

# THE MOST SEMINARIAN

MARCH 2024



**4 JANUARY 2024**



# THE MOSHI DIOCESE HAS 12 NEW PRIESTS!!



**Hongera Sana (Congratulations!!) to the 12 new Priests who were ordained to the Holy Priesthood on January 4th at Christ the King Cathedral in Moshi, Tanzania**  
**A very special 'THANK YOU' to the sponsors who prayed for them on the journey!!**

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Left: Newly ordained Father Christian Mapendo Tesha (2024) and Father Andrew Asantemungu (2015) together send their thanks and greetings to sponsors, John and Teresa Peach.



Right: **Frt. Novath Valentine Akili** in a good moment with two religious brothers from the Order of St. Benedict.

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## **A Call to Emulate Christ: Nurturing Community Life in Our Christian Journey**

**Dear Fellow Christians,**

In our sacred journey as seminarians, let's draw inspiration from Jesus and emphasize the essence of community life within the broader Christian family. Love must guide our interactions, echoing Christ's selfless and unconditional love, transcending earthly boundaries.

Extend the practice of communal sharing beyond seminary walls – share triumphs, challenges, and everyday moments. Forgiveness, mirroring our forgiving Savior, should hallmark our Christian communities, fostering spaces of redemption and reconciliation over judgment.

Embrace the strength of encouragement and support, lifting one another in times of trial and celebrating together in joy. Grow in humility, offering friendly correction as we recognize imperfections, contributing to each other's spiritual development.

Anchor the practice of communal prayer in our wider Christian community, seeking God's guidance collectively and lifting each other's concerns and aspirations. As seminarians, let's be torchbearers of Christ's teachings by embodying love, sharing word of God and life experiences, forgiving, supporting, correcting with kindness, and praying together. In navigating this journey, may our actions reflect the transformative power of Christ's love in the world.

**In Christ,**

**Frt. Josaphat August Kessy**

Submitted by **Frater Josaphat August Kessy**  
1st Year Philosophy  
Kibosho Senior Seminary

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## **DIACONATE ORDINATION**

**August 1st, 2024  
Christ the King Cathedral  
Moshi Tanzania**

**The list of ordinands is not yet available.  
Priestly ordination date has not been announced.**





Left: United as a community, we attentively listen to the pastoral experience and vocation story of our fellow seminarian, inspired by the guidance of St. Turibio Mogrovejo, our patron saint, a moment strengthening our bond in this sacred journey.

Right: Gathering in reverence, we immerse ourselves in the Word of God as a community, guided by the spirit of St. Turibio Mogrovejo, our patron saint. The shared reflections from our fellow community member deepen our connection on this spiritual path



Above photos shared by **Frater Josaphat August Kessy**, 1st Year Philosophy Kibosho Senior Seminary. **Praying to have a sponsor soon!**

## THE OBJECT OF PRAYER

*"Amen amen I say to you. If you ask anything from my Father in my name it will be given to you"* (John 14:13)



Our object to pray is Christ, we're always invited by him to ask through him to the Father.

The conclusion of most liturgical prayers in the Catholic Church is always prayed and ended *"...through Christ our Lord..."* That is to say our Lord bridges us with the Father, let us pray through him and to him through his mother and all will be granted.

St. James the apostle teaches us that if we ask what is good in faith it will be granted to us. St. Basil adds that we should not only ask what is good in faith but we should persevere since God knows the time he will give us as he wills.

Submitted by **Frater Blass Michael Imani**  
1st Year Theology - Kipalapala Senior Seminary

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## WINNING STARTS WITH BEGINNING!

It is the truth that “everything great starts with something little,” within little things lie big opportunities. According to John Mason “Nothing can be done except little by little.” It’s evident that those who think they are too big to do little things are perhaps too little to be asked to do big things. Always we should learn that small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.

Jesus Christ as our model assumed a complete human nature, he existed the way all other humans do until the time revealed he is a son of God. “He is a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek” (Heb 5:6). He is a good example to us; he began well his ministry through praying, fasting, preaching and finally he became a winner through the work of salvation. In as much as every priest is another Christ (*alter Christus*) as in many ways as in which we are related to Christ, we trust and believe that our priestly vocation derives from Him and all the effectiveness of our priesthood comes from him (Heb 5:4). To us all continue his priesthood not only by having contact with him in heaven, but also by remaining human and speaking to him in the name of the entire humanity, through our daily little acts done with great love. To live and act like Christ we are demanded to be completely present and mindful in every minute of every day.

Dear brothers, we as the future priest, our beginning in this very present moment, is what symbolizes our future priesthood here and now. Our daily life demands us to love and live our responsibilities such as praying, working, studying and so on. We shall be able to accomplish this by a developing positive attitude, creating humble habits, hardworking spirits and having the fortuitous life. These little opportunities demand us to work on them in great ways and finally we shall be rewarded by God himself (Mat.25:21).

***“The only way to make rapid progress along the path of divine love is to remain very little and put our trust in the Almighty God.”***

St. Theresa of Lisieux

Start up something somewhere and in long run, winning will come your way. *“People who feel little things reduce their reputation are perhaps too little to be given big things to do. Because small opportunities are mostly the beginning of tremendous achievement”* – Robert Schuller.

According to W. Clement *“The reason why many fail is because they don’t get started, they don’t go. They don’t overcome inertia, they don’t begin”*. It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop, take courage and do it unceasingly, start doing; the time is yours, you can make and finally you will be the best winner.

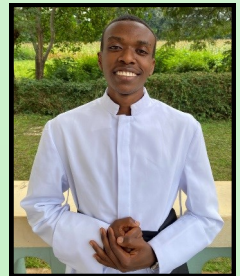
**Submitted by: Frt. Victor Raphael Tumaini.**

1<sup>st</sup> year philosophy.

St. Augustine Major Seminary – Peramiho

**He is hoping and praying to soon have a sponsor.**

**Will it be you?**



## “LETTING THE CHILDREN COME TO JESUS”

Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these”* (Matthew 19:14).

As we have been reflecting on the birth of the child Jesus during the Christmas time it is appropriate to reflect on the place of children in the ministry of Jesus and the implication of a childlike life of faith. The text in Matthew 19:14 shows that in his ministry Jesus both cares for children and distinguishes their value as a model to His disciples. Some were bringing children to Jesus so that He can lay hands on them and pray for them.



While some of the disciples rebuked those who were bringing children to Jesus, Jesus insists on letting the little children come to Him. He tells the disciples not to obstruct them because the kingdom of heaven belongs to those who are like children. Jesus teaches us as His disciples of our need for childlike faith and humility as he also taught, *“Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven”* (Matthew 18:3–4). Children show such humble dependence that Jesus commissions each one of us to follow in a similar example.

In fact we are to train up children in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6). We should therefore not irritate, aggravate, dishearten or provoke children to anger. Instead we should read bible stories together, teaching them simple prayers, praying in gratitude before and after mealtimes, as well as playing and praying together with them so that they might taste the loving and caring heart of Jesus in us. In this way we will be letting the children come to Jesus.

Submitted by **Fr. Nicholaus Majaliwa**  
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*Picture was taken at Kifuni Designated Parish when I was assigned as one of my pastoral duties to visit the Small Christian Communities for Children when they meet for prayers in their respective centers in their streets. It was a nice experience to pray with these children (September 2023).*

# THE SHORT HISTORY OF HOLY FAMILY NATIONAL MAJOR SEMINARY - MWENDAKULIMA



This seminary started on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 as a result of the lack of enough accommodation centers and other infrastructures facilities in the seminaries which existed before, for the young teenagers who are aspired to serve God in the future as priests. Currently in the Church of Tanzania a number of young teenagers who are eager to be the priests in the future is increasing day by day. Therefore, the Church through the bishops has decided to take the immediate action by establishing this new seminary rather than to deny the young teenagers to pursue their future because of the lack of enough accommodations in the seminaries like Kibosho and Kipalapala which existed before. At the beginning it started with only 108 seminarians but until this time we are 288 seminarians.

However, the aim for this seminary to be introduced is to have both Philosophical and Theological studies at the same time in one of the centers of priestly formation, whereby the Theological studies were introduced on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. On the part of Theological studies there are only seminarians for the first year, most of them being the ones who have accomplished their Philosophical studies in the same seminary (Mwendakulima). It is my hope that as the time goes on if God wishes we shall be able to cover both years of Theological studies which are four and later on according to God's plan we will have the priests as the first fruits of this seminary.

This seminary is called Mwendakulima because it is located in one of the villages known as Mwendakulima which is in Kahama diocese. However, it is called Holy Family National Major Seminary because of the two major reasons. Firstly, it is dedicated under the Holy Family of Nazareth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Secondly, it is national based as it takes the seminarians from all dioceses of Tanzania, that is Tanzanian mainland and Zanzibar which is Tanzanian island different from other seminaries which are regional based. We are involved with different activities main of them being: piggery project, poultry keeping, livestock keeping, vegetable garden and cultivation of maize.

***Holy Family of Nazareth  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
Pray for us.***

Submitted by **Frater Novath Valentine Akili**  
2nd Year Philosophy  
Mwendakulima - Holy Family Seminary

**Good news of a new sponsor would truly bring joy to Frater Novath Valentine. Will you sponsor him?**





## COMPATIBILITY

### Seeking to 'upgrade' our lifestyles with the convictions and truths of the Holy Gospel!

"Compatibility" is a term that is increasingly becoming a common word in our everyday vocabulary, thanks to the widespread usage of computers and mobiles. Compatibility refers to the state in which two things are able to exist or occur together without problems or conflict. It is the capacity for two systems to work together, without having to be altered to do so. Eg. A computer which has a Windows 6 Operating System (the very old version) will not be able to support many of the latest programs and software... It is because of a "compatibility" issue. Eg. A mobile, like the old "Nokia" 1100, without an Android-base, will not be able to have many of the new applications like WhatsApp etc... It is because of a "compatibility" issue. This compatibility issue can also appear in our spiritual life. When we are not in proper terms with God, we fail to understand many of His plans for us. When we are not in line with God's Will, we lose out on grasping many of His aspirations for us. And that is why the Lord tells, in today's Gospel, "If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?" (Jn 3: 12).

The conversation between Nicodemus, in the darkness of the night and Jesus, the Light of the world continues... The Lord speaks of the need "to be born anew" and of how the movement of the Spirit cannot be judged, but its effects can be perceived and felt (Jn 3:7). But Nicodemus fails to understand these words of the Lord. In his ignorance and unawareness, he puts forward a genuine doubt, "How can this be?" (Jn 3:9). Nicodemus was unable to grasp the meaning of the words of the Lord. He looked lost. He seemed confused. He appeared bewildered. His thoughts were not "compatible" with the thoughts of the Lord. His understanding was not "compatible" with the wisdom spoken by the Lord. And so Jesus says that one would fail to understand heavenly things, if one fails to even understand the earthly things.

How often is our life also not "compatible" with the requirements of Jesus, and His Gospel! Our thought-pattern often fails to be "compatible" with the teachings of the Church. Our relationship with others often fails to be "compatible" with the command of love of all. Our personal following of Jesus often fails to be "compatible" with our dual mind of seeking also the pleasures of this world. A great deal of "incompatibility" is often experienced by us in the spiritual realm.

Let us seek to "update" our lives with the love and power of the Holy Spirit. Let us pledge to "upgrade" our lifestyles with the convictions and truths of the Holy Gospel. Let us move from a state of "How can this be?" to a state of "Indeed, it is so!" with the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us thirst for Him. Let us long for Him.

Submitted by **Fr. Emmanuel Gideon Amani**

Second year of philosophy  
Ntungamo Major Seminary

**He would really like to apply his powerful prayers for his sponsor. Would you like him to pray for you?**



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27 August - 9 September

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Left: **Fr. Joseph Cornelius Zawadi** going to the outstation for Sunday Service. I am doing my pastoral at Emmanuel God with us - Msitu wa Tembo Designated Parish. In order to reach the outstation one has to cross the river using the local canoe as it is seen here.

Submitted by **Frater Joseph Cornelius Zawadi**  
Pastoral Year  
Sponsored by **Lucien and Jossie Fundak**

Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas card! It arrived a bit late (January 20), but it warmed my heart ♥ to see the signatures of Mama Linda, Esther, Claudia, and others. Please pass my warm greetings and heartfelt to all those who signed the Christmas card. I appreciate their kindness.



Your thoughtful gesture means a lot to me. I truly appreciate it, and you are all in my daily prayers.  
Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Josaphat Kessy  
Kibosho Seminary  
1st Year Philosophy

**Frater Josaphat Kessy would love to have a sponsor to pray for. He seems like a very thoughtful and prayerful young man. What do you think?**



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## **Embracing Light and Purity: Reflections on the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus**

In the tapestry of our liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus, celebrated on February 2, stands as a radiant thread woven with significance and symbolism. This sacred day marks the presentation of the infant Jesus at the temple in Jerusalem, a proud event rich in spiritual meaning.

As an integral part of the presentation ritual, we celebrate the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the theme of consecration and purity. Though she was mother of God, she showed a profound obedience to Jewish laws. We can emulate Mary's obedience to the law, seeking spiritual purification and consecration. As we consecrate ourselves, we become vessels of grace, ready to reflect the purity of Christ to the world.

Drawing a profound example from the elderly Simeon and Anna, we should keep ourselves with the Holy Spirit so that we can recognize Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Their joyous proclamation reminds us to actively seek and recognize the presence of Christ in our lives. In this world filled with distractions, let us cultivate the spiritual discernment necessary to perceive the divine in our midst, embracing the transformative power of Christ.

The presentation of Jesus in the temple foreshadows his later mission. Similarly, as followers of Christ, we are called to live out our mission and purpose. On this day, we are reminded of our role in service to others, remembering that our actions and deeds are extensions of Christ's love in the world. The humble words of Mother Teresa, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving," remind us to use whatever talents we have, no matter how weak or strong they are, to serve the sheep of God.

As part of this grand celebration, we are blessing and lighting candles. In the glow of candlelight, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that"; therefore we should embrace the light of Christ in ourselves so that we can extend it to others.

Wishing you all the blessings of Jesus and his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, in your daily missions. Thank you all.

Submitted by Frt. August Asantemungu Kessy.  
1st Year Philosophy at  
Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram-India.

**He has a big smile reflecting his loving heart. Will you be his sponsor?**



## GOD SAVES

### ***Entrusting all our works and deeds to the Safe Hands of Jesus, our Saviour!***

A commonly-known humorous narration is told about how Jesus and Satan were having an argument about who was better on the computer. They said to each other: "Let's set up a test that will run for three hours and then let's see who does the better job!" So Jesus and Satan sat down at the keyboards and typed away. They did spreadsheets. They wrote reports, sent faxes, e-mails they downloaded. They did every known job. But ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky thunder rolled the rain poured and, of course, the electricity went off. Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld. Jesus just sighed and remained cool! The electricity finally flickered back on and they restarted their computers. Satan started searching his files frantically, screaming: "It's gone! It's all gone! I lost everything when the power went out!" Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out, all of his files that He had worked on from the past three hours. Satan observed this and became irate. "Wait! You cheated, how did you do it?" Jesus just shrugged and replied, "Don't forget, I am Jesus! The meaning of the name Jesus is: God Saves!"

Well... the three hours of the agonizing Death of Christ on the Cross, was seen as a sign of victory by Satan. The Kingdom of darkness had been conquered... so it was felt! The world of misery had overcome all goodness... so it was felt! But it was God who had the last laugh! Jesus rose from the dead, and life and salvation became the last words. The Resurrection - Jesus' rising from the dead - was the most spectacular joke that God had pulled on Satan. It was a reminder that whatever happens in life when one has entrusted everything to the Lord, then ultimately, God Saves!

Submitted by Frt. Emmanuel Gideon Amani  
Second year of philosophy  
Ntungamo Major Seminary

**Hoping and praying to soon have a sponsor. Will you be the answer to his prayers?**



**A very special  
THANK YOU and  
a wish for a  
Blessed Easter  
to all our  
sponsors!!**



## THE CLOSEST TO GOD THE ONLY ONE AWARE OF GOD'S MOST SECRET CHAMBER.

What is it? Philosophers speculate and scientists search but at the end no one is aware of it. St Augustine of Hippo teaches of humility as the only way through which we can have some knowledge about God. Beloved friend in Christ, St Alphonsus De Liguori reminds you today of what you ever knew and still you know of it and that is "prayer."

Prayer is so close to God to the extent that nothing in a good prayer is ignored by God.

The Lord taught us how to pray not in shouts and so many words but in humility and Faith. Let us not get tired of praying.

Let us in a special way always pray for the Church.

Submitted by **Frater Blass Michael Amani**  
1st Year Theology at Kipalapala Senior Seminary  
**Sponsored by Mike and Romaine Lee**



Below: a photo of Fraters of second year Philosophy with Fr. Andrew AsanteMungu .A photo was taken in 2021 when we were at Karanga formation house before we started our Philosophical studies. We exercise to keep our health strong, to keep us busy hence avoiding the commitment of sins and to build a good social relationship with our neighbors

Submitted by **Frater Novath Valentine Akili**  
2nd Year Philosophy at Mwendakulima Senior Seminary  
**His sponsor is out there somewhere...Is it you?**



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## **EACH ONE'S VOCATION IS A TREASURE** ***Discover, Discern, Respond and Live it to the Fullest***

A vocation is a precious gift and the light that illumines our daily life. Each one's vocation is a precious pearl and the greatest grace each person has received from God. Hence, we have to give thanks to God for this kind of gift.

The Christian life of every faithful, however ordinary it may be, brings with it unique vocation. This vocation is an invitation to follow Christ into a new life. No one has been born by chance! Every believer in any state or walk of life, has been called by God to the highest divine vocation, that is, the vocation to holiness (Mt. 5:48). This is the apostolate addressed to all faithful. Christ has called all of us to follow him, to imitate him and to help other people know him. God, Our Father, has made us sharers in his intimate life through Baptism. To each, he has given a special task in life, and has lovingly prepared a place in heaven where he waits for us like a father awaiting his child after a long trip. Every good catholic should be eager to foster vocation to holiness among friends and relatives. Therefore, all baptized are called to be saints.

In addition to the vocation to holiness by the virtue of Baptism, God has given a particular call to each person. This means that, some individuals are called in a special way to a certain vocation. While the majority are called to live in the midst of the world so that they can transform it from within, others are called to separate themselves from the world while giving public witness to God as consecrated persons. One's special vocation is always a choice on God's part, though man can also positively accept the call or not. God always gives, along with a vocation, the grace we need to persevere in it. In this context, God prepares those he has chosen for a mission, and disposes them so that they are able to carry out what He has called them to do. Fidelity to our vocation is fidelity to God and to the mission he entrusts us with, as well as our specific and personal way of giving glory to God.

Our faithfulness to the personal call that we have received from God, is very important. Our happiness depends on our faithful response to this call, and the way we live it. We should always remember that each one's vocation is a treasure. It has to be highly valued as it leads us to the fullness of life in Christ, and to the perfection of love. Due to this, it is our major concern to fulfill the duties imposed by our particular vocation.

Submitted by **Fr. Amedeus J. Mamkamba**  
Third Year Theology  
Kipalapala Senior Seminary  
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# Kilimanjaro - she is known locally as "Kili"



Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa, is a wonderful and awe-inspiring sight that captivates all who lay eyes on it. Located in Kilimanjaro-Tanzania, this iconic mountain stands at an impressive 5,895 Meters above sea level, making it a popular destination for adventurers and nature enthusiasts from around the world.

One of the most striking features of Mt. Kilimanjaro is its snow-capped summit, which stands in stark contrast to the surrounding savannah and lush rainforests. The sight of the glistening white peak against the deep blue sky is truly a sight to behold, and one that leaves a lasting impression on all who witness it.



But the beauty of Mt. Kilimanjaro is not just limited to its physical appearance. The mountain is also home to a diverse array of

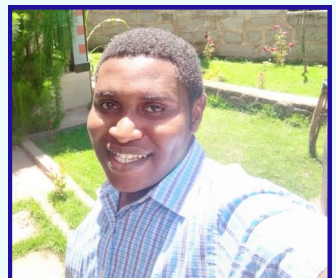
flora and fauna, including rare and endangered species such as the Kilimanjaro tree frog and the Kilimanjaro shrew. The mountain is also a vital water catchment area, providing water to millions of people in the surrounding region.

For those brave enough to attempt the climb, Mt. Kilimanjaro offers a once-in-a-lifetime experience that is both challenging and rewarding. The trek to the summit takes climbers through five distinct climate zones, each with its own unique landscapes and ecosystems. From the lush rainforests at the base of the mountain to the barren, lunar-like landscape of the summit, climbers are treated to a diverse and ever-changing environment that is unlike anything else on Earth.

But perhaps the most rewarding part of the climb is reaching the summit itself. Standing on the roof of Africa, with the vast expanse of the continent stretching out below you, is a truly humbling experience. The sense of accomplishment and awe that comes with reaching the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro is something that stays with climbers long after they have returned home, leaving aside the hardship encountered during the summit. Welcome to Kilimanjaro, the City/home of the highest peak of Africa.

By **Fr. Kelvin Bariki**  
3rd Year of Philosophy  
Kibosho Senior Seminary

**Praying to have a sponsor soon!**



## Happy Easter!

Easter is a joyous Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, as described in the New Testament of the Bible. It is considered the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church. Easter is a time of hope, renewal, and new beginnings.

Remember, Easter is a time for celebrating the resurrection and reflecting on the significance of this event. It's also a time for spending quality time with family and friends, attending church services, and enjoying special Easter traditions.

May this Easter bring you peace, love, and happiness!

Submitted by **Frater Ludovick Paul Shirima**

3rd Year Philosophy Kibosho Senior Seminary

**Smiling nicely and praying to soon have a sponsor**



## OUR ULTIMATE GOAL IS HOLINESS



Holiness is commonly defined as being separate or set apart. God's people must be holy by being set apart from sin. Holiness according to this definition is separateness that entails moral purity. The core idea behind holiness is absolute moral purity. God is not only perfectly good but also he is the very source and standard of goodness. In this regard, goodness has a permanence to it precisely because it is rooted in the eternal and everlasting God. Goodness does not change because God does not change.

Submitted by **Frater Evarist Lucian Shirima**

1st Year Theology Kipalapala Senior Seminary

**Looking forward to praying for a sponsor; will it be you?**



Left: The picture was taken ten years ago at St James Seminary . I and my fellow seminarians won the trophy in the seminary league and we were awarded a goat. Those displayed on the picture are now engineers, a soldier, a teacher, a medical doctor and Frt. Dennis at the back! (The memory brings back the laughter from those old good days when men were boys).

Submitted by **Frater Dennis Ajuayemungu**  
**Sponsored by Peter and Babette Murphy**



## PEACE, A GIFT OF EASTER

Peace is one of the best fruits of the Easter season. Bishop Fulton Sheen in his book "The Life of Christ" is saying that three times after the resurrection, the Risen Christ gave the solemn benediction of peace. The first one was while the Apostles were terrified and frightened; the second, after He gave proof of His resurrection; and the third, a week later when Thomas was with them.

During the Easter Sunday evening the risen Lord appeared in the midst of His disciples in the Upper Room where they were assembled and greeting them with the words: "Peace be upon you." (Lk.24:36) Peace is not just a tranquility but a tranquility of order. It's through the real peace which can allow the Risen Lord to make His dwellings in us. May this Easter of 2024 make us to be the messengers of the of the real peace of the Risen Lord.

**Happy Easter 2024 to You All.**

Submitted by **Frater Novath Valentine Akili**  
2nd Year Philosophy at Mwendakulima Seminary

**Praying really hard for someone to sponsor him.**



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## LENT: THE WAY OF PASSION IS THE WAY OF BELIEF, THE WAY OF BELIEF IS THE WAY OF SALVATION

Each season in the Catholic Church has its significant reason and end. One of the seasons in the Church is Lent, the forty days period of fasting, prayer, repentance, acts of charity, all accompanied by simplicity and self-denial. Lent is a preparatory period towards Easter. True Lent is the fact of the whole Christians' life as a journey towards unending Easter of one's own resurrection-partaking in the glorified life of Christ our Lord. So to say, the forty days period stands symbolically as the journey of life of any man. This period is culminated in the reflection of the Paschal Mystery which is the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. However, we cannot limit the understanding of the Paschal Mystery in the threefold fact (passion, death and resurrection) excluding the earlier life of Jesus, but the wider understanding of all these three facts can lead to the understanding that the Paschal Mystery is the reality of the whole life of Jesus. That is why Lenten season should be the reality of the day to day life of a Christian. Jesus is also calling us to live and follow his way, to learn from him (Matt 11:29), He is the way, the truth and the life (Jn 14:6). Following him is allowing ourselves to suffer and die for him that we may share in his life. This is the call of Lent each year, imitating Jesus who chose illogical kenotic option for the salvation of mankind.



Submitted by **Frater Vedastus Gabriel Shukuru**  
Second Year Philosophy at Ntungamo Senior

**Please answer my prayers for a sponsor**

## THE COIN OF APPRECIATIONS

It is usual for a wise person to give thanks for any favour given. It was further acknowledged that 'one who give thanks asks for more.' However, what one asks for more is a gift, and a gift is never a right to be claimed. It is thus given out of gratuitous love. If we fail to recognize that, we may be in concurrence with Friedrich Nietzsche who said, '*should not the giver be thankful that the receiver received? Is not giving a need? Is not receiving mercy?*' such a claim may be interpreted as some sort of arrogance on the one asking for a favour.

Easter season is the period of giving thanks and thus asking more graces from God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit, not because we deserve but only because He dispenses graces to us whom we are unworthy to claim. Therefore, our salvation is a gift given out of great love for humanity. Moreover, if Jesus would not have done what He did, that act would have not made Him bad/evil for He is essentially good.

Pondering from the above fact we come to realize that, even those who have something and yet have not opted helping us are never evil/bad, yet they are still good. This is due to the fact that, they are enjoying what they have long laboured for as it was postulated in Genesis after the fall of man. It is therefore a call to each one to work as to earn our living. This is ordinary!

Nevertheless, there are those extraordinary men and women who, in the light of faith and in unity that Jesus prayed for in John 17, have decided to offer time, material and spiritual support for the growth of the Kingdom of God on earth. It is the fruit of Easter. Such an act makes them not only 'good' but rather 'better.' In this, I would like to send a lot of appreciations to our sponsors. They have decided to become better through us, seminarians. This is not a right for us but a gift. I see it as a gift because, at the first-place *charity begins at home*. They would have rather opted to assist those 'of their homes' but they have decided to make us their home. Is it not a gift? They have given much not because they have but because they love, is it not a gift that we can not claim monopoly of? Moreover, at the second place, by not opting any of us they would not have been evil/bad but yet worthy of Heaven. For sure what they did has shifted them in faith from good to better. We appreciate that!

The other side of the coin belongs a lot of appreciations to my fellow seminarians who, by praying for the prosperity in our vocation makes us good, but praying for our sponsors makes us better. It is therefore our prayer always to have more sponsors so as become better day after day.



Therefore, let us dedicate our Easter in giving thanks. It is by doing better God will do the rest by making us best when we finally meet eternally in Heaven.

**Happy Easter to you all!**

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**EASTER** stands for: **Ended**

**All**

**Sins**

**Through**

**Eternal**

**Resurrection/Redemption**



This refers to Jesus who becomes the Chief by defeating the Devil who is the Thief. With this, I remind you, how special you are to Christ, and the same with your family. My dear, May you experience a holistic testimonies of God's Love for you. May your joy always be complete!

The background: Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. It is considered the most important event in the Christian faith and is observed on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox.

The meaning of the word "Easter" is believed to have originated from the Old English word "Eostre," which was the name of a pagan goddess of spring and fertility. The holiday is a time for Christians to reflect on the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus, as well as to celebrate new life and renewal.

The importance of Easter: Easter is a time of spiritual renewal and hope for Christians around the world. It is a time to remember the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for humanity and to rejoice in the victory over death and sin that his resurrection represents. The holiday is also a time for families to come together, and participate in traditions such as feasting.

Basing on the evaluation of the today's modern world and time, Easter has become a commercialized holiday with an emphasis on chocolate bunnies and other secular traditions. However, for many Christians, Easter remains a deeply meaningful and important religious observance. In a world that is often marked by violence, injustice, and suffering, the message of Easter – of hope, renewal, and redemption – continues to resonate with believers and non-believers alike. Easter serves as a reminder that even in the darkest of times, there is always the possibility of new life and resurrection. Let's all rise up with JESUS CHRIST our Saviour!

**HAPPY EASTER 2024!**

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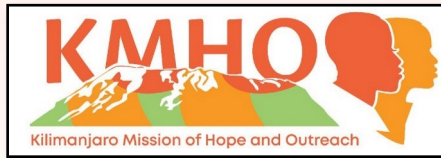
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