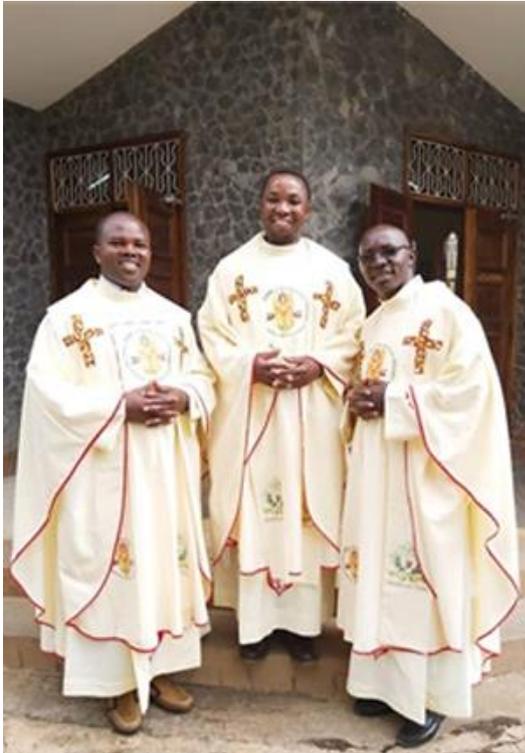




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✎ Priestly Ordination 2019



On 11th July 2019 all roads led to Epiphany Parish, Burka as nine deacons were ordained priests by the Archbishop of Arusha, Isaac Amani. There were five for the Archdiocese of Arusha, one Jesuit and three Spiritans. The ordination was very well attended with more than one hundred priests. Despite being a working day, the church was packed. After the post communion prayer, the appointments of all the newly ordained priests were announced. Our confreres received their Mission Appointments from the Superior General and his Council on 16th November 2018 to the following circumscriptions. **Fr Joseph M. Gilbert** is appointed to Ethiopia; **Fr Bartholomew Kwiyege** (in the middle) Papua New Guinea (Oceania) and **Fr Erasmus Manwa Eliud** Republic of Ireland. Congratulations to our confreres for reaching this very important step in their missionary life and we wish them good apostolate in their places of mission.

✎ Symposium

The UCEAF organised a Symposium/Seminar at Spiritan House, Nairobi on 17th July 2019 as part of the preparation for the General Chapter 2020 which will take place in Poland. The Symposium/Seminar was guided by the questions of the Superior General's letter of Pentecost 2018 on the future of mission in the next fifteen years in this part of the world. There were twelve participants who came from UCEAF representing the following areas of apostolate: primary/first evangelisation; refugee ministry; education; pastoral ministry; interreligious dialogue; JPIC and health care. We had three presenters who spoke on Pastoral issues, focusing on family and youth; Evangelisation to the margins and Education. Later we were divided into small group discussions. The outcome of the Symposium/Seminar will be coalesced and sent to Rome as part of our contribution to the General Chapter. The three Superiors of UCEAF were in attendance. Ethiopia was represented by **Fr Michael Kasia** as **Fr Iede de Lange**, the Superior of Ethiopia Group was on holidays.

✎ Bereavement

- **Fr Clement Temba** lost his dear mother, Salome Temba on 6th July 2019 and she was laid to rest on 16th July 2019. She was 85 years of age. Pole sana Clement.
- **Fr Simplis Lakshi** lost his dear mother Conjesta Makavishe (81 years of age), who was battling with cancer, on 24th July 2019. She was buried on 30th July 2019. Pole sana Lakshi. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Holidays

- **Fr Rogasian Msami**, the Superior of Oceania (Australia) is on holiday as from 12th July 2019.
- **Fr Respicious Kweyamba** is on holidays from 8th July. He will return to Kenya at the beginning of August 2019.
- **Fr Calvin Massawe** arrived on 24th July 2019 for holidays. He is also accompanying a group of volunteers from France. Calvin is working in France.
- **Fr Joseph Lekundayo** who was in France for studies on Spiritan History and Spirituality arrived for his holidays on 25th July 2019. Joseph works in Reunion. We wish them a good period of rest with their families and confreres.

Chapter Preparatory Committee

- The Chapter Preparatory Committee met for their first meeting on 16th July 2019 and elected **Frs. Francis Kimaro** as its Chairman and **Victor Ashwa**, Secretary assisted by **Fr Elias Ruvahofi**, who also doubles as the bursar of the committee. We realise that time is not on our side. We ask for your cooperation when the committee will start communicating with you.

Volunteers from Taiwan and France

As a Kiswahili saying goes, “*Ukiona vyaelea jua vimeundwa* – If you see vessels moving/floating, they have been built/created”, that is, things have a cause. Most of us in Tanzania have either met or heard about the groups of volunteers from Taiwan and France who come here every year. What is the genesis of it?



In Hsinchu City, Taiwan, the Spiritans are in charge of the Holy Spirit Parish, which is located near two major State Universities. A leading professor at one of

these Universities involved with student affairs (the Catholic population in Taiwan is 1%) asked the Spiritans if they could come up with a project proposal that would give their students international experience and exposure. One of the Spiritans working in this parish was **Fr. Jean-Pascal Lombart**, who agreed to the proposal on condition that the volunteers/students would be sent to Tanzania, and that it would be a gradual process. The first year was to discover, make a survey and ask Tanzanian partners what they expected from the volunteers. After a year of this process, Jean-Pascal contacted the late **Fr Daniel Bouju**, who together with **Fr Valentine Bayo**, offered to receive them at Marian Pre and Primary School, Bagamoyo. In 2008 after months of preparation and fund-raising, the first group of volunteers arrived in Tanzania and were received by the confreres as well as the staff of Marian Pre and Primary School. One of the things that the confreres wanted the volunteers to do was to prepare their students for computer school examination, something they agreed to do on condition that the school would prepare a classroom, make teachers available for training on how to use computer software and the maintenance of computers. The computers were to be brought from Taiwan.

None of the volunteers was Catholic or Christian, but later they discovered our Spiritan hospitality and what it meant for Catholics to work with and for the poor. They became friends with the teachers and later one of them, who is still teaching at Marian Pre and Primary School, received a scholarship to study in Taiwan. When they returned to their country they spoke so highly and enthusiastically of Tanzania, that it inspired and led others to come to Tanzania. Their stories began to gradually change the image of Africa in Taiwan. A few years later they were even received by the president of their country as an example of Taiwanese Youth opening up to the world! Jean-Pascal, who can be called the founder of the group, accompanied them to Tanzania from 2008 until 2012. Later the students founded an Association and as they were now fully feathered, they could organise their journeys and come on their own without the mother hen. Since then some of the Volunteers especially from National Tsing Hua University¹ have not only continued to come to Tanzania every year, but have opened other routes to Kenya and Ghana. This year we received fourteen of them (eleven girls and three boys).

In 2011 Jean- Pascal founded another group of volunteers, this time of doctors from Fu Jen Catholic University in Taipei. Ever since, they have been coming every year but unlike the other group of students they tend to go to one place, that is, Engaruka², Mto wa Mbu Parish providing Mother and Child Health

¹ This is one of the leading universities in Taiwan and indeed in the world. Most of the volunteer students who come to Tanzania every year are from here. When I was in Taiwan recently, I had the opportunity to visit the university and meet some of the Professors. MARUCO has also built contact with this university.

² Perhaps this is not surprising as Jean-Pascal Lombart did his Period of Missionary Experience there many years ago. Mvuta kama hukuvutia kwake – Not bad.

(MHC) and hygiene education especially among the Maasai that covers many areas. The group has come to be known as the Fu Jen Group of doctors.

When Jean-Pascal went back to France in 2014, he founded a French volunteer team that also came to Tanzania, following the same method as in Taiwan. This time though, they focused on identifying disabled children in Maasai land, with Dr. Higgins Massawe (the brother of our late confrere, Fr Michal Massawe), who normally joins the team whenever they come to Tanzania.

This year, after 4 years and with 4 teams, the volunteers from France for the first time they are in Tanzania without their founder. But they are accompanied by another confrere, **Fr Calvin Massawe**. Therefore, we have three groups visiting Tanzania; two from Taiwan and one from France.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank Jean-Pascal Lombart for these wonderful initiatives and our confreres who receive, encourage and offer hospitality to them. We should be very proud of our Spiritan family, and somehow, the volunteers also feel part of our family as they share in our mission of making a difference in the lives of many people especially the young and the poor.

✎ Upcoming events

✎ Jubilee

The Silver Jubilee of our eight confreres will take place as communicated previously at the Holy Ghost Provincialate on 15th August 2019, the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. The celebration of the Eucharist will begin at 10:00 hours.



The Congregation of the Holy Ghost, Province of Tanzania
 Cordially invites you to celebrate the
Silver Jubilee of Priesthood of our brothers:

 Assey John, C.S.Sp.	 Kessy Thomas, C.S.Sp.	 Kilasara Peter, C.S.Sp.	 Mallya Florentine, C.S.Sp.	 Mkulima Eligius, C.S.Sp.	 Mrema Aquiline, C.S.Sp.
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And the Celebration of the Perpetual Vows
 of our brother:

 Fulgence Theodory, C.S.Sp.		 Mushi Gaspard, C.S.Sp.
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On the 15th August 2019 at the Holy Ghost Provincialate, Tengeru - Arusha.
 Eucharist Celebration will start at 10:00 a.m followed by refreshment.

You are most WELCOME!

NB :All the Priests are requested to come with white vestiments.

They are **Frs. Peter Kilasara, Gaudence Mushi, Florentine Mallya, John Assey, Eligius Mkulima, Thomas Kessy Salekio, Aquiline Mrema and Gaspar Mushi**. They were ordained on 21st May 1994.

In the same Eucharistic celebration, our confrère, **Fulgence Theodory Mushi** will make his final vows. Karibuni sana and congratulations to our confreres. May God bless them in their faith journey.



Meeting in Abuja

The Provincial Superior will be away for a meeting of Spiritan Conference of Circumscriptions of Africa and the Islands³ (SCCAI) from 23rd August to 6th September 2019. The meeting will take place in Abuja, the Federal Capital of the Republic of Nigeria. He will use this time to visit some of the circumscriptions that have confreres doing ministry in our Province.

Birthdays

AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
Fr. MASSAWE Philip	01	Fr. MALLYA Ricklan	03
Fr. MASSONG Nicodemus	03	Fr. MALLYA Peter C.	09
Fr. KIMARO Zakayo	15	Fr. KIMARO Filbert	15
Fr. NJUMWA Respicius	17	Fr. KIMARO Francis	19
Fr. SHIRIMA Evarist	18	Fr. MWOMBEKI Albano	21
Fr. MASSAWE Anno	18	Fr. NJAU Peter	24
Fr. BAIJUKYA Arnold	22	Fr. SHAO Augustine	25
Fr. CHUWA Paul	28	Fr. MARANDU George	27

In the Spirit,

**Philip Massawe, Cssp
Provincial Superior**



³ Cape Verde, Mauritius, Seychelles and Madagascar.