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# THE MOSHI SEMINARIAN

DECEMBER 2018

## Frater Erasmi Benedict

3rd Year Philosophy

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to praying  
for his sponsor**



**Birthday:** 22 June 1994  
**Parish:** Mashati  
St. Joseph the Worker  
**Siblings:** Erasmi is the 4th born of 7 children  
**Father :** Benedict Moshi  
**Mother:** Felista Mwanamshiki

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## A GOOD SEMINARIAN WILL USE BIG, BRIGHT, CHEERFUL AND POSITIVE WORDS

When you speak or write your are, in a sense, a projector showing movies in the mind of others. And the pictures you create determine how you and others react.

Suppose you tell a group of people "I'm sorry to report we've failed" what do this people feel? They see defeat and all the disappointment and grief the word "failed" conveys. Now suppose you said instead, " Here's a new approach which I think will work" they will feel encouraged ready to try again. Even ready to change their bad habits.

Our mind doesn't think in words. It thinks in pictures, and movies. The words we use are translated into images/movies by the mind. When we say " a pink elephant " our mind shows us a picture of pink elephant.

Why is that important?

Well, because that means that, we have to choose our words very carefully, so that we may not discourage our fellow Christians from following Christ in their difficult situations.

To encourage our brothers and sisters that, attending mass every day and praying holy rosary is possible, and obeying God's commandments is also possible. Doing good and avoiding evil is also possible.

Here's a quick example,

If you hear the word " problem "you created pictures of something difficult unpleasant and difficult to solve.

If you use the word " challenge" instead, your mind create pictures of fun,sport and something exciting and pleasant.

If you use the word " try" then this tells our mind that it's probably not so important. For instance we should not say I'll try to pray instead say I'll pray. The word "try" almost presupposes that we will fail. We will not get what we ask from God .

Frt Edwin Peter Seria  
1st year Philosophy  
Ntungamo Major seminary  
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NOELI,  
Wishing You in advance Merry Christmas.....

It is time again for celebration as we are closed to the end of this year and await for new YEAR , I WISH You and Your Family Merry X-Mass and Happy New Year 2019.

Wish you All the Best  
@ Frt. Ivone Noeli  
2nd Year Theology  
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Sponsor: Neale Povey



Frt. Johnson Abuu  
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and Beth Kondrat





# The Pearl

Praise the Lord Jesus Christ. As we are going to celebrate the great mystery of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ this year, I would like you to join with me to meditate a little bit about life in general.

The days are passing, months and years, we have already seen many Christmases since we have come into this world. The question is why Jesus came to this world for our redemption, despite of our weakness as human beings and also He decided to take our form (body). I notice that Jesus Christ came to the world for our redemption because of his love. He decided to take the form of human being through the Blessed Virgin Mary and participate in all activity human being in order to rescue us from the bondage of our sins.

The love of Jesus Christ must make us these days of advent to remember His Second coming so that we can change our life in general and live according to our Christian faith.

Fr. Joseph Theoduli  
1st Year Theology  
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**IN THE TOWN OF DAVID A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU, MESSIAH THE LORD. LET THE BABY JESUS CRY IN YOUR HOMES AND IN YOUR HEARTS" MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019.**

SAYS, Fr. DENIS M. KAI SHE  
Pastoral Year  
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**WORSHIPING JESUS WITH YOU THIS CHRISTMAS. WISHING YOU CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019.**

Fr. Charles Alleluya.  
4th Year Theology  
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## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

As Christmas approaches we feel blessed,  
This time of a year is a time to treasure,  
On which can bring so much pleasure,  
With so much love it is hard to measure.

Oh Christmas brings such joy,  
To so many little girls and boys,  
As they look forward to receiving new toys.

Special gifts to be found,  
And beauty all around,  
With Christmas songs filling the sound.

So as hard as you may try,  
There is no reason why,  
We should have a Christmas time,  
Without Jesus in our mind.

Fr. Fidelis Lemunge  
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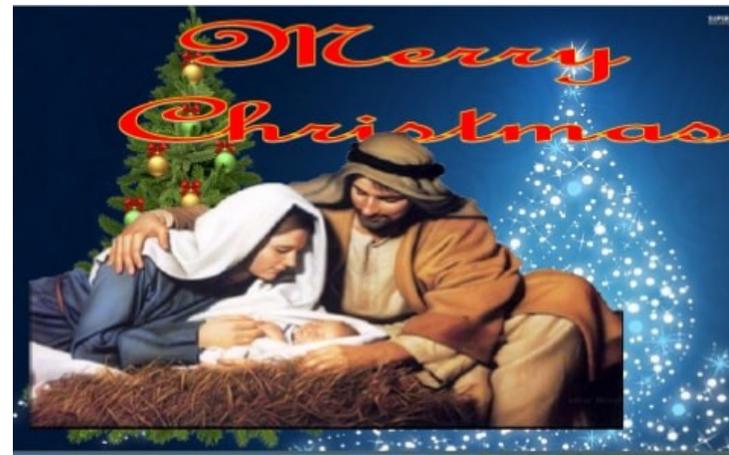
# "SAFARI 2019"

Americans "on safari" are typically decked in khaki clothing, armed with cameras, and piled in some type of a jeep-like vehicle. The word "safari" in Kiswahili is actually the word for "journey" or "trip". Once again, in 2018, a group of American visitors made the big trip to Moshi Tanzania.

**What do we do in Tanzania?** There are so many options:

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| <i>Moshi Diocese Priestly Ordination</i>        | <i>Thanksgiving celebrations</i>                 |
| <i>Wildlife Safari</i>                          | <i>Zanzibar beaches</i>                          |
| <i>Meet the people in their homes</i>           | <i>Visit students in the classrooms</i>          |
| <i>Share skills (like soap making, canning)</i> | <i>painting, planting, etc</i>                   |
| <i>Eat, drink and be merry</i>                  | <i>Build a relationship with "sister" parish</i> |
| <i>Spend time with the seminarians</i>          | <i>Visit nursing schools and dispensaries</i>    |
| <i>Deliver gifts to children</i>                | <i>Visit orphanages</i>                          |

**Contact T.O. Bennett at [kmho.tz@gmail.com](mailto:kmho.tz@gmail.com) for Information on joining "Safari 2019"!!**



**May the best gifts of Christmas be yours,  
The gift of love , hope, joy , peace and happiness.**

**May Jesus fill your life with love and may you be blessed with  
endless reasons to smile and rejoice.  
Let Christ's love be manifest as you share with family and  
friends this festive season. Merry Christmas!**

**Says Frt. Joseph Zawadi.**

Frt. Joseph Zawadi  
3rd Year Philosophy  
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## WHY DO WE PRAY HAIL MARY?

The Church has addressed Mary trillions of times with the most repeated prayer in human history, the 'Hail Mary', and its 'string of roses' in the Rosary.

**"Hail Mary"** The greeting of the angel Gabriel opens this prayer. It is God Himself through the angel greets Mary (CCC 2676). We say not 'hello' or 'hi' but hail, our speech is high and holy as we hail her, meek and slowly.

**"Full of grace, the Lord is with you"** She is not just graced but full of grace, why? Because Christ the Lord is with her, wholly in her soul and womb and the Lord is the source of all grace that is in her (Zeph 3:14). Mary, in whom the Lord himself has just made his dwelling, is the daughter of Zion in person, the Ark of the Covenant, the place where the glory of the Lord dwells (CCC 2676).

**"Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus"** After the angel's greeting we make Elizabeth's greeting our own. When we say to Mary 'Blessed are you' we bless God, for He is the one who blessed her. As soon as we bless her we turn to Jesus, 'and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus' here the prayer reaches it's high point.

**"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us"** As with the 'Our Father', the half of the prayer has been all self-forgetful praise. Only when we are transformed by this praise from fearful self-regard to joyful God-regard, do we now ask for our own needs, through her intercession. Our petition thus becomes trusting, not fretful or wheedling, for by entrusting ourselves to her prayer, we abandon ourselves to the will of God together with her (CCC 2677). Her prayer is simply 'be it done according to your will'. We ask her to pray for us, for that is all she ever did pray on earth, and all she ever will pray in Heaven. We ask her intercession because she is 'holy', spiritually close to God and she is 'Mother of God' physically close to God. She carried God in her womb.

**"Sinners"** Our petition is that of the publican, not the Pharisee; for mercy, not justice. The very act of asking Mary to pray for us expresses our humble acknowledgment that we are weak prayers, in need of her stronger help, like infants in need of a big sister. We further confess who we are; we are sinners, not despairing but hoping and trusting God's mercy.

**"Now and at the hour of our death"** we ask for her help in two important moments in our life. In our daily life and at the hour of our death, may she be there as she was at her son's death on the cross. May she welcome us as our mother at the hour of our passing to lead us to her Son, Jesus, in paradise.

No one can comfort us more at the hour of our death than our Mother. No one can be a better 'matchmaker' between ourselves and Christ, for no one else is closer to Christ and no one else is closer to us and loves us more than our Mother. She makes Jesus brother to us, like all mothers, she longs for her children to be close to each other.

By Frt. Charles Alleluya

4th Year Theology Kipalapala seminary.

Sponsors: Leo and Bella Yao

In,  
Him,  
There's,  
Joyfulness,  
No Darkness,  
The Light alone,  
For it is his name,  
The sun from heaven,  
The only one Son of God,  
Who came down to the earth,  
Like us the wicked men in nature.  
Never did he boasted himself as God,  
But was like a meek and a humbled lamb,  
That was taken to the butcher be slaughtered.  
He was accused falsely but he did not accuse any,  
He knew his mission was to serve us sinners and he did.  
He is Emmanuel; God with us whom is being waited in advent,  
The one who is coming to die on the cross for the salvation of men.  
Let him come and stay in us and us stay in him to live forever joyfully,  
Let him enter in us and direct us on how to love well God and our neighbors,  
And to see our heavenly father in his eternal glory and rejoice with him endlessly.



Prepare him a way,  
In us he may stay,  
Let him not away,  
And his new day,  
It is not far away,  
Hereby I may say,  
Let us him array,  
Whitish not gray,  
Be where his stay,  
And us all to pray,  
Is our adept to pay,  
Christmas new day,  
The joy is not away,  
Here is my display,  
Happy wishes I say,  
Stay blessed all day.

From the Bottom of My Heart I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2019.

From Frt. Arnold L. Furaha  
3rd Year Philosophy  
Ntungamo Seminary  
Sponsored By Jim & Joan Peck  
and granddaughters Mary and Olivia



## LET US LEAD THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO JESUS

Jesus said to them, "let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these ... Then he embraced them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing" (Mk 10:14, 16).

Brethren, the above words depict to us that, Jesus not only welcomes the children into his presence but also blessed each one individually. I would like to invite everyone to give children chance to spiritual activities like prayer, singing, pilgrimage as well as the chance to lead family prayers. Our good examples in our family and closeness to God in prayer and deeds will attract them to follow Jesus. Our future Church will flourish if our children are Christ-Centered.

We are called to love the little children by showing them good ways of life and expounding the good news to them. They also want to know who is Jesus and his place in their lives. It is our duty starting from the family level to bear witness on how to live well Christian life.

In my short-period Pastoral activity at Kilema Parish, I was amazed by the good participation of children in spiritual matters like singing, reciting the Holy rosary, leading evening prayer in the Church on Sunday evening as well as to participate actively in the way of the cross at Ngangu Hill. I came to conclude that, children could do wonders if only they are encouraged and allowed to act. You may see their smiling faces in the photo at Ngangu Hill after the way of the cross.

Jesus wants everyone to possess a childlike faith. The faith that is pure, unassuming and humble. This type of faith allows us to receive God's gift of salvation without pretense or hypocrisy. Like children who rely on their parents for basic needs, we should humbly depend on our heavenly father for provision in both the spiritual and physical realms.

Jesus said, "But anyone who is the downfall of one of these little ones who have faith in me would be better drowned in the depths of the sea with a great millstone around his neck (Mt. 18:6). We should not hinder the little children to come to Jesus. Our actions should not discourage them. Let us try to show the love of Jesus through our actions.

Frt. Mathias Kona  
4th Year Theology  
Kipalapala Seminary  
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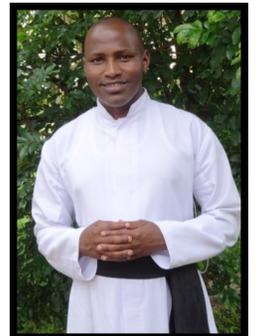
## THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH

When Mary gave birth to her son an angel of the Lord declared that, "Today in the City of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord" (Lk 2:11). The coming of Messiah (Emanuel God with us) shows us that, through Virgin Mary, God makes a plan of salvation of Mankind. This can be traced back to the Old Testament when Prophet Micah announced the coming of a savior (Mi 5: 1-5) he specified that "Yahweh will abandon them only until she who in labour gives birth and then those who survive of this race will be reunited to the Israelites." (Mi 5: 2). Reading through the New Testament also we find the message of angel of God revealed to Mary. Mary was the woman, highly favored full of Grace and with the Lord (Lk 1:28). The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph of the house of David and the virgin name was Mary. The Angel Gabriel said to her, "Hail favored one! The Lord is with you, but she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and we shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (LK 1: 26-33).

It is important to recognize Mary as the special a woman and mother of God (Jesus) who came to fulfil the God's plan of Salvation from beginning to the end. Wishing you a Blessed Christmas.

### Merry Christmas!

Frt. Japhet Mseri  
2nd Year Theology  
Kipalapala Seminary  
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I would like to send my heartfelt Christmas and happy new year greetings to my beloved sponsors Bob and Becky Moore and their entire family, Mama T. O. Bennett and her husband Robert, to all our diocese sponsors who are supporting us in our journey towards priesthood and in a special way may I wish you a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year 2019.

Be blessed  
Frt. Robert Ndumwa  
3rd Year Philosophy -Kibosho seminary



## Spotlight on Sponsors

**Sponsor: Mark and Kristy Holben**  
**Parish: Little Flower, Canton Ohio**



Mark and Kristy, converts to the Catholic faith, have been married for 18 years. They have six children: Augustine 15, Cecilia 13, Sebastian 10, Nicholas 7, Timothy 5, and Benjamin 3. Each of the children were named after saints that inspired Mark and Kristy. The family is very active in their parish. Mark is a member of Parish Council and Mark and Kristy also serve as a Natural Family Planning teaching couple. Augustine and Sebastian are altar servers.

Mark is a school teacher and Kristy is a stay at home mom, homeschooling several of the children. Going on family vacations is the favorite thing for the family. The children are involved in different sports such as baseball, basketball and tennis.

Mark and Kristy wrote, We feel that our seminarian is praying for us and we are getting benefits from his prayers. We are so blessed to be able to sponsor Mark Mirardi and we hope that he feels the benefits from our prayers as well.

I owe an immense debt of gratitude to God for the wonderful gift of priestly vocation. I also thank Him for the precious gift of Mark and Kristy Holben's family who accompany me spiritually, morally and materially in my formation towards Priesthood. I deeply appreciate their support for me. I am aware that they do it out of LOVE for God and His people. They are really caring parents to me. I fail to express in words the value of their support for me. I always embrace them in my heart through prayers so that the good Lord may always grant them a triumphant success in their lives.

Fr. Mark Miradi

4th Year Theology

Sponsors: Mark & Kristy Hoban  
and Tom Fowles



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

On 25th December, Christians commemorate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. This festival season lasts for about a whole month; before and after the Christmas day.

People of various places and culture celebrate Christmas differently. In our culture, from the commencement of December, people start planning on how best they will celebrate this splendid day. Spiritually; during Advent, many people prepare themselves spiritually for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. In this time, other social preparations are also done.

On Christmas day, the most important celebration is the Holy Sacrifice in which, by receiving the Holy Communion, Jesus Christ is born in our hearts and we are united with Him.

Other activities apart from spiritual ones include spending time with our families, relatives, and friends. It also involves sending gifts and cards to our friends. Furthermore it involves eating and drinking with our dear ones.

Luckily, this year I am going to celebrate this festival away from my home place but with my fellow seminarians and the whole community of Ntungamo Major Seminary. I will be very happy to be with this company during the Nativity of the Lord.

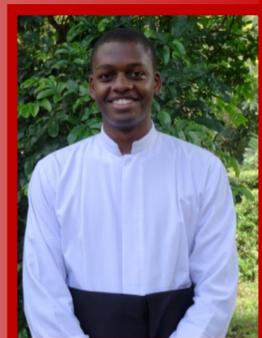
I wish you a splendid, peaceful, joyful, and enjoyable Christmas together with a happy New Year 2019.

Fr. Amedeus Mamkamba  
1st Year Philosophy  
Ntungamo Seminary  
Waiting to his sponsors



Let me take this opportunity to thank you for all your faith and dedication towards our company on our vocational journey and on this Christmas. Hope your bond of faith and love to us your children lasts forever.  
Merry Christmas!

Fr. Medard John Temu  
2nd Year Philosophy  
Kibosho Seminary  
Sponsor: Linda DiRuzza



## Spotlight on Sponsors

**Sponsor: Jim and Joan Peck**  
**Parish: St. Mary's Cathedral, Portland, Oregon**  
**Sons: Frt. Peter Ndekuringa, Frt. Ingas Mringi, Frt. Onesmo Baraka, and Frt. Arnold Furaha**



Jim and Joan Peck, life long Catholics, will have been married 50 years on August 16, 2019. They had four children: Jennifer (48) an Emergency Room doctor in Alaska, Katie (47) an Obstetrics/Gynecology doctor in New York City, Colleen (43) a Pediatric Researcher in Oregon, and Andrew who sadly died at age 22 in an automobile accident. They are blessed with 9 beautiful grandchildren with Jim reporting that Joan is the BEST grandmother.

Jim, a lector and Eucharist ministry in their parish, is a surgeon. He generously gives his time to Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF). His most recent mission was at Mother of Mercy Hospital in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan.

Joan, who was named after an aunt, Sister Joan, who was a Maryknoll nun is the CEO of Markstein enterprises. Jim shared that Joan is 100% Irish and always fun.

In 2017, Jim and Joan visited Moshi with their 16 year old granddaughters, Mary and Olivia. After meeting the wonderful seminarians, they decided to sponsor not one...but 4 seminarians!! Wow!! Their message to the seminarians...Keep those email and communications coming! They obviously enjoy hearing from their 'sons' in Moshi Tanzania.

I am happy for having Jim and Joan as my sponsors. they mean a lot to me. May the good Lord Bless them and all sponsors. You are always in my prayers. Thank You Very Much!

Frt. Arnold Furaha  
3rd Year Philosophy  
Ntungamo Seminary



To Mama Joan and Baba Jim, and family, I would like to say that I was really impressed with a thoughtful encounter for I didn't expect. Surely, it's a blessing and it gives me courage. I was delighted to see one good and loving family like yours. When I try to figure out and ponder in my heart, I find out that your support makes me discern my call with love and gratitude.

I know I can't say all; but I say thank you for your support and encouragement.

I wish you success, joy, peace and happiness. " *May the Good Lord, of steadfastness and encouragement, grant you to live in such a harmony with one another, in one accord with Jesus Christ, that together you may with one voice glorify God and Father in heaven*" Romans 15: 5-6.

Frt. Peter Ndekuringa  
2nd Year Philosophy  
Kisbosho Seminary



Dear God thank you for giving me Jim and Joan Peck and their granddaughters Olivia and Mary as my sponsors. They are loving, charming and the good supporters towards my call. Grant them happy life, bless them and guide them in their daily activities that they may yield the good fruits.

Frt. Onesmo Baraka  
3rd Year Philosophy  
Kibosho Seminary



With my sincere gratitude and from the bottom of my heart i would like to appreciate the efforts done by our sponsors. In a particular way may I thank Jim and Joan together with their granddaughters for their support and encouragement in my way toward priesthood. They are special people to me with all sorts of love as how I wish to be to them.

I pray that they may live longer and be successful in their daily life. I also kindly ask them to pray for me in my priestly vocation.

Frt. Ignas Mringi  
2nd Year Philosophy  
Ntungamo Seminary

