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# THE MOSHI SEMINARIAN

SEPTEMBER 2017

## Frater Eugene Kawau

1st year Theology

**Is looking forward  
to praying  
for his sponsor**



**Birthday:** 01 May 1987  
**Parish:** Usseri Parish  
St. John the Baptist  
**Siblings:** Eugene is one of 11 children  
**Father :** Ewald J. Kawau  
**Mother:** Penina J. Serea

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# Moshi Welcomes 9 New Priests!!



On July 6th, the most honorable Bishop Isaac Amani Massawe ordained 9 new priests for the Diocese of Moshi, Tanzania. Our most sincere congratulations to...

Rev. Timothy Mwanda—Sponsored by Aaron and Corinne Frechette

Rev. Cajetan Kintu - sponsored by Joe and Reenie Altier

Rev. Gabriel Ngarau—Sponsored by Lenore Fines

Rev. Philbert Rizikiyamungu—Sponsored by Judy Green

Rev. Peter Kilasara—Sponsored by Jack and Nancy Dempsey and  
Theorita Bennett Sr. (aka Bibi)

Rev. Honest Amani—Sponsored by Matt and Jayme Orn

Rev. Adelard Imani - sponsored by T.O. Bennett

Rev. Deogratias Katinda—Sponsored by John and Judy Jendrzewski

Rev. Francis Furaha—Sponsored by Tony and Maria Di Biase

A special THANK YOU to the sponsors who helped these young men achieve their dreams. Your prayers and financial support were invaluable!!

## Tailor "Shop"

Every New Priest Can Use a New Suit.

Our group of 19 travelers arrived in Moshi Tanzania on July 4th 2017. We celebrated the 4th of July with a group of students from a university in Georgia who were there for Swahili immersion training. I'd like to try that too!

On July 5th, Lenore Fines and T.O Bennett met their "sons" who were to be ordained the next day. Fr. Gabriel Ngarau and Fr. Adelard Imani received the very special gift of new, tailor-made suits. As you can see from the pictures, the tailor shop is not quite the same as in the USA.

We met the tailor on the street in front of his treadle sewing machine. Each of the (soon-to-be) new priests were measured and chose their preferred fabric from small swatches that the tailor had there. The new suits only take a few days to be sewed and ready for pickup.

This is a great gift for under \$50 USD - if anyone needs an idea of a gift for their favorite Moshi priest or seminarian. We can take them to the tailor shop in July 2018 when we visit Moshi for the priesthood ordination of the 2018 class!



Fr. Adelard Imani (left) and Fr. Gabriel Ngarau are fitted for new suits; ordination gifts from their sponsors.



## Do we have names?

Wachagga had it before Christianity. Wachagga had their way of naming. They call it "iiningarina" (giving a name). The names are connected to the names of former members of the clan, from father's clan and mother's clan alternately. The first born takes a name from the father's clan and the second takes from the mother's clan. They believed that some misfortunes will happen if the tradition is not maintained. They believed that the spirit of elders exists in their grandchildren and great grandchildren. This approach when Christianized fits baptizing by giving the names of the saints.



Above Frt Denis Kaishe teaches the First Communion class at Mandaka Parish (Our Lady of Sorrows). Frt. Denis, 4th year theology at Segerea Major Seminary, is sponsored by Frank and Eadie Price.



Left: Frt. Ivone Noele on graduation day June 10th after completing his Philosophy studies at Ntungamo Senior Seminary. Frt. Ivone is sponsored by Neal Povey.



## A THANKFUL HEART

I am trying to think, Of such an action,  
Either blue or pink, But I get a sanction.  
The minds totally sink, In its  
authorization,  
But I think only thank, Can be a station.

For such a sacrifice, We can't measure,  
But only with grace, Can we endure,  
Such a best choice, You made to care,  
It was my glance, That forced me to  
share.

What if not Love, That is manifested,  
True love you have, And it is shared,  
For how you serve, We have  
experienced,  
Lesson you give, And we have learned.

The school's payment, Which you  
donate,  
Leaves a mark permanent, For us to  
recite,  
True seed you plant, Its fruits we taste,  
May God you grant, And fill each plate.

With you are prayers, And all well wishes,  
You are our teachers, And real examples,  
The heart givers, Give not excess riches,  
But moderators, Who give the best  
grapes.

Giving out joyfully, Without hesitation,  
I now say surely, That is our religion,  
Tough I know mostly, In this generation,  
Are not devotedly, In LOVE veneration.

I pray to the Father, To accept the  
sacrifice,  
Who is our binder, To receive your  
choice,  
For he is the giver, Of each one's chance,  
Let it be super, In what you glance.

I thank the Sponsors, Of Moshi Diocese,  
You are our bearers, Who need a rose,  
The cost sharers, Who need no praise,  
Vocation Planters, Supporters of these.

As we help each other, God at our  
center,  
He becomes our giver, And also our  
binder,  
For he is the first lover, And the one  
caller,  
A praise deserver, And Blessing and giver.  
May all be protected, In his mighty shield,  
And all what you donated, To him be  
held,  
For all whom he loved, Are never sold,  
Are well protected, In his secured shield.

By:  
Frt. Arnold L. Furaha  
2nd Year Philosophy  
Ntungamo Seminary  
Sponsors: Jim and  
Joan Peck and their  
Granddaughters  
Olivia and Mary



Kim Ilosvay with US sons, Robert and Anthony, and Tanzanian son, Frt. Leodegard Riziki.

## A special thank you to our newest sponsors!!!

Sponsors	Seminarian	Seminarian Parish
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Deacon Lyn and Beth Houze	Frt. Michael Jackson	Holy Ghost
Frank and Eadie Price	Frt. Denis Kaishe	Virgin Mary of Guadalupe

After my studies I am now back to the Diocese for my pastoral year. I am now at Legho sub-parish for the Apostolate. It is a surprising moment for me to be at Legho. I am going to write a new history. On 5 of October the name will change from sub-parish to be Legho parish. Happy to be here.

It is a wonderful parish. I am happy to be here and share my talents with parishioners of Legho. I love them and I will use all of my effort to help where I can. Despite the fact that the primary goal of my vocation is the soul of the people that is to ensure that they grow well spiritually but also I have to do manual works so as to prepare for the event to come on October.

Frt. Novatus Babu  
Pastoral Year  
Sponsors: Little Flower Bible Study



## The Children are Today's Church

The construction and maintenance of today's church begins in a family ; where by the family represents the first school in the formation of children since every child arise in a certain family. Parents and guardians should educated their children socially and spiritually and encourage them to live the good moral standards of knowing and understanding who God is, that they can praise Him as well as loving Him and their neighbour(s) for the church to be built and maintained on the basis of faith.

Children will be in a good way of enhancing development of the church if they acquire proper instruction, excellent training, not only from parents but the whole community, and the ecclesiastical teachings. Parents should encourage their children to participate in various apostolic group such as St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Virgin Mary, Holy childhood etc.

Parents should be good role models to their children by participating in family prayers, religions societies and in various church activities. This will enable children to imitate and learn good practices from their parents and the community at large.

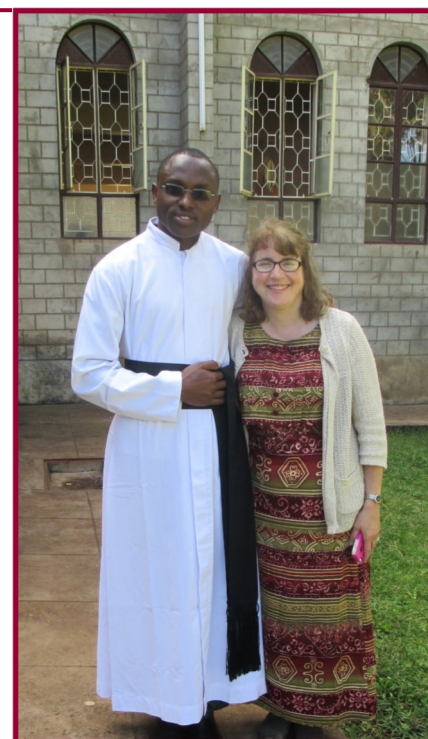
Dear God's children, you should hold on all the good deeds you have been taught by your parents, so as to continue developing God's church.

***"Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it" (Proverbs. 22:6)***

Frt Eric C Pascal  
1st Year Philosophy  
Sponsors: Available for Sponsorship



Louise Nguyen was very excited and happy to meet her son, Frt. Joseph Theoduli, at St. Joseph the Worker (Longuo) parish near Mwenge Retreat Centre where our group was staying during our visit to Moshi this year. Frt. Joseph's home parish is Mengwe whose patron is St. Peter Claver. Louise and her husband Don got to know the Moshi Diocese through Fr. Peter Asantebwana who was born on the feast of St. Peter Claver – so this was one connection for choosing Frt. Joseph to be sponsored by the Nguyen family. There's another connection – Louise's husband, Don, is originally from Vietnam; his name is actually Duong – and his patron saint is St. Joseph. Fr. Peter Asantebwana and Frt. Joseph recently supported the Nguyen family spiritually by praying for a very successful surgery for their son, Peter. God certainly knows how to connect these families from across the world.





## THE JOURNEY TO PRIESTHOOD

As seminarians, each year we travel the road of formation to reach our common target which is the priesthood. The journey to the hilt is somehow long, it is worn out of many challenges and fracas. For us to attain that kind of the goal, we need to carry the weapon of the obedience in three ways which are:

**Obedience to God's call and his commandments:** God calls us in many ways so as we can do his work of sheltering his people by his word. For our journey to be safe, we are required to hear that call daily so that we may respond positively to what he wants us to send to the people of the world. We need obedience to hear that call. It is so to when we keep his commandments because they are the lights of every human being, thus, if we obey them faithfully we will not get lost on the way.

**Obedience to seminary rules and regulations:** These are the light to the whole journey of the seminary life. They are enacted to make sure that we never get lost on the way. If we observe them with the humble heart, we will never get any disturbance or any kind of the impediment to our priestly vocation.

**Obedience to our formatters:** These are those chosen by the episcopal conference to teach, guide and to direct the seminarians to reach to the priesthood. We the seminarians must obey them. We must respect them and we must love them too because without them we will not get our desire done. We will enjoy much in this journey if we are ready to say yes to what they expect us to do.

I believe unjustifiably that because we have our Lord Jesus Christ as our nearest and brightest star on our journey and who in many ways epitomizes the essence of obedience to his father's will we will not get lost in this long walk. He will show us the proper way and how to be obedient to his call and to the rules and to the formatters.

Frt. Aretas James Amani  
1st Year Philosophy  
Sponsors: Available for Sponsorship



4th year fraters who graduated on June 8th after completing theological studies at St. Paul senior Seminary, Kipalapala.

From left is Frt. Honest Ndeonakazi, Frt. Benedict Kagwa and Frt. Dismas Bahati. Frt. Honest is sponsored by Susan Shearer, Frt. Benedict is sponsored by the Collier Family, and Frt. Dismas is sponsored by Linda DiRuzza.



## Helping To Make a Dream Come True...

Judy Green, a professor for Walden University, spends time every year in Moshi teaching counselling skills to the seminarians and priests in the Diocese. Through her time in Moshi, she is blessed to really get to know many of the wonderful seminarians and priests, visiting their families and forming strong bond of friendship.

Judy and her husband George have recently taken on the sponsorship of Emmanuel Tumaini who is just starting formation 1 at St. James minor seminary. Emmanuel is the younger brother of Fr. Wilbroad Kawishe who was ordained in 2012 but passed away unexpectedly in 2016.

Regarding Emmanuel, Judy wrote "He is precious. . . and definitely reminds me of Fr Wilbroad Kawishe. It brings me joy to know that we can help Emmanuel this way because Fr Wilbroad told me on several occasions that his dream was for all of his young brothers to get their educations and "God willing" one might become a priest. I do believe that Fr Wilbroad is watching over all of us, especially his younger brothers and fellow priests. It is odd, but I think I feel his presence. I miss him very much!"

Judy also arranged for friends to sponsor Fr. Wilbroad's other brothers, Valerian Baraka and Jakob Furaha who are studying at St Amedeus . Fr. Wilbroad's dream of his brothers getting an education is coming true thanks to friends in the United States...and "God Willing" maybe one of his brothers will follow in his footsteps. Fr. Wilbroad, rest in peace.



Fr. Wilbroad Kawishe



Emmanuel Tumaini

I became Fr. Gabriel Ngarau's sponsor in 2012 and always looked forward to returning to Tanzania for his ordination. I first visited Tanzania in 2011 with my husband and Fr. Peter Siamoo, but never met Fr. Gabriel. We became acquainted through emails and finally met face-to-face on July 5<sup>th</sup>, when the group of deacons was exiting the chapel at Mwenge Retreat Center.

Fr. Gabriel welcomed me with open arms and a big smile! T.O. Bennett arranged for us to visit a tailor in Moshi so that we could have a new suit made for him. It was a delightful experience to pick out fabric and then watch the street-side tailor deftly take Fr. Gabriel's measurements! Attending the ordination at the cathedral on July 6th was one of the most joyful and meaningful experiences of my life. I was so grateful to be there and to see Fr. Gabriel finally be ordained. My brother, Tony Fines, was the designated photographer and did a wonderful job documenting the event through beautiful photos. The music, singing, pageantry, and ritual were truly amazing and very moving. After the ordination and the reception, Fr. Gabriel invited my brother, Tony, sister-in-law, Susan, and me to go to Uomboni Parish, his home parish. We readily accepted the invitation and were grateful to Fr. Matthew for driving us. After an hour and a half, we approached Uombini, which is located in the foothills of Mt. Kilimanjaro at about 5,000-6,000 feet elevation. Fr. Gabriel's arrival was met by a large and enthusiastic crowd -- colorfully dressed, singing, and waving palm branches. The star had arrived! We were graciously greeted by Fr. Juvenalis, the parish priest, and then gathered in the church for a warm welcome and an outdoor reception. The parishioners were so happy and excited to have Fr. Gabriel return home! The following day, Fr. Gabriel invited us to visit his family home, which is located in the Uomboni area. We readily accepted the invitation and were grateful to Fr. Mtui for driving us in his Toyota RAV4 up the slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro over unpaved, rocky, and rural roads. Upon arrival, we were happily greeted by a group of women dressed in colorful clothing and singing as they led us down the trail through lush vegetation to the family homestead. We were warmly welcomed by about 100 family members and friends and were told that we were the first white people to have visited! We met Fr. Gabriel's parents, twin brother, and his two younger sisters. After exchanging greetings and taking photos, we were invited into a tiny, wooden, one-room house, where we were served a delicious dinner, all prepared by Fr. Gabriel's mother. Almost everything we ate came from their family farm. We learned that they had neither electricity nor running water. This home visit was the highlight of our trip. Two days later, we returned to Uomboni Parish for Fr. Gabriel's Thanksgiving Mass, which again was an amazing experience. The church was packed with people! After the mass, we attended a very lively outdoor reception, complete with live music, dancing, and a roasted goat! We felt truly honored to be part of the celebration!

As I look back, I feel that sponsoring Fr. Gabriel and attending his ordination was one of the most rewarding and meaningful things that I have ever done. I will always treasure the experiences that we had in Tanzania in July 2017.

Lenore Fines  
Lake Oswego, Oregon



Lenore Fines with her newly ordained son Fr. Gabriel Ngarau



US visitors from Oregon, Arizona, Florida, Michigan, Alaska, New York and Ohio get ready to head to the Ordination Mass on July 6th.  
Will you be in next year's picture??