



NEWSLETTER

A little girl takes center stage during school graduation despite bullet in her leg.

Miss Thatohatsi Mokotla.

I am Maswabi Qoliso. I was born and bred in Lesotho. I came to South Africa looking for a job so that I could survive in this life "Ke leka bophelo." My father is still alive thanks be to God, my mother died, may her soul rest in peace.

My mother's death was not due to any illness. A man was fighting with his wife and my mother was trying to stop fight, telling him that if there was a problem, they should rather fix it by talking to one another. My mother left the room in which the fight was taking place because she was uncomfortable with the situation. Unfortunately, when outside, the man she had been appealing to, hit her on her head next to her ear, with his fist. She fell, and her face immediately turned black and that was her end.

This incident did not sit well with me for a long period. The man who killed my mother was arrested and came back from prison, but it took time for me to accept and start greeting this man even on the streets. At the end of the day, we all need to talk to our hearts.

Coming to South Africa was a blessing to me. I managed to get a job at a salon, braiding people's hair, but most importantly, God blessed me with the most beautiful daughter. My daughter was hit by a stray bullet in Matatiel. This took place on a Saturday. I was at work and she was with me. She told me that she was hungry, so I asked a gentleman to buy food from KFC because that was the closest store. The food was too hot for my daughter, so she ate it standing next to the salon door so that it could cool off in the breeze.

While she was standing there eating, we heard what sounded to us like fireworks and then suddenly my daughter screaming "Mama, Mama!" I hurried outside, took her in my arms and told her to stop crying because the noise of the fireworks was over. It was then that we noticed that my baby was bleeding. The shoes she was wearing were full of blood. She had been struck in her thigh by a stray bullet. I went outside screaming for help, and by God's grace, a taxi took us to the hospital. When we got there, they took her for X-rays and it was realized that the bullet was still inside her thigh.



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We were transferred to Mthatha but before that, the police came to check and told us that they would come back to check on us when we got back from Mthatha. At Mthatha, the doctors told us that it was best to leave the bullet inside my child's body, as with time the bullet would travel closer to the skin. As it was, it was too risky to try to remove it. This was all done in the best interests of my daughters' health.

During this trying time, I wouldn't say I found joy in anything, I kept to myself. Whenever I am home, I recall these terrible events. The loss of my mother seems to be something that I cannot get over, nor the fact that I grew up trying to provide for my siblings and myself. If my mother was still alive maybe things would have been different. What happened to my daughter has reopened and deepened the wounds of the loss of my mother.

After this incident, I was unable to even go back to work. I was fearful of men. Whenever I would meet a male, my thought was that he is the one who shot my child.

I pray that God blesses me this December to get money for registering at a sewing school. I want to purchase a sewing machine so that I can try a different way of living. I want my child to be happy and get everything that she wants or deserves in life.

I think my daughter is stronger than I am. She still plays with other kids. She surprised me even on her graduation day, beautifully dancing like the bullet was not still in her body. I thought that she would be in pain after the dancing, but she wasn't. Such is my daughter; she gives me so much strength to face the pain of the tragedies in my life. Indeed, God works in mysterious ways!

The most meaningful thing that has happened to me during this period is the support I have received from the people around me (my neighbors, the sisters, my parish priests, friends, my daughter's paternal family and her father), they called and prayed for us. Some people went as far as going to the hospital. May God bless them all.

We have never received any form of counselling from the social workers or even proper help from the police. We last spoke to the police on the day we first visited Mthatha, they took our numbers and that was the last day we heard from them.

My daughter has been receiving counselling services from the Little Servants of Mary Immaculate Sisters. She has received good help and she started being a child again, the sisters strengthened my daughter, and I am forever grateful to them for that.

I wish people would continue asking me "How is the baby" and "Why is the bullet not removed" These two questions brought such ease to my heart because whenever they were asked I knew that I was not alone.



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There are a lot of bible verses that have been a source of encouragement in my life. My parish priest always shares bible verses that soothe my heart. There's a lady who once said to me **"ANTHE JESO O NA MPONA HAKE LELA JWALO. A MPITSA A RE TLO HONNA O FOLE MATSWALO, JWALE KE KGOTSWE KA MEHLA MOHAU WA MODIMO, KE QADILE HO IKETLA TSHEPONG YA MODIMO, BITSO LA MORENA HA LE BOKWE."** These words encouraged me, I know that whatever is happening may be part of God's plan. He sees me crying and he sees our wounds and pains. In Him, we trust always! I can never stop being grateful, God has truly saved my daughter's life.

To anyone who is currently facing or will go through the same situation as mine, trust God and never stop praying.



THE MISPLACEMENT OF THE BELIEVER.

FR JOSEPH NAPO SWAYI.



After a very long period of discernment and consultations, I felt it would be relevant to reflect on the above topic before I could reflect on why Jesus put ministers in the Church. And the reason is very simple. It is the fact that each believer needs to know his place in the Church. I shall be using the word "Pastor" instead of "Priest" to refer to the Church as the body of Christ without focusing on one denomination. Without generalizing, I am convinced that most Church congregations are not a spiritual building, but a mountain of bricks. There is a difference. However good the materials may be, if they are not situated in their right place and correctly related to one another, there is no building. Each member of the congregation is a brick. The pastors are continually bringing in new bricks. The pastor encourages this, even teaching classes on soul winning. Bring in more bricks, he urges. But bricks are not a building. Instead of a builder, the pastor now becomes a caretaker of bricks.

The problem of having a mountain of bricks on the land is that when the bricks are not built into a building they can be stolen or broken up. Therefore, the pastor is continually having to take care of the bricks, because some other Pastor or Satan might steal them. But the Bible tells us Pastors are for edifying the body of Christ, not just for caretaking of bricks. Our Churches are like mountains of members; they have hands, legs, ears, and noses, but they are not a body. They are not a building, just a mountain of bricks. So, why is it that nobody knows his place? It's because the Pastors are not fulfilling their duty. They are just bringing in the bricks-making campaigns, having evangelistic meetings, giving out tracts, growing numerically. Bricks. Bricks. Instead of taking each brick to be a part of a building, he's just taking care of them. But in God's temple, each person knows which brick is under him, which brick is beside him, and which brick is going to be over him. He must be in his place.

Jesus said He put Pastors in the Church, not to bring in more bricks, but to build His Temple. One of the reasons for this trouble is the structure of the congregation-pastor and laymen, the director of the orphanage and the orphans. In both Catholic and evangelical churches there is a marked difference between clergy and laity. In this classical relationship the believers pay a salary to the pastor who in turn offers his services - preaching, visiting, performing ceremonies, and organizing committees. In many congregations the believers elect their pastor and the deacons, and unless he is an especially vigorous leader, also tell him what to do.

If the Pastor and Deacons disagree, the deacons usually have the last word. But the Pastor-Laymen concept is not biblical. God wants to have a kingdom of Priests. We are all Priests. Martin Luther discovered that all believers are priests. Praise the Lord, that was a very good discovery. Now, God is calling us to function as such. If we are all priests, then the laymen must be those who are not saved, those to whom we should minister. But we are so occupied with all our babes that the needy ones never receive our time.

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Another reason for misplacement of the believer is the democratic concept. People don't want to submit to anybody. They say proudly, "I don't follow any man. I follow Christ." That sounds nice, but it is really a great mistake. He really means, "I want to do my own will." He doesn't believe that to follow Christ means submitting to other Christians. Paul says, "Be followers of me. Be imitators of me as I am an imitator of Christ." But as a preacher I was continually saying, with great conviction, "don't look to me, brothers. Don't look at man. Look at the Bible. What that means is, "I looked at the Bible but could not find the truth for you. Now you must try." But Paul accepted the challenge. He said, "Be imitators of me."

The believer is misplaced because the Church uses a system of addition instead of the system of multiplication. How can these problems be solved? Paul says God established Pastors "for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Eph. 2:21). "To edify" means to build. This means making disciples out of the people. Everyone who comes into the Church is one more brick piling up in the place of worship. The work of the Pastor is not that of a watchman who takes care that no one robs the bricks as they keep piling up, but of a stone mason who builds them into the edifice. Sadly, though, the work of many Pastors is nothing more than bringing bricks and taking care that they are not stolen-like a night watchman in a brickyard. Nevertheless, Paul tells us that the minister was not called for this but to edify, to put every "living stone" in its place and to make them "a holy temple unto the Lord."

This word edification, to build, to construct a building, must be graven upon our hearts as a plumbline for our motives. All those church members must be perfected for the work of the ministry and made into a building. Everyone is a "living stone," not dead, and the building is one that "grows into a holy temple in the Lord." Someone steals one brick from the pile of materials, perhaps it will not be noticed. But if someone robs a brick that has been placed in the building, it will leave a hole.

Fortunately, however, a brick that has been cemented into a building and is surrounded by (related to) other bricks, is hard to pry loose. To get it you must attack the entire building. A building is more than one person. Perhaps you are the foreman, but above you are expert architects and under you are masons and other workmen, but the important thing is the building where all members are well placed. Of course, we are not building just a common structure, but the body of Christ. Much of the work done in conventions, regional meetings, and committees is for the purpose of consolidating and aggrandizing the denomination more than the body of Christ. Thus, much work is duplicated.

Thus, we must ponder what we are building, whether it is a separate kingdom or whether it is really the body of Christ, where one member is joined with another member as in the human body. Jesus was the Pastor. Nevertheless, when He saw the multitudes who were listening to Him, He said, "I see the multitudes as sheep without a Pastor." Was He not a pastor of a big Church? Had He not Twelve Deacons? But He saw the people without a shepherd. What did He mean? He meant that a Pastor is not to have a flock of one hundred or two hundred. Each Pastor should be a father who will raise children who in turn will be fathers and raise children. If Jesus didn't make more than Twelve Disciples, how can I make five hundred? He Himself took just Twelve and taught them very well, and told those Twelve afterwards, "You go now and make Disciples. Do the same thing I did with you." That is the only way the bricks can become a building, the members of a body.

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Instead of teaching people in small families, in Small Christian Communities (SCC) as in the early Church, however, we enjoy big crowds. A thousand come on Sunday and we say, "Come on, open your mouths! Well- you are fed. Goodbye. You are dismissed." That's not the way to feed children. We must take them one by one, put the bottle in their mouths, and train them to move on to meat so they can grow sufficiently to feed others. Jesus understood that. That is the reason why, even though He was present, He said the sheep were without a Pastor. And He chose Twelve to be Pastors. And those Twelve made Pastors of others. That is the plan of God. If we do not discern the body of Christ, we are guilty of the body and of the blood of Christ, Paul says. To discern the body of Christ is to understand that we are one. If you do not understand what the body of Christ is, you cannot edify the body of Christ. Perhaps one day I see a man who is cutting his foot.

I say, "What are you doing?" "I am cutting my foot." "Why?" "Because this foot is hurting the other one, and he said, 'Cut it!'". That is crazy. Only an insane person would not have the discernment that this foot belonged to the body. Many times, when I am preaching, I accidentally bite my tongue. But I never consider taking all my teeth out! Because the tongue, even when he can speak, doesn't say, "Pull all the teeth out." He understands that the teeth belong to the body. Even so, we must discern the body of Christ. We must understand what the body of Christ is. If you see a person hurting himself, it is because he is insane. Only insane people do that! the Church then, must be insane! When one Church speaks against the others, when one denomination fights with the others, we are hurting our own body. That is the reason we are so weak and blinded. Those who killed the physical body of Christ, those who shed His blood, at least had a purpose.

What purpose is there, today, in crucifying and hurting and dividing this body of Christ? There is no purpose. So the punishment of those who hurt and bleed this body of Christ, the Church, is going to be greater than the punishment of those who crucified the physical body of Jesus Christ. This is what Paul means- that one who drinks without discernment, without knowing what the body is of Christ-is going to be guilty of the blood and of the body of Jesus Christ. When you drink your next glass of water, know that He is the water of life too. When you take a piece of bread for lunch, ask God to reveal to you the body of Christ. If we don't build the body of Christ, if we don't bring the entire Church into unity, we are not really ministers of Jesus Christ, because ministers of Jesus Christ are for the edifying of the body of Christ. God gives us a vision of the body of Christ. In the next issue of our newsletter, I hope to be reflecting on why Jesus put ministers in the Church?

“THE PEOPLE FOUND SOLACE IN KNOWING THAT EACH NEW DAY BROUGHT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A FRESH EXPERIENCE ...”

GUEST ARTICLE

FR KATLEHO CHRISTOPHER MOHAPI.



This volume features Rev Fr Katleho Mohapi who holds Bachelor of Philosophy and Theology, both from St. John Mary Vianney Seminary. Fr Katleho is currently working in St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Lusikisiki. He is also the chaplain for the Sacred Heart Sodality within the Pondoland deanery, as well as being part of the Diocesan Vocations Team and a participant of AGROP (Annual gathering of recently ordained priests).

Fr Chris as he is also known, reflects in this piece on “for His Graces are made new each day”. This reflects the unwavering love and steadfastness of God for His people, despite their disobedience and suffering. The theme emphasizes the unending love of God, His mercies, and His unwavering faithfulness. They are not temporary but eternal, flowing continuously, reaching out to us in times of need.”

Fr Katleho continues his opening when he says “the theme also affirms that God’s Graces are new every morning, demonstrating His unending mercy and unwavering love. The theme’s context highlights the desolation and despair experienced by the Israelites, but also acknowledges God’s steadfast love and faithfulness. The people found solace in knowing that each new day brought an opportunity for a fresh experience of God’s unfailing love and compassion.”

DIOCESE OF KOKSTAD – SEMINARIANS' FUND BAZAAR.

MR XOLA MANANGA

The Diocese of Kokstad recently held its fundraising bazaar, where funds raised go towards the education of seminarians studying for the priesthood. The fundraiser took place for the first time since the pandemic of covid-19. This year's event was held on the 04th of November 2023 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Kokstad and was an opportunity for the faithful to showcase their talents, time, and treasure for the Church.

Bishop Thulani continued to share his joy, pouring out his heart with gratitude as he was captured on the sidelines of the day "I'm just grateful and excited. It's a beautiful day and I believe looking around and all the people that I've met, everyone is just happy to be here today; it feels like a fun Family Day. We ran out of food – when I wanted to eat, there was no food anymore! So that means next time we need to provide more, but that's a good sign - if you run out of food, you know."

Parishes were also involved through various activities on this day. They prepared different stalls to generate funds. A minimum target of R5000 was agreed upon in preparatory meetings as an amount for each stall. There were stalls for cakes, braai meat, fruit and vegetables, plant nursery, Indian cuisine, African cuisine, butchery, sweets, pickles, tea garden and bar. Many other mouth-watering items were sold at very affordable prices.



Hundreds of people gathered to participate in the festivities of the day; both Catholic communities and those from other faith communities. Their presence was felt as all stalls ran out of food! When asked about this day His Excellency, Bishop Thulani Victor Mbuyisa CMM (Bishop of Kokstad) shared the following: "I'm really excited today; we have this wonderful, this beautiful day together as a diocese. Of course, coming together for a very important purpose. That is to raise funds for our seminarians. And I'm also grateful to all the people who have taken their time off to come here and be with us and to all those who have made this day a success, through their own contributions, monetary contributions, all the work that was done to make this day as beautiful as it is."



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Mr France Xelitole, the DPC Chairperson was among the attendees, and he shared what the day meant to him "We need priests, as a first objective to have more priests in the diocese, to serve the faithful and relieve the old. This is the first diocesan fundraising of this kind since the commission of the new DPC. We are committed to ensuring that the we have financial stability within the diocese. We are very pleased and happy to see the turn out of people, especially those who bought raffle tickets."

A 7 Side soccer tournament was held while others were buying from different stalls. The soccer tournament involved various parishes who played until the finals, taking up almost the entire day. This tournament also embraced the clergy team, who inspired the day and were genuinely entertaining. The clergy team was also joined by Bishop Thulani, which was a great inspiration.

Children were not left unattended; apart from purchasing from the stalls, they were engaged in go cart racing, games and a jumping castle.

A choral competition was held in the evening. This was a great clash of the choirs. Winners for soloists were Ms Reotshepile Phatela (1st Place) and Ms Seithati Nyokana (2nd Place); winners for duo or trio were Holy Spirit, Flagstaff (1st Place), St. Patrick's Youth (2nd Place) and winners for mass choir were Holy Spirit, Flagstaff (1st Place) and St. Patrick's Youth (2nd Place).

The People of God - clergy, religious and lay faithful were encouraged to support this initiative and to promote it in their spaces in parish bulletins, notice boards and announcements.

In preparation for this day, tickets to enter the raffle draw were sold at R60 each. Competitors were encouraged to buy as many as possible to increase their chances of winning a prize - Cornish hen for 3rd place, a sheep for 2nd place, and a cow for 01st place. The winners of the raffle were Kholosa Dlokweni from Lusikisiki who walked away with a cow, which reminded people that in the previous bazaar Lusikisiki too won the cow; the second prize winner was Akhona Dlala from Mount Frere who walked away with a sheep and lastly Gareth Fortein walked away with a Cornish hen for the third place. The draw was conducted during the choral evening and was streamed live on the Diocesan Facebook page.

In his closing remarks Bishop Thulani extended a word of gratitude to all parishes, bishops, priests, and all people of God for supporting the Diocese of Kokstad. He was also appreciative of those who ensured the day was a success. He shared his appreciation as he said "I would like to also thank all those who bought tickets and those who sold tickets. Among those who bought tickets are the Bishops', I did write to them yesterday and said that if any of them wins a cow today, I will personally deliver it, but if someone wins the cornish, I'll just roast it and send them the pictures! So I hope that next year they will continue to support us. I hope that next year it will also be bigger and better than this year. So, we keep on growing this event. Thank you so much. God bless you."



THE PARACLETE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY.

MRS NOTHEMBA MPOFANE



The Paraclete parish priests, Frs. S. Mkhize and M. Leopold CMM along with the parishioners, dedicated the whole month of November to commemorate those who have died and departed to their heavenly homes. This is celebrated by blessing all Catholic graves of our beloved departed families. The priests visit all outstations across the parish and each day ends with a collective Mass celebrated at a home chosen by the faithful of that particular outstation/sub-station. This brought great joy to the people of God. We recall that our parish lost about 100 parishioners due to the Covid pandemic. Some of us are still recovering from our loss.



**Yanga imiphefumlo yabo
ingaphumla ngoxolo.**

CHRIST THE KING PARISH FEAST DAY.

BY MRS NOLUTHANDO GWIJI



Christ the king parish, under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Robert Vincent Bwete, celebrated its feast day on the 26th of November 2023. The church was officially opened, blessed and named Christ the King on the 10th of March 1935 by his Excellency Bishop Fleischer of Marianhill diocese. At the time, Kokstad was not a diocese, but fell under the diocese of Marianhill.



The parish was very honoured to be visited by his Excellency, the Bishop of Kokstad, Bishop Thulani Victor Mbuyisa CMM. The days' festivities started with a motorcade from the N2 to escort the bishop, for which the PPC expressed their gratitude to the Umzimvubu Traffic department for making this possible. A traditional dance group welcomed the dignitaries at the parish gate. In his homily, the bishop reminded all present that Christ teaches all of us to love and have peace. If we all love our neighbours, feed the hungry and clothe the naked, we are doing that to Christ himself. The day was concluded by visiting the parish grotto where a plaque to remember the bishop's visit was unveiled and blessed.

THE PARACLETE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

AH! KRESTU KUMKANI! KUMKANI WOOKUMKANI, MABUFIKE UBUKUMKANI BAKHO.

MRS NOTHEMBA MPOFANE



Friday Arrival:

The Paraclete parish was host to the most loved and anticipated retreat of our beloved children's sodality, Amasoshana ka-Kristu. Parishes arrived in great numbers on Friday accompanied by elders serving as guardians. The day started with ZAZISE, where all parishes introduced themselves with a song, and also telling why they have attended the retreat. I was very impressed with their reasons for attending as most of them said, "I have come to learn more about the Word of God and make friends."

This reason was powerful coming from such beautiful souls and I believe it is every parent's duty to teach our children more about the Word of God. Sr. Nomfuneko Madikizela took to the stage to inform the children of the rules to be followed and also of what was expected of them in terms of behaviour and respect. Amasoshana chaplain, Fr. Vincent Bwete, arrived and greeted his beloved children with such joy and enthusiasm and the response was the mutual. Sodality songs were sung with such joy; at the top of their voices, joyful dancing along with the chaplain was performed. The chaplain gave a short prayer and blessing after which supper was served.



Saturday – Bishop's Arrival

This was the most anticipated day by the children, as most of them had never seen the Bishop in person. They were up and ready by 5 am and when I asked why, they told me they wanted to be ready for the Bishop, which truly warmed my heart to hear.

Being Catholic – Talk by Sr Nomfuneko.

The children were grouped according to their ages. Age group 4-6 were taught how to make the Sign of the Cross, prayers before sleeping, before eating and morning prayers. They were taught the VALUE OF PRAYER. Age group 7-9 years were taught about the Rosary and how to pray it. Age group 10-14 years were taught how to deal with the challenges of peer pressure in and outside the Church. They also discussed ways to attract young children to the Church and activities that can assist in ensuring that young and old in the Church work together to grow in evangelizing, as per #Synod on Synodality



Bishop's Holy Mass

The Bishop was welcomed with warmth and love as the children formed drum majorettes and sang joyfully. Mass was celebrated by Bishop with the assistance of the parish priest Fr.Mkhize; Fr. Vincent (Chaplain) and Fr. Aviwe Biata (Cedarville). Amasoshana sang for their Mass and it was beautiful.

During Bishop's sermon, he asked questions which the children joyfully answered and when were then rewarded with Rosaries. He encouraged the children to pray and taught them about what it means to be made in God's image, teaching them that they are the temple of God. He encouraged the children to keep their bodies away from harm and bad behaviour like drugs. He also emphasized forgiveness and to love others as Christ loved us.

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The children then handed over izikoqokoqo (money collected to assist the destitute families around the world) to the Bishop. This was such a good gesture from them. Mrs. Mthimkhulu asked that the children save toward the Seminarian fund, putting away R10 per annum which is to be collected at parish level for payment to the Diocese.

Sunday - The Final Day

Holy Mass was celebrated by the SOC Chaplain. It was beautiful and to my surprise the children were awake and ready early. His sermon emphasized preparation. We need to always prepare and be ready for the journey ahead. Proper planning takes patience and skill. After Mass we had a procession to the grotto where we prayed to our Mother and thanked Her for always loving and caring for us. Fr Vincent led us with prayers.



This retreat was well attended and successfully executed.

Mat 18:3 And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.



After the Bishop's Holy Mass, photographs were taken and there was greetings and smiles all around. Lunch was then served. The Kodpac Secretary, Mr. M Mananga was spotted in the midst of the congregants. This celebration brought many together.



WHO IS MY KING?

FR. VINCENT BWETE



While the kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, oppression and dictatorship, the Reign of Christ is a Kingdom of justice, love, truth and peace.

The feast of Christ the King which we are celebrating, was instituted by pope Pius XI in 1925, to respond to the rise of secularism and atheism and dictatorship prevalent at that time, and to affirm the supremacy of Christ over any human authority.

Many people at that time had forgotten about God, Christ and the Church. Most people were busy at work and successful in their jobs, and were quite wealthy. Some started thinking that their jobs were their king; others whatever gave them happiness was their king. Political leaders like Mussolini; Hitler and Stalin; just to mention a few, were calling themselves the kings of the world.

So the feast of Christ the King came both to remind and to teach people that Christ is the King of the universe. His Kingdom will remain for ever. His Kingdom is for all people, all are free to enter.

At this point we should note that: God is King; Christ is King; Christ is God, who is the King of kings; there is one Kingdom of God. Therefore, the Kingdom of God is where the rule and Reign of Christ is PRESENT.

How could one enter the Kingdom of God, the Reign of Christ?

As mentioned above, the Kingdom of God is for all people to enter and there are many roads to enter but they are extremely long and difficult. **The easiest way to the kingdom of God is the CHURCH.**

It is so because within the Church, we have all that we need to enter the Kingdom of God or the Reign of Christ.

For example, within Church we have:

- The Sacraments
- God's commandments
- Christ's commandments
- Church laws and guidance
- The Word of God and the Holy Scriptures
- Lives of the saints
- Holy Rosary
- Synod on Synodality, etc.



All of these are our guide to enter the Kingdom of God and are only found in the Mother Church which is the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Roman Church.

98 years after the institution of this Feast, is it still relevant in the life of a Christian today?

For sure, this feast it is still relevant even now and today. We are people who in many ways forget about God, Christ and the Church. This feast is challenging each one of us to renew our commitment to God, Christ and the Church. Some of us do not have time for church because we are busy with our jobs and work.

Who is my King?

A happy feast day to all Christians, especially those who, in one way or another, are associated with this feast.

SODALITY OF THE CHILDREN OF MARY- ANNUAL RETREAT.

MR. XOLA MANANGA

The Sodality of the Children of Mary of the Diocese of Kokstad had their Annual Retreat started on the 06th until the 09th of December 2023 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Kokstad.



The retreat was both spiritual and developmental under the guidance of Rev Fr Luxolo Lawrence Ncama.



Talks about social media, and behavioral change were presented to assist with social wellbeing of members.

An educational talk about post schooling education which intended to motivate about importance of education, and covered testimonies from those who are in tertiary education.



This year's retreat was graced by members from Archdiocese of Durban and Umzimkhulu Diocese. Retreat participants had an opportunity to celebrate the feat of the Immaculate Conception on the 8th of December.

A new diocesan leadership was also elected with Thatohatsi Mokotla as President, Kuhle Mabhuda as her Vice President, Unathi Mnini as Secretary with Kuhle Mathe as her Vice Secretary, the two Treasurer's Yolokazi Ndzoyiya and Sandile Manqumakazi, additional members being Amahle Yekani, Olwethu Maphela and Yonela Nkwenya.

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