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THE MOSHI SEMINARIAN

MARCH 2019



Fire at Segerea Seminary

January 15, 2019: Fire has burned the Priests' rectory at St Charles Lwanga Major Seminary Segerea in Dar es Salaam Archdiocese

From the Cover...

Fire at Segerea Seminary

The fire accident happened on Wednesday 15/01/2019 from around 10:45 pm. The fire burned the upper floor of the priests' residence building which consisted the total of fourteen rooms. At that time some of the Seminarians were studying in their rooms, some were discussing in the lecture halls, and some were doing some other activities.



The root cause of the fire is the electric shock which occurred in one of the rooms. When the fire started some noises started to be heard in different places in the Seminary. So due to this Seminarians and other community members moved to witness the event. We tried to use different means to extinguish the fire, but we did not succeed, and as the time went on the fire was increasing. We tried to rescue some of the items from the Priest's rooms with not much success. All things in the upper rooms were burnt. Things in the ground floor rooms remained safe.

All the Priests came out safely. We thank God as He rescued all of us from such dangerous event. In real sense the fire accident shocked me. Other community members were also shocked by the event.

If you would like to donate towards rebuilding after the fire, please visit KMHO.org.



Frt. Colman Sunday
1st Year Theology
Segerea Seminary
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KMHO Seminary Mission - 2018 Year End Review

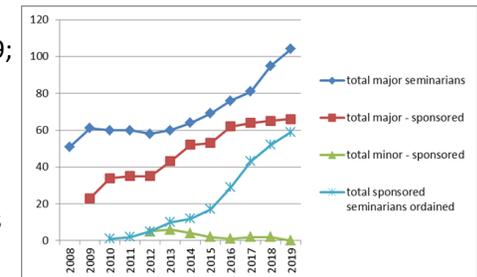
Dear Friends of the Catholic Diocese of Moshi,

We discussed last year that there IS a possibility that your sponsored “son” could come to the USA as a student – and it has happened already. Fr. Andrew Asantemungu was ordained three years ago – and now, he is a student at Walsh University in Canton, Ohio. There are also Moshi priests studying in PA, FL, and MA. With God, all things are possible. Please continue praying that YOUR sponsored “son” will come to study at a university near you.

God willing, there will be seven transitional deacons ordained to the priesthood on June 27th, 2019. Please keep these young men and all priests and seminarians in your prayers.

Some people like charts – so this one is for you!

- Currently, there are 104 major seminarians. Yay, we are over 100.
- 66 are sponsored – leaving 38 hoping and praying for a sponsor.
- 7 are waiting to be ordained to the priesthood on June 27th 2019;
- 59 sponsored seminarians have been ordained to the priesthood since the start of this program.



The “sponsored” seminarians curve is leveling out. We can’t let that happen. Please ask your friends to sponsor a seminarian so that we may all be united in helping the Catholic Diocese of Moshi, Tanzania populate the Universal Church with more HOLY priests.

Please keep us in your prayers. You are WELCOME to join us in the journey to Moshi this year. Come on down!

Thanks so much! Asante sana.

Yours in Christ,

T.O. Bennett, MBA
KMHO Seminary Mission Chair

TRUTH WILL STAND FOREVER

In life there are many events which people rely on them, basing on how many people gives support to them and not what the truth is. This is very wrong and unjust due to the fact that, we should always appeal to the truth which is only one and this will set us free. We must be sure that, truth will always be the winner and if not today then tomorrow. This should teach and lead us to the notion that, evil will continue to be evil even if it is supported by many. The criteria of our moral standard should be Christ who is truth. People can try to distort truth, hide it, change it, philosophizing it, but truth will remain forever and always truth will be the winner. We should be aware that, "Cheating is the most distinguishing, hurtful, and disrespectful thing, which you could do to someone". Let our prayer be "How I love your teaching Lord, I study it all the day long. Your commands make me wiser than my foes, for it is always with me (Ps 105:97-98). No one can change the truth.

Let us not allow ourselves to be the slave of wrong doing but sons of light, guided by the truth, for everyone who commit sins is a slave of it (John 8:24). In living the truth, let us allow sins not to overcome us by our wrong doing, but we should overcome sin by our good life which is enlightened by Christ who is the whole truth (Rom 12:21). Let truth be the guide of our life, for it will make us free (John 8:32), and our life will be nourished by this truth.

Frt. Aristid Riziki
4th Year Theology
Segerea Seminary
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Right: From Frt. Aristid...these are some of the members of children choir in our parishwhom I used to teach them liturgical songs during holy days . I like to sing....and normally this children impress me much , according to the way they offer themselves for the service of praising God and lead mass of children on Sundays



The Pearl

Sometimes, we ask ourselves many questions in our life concerning our success, the way we live, and how do other people see us. What I came to realize is that; you can always do something good to help people but finally you may end up receiving bad compliments. People say that God is there and He will provide for us. On the other side, if we cannot provide for ourselves, how would He? Be wise and know these!

Why do we judge others without clearly understanding them? Why do we hate them knowing that what they speak is love? Don't we know that true friends are always there to tell us the truth even if it hurts?

Why do we live in fear, anger and hatred? It is due to the lack of self awareness and blindness to see other's sufferings.

Why do we pray for God's forgiveness while deep inside us we are filled with hatred? Why do we keep ignoring those who aid us thinking that they are just there to destroy our lives?

Never despise those with weaknesses today because tomorrow the same weaknesses may fall on you. Be wise and pray for them.

Always let God be the First in your life! Let Him be the leader of your daily life. In whatever you do, think of how God will see you and not how others will see you.

Frt. Amedeus Mamkamba
1st Year Philosophy
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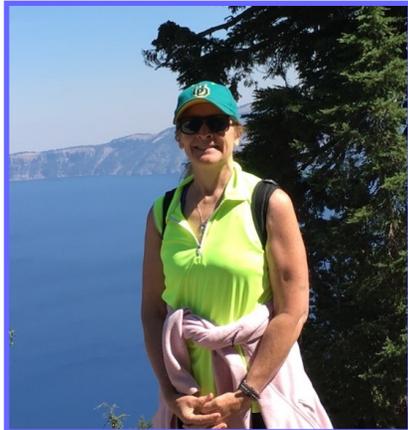
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Spotlight on Sponsors

Sponsor: Wendy Reimann
Parish: St. Pius X Parish, Portland, Oregon
Son: Frt. Heri Imani

After a trip to Tanzania in 2015 with Fr. Peter Siamoo, Wendy and her daughter, Nicole Reimann –McCarthy decided to sponsor a seminarian. Wendy said “We visited Tanzania with Fr. Peter and were touched by the dedication and commitment of the seminarians and we decided to sponsor. We also want to come back to visit at another ordination!” They chose Frt. Heri Imani because his name was very close to Henry, Nicole’s 5 year son.



Wendy, a licensed marriage and family therapist as well as a licensed professional counselor, uses her skills to help those in her Parish, St. Pius X, by serving as a co-leader with the Divorce and Separated ministry. In addition to her daughter Nicole 26 years old, Wendy has a son, Troy who is 31...and of course her grandson, Henry. She enjoys singing, painting, hiking and camping, and visiting the Oregon coast. Wendy shared “I like to paint with Bob Ross who had a television show in the 70s and 80s where he painted a picture in 30 minutes. He was a lovely person who had a gentle voice. His shows are available now and I love to spend time watching and following what he does (it takes me about 3 hours not 30 minutes). I also love to sing at church and I play the guitar.”

Wendy passes along the following message to the seminarians: “Thank you for your work and for choosing to say yes to the priesthood We live in difficult times everywhere and need to have our faith always as a reminder that we are only here for a short time. Your dedication to God helps all of us stay connected.”

I am grateful to give thanks to God for the gift of parents who are taking care for me, and in a special way to my Sponsors Mama Wendy and Mama Nicole. They are walking with on my journey toward priesthood vocation. Through these people I enjoy the sense of loving because of the way they are taking care for me. Their aid means a lot to me. They make me to study peacefully because of the studying material support which normally provided to me. Due to that reason then from the inner part of my heart I can say that I love them. And I am promising my prayers to them. God bless them .

Frt. Heri Imani
1st Year Theology
Segerea Seminary



GOD ACT ON HIS OWN WAYS, A Justification from Personal Life Story!!

Once upon a time in my lifetime, some three/four years ago to be specific, I got an accident while driving a motorcycle. I was heading to see my mother who was admitted at Ngoyoni Health Centre because her leg had swollen. By then I wasn’t a seminarian but simply a part-time teacher at Kisomachi secondary school.

What I has remained a puzzle in my mind is the way the motorcycle was totally teared and the car (was Toyota land cruiser) lost direction but also lost the front show. No sooner had I finished crossing the white marker line to refuel the motorcycle than the overtaking car crushed me at the angle less than 180°.

Something strange and a miracle like, which when I remember; my faith that God and his angels are, is the way I found my-self safe some five meters from the incident area. It is by this incident I quickly recalled why does God sometimes put us into the test!! My aim was to visit the sick, why then involving me in such a bad accident that destroyed the motorcycle but leaving me alive? After a long meditation I came to realize that God wanted me to know that, even without me my mother could still be cured and continue to survive, and that I can offer only what God himself allow. And indeed, I was unable to attend her for some number of days ahead because I was to check my body and see with the crashed motorcycle. From this time my enthusiasm to be back to the seminary grew high and high!! Today I thank God, for His ways are not men’s ways, and as we plan on our doings, He has the final plan for us (Proverbs 16:1-6)

Frt. Eugene E. Kawau
2nd Year Theology
Segerea Seminary
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THE NECESSITY OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Sin's beginning has a character that is qualitatively different from that of all origins. It affects all things. However, God uses it in the ways of righteousness and justice as an instrument of His own glory. Nevertheless, God does not tolerate sin; but He condemns it.

Sin must be considered as one's own. No genuine confession of sin will be made by a person so long as he looks for sin's origin. It is only when one recognizes his /her sin that he /she cries for forgiveness.

Sin took place as an event. Anyone who says God made man sinful denies the holiness and love of God. The person who says that moral purity is man's goal instead of his starting point attributes to God the principle As it condemned by St. Paul; "...Let us do evil, that good may come..." (Rom. 3:8)

Sin is man's fall, and not his exaltation. It is his disgrace, and not dignity. All sin is against God. Man will continue to commit sin against the sovereign God until the last enemy is destroyed. Sin against an individual is actually against God. All unrighteousness is sin and whatever is not of faith is sin (Rom 14:23)

Frt. Michael Safari
2nd Year Philosophy
Ntungamo Seminary
Sponsors: Stephen and Linda Marchand



THE MAP OF TANZANIA

Tanzania is the beautiful nation for living.
Different people love this country for visiting,
She has so many attractive sceneries for touring.
Manyara and Ngorongoro crater few for exampling,
The unique areas for visit Mt. Kilimanjaro is the leading.
This mountain is the best site for geographical zones studying
Kilimanjaro Mountain is found in one of the famous Catholic Diocese.
The Diocese with talented people and hospital people one can ever choose.
"The Catholic Diocese of Moshi is the one mentioned in this particular case.
in Tanzania the gifts of Gods priestly vocation is exemplified in this Diocese.
The faithful are happily praying for the priestly vocations and see their increase.,
Prayers of our faithful are the weapons for the steadfast in vocation which we chose.
There are minor Seminarians and major Seminarians walking in the their vocational phase.
God granted good hearts to different people. These are from different parts of our living universe.
By the gifts and support of these people, the Seminarians get their requirements on their journey traveling.
I in a special way, I would like to thank the sponsors of the Catholic Diocese of Moshi for their volunteering.
To them let the rain of blessings from Good God over them rain. Many things for us are certainly foregoing.
This is a lesson and encouragement to us Tanzanians. An example to us all these few people are showing.
The have formed Kilimanjaro Mission of Hope and Outreach. This mission forms a closer relationship.
...the friendship that exists between Catholic Diocese of Moshi and these American partners Friendship.
As Moshi Catholic Diocese Seminarians we are grateful for this a long-lasting family and relationship.
This mission aims at building spiritual and moral relations among the American and Tanzanian people.
Their assistance in School fees and prayers makes the Diocese's seminarians school's costs manageable.
By the Grace of Our Good Lord we are praying for each other's success and each one's health be stable.
And hence making the world the best place to live. This goes hand in hand with a great care certifying.
Therefore since we are all the sons of one Father, God almighty; we have a great duty of all caring.
This is no longer the same as past days. Now a few people are generous in the world of changing.
For the generous hearts of our sponsors we are thanking God. May he keep in us his life blessing.
For their generosity the church of Tanzania especially Moshi Diocese in the vocation is growing.
Let us walk together. Hand in hand us together. This good work of God in his call answering.
Through prayers and greetings which are life's well wishes, encouragements we are getting.
By God's power and grace we are rejoicing and joyfully our vocation we're following.
He is the only one God who is calling. And us his children we are to be responding.
In this Lenten season his example we are now following, that one of fasting,
As we are also waiting for His resurrection, let us all keep on praying,
Our hearts are opened for the universal and a generous welcome.
To all our beloved guests friends and all people not only for some.
Through this welcome we recognize that the life lived is awesome.
Creativity shared makes the bond of life in KMHO becomes fame."
Our prayers to our success to God we are rising not blaspheme"
We welcome our friends and sponsors in Moshi. Welcome"
Different people are granted talents as a blessing.
Together we are having a sharing..



From Frt. Arnold L. Furaha 3rd Year Philosophy Ntungamo Seminary
Sponsored By Jim & Joan Peck and granddaughters Mary and Olivia



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Contact T.O. Bennett (330) 497-6149 (land line) for Info!!

LENT, A JOURNEY OF HELPING THE POOR

As we are invited to commemorate the journey of Jesus Christ towards the salvation of mankind. It is easy to think our way of life is normal, even expected and demanded. It is easy to think we've it harder than the most people and to focus all our attentions on personal and family needs.

The journey is meant to make us aware of poverty, homelessness, sick people, the underprivileged and the prevailing world hunger that are taking place around the world. The journey should remind us of the sharing of Zacchaeus to the poor, giving half of his possessions to the poor (Luke 19:8). He exemplifies the virtue of charity, actions in love. Helping the needy to have their daily needs, giving advice, employment that they may have a positive attitude about life.

Let the journey reminds us of the following: as we gather to have a sumptuous visit with our family members, as we worry about job promotions, salaries, weekend plans, as we complain about life, as we plan to make renovation of our buildings and as we struggle hard to be in top posts in the government. other people think oppositely of our complains and wishes. People visit their fellows' graves, worry about how they'll find their next meal, others are living as fugitives in slums out of fear, some need to walk for miles finding their needs, some earn a little wage and lastly a large percent of the rest of the world deals with circumstances worse than mine and yours.

Let this journey change our perspectives, considering the needy and beginning to help them. Wish you a nice and reflective journey towards the salvation of mankind.

Fr. Fidelis Lemnge
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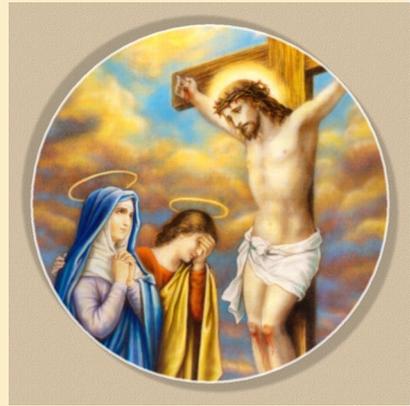
In Lieu of Flowers...

Please consider memorial contributions to KMHO in lieu of flowers for a loved one. You can use the following text:

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Kilimanjaro Mission of Hope & Outreach, P.O. Box 5125, Portland, Oregon

FOLLOWING CHRIST'S PASSION THROUGH VIRGIN MARY

The Paschal Mystery in which we are remembering the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ surpasses all mysteries celebrated in liturgical year. Christ was God, different miracles have been performed by Him, and no one could manage to force Him to do anything which would hurt Him without His own free will. This is to say, by His free will, Christ died for our sins, the innocent for the guilty, to bring us back to God. In the body He was put to death, but in the spirit He was raised to life. Now let us compare our generosity with that of Christ: what did I do for Christ? What I am I doing for Christ? What will I do for Christ? I think, nothing will be more than complete surrender to Him, to Have thirst like that of His; thirst to save people's souls.



We have to be aware that pain and suffering in our life are graces which bring us more closely to Jesus. But this is not an easy task, we have to follow the example of the thief, who by being crucified with Christ, the event became gracious to him and made him to recognize Christ and believe in Him, and the result of such moment lead him to holiness. However we have to follow Christ through Blessed Virgin Mary, who followed Her son till the end of Passion. We are now called to ask for graces through Virgin Mary, which will help us to understand the meaning of the passions of Christ in our life and even to participate in His passion. Moreover, like her, to be brave to follow Christ and take his cross and consequently to participate in His resurrection.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Erasmi Benedict
3rd year philosophy
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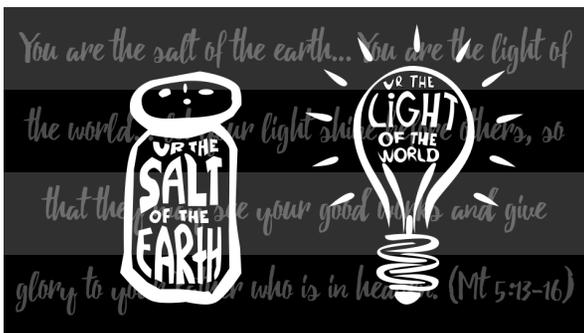
CALLED TO BE SALT AND LIGHT

The call to priesthood is the call to service. A Priest serves God through serving his chosen people. In serving the people; a priest fulfils various roles. He is the celebrant of the Holy Sacrifice, the minister of the Sacraments, a messenger of good news of love, justice and peace, the coordinator and supporter of lay ministry and the comfort of the people in times of sadness and crises.

In a seminarian's journey towards priesthood, it is important to examine oneself on how will one implement such roles in our modern world.

Jesus in the sermon on the mountain (Mt. 5:13-16) gives us two striking metaphors which offers us some practical solution: **Light** and **Salt**. **Light** spreads itself out in darkness dispelling darkness in the surrounds. **Salt** shares itself with the surrounds; permeating the surrounding food. *Have you realized the difference?* Light works well when separated from its surrounds (lifted up), but salt works well when it mixes well with the surrounds in such a way that it is indistinguishable. *What should we do then?* Well; we should strike the balance. We should be **spiritually light** and **socially salt**. Spiritually; we should aim at having higher values and morals and let the society be enlightened by our life. Socially, we should mix in the society freely and equally especially the poor and the needy. Dispel their fears and let them be courageous enough to share their problems with you. In a nut shell: we should entirely mix with the society, while maintaining our position as regards to morality and values.

Frt. Abel Bahati
1st year Philosophy
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Sponsors: Ray & Rand Guarendi



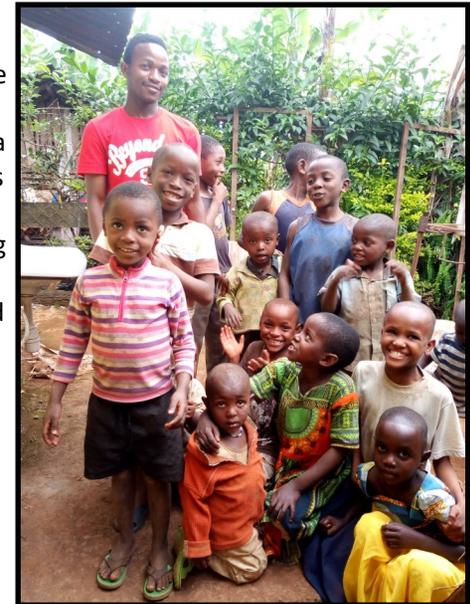
THE PRECIOUS GIFT FROM GOD

Children are the amazing precious gift from God, they are the response to God's order to our first parents of multiplying and fill the earth. Jesus Christ himself loved children and said to people, "let the children come to me for the kingdom of God is theirs". So it is the universal call for us to take care for children and give them best formation they need, so that they may live in a right manner and a happier life. Thus, we must be sure that, good formation of children will lead to the better future nations and holy Christians to perpetuate the church of God here on earth. So we if really need better and good Christian people in the future, we should invest in good formation of children at the present time.

In the current world we still see children facing various challenges and setbacks of life while chasing their dreams and aspirations. Such challenges are like poverty, diseases like malaria, child labor, child abuse, hunger and famine, separation of the families, poor education, wars, some are even brutalized the very moment in their mothers womb through abortion and the use of drugs. Unfortunately all these happens mostly in the third world countries and even in some of developed nations.

Since these problems renders the negative effects to the society, then the time has come for making a universal call to make a most perfect resolution to these problems facing our young ones in whatever place we may be, because caring and upbringing children in a right way is the positive response to the God's call of multiplying and filling the earth.

Frt . Aretas James Amani
1st Year Philosophy
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To make you smile...

Do you think Frater (Frt.) might be short for Father (Fr.) in Training? Seminarians keep the title Frater (Latin for Brother) until they are ordained as transitional deacons.



HAVE COURAGE

God intends to exercise His divine authority by giving courage. We are called upon especially in this Lenten season, despite our weaknesses, to 'have courage' in Crucified Jesus so that by praying intensively, offering sacrifices and fasting, He may invigorates our hearts with new faith, hope and love. Lent is a privilege time of interior pilgrimage towards God who is the font of mercy and who encourages us not to lose our hope.

In this Lenten Season, God addresses himself to us when we feel that we are sinful and weak before him or He has forsaken us. God tells us not to fear but 'have courage.' This is revealed in the Holy Scriptures. Prophet Hagai conveys the divine message to the Israelites, who thought that God had forsaken them entirely; for them, God exists, but not for them. The prophet says: "Courage, Zerubbabel! Courage, Joshua! Courage, all people of the country!" (Confer, Hagai 2: 4).

"Have courage," says Jesus to the paralyzed man. "Have courage," says Jesus to the woman who has been suffering from a hemorrhage for many years until she dares to touch the hem of Jesus' garment. "Have courage," says Jesus, to the very frightened disciples when He approaches them on the sea of Galilee using the winds and the waves as his mode of transport. "Have courage," says Jesus to his apostles as He approaches his passion, "I have conquered the world." (Confer, Matthew 9:2; 9:22; 14:27; John 16:33).

I extend my sincere thanks to our parents, formators, sponsors and all others who have been telling us, "Have courage" in many different ways, as we are preparing the Bread of Life and the Living Waters of Truth to fill the hungry hearts and souls of those whom will be entrusted to us, when we will become priests in the order of Melchizedek.

Let us continue encouraging one another especially in this Lenten season so that we can be able to participate fully in the joy of Easter.

Frt. Livini Matumaini
2nd Year Philosophy
Ntungamo Seminary
Looking forward to praying for my sponsor

About the photo: From left, Frt. Livini Matumaini and Frt. Michael Mushi at Ntungamo Major Seminary



A LIFE WORTH LIVING

Whether it is in our mind or not, that day will surely come. A day when our eyes will shut and deep muteness envelopes us forever; a day that we will see no birds flying along the shiny blue skies, no more daylights and moonlights. A day that will edge all hours and seasons we cherished. Honour, fame, richness friends, neighbours and all earthly cares will come to an end. All the beautiful plans yet to be done will follow through; treasured ambitions with their glorious moments will all expire. Such moment reminds us that life passes away suddenly and quickly like a shadow.

At the end of the day God will need an account of our deeds. He will ask us of how many fellow men did we help to soar to great heights. He will seek to find if we gave up ourselves like a pelican; if strangers and refugees found their shield and harbor in us, if starving had food and drinks from us; if the outcasts were brought near and the worried released from their tensions and fears. God will seek to find if men found out some springs of new hopes and courage to endure life, if those who wept for night obtained joy at daybreak. Living this kind of life is the thing that we are to long for as God fearing people, especially in this Lenten season for a God fearing man's grace and strength will not soon be forgotten and his everlasting impression in people's hearts will long be remembered.

I would like to give a lot of thanks to these dear ones **Megan and Thomas Karcher**, for their valuable support. I am very glad to have such caring and encouraging sponsors, when I think of them I feel that I am not alone in this journey towards priesthood. They value me, cherish me, support me, and above all pray for me. May the almighty God bless them in abundance, and I promise my prayers for them.

Frt Charles Wosia
2ND year Theology
Segerea Seminary
Sponsors: Thomas and Megan Karcher



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THE FACT ABOUT PRAYER TO OUR LIFE AND OUR VOCATION

Prayer is the conversation and union between God and man. Prayer is founded on faith and its necessary as faith, it dies when faith dies and vice versa.

Fact about prayer to our life. Prayer is an interior life in action and to be aware of God presences. Prayer is as necessary as breath; prayer can be compared as breathing. "the body dies when it lacks air; The soul dies when it lacks prayer". Without food the body cannot keep itself alive; hence there the soul without prayer, the soul cannot keep itself alive. As the body cannot live without the soul, so the soul without prayer is dead.

To our vocation we need much prayer because we have a big task to fulfilled. It is true that we cannot be faithful to our vocation if we are not faithful to our prayers. We cannot standup to difficulties or resists temptation or overcome anxiety and discouragement without a living deep prayer life. Therefore, we need power of prayer to fulfill our responsibilities here in the world.

I am praying for all sponsors and my God add more from where you gave out for us.

Fr. Richard Baraka
1st Year Philosophy
Kibosho Seminary
Available for Sponsorship



A short history of my vocation



My name is Frt. Gervas. A. Gabriel. I am from St. Joseph Mashati Parish. I am the seventh child in a family of eight children, four as male and four as female. After completing primary education I joined secondary education where I studied until fourth. Then I joined St. James junior seminary for form five and six. After that I joined formation year at Karanga Formation Center then joined a major seminary (Ntungamo) for philosophical studies. I am currently in the second year.

I cannot explain the history of my vocation without mentioning my mother. Since I know my mom is a person who really loves spiritual matters, gentle and compassionate. She motivated me to love spiritual matters also and desire to serve God. She was attending the Sacred Mass everyday and I often accompanied her. We were getting up at dawn everyday and going to Church. That made her love me more than all my brethren. She taught me many things especially to be disciplined and to sympathize with the poor. This made me look like a good student at school. I began to declare publicly that I wanted to be a Priest when I was ten years old (Standard three). This is because of my heartfelt passion and admiration as the way a Priest was celebrating Mass. When my mom heard that, she was so excited and told me that she was praying for me to have that aim. So she promised to continue praying for me to accomplish that goal. She advised me to visit a Priest who was our Pastor about that matter. The priest advised me to keep in prayer and diligent study. I worked hard to keep that in mind because I still remained firm in this call.

In discerning that I have been called, I have seen many signs in my life. One of them is that, whatever I have prayed to God I have had for a short time. The other is that wherever I pass, people see me as a Priest, though they see me for the first time.

The challenges I encounter in this vocation include being more influenced by worldly pursuits than by Divine, influenced by friends, striving to live celibacy and rarely miss important needs.

I fight with this challenges by praying, working and studying hard.

Fr. Gervas Gabriel is available for sponsorship.



CASSOCKS' DAY – AT KIBOSHO SENIOR SEMINARY

It was on the 10th day of December, 2018 when we first years were given the cassocks, which is the important step in our journey towards priesthood. We were eagerly awaiting for this day since our entrance in the seminary because it is through this we can be easily recognized as fraters, and we can really fill it in ourselves, also it is through this we can carry out different pastoral and liturgical activities pertaining to us in our parishes as well as in the seminary. The cassocks which were firstly blessed and then given to us, remind us every day about our life as seminarians as they invite us to form and transform our daily lives towards the great mission which Jesus has planned for us. Thus they signify our inner life and it is our duty, empowered by the grace of God, to ensure that our inner life conforms to what the cassocks signify. May the merciful God embrace us and protect us by His love in our vocation journey. Amen.



Frt. Efreem Theobald Bahati
1st Year Philosophy
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Ordination to the Priesthood—June 27th!!



Please continue to pray for the following men who will be ordained as priests of the Moshi Diocese on June 27th. The long awaited goal is in sight thanks to your prayers and support!

- Deacon Primus Weria—Sponsored by Jose and Debbie Ventosa
- Deacon Ulrich Satori—Sponsored by Bob and Becky Moore
- Deacon Denis Kaishe—Sponsored by Frank and Edie Price
- Deacon Oscar Shujaa—Sponsored by George and Rita Young
- Deacon Severin Humura—Sponsored by Julie Rentz
- Deacon Ulrick Riziki—Sponsored by Catholic Men's Guild: BKPEKB
- Deacon Joseph Mrina—Sponsored by Mona Knouff, Chris Knouff, and Tim Shilling

Praise be the Name of Jesus Christ!

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to you for the spiritual and material support you gave me in my priestly training and formation. I have completed Senior Seminary and I have been ordained the Deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Moshi. I would like to use this precious moment also to thank you and all sponsors who work hard tirelessly to make sure that all the Moshi Diocese Major Seminarians reach to the altar as priests as God had intended in his gracious plan to them. Please keep me in your prayers so that I may become what God had planned for me. Wishing you all the best in this Lenten season!

Your Loving son
Deacon Primus T. Weria.