

# THE MOSHI SEMINARIAN

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## THEY ARE PRIESTS!

January 5, 2023

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# Moshi Diocese Celebrates 7 New Priests!!

On January 5th, 2023, Bishop Ludovick Joseph Minde, ALCP/OSS ordained 7 new diocesan priests and 2 religious order priests. Thanks be to God!!



Left: The new priests get their picture taken with Bishop Ludovick Joseph Minde, ALCP/OSS and vocation director, Fr. August Ndepatanisho.



Right: The new priests greet the people outside of Christ the King Cathedral, Moshi.

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Above: **Frater Dominick Imani**, 1st year Theology, submitted this photo sharing that after the sowing activity had finished, Fraters at Kipalapala Senior Seminary had to take this photo rejoicing on what we had done. **Frater Dominick Imani** is sponsored by T.O. Bennett.





Left: (You have to look for him but he's there!) Me at the middle with some children of the St. Albert the great designated Parish where I did my short apostolate from July to September.

**Frater Paulo Baraka**  
1st Year Theology at Segerea Senior Seminary  
**Sponsored by Donna Sayoc**

**Frater Daniel Imani** shares the rosaries he received from his sponsor, **Mary Dworakowski**, with the kids in his parish, Usseri / St. John the Baptist. Frater Daniel is 3rd Year Philosophy at Kibosho Senior Seminary



Frater Fidelis Lemnge's family is pictured with the Nativity crib donated as a gift to the parish by sponsor **Deb Morrison**. Rev. Fr. Festo Urassa, pastor of Mbokomu Parish / BVM of Fatima blessed the Nativity as the family joined in this blessing. **Frater Fidelis Lemnge** is 2nd Year Theology at Kipalapala Senior Seminary



Left: Frater Godfrey Lyimo and Frater Ignatius Shayo at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary Nairobi Theology Three. The Fraters took a photo when they were instituted as Acolytes on 1st November

Submitted by **Frater Godfrey Stephen Lyimo**  
 Sponsored by **Deacon Chris Germak**

**Frater Ignatius Shayo** is sponsored by **Joyce and Neil Stoneberg**



The Kiramas were happy to be visited by Frater Arnold Bahati in our residence at the University of Dar es Salaam, Kileleni Street.

Frater Arnold had the opportunity to meet the family members. What a fun visit!!

**Dr. Stephen Kirama and Cecilia Mjingo** are sponsors for **Frater Arnold Bahati** 4th Year Theology at Segerea Senior Seminary





## THE HOLY EUCHARIST AND A HOLY PRIESTHOOD

The sacrifice of selfless love required of a priest is impossible without superhuman strength from God. The principle source of this super human strength is Holy Eucharist. Catholic priests are a living witness to Christ's power to work moral miracles in the world today. The single most important need for the priesthood is the renewed faith in the Holy Eucharist.

It does not take great intelligence to see that a faithful and spiritually faithful priesthood requires superhuman strength that is the strength from God. Catholic Christianity is unique among the religions in the world in making demand of morality among its believers that are beyond human nature by itself to live up to. The two hardest demands are the practice of Christian chastity and Christian charity; combine these two with celibacy and self-sacrifice and we begin to see why the priesthood requires, indeed demands, superhuman power from God to remain faithful for a life time. Receiving priestly ordination is one thing. Living as a holy priest for a life time is something else. That is why Christ instituted the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Submitted by **Fr. Francis Festo Riziki**

1<sup>st</sup> Year Philosophy

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Right: In the picture from left is Frater Aretas Amani and the one in draft shirt is Frater Dennis Ajuayemungu on a family friend visit after the accomplishment of 1st semester exams.

Submitted by **Frater Dennis**

**Ajuayemungu**

2nd Year Theology at Segerea

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## THE BEAUTY OF MUSIC

Wonderful in ears, beautiful in eyes,  
Touching in hearts, and love expresses,  
It dries tears, and brings laughter,  
Such an art! Beautiful in nature,  
The things we love are felt in music.

It unites people, no matter the distance,  
Avoids idleness, and gives a thinking task  
Its silence matters, its voice teaches,  
The harmony in music, expresses life,  
I can't imagine life without music!

With him my teacher, the guitarists,  
The soloist, and rhythm taker,  
What a joy of friendship, in music,  
Singing and playing breeds feeling,  
That touches hearts and unites souls!

Come, let us sing! Singing for the Lord,  
The best of what we can say is thanking,  
He does more to us, what a great pleasure!  
Thanks to the sponsors, May the Lord bless you!  
In our Singing, you, we are praying!

Photo of Frater Victor Zawadi and Frater Arnold Furaha, 4th year Theology at Segerea Senior Seminary, enjoying some moments with the guitar!!

Poem by **Frater Arnold Furaha**  
**Sponsored by Joan and James Peck**  
**And their Granddaughters Maria and Olivia**

**Frater Victor Zawadi**  
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## Lenten Season

During this period of Lent, it is a very important period to draw many graces and blessings. We are invited in a special way to help those in need in three ways. One, by way of working or any kind act. Second, to give a word of comfort to those in need where we cannot or have failed to help them. Third, through prayer. Prayer is a way that is great and carries all that is a way to do an act of compassion as well as give a word of comfort. Prayer can reach anywhere that we ourselves cannot physically reach.

**Frater Ludovick Paul Shirima**  
2nd Year Philosophy  
Kibosho Senior Seminar  
**Hoping for a sponsor to pray for soon**



## DO YOURSELF A FAVOR - "BE HAPPY!"

To be happy is to have feelings of joy, satisfaction, contentment, and fulfillment. It comprises a sense of optimism that things will get better than they are. Joyce Meyer, one of the world's leading practical Bible teachers, wrote in one of her books; "*Do Yourself a Favor... Forgive*" that in forgiving, one is doing a favor to himself or herself.

This is quite true! She concluded that one will be able to take control of his/her life through forgiveness. From that point of view, when one forgives he or she will attain happiness. There is no need to be angry. We are to deal with daily happenings in our lives with a view of creating happiness.

We face various challenges and difficulties in life. Nevertheless, we need to be happy because in every difficulty or challenge, there is an opportunity for happiness. Take every circumstance in life as a motivation to cherish happiness. One may face a certain challenge and conclude that God is no longer with him or her. Instead of this, any challenge can be utilized as an opportunity to attain heights of success in life.

We possess a billion reasons to be happy. Reframe negative thoughts and enjoy the moment. Being happy reduces stress, increases your life span, increases creativity, and also helps you to become healthier. From the depth of my heart, I exhort you, please be happy!

*Just be happy, and you will be doing yourself a favor.*

### **Frater Aidan Daudi. Shukuru**

1st Year Philosophy at Kibosho Senior Seminary

**Looking forward to praying for a sponsor;  
do you need prayers?**



Left: 17th February is the special day to Fraters Joseph Isuu and Paulo Baraka as they celebrate their birthdays. Both are studying Theology at Segerea Senior Seminary.

Frater Paul Baraka wonders that he has bald head while his brother Frater Joseph who is older than him by three years is still young (he has hair).

submitted by **Frater Joseph Isuu**  
2nd Year Theology at Segerea Senior Seminary  
**Sponsored by Patrick and Yvonne Cole**



## A LENTEN GLIMPSE: “TURN THE OTHER CHEEK”

In the course of life, a Christian like any other human faces the reality of life; successes and failures, pain and joy, suffering and comfort. We tend to cherish what pleases us and grieve upon our displeasure. As regards what we merrily on, there is not much disputation. Certainly a challenge is on the other side of the coin, and perhaps, what do we often do when we are hurt? How do we react to the things and people who inflict suffering on us? Do we ever respond to suffering in the same way Christ our exemplar did? And why does the vicious cycle of pain and suffering never cease? Could this Lenten season be a *kairos* to shed a brighter light upon our discipleship? Yes, I bet, if we are determined.

The Lenten season is an opportunity God offers us to remedy and nourish our lives; to configure ourselves more to Christ, to become His likeness all the more than engulfing what the world sets before us. Of the vast we ought to embrace is the grace to forgive. Much pain in our world today results from our reaction to unjust suffering inflicted on us by others. We both tend to hurt back or store up the hurt and pass it on to others. In either case, the pain goes on and on, and bitterness disseminates; from father to mother, brother to sister, the guilty to the innocent and the humblest.

If, however, we can bear suffering in love; if we can continue to offer love; if, while working against injustice, and while working to alleviate suffering, we are hated, excluded, reviled and defamed because of Jesus – then indeed we are blessed, for the suffering stops with us.

Let us let this Lent be an opportunity for us to embark on the journey to *turn the other cheek*. That means, not to revenge for the pain we endure or diffuse it onto others so as to end the cycle of bitterness and the culture of evil altogether. To offer love and forgiveness in order to halt hatred, bitterness, torture, persecutions, oppression, suppression, stigmatization, humiliation, maltreatment, harassment and jealousy. No matter how much pain is inflicted on us, let us forgive countless (Mt 18:21-22). This is indeed being truly Christian; being united to Christ through suffering. Then we can ignite the world with an extraordinary power for conversion of those who cause us suffering, and give courage to those who suffer and do not know how to bear it (Lk 23:34; Acts 7:55-60).

On the cross Christ turned the other cheek! At his death Deacon Stephen turned the other cheek! Let us ***turn the other cheek*** to embrace ***“forgive me”*** or ***“I forgive you”***

**Frater Vitalis Nicholaus Kitulizo**

1st year Theology at Segerea Senior Seminary

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## *Pearls of Wisdom*

Wondering what forgiveness is, something seemingly small of greater impact. It is simply "letting it go." Let go of the hatred, anger and grudges; it will become love and compassion if it is all out. You let go and leave the room for the other.

How sweet it would be! To find a rose in a garden, a blooming rose with the sweet scent. Refreshing and calming, attractive it is, all one desires is to relax in the garden and enjoy the moment, lay free, free from one's own mind.

The mind is never a dump, a place to throw dirt, keep anger and hatred. That is what it will none the less produce, dirt and hatred, broken heart and hurting, pain and further pain. All simply because forgiveness is not planted! No rose can bloom, no one will find it attractive and only scraps are valued.

But all can change under the act of forgiveness. What if one can let it all go, convert a dump into a beautiful garden. What if anger can become a calm mind, hatred becomes love, isn't it beautiful!

Yes! Possible it is. Forgiveness is the answer. Try it, let go of the grudges, hatred and anger. And there it is! You found it, the garden, the beautiful garden filled with roses of all colors and sweet scent fills the area above.

Forgive and the mind will produce empty rooms to be filled with what allows you to grow, not to become a decaying land. Remember, the mind grows if only you allow it to, feed it with what is worthy.

For a bitter future, hold it. For a better future, forgive.

**Frater Jacob Michael Mafuru**

3rd Year Philosophy

Kibosho Senior Seminary

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Left: Second year Theology class Segerea Seminary

Submitted by **Frater Alfred Mageuzi Kavishe**  
2nd Year Theology at Segerea Senior Seminary  
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## THE MOTHER CHURCH

The Roman Catholic Church is regarded as a mother in her functions of nourishing and protecting the believers. The Church is a responsible mother who nurtures, cares for and guides the family of God in all things. She has ever been a brilliant and a loving mother to me from when I was born in her through baptism. Admitting to her contribution in my life as I discern my priestly vocation, the Mother Church has always been a pillar of cloud in the day and a pillar of fire by the night.

I confer to the responsible parenthood expressed by different mothers. In that pretext, on the part of some animals in their level of instincts, the mother is very careful in preparation for birth, caring and protecting her children, while the father may be away without even knowing the situation. With due acknowledgement to the contribution of the Mother Church personally, she has provided for me in all spheres of life, all necessary requirements for my soul. Apart from that she had raised for me special people like my Bishop, Priests and others who have become like Moses for the Israelites in the wilderness, to guide me towards my destiny. Along with this view I really thank the Mother Church for her caring spirit reflected upon our friends from USA. They have been a great support to our formation under the umbrella of the Mother Church through their prayers and material support. I offer my sincere gratitude to my sponsors, Jim and Joan Peck together with their granddaughters and the entire KMHO sponsorship program.

Pope Francis speaking to crowd at St. Peter's Square said, "Let us affectionately remember our mothers, even those who are no longer with us but always live in our hearts." Our prayers, our affection and our best wishes are for our mothers, who had suffered for our existence from conception till this stage, without underrating our father's role. I prefer the same affection and best of my joy to be expressed to the Mother Church who had contributed for my spiritual and intellectual growth as well as physical fitness.

"No one can have God for their Father who does not have the Church for their mother." It is from the Mother Church that we suck the milk for nourishment of our souls (the Sacrament), we are clothed with all material stuff for salvation and protected against the enemies by her ability to embrace all people. I call upon everyone to reflect upon the brilliant and loving care of the Mother Church throughout his/ her life. Let us also pray for the Church of God and all her members in the world. Thus, we shall become God's testimonies to the furthest corner of the world.

**Frater. Ignas E. Mringi**  
3<sup>rd</sup> year Theology  
Segerea Senior Seminary  
**Sponsored by Jim and Joan Peck**





# LISTEN!

*“Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you” (Deuteronomy 6:3)*

“Hear, O Israel!” Listen! Jesus often said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear” (Luke 8:8). The proper worship of God requires that we listen and not only hear. Sounds from radio, television and normal human activities constantly bounce on our eardrums and off to our brains. We choose whether to pay attention to them or not.

“Hear, O Israel!” God calls his new people, the new Israel, to listen too, especially today when seminarians or fellow believers hear the preaching of God’s Word. We must listen for our own good. We must always listen to God Who calls and communicate with us.

Children do not have the capacity to concentrate on a full-blown sermon. Despite our telling them to “listen to the preacher,” we must show a good example of listening. We take them to church and help them to sit quietly beside us or under the parental control. Something very important happens when children see adults listening.

As adults, we have to realize that listening doesn’t mean simply sitting and being quiet. Listening is a conscious and voluntary activity which requires energy in paying attention and concentrating. When children see adults giving value to listening, it tells them that something important is happening, something so important that, as they become able, they will begin to listen too.

“Hear, O Israel!”

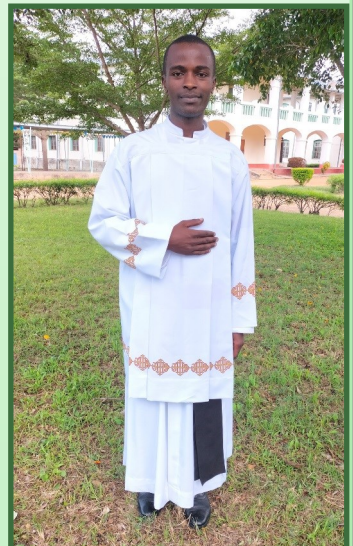
## **Frater Ibrahim Beno Tumaini**

2nd Year Theology

Kipalapala Senior Seminary

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do you need prayers?**

Right: Frater Ibrahim received the Lectorship Ministry on January 25th, feast day of Conversion of St. Paul, the patron Saint of Kipalapala Senior Seminary





Above: St. Anthony's Ntungamo Seminarians in procession during the Diaconate Mass in Bukoba Cathedral 25.01 2023 Photo sent by **Frater Michael George Zawadi**, 3rd year Philosophy, **hoping to have a sponsor soon!**



Above: Moshi seminarians who are studying at Segerea Senior seminary after completion of their first semester. Photo sent by **Frater Michael Riziki**, 3rd year theology, **sponsored by Deacon Lyn & Beth Houze**



Left: Fr. Valerian Larawa shares rosaries with the kids in his parish – Korongoni / BVM Mother and Queen.

**MANY MANY THANKS TO THE  
ROSARY DONORS!**

submitted by **Fr. Valerian Larawa**  
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**Please continue to pray for your priest 'sons'!!**

# Kipalapala Senior Seminary

On Wednesday 25th January, on the feast of Conversion of St. Paul, the Patron Saint of our Seminary, Seminarians of the Second year of Theology received the ministry of Lectorship and Seminarians of Third year Theology were made Acolytes.

As a Lector, we are now official readers of the Word of God during Holy Mass and other liturgical celebrations. There are also other duties of the ministry such as teaching catechesis and instructing those who have the duty of proclaiming the Word of God during Holy Mass.

According to Canon Law, those who are aspiring to be Priests have to be given the Ministry of Lectorship and Acolyte as their preparation towards the Sacrament of Holy Orders.



Above: Eleven 2nd Year Theology seminarians received the ministry of Lector.

Right: Six seminarians in 3rd Year Theology received the ministry of Acolyte.



Pictures and the good news of the celebrations at St. Paul Senior Seminary were submitted by:

**Frater Erasmi Riziki**

4th Year Theology

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**Frater Livini Matumaini**

3rd Year Theology

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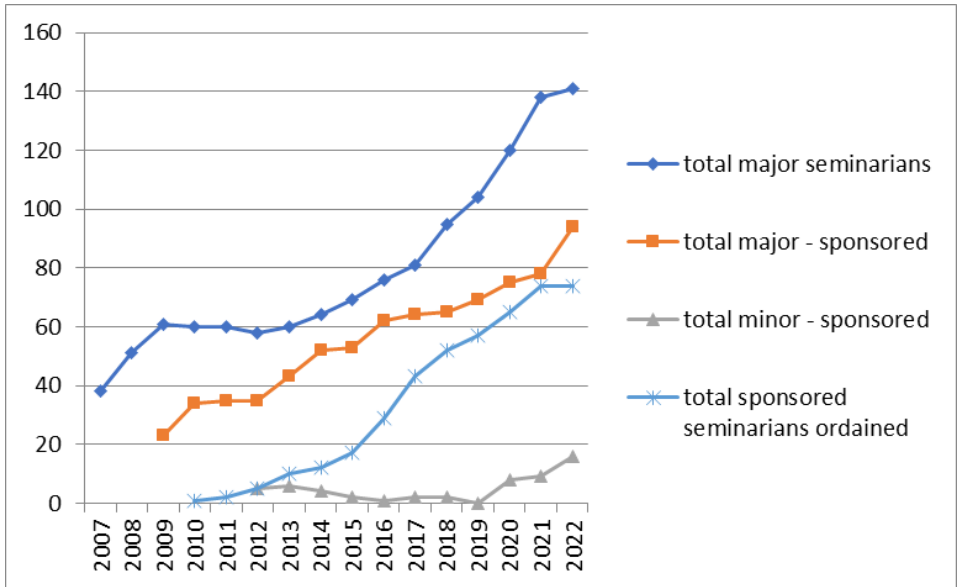
**Frater Primi Shukuru**

2nd Year Theology

**Sponsored by Beth and Brian Masserant**



# 2022 Annual Report



It is good news that the lines on the above graph continue to climb up. We have 141 senior seminarians right now. Of those, 47 are hoping to be soon sponsored. There are 16 junior seminarians who are sponsored. The number of priests ordained in 2022 is 0 because the priestly ordination was moved out six months which shifted the date to Jan 2023. For the past several years, all the priests who were ordained have been sponsored. Thank you sponsors!!

Thanks be to God, young men from the Catholic Diocese of Moshi continue to respond to God's call to a priestly vocation. In Tanzania, there are on average 2,796 Catholics per priest. The information I've found about the USA indicates there are approximately 3,210 Catholics per priest. The number of priests serving the Moshi Diocese continues to increase every year (as does the number of Catholics) whereas the numbers of priests serving in the USA continues to decline. We really need more prayer!

There are some notable cultural differences to consider: 1) many Tanzanians continue to respect God's will in blessing them with large families; 2) they promote vocations to the priesthood from a young age; 3) seminarians and priests are recognizable in their cassocks; and 4) there are altar boys.

Let us pray that the people of the Catholic Diocese of Moshi, Tanzania will practice their Catholic faith with joy and trust in the Lord. God is good....all the time. We just have to surrender our will to His. It works.

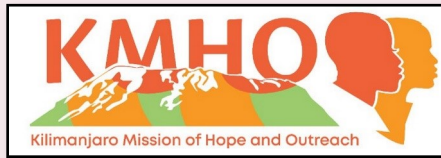
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