

CONGRATULATIONS on
Religious Professions

- **Fr. Giancarlo Piccolboni.** anniversary on 26th June, professed in 1970.

ORDINATION

- ❖ **Fr. Giuliano Melotto.** 38th anniversary on 22nd June. Since 1969.
- ❖ **Fr. Assuero Mascanzoni.** 34th anniversary on the 23rd June. Since 1973.
- ❖ **Fr. Angelo Dusi.** 52nd Anniversary on 26th June. From 1955.
- ❖ **Fr. David Kalyosi and Fr. Harrison Mulenga.** 3rd anniversary on 26th June.
- ❖ **Fr. Severino Salvorio.** 39th anniversary on 4th July. Since 1968.
- ❖ **Fr. Harry Kalonga.** 1st anniversary on the 22nd July.
- ❖ **Fr. Mashaka Shakijuu.** 3rd anniversary on 25th July.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE

- 2nd Richard Rathari
- 4th Benedict Leseteli
- 6th Patrick Phiri

JULY

- 16th Joseph Delama

AUGUST

- 30th Assuero Mascanzoni



St. Gaspar Bertoni
1777 - 1853

Dumela

JUNE/JULY 2007

News letter from the Vice Province
Most Holy Redeemer

DUMELA

FOLLOWING GOD'S INVITATION TO SERVE

On the 30th June 2007 the Vice Province writes the new lines of the Stigmatine history in Africa when the four young and fresh men will accept God's invitation to serve and love through priestly ministry.

Since the admission of the four to the Priesthood I have since asked myself many questions about ministry and the feeling that I sometimes get of being "eaten up" by the ministry itself and the fatigue that most of us undergo in priestly service. I have gone to God in prayer and questioned how much of myself I can afford to give and how much I need to keep. No easy answers have come but gradually I have learned some lessons about the "holes" I sometimes feel in my spirit.

From those "holes" I have learnt that priesthood is the call to service, call to discipleship, call to be like Christ. Thus it is Christ Himself who fills those holes, to make us whole.

Richard Rathari, Patrick Phiri, Moses Mafui and Michael Maluku are ordained to the Priesthood by His Grace Archbishop George Daniel of Pretoria as disciples who have been called to serve. They will serve Christ as religious and missionaries, feeding God's people with the Word and Sacraments. It is my prayer that they may become authentic ministers, enthusiastic priests, faithful religious, prayerful missionaries; most importantly monks at home and apostles outside.

Our gratitude goes to the Provincial, Fr. Maurizio Baldessari and his Vicar, Fr. Giovanni Zampieri for paying us a visit from the 15th -23rd

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May 2007. It was a short but meaningful visit to the Vice Province. It was important to meet all confreres, both in communities and on individual basis. United we stand, but divided we fall; maintaining unity and cooperation paves the way for the prosperous future for both the mother Province and the adolescent Vice Province.

Condolences to all the confreres, especially to the Sacred Heart Province for the loss of Fr. Alessio de Marchi and Bro. Vincenzo Schiavo. May the Almighty God receive their souls into the eternal peace of the Kingdom.

Fr. Patrick Rakeketsi
Vice Provincial Superior

COMMUNITY NEWS

MOROGORO

Students home visitations: time table.

1st Year Philosophy: 27th June to 8th August.

One student from Tanzania, goes for home visitation to Iringa. One is South African from Mmabatho and one from Botswana – Ramotswa. Both will arrive in Pretoria on 29th June 2007.

2nd Year Philosophy: 18th May to 3rd July.

Three students are expected to arrive in Pretoria on Sunday 20th May. One student will proceed to Lesotho for home visitation.

3rd Year Philosophy: 8th June to 12th July.

Four students are expected to arrive at Wildwoods on the 10th June, while one will proceed later to Lesotho. Two students will go straight home, one to Zambia and other to Malawi.

Third year students (six) will report back on the 12th July for postulancy.

BRITS

- Orientation group went on home visitations from the 14th May and were expected back on the 1st of June. The community faced some plumbing problems and had to postpone the return of the students. Thanks to Fr. Gianni and his construction team that the plumbing was solved. New geysers were installed and now the house is in good condition. The students arrived (at least before going for publication of this issue of Dumela) on Monday, 18th June. Their program will continue and we hope to catch up with lost time. They will be here for a month before going to Tanzania for their

philosophical and pre-novitiate stages. For interest sake; we have 5 Orientation students – Lehlohonolo and Tanki from Lesotho; John and Bernard from Botswana; Africa from South Africa.

- The community will host Postulancy for this year. There are six candidates expected. Fr. Benedict has been nominated as their prefect. Unfortunately their return has been postponed, from what was indicated by the community of Morogoro for the 12th July, it will be pushed forward to the 20th July. The community has been in deep reflection on how to assist our brothers. Hopefully their program will officially begin on the 29th of July, with Sunday Evening Vespers and inauguration.

INFORMATION

- ❖ The deacons will go for their priestly ordination preparations at the Good Shepherd Retreat Centre from the 22nd June till the 29th June, just a day before their Ordination. Let us join them at this moment and journey with them through prayers and intercessions.
- ❖ Priestly Ordinations will take place at Dominican School of the Deaf, Hammanskraal, north of Pretoria, on the Saturday of the 30th June 2007. Our four brothers will join two diocesan deacons who will also be ordained to priesthood, and two candidates for diaconate (diocesans). The day is on the feast of Sts Peter and Paul. Mass starts at 9:30. There are plans to have it televised nationally and to be broadcasted on national radios.
We ask our international confreres to join us spiritually on this day.
- ❖ Thanksgiving Masses. Richard Rathari: 1st of July at St. Anne & Joachim, Hebron; and 8th July at Gaborone West – Botswana (St. Bernedette). Moses Mafui: 1st July at St. Anthony, Soshanguve; and 4th August in Tanzania – Ifakara. Patrick Phiri: 1st July at Most Holy Redeemer, Mmakau; and on 15th July at Zomba – Malawi. Michael Maluku: 1st July at Our Lady of Peace, Klipgat; and on the 22nd July at home parish in Malawi – Thyolo.
Their first priestly assignments have been communicated to them; Richard and Michael are send to Tanzania while Patrick and Moses remain in South Africa. We welcome them into the vineyard of the Lord, and we continue to thank the Good Shepherd who gives to his flock shepherds who will continue to feed his flock. Congratulation brothers!
- ❖ International Meeting of Formators. Four confreres will represent the Vice Province in the forthcoming International Meeting of Formators to be held at Sezano – Italy, from the 1st July to the 14th July. Frs Benedict, Daniel, Mashaka and Harrison will leave in the evening of the 30th June from Oliver Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg (RSA) and will joyfully return on the 26th July, after spending a week or so in Italy to see some interesting sights.