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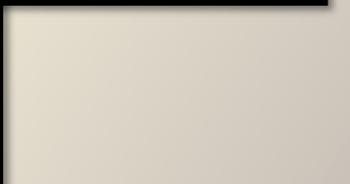
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From the cover...

On January 9th, Archbishop Isaac Amani ordained 8 young men as transitional deacons for the Moshi Diocese. Ordination to the Priesthood is scheduled for Thursday, July 2nd. Please keep these deacons in your prayers as they continue on the final leg of their journey to becoming ordained priests, God willing.

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The Pearl

Concern for others is very important in order to achieve the peace which is very much required in our life. Jesus Christ our Lord is the ultimate example who showed concern for all who sought His help and attention; as Matthew 14:14 shows, "And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick." Most importantly, He is full of concern for all of us, following his deliberate Will of humbling himself to our human nature and dying in our place in order to save all of us from bondage of sin.

It always feels satisfying when someone is there for our hardships and this applies to all of us as human beings. Listening, caring for everyone and especially those whom we see that they really need our help, caring for the nature and sharing our material and intellectual richness are things which show that there is concern in a person.

I always thank God when I think of those who show concern to our Moshi Diocese, and the well being of the whole Church all over the world. Let us continue showing concern for the well being of our world.

Frt. David Adrian Mubaraka
1st Year Philosophy
Kibosho Seminary
Sponsor: David W Reinhard



Frt. Joseph Baraka Theoduli shared a picture of the beautiful display of the Holy Bible on the feast of the Word of God as declared by Pope Francis (Sunday, January 26th) at Segerea Seminary. Frt. Joseph is 2nd Year Theology and is sponsored by Don and Louise Nguyen.



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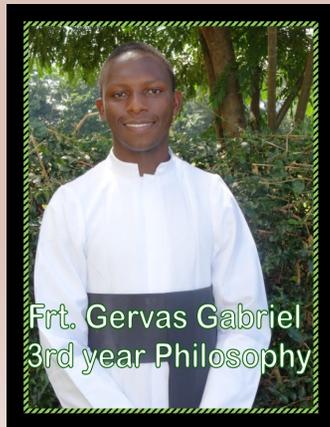
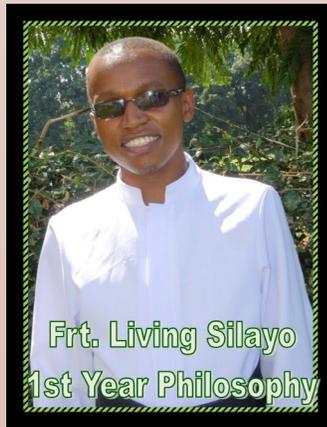
We currently have 45 seminarians in need of sponsors...with more incoming in the fall. Thanks be to God for all of the laborers preparing to come into the vineyard!!

Please check with your friends and family to see if they would consider sponsoring a seminarian (\$1000 per year) or consider sharing a sponsorship (\$500 per year). Building a relationship with a 'son' who will be praying for you is 'priceless'.

Pictures of the seminarians are posted on the Moshi Diocese Website: <https://www.moshidiocese.org/photo-gallery>. Those with black boxes around their pictures are anxiously awaiting to pray for their new sponsor(s).

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From Frater Living Silayo: I would like to have a sponsor because will facilitate and be company in my journey towards priesthood. I promise to pray for him/her



From Frater Gervas Gabriel: I would like to have a sponsor. This is because, a Sponsor would encourage me to grow more spiritually when I am afraid or experiencing difficulties in my journey towards priesthood. I will also feel proud of having increased number of people whom I pray for specifically.

ABOUT THE VISITATION OF OUR BELOVED FRIENDS FROM US

It was on July 5, 2019, when I received a very joyous and unexpected call from my brother leader Frt. Gasper Setus informing me about the coming of the US visitors to our family.

I passed on the information to my parents and relatives and they warmly received the information too. Our family was blessed to host our beloved Mama TO Bennett, Mama Linda DiRuzza and Mr. Frank together with two fraters and a driver on July 6, 2019, around 05:00pm. There was a short sharing of the stories and a brief introduction from the visitors and from my family and we received a very beautiful and amazing gift from our visitors. This gift will be a sign of remembrance to our visitors and and my family and wherever we see it we will never forget about you and we will remember of that day.

My family has no words of thanks that can express the heights of our joy and our concern to your visit, we promise you that we will pray for you as you are doing for us. Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

Fr. Aretas James Amani
3rd Year Philosophy
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A Visit with Frt. Michael Safari's Family



Left: Mama T.O. and Mama Linda visit with Frt. Michael's family. Right: Frt. Michael's family raises rabbits as a business. It was our first time to see rabbits at one of our visits.

Tumsifu Yesu Kristo..... Thank you for your coming into our family. It was such a nice journey to meet my family. We felt so much love. My family still remembers you and is missing you a lot. You are most welcome again. Thank you so much. May the Lord bless you all.

Frt. Michael Safari
3rd Year Philosophy
Ntungamo Seminary
Sponsors: Steve and Linda Marchand



Fr. Cajetan Kintu, a professor at Ntungamo Seminary, shared a picture of the seminarians working hard in class.

WHEN I THINK OF MY PAST AND PRESENT DEEDS



When I recall some moments in my life, I get myself flabbergasted. However, one thing so essential is that spirit of working without choosing any job! Some moments assisting in building, sometimes in teaching, sometimes in driving a motorcycle, sometimes tilling our piece of land, sometimes reading and writing some booklets, some instances designing and repairing some computers, playing games (especially acrobatics), singing, praying etc. Today at my age, I can at least argue that life is not something simple but rather complex; not smooth but rather rough; not idle but



with a purpose and the major purpose of life is to do everything while knowing that at the end God is to be glorified. Nothing better than working better for our life and for the life of others in the light of the Gospel.

BY FRT. EUGENE E. KAWAU
THEOLOGY THREE – SEGEREA SENIOR SEMINARY
SPONSORS: GEORGE AND RITA YOUNG



There's still time
to join us!



Has it crossed your mind...Should I take this trip of a lifetime? Maybe you have questions or doubts...

Q: Where do we stay? Are there normal bathrooms?

A: We stay at the diocesan retreat center. Each person has their own room with a bathroom with a toilet and shower. There are rooms for married couples as well.

Q: What is the food like?

A: We have chicken, rice, French fries, and popcorn just to name a few. There is bottle water, soda, and really good beer :-)

Q: Is Tanzania safe?

A: Tanzania is generally a safe country. When we travel, we are normally by driver and a seminarian or priest.

More questions? Contact T.O. Bennett at (330) 497-6149 (landline) or kmho.tz@gmail.com. There is still time to join the trip!! We would love to have you join us!! Karibu!!

Excerpts from...

THE PREVAILING PHILOSOPHY VS THE PHILOSOPHY OF CHRIST

Philosophies are well thought out approaches to life. The truth is we are all philosophers and we all have a philosophy. The universal and enduring questions: who am I? where did I come from? What am I here for? How did I do it? Where am I going? All of these questions lead from (and back to) the question that has preoccupied humanity from the very beginning: what is the best way to live? To more people who ask this question and rigorously pursue an answer to it, the more dynamic and vibrant a society will be.

Our own age is one of great philosophical poverty, and as a result we live in an age of tremendous moral and ethical confusion. These philosophies are communicated daily in all aspects of our life, are self-destructive, and only offer a glimpse of happiness.

If Jesus himself had a philosophy of life, who are we not to have and even adopt His philosophy? For Him alone is the truth and way of life. The philosophy of Christ is the ultimate philosophy of human happiness. Christ came to reconcile us with the Father and, in doing so, offered the satisfaction of this craving for happiness that preoccupies our human hearts. Love is our origin and our destiny. Our yearning for happiness is a yearning for love. Created to love and be loved, we seek out the fulfillment of our purpose. "God is love," (1John 4:8) and our yearning for happiness is ultimately a yearning for God.

Frt. Geoffrey Valerian Zawadi
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From KMHO
Wishing you a blessed and fruitful
Lenten Season
Thank you for your prayers and support!



Spotlight on Sponsors

Former Seminarian wants to help others on the Journey

Sponsor: Dr. Stephen and Cecilia Kirama
Parish: University of Dar es Salaam Parish
Son: Frt. Arnold Bahati

Dr. Stephen Kirama was born and raised in Moshi, Tanzania with Christ the Servant being his home parish. After several years in major seminary, including Philosophy studies at Ntungamo Seminary and several years studying Theology at Kipalapala Seminary, he was advised that those who are called are many, but the chosen ones are few. He accepted this with a strong Christian courage and quickly joined the University of Dar es Salaam in 1999 for Bachelor of Arts in Economics and eventually went on to complete his PhD in Economics. It was a God's blessing, as he did not leave the University since 1999 when he joined it as a student and has been employed by the University since 2005 as a Lecturer, Research Fellow and Consultant in the Department of Economics.



Standing from left: Stephen Kirama, Cecilia Mjingo and Laura Ndwerelela. Frontline from left: Lynetta Asifiwe and Lemuel Baraka.

Stephen married Cecilia Clemence Mjingo in 2007 and they are blessed with three beautiful children: Laura (13); Lynnetta (9) and Lemuel (6). When asked why he was sponsoring a seminarian, he responded: "I could not complete the journey to priesthood and all along I thought I should assist some, given the resources given by God to ensure that, what I could not complete, I can assist someone to complete it. In addition, to have someone praying for and our family praying for him is also the ultimate goal of any Christian. So sponsoring a seminarian is also partly fulfilling the mission of Christ as a Christian." Stephen's message to the seminarians and those in active priestly vocation, "It is important to note that, for a clean and holy person, priesthood is a cross, a heavy cross which requires full commitment, dedication and unwavering life of prayer, fasting and humility. It is also a lonely life most of the time.... It is through this loneliness that you will have more time to stay with Jesus, to hear God's voice, to pray and meditate. If you recognise this early enough, then the burden of priestly life will be bearable. If you discover this lately, after being ordained, then burden will be more heavy. Constantly learn to understand the immense of the burden you are approaching to carry and be ready for it."

Tumsifu Yesu Kristo!!!!!! Thanks for your concern and care, I really appreciate your works on our journey towards the priesthood vocation. I thank God for the gift of Dr. Stephen Kirama and his wife Cecilia Kirama as my sponsors. To me it means a lot as they are the precious gift to me and I will always pray for them. Thank you!

Frt. Arnold Bahati
1st Year Theology at Segerea Seminary



OH! A PRIEST IN POTENCE

A Priest is a man who lives for others. His ministry obliges him to be in continual contact with all kinds of people; some will be kind, pleasant and open; others will be hard, indifferent and almost impossible to deal with. Will I manage to interact with all these people? Yes I will manage as soon as I learn how to deal with every one, respecting and loving them unconditionally. This is when I see every person as a member of Christ's body, a brother, sister, a child of God destined for salvation.

As a future priest, a pastor, and a shepherd of souls, I must be gentle and humble heart like my Lord (Mt. 11:29). I should strive to acquire kindness and openness so that people whom I will serve feel welcome and accepted and should not encounter harshness, coldness and indifference. Though I am a man of the word of God, I should pay attention to others and there should be friendliness between my people and me.

Is it necessary for me a future priest to be a man of dialogue? Yes, since a priest who thinks he is always right about everything loses many valuable occasions to learn from others, to enrich him and to receive helpful insight for his apostolate. As a priest in potency, my dialogue with others and with this world today should be based on fundamental convictions born of faith and reason, according to the tradition of the church.

As a future priest, I must learn the difficult skill of dialogue in daily life by listening to others sincerely, trying to understand their points of view humbly and honestly, and be ready to adapt or change when necessary. Hence, to be solid is not to be rigid. The priest's mission is not to conquer but to convince.

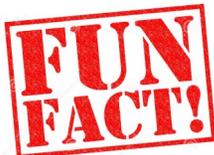
Frt. Alban Mtei
Third year philosophy
Ntungamo seminary
Sponsors: Matt and Jayme Orn



In Lieu of Flowers...

Please consider memorial contributions to KMHO in lieu of flowers for a loved one. You can use the following text:

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Kilimanjaro Mission of Hope & Outreach, P.O. Box 5125, Portland, Oregon 97208



While people may think of Africa in July being very hot; July is winter in Tanzania. Temperatures can range from the mid-40's to the low 70's Fahrenheit.

How to Be Missionary Though III

Which is nobler in the eye of God:
To be mission-ed to a bed of pain
Or to touch lepers in alien lands?
God has but one scale to judge which
note is sweeter.
And that is the one who does His Holy Will.

When then all your fires are dying-
Too lame to march, too spent to spend
Your light on un- Gospeled lands
Put your soul at peace!

Did not David give the spoils of war
Not just to those who battled and besieged
But also to the ill who willed to fight
And could not?

Did not St Paul from darkened prison gloom
Boast that the Gospel prospered more in
Caesar's lands
Than if he had been of chains and bars?

If Gideon's few, smiting vessels of clay
Did disperse the massed Medianites might
Then shall not your body broken as
so much clay,
Share in the mission of the Crucified:
"This is My Body- broken for you"

If broken loaves did feed a multitude
and broken alabaster announce
the Friday death,
If a broken net did token a great catch
And a broken roof admit palsied
limbs to Christ,
And a broken ship save St Paul and all
who would be lost,
-Then shall not thy broken un-missioned life
Have in God's eyes the widest mission yet,
The mission of minting for those who go
The purchase price of souls?

You are the bread they consecrate,
The wine they bless;
Others may be on a Plastic Cross
But yours-like Christ's-is Wood.



Below: From the right is Rev Joseph Miller from Sierra Leone who came to visit Mama Ngatuni our parish member wearing white scarf from my left. From my right its her daughter Ivon Ngatuni a lawyer and professor in Kenya and from our left is Rev Godwin from Ghana whom celebrated Mass with us on Sunday and we later had a thanksgiving Mass all together at Mama Ngatuni's home. We had a great insight on their missionary activity from their country and how they faced the difficulties while they where breaking the Word and Body of Christ to them. I loved to compose this poem in their loving memorial coming in Tanzania as a light to all whom by their life they give themselves wholly for the Church of God. Especially to you our sponsors who each moment you take a little piece of your bread and share it with us. May almighty God bless you all.

*Frt. Medard John Temu
3rd Year Philosophy
Kibosho Seminary*



SOME MOMENTS OF THE SEMINARY LIFE

1. The Seminary life is amazing,
Most time is already planned,
In it there are self-moments,
For breaking and sharing.
2. The life is happy and simple,
Filled of laughter and jokes,
Despite the challenging time,
Life in here is quite fine.
3. Prayer is the main pillar,
We pray and get spiritual aids,
Spirituality is our affair,
We get happiness in Prayer.
4. That greatest loving prayer,
The Rosary the weapon on air,
Breviary our meditations cite,
Happily, we pray for the vocation.
5. The fountain of seminary
happiness,
Is the Eucharist at Mass and
benedictions,
With Christ we meet who us
calls,
And energy we get and move in
silence.
6. Academics is the following stand,
The struggles with books us
brands,
Enjoying them and makes us
firm,
Religious and Secular studies
are ours.
7. Philosophy and Theology are the
best,
Also reading books for interest,
Newspapers updates our intellect,
Thus, we get a chance to know
each day.
8. In many cases we share joys and
sorrows,
We get exposed to different
conferences,
The aim is to know other people's
sides,
And prepare to go preaching to
them.
9. We also have the manual work,
Since work measures human
dignity,
And beneficial for our lives daily,
We work for us happily.
10. Then we get time for sporting,
To build up self-emotional control,
And making the body and mind fit,
We enjoy sporting in evenings.
11. The seminary life is full of
happiness,
Prayers from you gives us
strengths,
We too pray hard for our sponsors,
Together our prayers bind us as
one.

By Frt. Arnold Furaha
1st Year Theology
Segerea Seminary
Sponsor: Jim and Joan Peck



Left: Segerea First Year Fraters from
Moshi Catholic Diocese.

A DEACON AND THE WORD OF GOD

A Deacon is a member of the lowest rank of the threefold Christian ministry (below the priest and bishop). The word Deacon is from the Greek "diakonos" which means "helper". Deacons can baptize, witness marriages, perform funeral and burial services outside of mass, distribute Holy Communion, reading the Gospel and preach the homily and are obligated to pray the Divine Office each day. He is a minister and servant of the table (Acts 6:1-6) helping the Priests and Bishop. He must be a man of God, prayer and faith.

A Deacon must reveal God to the people.

In order to reveal himself to men, God speaks to them in human word. Although the Word of God is given in human fashion, sometimes it is difficult to understand it and therefore needs to be interpreted by those to whom Christ entrusted this duty- the magisterium. Deacons are called to interpret/ unveil/ disclose the Word of God. The will of God is that all men should have access to the Father through Christ, in the Holy Spirit and thus become sharers in the divine nature (2Pt 1:4). God manifests Himself stage by stage beginning with creation, to our parents, to the patriarchs of the chosen nation: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the prophets and lastly through his only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the seal of revelation. Man's response to revelation is by Faith. Just as revelation shows the whole way of salvation, not just some intellectual propositions, so faith is a response not only of the intellect but of the whole self. By Faith man freely commits his entire self to God, making the full submission of his intellect and will. God wished that all men be saved, to fulfil this, He planned that revelation be transmitted from one generation to another so that what He has revealed in his love may last throughout human history. To ensure preservation of the Gospel after Jesus, the Apostles left Bishops as their successor whom they gave their own position of teaching authority helped by the Priests and Deacons.

Here are nine qualifications for deacons according to St. Paul: Dignified means respectable, not double tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain, sound in faith and life, blameless, for the permanent/ married deacons:

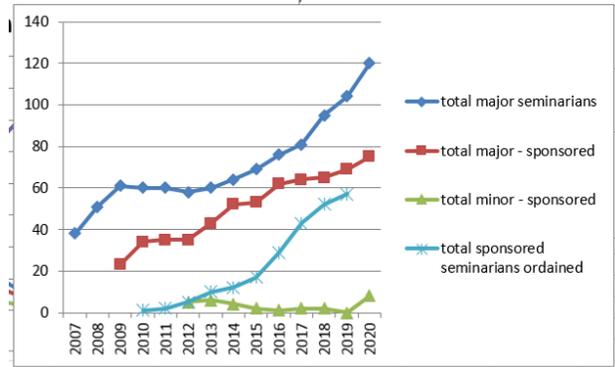
Godly wife, husband of one wife and manage children and household well. May the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God help me to preach well the Word of God with faith and confidence.

By Deacon Charles Alleluya
Sponsors: Bella and Leo Yao



KMHO Seminarian Mission—Year End Review

Let's say it with pictures this year:



The seminarian metrics:

- 120 major seminarians
 - ◇ 75 are sponsored
 - ◇ 45 are not sponsored
- 57 sponsored seminarians have been ordained to the priesthood to date
- 8 minor seminarians are sponsored



The number of major (senior) seminarians grew from 104 to 120.

Left—Theology
Below—Philosophy

Below: At the annual seminarian gathering, we took pictures, had a great lunch, distributed gifts, then held a drawing for great sacramentals and some cash prizes also. The drawing was a first for the seminarians.



Left—We are here to celebrate new priests for the Moshi Diocese.

Below—The new priests give us their blessing at the end of the ordination Mass on 27 June 2019 at Christ the King Cathedral.



In Ohio, we hosted Fr. Munishi and got together with friends of Moshi trips and sponsors in the area.



God bless all of you!

Thank you for helping us keep the seminarian sponsorship program going. We definitely need more holy priests!

Yours in Christ, T.O. Bennett