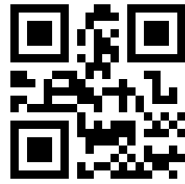


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## Frater Festo Sambonanga

3rd Year Philosophy

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



**Birthday:** 15 June 1994  
**Parish:** Keni Parish  
St. Charles Borromeo  
**Siblings:** Festo is 3rd born of 15 children  
**Father :** Eugen Sambonanga  
**Mother:** Eliondra Eugen

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# Spotlight on Sponsors

**Sponsors: Dick and Donna Kennish**  
**Home: Portland, Oregon**  
**Parish: St. Pius X Parish**  
**Son: Frt. Deogratias Arumasi**

Hello, we are Dick and Donna Kennish and we attend St. Pius X Parish in Portland, OR. We have been married for 29 years and have two biological sons, Jeff (27) and Daniel (25) along with our Tanzanian son Frt. Deogratias Arumasi who is in third year theology at the Kipalapala Seminary.



Donna teaches 5th grade at our parish school and enjoys playing tennis, socializing with friends, and cheering for the Seattle Seahawks! Dick is a retired chemical process engineer and now spends his time playing soccer and tennis, fixing bicycles at a non-profit bike shop, playing trumpet in an adult marching band, and volunteering at the parish and school. We are both involved with the ACTS (adoration, community, theology, and service) group at our parish, and Dick has coached girls volleyball, works with the students in science fair, and serves on the parish stewardship team. We have an RV and love travelling and camping in it.

We met Deogratias on our trip to Tanzania in 2015 with Fr. Peter Siamoo. It was love at first sight and we decided right there to sponsor this young man with a beautiful smile and a sincere heart for the Lord. It is a true privilege to assist with his education and we feel the blessings of his prayers for us constantly. We enjoy getting his e-mails that allow us to follow his journey to the priesthood, and hope to attend his ordination in 2020 (we're also talking about climbing Kilimanjaro - who is with us?!?).

I am very happy to have such caring sponsors of mine and of my fellow brothers, the fraters of Moshi Catholic Diocese. In the most honor, these dear ones Dick and Donna Kennish. I am continually thanking God wherever I think of them. They are really a blessing to my life. To me they are also like my Father and Mother. I wish to thank them a lot. I am wishing them a magnificent success in their lives. May the Lord bless and give them his peace and joy always.



Frt. Deogratias Arumasi

It's not too soon to start thinking...

- Would you like the trip of a lifetime?
- Would like to meet your "son" face to face?
- Would you like to experience a culture that is pure and simple and full of joy?

**Consider joining the trip to Moshi, Tanzania  
July 2018!!**

The trip will run from July 2nd to July 17th.

Planning is starting now and we would like to know who might be interested for group pricing. Please contact T.O. Bennett for more information at 330-497-6149.

I am wishing you a blessed celebration of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God grant you the light of Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is Love; the radiance of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice; the belief of Christmas, which is truth; the all of Christmas, which is Christ. Pass my deepest greetings to all.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018**

Yours in Christ's Love  
Frt. Deogratias Arumasi  
3rd Year Theology  
Kipalapala Seminary  
Sponsors: Dick and Donna Kennish



*Wishing you and your families a New Year filled with peace and joy and may God Bless you abundantly for all that you are doing in support of God's Universal Catholic Church!*

*KMHO and the Seminary Sponsorship Mission*

## The Joy of the Mystery of Incarnation

### Incarnation

This is the mystery and the dogma of the word made flesh. A mystery celebrated on Christmas. The birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ, taking up St. John's expression, the word became flesh,

Jn 1:14, the Church calls "incarnation" the fact that the son of God assumed a human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it.

### Scriptural expressions on Incarnation

The Word becoming flesh (Incarnation) is expressed in the following words in the Holy Scripture;

'Epilepsis' which means 'out of taking on a nature' ( Heb 2:16).

'Epiphaneia' meaning 'appearance' ( 2Tim 1:10).

'Phanerosis hen Sark' means 'manifestation of the flesh' (1Tim 3:16).

'Somatos Katartismos' which means 'the fitting of the body' ( Heb 10:5).

'Kenosis' 'means the act of emptying one's self' ( Phil 2:7).

Latin fathers call *incorporatio* Heb 10:5, kenosis, the act of emptying one self, Phil 2:7

### The purpose of incarnation (why did the word become flesh?)

The Word became man for us men and our salvation

The Word became man in order to reconcile us with God, the Father

The Word became flesh so that we might know God's love

The Word became flesh in order to be our model of Holiness

The Word became flesh so that we might become the partakers of Divine nature

### Jesus Christ True God and True man

The unique and altogether singular event of the incarnation of the Son of God does not mean that Jesus Christ is part Christ and part man, nor does it imply that he is the result of a confused mixture of the divine and the human. "He became truly man while remaining truly God. Jesus is true God and true man." The first ecumenical Council of Nicaea in 325 AD confessed in its Creed that "One Lord Jesus Christ...true God of true God...Who begotten, not made, of the same substance *homoousios* as the Father, became Man and suffered. This belief was in one Person Who was at the same time God and Man, that is to say, He had at the same time divine and human nature."

Frt. Denis M. Kaishe

4th Year Theology

Segerea Seminary

Sponsors: Frank and Edith Price



## The Pearl

*John 15:16 It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.*

This scripture verse came to me as I was praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament a few weeks ago. God chose me! It brings me to tears as I ponder the fact that God chose me to help the Catholic Diocese of Moshi as she educates her many seminarians who become the fruit that will last - Holy Priests! Wow! I am amazed.

God also chose you. Take a few minutes (or longer) to spend with Jesus and really reflect on what God has chosen you to do. Then go and be fruitful.

T.O Bennett  
Mama to all of the  
Seminarians and priests  
In the Moshi Diocese



December 11, 2017 was a very happy day for me when I was celebrating two years since I was given a Cassock on December 11, 2015, at Kibosho Seminary and the same day was for first years to receive their Cassocks. I thank to God for the gift of life and blessings gives me on my journey to the Altar of the Lord in order to serve Him and his people.

I also thank the Bishop, the Vocational Director, my parents for their everyday endeavor to get to my Holy calling. In a very special way I also thank Chris & Mike Kondrat and Beth Kondrat for their prayers and support in traveling with me in this Call. God bless them and protect them in their daily activities.

I wish you Happy Christmas celebration and the New Year 2018.

Frt Johnson Abuu  
3rd Year Philosophy  
Kibosho Seminary

Sponsors: Mike & Chris Kondrat and Beth Kondrat



Right: Seminarians weeding at St. Paul's Seminary (Kipalapala). In the seminary we work hard as the part of formation. Here I am (Frt. Gagano) working in our seminary maize farm removing the weeds. Our staple crop is maize, and so, staple food in our seminary is normally stiff porridge (ugali) and rice. Here we are working hard to produce enough maize for our own food. Sometimes we enjoy working in the farm as the part of refreshing our minds after the hard work in the classes. We normally take it as the part of leisure but a productive one because we get maize for ugali.



Sometimes our relatives and friends are very happy when they see their beloved ones accepting the call of God. Left: The two are my sister's children (Zeno and Mourine) who struggled to take a photo with me at Tarakea Parish when we met in Mass. They promised their prayers and they always ask " Uncle, when will you become priest?" I always smile at them and answer, "Go on praying. My tentative ordination may be 2020!

Frt. Galgano Sumaili  
3rd Year Theology  
Kipalapala Seminary  
Sponsors: Joyce and Neil Stoneberg

### A Chagga Christmas Tradition...

According to the Chagga tradition, families give meat to family friends. The package must be the dried banana leaves.



## Ordination to Transitional Diaconate—January 4, 2018



Please pray for the following young men who will be ordained as transitional Deacons on January 4th, 2018. (Left to right)

- Frt. Honest Ndeonakazi –sponsored by Susan Shearer
- Frt. Novatus Babu –sponsored by the Little Flower Bible Study group
- Frt. Benedict Kagwa –sponsored by Janet Collier
- Frt. Anthony Amani –sponsored by George and Rita Young
- Frt. Emmanuel Imani –sponsored by the Duwelius Family
- Frt. Dismas Bahati - sponsored by Linda DiRuzza
- Frt. Cleophas Kimaro - sponsored by Bob and Irene Weisend

These young men will be ordained into the Priesthood on July 5th 2018!!

Please contact T.O. Bennett at [KMHO.TZ@gmail.com](mailto:KMHO.TZ@gmail.com) or 330-497-6149 if you are interested in joining the group traveling to Moshi to celebrate this sacred event!!

### 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.



# Spotlight on Sponsors

**Sponsors: Frank and Edith Price**  
**Home: New Philadelphia, Ohio**  
**Son: Frt. Denis Kaische**

Written by Frank Price..



In July, 2016, I had a life-changing experience--a visit to Moshi Diocese in Tanzania. I was so impressed with the warmth of the people, the joy they demonstrated, and their commitment to God and the church. They have so little and give so much!

I was welcomed and thoroughly enjoyed participating in their worship. Fifteen priests were ordained. The ordination ceremony and the festivities following it gave me such a blessing. These new priests accepted their roles and responsibilities with enthusiasm. The need is so great.

I belong to The Church of the Holy Trinity. Fr. Sabas, took me on a tour to visit our sister church, Holy Trinity, and its six outposts. We stopped at each one. At the last location, the physical building was only some posts with a roof overhead. Yet, the people had such a wonderful Christian attitude and their love for God and the church was contagious. The building does not make the church—the worshipers do.

Upon my return to Ohio, I was inspired to sponsor a student studying to be a priest. The small sacrifice I make is overshadowed by the joy of knowing a deserving, young man is going to be a future ambassador for Christ. I pray for Frater Denis Kaishe daily as he studies and prepares for his calling to serve God.

Perhaps I am even more conscious of the work of the Catholic Church in Tanzania because we were blessed to have Father Rigobert Kiwia as our priest for several months while he was studying at the local university. Father Rigobert is now back in Tanzania teaching at St. James Seminary.

Our parish is pleased to be sponsors for three seminarians. Deacon Lyn and Beth Houze sponsor Frater Michael Mbero and have traveled to Tanzania twice. The Knights of Columbus sponsor Frater Innocent Rvaika. We members feel strongly about missionary work and that part of the money we earn from the Lenten Fish Dinners should be given to missions. We also have financed vestments, an altar kit, medical and educational supplies, and computers for the Moshi Diocese.

My Church of the Holy Trinity is located in Zoar, Ohio, an historical German community which was a communal society for 75 years. This parish was formed twenty years ago when three parishes were combined. It is a very active church.

Historical Zoar hosts several festivals during the year. We set up a food tent and are known for our bratwurst sandwiches. I coordinate getting all the food ordered and prepared and arranging for help with grilling and serving. The church family is very supportive.

We have two Masses each weekend. The guitar and instrumental players take care of the music on Sunday morning. I attend the more traditional Saturday night Mass because my wife plays the piano then and I sing in the choir. I take my turn as a lecturer and an Eucharistic minister.

Isn't there to be more time when you are retired? When I stopped working as a manager for the Woolworth Stores, I thought I'd have some time to pursue my interest in aviation. Instead, I delivered motor homes from the factory to dealers from Alaska to Texas to California to the East Coast. Now, I work a limited part-time job delivering rental truck equipment. My flying interest has dwindled down to membership in the local Experimental Aircraft Association. Instead, I find that sharing historical Zoar with tourists is more interesting. With serving on the Zoar Community Association Board of Directors and my involvement with all the church activities, I don't lack for things to do.

My wife, Edith, and I do enjoy traveling, especially to historical sites. She and I have been married eighteen years. I had three children with my first wife who is deceased. Now, I count four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren living in Las Vegas and New York City and the Cleveland area. My son, Mark, is a special needs adult and lives close by which allows me to spend time with him each week.

In summary, I believe it is so important for us Christians to spread the Word of Christ and to be His disciples. By sponsoring a seminarian I pray that God's work will continue. May God bless all our seminarians, the future priests, who will share the Word to our next generations.

Priestly vocation is the gift from God through means known only by Him. Frater Denis Kaishe has no doubt about his calling to this gift. Jack and Nancy Dempsey toiled with a Son aspiring to become a priest until their health deteriorated. Oh! This is a difficult moment but a prayerful moment for them and their adopted son. Our challenges to those of Christ on the cross, our Hope regained.

Plans of God are known fully to him. A man may know these plans partially. Franklin and Edith Price decided to take over my Sponsorship from Jack and Nancy Dempsey. They decided to devote their moment particularly to me. It was on 3<sup>rd</sup>



September 2017 when Franklin and Edith were introduced to me. I felt like...., no word can express, but I was marked with joy.

We shared our stories. We find some common historical events in our lives not known before. It is my hope through faith in love that the hearts joined in prayer together with Franklin and Edith, God hearken and answer. An open heart for prayer before it is said it is already a prayer. Be blessed.

## AUTHENTIC FAITH!

Baptism makes a person a Christian. It opens the gate for the other sacraments and registers one among Christ's faithful. However, being a Christian demands more than baptism. The baptized has to live according to the norms and requirements of the baptismal vows. The baptized person who doesn't observe God's precepts is no more baptized than the unbaptized. As St. Paul argues, circumcision has its value if one keeps the Law, but if a circumcised person keeps breaking the Law, he is no more circumcised than the uncircumcised (cf. Rom. 2:25ff). That means, in a certain way, the unbaptized who keeps the Law is spiritually baptized. St. Paul continues to stress that "being a Jew is not only having the outward appearance of a Jew, and circumcision is not only a visible physical operation. The real Jew is the one who is inwardly a Jew, and the real circumcision is in the heart." (Rom. 2:28-29) Likewise, being a Christian is not inscribed in baptism and external works of piety only; it consists above all in an inward exposition before God, that is to live like Christ. Christ should be at the center of our deeds. Our hearts should be preoccupied with the thought of Christ. Of course we can deceive humans by our external appearances and acts as Christians but never can we deceive God who sees the heart.

Knowing that, the Church in Tanzania struggles to inculcate that spirit of genuine Christianity within children after their baptism. This is done through catechesis from the family and their parishes. As Pope Francis explains, "Catechesis is a proclamation of the word and is always centered on that word, yet it also demands a suitable environment and an attractive presentation, the use of eloquent symbols,..." (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 166). This enables children to draw the correct meaning of baptism which they received. Such catechesis helps them to see Christ in all their lives since it fosters "a renewed esteem for beauty as a means of touching the human heart and enabling the truth and goodness of the Risen Christ to radiate within it." (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 167)

During my short pastoral work at Kiraeni Parish this August and September, among other activities I was assigned to assist in the catechesis of children. These children were already baptized and they were preparing for the first communion and confirmation. Apart from the faith they had from their parents, this was (in some way) their first catechesis. It is first "not because it exists at the beginning and can then be forgotten or replaced by other more important things." (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 164). It is important that this catechesis is done to them while it is not too late.

Fr. Mark Miradi  
3rd year Theology  
Segerea seminary  
Sponsors: Mark and Kristy Holben  
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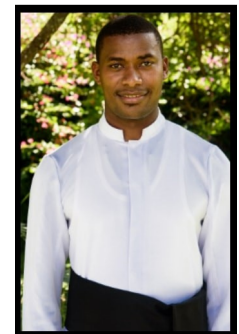
## What you don't know about the Catholic Diocese of Moshi

The Catholic Diocese of Moshi is found in Chagga land which comprises of the territory of the slope and the lower plains of Mount Kilimanjaro on the North Eastern part of Tanzania. "The Diocese of Moshi has an area of 5,029 square kilometers which lays between latitudes 2° 50' and 3° 20' South of Equator and longitudes 37° 20' to 37° 40' East of Meridian.". To the East and North it shares the common boundaries with the Republic of Kenya, to the South it is bounded by Pare Mountains, Lake Jipe and the Man-made Lake Nyumba ya Mungu and in the Western part it is bounded by Arusha region. "Thus all the territory extending from the North-East, through South to the North-West of Kilimanjaro Mountain is under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Moshi. A small stripe of land to the North behind the Mountain is also included. In general its area has 5,025 square Kilometers (2,050 sq. miles) of land". It comprises five districts namely: Rombo, Moshi Rural, Moshi Urban, Hai and Siha.

The vegetation of the upper area of the Mount Kilimanjaro is populated by dense forests. The human habitation is naturally located between the forest region and the dry lower plains which are covered with Savannah tall grasses and scattered trees. In fact, due to the population pressure, the human habitation has extended up to the lower dry land which is about to be occupied. The main crops of this land are bananas, maize, potatoes, rice and coffee. Also they grow other crops like groundnuts, beans, wheat etc. but in small scale.

Welcome to the Catholic Diocese of Moshi

Fr. Charles M. Alleluya  
3rd Year Theology  
Kipalapala Seminary  
Sponsors: Bella and Leo Yau



## What I did on my Summer Holiday...

Thanks to the Almighty God for the unprecedented blessings that He gratuitously grants to me everyday. I would like to share with you my experience during my July to September holiday. We are six fraters from St. Charles Borromeo {Keni Parish} who belongs to the Catholic diocese of Moshi. Two of us are in theology and four are in philosophy. Five among us were required to attend pastoral activities in our home parish and one was sent to another parish for pastoral. Our daily schedule was to report in the morning to start the day by attending the morning Holy Mass and return back to our families in the evening after pastoral.

Our major task in the Parish, as prescribed to us by our Parish Priest, was to teach Catechism to the primary and secondary schools. One can think that we are many fraters from the same parish but frankly speaking we were just like a drop of water in the ocean. Because the schools were many and of long distance from one school to another, we managed to reach only three out of five secondary schools and four out of twelve primary schools weekly. Students and teachers welcomed us cordially and gave us maximum cooperation and we enjoyed being with them. Other activities were to fill the details in the Baptismal index books, family visitations for forming and structuring of the Small Christian communities for children in response to Moshi Diocese 2020's strategic plan. Marking the standard seven religion exam papers, arranging their results and preparing the certificates for those who passed the exam was another task to mention a few. On Saturdays, we were required to join some different Small Christian Communities in their respective places in the morning for prayer and seminars as prescribed by the Parish Priest, and thereafter we were free at home until the following day.

Despite the pastoral activities in the Parish, I had an opportunity also to be with my family at home and cooperate with them in different activities like shamba work (farming) among other productive activities. They were very happy of my staying with them during the holiday and I enjoyed. I thank God that the pastoral and the holiday in general was marvelous. I returned to the seminary joyfully, strong, experienced and healthier and I am doing well with my studies.

My sincere and heartfelt greetings to your families and friends. Wishing you all, a blessed Christmas and prosperous New Year 2018 in advance!

Frt. Festo Sambonanga,  
3rd Year Philosophy,  
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## LOVE

Love is simply looking outside of you, your goodness. It is the self donation to the other, that is, giving the self to the other and not the other to the self (Ph. 2: 3-4). As a living being, human being is an imperfect being s/he needs love of others in order to attain her/his ultimate goals which is perfection (God).

"I am because you are because we are" simply means we coexist and without you I am nobody. This is the core of Ubuntu philosophy that is built on the values that are based on generosity and humanity towards others and a belief in a universal bond of sharing that connects all humanity.

Thank very much to all our sponsors for your love and generosity to us. You are doing a wondrous and a mysterious work; helping the seminarians throughout their journey to priesthood so as to be priests who are a gift from God to the Church and to all humanity who work for the salvation of the souls of people.

We are really praying for you and we love you. May the Almighty God bless you and your works.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2018!



Tumsifu Yesu Kristu.  
Frt. Oscar Uwezo  
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## My Special Message to You

*It is very rear to find someone like you.*

*Thank you for being the kind of friend,*

*I can count on!*

*I thank God for using you to touch my life,*

*May you forever remain in God's blessing and may  
you continue to be a light in peoples lives*

*I thank God I'm rich not with money but with people  
like you, I may not have the most expensive things  
but with you I have all the precious things for being  
there for me.*

*I really appreciate you*

*Merry Christmas and a happy new year 2018*

Aspire To Inspire Before You Expire



Frt. Joseph Baraka Theoduli  
3rd Year Philosophy  
Kibosho Seminary  
Sponsors: Don and Louise  
Nguyen



## AS FUTURE PRIESTS LET'S MAKE OUR TOMORROW TODAY

In a certain reflection among my reflections, I realize that, many people fail in life because they don't plan things well; and even if they plan, they don't plan well and that's why some can end in problems. It is a call to my fellow Seminarians to reflect with me on how to build our Priesthood of tomorrow today. As future Priests, it is better to think and have dreams, which determine; "*whom shall I be in the future as a Priest?*" - what kind of Priest am I going to be? This is very necessary by the fact that, it will encourage us and make us more attentive in our ministry, especially to be Christ-like.

What we are now as the seminarians, is what we shall be as Priests; and if there will be some change then it will be very little. Let us live the life which follows the example of our high Priest (Christ), so that our life can be nourished and prepare us to be good Priests and another Christ. Our Priesthood which will be actualizes tomorrow should be made today; and this should be seen in our thoughts, words and deeds. Even among the big trees we see in the world today, they started to grow just as very small vegetables but from time to time they reach at the level they have. As we approach Priesthood we should grow both spiritually, mentally and morally as well.

Any expectations in life need a clear foundation. Even a good and strong house needs a very strong foundation. Our Priesthood of tomorrow as well should have a strong foundation today; and this foundation is what will make our Priesthood of tomorrow very strong and meaningful. People are success in life because they have dreams and they work on their dreams. Let us make our potential Priesthood of today very strong so that when we come to Priesthood in actuality, it will be something that comes to us with meaning and not as something which comes to us accidentally and find us unprepared. What we are now, determines much on what we shall be in future. "Don't deduce yourself, God is not to be fooled, whatever someone saw, that is what he will reap" (**Gal.6:7**). My dear seminarians let's build our tomorrow today.

*I thank God for the gift of our sponsors!*

*Its another time that the church wants us to meditate and be thankful for the gift of the child Jesus among us! May He be source of Joy, Peace and comfort.*

*May Child Jesus the shining star from the East draw many to Himself. Wishing  
you Merry Christmas and prosperous New year 2018*



Frt. Archmichael Nachocharua  
3rd Year Theology  
Kipalapala Seminary  
Sponsors: Steve and Zeleny Groves



*To our Lovely Sponsors, KMHO and all people of God, may the Bells  
of Christmas ring in your homes and the chanting bird of New Year  
2018 be heard on your Ears.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2018.*

*Frt. Denis M. Kaishe  
4th Year Theology  
Segerea Seminary*

*Sponsors: Frank and Edith Price*



Frt. Aristid Riziki  
3rd Year Theology  
Segerea Seminary  
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## LET US PRAY FOR THEM

In most of the apparitions of Virgin Mary, one of her messages is to *pray for priests and vocation*. For example in her frequent apparitions to **Mirjana** and others in **Medjugorje**, she says, "Do not forget to pray for your shepherds. Their priestly hands are blessed by my Son." Thus our Lady Queen of apostles invites each of us to be the *spiritual mothers* of our priests, and not judges or criticizers. "...they don't you to judge or criticize them, but they need your prayers and your love... God will judge them the way they were as priests"

Despite the fact that they are Another Christ (*Alter Christus*), they are subjected to humanity and so there are all possibilities of falling into temptations as humans. This is the reason that we should pray for them so that they may not be the stumbling stones but the bridge to the eternal kingdom. Even Jesus who is their role model was tempted by Satan, not once (Mt 4:3-10).

Just like in the battle, once the commander is attacked and forced to surrender, the soldier's morale will fall and finally, the defeat. A priest is entrusted with the people of God, just as how the commander is entrusted with the army to go to battle. If the priest is not firm against Satan's attacks, the faith of the people will also be shaken. Thus we have to pray for them so that they may not scandalize the group which is entrusted to them.

Not only the priests are to be prayed for, but also all who are heading towards priesthood, like deacons and seminarians. All of these are to be prayed for so that they can make a good priest in the future.

Therefore, let us take our Rosaries, stay before Jesus of the Sacred Sacrament, fast, etc, to pray for the priests and vocation. *Let us pray for them.*



Frt. Victor E. Zawadi,  
2<sup>nd</sup> year philosophy  
Ntungamo Seminary  
Sponsor: Elizabeth Guarendi



## MY NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

When I think of environment,  
In this level as a student,  
I do get my amusement,  
But I get discouragement,  
Seeing its underdevelopment.

Thinking for a gift to us given,  
The clean and important Oxygen,  
This on earth will soon be taken,  
For now its stability is shaken,  
Hence future life may be broken.

As I carry on with my thinking,  
And a proper solution seeking,  
A new idea is developing,  
The problems' source tracing,  
And here my mind was loading.

The first thing which was noted,  
Actually the Forest are destroyed,  
For more the one purpose are used,  
Employment, Fuel, Land are cited,  
As factors that made forest destructed

We all speak of development,  
Let it move with improvement,  
If one is taken with no content,  
The taken one is an empty account,  
That is negatively rampant.

Moreover climate and weather I hear,  
Are given many claims with no fear,  
I become shocked when them I hear,  
For we forget that trees down we tear,  
And nature our claims it bear.

Let us all come together,  
And become the real one soldier,  
Who actually is an environment maker?  
A trees planter and a real care taker,  
Ensuring forget not beauty of a flower.

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





## My Vocation Story

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I am Fr. Aristides Msaki, from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in the Catholic Diocese of Moshi- Tanzania. I was born in July 4<sup>th</sup> 1981, in the family of Mzee Eleuteri and Athanasia Msaki as the third born and the second son among five sons and three daughters.

Our parents raised us up in faith as they taught us prayer and took us for Masses. At the age of 6 years, they registered me for kindergarten in our Parish preliminary school. In this stage I learned skills of writing, drawing and prayer.

Since our country is following British education system, I was registered for primary education after my kindergarten for seven years from 1990- 1996. From there I was selected to join public school for four years ordinary secondary education from 1997- 2000. While in primary studies I was also serving at Mass, with a dream of joining seminary for secondary studies, but I could not make it because of tremendous competition. While in public school, I had the same dream which prompted me to write a letter of application before my fourth year graduation requesting to join St. James Seminary for Advanced level studies (High school). My application was considered and in 2001- 2003, I did my Advanced level studies at St. James Seminary.

Right after my Advanced level graduation, I joined the diocesan program for one year spiritual formation at Karanga formation centre as a prior preparation before joining philosophy. It was during this time, I began to experience challenges from my elder brother who convinced my mother and sided together against my choice. Their reason was, since priestly life involves poverty, by choosing such kind of life, I would be of disgrace to the family as I could offer no help for the family needs, especially by contributing for the education of our young brothers and sisters. Their influence did not stop me from taking my personal choice in respect to what I thought was God's call, as I went for one year of Spiritual formation, and from there I was recommended to join Kibosho Seminary for three years philosophy (2013- 2017) and then St. Paul's Seminary- Kipalapala for four years theology (2017- 2011). After my B.A in theology, I was assigned for six months pastoral formation at Tarakea Parish.

I am very grateful to God, seminarians, formators and my uncle whom tirelessly encouraged me to continue with my intention hoping that in the coming future those who opposed my intention will get to know the meaning of my personal choice as a response to God's voice. The reality of this came slowly especially after my three years of philosophy, when my mother told me that: "your brother is wishing you well in your studies, in case you may need his support, is ready to help you." Then I asked her about her personal position concerning my decision; she said, "I wish if you can be a religious priest, I don't like the place you are now; but since you know what you are doing, continue." Even though she sided with my brother, but she was always supportive to me when I was in need.

According to my personal experience, life in the seminary was good, but there were those moments of spiritual dryness, doubt and fear. Having a personal spiritual director was of great help as I could share with him the progress and challenges I was encountering through the entire formation process. I think seminary life has influenced my life beyond reckoning, and I can never regrets being in the seminary formation.

Concerning my pastoral experience which was normative at the end of every academic year; I appreciate the direction and help from various priests whom I was assigned to them during my pastoral practices. They involved me in the part of priestly ministry and life as a potential future priest. Since there is no superman, I take the responsibility to ask for pardon to those whom I acted or lived below their expectations and I have forgiven any if there is one who purposely mistreated me during my entire formation program and in my few years of service as a priest.

I give thanks to God who called me to this vocation, although unworthy. I was ordained a deacon in January 5, 2012 and a priest in July 12, 2012, and since then I worked at Saint Michael Archangel Parish- Himo from July 23, 2012- April 9, 2014; from there I worked at Mailisita Novitiate from April 10, 2014 to July 18, 2016. From Mailisita I was sent to U.S.A for Graduate program in Pastoral theology from July 27, 2016 and I am expecting to graduate in April 29, 2018. I am a priest now because of God's grace and community prayer and support. I have a great responsibility, to offer constant service to the people of God, for the glory of His name and redemption of humanity.

