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THE MISSIONARIES OF MARIANHHILL



INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

DEAR BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we journey together in the sacred mission entrusted to us, this newsletter seeks to be a space of communication, communion, encouragement and renewal. In the midst of the demands and joys of pastoral ministry, may these updates, reflections, and resources serve as a reminder that we are never alone in our vocation. We are bound together by the love of Christ, vows, the grace of ordination, called to shepherd His people with humility, courage, and fidelity.

This newsletter brings you updates from CMM family, opportunities for continuing formation, pastoral insights, and moments of inspiration drawn from the apostolates of our brothers. May it nourish your heart and strengthen your resolve as servants of the Gospel. Let us continue to pray for one another, and for the flock entrusted to our care.

Allow me to cite key points from the address of Pope Francis to the 17th General Chapter of the Missionaries of Mariannahill (20 October 2022) which was delivered in the Consistory Hall. Pope Francis praised the zeal for evangelization that began with Abbot Francis Pfanner and

his Trappist companions, who established the congregation's distinctive mission. He highlighted the Chapter's theme — "Solidarity: Called to be of One Mind and One Purpose", linking this to the broader synodal process and emphasizing unity, shared purpose, and co-responsibility among clergy and laity. He encouraged the congregation to remain faithful to their evangelical vows while maintaining their ardor for *ad gentes* evangelization and building Christ's kingdom marked by holiness, justice, and peace. The Holy Father called us to ongoing pastoral conversion: from formation to planning, ensuring that our spiritual lives, missionary training, and apostolic initiatives express solidarity and communion.

Yours in Christ,

FR. IVOR CHAEBWA CMM
REGIONAL SUPERIOR_ZAMBIA



FORMATION

THE ASPIRANCY PROGRAM

The Aspirancy program for this year has officially commenced with 5 students namely:

1. Wise Mwiinga (Chivuna Parish in Choma)
2. Howard Chipulu (Samfya Parish in Mansa)
3. Clergyman Mwansa (Katuta Village, Chipili District)
4. Michael Mukuka (Chipata Compound in Lusaka)
5. Dalitso Malunga (Chunga in Lusaka)

THE CANDIDACY PROGRAM

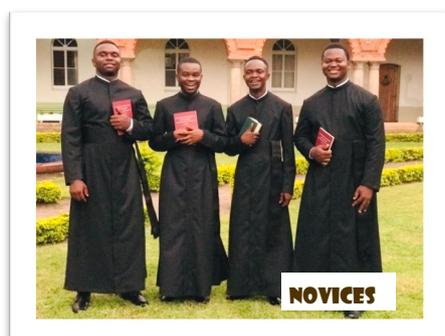
Blessed Engelmar House of Formation in Makeni has 10 students studying Philosophy at St. Bonaventure University and these are:

1. Simon Peter Tembo (1st Year)
2. Festus Mwansa (1st Year)
3. Francis Kafula (1st Year)
4. Moses Kombe (1st Year)
5. Peter Chomba (2nd Year)
6. Emmanuel Mwakalinga (2nd Year)
7. Frank Banda (2nd Year)

THE POSTULANCY PROGRAM

Postulancy program is being held at Kasembo Farm and the Director of the postulants is Fr. Abraham Mwango. The Regional superior and his council admitted the following into postulancy program which commenced in July 2025:

1. Charles Besa (Lusaka)
2. Bupe Mukuka (Chambishi)
3. John Katongo (Mungwi)
4. Mcford Lesa (Nseluka)



PROFESSIONS AND ORDINATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFERES

With hearts full of joy and gratitude, Zambia Unit extends its warmest congratulations to each one of you on your admissions to final vows, to Diaconate and Priesthood. Your dedication, perseverance and faith have brought you to this moment. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide your steps, strengthen your convictions, and inspire you to be a light in the world .



Fr. Ivor Chaebwa received the first vows of Frt. Nelson Chanda, Frt. Isaac Sampa and Frt. Malindi Malindi. Our confreres have been transferred to Mariannahill, PNG and East Africa respectively.

To Diaconate

Fr Superior General with the consent of his Council admitted Frt. Adam Mbwana to Diaconate (18/06/2025). Frt Adam (Zambia, Copperbelt). These belong to Mariannahill Province.

To Priesthood

Fr Superior General with the consent of his Council admitted Deacon Raphael Chambula Mubukwanu to priesthood (18/06/2025). Deacon Raphael (Zambian, Kaoma) belongs to Mthatha

THE CONGREGATION OF THE MISSIONARIES OF MARIANNHILL EAST AFRICA

Cordially invites you to the

PERPETUAL PROFESSION
of their Brothers




Fr. Moses Moyo CMM Frt. Godfrey Tom Otieno Oduor CMM

I have called you by your name; you are mine.
Isaiah 43:1

Main Celebrant: **Fr. Vincent Azabondora CMM**
Regional Superior of East Africa

27th September 2025

Christ the Prophet Community CPC Karen Nairobi, Kenya

10:00am

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ORDINATION TO DIACONATE



We would like to acknowledge and congratulate our brother Deacon Cletus Mwela for his ordination to Diaconate. Deacon Cletus Mwela was ordained in Kenya on the 25th May 2025 by Bishop Thulani Victor Mbuyisa CMM.

Congratulations confrere. May God bless you abundantly in all your future endeavors.



On Your
ORDINATION
With Many Blessings

Be joyful always,
pray at all times,
be thankful in
all circumstances.
This is what God
wants from you in
your life in union
with Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16

INVITATION TO A PRIESTLY ORDINATION



*Priestly
Ordination*

Congregation of the Missionaries of Mariannahill
Together with the Mangoma and Banda family



cordially invite

To the priestly ordination of their beloved sons
Rev. Deacon Steven Banda (CMM)
and Deacon Patrick Mangoma (CMM)
at the Catholic Cathedral of the Child Jesus, Lusaka.

on **4th August, 2025** at 10 Ooam.

By Most Rev. Dr. Alick Banda,

Archbishop of Lusaka Archdiocese.

*and behold, I am with you always, even to the end
of the world. (Matthew 28:20)*

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ANNUAL RETREAT



CMM ZAMBIA – ANNUAL RETREAT

Our 2025 Annual Retreat was held at Cardinal Adams Retreat Centre in Livingstone from 1st May to 5th May. The Retreat was directed by Fr. Wenceslaus Kwindingwi. The Unit leadership would like to express its gratitude to the all the confreres who attended the retreat and to Fr. Wenceslaus for directing the retreat.



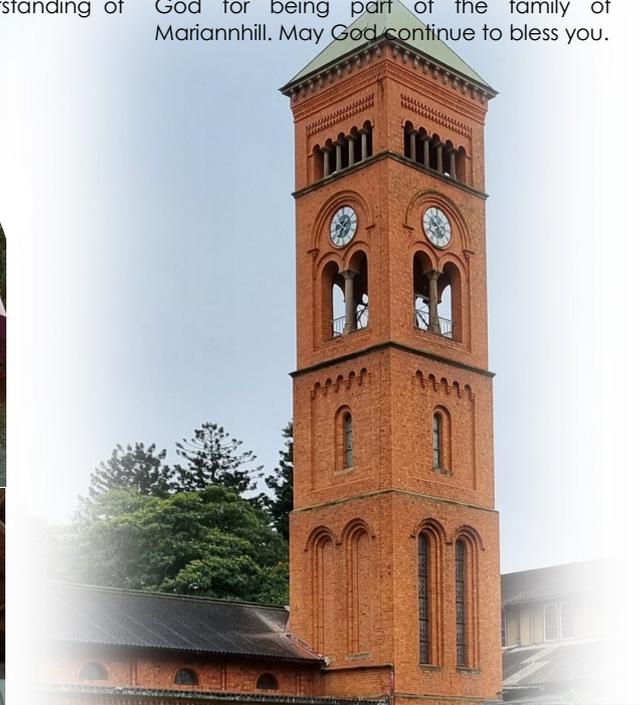
CMM ASSOCIATES

PILGRIMAGE TO MARIANHILL



The pilgrimage to Mariannahill and Emmaus was more than just a physical voyage; it was a profound spiritual and cultural encounter that has left a lasting impression on all of the CMM associates who attended this pilgrimage. Throughout the pilgrimage, participants demonstrated resilience, humility, and a deep sense of devotion. The shared moments of prayer, reflection, and community fostered stronger bonds among them and enriched their understanding of Mariannahill and its rich tradition.

After this pilgrimage many expressed feelings of renewal, inspiration and gratitude, highlighting the transformative power of such spiritual journeys. The pilgrimage also provided the associates with valuable insights into CMM heritage and the importance of perseverance and faith in our personal and collective lives. Thank you dear associates for your participation and dedication. We Thank God for being part of the family of Mariannahill. May God continue to bless you.



Gratitude to Fr. Fewdays Chansa Bwalya who facilitated this pilgrimage to Mariannahill.



APOSTOLATES

Mariannahill Missionaries are known for their comprehensive social outreach programs aimed at serving marginalized and vulnerable groups in their communities. Their initiatives typically include:

YOUTH PROGRAMS:

- Youth empowerment workshops
- Vocational training and life skills development
- Sports and recreational activities
- Leadership and spiritual growth programs

SUPPORT FOR THE AGED:

- Visiting the elderly in nursing homes or in their own homes
- Providing basic needs such as food, clothing, and medical care
- Organizing social and spiritual gatherings

ASSISTANCE TO THE BLIND:

- Providing food materials, clothing and medical care
- Conducting awareness and skill development workshops

GIRL CHILD ADVOCACY:

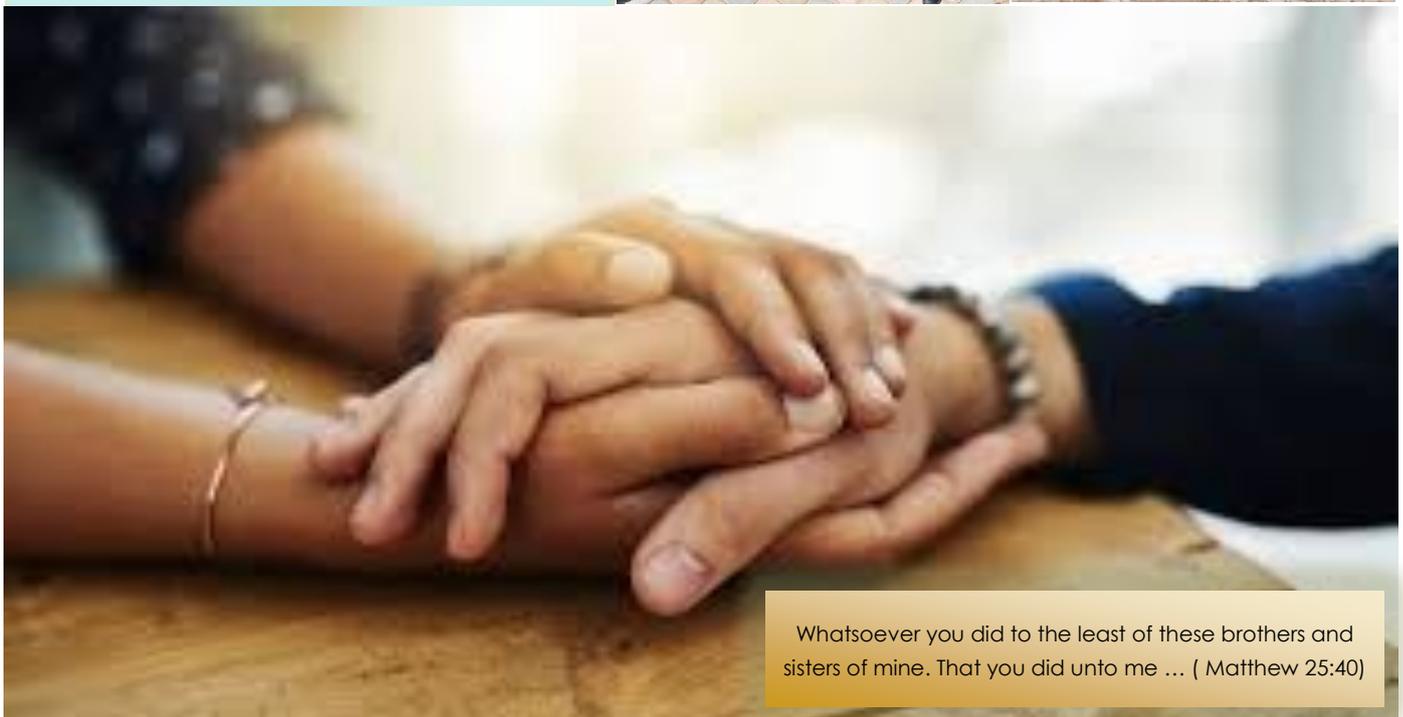
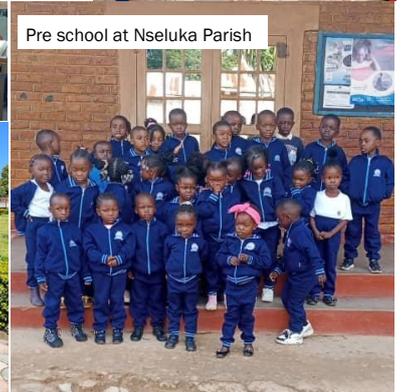
- Educational support and scholarships
- Awareness campaigns on gender rights and health
- Sanitary support and school fees
- Safe spaces and mentorship programs for girls

EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES:

- Running or supporting schools for various age groups



Blessed Fr. Engelmar Youth Ministry, is dedicated to engaging young people in faith-based activities inspired by the legacy of Blessed Fr. Engelmar. This ministry aims to foster spiritual growth, community service, and leadership among youth, following the values of Fr. Engelmar Unzeitig.



Whatsoever you did to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine. That you did unto me ... (Matthew 25:40)

MARIANHILL MISSION SCHOOL

GRADUATION CEREMONY - GRADE 7 CLASS OF 2024



The Grade 7 Graduation Ceremony was held in November 2024 at Mariannahill Mission school. The event marked a significant milestone for the students as they completed their primary education and prepared to transition into high school. The ceremony was attended by the DEBS for Chilanga, parents, teachers, school administrators and invited guests.

This first Grade 7 Graduation Ceremony was a meaningful and memorable occasion that celebrated the students' hard work and achievements. It served not only as a conclusion to their Primary school years but also as a foundation for future success in high school and beyond.



A versatile and modern school hall is under construction and it is designed to support: School assemblies, Sports and physical education, Cultural events and performances, examinations and large group lectures, Community use and extracurricular activities.

SCHOOL HALL



MMS STAFF



Exciting News! A Brand-New Playground has come to our school!

We're thrilled to announce that our school has a new playground! and we can't wait for our students to enjoy the new space filled with fun, safety, and modern equipment like the Jumping Castle and Trampoline. The design for the playground facility includes: Swings, slides, and climbing structures, A safe ground surface for extra protection and inclusive features so that everyone can play together. We believe that playing is an essential part of learning and growing, and this new playground will provide a fantastic space for our students to build friendships, stay active and have fun.



VOCATIONS' OFFICE

Vocation Sunday was held at the Cathedral of the Child Jesus in Lusaka. Several religious congregations were present to promote vocations. The program started with Holy mass celebrated by the Archbishop of Lusaka, Most. Rev. Alick Banda. Many youths from different parishes attended this program.

Frt. John Muindi (Kenyan), Frt. Anthony Ondari (Kenyan) and Frt. Sabela Msizi (South African) came for a 1 month mission experience. These brothers their apostolate at Mariannahill Mission School. They have since gone back awaiting to start their studies in Theology at CEDARA.

Frt. Moses Moyo speaking to a young man about Abbot Francis Pfanner during vocations promotions on Vocation Sunday at the Cathedral of the Child Jesus.



MARY-ANN GIRLS HOSTEL – OFFICIAL OPENING



Mary-Ann Girl's Hostel was officially opened in Nseluka Parish in the Archdiocese of Kasama by his Grace Archbishop Ignatius Chama. The building of this hostel is an attempt by our Unit to contribute to a girl-child's education and it also serves as an intervention against an increase in the number of girl-child drop outs from school due to lack of financial support, distance, pregnancies and early marriages. In the photo is a young girl offering words of gratitude to the congregation and in a special way to the benefactors who funded the project.



TERTIANSHIP PROGRAM



Our confreres: Fr. Isaac Mwansa, Fr. Charles Malamba and Fr. Ignatius Bwalya attended a tertianship program which was held in Kenya. Our Zambian confreres belonging to East Africa Region warmly welcomed our brothers and posed for a photo. In the photo, from left to right is Frt. Moses Moyo, Fr. Isaac Mwansa, Deacon Stephen Banda, Fr. Ignatius Bwalya, Fr. Charles Malamba, Fr. Felix Nsama and Deacon Cletus Mwela.



CMM COMMUNITIES IN ZAMBIA



REGIONAL HOUSE COMMUNITY (MAKENI)

- > Fr. Ivor Chaebwa (Regional Superior)
- > Fr. Willard Chishimba (Regional Bursar)
- > Fr. Simfukwe Timothy (School Principal/Vocations Director)
- > Fr. Ignatius Bwalya

BLESSED ENGELMAR HOUSE OF FORMATION



Fr. Charles Malamba: The new Rector making an oath



Students at Blessed Engelmar House of Formation (Makeni) posing for a photo after their 5 days retreat with Fr. Justin Matepa at Monte Casino in Lusaka.

KASEMBO FARM COMMUNITY (KASAMA)



- > Fr. Abraham Mwangi (Formator: Postulancy and Aspirancy Program)
- > Fr. Alois Gende
- > Br. Xhosa Horace Kawimbe



ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR PARISH (CHUNGA - LUSAKA)

- > Fr. Lewis Watuka (Priest in Charge)



ST. MARGARET PARISH (MUNGWI - KASAMA)

- > Fr. Emmanuel Mubanga (Priest in Charge)
- > Fr. Gift Luke Mulenga (Assistant Priest)
- > Fr. Crispin Mukupa Musonda (Assistant Priest)



ST. CHARLES LWANGA PARISH (UKWIMI - CHIPATA)

- > Fr. Daniel Phiri (Priest in Charge)



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH (NSELUKA - KASAMA)

- > Fr. Patrick Nkole (Priest in Charge)
- > Fr. Isaac Mwansa (Assist Priest)



ST. KIZITO PARISH (KAPATA - KASAMA)

- > Fr. John Chishimba (Priest in Charge)
- > Fr. Alois Gende (Assistant Priest)
- > Fr. Fewdays Chansa Bwalya



ST. NICHOLAS PARISH (CHAMBISHI - COPPERBELT)

- > Fr. Stephen Mubanga Chikwanda (Priest in Charge)
- > Derek Mwansa (Assistant Priest)
- > Fr. Ignatius Kaungu (School Head Teacher)
- > Frt. Gabriel Chirawu

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



25 YEARS OF PROFESSION



10 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD



25 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

Congratulations to Fr. Stephen Chikwanda who celebrated his 25 years Anniversary of priesthood at Blessed Engelmar House of formation in Makeni.

Fr. Chikwanda's words at his anniversary were:

- My priesthood is a gift
- My gift, my blessings
- My blessings, my struggles
- My struggles, my fortitude
- My fortitude,
- my gratitude.

Congratulations to Fr. Patrick Nkole, Fr. John Chishimba and Fr. Ivor Chaebwa who celebrated their 25 years of profession at St. Francis of Assisi in Nseluka. The occasion was graced by the Archbishop of Kasama, Rev. Ignatius Chama.

Fr. Simfukwe Timothy and Fr. Gift Mulenga celebrated their 10 years Priestly Anniversary at St. Stephen the Martyr Parish in Chunga. Congratulations confreres.



This year October, 2025, Fr. Isaac Mwansa will be celebrating 25 years Priestly Anniversary in Kasama. The venue and time for the celebration will be communicated in due time.



GRADUATION CEREMONY AT ST. PAUL UNIVERSITY IN OTTAWA

Congratulations to Fr. Patrick Chongo who graduated with a Masters degree (civil) in Canon Law awarded to by the University of Ottawa and a Licentiate (Ecclesiastical) in Canon Law by St. Paul University in Ottawa.



25 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND GOOD HEALTH

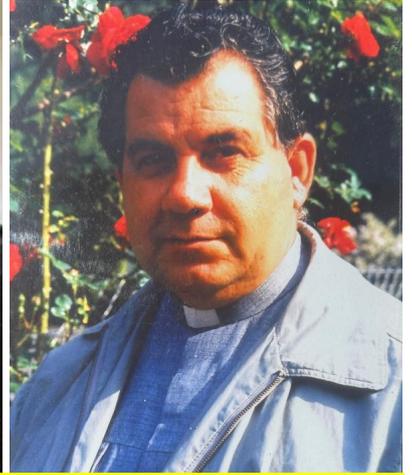
As we reflect on our journey as a Zambia Region, we are filled with deep gratitude for each of you our confreres. Your unwavering support, wisdom, and dedication have been the cornerstone of our Units growth. It is because of your invaluable contributions that we stand where we are today. Your brotherhood, friendship, generosity and guidance have left an indelible mark on our path, and we are forever grateful for the legacy you've helped build. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey and for shaping a brighter future for Zambia. May God continue to bless and protect you.



FR. IVO BURKHARDT (ITALY, ROME)



FR. PETER GRAND (SWITZERLAND, ALTDORF)



FR. BERNARD PAGITSCH (AUSTRIA)



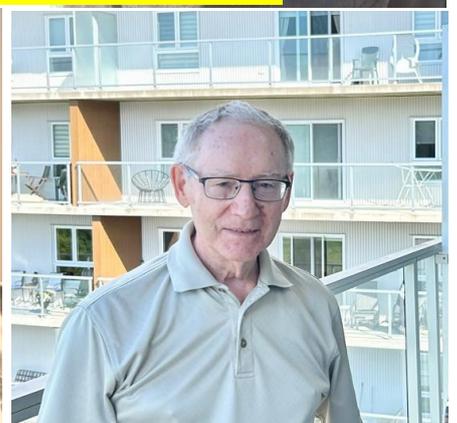
FR. JOHN BOUMA (NETHERLANDS, ST. PAUL'S)



FR. ANTON HUBER (GERMANY)



FR. GASPARD PARENT (CANANA, SHERBROOKE)



BR. DENIS POIRIER (CANANA, SHERBROOKE)

Thank You

OUR DECEASED CONFRERES



In Loving Memory

Fr. Jean Bosco NTAWUGASHIRA, CMM
 Sunrise: 31/12/1972 - Sunset: 27/12/2024

*"Here am I among you as one who serves,"
 Ego autem in medio vestrum sum, sicut ministrat."
 (Lk 22:27)*

Fr. Jean Bosco Ntawugashira was a dedicated and hardworking confrere whose heart was truly for the congregation. His unwavering commitment and love for his priestly calling inspired all who knew him. His contributions to formation, finances and management of the Kasembo guest house will forever be cherished. Fr. Jean Bosco's kindness, humility, and devotion left a lasting impact on individuals and our region. May his soul rest in eternal peace.



Fr. Macarius Peter Haeusler CMM

Born: 21/11/1939
Profession: 29/06/1962
Ordained: 08/12/1983
Died: 30/05/2024



The community held a memorial mass for Fr. Macarius Hausler. Holy Mass was celebrated by the Regional Superior, Fr. Ivor Chabwa who described Fr. Macarius as a servant of God who loved his work as a religious missionary and a Mariannhill priest. More so, one who was very hardworking especially in establishing parishes. Fr. Macarius was a zealous pastoral worker whose fruits in Mungwi, Nseluka and Kapata parishes are a testimony. Fr. Macarius lived in Zambia for 35 years. May the soul of Fr. Macarius, the gallant soldier of Christ rest in eternal peace.

CONDOLENCES

We send our condolences to our confreres who have lost their relatives during this year. Our condolences also to the Units who have lost Confreres. May the souls of our departed brothers and sisters rest in eternal peace.



With hearts full of remembrance and gratitude for those who have gone before us. We thank God for their lives, and the legacy they left behind. As we reflect on their memories, we ask God for Comfort and peace to surround us. We pray for their families; that God may grant them solace and the assurance of his presence.



GRATITUDE



We would like to thank all the Confreres and Associates for the continued spirit of collaboration. We are grateful for you, Confreres, working in different apostolates, for your selfless commitment towards your responsibilities, and your continued hard work in the midst of all the challenges. Surely you are witnesses to our call of being Religious and Missionaries. We are also grateful for the support towards our different apostolates that comes from the General Government and Provinces and Regions of our Congregation, for the great support from our benefactors and Associates and some well-wishers. Thank you all for being part to the life of the Region of Zambia

