

**CONGRATULATIONS** on religious professions

- **Moses Mafui.** Professed in 2006 on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.
- **Michael Maluku.** Professed in 2006 on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.
- **Patrick Phiri.** Professed in 2003 on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.
- **Richard Rathari.** Professed in 2006 on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.
- **Harry Kalonga.** Professed in 2005 on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.
- **Steven Senaldi.** Professed in 1987 on 5<sup>th</sup> September.
- **Anthony Mashaka.** Professed in 2003 on 6<sup>th</sup> September.
- **David Kalyosi.** Professed in 2003 on 6<sup>th</sup> September.
- **Harrison Mulenga.** Professed in 2003 on 6<sup>th</sup> September.
- **Giuseppe Delama.** professed 1952 on 9<sup>th</sup> September.
- **Alessandro Di Tullio.** Professed in 1955 on 9<sup>th</sup> Septmeber.
- **Angelo Dusi.** Professed in 1952 on 9<sup>th</sup> September .
- **Assuero Mascanzoni.** Professed in 1968 on 25<sup>th</sup> September.
- **Severino Salvorio.** Professed in 1963 on 25<sup>th</sup> September.
- **Lino Vinco.** Professed in 1961 on 25th September.

**ORDINATIONS**

- ❖ **Fr. Frank Phiri.** Ordained in 1995 on 20<sup>th</sup> August.
- ❖ **Fr. Fabiano Lambulira.** Ordained 1998 on 5<sup>th</sup> September.
- ❖ **Fr. Benedict Lesetedi.** Ordained 1998 on 5<sup>th</sup> September.
- ❖ **Fr. Patrick Rakeketsi.** Ordained in 1998 on 5<sup>th</sup> September.
- ❖ **Fr. Clement Senekane.** Ordained in 1992 on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**AUGUST**

30<sup>th</sup> Assuero Mascanzoni

**SEPTEMBER**

16<sup>th</sup> Mabusela Sammy



# Dumela

AUGUST 2007

Voice from the Vice Province  
Most Holy Redeemer

**SPRING – SIGN OF HOPE!**

Winter in the south is slowly bidding us farewell, there comes spring time. It is a period of germination, soon the land will be glowing with flowers, and of course Pretoria will be decorated by jacaranda everywhere. Spring brings a new sense of vitality, willingness to start afresh, shedding off the winter and it's cold. Spring is the sign of hope in one's life. To hope is to yearn for and to dream something so much that we really believe it can be, that it will happen even though the odds may be against it. To hope is to know the God of hope, the God of promise.

It is perhaps coincidental that the Vice Province enters into this season with some revitalized energies after the ordination of the new priests. For us we see signs of hope in the young men who have been ordained, and we thank the Lord for blessing us with vocations.

I believe that I am not alone who experiences spring as the season which demonstrates hope in people's life. It is always encouraging to see and meet people who are optimistic and who hunger and thirst for positive signs in life. St. Paul encourages the Romans to have hope: "May the God of hope bring you such joy and peace in your faith that the power of the Holy Spirit will remove all bounds to hope" (Rom 15:7-13).

I believe that if we are to be hope-filled people, we need to fall deeply in love with God and treasure the promises we hear in the scriptures, taking great examples from biblical figures such as Abraham, Moses, Jesus himself and many others. "Though it seemed Abraham's hope could not be fulfilled, he hoped and he believed" says St. Paul in Romans 4: 18-25.

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Our communities should smell of hope, give the confreres better reason to live the life of consecration. If we live in hope, then we also acquire energy to live for today.

Let me end by quoting some of the words in this poem:

I remember then the One who came,  
Who broke our stormy dark apart,  
And shook despairing hearts with HOPE,  
This one told truth of things beyond  
And gave us more than gold.

Fr. Patrick Rakeketsi  
Vice Provincial Superior

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### NOVITIATE - NOTWANE

#### Joyous Experience.

Hi, our dear fathers and brothers. It is half a year of our Novitiate. We believe that the congregation needs us to put something in the bag. We mean DUMELA. There is nothing special to share rather than the spirituality and the charism of our founder. We are in the middle of the road, and we see the burning candle somewhere in the darkness. We hope that one day we will be able to hold the same candle that we see.

Our life experience in the novitiate is incredibly promising. The thing we enjoy most is prayer and prolonged moments of silence. We feel as monks at home and preachers outside. We appreciate having more time to communicate with our Lord and to be more ourselves. Fr. Severino is purifying us on behalf of the congregation. He is leading us to the right path. We are humble enough to learn from him as an open book so that everybody can read any time. We are happy to be with him.

During the first period of the novitiate we experienced many things such as a Desert Experience. We were allowed to leave Novitiate only for four days for apostolate in Tsabong District, which is part of Kalahari Desert. That time helped us to be in touch with people and to know how people are struggling to push on life in the desert. It was a wonderful experience indeed. It was Ora et Labora.

At least once a week, we are dedicated to pastoral involvement. We are working with people who are suffering from different kinds of diseases. We are offering them words of encouragement and hope, as well as aiding them in any way they need to be helped. This is enriching

experience; we really meet the poor we long to be working with in the near future. Our presence is highly appreciated on this people. They need our support and it is our duty to help them.

Any way my brothers, in life there are moments of joy and moments of sorrow even in the novitiate is the same. Truly speaking novitiate is not a joke; it is having its own moments of joy and sorrow. We believe that through the grace of God Almighty we shall persevere. On the positive side, novitiate is a good period for personal reflection.

Wishing you all the best and we are humbly asking for your prayers. Amen.

*Pius, Evans, Benedict, Augustino*

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## INFORMATION

- ❖ **SPECIALISATION.** We bid farewell to Frs. Vitalis Phakisi and Anthony Mashaka who will soon be enrolled at Catholic University of East Africa in Nairobi, Kenya in their specialization in both Spiritual and Dogmatic Theology respectively. Fr. Fabiano Lambulira is also engaged in Italian Language course in Verona in order to enable himself to enter into Gregorian University in Rome doing Formation courses.
- ❖ **4<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF FORMATORS.** We welcome back the four formators who were participating in the International Meeting of Formators at Sezano in Verona in July. It was a gracious moment of unity and internationality of confreres who dedicate their time in formation.
- ❖ **POSTULANCY.** Six brothers entered the stage of Postulancy with Solemn Vespers on the Sunday of 29<sup>th</sup> July in Brits, where they will have their experience under the care of Fr. Benedict Leseteli. Agripa Jumbe (Zambia), Jacob Chakaka (Malawi), Philip Letsoara (Lesotho), Jeremiah Mkhwanazi – Michael Motlhamme – Koketso Magodiolo (from South Africa). Frs. Nel Matlala and Moses Mafui will be a support to the formation while engaged in pastoral.
- ❖ **FINAL PROFESSION.** Happily we announce the Final Consecration of brothers into religious life. **Marc Kassy** and **Justin Zoukoua** – of the delegation of Ivory Coast; **Paul Tatu** and **Frank Phiri** (formalising his life not as a diocesan anymore but embracing religious life after 10 years into his priestly ordination). These will make their ultimate step on the 1<sup>st</sup> September at Mothotlung – St. Therese Parish. With Mass starting at 10am.