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EAST AFRICA INTERNAL COMMUNIQUE

Dear Confreres,

Greetings from the Regional Office as we prepare to celebrate the principle feast of our Congregation, the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. This was intended to ritually redeem Jesus who was the first born in the family and where Mary herself will have to be ritually purified. Mary and Joseph was a typical pious Jewish couple, who went to the Temple in obedience to do all that was required and expected of them by the Law. The *Feast of the Presentation of Jesus* is a combined feast, commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother after childbirth and the presentation of the child in the Temple. May the celebration of this feast help revamp our own obedience to God and our vocation as “both Religious and Missionaries who live in Community” (CMM Const. # 101), two aspects that are inseparable to our identity as Missionaries of Mariannahill.

1. Congratulations and best wishes to:

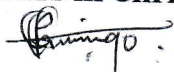
- a) **Our 5 East Africa Postulants** who will be received into the Novitiate in Mariannahill on 1 February 2022 in the Monastery Church during Vespers
- b) **Our 13 Temporary Professed Confreres** who will **renew their Vows on 1 February 2022** at **CPC** during **Vespers with Benediction at 5:00pm**.
- c) **Our 7 East Africa Novices** who will make their First Profession on 2 February 2022 in the Monastery church in Mariannahill.
- d) **Fr. Tatenda Kakwedza and Mzokhona Gumede** who will make their **Perpetual Profession** during the Holy Mass of the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple on **2 February 2022 at 5:00pm at CPC**. Please kindly inform the Rector now if you are coming for this and intending to sleep at CPC.

2. **Re-admission into the Congregation - Mr. Dismas Ayogo Mwebi and Mr. Godfrey Tom Otieno Ouwor** who, a few years ago, were members of our Congregation in temporary profession, have applied for re-admission into the Congregation. The Regional Council studied their individual cases and forwarded the applications to the Superior General who, with the consent of his Council, has re-admitted the two former Confreres back into the Congregation. This is a process that will see Mr. Mwebi and Mr. Ouwor (both Kenyans) first do a 6 month probation period under the accompaniment of Fr. Francis Ngadi, the Rector of CPC, before the Superior General and his Council can consider whether to admit them to renew their Vows or not. The two will move into our community in CPC on **1st March 2022**, to officially begin this 6 (six) month probation period. Let us keep them in our prayers.

3. **Return to the community after indult of exclaustation – Bro. William Otieno Abanja**, who has been on an indult of exclaustation since 16 January 2019 wishes to come back to the community. A Confrere who applies for an indult of exclaustation, as Bro William did, has the right and obligation to come back to the community once the reason for which they asked for exclaustation ceases. We will have a small ritual of welcoming him back during Vespers on **24 February 2022** (the day he officially comes back) at CPC, from then on he becomes once more a member of the CPC community and the Region, with full rights and obligations as any perpetually professed Confrere. Let us welcome him back with both hands as a brother coming back to the family where he belongs.
4. **Transfer of Newly Professed 2022** – The General Government, after a process of usual consultations, will transfer our current East Africa Novices in Mariannahill when they make First Profession on 2 February 2022 as follows :
- a) **Erick Ongaga Barongo**, Kenyan, to Germany
 - b) **Jovinus Sirito Njau**, Tanzanian, to Germany
 - c) **Fredrick Jackson Lesangurikuri**, Kenyan, to Spain
 - d) **Thomas Masereka**, Ugandan, to Spain
 - e) **Samuel Waweru Gitau**, Kenyan, to Mariannahill
 - f) **Cephas Wamalabe**, Kenyan, coming back to East Africa
 - g) **Rubin Mumene Munsebi**, Congo DR, to Mthatha
- i) **Those transferred to East Africa from other Units are :**
- ✚ **Promise Sithembiso Sithole**, South African, from Mariannahill,
 - ✚ **Cletus Mwale**, Zambian, from the Unit of Zambia, and, as stated above,
 - ✚ **Cephas Wamalabe**, Kenyan, coming back to East Africa
- ii) **Fredrick , Thomas and Cephas** arrive in Nairobi from Mariannahill on **5 February 2022** and will proceed to their families for 4 weeks of holidays.
- iii) **Promise and Cletus** will arrive in East Africa in the 1st week of May 2022 to try to pick up some basic Swahili, before school starts. At this same time **Fredrick and Thomas** will leave for Spain.
- iv) **Erick and Jovinus** will remain in Mariannahill to do the German A1 Level course there, after which they will come for home leave, Visa application etc, before leaving for Germany at the beginning of September 2022.

We entrust all these forth-coming events to the intercession of Mary Our Mother and the Mother of Mariannahill, our Confrere Blessed Father Engelmar Unzeitig and our Founder, the Servant of God, Abbot Francis Pfanner.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Patrick Chongo CMM
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