



# MISSIONARIES OF MARIANHILL

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### **EAST AFRICA CIRCULAR LETTER – FEBRUARY 2022**

Dear Confreres,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus from East Africa.

1. **NEW REGIONAL SUPERIOR** - I wish to begin by congratulating our new **Regional Superior** of East Africa, **Fr. Vincent De Paul Nzabandora** on his appointment by the General Government. Fr. Vincent, until now, has been a member of the Regional Council and Parish Priest in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. Before his transfer to East Africa, Fr. Vincent, a Rwandese by nationality, had worked in Zambia (where he did most of his training for Priesthood) for a number of years, before brief spells in Switzerland and in the Generalate Community (Rome). Prior to moving to Dar Es Salaam he was Assistant Parish Priest in Nairobi. He will be installed on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at **6:15pm** at CPC during Vespers.
2. The new Regional may be reached on the email address on the letterhead above: [eastafrika.cmm@mariannahill.org](mailto:eastafrika.cmm@mariannahill.org) and his phone number : **+254743155542**.



*Fr. Vincent De Paul Nzabandora*



*East Africa Regional Conference at CPC: 22 – 23 February 2022*

3. **NEW REGIONAL COUNCIL** – At the Regional Conference held at Christ the Prophet Community in Nairobi on 22 - 23 February 2022 the following Confreres were elected to assist the new Regional Superior :

- ✚ **Fr. Nicholas Nkonge Mwiti** – 1<sup>st</sup> Councillor and Vicar
- ✚ **Fr. Denis Ndolo Kasyoka** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Councillor
- ✚ **Fr. Edward Arani Matoke** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Councillor
- ✚ **Fr. Victor Mukuka Mwansa** - 4<sup>th</sup> Councillor

*Hongereni sana* dear Confreres and thank you for accepting this ministry of service to the Unit. God bless you.



The new EA Regional Council: From left to right – Fr. Edward, Fr. Vincent, Fr. Nicholas (Vicar, in a Chasuble), Fr. Denis and Fr. Victor)

4. **DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CHAPTER** – At the same Regional Conference **Fr. Roy Chimbindi** and **Fr. Nicholas Mwiti** were elected delegates of the Unit of East Africa to the General Chapter 2022 which will be held in Rome in October. **Fr. Francis Ngadi** was elected Substitute.



*After Holy Mass on the last day of the East Africa Regional Conference, with Fr. Vincent, the New Regional Superior as celebrant.*



5. **FORMATION MEETING IN LUSAKA** – **Frs. Francis Ngadi** and **Roy Chimbindi** will attend the meeting for Formators in Lusaka which will be held from **19 to 23 April 2022**. Fr. Roy is presently on home leave in Zimbabwe; he returns to Kenya on 10 May 2022.
  
6. **MISSION EXPERIENCE IN GERMANY** – 4 Fratres at CPC who were transferred to Germany at First Profession in 2020 (**Fr. Simon Francis Mushi** and **Fr. Evans Ogola Wesonga**) and 2021 (**Fr. Thembelani Mzizi** and **Fr. Ntokozo Sbonelo Ndhlovu**) will be going to that country, their future Unit, for mission experience in May this year during their school break. They have been invited by the Unit of Germany. They will come back to Kenya in August, to continue their theological studies. We thank the leadership of Germany for this initiative.
  
7. **GRATITUDE** – Thank you Confreres for your presence and input during the Perpetual Professions and the Regional Conference we had at CPC this February 2022. Special thanks to the Rector and the formation team and all formees at CPC for the job well done.



*Fratres Tatenda Kakwedza and Mzokhona Gumede making Perpetual Profession on 02.02.2022 at CPC*

8. **PERSONNEL CHANGES** – As Fr. Vincent Nzabandora leaves his position as Parish Priest of St. Salome in Dar Es Salaam to the Regional Office in Nairobi **Fr. Edward Matoke** replaces him at **St. Salome Parish** while **Fr. Bonphace Omondi Otiang'a** takes up the place of Fr. Edward in Kondoa Diocese at **St. Francis Xavier Parish** in **Kidoka**.

**9. FR. BENEDICT KIMUTAI** – returned to Kenya from Rome on 10 February 2022 to see his mother who was in intensive care in hospital. Sadly she died on 12 February. Deepest Condolences to you Fr. Kimutai and the family once more.

**10. NEW ASPIRANTS** – In the first week of March 2022 we will receive 7 new Aspirants from 5 different countries. They will be in Juja under the directorship of **Fr. Benedict Kimutai**, in the meantime, who continues with his formation studies from Rome, online. Fr. Kimutai finishes his formation course in May 2022 from Kenya. The names of these Aspirants we expect next week are :

- i) **Jean Pierre Karamaya Kahindo** – Congo DR
- ii) **Emmanuel Byaruhanga** – Ugandan
- iii) **Brian Onkundi** – Kenyan
- iv) **Emmanuel Lodule** – South Sudanese
- v) **Nobert Omindi** – Kenyan
- vi) **Stephen John Mutembei** – Tanzanian
- vii) **Olivier Katembo** – Congo DR

#### **MY GRATITUDE AND FAREWELL :**

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to each one of you dear Confreres for your cooperation and support during the time I have been with you in this Unit as Regional Administrator since May 2021. I go back to Rome on **22 March 2022** carrying you in my prayers and I ask you to pray for me too. I wish the new Regional Superior and his council God's blessings in their ministry. Thank you Fr. Vincent and your Council for accepting to serve this young Unit that has lots of life and potential.

Lastly I wish to say a big THANK YOU to the out-going Regional Council and the Regional Bursar and the Finance Committee with whom I worked closely; I was greatly humbled by their dedication and openness. Thank you so much and may God bless your passion and love for our Congregation.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Patrick Chongo CMM*