

# THE MOSHI SEMINARIAN

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## 2023 Transitional Deacons

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Before the ordination Mass....  
...they are still seminarians - but not for long!



It's an act of total surrender...



...and now they are Transitional Deacons

**Ordination to the Holy Priesthood for the  
12 Moshi Transitional Deacons is scheduled on**

**4 January 2024**

**at Christ the King Cathedral in Moshi, Tanzania.**

**Please pray for them.**

**contact T.O. Bennett (330-4976149 - landline)  
or [kmho.tz@gmail.com](mailto:kmho.tz@gmail.com) for more details  
traveling to Moshi for this ordination.**

The faces of my brothers and sisters are full of Joy, after feeding with adoration blessings this Sunday Evening! I'm very happy to see them happy too! at Ngoyoni Designated Parish

submitted by  
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Sponsor: **Elaine Burger**



Left: Frt. Richard Baraka (back at the center) together with the students of Sokoine Primary School after the examination on religion subject.

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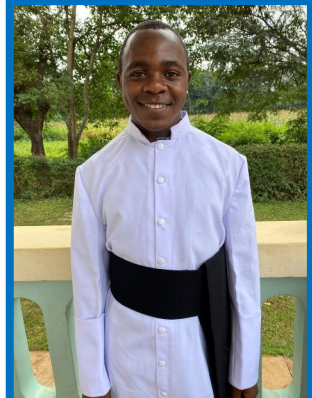
I would like to recognize the continual support of all those who are helping us spiritually and materially towards the priestly vocation. May you continue to pray for us so that we may still be aware of the greatness of the priestly office in every moment of our life. Therefore, we may take the priesthood vocation as our first concern. We may not see the journey towards priesthood as a waste of time but as a part of formation whereby the Church is preparing us slowly by slowly for the great mission which will be entrusted to us by the Church in the future.

Submitted by

**Frater Novath Valentine Lakiroya**

2nd Year Philosophy at  
Mwendakulima Senior Seminary

**He will make a great priest and an excellent prayer warrior for his sponsor; please would you sponsor him?**



## THE DISCERNMENT OF PRIESTLY VOCATION

I am Frt. Nicholas Majaliwa. I was born in Moshi - Kilimanjaro Tanzania. I received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion at St. John the Apostle Kirua Iwa Parish which is located just a few meters from our home.

I can trace the signs of my vocation to priesthood back in the years when I was in Primary school through various experiences in the Parish. I was much impressed by the vestments worn by the priests, as well as their postures and gestures in various occasions. I noticed the generosity of priests especially when one priest gave us some sweets after completing a certain work at the Parish. I liked the way priests talk to people, visiting them and praying over them. In a special way I was impressed by the way priests were preaching while all people keenly listened to them. I desired to be like one of them.



Enthused by such experiences I joined the St. Aloysius Gonzaga sodality where those who serve at the altar were associated. Thus in the year 2006 I became one of the altar boys. I was very happy to serve at the altar and have more chances to participate in various Parish activities. I desired to enter the minor seminary but due to some reasons I couldn't. I continued to be a member of St. Aloysius association until when I completed my Ordinary Level education in 2013. I remember for the first time I met the Vocations Director by that time Rev. Fr. Mathew Munishi in the year 2015 when he came for the monthly recollection at St. Amedeus Secondary School where I did my Advanced Level studies. I expressed my desire to him and later on I followed all processes required.

In the year 2016/2017 I joined the St. Charles Lwanga Formation Center - Karanga. I did my Philosophical studies at the Queen of Angels Kibosho Senior Seminary from 2017 to 2020. From September 2020 until now I am studying Theology at St. Charles Lwanga Senior Seminary - Segerea. I thank God that I am still discerning the ultimate end of the priestly vocation that we are called to serve God through his people and lastly to inherit the kingdom of God. The end of this priestly service is to lead oneself and others to fulfil the universal noble call to holiness.

I thank God for the gift of this vocation. I express my heartfelt gratitude to my bishop Rt. Rev. Ludovick Joseph Minde ALCP/OSS and the Vocations Director Rev. Fr. Augustine Ndepatanisho for their profound concern in my priestly formation. In a special way I extend my cordial thanks to my sponsor Mama Victoria T. Carpio for her profound support and prayer in my priestly formation. May Almighty God protect them all.

submitted by **Frt. Nicholas Majaliwa**

4th Year Theology at St. Charles Lwanga Senior Seminary - Segerea  
sponsor: **Dr. Victoria Carpio**

## MY VOCATION STORY

The realization of God's call to become a Catholic priest is a very long journey that begins with desire for the tangible goods to the clear desire of the absolute. It is from various circumstances of life where a person receives God's call and begins making discernment.

When I was about 6 years old, I saw my parish priest celebrating the Holy Mass. I was really moved by the way he dressed with his chasuble. From that day, I desired to be like him and dress the way he dressed. I began tearing the old bed sheets and made something like a chasuble and I gathered my young brothers, sisters and other neighboring friends. I began imitating what priests do when they say Mass.



Again when I was 8 years old, I was in standard two. There was a Holy Mass at our small Christian Community which was celebrated at our home place. The father who celebrated that Mass, when he saw the way I was imitating him and attentive listening to him, he said this boy will one day become a priest. Also one day when I was going to our family farm which is located nearby St James minor seminary, I heard the seminarians singing and others working in their beautiful environments; this also pushed me to be like them one day.

My desire gradually grew and at the age of 10, I started serving at the altar. I then joined Minor Seminary from form one to form six. Here at this period of six years my notion and desire about priesthood changed from desiring the tangible goods to that which is absolute in which the essence of priestly ministry is contained, that is service to God and His people and at last attainment of perfection of life.

Later after my six years of formation in the Minor Seminary, having clear image of what priesthood is, I Joined the formation house for one year, then Our Lady of Angels Senior Seminary at Kibosho for philosophy and now St. Paul the Apostle senior Seminary for theological studies.

I am profoundly humbled and moved to become a priest as well as leading a better spiritual life as a priest, in accord with Christ's example and insights. I pray that the good Lord may guide me in my journey towards realization of my dream so that I will one day live my dream that is becoming a holy priest in the Catholic Church. Lord, make me an instrument of worship for I am a siphon of worship.

Submitted by **Frater Thomas Tumaini**  
2nd Year Theology at Kipalapala Senior Seminary - St. Paul  
sponsored by **Christina and Noah Murphy**

Above: Frater Thomas with Louise Nguyen, Linda DiRuzza, and T.O Bennett who visited Moshi this year. Frt. Thomas served as our host, interpreter, photographer, and many other valuable roles.



Fr. Gasper Raymond Masha is with Kids of the Children's Choir of St Cecilia at St. Aloyce Gonzaga, Huruma Parish....Rombo. It is Preparation for Sunday's Eucharistic Celebration.

Submitted by **Fr. Gasper Raymond Masha**  
4th Year Theology at  
Segerea Senior Seminary -  
St. Charles Lwanga  
**Sponsored by Dave and Val Rodenbucher and family**

Fr. Leodiger Shirima with my young Sisters of 1st Communion.... We're very happy after the practice of Sunday songs for Sunday Mass. At Ngoyoni Designated Parish

submitted by  
**Fr. Leodiger Peter Mfunguamali Shirima**  
2nd Year Philosophy at  
Kibosho Senior Seminary -  
Our Lady of Angels  
Sponsor: **Elaine Burger**



Fr. David Mubaraka (right) and Fr. Vitalis Kitulizoare (left) are currently at The International Ecclesiastical College of Sedes Sapientiae Seminary in Rome attending Italian language courses. They will commence their 4 years theological studies at Santa Croce Pontifical Ecclesiastical University in October this year 2023. In Rome they only wear black cassocks.

**Fr. David Mubaraka** is sponsored by **David and Susie Reinhard**

**Fr. Vitalis Kitulizoare** would love to start praying for a sponsor...maybe in Italian!



# Visiting Families of New Priests Ordained in January 2023



Above: Fr. Charles Pius Wosia sponsored by Megan Karchar

Right: Fr. Japhet Fidelis Mseri sponsored by Janice Richards

Bottom: Fr. Mark Miradi sponsored by Mark & Kristy Holben and Tom Fowles







Above: Fr. Eugene Kawau sponsored by Rita Young



Right: Fr. Aristides Peter Ortho Sitori sponsored by Brian & Tiffany Linc and Jason and Stacey Hoffman



Left: Fr. Deogratias Josefat Miku sponsored by Edith Price

Below: Fr. Joseph Urio Ndeonasia sponsored by Joseph and Maria Leone



An excerpt from..

***Priests are Christians with Christians  
and  
Priests for Christians***

Do we Know who a Priest is?

The Priest is a person whose office is to perform religious rites, and especially to make sacrificial offerings. (In Christian use) a person ordained to the sacerdotal or pastoral office; a member of the clergy; minister. The English word "priest" is derived from the Greek word "presbuteros" which is commonly rendered into Bible English as "elder" or "presbyter." The ministry of Catholic priests is that of the presbyters mentioned in the New Testament (Acts 15:6, 23).

Not only Catholic Christians, but almost all People around the world expect great things from Priests; no one expects simple things or any sort of bad things from Priests. Therefore, in their relationship with the laity, priests should always be bright, cheerful and strict but attentive, have close bonds with the laity, intently listen to and intuitively understand their feelings, and willingly guide and explain to them. This Must begin from the very early stages of priesthood, that means as we are Fraters!

In all relationships, future clergy (especially Fraters) should possess authenticity, transparency, creativity, and honesty. All future priests are expected to embody the love of God through qualities of genuineness, empathy, compassion, and presence. Every Priest- as well as priests to be - must possess some virtues that would make them a model to the faithful. The most important virtue is Holiness that carries generosity, fidelity and fortitude — there is something even more necessary for priestly fathers today, that's Love without division/Classes and Cooperation.

Priests are Chosen by God from within the People. The purpose of God appointing the priests was so that the priest could act "for the people"; it was thus necessary for the priest to be chosen from among the people. He represented the people as he ministered in the most holy place before God (Cf. Hebr. 5:1). As he is appointed by God from the people, he is a Man as other people and thus a priest Must pray always and this would be built from the very early stages of priesthood (since Fraters). In everything we do, let us imitate Christ, make him a model towards our priesthood.

Submitted by

**Frt. Leodiger Peter Mfunguamali Shirima**  
2nd Year Philosophy at Kibosho Seminary  
Sponsor: **Elaine Burger**



## MARY OUR MOTHER

The most blessed virgin Mary is the mother of all people, she is the mother of priests, mother of the Church and mother of all church members; The reality of this is clearly seen in the holy scriptures (Jn 19:26) as Jesus handed over Mary to John who was His beloved disciple and John was handed over to Mary, to show that all Church members have been entrusted to the virgin Mary as their mother.

Also, virgin Mary is the mother of Jesus Christ, and the priest is another Christ, so Mary is the mother of priests. And also, Mary is the mother of Jesus who is the head of the Church, and the Church is the mystical body of Jesus Christ, so Mary who is the mother of Christ the head of the Church is also the mother of the church which is the mystical body of Christ.

As Catholics we do not worship Mary, we honor her just like Jesus honors her and this is because she is the mother of Christ, our mother, and mother of the Church.

And by honoring Mary we honor Jesus also as St. Louis Marie de Montfort said, "We never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor his Mother, and we honor her simply and solely to honor him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek – Jesus her son."

Submitted by: **Frt. Francis Festo Riziki**  
2nd Year Philosophy Mwendakulima Seminary  
Sponsor: **T.O. Bennett**



Right: Frt. Richard Baraka with a couple of spouses (Amos Majaliwa and Salome) who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Marriage.

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Sponsor: **Regina Rwegasira**



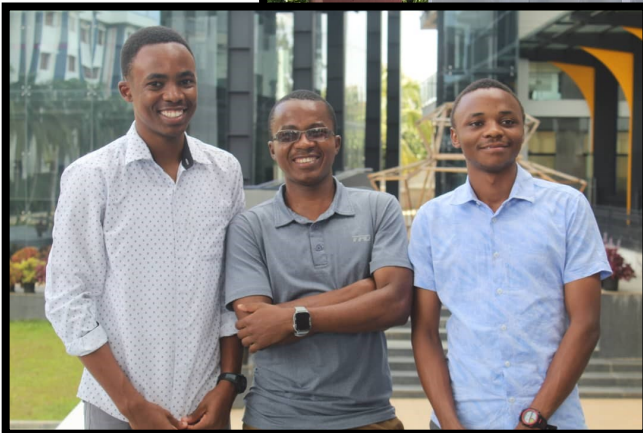
## Moshi Fraters Studying in India

Fraters Deodath Exuper Bahati, August Asantemungu Kessy, and George Narsis Bahati started their first year Philosophy studies at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram which is a Christ University Campus that deals with ecclesiastical studies. It is a Pontifical Athenaeum of Philosophy, Theology, Canon Law, and Formative Spirituality and Counselling located in state of Karnataka, city of Bangalore in India. Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram (From Sanskrit Language) means the Temple of Wisdom in the Garden of Virtues.



Left: - The chapel where we attend for prayers and other liturgical preparations. Usually, we attend to the chapel in the morning for Holy Mass, in the evening (17:40) for Rosary also at 19:40 for Breviary prayers and at 21:15 for night prayers.

Right: This is our library. It is the largest library in South India for ecclesiastical studies. It is a very good place where we will get a variety of different materials and it is also a good place for studying.

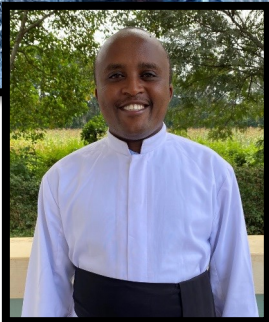


Left: Far from home, Frt. Deodath Exuper Bahati (left), Frt. August Asantemungu Kessy (center), and Frt. George Narsis Bahati (right) are all praying to have sponsors who will pray for them on their journey to the priesthood.

How many seminarians get to meet their sponsors? Not very many. How many seminarians get to go to their sponsor's workplace for a day? Maybe only this one

## A visit to the University of Dar Es Salaam

With Dr. Stephen Kirama and his wife, Cecilia Mjingo



The group visited the University of Dar es Salaam, our chapel and thereafter for lunch at our University quarter, Kileleni House No 13.

**Frater Arnold Bahati** is very blessed to be sponsored by **Dr. Stephen Kirama and Cecilia Mjingo**. He just completed 4th Year Theology and has started his **Pastoral Year**



One of the highlights of our trip is the seminarian gathering. We joined 140 seminarians as we gathered together for Mass to start the day. After Mass, we took pictures of each individual seminarian (for the website and their 'trading card') and pictures of each of the classes. After pictures, we had a very nice lunch at the retreat center...and then came the fun. Each seminarian is given a 'goodie bag' with pens and small sacramentals. Larger sacramentals (crucifixes, statues, books, laminated pictures) are raffled off with every seminarian receiving a raffle gift. Cards and gifts from sponsors are also distributed and every seminarian with a sponsor has time to write a card to his sponsor(s). It is a really great day!!

## THANK YOU TO ROSARY MAKERS!!

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Asante sana!

Thank you for your continued support for the Moshi Diocese!