

# THE MOSHI SEMINARIAN

SEPTEMBER 2024



**MOSHI DIOCESE 16 NEW DEACONS!**

**Priestly ordination is scheduled on  
9 January 2025.**

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CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL MOSHI DIOCESE—an article  
from a sponsor who attended the Ordination  
on August 1, 2024**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR NEW DEACONS!**

# Happy Fraters' Day - September 1st 2024



The day started with Holy Mass with the Youth of St. Joseph Husband of Mary - Longuo Parish. After Holy Mass, the annual class picture of all the Fraters was taken at the parish. We then took individual and class pictures of all the Fraters. There was a delicious lunch enjoyed by the Fraters and the guests. We had our annual meeting / party with distribution of gifts. A special feature of the day was a celebration of the 25th Jubilee of Fr. Peter Siamoo's ordination to the priesthood which included Ndafu - Keki - Goat cake. What a treat for everyone!!



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From Kifuni Parish—Deacon Richard Barnos got the kids together to take a picture of them with their new holy card of Divine Mercy Jesus.

The holy cards were provided by Yvonne Stöckle, visiting from Frankfurt Germany.

**Deacon Richard Barnos** is praying that it is God's will that he be ordained to the holy priesthood on 9 January 2025.

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## **IN THE NAME OF LOVE** (*alafu chada*)

They call her sweet names,  
She responds with delicious smiles,  
They give her a fare for hundred miles,  
She travels watching amazing memes,  
The given things are called by love's names!

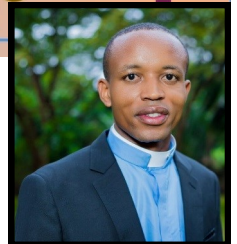
In the name of love,  
Evils are taken from graves,  
Goods are burnt and engraves,  
Care is baptized as wrong drives,  
And hypocrisy is baptized as valves,  
The tears of fear are shaded forever!

In the name of love let no one aware,  
Tell yourself alone not to scare,  
Let the community unaware,  
And the family never share,  
For you are gifted a flare!

Even men are called industrious names,  
Fearing to lose their given fames,  
Men accept the burden of games,  
Leading their future into flames,  
Struggling to win all the blames,  
Justifying the errors of being the same!



Submitted by: **Deacon Arnold Furaha**  
Transitional Deacon  
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## **GOD OF SURPRISES**

### ***Meeting and experiencing the Lord, in our everyday – simple and ordinary situations of life!***

An old lady loved visiting antique shops. One day while browsing one, she came across a beautiful old Singer-style sewing machine, the manual kind, mounted on a table with a foot pedal. When she saw it she whispered a simple prayer: 'God, I'd love something like that for my place. A couple of days later, as she was walking out her front door on her way to work, she saw a pile of junk by the roadside. She stopped, stunned! There in the rubbish stood an old Singer-style sewing machine the manual kind, mounted on a table with a foot pedal. On it hung a sign that said: "In good condition— anyone can take."

God is, indeed, a God of surprises! He visits us even in the most ordinary situations of life. Are we open to meet and experience the Lord, in our everyday – simple and ordinary situations of life? Mark 2:13-17 presents a person who encounters the Call of the Lord in his "routine of life!" Levi, who would become an apostle of Christ. The mission of Jesus - sent by His Father - was to search for "lost sheep" and "sick patients." Mk 2:13-17 presents this aspect of Jesus, in search of His flock. Jesus says, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." (Mk 2:17). This encounter of the Lord 'searching for us' can take place even in the ordinary and daily situations of life.

This was what Levi experienced. He was "busy at table counting taxes" with his own worldly interests and concerns surrounded by people who hated tax-collectors like him and looked down on him in contempt and rejection. But, even in a situation of "counting the taxes at table," God can intervene in human lives! Even though Levi was only looking for "taxes," Jesus was in search of Levi!

How about us? Do we find ourselves "busy at table counting taxes," busy with many worldly concerns and worries? ...busy in being surrounded by people who reject and hate us? Then let us know and understand that even such ordinary situations of being "busy at table counting taxes" can become moments when God wants to address you and tell you, "Follow me!" (Cf. Mk 2:14). God is looking for us even if we are not thinking much about Him! Jesus wants us to follow Him closer even if we are not ready for it, if we are busy with the affairs of the world!

Let us learn to remain open and docile to the voice of the Lord – the Word of the Lord - in the daily circumstances of our life. The Word of the Lord has power as we read in the Letter to the Hebrews, "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before Him no creature is hidden, but all are open and laid bare to the eyes of him with whom we have to do." (Heb 4:12-13)

Yes, God is a God of surprises! He visits us even in the most ordinary situations of life. His Word is addressed to us in all the circumstances of our life. Are we open to meet and experience the Lord in our everyday simple and ordinary situations of life?

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## POWER OF CHOICE

Life is all about choices. Frederick Bailes said: "Man's power of choices enables him to think like an angel or a devil, a king or a slave. Whatever he chooses, the mind will create and manifest." Looking at your present state of life, your choices determine your success and failure.

God has given to every person the freedom to make choices: good or bad, life or death (Ref. Sir 15:11-20). This freedom granted by God is realized in the whole history of the Bible from Old Testament to New Testament. In the Old Testament there are stories about how God's chosen people were given the opportunity to use their free will to respond to His call. But, unexpectedly, most of them failed to respond because of being disobedient to God's call, then consequently, they were punished. Likewise, in the New Testament, Our Lord Jesus Christ who is a perfect man and a perfect God gives, us a perfect example to respond to God's call, so we are a free to imitate Him or choose otherwise. Every time and again Jesus reminds us to exercise our free will prudently, because it is through this way, we will be able to hear His voice and accomplish His mission.

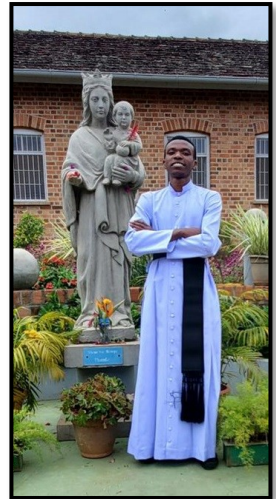
Brethren, our free will is the most valuable thing which defines the way we are and the way we will be. If we choose to use it well and to the fullest while being accompanied by God's grace, we will grow closer to God, but vice versa, we will fall into sin which will defect our good relationship with the Almighty God. As a result of this we will end up suffering hopelessly resulting from our wrong choices.

Though we have freedom of choice, we cannot change our past, but we can use our freedom in the present moment to determine our future. This golden gift is within us, is within our hands and we have a great ability to make it more successful. So, brethren in Christ let us keep on strengthening our free will here and now so as to keep on listening to the calling of God towards fulfilling His mission of witnessing Him in the world.

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A joyful day, in the celebration of the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patron saint of Sambarai Parish. Frater Blass Imani is pictured with the members of the Children's Choir of the Sambarai Parish.

Submitted by **Frater Blass Michael Imani**  
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Frater Kelvin Candid Bariki is getting ready to milk the cow at Chekereni Parish during his pastoral assignment.

Submitted by **Frater Kelvin Candid Bariki**  
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Excerpt from...

## **TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATION AT THE CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL MOSHI DIOCESE August 1, 2024**

In 2019 when myself and my wife Cecilia started the journey with our spiritual son, Frt Arnold Bahati, we thought the way into the transitional diaconate, almost five years ahead was a very long time, but it was not. On 1st August, 2024 around 11.30 am at the Christ the King Cathedral his name was called alongside twenty (20) other Fraters for ordination into transitional diaconate. There were sixteen (16) fraters from the Diocese of Moshi and Five (5) from other missionary societies.

The words from the Vocation Director, Rev. Fr Ndepatansiho are very fresh in my mind, when asking the Ordinary of Moshi, Rt. Rev. Bishop Ludovick Minde, ALCP/OSS, to ordain the fraters into transitional diaconate: *“Most Reverend Father, holy mother Church requests you to ordain our brothers here present for the office of deacon”* Bishop Minde reply was loud and clear, **“Do you know if they are worthy?”**

The moment we have been waiting was just in front of us, when the Vocation Director firmly confirmed, **“I testify that upon inquiry among the people of God, and up recommendation of those who are specially qualified, they have been found worthy”** and thereafter the Bishop accepted and announced that **“We rely on the help of the Lord God and Our Saviour Jesus Christ and we choose our brothers here present for the office of deacon”** and before we complete the words **“Thanks be God,”** the entire church went into a very big applause....



The ordination Mass to diaconate was long, and we followed it step by step eagerly waiting for the announcement from the Master of Ceremony, that, the Catholic Church as 21 New Deacons and that was after the litany of saints; the laying of hands and the prayer of consecration, finally the announcement and the newly ordained deacons stood and were assisted to put on deacon's stole and then a dalmatic on each of them. The commencement of their duty to diaconate was also very captivating. When the Bishop was handing them the Holy Bible, those words are still fresh into my ears, **“Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe and practice what you teach”** What a unique instruction!...



We were privileged to walk with the then Frt. Arnold into his journey so far up to the change of title from Frt Arnold to Deacon Arnold. In fact, he was doing the walking and its burden alone and I believe even without us, he owed all the credits and hard work along the journey, and in fact he would still walk, but God privileged us to walk with him and the Diocese of Moshi accepted us to walk with him. He is halfway into what he desired, but we pray with him and the entire Church, so that, *God who began the good work in him, bring it to fulfilment.*

With God’s blessing, we are praying and look forward for the priestly ordination which has been announced by the Ordinary of Moshi to be on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

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# A look inside St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Nairobi, Kenya



Left to right: Frater Medard Temu, Frater Fortunatus Alfajiri, and Frater Brian Brighton are studying at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Nairobi, Kenya

**Frater Medard John Temu, 2nd Year Theology, is Sponsored by Linda DiRuzza**

**Frater Fortunatus Alfajiri, and Frater Brian Brighton, 1st year Theology, are hoping for sponsors to pray for them on their journey to the priesthood**

Right: Outside view of the chapel. Below is a picture inside the chapel



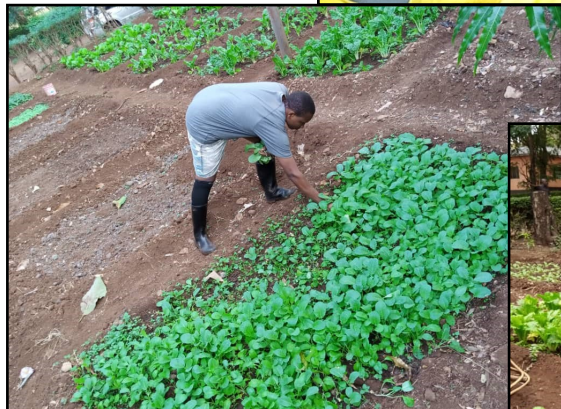


**From Deacon Victor Zawadi:** My pastoral has been very amazing... It has been a great pleasure to serve at school, sharing and teaching students, not only class subjects but also the self reliant works....

I was able to teach them singing as well... 🙏 I was able to teach some of them music. I discovered that It is very beautiful to share my talents with others.

From July, 17th 2023 to February, 28th I was at St. Benedict's Majengo Secondary.

Then from February, 28th to 15th July 2024 I have been at St. Ignatius of Loyola Marangu secondary.



During the break times I spent a lot of time working at the vegetable garden at St Ignatius of Loyola Marangu secondary School.

Submitted by **Deacon Victor Zawadi**  
Sponsored by **Liz Guarendi**



Left: **Frater Blass Michael Imani** with the members of the Children's Choir at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Uru Parish. These Kids love singing to God and they are delighted to say that they love you all.

**Frater Blass Michael Imani**  
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Right: Frater Fulstan Laurent Amani, Frater Deusdedit Maglory, and Frater Anatol Master entertain guests at Shimwe Parish.



**Frater Fulstan Laurent Amani**, 1st Year Theology is **sponsored by Brandie Flamez**  
**Frater Deusdedit Maglory**, in Pastoral Year, is **sponsored by Sue Worth and Nancy Allen**  
**Frater Anatol Master**, in Pastoral Year, is **sponsored by Mark Van Derveer**.

Below: The new Deacons bless us with their presence at the Fraters Day Mass.



## DIVINE MASTER

*Trusting that our Divine Master knows what is best for us, and thus obeying His commands to enter into newness of life and discover the “shining ring” of His Love!*

A popular legend is told of a certain king who needed a faithful servant. Two men were candidates for the office. The king took both at fixed wages, and his first order was to fill a cane basket with water from a neighbouring well saying that he would come in the evening and see their work. After putting in one or two basketfuls, one man said: "What is the good of doing this useless work? As soon as we put the water in one side, it runs out the other." The other, however, answered: "But we have our wages, haven't we? The use is the master's business, not ours." "I am not going to do such fool's work," replied the other. Throwing down his basket, he went away. The other man continued until he had exhausted the well. Looking down into it he saw something shining, a diamond ring. "Now I see the use of pouring water into a basket," he cried, "If the basket had brought up the ring before the well was emptied, it would have been found in the basket.

Our work was not useless!" The obedient servant understood the importance of trusting in the word of the master and he would reap the benefits of gaining the approval of the master! Christians must realise that their Divine Master knows what is best, and obey His commands and in due time, they will know and understand the worth of the Master's Word! It is this trust and confidence that makes one to “enter in the newness of the Lord!”

Mark 2:18-22 is an invitation to “enter the new” by letting go of things of the past which block us from receiving God’s Grace by being open to the ways of the Lord and being docile to His Spirit. In Mark 2:18-22, we have the Pharisees and the Scribes who question Jesus on the aspect of fasting (Mk 2:18-22). The Pharisees and Scribes were stuck on following their own ways of understanding the ways of God and failed to have an openness and docility to the Will of God! This “closed mentality” caused them not to accept the teachings of Christ. This “closed mentality” prevented them from experiencing the Salvific Love and Mercy of the Lord! They felt that they “knew better” and thus, failed to accept the Words of the Lord!

We are all called to have an “openness and docility” to the Word of the Lord. When we are open to the Lord, “the old gets transformed and the new is ushered in!” This is what the Lord proposes by the examples of the old & new cloak and the old & new wine. He uses two examples that would have been readily understood by his listeners: No one sews a piece of unshrinking cloth on an old cloak (Mk 1:21). No one pours new wine into old wineskin (Mk 1: 22). Each of us are invited to allow the “New Wine of God’s Word” to be filled in the “new wineskin of our minds – in obedience and openness!” We are also warned to not try to patch up the “old garment of our disobedience” with the “new garment of God’s Commandments and Instructions!” We are to remember that “failure to obey the words and commands of the Lord will lead to our downfall!”

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**Anxiously awaiting to pray for his sponsor(s)**



## LET US ENCIRCLE OURSELVES

*Encircling ourselves in prayer and self-discipline, and being willing to get out of our “comfort zones” so that we can be passionate and zealous children of God!*

A young missionary in a particular village heard the fame of a senior missionary and his successful ventures in reviving the faith of the people. Wanting to know the secret of success in ministry, the younger missionary, on meeting the senior, asked him: “What is the secret of reviving the faith of the people in my village?” The senior man, who was also aware of the worldly lifestyle of the younger missionary said: “Go back to your home and lock yourself up in a private room. Then, take a piece of chalk, and mark a circle on the floor. Get down on your knees, then, inside the circle and pray to God to begin a revival inside the circle! When this prayer is heard, a revival will take place in your people!”

Yes, it is when one is revived with the Spirit of the Lord that one can radiate the same to others! This revival demands that we “encircle” ourselves in prayer and self-discipline, by being willing to get out of our “comfort zones” of worldliness and hard-heartedness!

Baptism is a call to revive our consecration and commitment as followers of Christ. The event of the Baptism symbolically finishes three decades of Jesus’ hidden life as Jesus is declared as God’s own beloved Son in Whom He is well pleased (Mt 3:17). By being baptised at the waters of River Jordan, Jesus sanctified the waters of Baptism and empowered them so that the water would become the vehicle of the Holy Spirit bringing inner cleansing, rebirth, and transformation!

The entry of Jesus into the waters of River Jordan has two direct implications for our day-to-day Christian living:

**Our Blessed Lord continues to enter into our stained situation to cleanse us and renew us.** He enters into our sinful humanity so that, through His Mercy, we will enter into His Divinity. [“Just as the Priest, while pouring a drop of water into the wine in the chalice at Offertory during the Holy Mass prays: “By the mystery of this water in wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.”]

**We are called to enter into the world of sinners and lead them to the redemptive love of Christ.** Being in the sinful world, but not being part of it, we are called to “be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish amid a crooked and perverse generation... [To] shine as lights in the world” (Phil 2:15). The Baptism of the Lord is a reminder of our Christian dignity as Children of God! We are privileged to have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God’s kingdom as He calls us to become a saint!

Pope St John Paul II exhorts: “Since Baptism is a true entry into the holiness of God, it would be a contradiction to settle for a life of mediocrity marked by a minimalist ethic and a shallow religiosity.

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