwanu
- 3. Jambulani malo omwe mumakhala (Sketch Map)
- 4. Mukhale ndi ndalama yokwana K1,000 (ordinary Savings Account) kapena K2,000 (Linga Savings Account) —— (yokhalira ndi inshurasi ya banja kwa moyo wanu)





Akaunti ya ma bizinezi angónoangóno

- I. Mukhale ndi Chaunzika (National Identity Card)
- 2. Chikalata cha Bizinezi yanu
- 3. Umboni woti mumalipira ma bilo a madzi kapena magetsi (Utility bill), Kapena chikalata chochokera kwa a Mfumu m'dera mwanu





Akaunti yagulu kapena mgwirizano (Clubs/Associations Accounts)

- 1. Zaunzika zomwe zili zosayinidwa ndi eni ake
- 2. Maumboni oti mumalipira ma bilo a madzi kapena magetsi a anthu omwe asayinila
- 3. Mphindi (Minutes)
- 4. Buku la Malamuro (Constitution)
- 5. Ndandanda wa Maina a anthu omwe ali mu gulu lanulo



Tikukhulupilila kuti izi zidzakuthandizirani kutsegula akaunti mosavuta. Ngati muli ndi mafunso, osazengeleza kutifunsa potiyimbila pa 358 mwa ulele, kapena pa 0999111632 komanso pamasamba a mchezo a Centenary Bank Limited.





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By Brian Leonard Banda

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Deaneries: (7) Parishes: (46)

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

	NAME OF PARISH	PATRON SAINT	EST.	PARISH PRIEST	PAROCHIAL VICAR / ASSISTANT PRIESTS	PRIESTS CONGREGATION
				MAULA DEANERY (9)	
1	Maula Cathedral	Our Lady of Africa	1954	Very Rev. Fr. Vincent Mwakhwawa, DP	Rev. Fr. Louis Chikanya, DP	Diocesan
2	Chigoneka	St. Kizito	1975	Rev. Fr. Martin Kavisu, SPS		St. Patrick's Missionary Society (SPS) or Kiltegans
3	Chimutu	St. Patrick	1976	Rev. Fr. Henry K. Zulu, DP	Rev. Fr. Hodges Mzunga, DP / Rev. Fr. Peter Muwanga, DP	Diocesan
4	Kanengo	St. Francis (of Assisi)	1976	Rev. Fr. Thomas D. Pouya, M. Afr.	Rev. Fr. Mekonnen Tadewos, M. Afr. / Rev. Fr. Alfred Nkundimana, M. Afr.	Missionaries of Africa (M. Afr.) or White Fathers
5	Lumbadzi	St. Matthias (the Apostle)	1987	Rev. Fr. Daniel Kanzimbe, DP	Rev. Fr. Augustine Lewis Kaliu, DP (study leave- bound)	Diocesan
6	Police Headquarters	St. Ignatius of Loyola	1989	Rev. Fr. Steven A. Likhutcha, DP		Diocesan
7	Kaggwa (Area 49)	Andrea Kaggwa Woyera	1992	Rev. Fr. Patrick Thawale, DP	Rev. Fr. Mathews Potani, DP	Diocesan
8	Chinsapo	St. Denis Ssebuggwawo	2009	Rev. Fr. Pawel Patyk, M. Afr.	Rev. Fr. Jean Kessy Tanoh, M. Afr.	Missionaries of Africa (M. Afr.) or White Fathers
9	Area 25	St. Anthony (of Padua)	2022	Rev. Fr. Regis Kamera, DP		Diocesan
				MTIMA WOYERA DEAN	ERY (7)	
10	Mtima Woyera	Sacred Heart of Jesus	1955	Rev. Fr. Innocent Mtapaonga, DP	Rev. Fr. James Mkwezalamba, DP	Diocesan
11	Chilinde	Holy Family (Banja Loyera)	1974	Rev. Fr. Augustine Katundu, DP		Diocesan
12	Msamba	St. John the Baptist	1974	Rev. Fr. Kossi A. Hounongbe, MCCJ	Rev. Fr. Silvio Zanardi, MCCJ	Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus (MCCJ)
13	Kamuzu Barracks	St. Mary	1986	Rev. Fr. Augustine Likado, DP		Diocesan
14	Kawale	Holy Trinity (Utatu Woyera)	1991	Rev. Fr. Deusdedit Kanyambo, DP	Rev. Fr. Geoffrey Chikapa, DP	Diocesan
15	Don Bosco	St. Don Bosco	1996	Rev. Fr. Joseph Czerwinski, SDB	Rev. Fr. Peter Nguyen, SDB	Salesians of St. Don Bosco (SDB)
16	Area 44	St. Phillip (the Apostle)	2022	Rev. Fr. Alberto Elifala, DP		Diocesan

				MCHINJI DEANERY	(7)	
17	Kachebere	Our Lady of Help	1902	Rev. Fr. Mathias Chimbalu, DP		Diocesan
18	Guilleme	St. Anne	1935	Rev. Fr. Mathews Sitolo, DP	Rev. Fr. Christopher Chikweza, DP	Diocesan
19	Ludzi	St. Joseph	1942	Rev. Fr. Thomas Msalala, DP	Rev. Fr. Anselmo Chiwaya, DP	Diocesan
20	Kapiri	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	1966	Rev. Fr. Augustine Matola, OCD	Rev. Fr. Paul Chitende, OCD	Order of the Discalced Carmelites (OCD)
21	Mkanda	St. Mark	1984	Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Diliwo, DP		Diocesan
22	Kamangilira	St. Augustine	2019	Rev. Fr. Peter Chatambalala, DP		Diocesan
23	Mchinji	St. Paul	2020	Rev. Fr. Frank L. Phiri, DP		Diocesan
				LIKUNI DEANERY (6)	
24	Likuni	Our Lady of the Holy Rosary	1902	Rev. Fr. John Chibweza, DP	Rev. Fr. Francis B. Lekaleka, DP / Rev. Fr. Denis Mkomwa, DP / Rev. Fr. Alpheus Zikomankhani, DP / Rev. Fr. Audofansio Kapinga, DP	Diocesan
25	Mlale	St. Theresa of the Child Jesus	1950	Rev. Fr. Cornelio Kanyambo, DP		Diocesan
26	Namitete	St. Peter	1960	Rev. Fr. John Nyongani, DP	Rev. Fr. Richard Mthana, DP	Diocesan
27	Nathenje	Sts. Peter & Paul	1960	Rev. Fr. Stephen Chikhasu, DP		Diocesan
28	Chilinda	St. Clara	2010	Rev. Fr. Jean Damascene, OFM	Rev. Fr. Mbuvi, OFM	Order of the Friars Minor (OFM) or Franciscans
29	Chitedze	St. John Paul II	2018	Rev. Fr. Constantine Mgunda, DP	Rev. Fr. Elias Chizule, DP	Diocesan
				MADISI DEANERY ((6)	
30	Chiphaso	Our Lady of Hope	1930	Rev. Fr. Paul Nampota, OCD		Order of the Discalced Carmelites (OCD)
31	Madisi	Our Lady of Victory	1957	Rev. Fr. Kelvin Khodola, DP	Rev. Fr. Damiano Precious Chitha, DP / Rev. Fr. Alphonso D. Kaphira, DP (study leave-bound)	Diocesan
32	Kasungu	St. Joseph	2000	Rev. Fr. Terry Mutesha, SJ	Rev. Fr. Ludwik Zapala Louis, SJ / Rev. Fr. Mayamiko Kachipapa, SJ	Society of Jesus (SJ) or Jesuits
33	Kalembe	St. Thomas Aquinas	2011	Rev. Fr. Bonaventure Iyogun, MSP	Rev. Fr. Henry Emeziem, MSP	Missionary Society of St. Paul of Nigeria (MSP)
34	Kaphatika	St. Vincent Pallot	2016	Rev. Fr. Jones Wellos, SAC		Society of the Catholic Apostolate (SAC) or Pallotines
35	Manyani	St. Francis de Sales	2022	Rev. Fr. Chinnappan Sebastian Robert, MSFS		Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (MSFS)

	DOWA DEANERY (6)					
36	Nambuma	Christ the King	1928	Rev. Fr. Maxwell Kubalasa, DP	Rev. Fr. Andrew Kholowa, DP	Diocesan
37	Mpherere	Our Lady of Fatima	1939	Rev. Fr. Julius E. Malili, DP	Rev. Fr. Raphael Piringu, DP (study leave-bound)	Diocesan
38	Mtengowan- thenga	St. Augustine	1959	Rev. Fr. Francis Taylor, SPS	Rev. Fr. Denis Aki, SPS	St. Patrick's Missionary Society (SPS) or Kiltegans
39	Namthomba	St. Benedict the Black	1992	Rev. Fr. Sebastian Unsner, OFM		Order of the Friars Minor (OFM) or Franciscans
40	Mponela	St. Benedict the Abbot	2010	Rev. Fr. Francis Sonkhani, DP	Rev. Fr. Regis D. Mshyanga, DP / Rev. Fr. Michael Chimvalenji, DP	Diocesan
41	Chitula	St. Bernadette	2022	Rev. Fr. Sojan John, CM		St. Vincent de Paul (Vincentians)
				SALIMA DEANERY ((5)	
42	Salima	Our Lady of Fatima	1948	Rev. Fr. Mathias Modilamu, DP		Diocesan
43	Nkhotakota	St. Paul	1978	Rev. Fr. Alphoncious Hamweete, SDB		Salesians of St. Don Bosco (SDB)
44	Chezi	St. Charles Lwanga	1992	Rev. Fr. Charles S. Ntaki, M Afr.	Rev. Fr. Willem Kerkoff, M Afr. / Rev. Fr. Marcellin I. Mubalama, M. Afr.	Missionaries of Africa (M. Afr.) or White Fathers
45	Benga	Mary, Mother of the Church	2010	Rev. Fr. Steven Ochieng, CSP	Rev. Fr. Manolo Hernandez, CSP	Missionary Community of St. Paul the Apostle (MCSPA)
46	Dwangwa	St. Barnabas (the Apostle)	2022	Rev. Fr. Kennedy Malemya, DP		Diocesan

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10. Rev. Fr. James Mkwezalamba

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2. Rev. Fr. Innocent Mtapaonga 7. Chairperson of the Laity Council

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4. Sr. Veronica Ng'omba, SCO 9. Chairlady of CWO

5. Br Francis Jumbe, FMS 10. Dr. Henry Chingaipe

CHAPLAINCIES

1. Laity Chaplain Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Diliwo

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4. Chaplain for Bwaila Hospital Rev. Fr. Peter Muwanga

5. Chaplain for Poor Clares Rev. Fr. Michael Malomo

6. Chaplain for Catechists Rev. Fr. Peter Chatambalala

7. Chaplain for Atumiki Achifundo Rev. Fr. Evance Malili

8. Chaplain for CWO Rev. Fr. Augustine Matola

9. Chaplain for CMO and Aksio Katolika Rev. Fr. Innocent Mtapaonga

10. Chaplain for Marriage & Family Apostolate Rev. Fr. Mathias Chimbalu

11. Chaplain for Legion of Mary & Catholic Chiefs Association Rev. Fr. Steven Chikhasu

12. Chaplain for Divine Mercy Apostolate Rev. Fr. Steven Likhutcha

13. Chaplain for Friends of Uganda Martyrs Rev. Fr. James Mkwezalamba

14. Chaplain for Catholic Charismatic Renewal Rev. Fr. Mishek Banda OFM, Cap

15. Chaplain for St. John of God, Teresian Sisters, St. Maria Rev. Fr. Demetrio Kadelera

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3. Rev. Fr. Deusdedit Kanyambo 6. Rev. Fr. Henry Zulu

ONGOING STUDIES

1. Rev. Fr. Augustine Kaliu: Licenciate in Sacred Music, Pontifical Ambrosian Institute of Sacred Music, Milan, Italy.

2. Rev. Fr. Raphael Piringu: Licentiate in Pastoral Theology

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3. Rev. Fr. Alphonso Kaphira: Missionary Work and Studies, Diocese of Vitoria, Spain.

4. Rev. Fr. Sylvester Chasweka: Rome, Italy

5. Rev. Fr. Samson Kunkumbira: Bachelor of Commerce, Business Administration, Catholic University of Malawi.

6. Rev. Fr. Francisco Bisai: Bachelor of Commerce, Accountancy, Catholic University of Malawi.

7. Rev. Fr. Tadeyo Jobo: Bachelor of Commerce, Accountancy, Catholic University of Malawi.

8. Rev. Fr. John E. Kaliwamba: Bachelor of Laws (Hons), Catholic University of Malawi.



CENTENARY BANK LIMITED FROM KAMPALA TO LILONGWE

By Sam Kalimba

Inally, the Archdiocese of Lilongwe has a bank. Centenary Bank Limited of the consortium of the Centenary Group of the Uganda Episcopal Conference (UEC) and the Archdiocese of Lilongwe. The bank was commissioned on 22 March 2023 in a glorious style at the Banks Head Office at the City Centre in Lilongwe.

The government of Malawi has since said that the Centenary Bank products already increase chances for rural Malawians to access banking services. Speaking during the rebranding ceremony of the Bank, Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of Malawi Mr. William Matambo commended the shareholders of the new bank for a right step in investing for the poor.

"We commend the coming of Centenary Bank Limited to Malawi financial sector with products that cater for the rural mass which is a neglected section of those accessing financial services. At the moment, access to the financial sector is low. Between 2014 and 2018, the country has moved from 34.0 percent to 46.1 percent in terms of proportion of adults with access to financial services product from a formal provider," said Matambo.

He further said that this trend is very dismal hence the coming of the Centenary Bank was a necessary gesture.

"As a regulator, we would be happy if the bank expanded its branch network and outreach, further improve quality, convenience and efficiency, and in this modern times, the bank needs to explore the introduction of more tailored banking products and solutions," he said.

He argued that the lending ratio was low at 42.0 percent, a trend that he said requires banks and financial institutions to put a big dent on the high liquidity ratio by prioritizing lending.

In his remarks Right Reverend George Desmond Tambala, the prelate of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe, a partner in the consortium that form the 100 percent shareholding of the Centenary Bank Limited thanked the Reserve Bank of Malawi for its patience as the consortium was sorting out requirements for the bank to get approved. He also thanked a team of priests and lay faithful from the Archdiocese of Lilongwe for all their efforts and dedication in ensuring that the dream had become a reality.

The prelate of Lilongwe in an earlier interview also thanked the priests and the religious for what he observed as a team of God's People with hope in prayer life.

"I am really encouraged by the spirit that the priests and the religious in the Archdiocese showed in various forms including those that called for continued prayers for the success of the endeavor. I can ascertain that priests prayed for this bank deal to succeed. I am happy for their spirit and I owe them all many thanks," he said.

He said that apart from their prayers, the men and women of God played a huge role in sensitizing the members of their institutions to come to terms with the new development. He



said that this is the kind of spirit he expects going forward so that more Catholics start patronizing the bank facility.

Archbishop Joseph Anthony Zziwa, Chairperson of the Uganda Episcopal Conference thanked the Archdiocese of Lilongwe for approaching the Centenary Group of Uganda to consider partnering in acquiring a bank in Malawi. He also thanked the management and staff of the former bank for showing the way to the Centenary Group with hope.

From Uganda there came four bishops and a team of Board members from the Centenary Group, and heads of departments in the group.

Top picture: Centenary Bank board and staff. Right: Mr. William Matambo, Reserve Bank of Malawi. Bottom left: Dr, Francis Perekamoyo, Centenary Bank Limited Board Chairperson. Bottom right: Archbishop George Tambala.









THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE NECESSARY FOR A SMOOTH AND EFFICIENT ACCOUNT OPENING PROCESS.

Join us for the Centenary Bank Limited launch on April 15th at Maula Cathedral!

For Personal Accounts, the following documents are needed:

- I. National Identity Card
- 2. Utility bill (Escom or Waterboard), or a letter from the Chief/block leader in the absence of a utility bill.
- 3. Sketch Map in the case of submission of letter from Chiefs.
- 4. K1,000 for an ordinary Savings Account or K2,000 for a Linga Savings Account (With a life cover insurance for the family)





For SME Business Accounts, the following documents are needed:

- I. National Identity Card
- 2. Business certificate
- 3. Utility bill (Escom or Waterboard), or a letter from the Chief/block leader in the absence of a utility bill.





For Clubs/Associations Accounts, the following documents are needed:

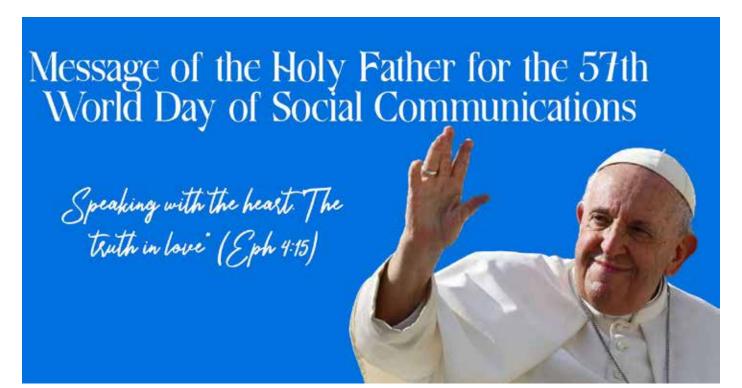
- I. National IDs for signatories
- 2. Utility bills for signatories of the account
- 3. Minutes
- 4. Constitution
- 5. List of all Association Members



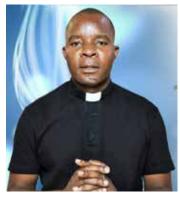
We hope this information will be helpful in guiding you through the account opening process. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.







Cultivating the habit of seeking and speaking the truth with charity



By Fr Steven Likutcha

ruth is never relative but always one. It has been proven that many people tend to twist the truth in order to gain some mileage on what they want to achieve in life and this eventually brings some problems or makes others become unfair victims of circumstances.

Quite scores of people are good and admirable but mostly lack truth.

This is equally true of some journalists in particular or communicators in general in various sectors within the world. I personally support the appeal of Pope Francis for communicators to seek and speak the truth with love.

57th World Day of Social Communications will be celebrated on Ascension Day on 21st May 2023 when its message released annually by the Pontiff on 24th January, the Feast Day of St. Francis De Sales who is the Patron Saint of Journalists, will be read across all the Parishes in the world.

The theme for this year is 'Speak with the Heart' rooted from the Latin words, 'veritatem facientes in caritate,' literally meaning, 'doing the truth in charity.' Journalists or all communicators are called upon to be very truthful and to seek and speak the truth with love from deep down their hearts.

We need to put to halt all divisions and 'wars' that have taken roots among us because of failing to speak the truth with charity. Some of the broken relationships, wrangles in various events of life, political bickering, wars and enmities among people and all sorts of gaps between people of the same race, culture, religion and particular groups have emerged because some journalists used terminologies that resulted into such consequences.

This year's message calls upon all communicators and people of good-will including all the believers to use right words that bring people together, unite warring parties, mend broken relationships and build up our nations and political parties.

The Pontiff believes that communicating with the heart can curb escalation of wars, all rows and differences present among the people in this world. We therefore need to cultivate a habit of using the right words and communicating the truth with the heart to avoid damaging people's lives in their own natural settings.

There is a strong connection between the theme for 2023 and that of 2022 whereby the Pontiff called for the journalists and all people of good will to develop the life of 'listening with the ear of the heart,' Those who listen with the ear of the heart should transmit the truth to the rest.

Journalists should strive to communicate the truth in order to be free of heart and mind since whenever there is a bend of truth somewhere some people are affected in one way or the other. It does not help to bend the truth in order to please some individuals or for our own personal gains and provocative desires. Truth is one and must always reign.

Good communicators and people of good will should avoid promoting messages that are divisive, toxic, hatred oriented or provocative in various ways. We all need to guard against such evils that can easily destroy our society by speaking the truth charitably. Time has come for us to build up many things amongst us by upholding the right which is communicating nothing but the truth.

Like St. Francis De Sales, journalists should ultimately go for the truth without fear or favour so that their relevance as Christians remains intact. During hostile times, St. Francis De Sales, who was the Bishop of Geneva, shared tremendous humanity and willingness to dialogue in truth patiently with everyone. We, likewise need to strive always for truth and communicating it in totality.

We are definitely known by what we do and communicators are what they communicate too. If, as communicators, we compromise the truth then our credibility shall be in question as a result people will lose total trust in us thereby damaging this noble career. Seek the truth and speak it

from your heart with love.

It remains our prayer to Jesus Christ to help all journalists and all communicators to communicate with clear and open heart, to listen to the beating of our hearts so that we rediscover ourselves as one family and avoid all kinds of hostilities and speak the truth in charity as a means of protecting one another. Happy Easter Season to you all.



By Fr Elias Chizule

Pope Francis has maintained that the war in Ukraine is driven by interests of several "empires" and not just of Russia's. Pope Francis reiterates that the conflict is fuelled by imperial interests not just of the Russian Empire. Pope Francis has however continued calling for peace to reign.

In his Urbi et Orbi message at the Vatican in December last year, Pope Francis called for peace of Christ to reign in our hearts, houses and our countries. "Let there be peace for our martyred Ukraine so harshly tried by the violence and the destruction of war."

The Pope has since continued to send sorrowful and tireless appeals asking "Has everything been done to stop the war? peace built on rubble will never be a true victory." He said in a tweet.

The Vatican further sent two cardinals, Cardinal Michael Czemy who visited border areas between Hungary and Ukraine and Cardinal konrad krajewiski who was in Poland and Ukraine. The two cardinals were sent by the Holy Father as his representatives to bring solidarity and closeness to the needy, refugees

and victims of war. The Vatican press office announced the cardinals' commitment in a note dated March 7.

The Vatican has also been organising humanitarian deliveries over recent months including a clothing drive bringing thermal wear to Ukrainians suffering winter cold with reduced heating and electricity. "They are hungry, they are cold, so many die for lack of doctors and nurses," Pope Francis said in December according to Catholic review. It is mentioned that at least 2.2 million dollars has been provided to Ukraine by the Vatican.

Pope Francis has frequently deplored the suffering of ordinary Ukrainians during the war but has tended to avoid explicitly blaming Russia and suggested that its invasion was provoked by the west. "When I speak about Ukraine, I speak of a people who are martyred. If you have a martyred people, you have someone who is martyring them. It is well known whom I am condemning. It is not necessary that I put a name and surname. The Pope has however emphasised the value of diplomacy in the Vatican's approach to the war in Ukraine even in regard to China.

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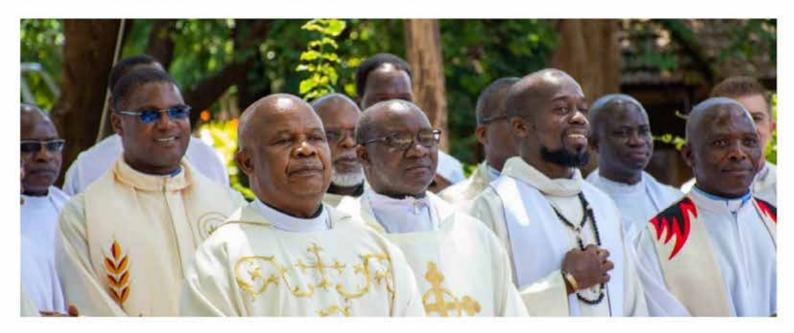












RESPONSE TO FREDDY CYCLONE



Weather Forecast

The Department of Climate Change and Meteorological Services (DCCMS) in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Climate Change was good at their work when they forecasted two weeks before that the Southern part of the country would experience a cyclone named in the Meteorological Australia Region, FREDDY. This was time good enough for concerned ministries, departments and agencies; the faith community and non-governmental organizations to proactively plan for eventualities associated with cyclones.

Pre-Cyclone Activities

In a quest to understand what really happened before the cyclone begun, I got hold of Mr. Arnold Namanja a Chilobwe resident who gave an assurance that the Blantyre City Council used a van to announce about the imminence of Freddy Cyclone. He said that the announcement focused on alerting those that were in the areas potential to be affected by the cyclone to move to safer lands. In addition to this, most radio stations were monitored having carried weather bulletins that surely reached out to many citizens.

The Coming of Freddy

According to Mr. Namanja, it all started on 10 March, 2023 Friday with rains that looked normal. It continued through Saturday and Sunday. He said that by 11:00 pm on Sunday, a queer sound emerged and this was a mud slide that descended from the Soche hills down to Chilobwe. He remembers of an incident where a family of ten members

was swept by the mud slide. This was just about a single incident in Blantyre but areas like Ndirande, Nthawira and Chileka were also badly affected. It was also very pathetic in most parts of the southern Malawi including Mangochi, Machinga, Zomba, Mulanje, Chiradzulo, Thyolo, Chikwawa and Nsanje among others.

The Loss

Cyclone Freddy caused too much grief among Malawians who have lost loved ones. Over 400 people died with over 500 people reported missing. The Cyclone has also caused damage to property of the affected Malawians worthy of Millions of Kwacha. Freddy was not friendly to some villages in the mentioned districts. Villages with their dwellers, property and arable land were all swept and dumped in lower lands. National and local roads, bridges and institutional offices including Catholic Church buildings were destroyed. This account is not all that may be true about the devastation but just saves to give a picture of the intensity and gravity of the catastrophe in a flash.

Sad Scenes

It was so disturbing to view footages of floating dead bodies. It was very distressing seeing a whole lot of a house building succumbing to pressure of running water. It was disheartening to work up in the morning and find a dead body pitched in a shrub nearby. It was indeed dehumanizing to find all your family is gone on the return of an errand. No one believed it being true that there could be a river of mud cruising down stream and imagining that there were people in the mud.

The Response

On 13th March, 2023 the Malawi government through the Secretary for the Office of the President and Cabinet Ms. Collen Zamba announced a declaration of a State of Disaster in the affected districts. In no time, the Episcopal Conference of Malawi (ECM) released a statement calling for support to the survivors and victims of the Cyclone Freddy. On 18th March, 2023, the Catholic Secretariat led by the president of the Episcopal Conference of Malawi Most Rev. George Desmond Tambala visited the affected areas in Blantyre and Chiradzulo in solidarity with the suffering. Prior to this itinerary, the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Blantyre visited the victims at Nguludi Hospital before proceeding to the site of the catastrophe

in Chiradzulo. In particular, the Archdiocese of Lilongwe declared the offertory of Sunday 19 March, 2023 as relief collection to be sent through the ECM relief account. The Catholic Church in Zambia also followed suit with some Dioceses declaring Sunday collection for relief towards the Malawi cyclone survivors and victims. Many NGOs, development partners, and governments in the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and beyond came in with various support based on the needs prevailing in the affected areas.

Apart from these official responses, Malawians of good will had already started evacuating and rescuing victims using own means as early as Sunday 12 March, 20223. Land Rover owners' group were seen making efforts to transport items







to hard-to-reach areas while some bus companies opened free services for transporting relief items from across the country to the affected areas.

Over and above all, the continued prayers for the dead, victims and survivors from around the world including a special prayer made by Pope Francis formed the most needed response to the Cyclone Freddy. "I am close to the people of Malawi hit in recent days by a very strong cyclone. I pray for the dead, the injured, the displaced. May the Lord support the families and the communities hardest

hit by this calamity."

The Spirit of Togetherness

Cyclone Freddy has brought Malawi together. Every Malawian from all over the world was affected in one way or the other. This was evident in the conversations monitored in the social media platforms. The talk had been empathetic, sympathetic and full of resolve to finding lasting solutions to the current catastrophe and avoidance of the future occurrences.



By Sam Kalimba

atholic Perspective, a radio program that airs on Radio Alinafe of the Catholic Archdiocese of Lilongwe on 11 January, 2023 Wednesday night addressed the Cholera epidemic that went on a rampage taking lives of our dear ones across the country until the Cyclone Freddy suffocated its hype.

In the program, a Mr. David Kanyerere an environmental health officer at a Catholic rural based Likuni Hospital in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe took time to civic educate listeners on how the disease spreads and how it can be prevented. He used simple language but very precise. He said that Vibrio Cholerae a bacteria that causes Cholera is found in human excrete so to prevent from getting it one must avoid eating or drinking contaminated stuff.

By the time the program was being aired, schools in Lilongwe and Blantyre were on a curfew decreed by the Presidential Task Force on Covid19 and Cholera. According to him the government did well in suspending the opening of the schools in the two districts.

"Actually, we are just winding up an exercise called preschool opening inspection sanctioned by the Lilongwe District Health Office. I still find more work to be done in most schools that I have inspected. Here is an example. Our government policy on use of public toilets stipulates that one public toilet should serve 60 people. This is not in our schools. Most schools I have visited have not more than 12 toilets against an enormous enrolment say of about 3,000 learners. This population requires 50 toilets if we are to be that compliant. I don't think we have a good school that can erect the deficit 38 toilets within days. It is for this reason that I want to agree with the decision made by the Presidential Task Force not to open these schools at that time," informed Kanyerere.

Concurring with Kanyerere were Catholic Priests, Rev. Frs. Louis Chikanya and Elias Chizule.

"I want to support the move government made. I have moved around some schools including those belonging to the Church. I find no joy in the conditions and ratio of toilet users to the facilities themselves. We should have experienced more deaths than what we have now if it were not for this move. There is too much congestion of learners in our schools," said Fr. Louis.

"My first concern when I heard about the suspension was on the fairness of the Ministry of Education to allow other schools operate while others not. I feared for those writing national and international examinations this year. However, based on what we have heard based on health matters I want to agree that it was indeed a good decision. Health first and education can come later," said Fr. Elias.

The program also highlighted on the need to have more water points in schools to allow all learners and teachers access clean water during the Cholera outbreak and beyond.

Some health specialists commented on the program that was recorded and rebroadcast on YouTube. One such specialist is a Mr. Kent Mphepo now Director of Communications at State House who wrote, "This is a very beautiful program indeed coming from the Catholic community. I watched and learnt many new things about cholera and how it can be rolled back. I particularly liked the emphasis on both prevention and enforcement."

The current spell of Cholera outbreak in Malawi started in February, 2022.

KODI MAGAWO ATATU A AKATOLIKA NDI ATIWO

Magawo atatu a Akatolika ndi awa:

1) Nominal Catholics 2) Cafeteria Catholics 3) Practicing Catholics. Kodi magawo amenewa amasiyana bwanji

1. NOMINAL CATHOLICS

Ma "Nominal Catholic" awa ndi anthu amene amaziti akatolika koma sachita kapena kutsatira chiphunzitso cha Chikatolika'cho. Ndipo amadziwikanso kuti "Lapsed Catholics". Awa amapezeka pa miyambo monga Christmas, ubatizo, ukwati, komanso maliro ndinso miyambo ina. Koma ambiri mwa iwo sadziwa chiphunzitso cha Katolika ndipo mu mpingo mu alimo ambiri ndithu.

2. CAFETERIA CATHOLICS

Ma "Cafeteria Catholic" awa ndi amene amasankha chiphunzitso cha Mpingo chimene chimawakomera komanso kuwasangalatsa ndipo amasowa ziphunzitso zina. Iwo amadziwa kuti Chikatolika ndi cholondola koma amakondwera ndikuvomereza zinthu zimene zimatsutsana ndi Chikatolika monga malamulo othetsa banja, kuvomereza maukwati a amuna kapena akazi okhaokha, njira za makono zakulera, lamulo lakupha komanso kuchotsa pathupi (kutaya mimba). Awa ku Misa amabwera, Ukaristia amalandira koma amatsutsa chiphunzitso champingo, Mumpingomu alimo ambiri ndithu.

3. PRACTICING CATHOLICS

Awa ndi Akatolika amene amatsatira ndikuchita zimene maphunzitso a mpingo amanena, kupita ku nsembe ya Misa, kupita ku Sacrament lakulapa; Mkatolika wochita ndi amene amatenga nawo gawo pazochitika za kumpingo ndipo amakhulupilira kuti Mpingo ndi Umodzi woyera waKatolika ofumira kwa Apostoli ndipo kuti adayambitsa ndi Yesu Khristu mwini. Koma vuto ndi lakuti amenewa alipo ochepa mu mpingomu.

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#BeAPracticingCatholic



By Sam Kalimba

ne of the longest and most revered music icon in Catholic Music has earned health support from two Catholic media houses based in Lilongwe.

Paul Banda who answers to an honourary title of Sir due to his contribution in music industry in the country in general and the Church in particular has been on dialysis treatment for years now and his resources can no longer sustain his life.

The sole Catholic Television in Malawi, Luntha TV premiered a documentary covering the legend's beginnings and his current form on Tuesday, 7 March at night. In the documentary the television management is observed calling for support for the Catholic Music Icon Sir Paul Banda.

Similarly, Radio Alinafe of the Catholic Archdiocese of Lilongwe aired a special program on Wednesday, 8 March at night featuring the legend.

According to Fr. David Niwagaba, Director of Luntha TV said that he was happy to premier the documentary as part of the Television's contribution towards the health of Sir Paul Banda.

"When Boniface Kawinga (Documentary Director) shared with me that he was traveling with Fr. Louis to visit Sir Paul Banda, I immediately granted airtime for the documentary on Luntha TV. It was not an issue of choice because we know how much Paul contributed in evangelizing the people of God through music. He also has helped many youths to discern their vocations through his music," said Fr. Niwagaba.

Mr. Boniface Kawinga told this reporter that as a Catholic Journalist himself who grew up listening to Paul Banda's music saw it a reasonable assistance to give awareness on the situation that the legend is in.

Fr. Louis Chikanya is the Director for the Archdiocesan Radio Alinafe who drove over 300 kilometers from Lilongwe to meet Sir Paul Banda at his base near St. Montfort Parish in the Catholic Diocese of Mangochi.

"It is a coincidence that we have carried out this trip to hear from Sir Paul Banda in his current situation during Lenten season but we had wanted to do this immediately we got the news that he was not feeling well. However, it's good that we have made it at this time when we have heard that the resources he got from people of good will, need replenishment," said Fr. Chikanya while while elaborating that his main role is to bring more people of good will together and help the fellow soldier of Christ.

"Paul Banda did his part and now it is up to us to come together in spirit and kind. Sir Paul Banda needs financial support for his medical care. He travels about 150 kilometres to Blantyre twice a week for the dialysis. So, our covering him on Radio Alinafe and Luntha TV is one way of sensitizing the general public about the problem; his medical service is expensive and his resources are depleted," concluded Fr. Chikanya.

Sir Paul Banda composed AKA NKOYAMBA A PAPA KUBWERA KU MALAWI, (the Pope's first ever visit to Malawi) the welcoming song of the 1989 Pope St. John Paul II's visit to Malawi apart from performing on most of Catholic solemn national functions including episcopal consecrations and priestly ordinations of many bishops and priests. He was being backed by Alleluia Band of the St. Montfort Parish of Mangochi. He was the founder of the Band and its first band leader. He retired from the band a decade ago but remains a pillar for the band.

St. Patrick's Children engaged in Cleaning Exercise

By Leo Kaima

As one way to respond to the call to help humanity understand the destruction that man is rendering to the environment, children of St. Patrick's Parish under the Archdiocese of Lilongwe engaged themselves in a cleaning exercise where they swept the whole campus of the parish and cleaned all the messes. This was done with the help of their Tilitonse animator who also worked tirelessly in animating children on the importance of Pope Francis's letter titled Laudato si', which encourages all of us to

respect creation.

The sweeping exercise started with an assembly where children who gathered, shared cleaning materials and later were allocated portions to work. Some were assigned to collect litter of all sort and others were assigned to mop the floors of buildings.





The children's activity has given hope to the community of the passion that is there in children to take part in their small way in caring for the environment.

Credit should go to the children's animators in shaping the children into responsible citizens who are sensitive to the environment.

Laudato si' (Praise Be to You) has the subtitle "on care for our common home" in which pope Francis critiques consumerism and irresponsible development; laments environmental degradation and global warming, and calls all people of the world to take "swift and unified global action."





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