

THE MOSHI SEMINARIAN

SEPTEMBER 2026



Ordination July 30, 2026
16 New Priests
3 New Transitional Deacons



Ordination

30 JULY 2026

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Congratulations to the new Transitional Deacons ordained on 30 July 2026. Ordination to the priesthood for these deacons is scheduled for 7 January 2027.

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Left: We had Mass with one Small Christian Community in TALAA just few walks to the Kenyan border its among of the last settlements of the Christians here in Kiraeni, it was uplifting for them to be visited with us but also encouraging too that they still have faith in Christ and the church. In the background is Mount Kibo,



Left: We also had a cross-border friend too, Isaya the Maasai; he was grazing with his sheep and goats from Kenyan side

Pictures from
Frater Medard John Temu
 4th Year Theology
 St. Thomas Aquinas, Nairobi
 Sponsor: **Linda DiRuzza**

What greater joy can fill the heart of a seminarian than seeing the people he serves happy; both adults and children! It was a great pleasure for me to take photos with the parishioners of the Parish of the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe – Kimanyatu during the celebration of their patroness's feast day in the Small



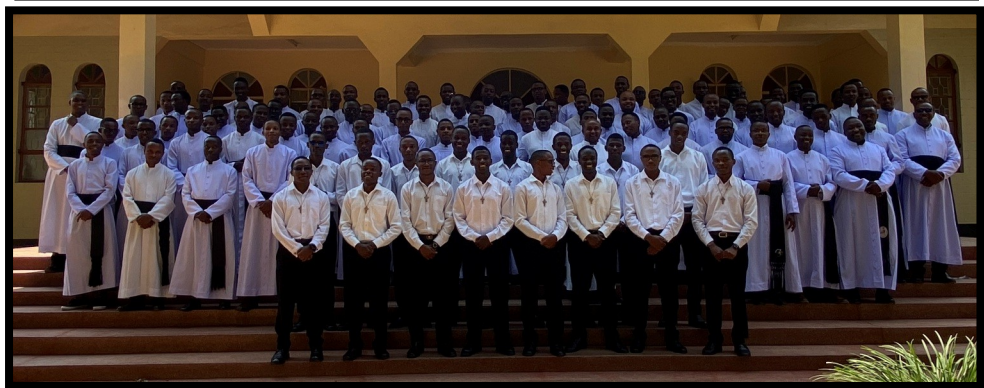
Christian Community of St. Lucia (a photo with the adults) and with the children at the St. Barnabas Outstation – Kasirwa, during the celebration of the 24th Sunday Mass. Serving God through His people is truly a joy!

Submitted by Frater Sosthenes Gift
 3rd Year Theology at Kipalapala Senior Seminary
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Judy Green visited with the Moshi priests and seminarians (left to right: Fr. Valens Assenga, Fr. Gabriel Ngarau, Frater David Adrian Mubarak, Frater Vitalis Kitulizo, Fr. Honest Ndeonakazi, Frater Galgano Shukuru, Frater Francis Tumaini, Fr. Deogratias Miku, and Fr. Albert Lashayo) when in Rome for a few days with her granddaughter, Hannah, who had been studying in Spain.



This is the majority of the 2026-2027 senior seminarians of the Catholic Diocese of Moshi. Yes, there are more!! Some are away for their seminary studies in India and Italy.



Left: The group visiting Moshi for the 2026 July ordination celebrations included visitors from Ohio, Montana and Germany! It's a life-changing experience not to be missed. Three of those visiting this year have been there before! Pictured with Fr. Nicholas Moshajaliwa who was ordained in January 2026

Sponsors with their Seminarian Sons

Right: Mama Linda DiRuzza with her two "sons," Frater Medard John Temu and Frater Pascal Moshi. Both Frater Medard and Frater Pascal are in 4th Year Theology at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Nairobi, Kenya.

Below Left: Peter Murphy with his "son" Frater Victor Raphael Tumaini. Frater Victor is in 1st Year Theology at Peramiho Senior Seminary.

Below Right: Dr. Stephen Kirama and his wife, Cecilia Mjinga, with their "son," Frater Evarist Shirima. Frater Evarist is 3rd year Theology in his Pastoral Year.



Left: Pam and Steve Kelley with their "son," Frater Stephano Pendo. Frater Stephano is 3rd year Theology in his Pastoral Year

Sponsors with their Seminarian Sons

Right: Victoria Carpio gives a rosary to her new "son" Frater John Pascal Bernard Kimaro. Frater John is in 2nd Year Philosophy at Peramiho Senior Seminary.



Below: Pam and Steve Kelley with Frater Erick Aloyce Moris, who is sponsored by their son, Justin. Frater Erick is in 3rd Year Theology at Kipalapala Senior Seminary.



Left: Mark Van Derveer is with his new "son" Frater Benigno Mapendo. Frater Benigno is in 3rd Year Theology at Mwendakulima Seminary.

Right: Frater Kelvin Munishi was thrilled to find out that Mark Van Derveer was also sponsoring him! Frater Kelvin is in 3rd year Philosophy at Mwendakulima Seminary.



Excerpt from...

BUILDING THE FUTURE TODAY; THE DIVINE RESPONSIBILITY OF NURTURING CHILDREN - PART 02

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Conf. (Proverbs 22:6)

We live in a rapidly changing world shaped by remarkable advances in science and technology. These developments have transformed nearly every aspect of human life, including education, communication, healthcare, and economic growth. While these innovations have brought countless benefits, they have also presented significant challenges to the moral, spiritual, and social formation of children. Today, children are exposed to a vast array of ideas, values, and lifestyles through digital media and social networks long before they are mature enough to evaluate them wisely. Consequently, the responsibility of nurturing children has become more important than ever.

Parents and educators should neither reject technological advancement nor surrender children to its unrestricted influence. Instead, they should guide young people toward the responsible use of technology for learning, creativity, communication, and personal growth while protecting them from content and influences that undermine human dignity and moral values.

Children must be taught critical thinking, self-discipline, and ethical responsibility so that they may engage confidently with the digital world without compromising their faith or integrity.

Nurturing children is a sacred and divine responsibility entrusted to all of us. In an age marked by extraordinary technological progress, we must never lose sight of the enduring importance of faith, moral values, and authentic human formation. The future of the Church and society depends upon the children we raise today.

By nurturing children with love, prayer, discipline, and faithful witnesses, we prepare future priests, religious, holy Christian spouses, responsible parents, ethical leaders, and compassionate citizens. Every lesson in virtue, every act of encouragement, every prayer offered on behalf of a child, and every example of Christian living becomes an investment in the future of both the Church and the nation.

May we always remember that we do not raise children for ourselves alone. We nurture them for God, for His Church, and for the service of humanity. Through our faithful commitment, today's children will become tomorrow's saints, shepherds, leaders, and witnesses of Christ.

Frater Leodigerd Peter Mfunguamali Shirima
Orientation





Pearl of Wisdom

"God grant me the **serenity** to accept the things I cannot change, **courage** to change the things I can and **wisdom** to know the difference." This prayer was composed by an American Theologian, Reinhold Niebuhr (1892 – 1971).

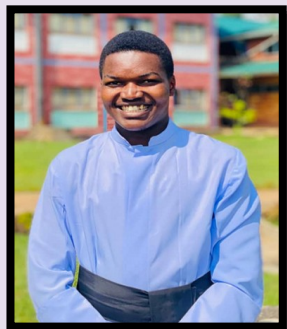
The prayer stipulates or specifies that humility is needed to accept the things we cannot change. Courage is unavoidable in order to change those we can, and wisdom is needed to help us to be aware of differences. Prayer means that we need to clarify our boundaries since we are not powerful enough to change everything.

What if we lack serenity, courage and wisdom as stipulated by prayer? This is the important question which everyone should think about it on its own. Trying to change what is not changeable will yield but a barren life and regrettable loss of time and resources. This calls upon a life process of self- knowledge whose result must reveal to us our boundaries.

It is important to follow the advice of Blessed Archbishop Fulton Sheen on his book *Lenten Meditation* p.73 "Try meditation for at least fifteen minutes a day, and at the end you will make two great discoveries: what you really are and what you are on the way to become." Meditation helps to have self – knowledge. Self- knowledge involves acceptance of the truism that there are some things in life that we simply cannot do or have due to our limited nature. It takes wisdom to know what we should be doing and what we should not. We cannot do everything.

"The serenity prayer helps to accept nature while embracing humility, courage, and wisdom."

Frater Adrian Medard Massawe
1st Year Theology
Peramiho Senior Seminary
Sponsor: **Jenny Lake**



Frater Priscus Lelo with some of the children at St. Joseph Parish at Longuo where he did his pastoral assignment.

Frater Priscus Liston Lelo,
2nd Year Philosophy at
Mwendukalima Seminary, is
**sponsored by Paul and Joan
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Sponsors with their new Priest Sons



Left: Peter Murphy with his "son," Father Dennis Ajuayemungu and his parents. Peter and his wife, Babette, sponsor Father Ajuayemungu

Right: Father Anatol Master with Bishop Ludovick Joseph Minde, ALCP/OSS and sponsor, Mark Van Derveer



Left: Beth George with her "son" Father Melkior Safari. Beth and her husband, Chris, sponsor Father Safari.

Sponsors with their new Priest Sons



Left: Pam and Steve Kelley with Father Friedhelm Mrema, who is sponsored by their son, Christian.

Below: Linda DiRuzza with her "son" Father Charles Shukuru



Below: Sue Worth with her "son," Father Deusdedit Maglory. Sue shared the sponsorship with her friend, Nancy Allen.



Right: Victoria Carpio with her "son," Father Nicholaus Majaliwa who was ordained on 8 January 2026.





Left: **Frater Victor Tumaini** created a nice picture showing some of the various works that he performed during pastoral assignment at Mnazi Mmoja Parish!

Frater Victor, 1st Year Theology at Peramiho Seminary is **sponsored by Peter and Babette Murphy**



Left: Children are indeed a precious blessing from God. Blessed is the family whose quiver is full of them, for they are a gift and a sign of God's goodness and faithfulness.

Photo taken by Fr. Aidan Shukuru at St. John the Apostle – Kirua Iwa Parish, during his pastoral experience.

Frater Aidan Shukuru
2nd Year Theology at Kipalapala Senior Seminary
Sponsored by Deacon Mike and Dianne Capitena



There are many seminarians still praying and waiting to hear 'You have a sponsor!!' Call T.O. Bennett at 330-497-6149 (landline), whatsapp 330 437 5004 or e-mail kmho.tz@gmail.com for help in selecting the new 'son' who is anxiously waiting to pray for you!

Right: **Frater Medard John Temu** made a pilgrimage to St. John the Evangelist Church in Kenya-Karen. For my Other patron Saint, John the Evangelist too, his view of Christ and the Word made Flesh with an Eagles eye, is a well spring to all in thirst of Christ, the ever lasting living water.

Frater Medard, 4th Year Theology at St. Thomas Aquinas in Nairobi is sponsored by **Linda DiRuzza**.



Left: Frt. Arnold Richard Tesha won first prize in the seminary sports competition at Dharmaram Seminary in India.

Submitted by Frater Arnold Richard Tesha

2nd Year Philosophy at Dharmaram Seminary in India.

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Right: **Frater Leodigerd Peter Shirima** presented, on behalf of the Parish Priest, certificates for outstanding performance in the National Religious Studies Examination to the 2026 Standard Seven graduates during his pastoral assignment at Sabuko Parish.

Frater Leodigerd is in orientation and was **sponsored by (RIP) Elaine Burger**. Frater Leodigerd is praying to have a new sponsor who will continue the journey with him.





Left: Sharing a joyfully moment with kindergarten children of St.Mark's Academy during my pastoral mission at St.Therese of the Child Jesus Parish-Narumu. One of the tasks assigned to me by the priests was to teach them some common English prayers. The academy belongs to the parish.

Frater Novath Valentine Akili
2nd Year Theology at
Peramiho Senior Seminary
Sponsored by Steve and
Michele Valentine

Right: The Moshi visitors were warmly welcomed by **Fr. Nicholas Lucian Majaliwa's** family. Fr. Majaliwa was ordained on January 8, 2026 and was sponsored by **Victoria Carpio**.



Left: A visit was also made to the home of **Fr. Gasper Raymond Mosha** who was ordained on January 8, 2026. The banner was made for his Thanksgiving celebration. Fr. Mosha was sponsored by **Val and Dave Rodenbucher**



Above: The newly ordained priests give their priestly blessing to the congregation



Left: Such joy!! Fr. Anatol Master, Mark Van Derveer, Fr. Ibrahim Beno and Fr. Abel Bahati take an impromptu selfie.

Fr. Ibrahim Beno was sponsored by the **Quinn Family**.

Fr. Abel Bahati was sponsored by **Ray and Randi Guarendi**

Right: Yvonne Stoeckle met a family on her flight from Germany to Moshi who was so interested in her trip that they gave her a donation. Yvonne chose to present the donation to Fr. Nicholas Mtei who gratefully accepted the gift for St. James Minor Seminary. Yvonne had visited Moshi and St. James Seminary in 2024.





Above: Frt. Pascal Moshi's family warmly welcomed his sponsor, Mama Linda DiRuzza and friends into their home. What a beautiful message on the cake that was presented...we are always welcome at their home. ❤️❤️



Left: Fr. Anatol Master takes a family photo during his Thanksgiving celebration. Mark, who has visited Moshi 3 times, has become a beloved member of Fr. Master's family.

Right: Beth George, presents a gift to the parents of her new priest "son," Fr. Melkior Safari when we visited his home.

Below: Sadly no sign of Mt. Kilimanjaro this trip (old picture)





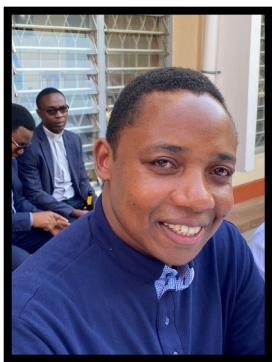
Above: We were so happy to visit the family of Victoria Carpio's new seminarian "son" Frater John Pascal Bernard Kimaro.

Below: It's always so hard to say "good bye"...with Fr. Peter Siamoo (left), Fr. August Ndepatanisho (right), and our wonderful "babysitter" Frater **Joseph Thobias Ulrick** who is sponsored by **TCC ES, JR/SR High School and Immaculate Conception Elementary School**



SONS FOR LIFE!!

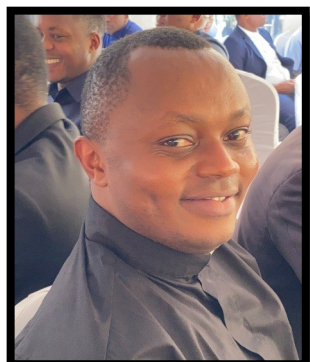
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Above: Pam Kelley and Teresa Peach visit with Fr. Lui Shayo, the oldest priest in the Moshi Diocese. Fr. Lui was ordained on June 25, 1950 and is well over 100 years old.



Above: The “soon to be” new priests with their gift of rosaries that they will distribute at their new parishes. Each priest receives 200 rosaries. The new priests ordained on January 8, 2026 also received gifts of rosaries. The group from Ohio travelled to Moshi with over 7000 rosaries!!

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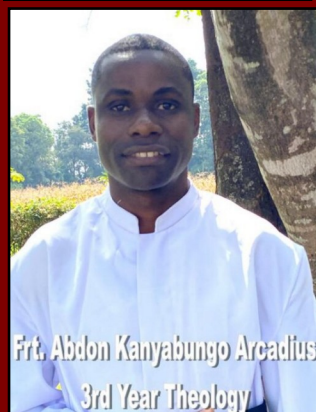
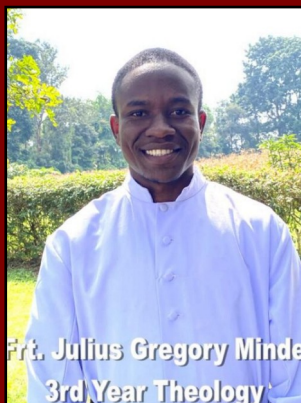
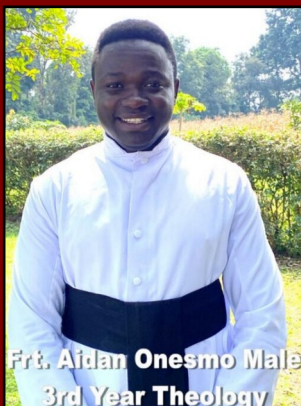
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