

CONGRATULATIONS on

Religious Professions

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

ORDINATIONS

- ❖ **Fr. Fabiano Lambulira.** Ordained 1998 on 5th September.
- ❖ **Fr. Benedict Leseteli.** Ordained 1998 on 5th September.
- ❖ **Fr. Patrick Rakeketsi.** Ordained in 1998 on 5th September.
- ❖ **Fr. Clement Senekane.** Ordained in 1992 on 26th September.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER

16th Fr. Mabusela Sammy

OCTOBER

21st Fr. Motlhokoa Sylvester

23rd Fr. Vinco Lino

31st Fr. Melotto Giuliano

RESQUIAM IN PACE

Fr. Luigi Veronese 24th August 2007,

Benef. Armando Castagnetti

Benef. Luciano Burra 4 Sept. 2007

Student: Lebogang Gregory

Motheogane + 30th August 2007.



St. Gaspar Bertoni
1777 - 1853

DUMELA

Dumela

September 2007

Voice from the Vice Province
Most Holy Redeemer

“Therefore stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come”
(Mt 24:42-51)

Here is the practical outcome of all that has gone before. If the day and the hour of the coming of Christ are known to none but God, then all life must be a constant preparation for that coming. We shall meet the Lord on the day of our physical death. Every Christian must face death with courage and hope.

Things and events come and go; they appear and disappear; they are born and they die. This is true too of human beings; people come and go; they are born and they die. Death too is a common event, especially in our era, it happens so often that we think we are getting used to it. But it is never friendly; it always robs us of our beloved, friends, benefactors, our brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers.

The Lord warns us not to be foolish. Death is the way of all people. When we least expect it, the master will come. Nobody would ever think that death will strike in our house of studies in Morogoro and take Lebogang, so young, promising, ambitious, determined, and full of life. And yet he is gone, to join his forefathers in faith, and surely St. Gaspar will present him to the throne of Judgement.

Giving in a receiving way... Receiving in a giving way

I am consoled by two quotations from two people of great standing: Mother Theresa of Calcutta once said that “suffering, pain, humiliation, sickness and failure is but a kiss of Jesus. Suffering is a gift of God, a gift that makes us most Christ-like.” Perhaps these are the words that we can console ourselves with in this moment when the Vice Province is experiencing some sorrows due to the sudden death of Lebogang Gregory Motheogane.

Dag Hammarskjöld said once: “Do not seek death. Death will find you. But seek the road which makes death a fulfilment.” We pray each morning that the Lord guide our paths so that we may always stay focused, and in case of death, it becomes a logical conclusion and fulfilment of a great life lived well. Our choices of life must bear a character of a divine presence and distinguished by commitment and dedication to our consecration.

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The paradox of giving in a receiving way and receiving in a giving way has been shown to us. We received with joyful hearts the four brothers who made their Final Professions, Fr. Frank Phiri, Bros. Justin Zoukousa, Paul Tatu, Marc Kassy; and yet we gave with sorrowful hearts our dear brother Lebogang. Perhaps we have to prostrate on the ground like Job, the servant of God, and say: "Yahweh had given, Yahweh has taken back; blessed be the name of Yahweh" (Job 1:21).

Condolences

To the family of Fr. Sylvester Motlhokoa who also lost their son Kabelo Patrick Motlhokoa, at Mohale's hoek, Lesotho.

To the family of Armando Castagnetti in Verona, Italy. He dedicated most of his time in helping with electrical equipment for our centres, churches and learning institutions.

To the family of Luciano Burra, Udine, Italy. He was an icon of missionary spirit, embraced in full our Bertonian charism of "giving without expecting anything in return."

MAY THEY ALL REST IN PEACE.

Fr. Patrick Rakeketsi
Vice Provincial Superior

COMMUNITY NEWS

MOROGORO – HOUSE OF FORMATION

The Formation Community of Morogoro – Tanzania, with great shock, announces the passing away of their student Lebogang Gregory Motheogane.

Lebogang Gregory Motheogane was born on the 6th March 1980 in Pretoria, South Africa. He brought up by his grandmother, after the mother passed away. She also instilled in him the Catholic faith which he embraced freely and happily from his childhood. After his secondary schooling, he enrolled with the local university to study engineering. He also worked for some time with the Telecommunication company of South Africa (TelkomSA).

On the 16th January 2005, Gregory arrived in the Stigmatine Formation Community at Jericho (South Africa) to begin his journey to consecrated life as a pre-novice. Having spent some time in Jericho – six months – together with five others. They were sent to Tanzania to begin their three year study for the Bachelors Degree in Philosophy. Gregory, instilled with spirit of *studiositas*, excelled very well in his studies and wanted very much to specialise in Philosophy at the end of his first formation. He loved the study of Philosophy to such an extent that he decided to choose the professor of philosophy to be his Spiritual Director. Moreover, his main aim was focused on becoming a son of



Bertoni. He loved so much the Stigmatine way of life and he really embraced Stigmatine life from the moment he heard of the congregation. For Gregory, the Stigmatine congregation became a new family, therefore, giving him a new identity and a new sense of purpose: that of service of God and the Church without reserve. One who remembered him said that whenever he came for holidays they will see him in the stigmatine community and when asked why he does not take this time to be with his family he would easily say that he is with his family referring to the community.

What was particular of Gregory was the fact that he was ready to serve the community and anyone who asked help from him. You may ask any favour and surely Gregory would do it with a smile.

It was realised, rather late, that his health was not so good at certain moments in a sense that he felt sick, suffering from malaria, headaches and sometimes vomiting. When he returned from home visitation in July 2007 in South Africa, Gregory was no more the same as he used to be. This time, he suffered from headaches, malaria and typhoid to an extent that he could not easily sleep at night. He was taken several times to the physician, but all was in vain because we were always assured of him getting better.

On the 30th August 2007, Gregory did not enjoy the day in the community. He visited the physician in the morning hoping to get some medication. As he returned from hospital, his condition did not improve. While in his room, Gregory lost strength and collapsed. He found it difficult to breathe. We rushed him to the hospital, but there was little they could do for him. He passed away on the same day at 5:30pm at Morogoro Regional Hospital. His body will be put to rest in South Africa on the 8th September 2007 at his family grave yard, in his village, Seabe, in the North of Pretoria.

May his Soul Rest in Peace.

Padre Harrison Mulenga css
Formator.

INFORMATION

- ❖ **ANNUAL RETREAT.** We will join the diocese for annual retreat from the 9th to 14th September at Good Shepherd Retreat Centre. The preacher will be the retired Bishop Verstrata. All confreres will attend except the newly ordained and the recently perpetually professed.
- ❖ **GENERAL ASSEMBLY.** Assembly will be held on the 25th September 2007 at Wildwoods from 9am till 13:00. The agenda of the meeting has been send to communities for reflection. Those who have anything to add please forward your ideas to the vice provincial.
- ❖ **MISSION MONTH.** Pastors are asked to encourage young men towards vocation as religious. Mission Sunday will be observed on the third Sunday of october, 21st September. Vocations Promoter will inform about a possible weekend to host vocation weekend from the 19th to 21st October.