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# ARCHBISHOP'S FOREWORD

We thank the Lord for the gift of our Archdiocese; a place the Lord has asked us to minister to bring about the Kingdom of God.

We are happy to present to all our stakeholders this first *Archdiocesan Newsletter* ever produced. The Church in Lilongwe in the past five years has experienced growth in all the sectors; spiritual, liturgical, social and financial. We have seen the growth of the catholic population in all our parishes, which has necessitated us to think of establishing more parishes to better serve the people of God close to them.

We are grateful to God for all the social arms that we have; Justice and Peace Commission, Catholic Development Commission, Health Commission, Education Commission and others that bring their hands together to support a human being in all aspects. The Church in Lilongwe is concerned with the education of the people, in all stages; primary, secondary and tertiary levels, hence establishment of schools. We are aware that education informs and liberates individuals. It is a key to development. We have a full-time office that takes care of issues to do with education. In a special way, we thank Eco Schools Program in the Education Commission that has transformed many children and parents with environmental information.

The Church is aware that it has a mission from Jesus Christ to heal the sick. We have established hospitals and clinics throughout the Archdiocese to assist the government in the healing service. The Church of Lilongwe tries its best, however, we ask our partners in the health sector to compliment the efforts that we already do.

We are aware that the work of evangelization requires finances and other resources. We are hatching more investment opportunities that will make the Archdiocese self-reliant and sustainable. The launch of Tiwale Limodzi Foundation is one milestone that we have achieved in the area of investment. We are concluding the discussion on another investment opportunity, the Endowment Fund, which, when successfully started, will transform many lives of students, farmers, entrepreneurs, etc.

In the spirit of the Jubilee of Hope, the Archdiocese of Lilongwe is geared to more activities in the coming months. We are in the process of concluding the Mini Synod, which when done, we expect more activities of implementation.

Finally, we would like to invite all our stakeholders in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe and beyond to partner with us in all the activities to bring about the Kingdom of God.

May you all be blessed.

+ George D. Tambala

ARCHBISHOP OF LILONGWE



**Rt. Rev. Vincent Mwakhwawa**  
*Auxiliary Bishop of Lilongwe*

# EDITORIAL

Dear reader,

We are delighted to present the first-ever Archdiocesan Newsletter, a milestone in our journey of faith and service. This publication is designed to keep you informed, inspired, and connected as we walk together in building a vibrant Church in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe.

This is a compilation of all the important events in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe that have made an impact in the lives of the faithful in the church of Lilongwe this year, 2025.

The Church's mission goes beyond the sanctuary. Through commissions like Justice and Peace, Education, Health, and Development, we strive to serve the whole person. Education remains a cornerstone of our work, with initiatives like the Eco Schools Program shaping young minds and promoting environmental stewardship. In health, our hospitals and clinics complement government efforts to heal the sick, while social projects such as the Hunger Relief Program in Nkhotakota and Dowa respond to urgent human needs.

This edition presents to you the activities that the Archdiocese of Lilongwe undertakes in its mission *ti liberate* the whole human being thus; educating the people in Agriculture through Catholic Development Commission, healing the people through Health Commission, shaping the minds of the youth through Education Commission. To this effect, the Archdiocese of Lilongwe is opening more schools to accommodate more youths.

This edition also highlights significant spiritual events: the National Eucharistic Congress, Teachers' Jubilee, and Bishop's Jubilee celebration, all under the banner of the Jubilee of Hope. We celebrate milestones like Mlale's 75th Anniversary, Priestly Ordinations, and the Silver Jubilee of Priests, reminding us of God's faithfulness through the years.

As we embark on the journey of publication of this Newsletter, we invite all stakeholders—clergy, religious, laity, and partners—to join hands in our mission. Together, let us continue to proclaim the Gospel, serve the needy, and build a Church that reflects Christ's love.

May the content of this Newsletter be a source of information, inspiration, and unity. We welcome your feedback as we move forward in faith

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# LAUNCH OF TIWALE LIMODZI FOUNDATION

BY PETER DUMAYO

Archbishop Desmond George Tambala on Saturday, July 5, 2025, launched the Tiwale Limodzi Foundation at Maula

foundation will reach out to those facing different challenges," he concluded.

Commenting on the same, Tiwale Limodzi foundation

Malawi move away from donors," she said.

In his remarks, the Laity Vice Chairperson, Clement Sitambuli expressed his



Cathedral as a social arm of the Archdiocese dedicated to coordinating and strengthening the Church's outreach to the marginalized.

At the launch, the Archbishop highlighted that the Tiwale Limodzi foundation's objective is to complement the already existing commissions in order to improve their services.

On the other hand, the Archbishop expressed his satisfaction, saying that the foundation will reach out to the needy, both spiritual and physical.

"We believe that the

board chairperson, Lisubiro Chakaniza said the foundation is aimed at improving the social services of the Archdiocese.

Chakaniza highlighted that this is inline with the Malawi 2063 development goals and that Malawi should move away from the tendency of relying on donors.



Lusubiro Chakaniza, Board Chairperson

gratitude with the foundation saying this has the potential of uplifting the marginalized.

Sitambuli then urged the Catholic faithful and well-wishers to assist the foundation in order to fulfill its goals.

"Assisting doesn't mean you should have millions, but the little support given will make a difference," he said.



Clement Sitambuli, Laity Vice Chairperson



## St Andrew's Mtande Catholic Parish Officially Opened

BY TITUS JATA PHIRI

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” These words rang out with joy and reverence on Saturday, 4th October 2025, as the Archdiocese of Lilongwe celebrated the official opening of St. Andrew's Mtande Catholic Parish a landmark moment in the Church's mission of evangelization, unity, and service.

The Eucharistic Celebration, held at the newly inaugurated parish, was presided over by His Lordship Bishop Vincent Mwakhwawa, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese.

The event drew clergy, religious sisters, and lay faithful from across the region, all gathered to witness the birth of a new spiritual home.

Previously under St Francis Parish in Kanengo, St. Andrew's Mtande now begins its journey as an independent parish. Bishop Mwakhwawa described the inauguration as a testament to the Church's growth and a call to leadership to respond to the evolving needs of the faithful.

“This is a great achievement,” he said. “But it opens our eyes and ears to listen to the needs of the people in order to provide good service.”

In his homily, Bishop Mwakhwawa urged parishioners to embrace the Catholic spirit of unity and live out their charism as a

community. He emphasized that for a parish to thrive, its members must be committed to evangelization and mutual support.

“The obligation at the parish is to serve, and service brings unity,” he reminded the congregation.

He also challenged parish leadership priests and religious sisters—to be attentive to the needs of their flock, placing service at the heart of their ministry.

Representing the lay faithful, Patrick Liphava, Chairperson of the Laity Council in the Archdiocese, expressed heartfelt gratitude for the smooth transition and establishment of the new parish.

“We are ready to provide support to the new parish in order for it to achieve its mission,” Liphava affirmed.

The celebration also paid tribute to the founding members of Mtande Church, established in 1970 by Mr. and Mrs. Bikoloni, Mrs. Magalena Nkhalamba, Mr. Kanzikiti, and Mrs. Mtande Chiofu. Originally worshipping at Chikunga Village under Likuni Parish, the community relocated to Mtande Village in 1972 due to development in Kanengo.

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF LILONGWE FUNDRAISES FOR SEMINARIANS

BY SAM KALIMBA

In a bid to support the formation of seminarians in Malawi, the Archdiocese of Lilongwe on Saturday 27th September 2025, managed to raise MK258,279,809.68. The amount surpassed the target of MK154,820,000 which was given to the Archdiocese as annual fees contribution for 64 seminarians doing philosophy and theology courses at St. Anthony and St. Peters Major Seminaries.

On 5th September 2025, the Archbishop of Lilongwe, His Grace George Tambala issued a letter in which a given amount was set for Parishes and other Catholic institutions to contribute.

On Saturday 27th September 2025, the Auxiliary Bishop of Lilongwe, Rt. Rev. Vincent Mwachwawa presided over the fundraising Mass and Luncheon at Maula Cathedral.

At the end of the Eucharistic Celebration, Parishes and Catholic Institutions presented the proof of meeting their targets.

At the Luncheon, Bishop Mwachwawa sat on the

middle of 4 chairs that had no occupant. The 4 seats were auctioned and lunch was served. After taking the lunch, participants were treated to another auction. This time, portraits of Pope Leo XIV, Archbishop Tambala and Bishop Mwachwawa were up for grab.

Later, the archdiocesan administration presented certificates of appreciation to best performing parishes and institutions based on timely submission of all missionary collections and targets.





# Malawi Hosts the First-Ever National Eucharistic Congress at Maula Cathedral

BY TITUS JATA PHIRI

**T**he Catholic Church in Malawi held its historic, first-ever National Eucharistic Congress (Aug 5-9) at Maula Cathedral, Lilongwe. Marking the Jubilee Year under the global theme “Pilgrims of Hope,” the five-day event united bishops, priests, religious, and lay faithful from across the country.

Organized by the Malawi Conference of Catholic Bishops (MCCB), the Congress was themed “The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Pilgrims of Hope,” offering teachings to deepen understanding of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and strengthen their spiritual journey.

A moving highlight was the Eucharistic procession from Maula Cathedral to St. Patrick’s Parish, where thousands adored Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Apostolic Nuncio Gian Luca Perici, representing the Holy See, opened the Congress, calling it an opportunity for Malawian Christians to reflect on their faith, spread the Word of God, and support the needy. He added: “This Congress should help Christians better understand and deepen their love for Jesus in the Eucharist,” he said, commending the bishops for their leadership.

Father Enock Kanjira, Rector at Kachebere Major Seminary, taught on “Christ’s Presence in the Church, especially in Liturgical Celebrations,” emphasizing Holy Communion as a sacred connection to Christ.

On the final day, Bishop Alfred Chaima, Chair of the MCCB Pastoral Commission, presented key resolutions for renewing Eucharistic devotion. These included promoting reverence to the Blessed Sacrament, encouraging priests to model it, making Adoration and Benediction a parish-wide obligation, and commending receiving the Eucharist on the tongue.

MCCB President Bishop Martin Mtumbuka urged Christians to apply the teachings and called on Pastoral Secretaries to organize similar diocesan-level congresses within 12 months.

“We want celebrations like this one to be done at all levels, in the dioceses,” he emphasized.

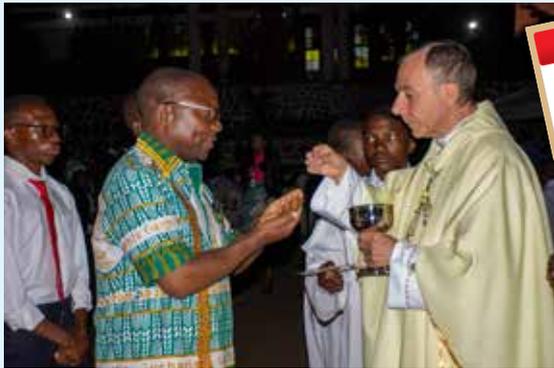
Archbishop George Desmond Tambala of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe also inspired the Congress, reminding Christians that the Eucharist is not optional it is a divine mandate from Jesus Christ.

The National Laity Chairperson, Hastings Dowe, expressed heartfelt appreciation to the bishops, noting that the Congress helped Christians grow in faith and understanding.

The Congress was graced by international guests, including His Eminence Pietro Cardinal Parolin, Secretary of State in the Vatican, and Bishop Gabriel Msipu Phiri, Auxiliary Bishop of Chipata Diocese. Highlights of the event are on the next page.

The National Eucharistic Congress was officially opened on 5th August 2025 at Maula Cathedral in the Catholic Archdiocese of Lilongwe.

The opening Mass ceremony was marked by a solemn declaration from the Apostolic Nuncio to Zambia and Malawi, Most Reverend Gian Luca Perici.



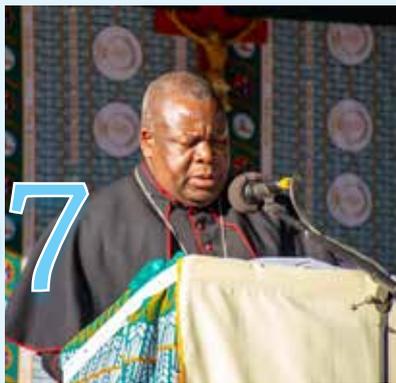
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Montfort Choir from Balaka in the Diocese of Mangochi, singing on day two of the National Eucharistic Congress at Maula Cathedral, Archdiocese of Lilongwe.

Fr. Enock Kanjira began the day by explaining the significance of Christ's presence in the Church, especially during liturgical celebrations.



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The day began with a powerful message from Bishop Alfred Chaima of the Diocese of Zomba, who delivered a keynote address on the Centrality of the Eucharist in family life and Small Christian Communities (SCCs)

The day began with a session on the topic: "The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation as Preparation for the Eucharist."

The presentation was delivered by Father Benard Chipole, Vicar General of the Diocese of Zomba and rector at St. Peter's Major Seminary.



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The Eucharistic Mass marking the end of the National Eucharistic Congress at Maula Cathedral.

The ceremony began with prayers led by the Legion of Mary, who guided the faithful in a solemn procession.

The archbishop of Blantyre, Mst. Rev. Thomas Luke Msusa presided over the celebration.



# Archdiocese of Lilongwe Hosts First National Children's Congress

BY TITUS JATA PHIRI

In a landmark celebration of faith, leadership, and child empowerment, the Catholic Church in Malawi held its first-ever National Children's Congress at Don Bosco Parish in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe.

Spanning four days, the historic gathering brought together 1,628 children from all the eight Catholic Dioceses, united under the theme "Children Are Pilgrims of Hope."

The Congress marked a renewed commitment by the Church to nurture future church leaders through education, spiritual formation, and social awareness.

During the congress, the Children were

animated on Catholic Social Teaching, Mental Health and Emotional Well-being, Child Trafficking and Child Labor, Environmental Stewardship, Malawi 2063 Vision and other lessons.

Bishops, Holy Childhood animators, and experts from across the country led the sessions, offering children a holistic view of their role in both Church and society.

During the closing of the National Children's Congress, children voiced their concerns directly to the bishops, highlighting challenges such as lack of access to quality education and lack of pastoral care in parishes.

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## LAUNCH OF NEW PARISH – MTANDE



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Of the founding members, only Mrs. Bikoloni is still alive, and she was present to witness the official opening of St Andrew the Apostle's Mtande Parish a moment of profound spiritual fulfillment



The new parish comprises two outstations: St Andrew, which includes 11 Small Christian Communities with a total of 3,481 Christians, and St Catherine of Siena, which consists of 7 Small Christian Communities with 1,806 Christians.



The opening of St Andrew's Mtande Parish is more than a ceremonial event. It is a spiritual milestone, a symbol of growth, and a renewed commitment to faith, unity, and service in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe.



# Malawi Catholic Bishops Celebrate their Jubilee in Lilongwe

BY LESTER MHONE

The Catholic bishops in the country on September 3, 2025, celebrated their jubilee at St. Patrick's Parish (Area 18) in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe after facilitating various jubilees.

Bishop Raphael Ncube of Zimbabwe was the main celebrant on the day at the invitation of the Malawi Conference of Catholic Bishops (MCCB).

Bishop Martin Mtumbuka, President of the MCCB, expressed his great joy and gratitude for reaching the milestone.

Bishop Mtumbuka also praised the celebration for its profound solemnity and reverence, noting that the atmosphere was not just due to the main celebrant's inspiration but a testament to the congregation's strong faith.

During the celebration, Bishop Mtumbuka highlighted some of the key takeaways from a retreat led by Bishop Ncube.

He noted Bishop Ncube's powerful challenge for the bishops to tie the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity together. He said that faith in Jesus Christ, expressed in works of charity, gives the assurance and the hope that we will be saved.

The MCCB president also thanked St. Patrick's Joint Choir for their Liturgical animation, particularly the songs sung in Tumbuka, which surprised him with their meaningful interpretation.

In his remarks, Patrick Liphava, chairperson of the Laity Council in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe, praised the bishops for

their unwavering commitment to the faithful and their exemplary leadership.

Liphava expressed his gratitude in celebrating the jubilee, calling it a testament to the bishops' dedication, good leadership, and unwavering commitment.

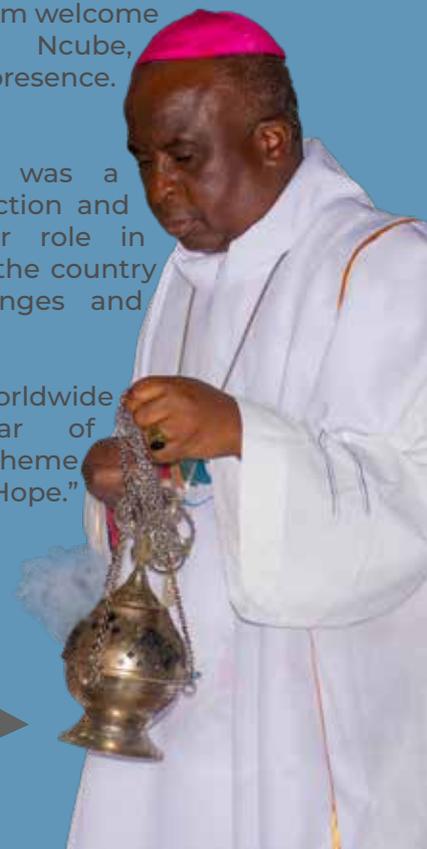
He also thanked the bishops for choosing the Archdiocese of Lilongwe as the host of the celebration, calling it a sign of trust and a great honour.

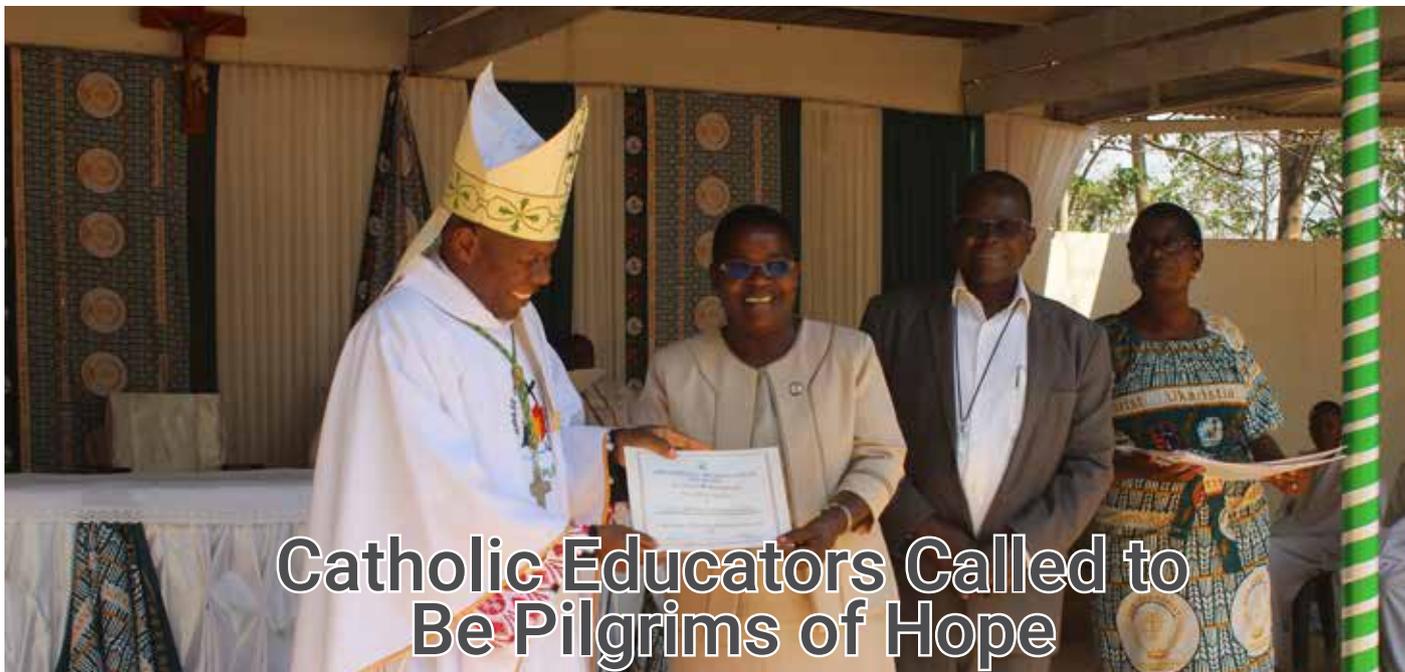
He then extended a warm welcome to Bishop Raphael Ncube, thanking him for his presence.

The bishops' jubilee was a moment of deep reflection and thanksgiving for their role in guiding the Church in the country amidst various challenges and successes.

The Catholic Church worldwide is celebrating the Year of Jubilee under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope."

*Bishop Raphael Ncube of the Catholic Diocese of Hwange, Zimbabwe*





## Catholic Educators Called to Be Pilgrims of Hope

BY TITUS JATA PHIRI

In a stirring call to action, Catholic educators in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe were urged to uphold faith-based values and integrate spiritual principles into their teaching.

The appeal was made during the Teachers' Jubilee Celebration on 11 October 2025, held at Maula Cathedral.

It was a vibrant gathering that united educators and students from Catholic schools and technical colleges.

Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese, His Lordship Vincent Mwachwawa, emphasized that teaching within Catholic institutions is more than a profession and it is a sacred calling.

"You need to share your faith with learners as you teach. It is not just a paid job, it is a calling to help transform young people into better citizens of this country," he said.

Bishop Mwachwawa encouraged teachers to be Christ-centered in their approach, recognizing their role in shaping both the minds and souls of the next

generation.

His Lordship also revealed that the Archdiocese plans to construct new schools in all the deaneries.

Reverend Brother Pascal Mtuwana, National Education Coordinator, from the Malawi Conference of Catholic Bishops, echoed the Bishop's message, describing the Jubilee as a platform for reflection and renewal, urging Catholic institutions to become "Pilgrims of Hope" amid pressing challenges.

"We want to address our local challenges in the education sector, such as overcrowded classrooms, lack of teaching and learning materials, high school fees, and staff shortages. The question is, how can we, as Catholic institutions, become beacons of hope?" he challenged.

Representing teachers from Catholic institutions, John Kumwenda, Vice Principal of St. Maria Goretti Girls Catholic Secondary School, described the celebration as insightful and spiritually enriching. He also encouraged fellow teachers to remain committed to delivering quality education in their respective institutions.

The Jubilee Celebration featured a variety of performances and activities by students, showcasing the vibrancy and creativity of Catholic education.



*Students who attended the Jubilee celebration presenting their gift to Bishop Mwachwawa*



*Teachers from different Catholic institutions in the Archdiocese attending their Jubilee*

# CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN THE JUBILEE OF HOPE

BY FR. LOUIS CHIKANYA

**P**ope Francis, on 9 May, 2024 declared the Year 2025 the Year of Jubilee of Hope. He proclaimed it through a papal bull titled “*Spes Non Confudit*,” which translates to “*Hope does not disappoint*.” The Jubilee runs from December 2024 to January, 2026.

We have seen many church groups including Catholic professionals celebrating the Jubilee.

The celebrations have really kept the faithful active and fired up in faith. We have seen the body, the Church and her parts functioning each with their talent for the good of the body. This has proven to be another way of evangelizing.

On 1st June 2025, Pope Leo XIV addressed families that gathered at St. Peter’s Square during the closing of the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly. Key points from the Pontiff’s homily during the Jubilee included:

**(i). Family as a source of Communion and Faith;** the Pope said the family is a gift and a source of communion and faith. It becomes a communion because of the very fact of union between man and woman and in many cases, children. The three entities make a super communion. The family becomes the source of faith because we basically

learn and know God and Jesus Christ from the family before we learn it from the church. He noted that “Faith is handed down from generation to generation within families, making them privileged places to encounter Jesus. Families are a cradle of the future of humanity.”



The Pope encouraged families to be ‘one’ in their relationships, just as God is one.

**(ii). Role of Parents and Children;** the Pope urged parents to be examples of integrity to their children, educating them in freedom through obedience and nurturing their good qualities. He spoke about the need for children to show gratitude to their parents and honour them.

**(iii). Marriage Covenant;** Pope Leo XIV stressed on the importance of the marriage covenant in today’s world, citing its unifying and reconciling power to defeat forces that break down relationships and societies.

This has to be emphasized in today’s mentality about marriage covenants. Many marriage unions are breaking, somehow due to lack of enough information about the essentials of marriage.

Pope Francis’ *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love) of April, 2016 covers a wide range of topics related to marriage and family life. Important points in this post-synodal apostolic exhortation include:

**(a). Marriage and Family;** the document emphasizes the importance of marriage and family in building a strong, loving community. Indeed, strong families beget strong and loving society.

In the Joy of Love, Pope Francis says family is a school of faith where members grow in their spiritual journey together. The family shapes the faith of family members and their values, parents being the primary educators of their children, transmitting faith, values and morals through their words and actions.

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# CHILDREN'S CONGRESS

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Bishop Martin Mtumbuka, President of the Malawi Conference of Catholic Bishops (MCCB), expressed concern over the challenges raised by the children.

“We promise to do everything possible to resolve them [the challenges], especially issues around education and how you are treated in various parishes.”

The MCCB president also called for coordinated efforts led by Bishop Vincent Mwakhwawa, the Bishop Chairman of the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS) in Malawi, to ensure that the Congress becomes a recurring national event.

The Congress received international recognition, with Reverend Sister Ines Paulo, PMS General Secretary from the Vatican, attending as the Pope’s delegate. She praised the Church in Malawi for her dedication and encouraged children to remain active in the ministry.

“Continue serving the Church,

you are the light of the world.”

Sr. Ines pledged continued support to children to overcome challenges in their communities.

Father Peter Madeya, National PMS Director, echoed Sr. Ines’s sentiments, urging the clergy, religious sisters, and parents to actively support children’s ministry.

As part of their environmental stewardship lesson, children planted trees under the guidance of bishops, symbolizing their commitment to taking care of the nature and sustainable living.

Representing her peers, Rachel Khalera of Bangwe Parish in the Archdiocese of Blantyre shared her joy.

“We have had a great Congress and learned many things that will positively affect our lives, spiritually and physically. We have made resolutions and presented them to our Bishops, and we hope they will help solve our challenges.”

The resolutions included, establishing children-led Eucharistic Masses in all parishes, promoting accessible, high-quality education for every child, training clergy and religious members in Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS) activities, strengthening coordination among bishops, clergy, sisters, and parents, teaching and enforcing the Church’s safeguarding policy.

Distinguished guests during the Congress included Daria Braithwaite, Holy Childhood Coordinator from the Archdiocese of Boston (USA), PMS delegates from Zimbabwe, and other international dignitaries.

The National Children’s Congress was more than an event. It was a spiritual awakening, a leadership incubator, and a bold step towards empowering Malawi’s youngest Catholics to become agents of hope and transformation.

The MCCB announced that the event will be taking place every three years.



# Mlale Parish Celebrates Platinum Jubilee

BY PETER DUMAYO

Parishioners of Mlale Parish in the Catholic Archdiocese of Lilongwe celebrated 75 years of existence on 12th October 2025 at Mlale, Lilongwe.

Archbishop George Tambala preside over the celebration and described 75 years of the parish as a significant milestone.



His Grace Tambala reminded the faithful at the parish to be thankful for the gift of the Parish, as it has assisted in improving the lives of the people, both physically and spiritually.

“Let the Catholic faithful be thankful on every gift they receive, in order to portray

the good image of the catholic church. Parish is one such a gift.”

The Archbishop also said that time had come for the parish to stop relying on external support and find means of sourcing funds for its own operations.



Guest of Honour, Dr. Dalitso Kabambe, the President of UTM, applauded Mlale Parish

for the role it has played in spreading Christianity, as well as assisting in the areas of health and education.

“I feel honored to be the guest of honor at such a big event considering the vital role Mlale Parish has played in the area.”

The Parish was officially opened on 31st August 1950. On the same day, the parish conferred the first sacrament

of baptism.

The Parish has produced seven diocesan priests and five Sisters namely late Fr. Malipa, Fr. Mathias Modilamu, Fr. Geoffrey Chikapa, Fr. Emmanuel Diliwo, Fr. John Makola, Fr. Richard Mthana and Fr. Thomas Msalala, and Sr. Catherine Nyirenda, Sr. Maggie Madziatayika, Sr. Fales Kamphulusa, Sr. Veronica Zulu and Sr. Msinku.





# FOUR PRIESTS IN SILVER JUBILEE

BY PETER DUMAYO

The Archdiocese of Lilongwe joined four priests (three Diocesan and one Carmelite) in celebrating their Silver Jubilee this year.

The four, Reverend Fathers Maxwell Kubalasa, Augustine Katundu, Frank Phiri and Emmanuel Chikaya, were ordained in the



jubilee year, 2000.

The thanksgiving Mass for the jubilee took place at Maula Podium on 16th August 2025.

Archbishop George Tambala with his Auxiliary, Bishop Vincent Mwakhwawa presided over the Mass for the Silver Jubilee celebrations.

His Grace highlighted that this was a great occasion saying that the event signifies that these priests have shown their great commitment to evangelization.

On the other hand, the Archbishop called on the Catholic faithful to pray for the jubilants in order for them to continue serving in the vineyard

of the Lord.

In a separate interview with Radio Alinafe, one of the jubilants, Fr. Frank Phiri expressed gratitude to the Lord for His guidance in the past 25 years, calling on the faithful to pray for them as they begin a new journey of service.

In his remarks, representative of the jubilants, Fr. Chikaya, committed the soul of late Fr. Vincent Epulani, who was also ordained in the year 2000, to the Lord.

Coincidentally, the Archdiocese received a gift of 12 new priests, serving in various congregations in this jubilee year.





# 2025 PRIESTLY ORDINATION AT MAULA

BY ALEX NASONI

**S**ix Diocesan priests and one Carmelite priest were ordained this year at Maula Podium on Saturday, 12th July 2025.

The Diocesan priests are Rev. Fr. Eliah Amos Layimoni from Nathenje Parish, Rev. Fr, Alfred Gaven and Rev. Fr. Raphael Lodzeni from Mtengowanthenge Parish, Rev. Fr. Isaac Zibion Chizuma from Chezi Parish, Rev. Fr. Louis Kampala from Nanthomba Parish and Rev. Fr. Peter Kelvin Makina from Msamba Parish while the Carmelite priest is Rev. Fr, Kesto J. Tongole from Kapiri Parish.

Archbishop George Tambala presided over the ordination with a call for the priests to be shepherds, servants and caregivers.

“I strongly urge you to be real shepherds of the Gospel of Jesus Christ who came on earth and died for the salvation of everyone. You need to preach the Gospel of God without fear, to all people in times when they need it or not,” said Archbishop Tambala.

In a separate interview, one of the priests, Fr. Peter Makinavexpressed gratitude to God Almighty for the precious gift of priesthood

and pledged to work in His vineyard with due diligence and prudence.

“We thank God for bringing us to His vineyard to work. It has been a long journey since we desired to do this. He who has called us will help us work diligently for the good of His name,” said Fr Makina.

Fr. Makina agreed with the Archbishop on his advice.

“This work is for Christ Jesus. We are indeed His servants and as such, we need to preach His Gospel only. Our pleasure will come automatically and we don’t need to look for it,” he said.

A representative of the parents, Mr. Pedro Kampala thanked the entire Catholic fraternity for the formation of their children.

He also called for continued prayers for their ministry.

“We ask for continued prayers from the faithful, so that our priests fulfil their mission,” Kampala said.

This is the second time in the archdiocese to ordain six diocesan deacons into priesthood at once since 2012.

The ordination brought the number of diocesan priests to 79.



*Parents presenting their son, Eliya Amos for priestly ordination*



*Bishops and priests laying hands on the deacons during the ordination*



*Fr. Louis Kampala committing himself to obeying the local ordinale*



*New priests blessing the congregation during the ordination celebration*



# LILONGWE ARCHDIOCESE RECEIVES 7 DEACONS

BY PETER DUMAYO

On 24th May 2025, twenty-seven seminarians from all Catholic Dioceses in Malawi were ordained as deacons at the St Peter's Major Seminary in Zomba Diocese.

The Archbishop of Lilongwe, His Grace George Desmond Tambala presided over the ceremony, where 7 seminarians from the Archdiocese of Lilongwe were also ordained.

Among the concelebrants at the ordination Mass were Archbishop Thomas Luke Msusa of Blantyre and Bishop Alfred Chaima of Zomba.

Diaconate is a ministry in the church that primarily involves service of a word of God and assisting the Bishop during the celebration of Holy Masses.

In his homily, the Archbishop encouraged the candidates to fulfil their role of serving the people of God with humility.

In his remarks, St. Peter's Major Seminary Rector, Fr. Daniel Kamanga said he was thankful to

God for the gift of 27 deacons as this increased the number of workers in the vineyard

He further went on to challenge the deacons that being ordained to diaconate does not mean that they have finished their training but that it is the start of a new chapter in serving the Lord.

The seven deacons from the Archdiocese of Lilongwe are; Deacon Steve Chukuse of Lumbadzi parish, Deacon Lyford Andrew Kaponya of Chitedze Parish, Deacon Denis Mawango of St Joseph Kasungu Parish, Deacon Sylvester Kanyambo of Namitete Parish Deacon Denis Rumashana of Namitete Parish, Deacon Dominic Kaweyere of Benga Parish and Deacon Julius Collen Chalunda of Mlale Parish.

The seven will be ordained priests in 2026.



*Archbishop Tambala leading the Litany of the Saints*



*Dcn. Julius Chalunda making his vows as a deacon*



*Deacons being assisted to wear a Stole*



# SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

COMPILED BY LESTER MHONE AND ERIC MKWAIRA

The Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe is embracing the church's growing number of Christians receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Here is pictorial highlights of various Confirmations in the Archdiocese.



**Archbishop Tambala conferring Sacrament of Confirmation at Kamwendo Zone, Guilleme on 14th August 2025, over 600 youths were confirmed**



**Archbishop Tambala administering Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Victory Madisi Parish on 26th October 2025**



**Archbishop Tambala administers Sacrament of Confirmation at Kasungu Stadium (St. Joseph's Parish) on 6th September 2025, over 500 youths were confirmed**



**Bishop Mwachwawa conferring Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Francis Parish, 24 August 2025, over 300 youths were confirmed.**



**Bishop Mwachwawa conferring Sacrament of Confirmation at Msukwala zone, Guillime Parish, Mchinji on 13th August 2025, over 300 youths were confirmed**



**Confirmands offering a gift to Bishop Mwachwawa at Mponda zone, Ludzi Parish, Mchinji on 20th August 2025, 280 youths were confirmed**



**Monsignor Patrick Thawale administering the Sacrament of Confirmation at Maria Mthandizi wa Akhristu Parish on 25 May 2025, 319 youths were confirmed**



**Newly confirmands receive Holy Communion from Monsignor Thawale at Maria Mthandizi wa Akhristu Parish**

# MISSION MONTH AT CHITULA PARISH



COMPILED BY TITUS JATA PHIRI AND  
ERIC NORMAN MKWAIRA

**A**rchdiocese of Lilongwe launched Mission Month on 1st October 2025 at St. Bernadette Chitula Parish.

Mission Month is a reminder to the Catholic faithful of their role in the work of evangelization.

Throughout the month of October, the faithful engaged in activities that deepened their understanding of mission. Activities such as liturgical celebrations, animations, and community encounters created opportunities for Christians to renew their commitment to evangelization and to embrace the call of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

Auxiliary Bishop of the archdiocese, Right Reverend Vincent Mwakhwawa led the activities.

The climax was on the Mission Sunday which brought together families, associations, and parish groups in a spirit of solidarity and service.



*Bishop Vincent Mwakhwawa poses with the Archdiocesan Mission Team on 1 October 2025 at Chitula Parish*



*Christians from Chitula Parish offering their contributions on 1 October 2025*



*CADECOM and ECO Schools Program team showcasing their products to Christians at Chitula Parish on Mission Sunday, 19 October 2025*



*Archdiocesan PMS Director, Fr. Geoffrey Chikapa presenting Christian Family Movement (CFM) cloths to families who joined the association on Mission Sunday*



*Fr. Chikapa elaborating on PMS activities at Matekwe Outstation*

## ANIMATIONS



*Christians of Demela Zone gathered at Demela Station during the Mission Month animations*



*A Child from Holy Childhood Ministry (Tilitonse) leading the mission Rosary prayer at Nyang'amile Outstation in Lisoka Zone*



*Catholic Women Association (CWA) members at Katawa Outstation, Lisoka Zone, listening to animations by CWA Archdiocese mission team*

## BISHOP MWAKHWAWA COMMISSIONS CFM AT ST. BERNADETTE CHITULA PARISH



*Auxiliary Bishop of Lilongwe, Rt. Rev. Vincent Mwakhwawa blesses the CFM members at Chitula Parish during the closing Mass of Mission Month on 31 October 2025*



*CFM couples embracing each other after receiving blessing from the Bishop.*

# NEW APPOINTMENTS

## Parish Priests

**Rev. Fr. Matthias Chimbalu**  
*Dwangwa Parish*

**Rev. Fr. Francis Lekaleka**  
*Maula Cathedral*

**Rev. Fr. Augustine Katundu**  
*St. Anthony's Parish*

**Rev. Fr. Regis Mshyanga**  
*Kachebere Parish*

**Rev. Fr. Kennedy Malemya**  
*St. Patrick's Parish, Area 18*

**Rev. Fr. Thomas Kasiya**  
*Nathenje Parish*

**Rev. Fr. Frank Phiri**  
*Chilinde Banja Loyera Parish*

**Rev. Fr. Henry Zulu**  
*Chitedze St. John Paul II Parish*

**Rev. Fr. Constantine Mgunda**  
*Kamangilira St. Augustine Parish*

**Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Diliwo**  
*Guilleme Parish*

**Rev. Fr. Mathews Potani**  
*Mchinji St. Paul's Parish*

**Rev. Fr. John Chibweza**  
*Administrator—Mtunthama Pro-Parish*

**Rev. Fr. Samson Kumkumbira**  
*Manager — Likuni Print (Resident at Likuni Parish)*

## Parochial Vicars

	Priest	Parish
1	Rev. Fr. Elijah Amos Laimon	Kamangilira St. Augustine
2	Rev. Fr. Francis Bisayi	Kaggwa Woyera Parish
3	Rev. Fr. Gervazio Chikuni	Mponera Parish
4	Rev. Fr. Vincent Kaziputa	Dwangwa Parish
5	Rev. Fr. Alfred Gaven	Mkanda Parish
6	Rev. Fr. Raphael Lodzeni	Nambuma Parish
7	Rev. Fr. Isaac Zibion Chizuma	Nkhwazi Parish
8	Rev. Fr. Louis Kampala	Mpherere Parish
9	Rev. Fr. Peter Kelvin Makina	Salima Parish
10	Rev. Fr. Tadeo Jobo	Mtima Woyera Parish
11	Rev. Fr. John Kaliwamba	Chitedze St. John Paul II Parish
12	Rev. Fr. Geoffrey Chikapa	St. Anthony Parish
13	Rev. Fr. James Manyoni	Namitete Parish
14	Rev. Fr. Demetrio Kadelera	Resident Priest at Maula Cathedral

	Priest	Chaplaincy
1	Rev. Fr. Richard Mthana	Marianist Chaminade Secondary School (Lilongwe)
2	Rev. Fr. James Manyoni	St. Gabriel Namitondo Hospital
3	Rev. Fr. Raphael Lodzeni	Bishop Patrick Kalilombe Catholic High School

### OTHER APPOINTMENTS

	Priest	Appointments
1	Rev. Fr. John Kaliwamba	Vocations Director
2	Rev. Fr. Francis Lekaleka	Acting Director of Radio Alinafe
3	Rev. Fr. Tadeo Jobo	Assistant Financial Administrator of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe
4	Rev. Fr. Francis Bisai	Acting Internal Auditor of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe
5	Rev. Fr. Samson Kunkumbira	Manager of Likuni Print and Assistant Investment Manager of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe
6	Rev. Fr. Regis Kamera	Resident at Likuni Parish

Wishing you all God's blessings and fruitful apostolate as I remain,

Devotedly Yours in Christ,



+ Most Rev. George Desmond Tambala-OCD

Archbishop of Lilongwe.



# ARCHDIOCESE OF LILONGWE

## DEANERIES AND PARISHES

	PARISHES	DISTRICT	EST.	PRIESTS CONGREGATION
<b>MAULA DEANERY</b>				
1	Our Lady Of Africa – Maula	Lilongwe	1954	Diocesan
2	St. Kizito – Chigoneka	Lilongwe	1975	St. Patrick’s Missionary Society (SPS) Or Kiltegans
3	St. Patrick – Area 18 Chimutu	Lilongwe	1976	Diocesan
4	St. Ignatius – Area 30	Lilongwe	1989	Diocesan
5	St. Denis – Chinsapo	Lilongwe	2009	Missionaries Of Africa (M. Afr.) Or White Fathers
6	St. Padre Pio – Gulliver	Lilongwe	2023	Calpuchinns
7	Maria Mthandizi Wa Akhristu – Mtandire	Lilongwe	2023	St. Patrick’s Missionary Society (Sps) Or Kiltegans
<b>LIKUNI DEANERY</b>				
1	Our Lady of The Holy Rosary – Likuni Parish	Lilongwe	1902	Diocesans
2	St. Theresa Of The Child Jesus - Mlale Parish	Lilongwe	1950	Diocesans
3	Sts. Peter And Paul – Nathenje Parish	Lilongwe	1960	Diocesans
<b>MTIMA WOYERA DEANERY</b>				
1	Mtima Woyera - Falls Parish	Lilongwe	1955	Diocesans
2	St. John The Baptist – Msamba Parish	Lilongwe	1974	Comboni Missionaries
3	Utatu Woyera - Kawale Parish	Lilongwe	1991	Diocesans
4	Banja Loyera - Chilinde Parish	Lilongwe	1974	Diocesans
5	St. Don Bosco – Area 23 Parish	Lilongwe	1996	Salesians
6	St. Mary – Kamuzu Barracks Parish	Lilongwe	1986	Diocesans

	PARISHES	DISTRICT	EST.	PRIESTS CONGREGATION
7	St. Philip – Area 44 Parish	Lilongwe	2022	Diocesans
<b>MADISI DEANERY</b>				
1	Our Lady Of Victory – Madisi Parish	Dowa	1957	Diocesans
2	Our Lady Of Hope – Chiphaso Parish	Kasungu	1930	Order of Discalced Carmelites
3	St. Joseph – Kasungu Parish	Kasungu	2000	Society of Jesus (Jesuits)
4	St. Vincent Palloti – Kaphatika Parish	Ntchisi	2016	Pallotines
5	St. Thomas Aquinas – Kalembe Parish	Kasungu	2011	Missionaries Of St. Paul
6	St. Francis de Sales - Manyani Parish	Kasungu	2022	St. Francis De Sales
<b>MCHINJI DEANERY</b>				
1	Our Lady of Help – Kachebere Parish	Mchinji	1902	Diocesans
2	St. Anne – Guilleme Parish	Mchinji	1935	Diocesans
3	St. Mark – Mkanda Parish	Mchinji	1984	Diocesans
4	St. Joseph – Ludzi Parish	Mchinji	1942	Diocesans
5	Our Lady of Carmel – Kapiri Parish	Mchinji	1966	Order of Discalced Carmelites
6	St. Augustine - Kamangilira Parish	Mchinji	2019	Diocesans
7	St. Paul - Mchinji Parish	Mchinji	2020	Diocesans
8	St. Matthew the Apostle – Nkhwazi Parish	Mchinji	2023	Diocesans
<b>DOWA DEANERY</b>				
1	Our Lady of Fatima - Mpherere Parish	Ntchisi	1939	Diocesans
2	Christ the King – Nambuma Parish	Dowa	1928	Diocesans
3	St. Augustine – Mtengo wa Nthenga Parish	Dowa	1959	St. Patrick’s Missionary Society (SPS) Or Kiltegans

	PARISHES	DISTRICT	EST.	PRIESTS CONGREGATION
4	St. Benedict – Nanthomba Parish	Dowa	1992	Franciscans
5	St. Benedict the Abbot – Mponela Parish	Dowa	2010	Diocesans
<b>SALIMA DEANERY</b>				
1	Our Lady of Fatima – Salima Parish	Salima	1948	Diocesans
2	St. Paul – Nkhotakota Parish	Nkhotakota	1978	Salesians
3	St. Charles Lwanga – Chezi Parish	Dowa	1992	Missionaries of Africa
4	Mary, Mother of the Church – Benga Parish	Nkhotakota	2013	Missionary Community of St. Paul the Apostle (MCSPA)
5	St. Barnabas – Dwanga Parish	Nkhotakota	2022	Diocesans
<b>NAMITETE DEANERY (NEW)</b>				
1	St. Peter – Namitete Parish	Lilongwe	1960	Diocesans
2	St. Clara - Chilinda Parish	Lilongwe	2010	Franciscans
3	St. John Paul II – Chitedze Parish	Lilongwe	2018	Diocesans
4	St. Bernadetta – Chitula Parish	Lilongwe	2022	Vincentians
<b>KANENGO DEANERY (NEW)</b>				
1	St. Francis of Assisi– Kanengo Parish	Lilongwe	1976	Missionaries of Africa
2	St. Andrea Kaggwa – Area 49 Parish	Lilongwe	1992	Diocesans
3	St. Matthias – Lumbadzi Parish	Lilongwe	1987	Diocesans
4	St. Anthony of Padua - Area 25 Parish	Lilongwe	2022	Diocesans
5	St. Andrew – Mtande Parish	Lilongwe	2025	Missionaries of Africa
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# LILONGWE CATHOLIC WOMEN FOCUS ON PARENTHOOD AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

14th  
August  
2025

BY MONICA CHINYAMA LIPIYA

The Catholic Women Association (CWA) in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe emphasized the vital role of parenthood in shaping Christian families as it opened its annual general meeting under the theme *“Nurturing Parenthood: A Joyful Path to Happiness and Holiness.”*

The gathering was opened with the Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Monsignor Patrick Thawale, who challenged the women to live out the theme by fostering love, faith, and responsibility



in their homes. He stressed that strong families are the foundation of a strong church and society.

In her remarks, CWA Chairperson, Mrs. Louisa Kamwaza expressed optimism that this year’s focus on parenthood would inspire women to deepen their sense of responsibility as mothers and caregivers, while also reinforcing their unity as a faith-driven association.

The guest of honour Dr Agnes Chimbiri, commended the CWA for championing Christian family values

and encouraged the members to extend their impact beyond their homes by contributing positively to social and community development.

The four-day meeting drew women from across the Archdiocese to share experiences and develop strategies for supporting parents in raising children grounded in Christian values.



# CMA DRILLED ON PENSION PLAN

BY SAM KALIMBA

The Catholic Men Association (CMA) of the Maula Deanery in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe converged to celebrate St. Joseph's Day on 1st May 2025 at St. Matthias Parish, Lumbadzi. One of the activities on the agenda was a special talk on life after retirement from jobs.

According to the Chairperson of the association, Edward Chikhwana, the talk was arranged to allow members who are in different age groups to prepare for their retirement and leave positively when retired.

"We have noted that some men die few years into retirement. One of the reasons could be that those affected, had not planned for their retirement and hence this initiative," said Chikhwana.

Mr. Dan Ghambi who is an Executive Member of the Maula Deanery CMA was the lead facilitator. He brought solutions to the problem arguing that those who die early into their retirement do so because they do not accept the new situation.

Ghambi also asserted that retirement is not only for the white-collar jobs but even other jobs. "Farming and SMEs, for example, require energy and good health to run them. When that energy and good health are reduced, one needs to retire.



*Maula Deanery CMA Pose After Their Meeting At Lumbadzi Parish*

This must be born in mind by every man for planning purposes," he said.

He advised the men that planning involves engaging spouses on location for retirement, type of house for retirement, retirement budget and income generating activities to be done for survival. He said that these are some of the basic causes of disagreements that result in stress and anxiety among retired men.

Rev. Fr. Daniel Kamzimbe, the

Chaplain of Maula Deanery CMA, reminded the men of their responsibilities to be family heads who provide for the family and protect everyone in the family.

By the time of this workshop, the Deanery had 11 parishes, which are St. Denis Chinsapo, Maula Cathedral, St. Kizito Chigoneka, Maria Mthandizi wa Akhristu, St. Patrick Area 18, St. Ignatius Area 30, St. Padre Pio Gulliver, Andrea Kaggwa Woyera, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Francis Kanengo and St. Matthias Lumbadzi.





# YOUTHS URGED TO FIND THEIR CALLING THROUGH FAITH AND LEARNING

BY ALEX NASONI

**Y**ouths in the country have been called upon to use their daily life activities to reflect on their vocations, using education and prayer life.

Monsignor Patrick Thawale of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe, made the appeal on Saturday, May 10th, 2025, at St. Matthias Lumbadzi Parish in Lilongwe during the celebration of Vocation Day.

“Youths have to use their diverse talents and strengths in serving God and fellow human beings in their communities. For the youths who are into technology, I urge them to use it for education’s sake, which can help develop their communities, and not use it for bad intentions which can ruin their lives,” said Monsignor Thawale.

Monsignor Thawale added that youths are pillars of development in the Church and the country.



“Youths are supposed to continue to reflect on all things happening in their lives to choose their vocations as priests, sisters, religious, or single life in serving God and fellow human beings,” he said.

The Monsignor also urged the youths to be prayerful and read various Catholic encyclicals which can help them to know God.

In her remarks, Grace Phiri, from Salima Parish thanked the Monsignor for encouraging them to work hard in all aspects so that they choose their vocations wisely for the benefit of the Church and the country.

“Today’s function (Vocation Day) has helped us know the importance of hard work, education, and a prayerful life. It is true that when we pray hard and read the Word of God frequently, we shall ably choose the right vocations,” said Grace.

This year’s Vocation Day took place at St. Matthias Lumbadzi Parish in Lilongwe under the theme “Youths as Missionaries of Hope.”



# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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One of the members gathered at the Pope Leo's presentation, Dr. Jeff Mirus said that when it comes to forming people as committed Catholics who will devote themselves to doing God's will throughout their lives, nothing beats the family. Parents should not underrate or ignore this fundamental factor in the salvation of their children. Children who are deprived of this solid formation of family suffer enormous disadvantage when navigating the temptations of the world, flesh and the devil.

**(b). Love and Relationships;** the document explores the meaning of love in day-to-day family life, highlighting the need for mutual

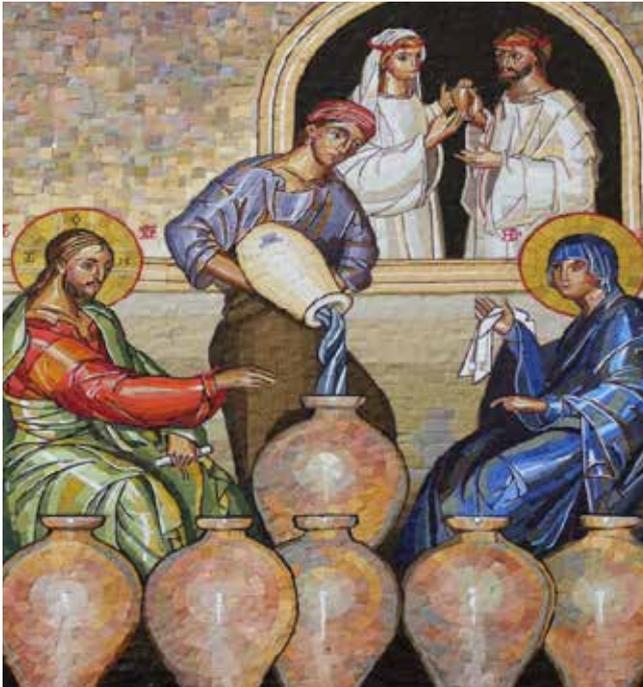
respect, trust and communication. Respect and trust are pivotal in building a strong future marriage. Married couples have to pay attention to the growth of these two aspects. Keep them watered at all times. Mistrust can break everything that couples have built for so long.

**(c). Challenges faced by Families;** Pope Francis addresses the issues that affect marriages today and these include; poverty, divorce, and impact of technology on relationships. These challenges, the couples need to see and discuss together at the early stage of their marriage before they become difficult to deal.

**(d). Pastoral Care;** the document proposes the solutions to the challenges faced by the families. The pastors are encouraged to accompany and care for the families particularly those in difficult or complex situations.

## Conclusion

Marriage relationships are a mystery, sacred and to be revered. God created this relationship between man and woman in order to facilitate the growth of society. Those who wish to enter into marriages must be prepared well and be informed of the beauty as well as the challenges of family life, the obligations and responsibility of couples in married life. We must value families. They are a source of societies, they are a cradle of the future of humanity.





# MAULA PARISH CELEBRATES FAMILY DAY

BY TITUS JATA PHIRI

**O**n Sunday, 23rd November 2025, Maula Parish celebrated Family Day at Maula Cathedral. The event was part of the Jubilee of Families in the Jubilee Year of “Pilgrims of Hope.”

During the celebration, Auxiliary Bishop Vincent Mwachwawa encouraged families to take the leading role in promoting prayerful living and praying for leaders. He reminded the faithful that strong families are the foundation of Christian life and integrity in society.

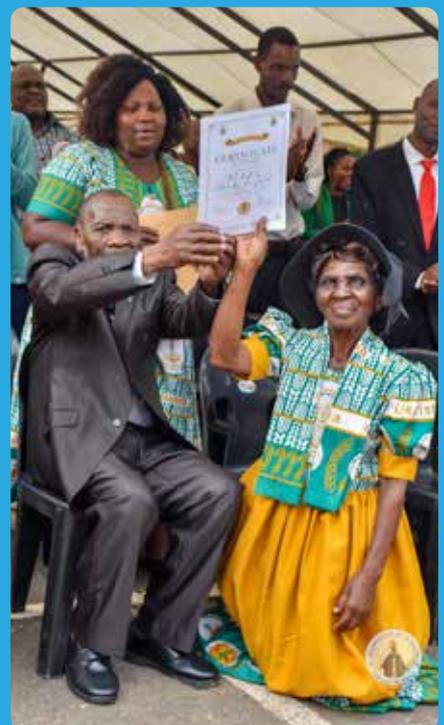
The day was marked by the renewal of marriage vows and thanksgiving prayers, underscoring the family’s central role as a pillar of faith, peace, and leadership during this Jubilee Year. Here are the pictorial highlights:



*Families attending the Eucharistic celebration at Family Day*



*The Family of Mr. and Mrs. Chando from Maula’s St. Francis SCC, showing their Certificate of recognition for 35 years in married life*



*The Family of Mr. and Mrs. Kamwaza showing their certificate of recognition for 65 years of married life*



*Maula Parish Priest, Fr. Louis Chikanya interacting with the family of Mr. & Mrs. Kamwaza who celebrated 65 years in married life*



*The Family of Mr. and Mrs. Jude & Julie Selveratnam from Maula Parish’s International Community showing their Certificate of recognition for 30 years in married life*



# Archdiocese of Lilongwe Donates Medical Supplies to Maula Prison

BY ERIC MKWAIRA

**O**n Thursday, September 25, 2025, the Catholic Archdiocese of Lilongwe donated medical supplies to Maula Prison to address the critical shortage of healthcare resources for inmates.

The Auxiliary Bishop of Lilongwe, Right Reverend Vincent Mwakhwawa handed over the donation, which included an oxygen concentrator and a nebulizer.

The equipment is intended to help treat inmates with skin diseases and respiratory issues.

The donation was funded by the Carmelite Fathers family in Italy.

Dr. Gift Kwamdera of the Malawi Prison Service expressed his gratitude,

confirming the equipment will significantly improve care for inmates needing supplemental oxygen or suffering severe asthmatic attacks.

“We have been facing a lot of challenges in terms of assisting our colleagues who are in need of supplemental oxygen or those with asthmatic attacks when they are here and also from the surrounding communities.”

The visit also highlighted an urgent need for educational facilities for juvenile offenders at Maula.

The bishop appealed for support to construct standard classrooms, emphasizing education as vital for the young inmates’ reformation and future.

“It is possible to build standard classrooms so that these young people can learn. We have seen that the other adults are learning and they’re doing very well and they are selected to university.”

The ceremony itself was spiced with a special musical performance by inmates’ Catholic Choir.



***Bishop Mwakhwawa visits Computer classroom at Maula Prison***



# MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY AND THE SICK

BY FR. LOUIS CHIKANYA

**M**inistry to the elderly and the sick is vital way to show love and care and respect to our seniors in the community. The elderly are a source of wisdom and counsel. They offer to the youth the reason to hope.

The senior citizens in our communities have experienced life in its toughness, struggle, as well as in bliss. They know the general pattern of living.

The elderly, after such long trip and mileage of life have become tired, exhausted and frail. This is the time that community should pay attention to their needs.

What to do to get involved in supporting them? Pay them a visit. Spend some time with them. Get interested in their stories and show you listen to them and care about them. They love to be listened to. Of course,

they have so much to tell everyone who cares to listen.

Another way to get involved in their life is to offer transport; volunteer to drive them to appointments at the health center or to 'physio' places and other social events. Spend time with them at their homes or invite them to new places and social gatherings.

Support their spiritual life by



praying with them, reading the Word of God with them, inviting priests to pray and bless them and to give them Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Extreme Unction

where necessary. Most of them are now prone to getting sick, their bodies are sensitive to many issues. They need to be careful with the type of food and drink they consume.

In most rural areas, most seniors experience tough situations; they do not have access to many basic necessities of life such as food, clean water, good clothes and proper house. Some live alone in poor conditions. When they get sick, nobody comes to support them. Some of them hardly eat proper and hygienic food.

Taking care of the elderly and the sick is the community's responsibility, every individual's duty. "I was hungry and sick and you gave me food and visited me." (Mt 25:35-36). These gestures are fundamental acts of kindness and compassion.

You are invited to think of the elderly and the sick and do something about it.



# Integrated Project Transforms Food Security in Nkhotakota and Dowa

BY ERIC MKWAIRA

A six-month integrated Flood Response And Resilience Project, empowered communities in Nkhotakota (St. Barnabas Parish) and Dowa (Madisi Parish) with sustainable farming practices.

At the project's launch in December 2024, Auxiliary Bishop Vincent Mwachwawa emphasized the Church's deep commitment to supporting those in hardship, urging beneficiaries to embody Christian love and compassion by sharing aid and fostering a spirit of



generosity.

The initiative, funded by Missio Austria and local Catholic

contributions, moved from immediate food relief to focused agroecological trainings.

Lilongwe CADECOM Acting Secretary, Madalitso Chilalile noted that farmers like Esau Banda are now confidently achieving bumper yields by adopting crop diversification

to ensure year-round food supply, thereby reducing their reliance on maize.

Beneficiaries also learned to produce organic manure and homemade pesticides, drastically cutting costs on expensive inputs and strengthening household food security.

Visiting Missio Austria's Lucia Bayer recommended the approach for building long-term resilience.

The project focused on the victims of floods and El Nino and concluded in June 2025,



A beneficiary, Teresa Kawombe, carrying Relief items during the launch of the project



Chilalire addressing the beneficiaries at Madisi Parish, Dowa District



On the farm, Esau and Lucia connect over the project's impact

# MLALE ARCHDIOCESAN FARMS

Compiled by Eric Norman Mkwaira

**22** acres of land dedicated for cultivating both livestock and crops for a thriving community at Mlale.



*Our fish ponds offer a sustainable source of proteins*



*Pig farming is a key component of Mlale Farm's livestock operations*



*In Malawi's climate, this water reservoir is crucial for sustainable agriculture at Mlale Farm*



*Winter Cropping: Cultivating maize, a staple crop, to support local food security in Malawi*



*Sweet and crunchy carrots, grown in rich soil*



*Crisp lettuce and flavorful Rape, grown with care for optimal freshness and providing essential vitamins and minerals.*



*A gardener's trick: black paper to give tomato seedlings a head start, alternative to green house effect*

# RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LILONGWE

<b>WOMEN RELIGIOUS</b>	
1	Canossian Daughters Of Charity
2	Carmelite Missionaries Sisters Of Our Lady Of Mount Carmel (Carmelite Sisters)
3	Franciscan Missionary Sister Of Assisi (S.F.M.A)
4	Benedictine Sisters Of Divine Providence
5	Sisters Of Our Lady Of Amersfoort
6	Little Servants Of The Blessed Virgin Mary Conceived Immaculate (LSMI)
7	Missionaries Of Mary Mediatrix
8	Sisters Of Charity Of Ottawa
9	Missionary Sisters Of Our Lady Of Africa
10	Missionary Sisters Of The Immaculate Conception (M.I.C. Sisters)
11	The Teresian Sisters
12	The Poor Clares
13	Sisters Of The Holy Rosary
14	The Daughters Of St Paul
15	The Congregation Of The Sacramentine Sisters of Bergamo
16	Servants Of The Blessed Virgin Mary Sisters
17	Congregation Of The Sisters Of St John The Baptist
18	Franciscan Clarist Congregation (F.C.C)
19	Capuchin Sisters Of Mother Rubatto
20	Medical Missionaries Of Mary
21	Daughters Of Mary Immaculate (DMI)
22	Catechist Sisters Of St. Ann (CSA)
23	Handmaids Of Our Lady Of Mt. Carmel H.I.M.C (Carmelite Sisters)
24	Association Of Holy Family Of Bordeaux
25	Holy Spirit Sisters

26	The Marianist Sisters
27	Medical Mission Sisters
28	The Missionaries Of Charity (Sisters Of Mother Teresa)
29	The Missionary Sisters Of The Assumption Congregation Of Mother Of Carmel (CMC)
30	Franciscan Sisters (Franciscanae Filiae Sanctissimae Cordis Jesus Et Mariae)
31	Carmelite Sisters
32	Congregation Of The Daughters Of Wisdom
33	Sisters of St. Joseph of Mombasa
<b>MEN RELIGIOUS</b>	
1	The Diocesan Priests
2	Combon Missionary Fathers and Brothers
3	Marist Brothers
4	Montfort Missionaries
5	The Order Of Friars Minor Conventual
6	The Society Of The Catholic Apostolate (Pallotines)
7	Saint John Of God Brothers
8	The Society Of The Missionaries Of Africa (White Fathers)
9	The Society Of Mary (Marianists)
10	St. Patrick's Missionary Society (SPS) Or Kiltegans
11	The Carmelite Order
12	The Jesuits
13	Order Of Friars Minor
14	Capuchin Franciscan
15	The Society Of Missionaries Of Mary Immaculate (MMI)
16	Missionary Community of Saint Paul The Apostle
17	The Vincentians
18	The Society Of St. Francis De Sales
19	The Missionary Society of St Paul

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