

## Rundbrief aus Ostafrika – Mai 2020

The year 2020 has come to all of us with challenges especially the challenge related with the “virus”. In March this year our Unit had a Regional Chapter as from 12 March to 18 March 2020. This was an election chapter as well.

First of all I have the honor to express my gratitude to Fr. Robert Kaiza and his team [The councillors- Fr. Robert Abulala -Vicar, Nicholas Mwiti, Patrick Musumba and Moris Daniel: who have selflessly served our community during the last nine years. As he expressed it himself when he looked back... “... it has been a time of hard work and filled with abundance of Blessings ...I am grateful to the confreres ( it has been within and outside our Unit) whose contributions have enabled us to be where we are today...”.

As a result of the Chapter, I was elected to the office of Regional Superior, and the following Confreres [Frs, Patrick Musumba- Vicar, Vincent Nzabandora, Nicholas Mwiti and Robert Kaiza to make a team to serve as leaders of our Unit. This development will necessitate a few adjustments in order that all things run smoothly.

### 1. **Formation House at CPC**

Following the Covid-19 outbreak a number of activities were interrupted among them the academic activities in the universities which our young confreres and all other brothers in initial formation attend. All aspirants, Candidates and our one postulant are at their homes as from March 2020.

All the young confreres are still in the community at the Christ the Prophet Community. A number of them are almost winding up their semester through online classes and examinations.

The two confreres, Frs. Simon Mushi and Evans Ogola who were meant to begin their German classes are yet to do so as the college which they were supposed to register closed following the COVID-19 instruction for all schools to close. We are exploring the possibility that they do their learning online.

### 2. **Pastoral work**

The government issued instructions that people should stay and work from home, complete close of Churches other and places of worship and daily curfew as from 7.00 pm to 5.00 AM as from 27 March 2020 for 21 days. The curfew was extended for 21 days up to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020. A number of counties introduced stricter measures and residents are not allowed to leave their cities, these include our own, Nairobi.

The confreres who work in Kenya, (Juja Farm, Frs. Benedict Kimutai and Denis Ndolo are safe. The other confreres, who are in Kericho Diocese, Frs, Nicholas Mwiti and Cosmas Omare in Ndanais Parish and Robert Abulala in Kiongo Parish are also safe and well.

1. The Confreres in Tanzania, in Dar Es Salaam, Fr. Vincent Nzabandora at St Salome Parish and Fr. Daniel Mose at St. Mary Magdalene are safe. We are keeping a close eye on the confreres in Tanzania as the response policies in relation with the Covid-19 Pandemic seems to be different and there is no lock down of any activities in the whole of the country. It is worrying as Dar Es Salaam is hard hit with Corona infections. Fr. Patrick Musumba is still at CPC- He did not manage to go to Tanzania after the chapter following the shutdown of the borders.

1. The rest of the confreres in Tanzania who are in what is considered hard hit with Corona infections, Frs. Wenceslaus Wanjala and Michael Njenga at the Tanzania-Kenya Border at Longido are safe. Lastly, Fr. Edward Matoke in Kondoa central Tanzania is safe as well.

## **Pastoral Placements**

Rector of Christ the Prophet community: Fr. Benedict Kimutai who has been the parish priest of Juja Farm will take a new ministry as the Rector of CPC- and the Superior of the Christ the Prophet community.

Fr. Roy Chimbindi who was a formator at Christ the Prophet community will take a new ministry as Assistant Parish Priest of Juja Farm Parish. He will carry out this ministry while he continues with his studies at Tangaza College.

Fr. Denis Ndolo will take a new ministry as parish priest of Juja Farm Parish. He has been working at the same parish as assistant to the parish priest, Fr. Benedict.

Fr. Vincent Nzabandora will take the ministry of Parish Priest of St Salome in the Archdiocese of Dar Es Salaam.

Fr. Dan Mose who has been assistant to the parish priest of St. Mary Magdalene at Kimara-Dar Es Salaam will take a new ministry as assistant to the parish priest of St. Salome – Archdiocese of Dar Es Salaam.

Fr. Bonphace Omondi will take up his appointment as assistant to the parish priest (Fr. Patrick Musumba) of St. Mary Magdalene Archdiocese of Dar Es Salaam.

1. Dcn. Jackton Angamia Kupalo will start understudying the Regional Treasurer's duties. During this time he will take a course in accounting.
1. Fr. Denis Aura will take pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Mbinga. He will reside in the Monastery with the priests at Litembo parish while preparing the new parish (WUKIRU) for the Missionaries of Mariannahill
2. Fr. Robert Kaiza will for the time being focus on the regional projects. We have a major project of constructing our community house in Juja Farm. After its completion which is expected to be at the end of the year 2020, he will be assigned in pastoral ministry. During this time, he will support the Juja Parish team.
1. Fr. Wenceslaus will continue with his present ministry as parish priest of Longido Parish and take up a new ministry as vocation Director. Every assistant Parish priest will be the contact person for vocations in the parish and liaise with Fr. Wenceslaus.
1. Fr. Phillip Voorn, continues with his ministry of formation as one of the formators at Christ the Prophet community.
2. Frs. Willard and Stephen while taking their studies will give a hand to Fr. Benedict Kimutai, on formation matters.

The placements especially those in relation with our confreres working in different dioceses are subject to approval and appointment by the respective ordinaries.

A word of gratitude to all the confreres who have availed themselves for the various ministries. Thank you for the spirit of cooperation.

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