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THE MOSHI SEMINARIAN

JUNE 2017

Frater Arnold Furaha

1st year Philosophy

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

Birthday: 30 September 1994
Parish: Kimanyatu Parish
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Siblings: Arnold is the 4th of 5
Children (4 boys 1 girl)
Father : Laurent Silayo
Mother: Akwilina Luca



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Spotlight on Sponsors

Sponsors: Brad and Angela Zenger
Home: Portland, Oregon
Occupation: Investor and entrepreneur
Son: Frt. Isidore Mapendo

Brad and Angela Zenger, Catholic from birth, met in 2003 while attending Mass (Angela's mother's dream), Brad proposed, and they were married in their Parish in Portland Oregon in 2004. Now they attend St. Mary's Cathedral Parish in Portland where Brad participates as Reader in the Liturgy of the Word.

Brad is an investor and an entrepreneur. Angela doesn't work outside the home, but works extensively in designing and decorating their home so that they can rent it when they are not there, which is an important part of their entrepreneurial efforts.

Angela and Brad share a passion for creating places where people gather and they can enjoy their company. They built and outfitted 3 rental cabins in the mountains near Portland, Oregon, which they sold several years ago in order to buy a house in France which they are currently in the process of remodeling. Remodeling their home in France and learning French are their current hobbies.

Brad and Angela decided to sponsor a seminarian as part of their desire and commitment to their faith to give back. Brad writes, "We have been richly blessed in our life and in addition to thanking the Lord regularly, we felt a calling to help others pursue the faith which has been such an important part of our life." They were introduced to the KMHO Seminarian Sponsorship program by Gary Stachlowski several years ago. T.O. Bennett has been really helpful in making a connection with a seminarian.

Brad and Angela would like to send the following message to the seminarians, "Thank-you for your commitment to the Catholic Faith. We hope that you through your commitment and works you will help others find the faith that has been such an important part of our lives as individuals and our life as a couple."

I'm very glad to have such caring sponsors of mine and of my fellow colleagues in Christ, of my brothers, the fraters of Moshi Catholic diocese. In the most honor, these dear ones Brad and Angela Zenger, I wish to thank them a lot. To me they are also like my Father and Mother and I'm wishing them a triumphant success in their lives.

Frt. Isidore Mapedo
1st Year Theology
Kipalapala Seminary



Can I become a healer and a just judge?

The question which I posted out needs an answer. The answer is Yes but it needs the Grace of God. In the earthly life of Jesus heals many people and judges people justly. He was so humble to all who need his support. A priest who is another Christ has to imitate Christ who is a healer and a just judge. Through the sacrament of reconciliation or penance a priest should be a healer and a just judge. He is not there to condemn but to heal.

I am on my way to the altar as I am journeying to the priesthood. Will I be able to do as Jesus did? Yes I can but not alone through the Grace of God. Bless me Jesus.

Frt. Novatus Babu
4th Year Theology
Segerea seminary
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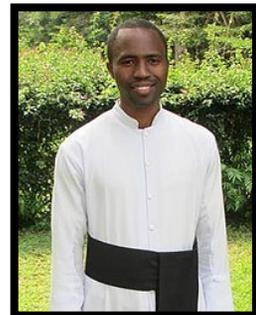
LAY PEOPLE HAVE A SPECIAL ROLE TO PLAY IN VOCATIONS

The lay people have responsibilities to support seminarians in both spiritual and material need in order to reach their goal. We ask lay people to continue praying for our seminarians as they prepare to serve our Church. We ask them to support this special work of evangelization through giving financial support to the seminarians.

There are many ways in which lay people can do. First, through joining special groups and contribute something special for seminarians; for instance in Catholic Diocese of Moshi we have a group called KMHO Seminarian Mission. Second, through visiting seminarians as a group in families, apostolic groups, parishes, small Christian communities or as individual and supporting them according to their capacity.

The lay people must understand that, to support seminarians today insures a rich Catholic heritage for their children and grandchildren in the Church of tomorrow.

Frt. Ulrick Riziki
3rd Year Theology
Kipalapala Seminary
Sponsors: Catholic Men's Guild—BKPEKB



Discerning God's Call

Discernment is the name given to a form of prayerful reflection that seeks to know more fully what path in life God wants us to live and follow. This involves the listening of God through prayer but also it involves doing our activities-What is the actual issue here? What are our options? Do we have realistic sense of our strengths and weaknesses? , Are we listening to God and our formators? All these take us to discover how we really feel about the question at a deep level so as to find out where we find ourselves most down.

Above all, discernment involves a choice between options which are good- we do not discern whether we should become bank robbers or kidnappers and is carried out in confidence that God will still be with us, in whichever choice we make.

Discernment is involved in every choice we make in our life as we try to do what God wants us to do, for example; how much time i should spend on internet or watching television? or how much time should i spend in prayer and reading the Bible? Etc. Here we are not concerned about major decisions, whether or not God wants us to be priests.

Let's have courage and follow the CALL of the one Who calls us to serve His people and His church.

Frt. Robert Ndumwa
1st Year Philosophy
Kibosho Seminary
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Spotlight on Sponsors

Sponsors: Catholic Men's Guild- BKPEKB
Home: Akron, Ohio
Son: Frt. Ulrick Riziki

Pictured: Will Yoho, Erich Buehler, Bob Morris, Bob Burtscher, and Robert Brodbeck

Not Pictured: Ken Horning, Ken Leipold, Gino D'Andrea, Pat D'Andrea



The Catholic Men's Guild is a group of faithful men who meet weekly to share how Jesus has worked in their lives and to hold each other accountable to living their faith. The men come from different parishes in the Akron, Ohio area. Most are semi-retired. Will Yoho in the group is a permanent Deacon and sends the following message to the seminarians, "Keep going, ordination is so awesome!"

Bob Burtscher, a member of the Secular Franciscans who sponsor Frt. Gastor Bahati, suggested to the Men's Guild that they should consider sponsoring a seminarian. Bob wrote, "The priests from the Moshi Diocese that I have had the privilege to meet truly embrace the priesthood; the love of the Eucharist; and the sacrament of reconciliation. I see Christ in them. I have been blessed."

To the seminarians, Erich Beuhler writes, "I will be praying for you. Please stay strong and share Jesus with unbelievers." Bob Morris shared the same sentiment with "Thank you for serving Christ." Robert Brodbeck passes on "You are in my prayers", and Ken Leipold wrote, "God Bless You".

Frt. Ulrick is truly blessed to be receiving a lot of prayers from a great group of faithful men.

I would like to give sincere gratitude to my sponsors "The Catholic men's Guild" who continues to support me in my studies. Their valuable support of every kind makes my journey towards priesthood more easier. May the almighty God bless them and their families.

Frt. Ulrick Riziki
3rd Year Theology
Kipalapala Seminary



THE MIEMBE DAY by Frt. Benedict Kagwa

“Mwembe” is the Swahili word which refers to the mango tree. In plural we call Miembe; the mangoes in Swahili are ‘maembe’ in plural; in singular we call ‘embe.’ Back to my point now; when we say ‘Miembe Day’ you might get an idea that it is the day of eating mangoes. You will be out of point. The Miembe celebrations are farewell celebrations to Fourth Year brothers who are completing their theological studies. The Miembe day is the special celebration which is historical to our Kipalapala Senior Seminary.

The celebration is called Miembe Day due to the way it is celebrated. There are 8 different groups (Miembe Groups) which we are formed in respect to the dioceses and regions we are coming from. Every group has the special area of gathering which is under “Mwembe” a big mango tree. In the celebration we join our friends, siblings and seminary neighbors whereby we prepared food and sometimes traditional food and drinks on the same area and eat together without forgetting dancing.

For us Moshi Diocese Seminarians in Kipalapala Seminary, we are belonging to “Mwembe Kaskazini”. In this year we have celebrated in 27th May 2017. In Kipalapala Seminary We are 3 seminarians who are graduating theology from Mwembe Kaskazini: Frt. Benedict Kagwa, Frt. Dismas Bahati and Frt. Honest Ndeonakazi. It was really awesome day to us. We were honored to have many visitors. I wish you would experience the “Miembe Day” and the way it appeared this year!!

Frt. Benedict Kagwa is sponsored by The Collier Family
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WHY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH NEEDS PRIESTS?



The Catholic Church needs priests in order to fulfill the needs of the church. Through ordination, priests are sent out as missionaries in proclaiming the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ. They are called to precede the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ of salvation. Priests are the main celebrants of the Eucharist. Without them the Eucharist cannot be celebrated. Priests are the ministers of the sacrament of reconciliation. Through them the Christians are saved from their sins. Through priests the Christians assembled together and offer their prayers and worship to God through Holy mass. Priests are the shepherds of the sons of God. Thus they are called to guide and rule them in a right way.

Christians are called to pray for priesthood vocation in the church. This is because by comparing the number of the number of Christians and priests, priests are few. The church is in need of more priests because the number of Christian increase everyday.

Let us pray for those who are in a way to priesthood so as they may reach and fulfill the Gods work.

Frt. Richard Barnos
1st Year Philosophy
Kibosho Seminary
Sponsor: Available.

Frt. Richard is looking forward to praying for his sponsor



OUR PILGRIMAGE TO NYAKIJOGA - LOURDES OF BUKOBA

Nyakijoga is the pilgrimage center, it is located at Mugana Parish which is found Bukoba Catholic Diocese. We went there as a group of Legion of Mary from Ntungamo Seminary and from other Parishes within the Diocese, and the trip to go there is almost every year. There is a Marian Shrine at Nyakijoga in Mugana Parish featuring the replica of our Lady of Lourdes where hundreds of the faithful congregate every year for Pilgrimage.

We were very happy to be there, and the Mass was conducted by Father Deogratias Mulokozi who insisted to us to pray the Rosary daily, to submit ourselves to the hands of our mother Blessed Virgin Mary and also to consult her when we face various challenges/problems in our lives for solutions. After the Mass we went around the place there and then we came back to Ntungamo Seminary.



Frt. Colman Sunday
2nd Year Philosophy
Ntungamo Seminary
Sponsors: Tom and
Sue Himmelspach
Steve and Pam Kelley



Prayer for Newly Ordained Priests

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear our humble prayers on behalf of your priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly lives.

In their loneliness, comfort them; in their sorrows, strengthen them; in their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified. Show them that they are needed by the Church, they are needed by souls, they are needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordinations, and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.

Amen.

<http://www.dosp.org/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/list-of-prayers/prayer-for-newly-ordained-priests/>

My piece of advice to my young brothers who will be ordained in July is "God has a plan of life to everyone who cooperates to His call. Priestly vocation like any other vocation, owes its origin from God Himself. Therefore, when we accept and receive it with humility and commitment we are real blessed to do God's work." To understand this fully we can read John 15:16-17 and 2 Corinthians 4:7-10.

Rev. Fr. Richard Marunda

Ordained July 7, 2016

Son of Richard and Terie Jusseaume

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

Please pray for the following young men who will be ordained into the Priesthood on **July 6th, 2017**. In addition to praying for the seminarians on their ordination day, please pray for them as they offer their first Mass (Thanksgiving Mass) in their home parish.

July 7—Rev. Timothy Mwanda—Sponsored by Aaron and Corinne Frechette

July 8—Rev. Cajetan Kintu - sponsored by Joe and Reenie Altier

July 10—Rev. Gabriel Ngarau—Sponsored by Lenore Fines

July 11—Rev. Philbert Rizikiyamungu—Sponsored by Judy Green

July 12—Rev. Peter Kilasara—Sponsored by Jack and Nancy Dempsey and
Theorita Bennett Sr. (aka Bibi)

July 13—Rev. Godwin Busara—Sponsored by John and Jeanne McNally

July 14—Rev. Honest Amani—Sponsored by Matt and Jayme Orn

July 15—Rev. Adelard Imani - sponsored by T.O. Bennett

July 17—Rev. Deogratias Katinda—Sponsored by John and Judy Jendrzewski

July 18—Rev. Francis Furaha—Sponsored by Tony and Maria Di Biase

CALLED STEP BY STEP: My Priestly Vocation at its Infancy

Normally God allows his people to perceive and realize his call gradually. He leads them progressively as He wills towards the fulfillment of his desired mission. This is evident to most of the Old Testament prophets such as Moses, Samuel, Elisha, Isaiah and Jeremiah. Even in the New Testament, Jesus allowed his apostles to realize their call gradually. Paul's call and conversion gives us a clear picture of how God calls and leads his chosen people progressively in his mission. Thus, God does not only call an individual but also leads him and prepares him for the work. Therefore, we can say that vocation grows from infancy towards maturity. However, the person in question has to respond positively in order to allow such vocation to grow.



In our times we don't perceive God's call mysteriously as it was the case of most of the Old Testament prophets and St Paul in the New Testament. God's call is rather experienced in and through very normal life situation and to the very normal people. Sometimes it becomes even difficult to realize such a call in proper time due to lack of 'inner silence' and the necessary faith. Even minute life experiences can be the sign of God's call to his mission.

Some fifteen years back I developed some admiration on how the priest conducts the mass particularly the way he sings the *prefatio*. I could try to find some old liturgical books and try to imitate the voice and I could call my fellow children and try to conduct 'artificial mass' for them distributing pieces of banana/food for them as a sign of the Eucharist. I could also try to design some garments to be like priestly garments and use them in our childish practice. No sooner than later I developed an interest of joining the minor seminary in fact with the intention of becoming a priest. By that time I knew that the function of the priest is just to celebrate mass and that was all and that was my sole interest. But I have gradually moved from there and now I am now in a far better understanding and I am still moving towards more and more understanding of my call to priesthood. So, I can say that my journey towards priesthood is the transformation from 'interest' to 'mission'.

Frt. Gasper Setus
1st Year Theology
Segerea Seminary
Sponsors: Matt
and Cindy Horning



Encourage them!!!!

Man's growth and development takes a couple of stages. In each stage of a person's life, he or she needs guidance and assistance. There are moments in life in which a child admires some sorts of things. These are crucial moments to guide him or her to discern well on his or her vocation. God calls people in his own ways. However, at times it is difficult for kids to understand God's call. That is why pastors of souls ought to be very close to these kids at their early ages in the example of Eli to Samuel (cf. 1 Sam. 3:1-10). Although the child may only have a vague concept of the requirements of the vocation, still God uses the "childhood fantasies" to reveal His call. The pastor has to assist these kids to evaluate those fantasies. A child may be attracted to be close to the parish and assist in some activities. In such cases, the pastor needs to assist the boy or girl in question.

I earnestly remember of these fantasies and the assistance offered to me the parish priest by then. The desire to stay at the parish was burning inside the little kid Mark. Although at that age I didn't understand the requirements of priestly vocation, but I eagerly admired to be a priest. Through the minor seminary I started to understand what God requires of me. Had it not been the assistance of the parish priest, things would have been harder. In this sense, parishes should continue to be homes to kids especially though their solidarities. Following the example of Christ, pastors should welcome children and assist them to discern what God requires of them (cf. Mk. 10:13-16). This shall help them in the formation of their consciences.



I am glad that in my short pastoral work at Nkombole last year, I was able to meet a number of kids with marvelous ambitions to serve the Lord. Their eternal actions express what is inside their hearts. They are happy just to be near the parish. They are willing to listen and follow what they are instructed. This is a promising sign for the present and the future church. We can never deny the fact that without children the church bears an obscure future. Children have to be handled with great care so that they may be able to overcome the challenges of the present age. Children need to be encouraged with such phrases as "I love you", "I'm proud of you", "I believe in you", "I'm listening", "You have to try your best", "You have got what it takes", and "You have my support". Christians are also to be encouraged to bear children and instruct them in the basic Christian truths. In this way the church will move on prosperously toward the heavenly Jerusalem.

Frt. Mark Miradi
2nd Year Theology
Segerea Seminary
Sponsors: Tom Fowles
Mark & Kristy Holben



If God is infinitely good and omniscient; why do we pray?

Let us not say “God is infinite goodness, He knows all our wants, He will grant us what is needful without our asking for it”. God requires that we should not ask, because He already know our wants or because he is not ready to help us, but that we may, by asking, show our humility and dependence on Him, and enjoy the advantage and honor of praying to him.

Prayer rightly regarded a sweet duty, and it is a great honor to be allowed to present ourselves before our creator, the omnipotent king of heaven, to be allowed to call him Father, to be permitted to communicate with him, to show him our reference, gratitude, and love, and to put our needs before him. God encourages us to approach him with confidence, by pledging his word that our petitions shall never be rejected... “everyone that asks receives,” (Mt 7:8). For as St. Thomas teaches: “the efficacy of prayer does not depend on the merit of the person who prays, but on the mercy of God and on his faithfulness to his promise”. This promise of God, however, does not extend to petitions for things that are not for our spiritual good; as these could not be asked in the name of Jesus Christ, and because God, as loving Father, would not grant what would be hurtful to us. Therefore, when we ask for temporal favors, it should always be with resignation to God’s will, and on condition that what we ask is profitable to our souls.

Therefore prayer should be made:-

- ◆ With devotion and attention; such as attention, at least, is a requisite as would discourage willful distractions. If we ourselves don’t pay attention to what we say, how can we expect that God will attend to it? To this intent it is good before prayer to remain silent for some moment and consider in whose presence we are, the suitable attitude in which we should place ourselves, and with what dispositions and feelings we should pray. This is the advice of Ecclesiasticus/ the preacher “Before prayer, prepare your soul: and not be as a man that tempts God. (Si 18:23)
- ◆ With confidence: “All things whatsoever you ask when you pray,” says our Lord, “believe that you shall receive: and they shall come unto you” (Mk. 11:24).
- ◆ With humility. For it is written, “The prayer of him that humbles himself shall pierce the clouds”. (Si 35:21)

Frt. Innocent Ruaiika
1st Year Theology
Kipalapala Seminary
Sponsors: KofC Bolivar



The Pearl

ONLY GOD'S MERCY...

Who is opposing, And also denying,
That we are sinning, And he is forgiving,
Without recording, What we are doing,
He is just granting, Mercy and Smiling.

When I am thinking, Where I am going,
I just myself sing, A song of praising,
Knowing everything, I have been doing,
And to him crying, But he is forgiving.

If to him we are running, While crying,
The doors Is opening, And us receiving,
And we are not knowing, And not praising,
Or him listening, On ourselves turning.

Just by a notion, And negative motion,
And wrong perception, We do description,
Of our own situation, Seeking consolation,
Forgetting his station, And his promotion.

Let we acknowledge, His greatest love,
And care which bridge, The lost we have,
He gives free porridge, And a great serve,
For our own knowledge, We don't deserve.

By his merciful heart, He gives freedom,
Not by a part, But in a whole seldom,
Let we not do art, In the heart's room,
Let him draw a chart, Of our life's boom.

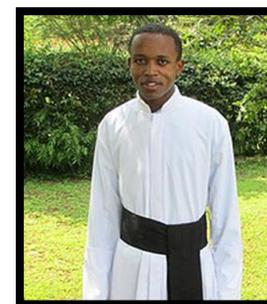
Let we hard pray, For sake of each other,
Not going astray, With our bad character,
Never run away, And become a minister,
Fallacy and wrong to say, About our Father.

Just calm down, Know that we are weak,
Nothing do we own, Neither do we leak,
His seeds are down, Waiting to peak,
In us are shown, The fruits to break.

Never loose hope, For he is alive,
Our goods He tape, And in wrong He save,
He puts us the cape, When in him we live,
Let our lives shape, To keep and us to save.

Always remember, He is the greater,
Our beloved Father, Creator and all maker,
The real helper, And our defender,
The lives director, And a real leader

Frt. Arnold L. Furaha
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Spotlight on Sponsors

Sponsors: Duong and Louise Nguyen
Home: Dover, Ohio
Occupation: Research and Development Chemist
Son: Frt. Joseph Baraka Theoduli



Duong Nguyen was born in North Vietnam but raised in South Vietnam; he came to the United States in 1975 as a refugee at the age of 21. The name of the village of his birth means a precious stone; and the name of the town means blue ocean. So his father named him a precious stone from a blue ocean.

Duong went against his father's will to marry an American girl and become Catholic. Duong was baptized as an infant but was confirmed at the age of 37. Duong and Louise have been married for 34 years. They have 10 children, seven boys and three girls; the oldest is 33 and the youngest is 10 years old. Initially they had only three children but because of the Will of God, they were open to life to have seven more. Three are married, one in college, and six at home.

The Nguyen family are members of St. Joseph Church of Dover of Ohio. Over the years Duong has served their parish as a Catholic religion teacher who prepared children to receive First Holy Communion, an altar summer server, lector, and leader of men's Bible study group. Currently Duong is serving as a nursing home Eucharistic minister. Louise is a Byzantine Catholic.

Duong and Louise are good friends of Fr. Peter Asantebwana. During one of Fr. Peter's visits, they wondered about a gift for Moshi seminary, and Father suggested sponsoring a seminarian. We said yes right away, for it was such an awesome honor and privilege to participate in the formation of a priest! Frt. Joseph was chosen for them because his name which was the same as their parish name, also the same as Duong's saint name, St. Joseph.

Duong and Louise would like to share the following message with the seminarians "Pray to know how to love the Lord, then pray to love Him most deeply. That is the only thing needed as everything else will be given." Louise is planning to visit Moshi in July and is looking forward to meeting Frt. Joseph.

Duong started writing poetry 4 years ago and is very busy with his online ministry using poetry to console and guide several international communities of online poets to develop a better outlook on life, on love, on goodness, and of course to know of our Lord Jesus. Duong writes, "I always love Psalms and once I prayed that I could write psalms myself to tell Him how much I love Him and to tell the whole world how He has loved us and how we should love Him. I wanted to be molded after His own Heart, like David. And I guess you can say that my prayers were answered. But I plan to quit this ministry after this May, after four full years of ministry." One of Duong's poems is below.

I PROMISE TO TAKE CARE OF YOU

I promise to take care of you;
My love for you at each moment is renewed.
I will not sidestep our familiar path
But will come searching for your sadness
To ease it somehow with my poorest love.
You have loved this wretched man so much;
The only way I can reciprocate is to erase all rancor
On your heart which is so tender but so unloved,
So misunderstood, discarded with indifference.
I will be right here, Lord, right here, right now;
Each other we embrace in one mind, one heart,
in the crowd.
11-16-2015

Praise the Lord Jesus Christ

As the sun rises up in the morning, the same way applies to my life when I met some people who advised me and gave me courage in my life as I am aspiring towards this way of priesthood. There are some people who normally join their hands with me not only in my parish and my Diocese but also even outside our country through prayers and moral support.

First of all, I thank God for giving me this vocation and as He still blesses me. Secondly to my Bishop Isaac Amani who is my Father and all priests who cooperate with him. Also to my benefactors who are Duong and his wife Louise Nguyen also with their family for their great generosity they show to me and also as they are still taking me as member of their family, may God bless them in their works.

Frt. Joseph Baraka Theoduli
2nd Year Philosophy
Kibosho Seminary

