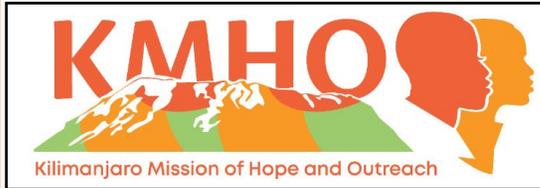


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Thank you for your continued support for the Moshi Diocese!

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Moshi Diocese welcomes 7 new transitional Deacons!



**Diaconate Ordination
February 11,
2021**

**Priesthood Ordination
August 12, 2021**



"SAFARI 2021"

Departing August 9th—Returning August 24rd

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".

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

Moshi Diocese Priestly Ordination

Thanksgiving celebrations

Wildlife Safari

Local shopping

Meet the people in their homes

Visit students in the classrooms

Share skills (like soap making, canning)

Climb Kilimanjaro

Eat, drink and be merry

Build a relationship with "sister" parish

Spend time with the seminarians

Visit nursing schools and dispensaries

Deliver gifts to children

Visit orphanages

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Safari



Local Shopping



Attend Ordination



Celebrate

A special thank you to our newest sponsors!!!

Sponsors	Major Seminarian	Seminarian Parish
Brady and Sarah Wilson	Frt. Fulgence Mosi Njau	Blessed Virgin Mary-Mother of God
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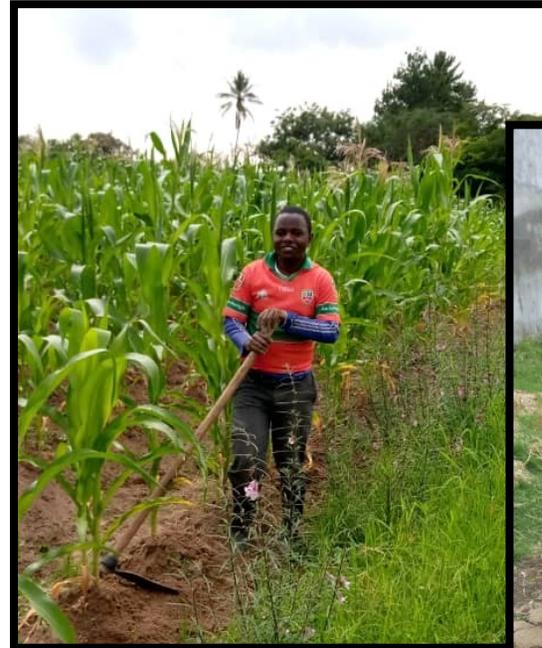
In addition to studying hard and praying hard... seminarians work hard...



Above: When the schools were reopened after the unexpected Corona break, the Parish priest Fr Emmanuel Tumaini, 'son' of Dr. Judy Green, celebrated Mass in all primary schools served by his Parish to thank God for protecting the kids against Corona and to entrust them and their teachers under the guidance of God in this challenging period. Picture shared by Frt. Festo Sambonanga who wrote, I loved this very much and I accompanied him in these Masses. He taught me by example what it means to be a father and to have pastoral zeal and love to the sheep entrusted under your care as a pastor.



Left: From left, Frts Raymond Riziki, Festo Sambonanga and Christian Mapendo in a picture at Longuo hall when we met with our guests from America. Frt. Raymond is sponsored by Dr. Ray and Randi Guarendi, Frt. Festo is sponsored by Dr. Judy Green, and Frt. Christian is sponsored by John and Teresa Peach.



Left: Frt. Richard Barnos doing shamba (farm) work. Frt. Richard is sponsored by T.O. Bennett.



Right: Frt. Abel Bahati does manual work around the parish. Frt. Abel is sponsored by Dr. Ray & Randi Guarendi.



Below: Frt. Festo Sambonanga gets help removing a large stump. Frt. Festo is sponsored by Dr. Judy Green.

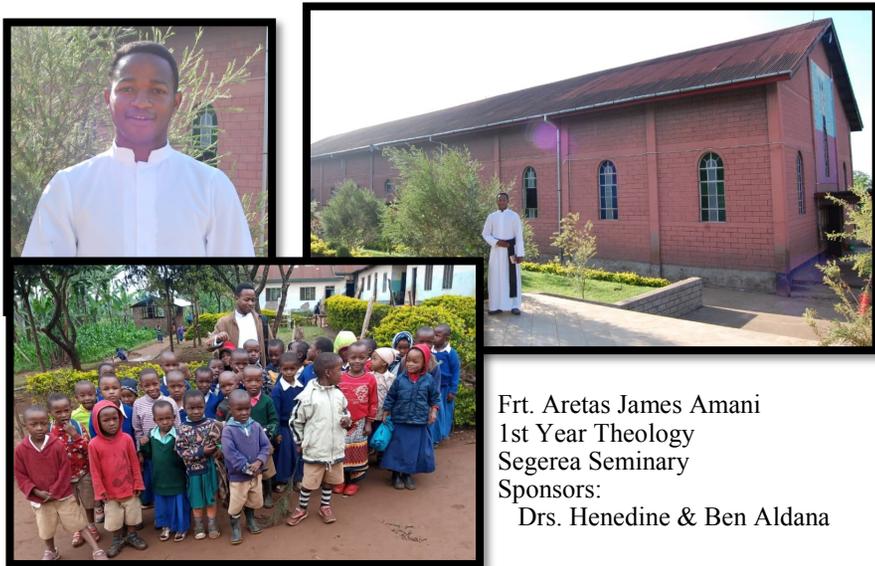


Above: Frt Agapiti Mahoo planting vegetables during his pastoral time at Uchira Parish. Frt. Agapiti is sponsored by Little Flower Bible Study.

ABOUT MY HOME PARISH

Nkombole Parish is my home parish. It was consecrated and inaugurated in 1974 and Rev. Fr. Stanslaus Sala became the first Parish Priest. This Parish is under the patronage and intercessions of Saint Francis Xavier, It is found in the Vicariate of Hai and it is closest to the plains and huge forest of Mountain Kilimanjaro. Due to its location near the mountain plains, it gets the significant feature of being one of the parishes considered to be located in the coldest place in Catholic Diocese of Moshi.

Nkombole Parish has approximately three thousand faithful. The people of God in this parish are generous, kind, and very fervent in receiving the Gospel of Christ. But, In spite of its mature age and the number of faithful it has, the parish is seriously suffering from the shortage of young men who are willing to serve God at His altar. It has only two Diocesan Priests, two Religious Priests and one Diocesan seminarian. I call upon everybody to pray for the increase of vocations in my home parish. Thank you and may God bless you all.



Fr. Aretas James Amani
1st Year Theology
Segerea Seminary
Sponsors:
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More Sponsors are Needed!!

The Moshi Diocese is blessed with many vocations. There are many seminarians waiting to have a sponsor (or sponsors) to pray for.

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Payments can be made in one payment directly from the website or you can arrange for monthly or quarterly payments by contacting T.O. Bennett at 330-497-6149 (landline) or at kmho.tz@gmail.com.

God Bless You for your prayers and support of these wonderful young men!!



The Pearl

“Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say a word and my soul shall be healed.” (Matthew 8:8)

These words are a symbol of great faith that we should have in Christ as our light and the guidance on our way to the Holy priestly vocation which is also an assistance to every human being who wishes to see God after accomplishment of what we are supposed to do here on earth.

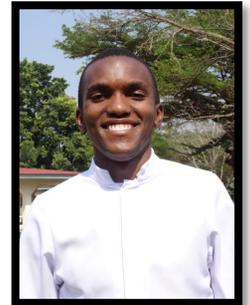
We are all invited to pray for each other so that what God has established in us may be accomplished according to his Holy will .

In a special way we are all invited to keep praying for our parents, formators and all our sponsors so that the Good Lord May keep blessing all they do and that all may be according to the Holy will of God.

Let us also keep praying for vocations in the Church so that God may grant the Church good and desirable people to serve him and his people.

May God the almighty bless us all.

Fr. Blass Michael Imani
1st Year Philosophy
Kibosho Seminary
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THE NAMES

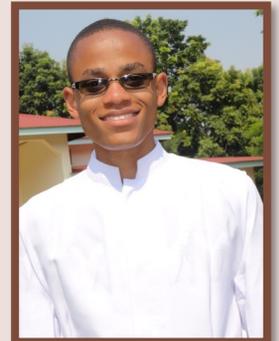
A name identifies, brands and directs one towards his/her fate. A name is a blessing.

God gave people names (new names) implying new responsibilities He intended them to undertake. This was as a sign of His covenant with them, an everlasting covenant and His promise is firmly unchanged. (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21)

A name that one receives at any instance (At Birth, Baptism, Work, School, etc) presupposes his/her nature, work, peculiar mission and providence. We are called to be a blessing to others by our works and deeds; even by our greetings too.

Ipsa facto:
How far has my life been a blessing to me and others?
Does my life trod salvation and blessings to others?

Fr. Vitalis N. Kitulizo
2nd Year Philosophy
Kibosho Senior Seminary
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TAKE IT EASY

Tumsifu Yesu Kristo.... I would like to speak about a certain principle in my life which is "TAKE IT EASY". Challenges and painful events are normal in life but the question is How do we deal with them?

Dear friends as far as what you're facing will not kill you take it easy. Remember that your problems are not new..they were there since the time of our fathers and you're not alone and they are not permanent. Whatever problem you encounter take a breath and take it a little easier.

Dear friends you have overcome even the worst moments you've encountered so far. Problems are part and parcel of our lives so they should not bring us down, rather they should give us strength to always look forward and to get hope out of them. Let us promise ourselves that..." One Day Yes"... Our future belongs to us and God knows how to strengthen it.

What we need is to boil down our problems and challenges as well as all things that bring us down into the simplest solution and to subject ourselves to more opportunities. A year is a long time if we do something every time. The small things will add up to more than we can imagine, we just have to keep going and we should not overstress ourselves.

Dear friends we have more time than we think, and more powerful than we believe. The right time for changes is now, the right time to decide is now, the right time to let it go is now...don't wait for tomorrow, because yesterday is the history of today!!!...so don't wait until it becomes the history, but deal with it now.

Therefore as far as lives challenges are concerned, sometimes we need to turn everything into jokes...so that we may live the happier life. Let us always smile, laugh and take things positively. The most important in our lives is to know who we are, our life backgrounds, our talents and appreciate them as well as to know the differences and sign's of time. Challenges make us strong and give us hope.

Frt. Beda Mapesa
2nd Year Philosophy
Ntungamo Seminary
Sponsors: Mike & Lillie Brand



Working Hard...

Below from Frt. Deogratias Miku:(far left) With other fraters at Kipalapala Seminary in our shamba (farm) work, where we work in the shamba to produce our own food for consumption. Here we fulfill the word of St. Paul's in the second letter to the church in Thessalonica: "We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let any one have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat. 2Thes.3:10-12

This is what we call scripture in action.

Frt. Deo is sponsored by Jason & Angela Miller



Above: Frt. Abel Bahati keeping the grounds clean. Frt. Abel is sponsored by Dr. Ray & Randi Guarendi.



Right: During pastoral work at Mango Parish, Frt. Festo Sambonanga is collecting the leftovers from the Shamba (farm) after the maize (corn) harvest to feed Parish livestock (cows and goats). Frt. Festo is sponsored by Dr. Judy Green.



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

THE ROLE OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS IN THE LITURGY

“THE MINOR SIGNS OF LOVE EXPRESSED ARE THE SOURCES OF GROWTH OF TRUE AND REAL LOVE”

Musical instruments like organs, drums, cymbals and many others; play a vital role in the liturgical celebrations, especially the Holy Mass.

Through these musical instruments, the whole assembly is aided to take an active part in singing. In this active participation, prayer is given more graceful expression, the unity of hearts is achieved by the union of voices, the mystery of the liturgy is more openly shown, and the whole celebration prefigures the Heavenly liturgy.

Left: Frt. Amedeus Mamkamba playing the organ in preparation for the Holy Mass at Ntungamo Seminary! Frt. Amedeus is waiting for a sponsor to pray for!

Left: Frt. Gastor Riziki practices his skills at the organ. Frt. Gastor is also anxiously waiting for a sponsor to pray for!

We know that the large amount of water in the river is caused by the number of small streams feed on it, also the amount of water in the Lakes or seas or oceans depends on the rivers and underground streams. This idea is applicable to the fact that the small thing has the effect in the formation of a big thing, “the minor signs of love shown by a person are the ones which generate the true love among ourselves.”

These good signs for TRUE LOVE are first generated, formed and structured in the FAMILY, that is the parents should show these signs to themselves and extend them to their children. And the family should extend that manner and good habit to clan and the extension continue up to the higher stage of the society.

“The good formation to the children/students today caused the good formator of tomorrow” this implies that the parents should make efforts to teach their children to show their love by actions step by step for they will be the good teachers on the aspect of LOVE.



The family picture, my father at the center, my two young sisters beside my father, on the left hand of my father there are my first young sister and my young brother and, on my father's right hand there are my second young sister and I frt. Richard Baraka.

Right: My name is Frt Gasto Lucas Mbeki (right) from The Assumption of Our Lady Kibosho Parish and Frt Gastor Riziki(left) from Mkuu Parish and both from the Catholic Diocese of Moshi and the first year of philosophy at Kibosho Seminary 2020/21. In the picture it was on August just few weeks earlier before we completed the formation year at St. Charles Lwanga Formation Center at Karanga. It is a very gift from God having a brother with the same level whom we share our names. Therefore what does it mean? This means that in this Earth God gives us our Guardian angels in different ways hence I see him (Gastor) as a person that I must pray for and walk together in God so as to achieve our determined goal of being future Good Priests. May God shine His light on dear Fr August Ndepatanisho, our Vocation director, together with our sponsors.

Both Frt. Gasto and Frt. Gastor are hoping for sponsors to pray for.

Frt. Richard Baraka
3rd Year Philosophy
Kibosho Seminary

Looking forward to praying for his sponsor(s)



Holidays – time to reconnect with my family!

After becoming a Seminarian, I found myself having few days to be at home with my family. I normally spend nine months in the seminary for Spiritual, Pastoral, Academic and Human formation. I get short holidays of about a week or less after Christmas and Easter respectively. The long vacation is normally three months, from July to the end of September. However, during the long vacation, Moshi seminarians are given one month to be at home with their families. Two remaining months are for pastoral activities of which seminarians are assigned to different parishes for pastoral work. So, I actually stay at home with my family for about a month only. At this precious time, I get opportunity to reconnect again physically with my family members and enjoy their company, sharing about life in general, making stories, planning together about family matters, praying together, engaging in various activities and so forth. I like working in our banana farm {shamba} by pruning, putting manure around banana trees and planting new trees replacing the old ones. They enjoy my presence at home and they always wonder how I can still do those things. They think after going to the seminary and receive a white cassock, one concentrates in studies and prayers only to the point of forgetting the good things he used to do in the past. I have been proving them wrong by showing them that there are things in life to be cherished no matter which state of life one enters. It is always a surprise to my mother and other family members. Holidays with my family are enjoyable!

Fr. Festo E. Sambonanga,
3rd Year Theology
Segerea Seminary
Sponsor: Dr. Judy Green



Above: Fr. Andrew Asantemungu is forming the next incoming class of Moshi seminarians at Karanga formation center. Seminarians go through one year of formation at Karanga before entering the senior seminary. Thanks be to God for the flourishing vocations in the Moshi Diocese!!

May God Reward Them...

Dear Friends and Supporters...in 2020 we acknowledged the passing of some of our dear sponsors; however, we failed to acknowledge the passing of sponsors in previous years of our program. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our dedicated sponsors who have passed since the beginning of our mission. May they rest in eternal peace and may God reward them generously for the love and support that they gave their 'sons' on their journey to the priesthood.

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Note: Some priests/seminarian names show up with multiple sponsors as new sponsors were found for the seminarians when their sponsors passed on to their eternal reward.



2nd Year Theology Fraters at Segerea Seminary take time to smile for a group selfie. Picture shared by Frt. Robert Ndumwa, sponsored by Bob and Becky Moore



Above: Moshi Diocese seminarians from Kapalapala Seminary pose for a photo after receiving ministry assignments. Picture shared by Frt. Richard Barnos who was named as a lector.

Below: From Frt. Blass Michael Imani—This is a picture of some of the seminarians of the 30th group from the formation house together with Rev. Fr Richard Munishi who was our formator at St James Junior Seminary also with one of our young brothers who is currently at the Karanga formation house (the first from left)



SPONSORING A SEMINARIAN HAS BENEFITS...PRAYERS, PRAYERS, and MORE PRAYERS!

Our seminarian sponsors receive many prayers:

1. Prayers from your 'son' as he continues his journey to the priesthood - and even after he is ordained as a priest. This is especially important if your family and friends don't pray for souls.
2. T.O. Bennett prays for each seminarian and his sponsor(s) by name at daily Mass.
3. **The 10 priests at St. James Junior Seminary in Moshi pray every Tuesday for the intentions of our sponsors.**



Thank you for your continued support of the Moshi seminarians! The benefits are "priceless" - and ETERNAL!

LET THE BLIND CARRY THE LAME AND THE LAME SHOW THE WAY

Amidst the challenges the world encounters today as far as human relations is concerned, I'm so moved to write this article which can propel us to rediscover the lost brotherhood in our society. Just as the recoil of the gun indicates firing of the bullet, so too, the problems and challenges we encounter today entail something grievously wrong in human society. To say it in a nutshell, extreme individualism has been at the heart of our communities today.

Man being a social being ought to live with other humans in order to discover oneself and so accomplish the goal of one's life. But, humanity should always be the object of this socialization. So, despite our differences whatsoever, we need to help each other. There are those who cannot see the reality of life whom in this context I may call them "the blind." There are also those who have the capacity to see the reality of life but cannot walk to it; these I may call them "the lame." So, our world today, comprises if such persons. Our human relations then, to be authentic, need each other. This means that, those who can see the reality of life but can't walk to it, need the blind that, though cannot walk to it but can see it. Thus, we need each other in our daily undertakings.

Above all, charity should be at the very heart of our relations. We need to treat each other as subjects, of equal value and dignity. We need to think of people as people. Let not the privileges which God has bestowed on us ever blind us. Let us see the needs of others!

"Let the Blind carry the Lame and the Lame show the way"

FRT. EMMANUEL LIVINGSTONE
2ND YEAR THEOLOGY
KIPALAPALA SEMINARY
SPONSORS: MARY ELLEN BECK AND EDIE PRICE



Kibosho volleyball players pose for a photo before the inter-seminary match between Kibosho Senior seminary vs Njiro seminary. Kibosho scored 3 sets, Njiro nil. Picture shared by Frt. Geoffrey V. Zawadi. Frt. Geoffrey, 2nd year Philosophy is sponsored by Geoffrey Oloo

SEMINARIANS ARE NOT WEAK, THEIR ROUTINES ARE COMPLEX

After a long reflection upon 'seminary lifestyle' and the way some other persons think of it as being 'too simple and that some seminarians are too weak'; it oppurtunes me to attest it otherwise. The justification to contra such a claim is simple; and it is simply 'the complexity of seminary timetable.'

A seminarian is normally a strong person both physically and spiritually. The school timetable, where one needs to stay for *at least seven years after high school*; requires much exercises in *physical glances* (for instance manual labor, games and sports, presence in different communal gatherings, etc.), as well as in *spiritual glances* (for instance in prayers, studies, meditations, moral life, etc.). Below are some daily events which briefly expound why a seminarian must be strong enough (body and Soul) in order finally to be a priest:

	<p>After waking up, it's time to <i>start the day with Holy Mass in the Chapel</i> *every seminarian must attend without unreasonable excuse</p>
	<p>It is now time to be <i>Classes for Intellectual Formation</i>. At around after noon- we get our lunch after mid-day prayers - * attending classes is necessary</p>
<p><i>After studies we get some few minutes for siesta or personal activities - important</i></p>	
	<p>After a while, we are to be for manual labor or <i>sports and games</i>. – all these areas should be attended Then we go for the third time in the Chapel for Spiritual Matters, prior to the fourth one which is complete.</p>
	<p>Sometime after dinner, we watch news and do some sharing prior to <i>Completo (final prayers at around 8:45pm)</i> After Completo, it is not time for sleeping; but rather 'in silence to study or meditate.' The normal sleeping moment is 11:30pm and rising is around 6:00am.</p>
<p>How then can you survive in this hardly-shortened time-table unless balanced in almost all areas of formation: being spiritual, intellectual, human or pastoral? Hardworking seminarians are normally the ones who become good future priests.</p>	

Fr. Eugene E. Kawau,
4th Year Theology
Segerea Seminary
Sponsors: George (RIP) and Rita Young



A Visit with Fr. Hilary Furaha's Family...

Dear friends in America:

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Fulgence express their cordial gratitude to you fellow 'parents' (friends) in America; for nurturing the vocation of their beloved son Fr Hilary Furaha. It is because of your spiritual and material support that our son in God's providence was ordained a priest. We were also very happy to have your visit to our home (family); because through your visit we came to realize that we have a 'twin' family in USA.

You are really our brothers and sisters in Christ. We welcome you again to visit our family whenever you come to Tanzania.

The gift of priesthood given to our son Fr Hilary Furaha is for the Universal Church and in a special way for our families; both in Tanzania and America.

May God continue to bless you abundantly.

Fr. Hilary is the son of Debbie and Dr. Jose Ventosa



Above: Guests from USA visit with Fr. Hilary's family

Left: Fr. Hilary blesses the rosaries that were brought as gifts for the family.

**Dear benefactors and friends of the
Catholic Diocese of Moshi, Tanzania,**

We joyfully begin another year of service to the Kingdom of God. We have no idea what this year will bring but we thank God for whatever He wills for our lives. *Thank you* for walking this journey (that's "safari" in Swahili) with us. May His many graces and blessings help us to all arrive at the goal of Eternal Life with God in heaven.

Our new bishop, Rt. Rev. Ludovick Joseph Minde, ALCP/OSS extends his greetings and appreciation to you all:



"I ..want to extend my sincere gratitude to you all, since in the imitation of Our Lord, you have given yourself all year long—2020, in response to God's call to support the Church and particularly the Catholic Diocese of Moshi. Your efforts and spiritual and material support have made the Church in the Diocese of Moshi to continue with her salvific work for the people of God.

"Our seminarians continue to thrive in preparation to the Holy Orders....and others tasted the Love of God through your prayers and donations, thanks to God and thanks to you. **It is on this account I personally, as the Chief Pastor (The Bishop) of Moshi, wish to acknowledge and appreciate your sacrifice for the children of the Catholic Diocese of Moshi.**

"It is our tradition over the years now to have a novena of the Holy Mass for 9 days celebrated for you and your family. We pray that Almighty God may keep you safe, bless the work of your hands (Ps. 90:17) and the Holy Spirit continue to kindle the spirit of service in your for His Church. May you find joy and satisfaction in what you do for God's people! May the year 2021 be a year of God's Grace and abundant blessings to you and your family!

"Thank you so very much, and please be assured of our prayer support. Welcome to the Catholic Diocese of Moshi at any time, we will be happy to have you visit us."



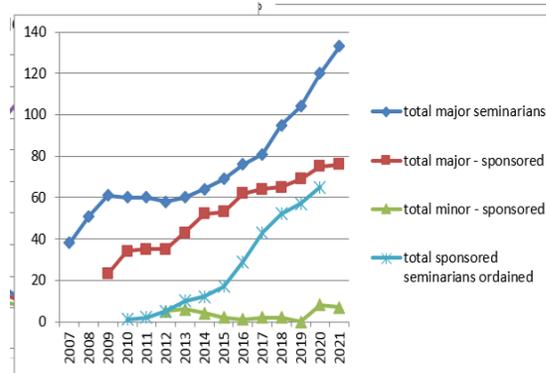
Kilimanjaro Mission of Hope and Outreach

Are we traveling to Moshi this year? God willing. You are welcome to join us! Stay tuned.....

More good news—the KMHO website has had a wonderful facelift. Now you can find seminarians to sponsor and make your donations online—if you wish. We are still available by e-mail and do accept donations by check. ☺ **KMHO.ORG**

God bless us all.

T.O. Bennett, MBA
KMHO Seminarian Sponsorship Coordinator



The seminarian metrics:

133 major seminarians—
76 are sponsored;
57 are not sponsored
7 minor seminarians are sponsored

65 sponsored seminarians
have been ordained
to the priesthood to date

*Thank you
Asante Sana
Thanks be to God
Tumshukuru Mungu*

*Why are there 133 senior seminarians
in the Catholic Diocese of Moshi?*



Only the Holy Spirit Knows for sure...