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EAST AFRICA REGIONAL CIRCULAR LETTER – FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Confreres,

Many greetings of the new year 2023.

Once again we render glory to the Almighty God for his protection during the past year 2022 and we are grateful to him for yet the new year 2023 and we hope to be blessed during the new year. We thank each and every one of you for the efforts which you have demonstrated in your ministry wherever you are serving our Lord Jesus Christ through his people.

We also continue to pray that the Good Lord may increase our energy so that we continue working for him tirelessly and with enthusiasm throughout this new year and in the years to come. I wish all of you a grace filled soon Lenten season which is coming soon.

A. ORDINATIONS

1. Our Confrere Rev Deacon Jackson Mandela CMM

Deacon Mandela who is under Mthatha Region will be ordained as a Priest on Saturday, 11th March 2023 in his home parish Eregi in Kakamega Diocese. All of us in the Region have been invited. We are therefore requested to start making all necessary arrangements so that we can all attend this ordination in support and solidarity with Deacon Mandela. Fr. Thomas Wao CMM will be a delegate to represent the Unit of Mthatha to this ordination. Fr. Thomas Wao is already here with us in East Africa.

2. Our Confrere Tatenda Kakweza CMM

Tatenda who is still pursuing his studies at Tangaza has be ordained as Deacon on Saturday, 18th February 2023 at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Nairobi Archdiocese. We thank all of you dear Confreres for our support, prayers and solidarity expressed during the preparations and on the D Day. Let us keep the same spirit.

3. Our Confrere Rev. Deacon Otieno Peter Otieno CMM

Deacon Peter who is under Mariannahill Province is also awaiting to be ordained as priest. Arrangements are being made for his ordination to Priesthood hopefully in his home parish in Kisumu Archdiocese here in Kenya. Soon details about this process will be communicated.

B. FINAL VOWS

Frater Chewe Mwape CMM and FRATER AGBLEKPE KOUDZO SEDEM ILDEPHONSE-BENITO CMM have made their final profession on Thursday, 02/02/2023 at Christ the Prophet Community (CPC). This is also the Principal Feast of our Congregation. We thank Confreres for having come to CPC to celebrate together as one family this significant Feast of our Congregation.

C. RENEWAL OF VOWS

The Renewal of vows has taken place on Wednesdays, 1st February, 2023 at CPC. Those who have renewed their temporary vows are:

1. Frater Simon Francis Mushi
2. Frater Cephas Wamalabe
3. Frater Patrick Mangoma
4. Frater Sbonelo Ntokozo Ndhlovu
5. Frater Thembelani Mzizi
6. Frater Sithembiso Promise Sithole
7. Frater Evans Ogola Wesonga
8. Frater Joseph Lebohang Mothetho
9. Frater Cletus Mwela
10. Frater Steven Banda
11. Frater Jonathan Kusuinga
12. Frater Gabriel Chirawu

D. FIRST PROFESSION:

We congratulate and wish well to our Novices who took their first vows in Mariannahill Monastery on 02 February 2023. Those newly professed from East Africa Region are:

1. Douglas Maina

2. Wilber Tumwesigye
3. Petro Ololepo Elikana
4. Joel Musasizi Muyingo
5. Alphonse Rutayuga Charles

E. 2023 NOVICES

The following are from East Africa and they are already in Novitiate:

1. Joseph Wakesa Barasa
2. Emmanuel Dukuzeyezu
3. Njoki Francis Mwangi
4. Erneste Uwizeyezu.

F. MINISTRIES:

1. Lector:

On Sunday, 15 January 2023, the following Confreres have been conferred ministry of Lector at CPC:

- 1.0. Frater Sithembile Promise Sithole
- 1.1. Frater Cephass Wamalabe
- 1.2. Frater Cletus Mwela
- 1.3. Frater Owuor Godfrey Tom Otieno
- 1.4. Frater Joseph Lebohang Mothetho

2. Acolyte:

On Sunday, 15 January 2023, the following Confreres have been conferred the ministry of Acolyte at CPC:

- 2.0. Frater Ntokozo Sbonelo Ndhlovu
- 2.1. Frater Steven Banda
- 2.2. Frater Jonathan Kusuinga Iyonda
- 2.3. Frater Leandro Jose Langa
- 2.4. Frater Thembelani Mzizi
- 2.5. Frater Patrick Mangoma

G. NEW FORMATION TEAM MEMBER AT CPC

Bro. William Otieno Abanja CMM has been appointed to be a member of the Formation Team at CPC. He joins Fr. Roy Takawira Chimbindi CMM, Fr. Victor Mwansa Mukuka CMM and Fr. Francis Ngadi Ochieng CMM, the Rector. Fr. Philip VOORN also still assists in various capacity in Formation at CPC.

H. TRANSFERS:

1. FROM AND TO OUR UNIT

1. Frater Njau Jovinus Siritto CMM and Erick Ongaga Barongo CMM have already arrived in German Province.

2. Fr. Benedict Bernard Yegon Kimutai CMM has already arrived in Mariannahill Monastery where he has been transferred to be the Vice Novice Director.

3. Brother Dismas Mwebi Ayogo CMM has been transferred to Mthatha Unity where he will be helping in a youth Centre.

4. Frater Tomasi Masereka CMM has been transferred back to East Africa from Spain and he has already arrived in the Region.

5. The newly professed Confreres have been respectively after their first profession transferred by the General Government as follows:

5.1. James Nene and Pascoal Wavila have been transferred from the Province of Mariannahill to the Region of East Africa;

5.2. Perfect Sidinga has been transferred from the Region of Zimbabwe to the Region of East Africa;

5.3. Lusanda Mthuli has been transferred from the Province of Mariannahill to the Region of East Africa;

5.4. Petro Ololepo Elikana and Joel Musasizi Muyingo have been transferred from the Region of East Africa to the Province of Germany;

5.5. Wilber Tumwesigye and Douglas Maina have transferred from the Region of East Africa to the Province of Mariannahill;

5.6. Alphonse Rutayuga Charles has been transferred from the Region of East Africa to the Region of Mthatha.

We are saying most welcome to those transferred to the East Africa and we also wish well into their new Units to those who have been transferred from East Arica to other Units.

2. WITHIN THE UNIT:

1. Fr. Nicholas Mwiti Nkonge CMM has been transferred from St. Lawrence Longido parish in Tanzania to Presentation of the Lord Juja Farm Parish in Nairobi Archdiocese in Kenya as the parish priest.
2. Fr. Denis Ndolo Kasyoka CMM has been transferred from Presentation of the Lord Juja Farm Parish to St. Lawrence Longido Parish in Arusha Archdiocese in Tanzania as parish priest.
3. Fr. Dan Mose Manoti CMM has been transferred from Presentation of the Lord Juja Farm Parish to St. Therese of the Child Jesus Ndanai in Kericho Diocese as parish priest.

I. STUDENTS AT CHRIST THE PROPHET COMMUNITY (CPC) FORMATION HOUSE

As we are waiting for the 4 newly transferred members to CPC, we are happy to let you know that we have at present 28 students at CPC: 12 Candidates and 16 Theologians and who are from 16 nationalities.

The big challenge we are still facing at CPC up to now is the Chapel which is still too small to accommodate this big number and which is still increasing every year as we continue receiving new members but it is our hope that as time goes this issue of the chapel will be solved and soon if all goes well we will start erecting a new modern and spacious Chapel. Your prayers and support are still needed for this long awaited project to be realized sooner than later.

J. ASPIRANTS

We have received 8 aspirants who are now following their program under our Postulant's Director Brother Eduard Fischer Thomas CMM in Juja Farm. Their names are as follows:

1. Babbitimo Innocent Marcello, South Sudan
2. Alphas Wabuge, Kenyan
3. Njoroge Mike, Kenyan
4. Patrick Kimani, Kenyan
5. John Okioma Moindi, Kenyan
6. Jean Baptiste Muhayimana, Rwandan
7. Joseph Isekaman Mboyo, RD Congo
8. Nzanzu Mughunda, RD Congo

K. Visitors:

We say a warm welcome into our Unit to Archbishop Emeritus P M Khumalo, Fr. Roland Matoyi CMM, Fr. Abidon Katai Kabwe CMM and Fr. Thomas Wao CMM, who will be with us for some time. Karibuni sana dear Confreres and may you feel at home.

We have also in some past months received some of our Confreres who came to visit their families and friends from various Units where they are doing their mission in the Congregation. Some have gone back to their places of mission and others are still with us in the Unit.

Those who are still with us may they continue enjoying their holidays here with us and we continue to wish them well and may they continue feeling at home in East Africa Region. To you all our dear Confreres we say thank very much for visiting us and we really appreciated your presence here in East Africa. We wish you well in your ministry in your respective Units of the Congregation where you are serving the Lord.

L. Fr. George Mukuwa' s Death Anniversary:

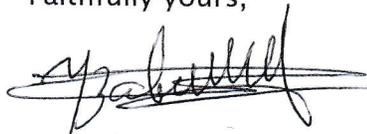
on 18th March, 2023, we will have the memorial Mass at Presentation of the Lord Juja Farm Parish for the Late Fr. George Mukuwa Kageche. Due to Priestly ordination of Deacon Mandela which will be held on 11th March 2023, we could not have the Memorial Mass on the actual date which is 10th March.

M. Condolences

To our Confreres who have lost their beloved family members, we continue to express our deepest sympathy and our sincere heartfelt condolences to them. United in prayers. We continue to wish all of you well during the new year 2023. May it be a year of peace and many more God's abundant blessings to all of us.

Thank you and may God bless you.

Faithfully yours,



Fr. Vincent Nzabandora CMM
East Africa Regional Superior

