

12 March 2018

Lenten Season

‘Turn to me and repent the time to repent is now’. Lent is a time we are given by the church to revive our faith through prayer, fasting and giving. It is a time that remind us of the urgency to repent towards God and neighbor. It is a time for grace and a time that reminds us that we stand in need of God mercy all the time because of our weaknesses and sins. Lent is a time to build bridges that have been damaged by our sinfulness and omissions. It is a time to start anew, a time to correct and a time to grow. Confreres I wish you a blessed, renewal and preparation time of lent.

Current Situation in the Country

As from 15 November 2017 as a country we began to experience the new dispensation unfolding. The operation restore legacy saw the change of political leadership in our country. The new dispensation brought new hope into our country as the new inaugurated president has promised change in our country. We need to continue to be hopeful people as a nation. As religious working in this situation we continue to instill hope amongst the people that have been entrusted to us. Not much has changed on the ground, we still continue see shortage of cash in the banks and long winding queues as people want to get their hard earned cash. There is liquidity challenges in the country. Prices of basic commodities have gone up. Unemployment is still high in our country. This year we are looking forward to our harmonized elections. Let us continue praying for our country and let us preach and promote peace were ever we are.

Provincial Chapter 2018

11 and 12 January we had our provincial chapter held at Queenspark Mission House. The attendance was good and we had Br Hansel Jaison CMM participating in the chapter representing the General Government. This chapter was preceded by three days of province retreat which was a success also. The theme of the retreat and chapter was ‘Faithful to my call’. In the same chapter the following conferers were elected to the provincial council: Fr Fikile Dlamini Provincial Superior, Fr Adrian Maqhawe Ndlovu Vicar Provincial, Fr Christopher Ngwarai Councillor, Br Alois Hunpf Councillor and Fr Nkululeko Ndlovu Councillor. We congratulate these conferers and wish them God’s blessings in this new ministry of leadership.

New Appointments

Fr Christopher Ngwarai has been appointed to be Priest in charge at Our Lady of Assumption Gwanda with effect from 25 May 2018.

Fr Thomas Sadya has been appointed Acting Priest in charge at St John Vianney, Esigodini with immediate effect.

Deacon Kevin Madvibanyika has been appointed Deacon of St John Vianney, Esigodini with effect of 30 June 2018.

Deacon Cylde Takadwa has been appointed Deacon of Our Lady of Fatima Pumula South with effect of 15 April 2018.

Deacon Patrick Mpofo has been transferred from St John Vianney Esigodini, to Queenspark Mission House. He will work as the coordinator of CCJP CMM Bulawayo full time.

Fr Herbert Mudzimu is Acting Parish Priest of Inyathi Mission with immediate effect.
Fr Thomas Sadya has been appointed as the Vocations Director for three years.
Br Alois Humpf has been appointed Queenspark House Superior for three years.
Fr Philimon Mlilo has been appointed Assistant House Superior for Queenspark House for three years.
Fr Similo Ncube has been appointed Associates Director for the next three years.
Deacon Clyde Takwada has been appointed provincial bursar for the next three years.
Fr Thomas Sadya has been appointed coordinator for youth ministry for CMM.

I T and Communications

Fr Proud Mukamba, Deacon Kevin Madvibanyika, Fr Chris Ngwarai will be the team to look into the issues of I T and Communications in the province. Fr Proud Mukamba will be the coordinator

Finance Committee

Fr Proud Mukamba, Fr Bhekimpilo Tshuma, Fr Similo Ncube and Fr Fikile Dlamini and Deacon Cylde Takwada

Formation Committee

Fr Nkululeko Ndlovu, Fr Thomas Sadya and Fr George Vurayayi

Chapter Mandate Committee

Fr Adrian Maqhawe Ndlovu and Thomas Sadya

Youth Ministry

Fr Thomas Sadya, Fr Bhekimpilo Tshuma, Maqhawe Adrian Ndlovu

Journey Into Inner Healing

Fr Maqhawe Adrian Ndlovu will be the coordinator working with other conferers

CCJP Bulawayo

Spiritual Director/Administration Fr Fikile Dlamini part time, Programs Manager Fr Christopher Ngwarai part time. Coordinator Deacon Patrick Mpofu full time. The province is running Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace on behalf of the Archdiocese of Bulawayo.

Transfers

We welcome Fr Louis Chileshe who has been transferred to our province. Currently he is in Zambia preparing the documents for his work permit. When he does get his work permit he will come to Zimbabwe learn the language and will be assigned to one of the areas we are working in.

Due for home leave

Fr Andy Heier and Br Roland are due for their home leave this year, we wish them a good restful time back at their home.

Meeting of African Provincials and Formatters

Bulawayo unit hosted the meeting of provincials of African Units and African formatters at Queenspark from the 26th of February to the 2nd of March 2018.

Formation

Currently we have 3 professed fraters doing theology in Holy Trinity Harare and 4 candidates doing philosophy at Chishawasha Harare. All these formees live and study in Harare. In the novitiate we have 4 novices who belong to Bulawayo. We have 5 aspirants who are due to join candidacy this year 2018. There dialogue on consolidation of formation houses in the congregation are still on going. Our province will be affected by the talks and consolidation. Much ground was covered during the meeting of provincials and formators recently.

Thank you very much

Fr Fikile Dlamini CMM
Provincial Superior