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Frater Agapiti Mahoo

2nd Year Philosophy

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



Birthday: 15 June 1994
Parish: Maua Parish
Sacred Heart of Jesus
Siblings: Agapiti is the 6th born of 8 children
Father : Justine Mosha
Mother: Febronia Justine

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CONGRATULATIONS RT. REV. ARCHBISHOP ISAAC AMANI!!

The Holy Father Pope Francis on 27th December, 2017 appointed Rt. Rev. Isaac Amani Massawe, Metropolitan Archbishop of Arusha. Archbishop Amani was the Bishop of the Moshi Diocese.

Why Become a Priest?

In 2009 when I was in the process to join the Junior seminary formation, in the interview the rector asked me: "Why do you want to become a priest?" I simply replied: "I want to become a priest in order to serve God through His people."

This question has been of vital importance in my regular reflections about priestly vocation. It helps me in my on going priestly formation to continue listening, discerning, and living the call of God as a potential priest.

However, the crucial factor as to why a young man wants to become a priest is his total surrender and commitment to lead, form, sanctify and serve the people of God. Priesthood is love, mercy, and the gift that Jesus grants not only to the chosen ones but also to the entire church. (Matthew 19:11). It's a call to serve the people of God. No priest belongs to himself. A priest is an ambassador of Christ, a merciful representative of Christ, a spiritual father, another Christ and a spiritual physician who heals the wounds of sin.

Thus for the sake of human salvation, a priest is necessary. In priestly formation many are involved but there are three protagonists namely: the Holy Spirit, the candidate himself and the formators. In the Moshi Catholic diocese, we thank God that the three mentioned protagonists work in a full and harmonious way, thus why we are witnessing many fruits as far as priesthood is concerned. Thanks be to God, to our formators and to all who supports us.

Frt. Livini Matumaini
1st year Philosophy
Ntungamo Seminary
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Right: Frt. Livini at Bukoba Cathedral during the celebration of Aces (the feast of Annunciation) as a Legion of Mary member.



Spotlight on Sponsors

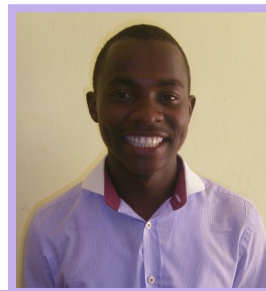
Sponsor: Little Flower Choir
Parish: Little Flower Parish, Canton Ohio
Son: Edwin Peter Seria



The Little Flower Choir, under the direction of Dennis Roden, decided to sponsor a seminarian as a way to help the Little Flower sister parish as a group. The choir has about 30 members; from 7th grade to retired. The choir participates in the celebration of the Mass by providing beautiful music almost every week. The choir sponsors Edwin Peter Seria who is currently in formation in preparation for major seminary.

I thank you for giving me this opportunity to share something about my sponsors in The Moshi Seminarian Magazine. I am grateful for their contributions. I believe they are praying for me, let me thank them for that also. I do always pray for them for their day to day activities. My sponsors are helpful to my journey towards priesthood since through their contributions(moral and material support) they make all requirements for priestly training and education possible. May Almighty God bless you and your families. Asante Sana.

Edwin Peter Seria



Keep the prayers coming after you are gone...
Remember KMHO Seminary Sponsorship
program in your will!



A happy and Responsible Seminarian

Happiness is desired by every individual. Happiness is given first priority in seminary life. A seminarian is to be happy in the seminary even in difficult situations. There are several causes of that happiness. Among them are; Acceptance of his call to priesthood, love of God and neighbour, belief in divine providence, life of prayer, educational excellence, growth in human values, spiritual freedom and open sharing. A happy seminarian is responsible in all that constitutes a Christian life. Above all, a seminarian receives his happiness from those who pray for and encourages him throughout his journey towards priesthood. His zeal is increased by the desire for sanctification of souls manifested in Christian love of God. Saint Paul says, "...I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing" (1Cor. 9:22-23). This vocation is of great value and demands a loving, caring, happy and responsible person.

Frt. Denis Kaishe

4th Year Theology, Segerea Seminary

Sponsors: Frank and Edie Price



The place of Virgin Mary in our vocation

The church in its theology of venerating saints, includes above all the cult to the Virgin Mary mother of God, the mediator of Christ. Following the words in 1Tim 2:5-6, where Jesus is stated as only mediator, Mary mother of God share this mediator-ship by bringing the mediator into the world. As normal Christians, we need the help of Virgin Mary so as to know Christ's life in and out well. Our mother Mary knows him very well, since she travel with Him, in every step of redeeming us, and she is the primary source we can use to get information of our Lord. She showed him to us for the first time in Bethlehem and till now for those who need to know him.

We need Virgin Mary to teach us in this vocation of following Christ, so that we can know how to resemble Christ. Since we are sure that, through her intercession we will know Christ well, we surely need her help. The only way which we can get this help, is through practicing different Marian devotions like praying Rosary, which is the best prayer offered to Virgin Mary.



Frt. Erasmi Benedict Riziki
2nd year philosophy
Kibosho seminary
Available for sponsorship



Ordination to the Priesthood—July 5th, 2018!!



The 2018 Moshi Deacons celebrate with Fr. Matthew Munishi, Moshi Diocese Vocations Director, following their Diaconate Ordination on January 4th.

OUR VICARIATE

Our Vicariate is called Rombo. It is located in Tanzania, Kilimanjaro region under the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro which is the greatest mountain in Africa. Rombo is bordered to the north and east by Kenya. It contains a large portion of Kilimanjaro National Park. It has a great number of people about 360,963, and most of them are Catholics. So it is common that the number of Bishops, Priests, nuns and religious from this area is very high in comparison to others.

Most people in Rombo Vicariate are Chagga in tribe and their traditional language is Chagga. For example the word 'Father' they call '*tata*', 'Mother'-'*mayo*', Grandmother'-'*shokuyo*', 'Grand-father'-'*sahayo*', 'Morning'-'*kang'ama*' etc. They have different customs and traditions for the aim of strengthening unity, respect and cooperation among the members. Chagga people have their traditional drink called "*MBEGE*". This is **the proud of Chaggas**. "*MBEGE*" is an alcoholic drink which is prepared by using bananas and millets. Chaggas are very kind especially for the guests.

Traditionally Chagga prefer their traditional foods. The main being '*UMBERE*' this is the mixture of cooked banana and beans grinded together and produce a stiff liquid (porridge-form).

Their great economic activity is agriculture. They usually practice small scale farming for their food only. This is a mixed farming system. Rather they plant few cash crops. Food crops planted here are bananas, maize (corn), beans, groundnuts, vegetables and cassava. On the hand, commercial crop is only coffee and that is due to the nature of the soil of our land.

Frt. Gervas Gabriel
1st Year Philosophy
Available for Sponsorship



IMPROPER USAGE OF TIME IS THE NARROW WINDOW TOWARDS SUCCESS

In our course of life we have either encountered some people claiming that they have much time through which they would accomplish their activities and therefore they have no need to hurry. In this case, they relax hoping that they are endowed with much time to accomplish their tasks.

Their hope makes them think that the time they are endowed with is much enough, so it is too early to begin and therefore they remain idle, not struggling from the beginning, as a result, time vanishes finding them idle with their tasks improperly accomplished due to the tendency of struggling at the last days.

On the other hand it is more surprising when one comes across some people claiming that if they would have much time, they would have won their destiny. They claim that, their failure in achieving their destiny is due to the shortage of time they had been endowed with. To them, time becomes blameworthy although it is not the case.

In real sense, it is true that time is very important in which we can go through our activities and accomplish them successfully but it is not the case that the one endowed with much time can succeed unlike the one with shortage of time. Both can succeed and arrive to their destiny.

Proper and effective utilization of time we are endowed with; brings a good basis to success even if one thinks that he/she is granted with so limited time. Misusing of time, leads to the failure of most people especially in pursuing their subjective goals.

Success is never built at the last stages but from the initial stages and a good end has always a good start. No matter how limited time might be; faithfulness to time initiates a good beginning leading to a good end and therefore brings a good and sound destiny. For stance; it might be impossible for one to become a competent Priest, spiritually and intellectually after ordination, otherwise he needs to struggle using well his time from the point of his Priestly formational journey.

Frt. Rustus H Shao

1st Year Theology

Sponsors: Chris and Beth George



Spotlight on Sponsors

Sponsor: Little Flower Bible Study
Parish: Little Flower Parish, Canton Ohio
Son: Deacon Novatus Babu



The Little Flower Bible Study group started sponsoring Deacon Novatus Babu in 2011 when he was in his 2nd Year Philosophy studies. As the group name implies, we study the Bible. The group meets on Sunday mornings between the two Mass-es. The group averages between 30 and 50 people depending on what we are studying at the time.

The Moshi Diocese typically has at least one priest in Canton, Ohio studying at Walsh University. This priest helps at the local parishes including our parish, Little Flower. Many members of our Bible study remember Fr. Peter Siamoo who was at Walsh University when the seminarian sponsorship program was started. We really like to have a priest from the Moshi Diocese active at our parish to strengthen the connection between our parish and the Moshi Diocese.

Little Flower also has a sister parish in the Moshi Diocese. The pastor is Fr. Amedeus Amani. He also graduated from Walsh University and is remembered by many at Little Flower.

Little Flower Bible study group is a group of people who have a goal to know God through His word that is the Bible. Bible sharing always is very necessary and fertile for our faith. Once I was told about their mission I was very happy and I enjoyed being sponsored by them. Be blessed!

What I learn from them is for sure the foundation for the apostolate ahead of me. I promise to begin with children in teaching them bible especially the story from the Bible which will help them remember their faith.

Thank you for your sponsorship which has enabled me to complete my studies and be able to reach to my goal. You have made my journey easier. Be blessed. Welcome to Moshi! Let us enjoy and celebrate.

Deacon Novatus Babu



A Necessary Condition for Salvation

Salvation as a word is simple to apprehend by the abstract reality it. Is not easily attained, unless the individual is aware of the means to realize this goal.

Very often, Preachers expound "God's saving will" to mean salvation for every human person. Scriptures make it clear that "The Lord is not being slow in carrying out His promises, as some people think He is, rather is He being patient with you, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to repentance." 2 pet 3:9. This intention has been fulfilled by God through his incarnate word, Jesus Christ in whom the Father's saving will and the necessary condition for salvation have been revealed to all humanity.

Jesus Christ as our great and enthusiastic loving teacher, has pointed out the Great Commandment to be our area of concentration for those who aspire to be saved. It is the right channel leading to salvation as noted. In the Scriptures that "... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." Deuteronomy 6:4-5.

The truth is that whoever fulfills this mandate willingly and perfectly is granted eternal happiness, which is the very meaning of salvation. "Knowing the good is not to do the good."

If you have not started implementing the message of the Great Commandment, start now and walk towards salvation.

Frt. Michael Safari
1st Year Philosophy
Available for Sponsorship



On a recent visit to Moshi, Bob Moore, President of KMHO was able to visit with one of his 'sons', Frt. Robert Ndumwa, 2nd year Philosophy at Kibosho Seminary (left)

Bob and his wife Becky also sponsor Frt. Ulrich Satori, 4th year Theology at Segerea Seminary.

Spotlight on Sponsors

Sponsor: Janet Collier
Home: West Linn, Oregon
Parish: Resurrection Parish
Occupation: Retired Pharmacist
Son: Deacon Benedict Kagwa



In 2011, Janet, her husband Terrill, and their son Quentin traveled with the group to Moshi Tanzania. After meeting the seminarians, Fr. Peter Siamoo selected Frt. Benedict Kagwa as a new 'son' for Janet and her family. Terrill had recently been diagnosed with cancer and the family welcomed the prayers of their new 'son'. Sadly, Terrill passed away in 2015. Janet and Terrill had been married for 30 years.

In addition to their 'adopted' son, Deacon Benedict, Janet and Terrill have 3 sons. The oldest is an engineer for Intel, the middle son is an arborist, and the youngest is a sophomore at Portland State studying Russian and Biology.

Janet, the oldest daughter of very faith filled parents from south Louisiana, has been a Catholic all of her life. Through Resurrection Parish, Janet ministers to the frail and home bound. In addition to her ministry, Janet is a beekeeper and loves to play tennis. She also quilts.

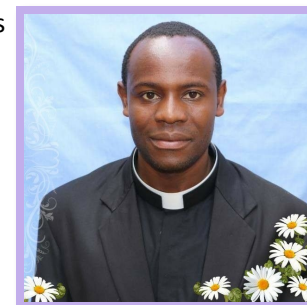
Janet is traveling to Moshi this year to be present at the ordination of her 'son'.

I am very grateful for the great support the family of Mr. Terrill and Mrs. Janet has given me from the time I joined the formation of major seminary!

2010 until now I am entering into the priestly ordination! Your prayers and material sponsorship has made me the way I am! May the Good Lord continue enlightening my beloved sponsor mama Janet with your family!

On top of that I am praying to the departed soul of Mr. Terrill Collier. May Good Lord grant him eternal peace. Amen.

Deacon Benedict Kagwa Stanislaus





The Pearl

For every pain we must bear, for every burden, every care, for every pinch, every sweat. There's a reason.

For every grief that bore the head, for every teardrop that is shed, for every narrow way that we should pass. There's a reason.

For every difficult situation that we are to face; for every darkness, for every waters that we should cross. There's a reason.

For every hurt, for every plight, for every lonely, pain-racked night, for every blow that need us to rise. There's a reason.

But if we trust God, as we should, and take everything to Jesus as we ought, it will turn out for our good. He knows the reason.

Frt. Onesmo Baraka
2nd Year Philosophy
Kibosho Seminary
Sponsors: Jim and Joan Peck
and Granddaughters Olivia and Mary



THANK YOU SO MUCH!

The word THANK YOU may seem to be a mere word just as other words. This fact may sometimes make us forget that what we receive from God and from others is not our right but just out of their love.

We firmly appreciate the immense support from our dearest sponsors. We are always thankful to God for having you all. We THANK YOU SO MUCH.

In a special way, I thank my sponsor, Elizabeth Guarendi and the whole Guarendi family. I'm pretty sure that what you are giving is not because you are wealthy, but because of your love to us.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Frt. Victor E. Zawadi
2nd year philosophy
Ntungamo seminary,
Sponsored by Elizabeth Guarendi



BEAUTIFUL DIOCESE OF MOSHI

Look at the Diocese, the catholic one,
Moshi in this sense, beautiful than none,
With only a phrase, Moshi is a cane,
Against each offense, no trace of bad prone.

It is ell located, in mountain's slopes,
Many are attracted, for different searches,
Kilimanjaro planned, peace and love it secures,
The name mentioned, mountain too its name.

The Diocese is blessed, with many Christians,
Catholics to be considered, more than all in counts,
In faith are committed, singing well the chants,
Moshi Diocese is liked, example for other clients.

In spiritual matter, we have vocations,
Above the normal order, are seminarians,
Each parent is a teacher, to show the directions,
And priests are inspirer, towards the vocations.

Currently we are praying, for bishop of ours,
The former is holding, Arusha Archdiocese ladders,
We are now praising, Vicar General and all leaders,
We are cooperating, to move the Diocese of ours.

We have many priests, than any other diocese,
Divide them in parts, are few in pastoral sense,
Faithfully it wants, more leaders to suppose,
To work in the plants, Christ's way to chase.

We thank the sponsors, who are wholly sacrificing,
I call them motivators, of the church's seedling,
We appreciate your donors, for strongly us supporting,
God the real acceptor, of your good working.

Paying for our fees, and strengthen friendship,
Joining the families, and Diocese partnership,
You are in our senses, in prayer companionship,
The Lord who sees, will pay you his relationship.

Visiting us is our pleasure, seeing you we rejoice,
The mother church declare, the church is only once,
Divide it who can dare, forever one is the choice,
That is why we share, different God's grace.

Finally we give our thanks, and all our praises,
For God filled the blanks, good health he gives,
Leaving no empty tanks, with any leakages,
To God be our thanks, for he us eternally loves.



Frt. Arnold L. Furaha
2nd Year Philosophy
Ntungamo Seminary
Sponsors: Jim and Joan Peck
and Granddaughters Olivia
and Mary



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