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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM KIPALAPALA SEMINARY



Christmas Greetings from Kipalapala seminary!

Front Cover : Frater Dominic Anselm Imani, Frater Evance Amani, and Frater Emmanuel Mringi, all 3rd year Theology at Kipalapala senior Seminary, wish you and all your beloved a happy and enjoyable Christmas season!

Frater Dominic Anselm Imani is sponsored by T.O. Bennett
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Below: Frater Michael Zawadi Tarimo, 2nd year Theology, submitted pictures of the Christmas Celebration at Kipalapala Senior Seminary -Tabora

Frater Michael Zawadi Tarimo is sponsored by Cindy & Eric Karell



I AM THE VOICE

Daring to be the voice that stands for and upholds the Truth!

A particular prime minister of a country outspoken and audacious heavily denounced the policies and atrocities of his predecessor who was a dictator. Once during a public meeting, as he censured the former dictator with stringent words, he was interrupted by a shout from a heckler in the audience: "You were one of the colleagues of the former dictator, isn't it? Why didn't you stop him then?" "WHO SAID THAT?" roared the prime minister! This thundering question bellowed and boomed causing an agonizing and fearful silence to prevail among the audience! Nobody dared to move a muscle! There was complete hush among them all. After a few moments of silence the premier softly replied: "Now you know why! I was afraid to have my voice heard... so that I could be safe!" The prime minister confessed his fear in "being a voice that was heard" so that he could shield his life and thus 'played safe!'

Mark 6:14-29 is however, in stark contrast to this trend with the presentation of the Bold and Courageous Voice of St John the Baptist who "made his voice heard" in standing and upholding the truth and who had to offer his life as a martyr for the Truth! Mark 6:14-29 presents before the Brutal Beheading of the Voice – St John the Baptist! The voice was powerful. The voice was a hope to many. The voice, however, also disturbed a few... disturbed even to the point of revenge and vengeance. And.....slit.....! The voice was silenced!!

John the Baptist was a Prophet. And a True Prophet is a truth-teller! As we read in Mark 6:14-29, this True Prophet, John, was the whistle-blower in crying "foul" over the illegitimate relationship between King Herod and his brother's wife, Herodias. Herodias hated John the Baptist. Herodias hated him because he told the truth & she didn't like the truth. Herodias was determined to twist the truth into a lie and the lie into a truth. To silence the true voices of the society, is the bane of any generation. How many voices of correction by the parents are put to silence by disobedient children? How many voices of moral lives by the Church are put to silence by modernists and liberalists? How many voices of peace by innocent people are put to silence by fanatics and fundamentalists? How many voices of indiscriminate by the citizens are put to silence by a negligent government? How many voices-of-repentance by a spouse are put to silence by a drunkard or an irresponsible partner? How many voices of holiness by the Lord are put to silence, by superfluous spiritualities and comfy theologies? The Voice of Truth cries.....but how many of us seek to silence it!

Yes, the lives of Conscience movers and truth tellers are always at a risk. And this risk can even lead one to be a misfit in the society to be "different from others" to even risk one's life! St John the Baptist had the courage to be the truth-teller and even risk his life - to death. Thus, I humbly call upon each and every one to be a courageous truth-teller as John the Baptist; to tell the truth to the multitudes, without looking the outputs of it, as we're instructed in the 8th commandment of God. Also, since the truth is ONE, hence always the truth will set you free (Jn. 8:32).

Frater Emmanuel Gideon Amani

3rd year Philosophy at Ntungamo Major Seminary

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Right: Frater Medard Temu, Frater Fortunatus Francis Alfajiri, and Frater Brian Alphonse Brighton, students at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Nairobi, stand in front of the Senate house of Kenya with the tall clock tower. They get to be "tourists" for a day.



Submitted by **Frater Medard Temu**
2nd Year Theology
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Also Pictured with nice smiles - and **hoping to be blessed with sponsors...** Frater Fortunatus Francis Alfajiri and Frater Brian Alphonse Brighton both 1st Year Theology



This international group visited Moshi at the end of August - beginning of September. A great time was had by all. The group was comprised of guests from Germany, France, Montana, Michigan (one of which was originally from Canada) and Ohio. Our "babysitter" / seminarian host was Frater Anatol Master whose sponsor, Mark Van Derveer, was part of the group. What a great surprise for Mark when he arrived to find that he would get to spend almost two weeks with his seminarian "son."

You too could have a similar experience. Think and pray about when you would like to join a group to visit Moshi in 2025 or another year.

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Pearl of Wisdom

Six important Guides in one's life.

- 1:When you are alone, mind your thoughts
- 2:when with friends, mind your tongue
- 3:when angry, mind your temper
- 4:when with a group, mind your behavior
- 5:when in trouble, mind your emotions
- 6:when making it, mind your ego.

Frater Blass Michael Imani

2nd Year Theology

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Left: This is one of the Youth Small Christian Community at St. John the Baptist-Usseri Parish. We posed for a photo after a moment of prayer and seminar. The youths are really treasures for the future Church.



Right: *Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.* (Proverbs 4:13).

Frater Godfrey Lyimo together with Deacon Arnold Furaha at the gate of Marangu Secondary School, a School owned by Catholic Diocese of Moshi when he paid a visit.

Submitted by **Frater Godfrey Lyimo**
Pastoral Year

Sponsored by Deacon Chris Germak

Pictured **Deacon Arnold Furaha**
Sponsored by Jim & Joan Peck and granddaughters Mary & Olivia



It's their second year at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, India.
Left to right: Frater August Asantemungu, Frater Deodath Minja, and Frater George Bahati - three seminarians all smiling nicely - **hoping for someone to sponsor them.**

Submitted by **Frater Deodath Exuper Minja**
2nd Year Philosophy



Frater Charles Shukuru stands with his class of Catechumens at Immaculate Heart of Mary Kikelelwa Parish-adults who some of them have not been Baptized, some have not been Confirmed and some have not received Holy Communion.

Submitted by **Frater Charles Shukuru**
3rd Year Theology in Pastoral Year
Sponsored by Linda DiRuzza



Left: New members of the living rosary on their feast that was on August 25th this year – at Karanga parish

Right: here is the place where the first small Christian Community was established in The Catholic Diocese of Moshi, and it is in Legho Parish where i had an opportunity of visiting the place during my pastoral experience at Karanga Parish.



Left: photo with Altar boys on the Sunday of Good Samaritan

Right: Frater Francis Festo Riziki is pictured with Frater Octavian Renati Baltazary Amani who is at Kibosho Seminary, third year Philosophy; the picture was taken during the general election of Fraters this year.

Submitted by **Frater Francis Festo Riziki**
 3rd Year Philosophy at Mwendakulima Senior Seminary
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Frater Octavian Renati Balthazary Amani
 is hoping and praying for a sponsor.



Excerpt from...

OUR STRENGTHS, OUR VOCATION

Putting to effect all the abilities that the good Lord has blessed us with for His Kingdom, and being focussed on our Crucified Lord to be single-minded in our love for the Lord!

Every person's life consists of various strengths, talents, abilities and aptitudes. These strengths and talents help a person to achieve triumphs in life. These abilities and aptitudes push the person to climb up higher the ladder of success. However, it is said that "one's greatest strength can also be the reason for one's greatest fall!" Sometimes strengths and abilities themselves can become the reason for great depressions in life, the gateway to a person to be tempted into false ways, or to abandon one's true calling and vocation of life.

In Mt. 4:19, we read that Peter had received the glorious vocation of following the Lord, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." This was the vocation of Peter to follow Jesus closely and personally and intimately, to be a fisher of people, for the Kingdom of God. But when faced with the greatest crisis of his life, he sought comfort and refuge, in what was probably, humanly speaking, his greatest strength - fishing! All through his life, Peter was probably living close to the sea. He knew the depths and the breadth of the waters.

But now Peter, dejected and depressed, "leaves" this Divine vocation and goes back to his earthly strength and livelihood - fishing. His strength and ability of fishing had become the reason for great depressions in his spiritual life, the gateway to being tempted into false ways, leaving the way of the Lord, the entrance for him, to abandon his true calling and vocation of life of being fishers of men.

"One's greatest strength can also be the reason for one's greatest fall!" But once again, the Lord comes to the rescue. He had called Peter, for the first time, by the Sea of Galilee, by a miraculous catch of fish (Lk 5: 1-11). He now again calls Peter, by the Sea of Galilee, by a miraculous catch of fish, calls him to renew his commitment and love for the Lord, calls him to go back to his vocation and give up his life for him, calls him to leave his "earthly strength" of fishing, and to depend totally on the Lord!

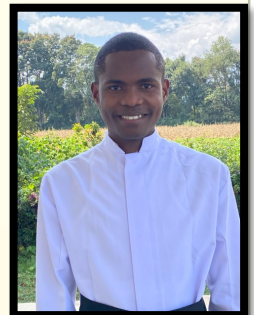
The danger that Peter faced in his life can be a danger for us too. Our greatest strength can also be the reason for our greatest fall! What is the greatest strength of our lives? Money? Prestige? Talents? Abilities? Self-Confidence? Sometimes we find, that the very talents and abilities.... by which we are able to do the works, of the Lord, may themselves, become great snares of temptations. We, therefore, need to be on the watch always, be on the guard at all times! Sure, that it is the Lord Himself who has blessed us with various talents. But all our capabilities, need to find its source, strength and continuity, in and by the Lord.

Frater Emmanuel Gideon Amani

3rd year Philosophy

Ntungamo Major Seminary

Will be a faithful pray-er for his sponsor(s)



MY VOCATION STORY

When I was about six or seven years old, I had a dream in which I was serving, that is, holding the priest's blessing water while he blessed people and objects. When I awoke, I told my mother about the dream, and she immediately told me to see my brother who was a member in St. Aloysius Gonzaga Altar boys. After a year of learning how to pray and serve at the altar, I was officially accepted to join as a new member. My vocation journey began when I was registered as a member of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Altar boys.

After completing standard seven at Kahe Primary School, I was enrolled at St. James Junior Seminary. Later, I studied philosophical studies at Our Lady of Angels, Kibosho Senior Seminary. Thank God, I am currently pursuing my theological studies at St. Charles Lwanga, Segerea Senior Seminary.

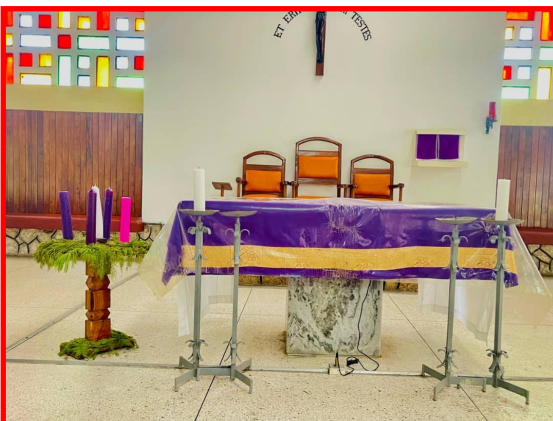
In this journey of my vocation, I have discovered that God is very wonderful because he has given me abundant grace and blessings; when I face darkness or challenges in life and vocation, He gives me strength and thus allows me to continue forward. Every time when I reflect on this vocation, I realize that it is a special gift from God, so I must continue to listen to God's voice in pursuing this priestly vocation.

I thank God for the gift of life and vocation as I continue to listen to His voice, I am also very grateful to my Bishop, Ludovick Joseph Minde ALCP/OSS, my parents, formators, sponsors and others, because through them I continue to listen to God's voice.

Submitted by **Frater Ludovick Paul Shirima**

1st Year Theology Studies at Segerea Senior Seminary

Looking forward to soon receiving news that someone has chosen to sponsor him.



Left: Advent wreath at Segerea (St. Charles Lwanga) senior seminary

Submitted by **Frater Gebra Mageuzi**

3rd Year Theology

Sponsored by **Brady and Sarah Wilson**





Above: Praise be Jesus Christ. Kibosho Senior Seminary 1st Year Philosophy Fraters from the Catholic Diocese of Moshi received their cassocks on 30th November. **Congratulations Fraters!!** You look very smart in your cassocks.

Kibosho (Our Lady of Angels) Senior Seminary is located in the Catholic Diocese of Moshi and is a Philosophicum. Of the 137 seminarians of the Moshi Diocese, 10 are at Kibosho Seminary.

Submitted by Frater Aiden Shukuru
 3rd Year Philosophy at Kibosho Senior Seminary
 Hoping for a sponsor for Christmas



Left: From Kipalapala seminary I'm just sharing a photo with my fellow Fraters during farming activities in the seminary. The one in white T-shirt is Frater Blass Imani (I), the one in blue shirt is Frater Evarist Shirima and the other fraters are from other Dioceses.

Submitted by Frater Blass Michael Imani
 2nd Year Theology at Kipalapala
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Christmas Greetings from Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, India



Above: Our Christmas celebrations were a profound and joyous experience, imbued with a spirit of unity and reverence. As part of the festivities, we immersed ourselves in the timeless tradition of caroling and the resplendent singing of the Magnificat bringing the message of hope and grace to the seminary and nearby communities. The shared image captures the splendid decorations in our seminary—a testament to the harmonious blending of artistic beauty and spiritual devotion, reflecting the deeper essence of the season's transcendence and renewal.

Indians are devoted Christians! I really appreciate the spiritual and prayer of the Indians! They keep my faith stronger!

Submitted by **Frater August Asantemungu Kessy**
2nd Year Philosophy at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, India
Wishing on the Christmas star to find a sponsor



Above: After night Mass at Mwendakulima (Holy Family) senior seminary ...wishing you Merry Christmas

Submitted by: **Frater Benigno Mapendo**
1st year Theology at Mwendakulima Senior Seminary
Sponsored by Joyce and Neil (RIP) Stoneberg



Frater David Mubaraka On the First Sunday of Advent, Frater David Mubaraka and Frater Vitalis Kitulizo were officially admitted to the journey towards the Holy Orders in their seminary Sedes Sapientiae in Rome.

The Rite of Admission to the Holy Orders is an opportunity for a Seminarian to express publicly his intention to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders as a Deacon and later as a Priest.

In the photo are Frater David, Frater Vitalis together with other Seminarians from different countries. The Mass was celebrated by Mons. Mariano Fazio, Auxilliary Vicar of the Opus Dei.

Submitted by Frater David Mubaraka

2nd year Theology at Sedes Sapientiae Seminary studying at Santa Croce University

Sponsored by David Reinhard and Susie Finegan

Frater Vitalis Kitulizo

Sponsored by Nadia Mitchell

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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

From.Frt.Michael Zawadi (Tarimo)

Left: Very talented Frater Michael Zawadi Tarimo sends his Christmas greeting.

Frater Michael Zawadi Tarimo

2nd Year Theology
Kipalapala Senior Seminary

Sponsored by Cindy & Eric Karell



THE HIDDEN POWER

“But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us” (2 Cor 4:7).

Most of us prove failure when faced with different problems, but the truth we do not know or we often forget that there is the power lying hidden within us that can never fail before any problem. That power is God. There is only one way through which we can discover this power in our lives, and that is through prayer. According to St. Augustine; *“He who learns to pray well lives well”*, also St. Vincent De Pores said; *“A prayer is an interview of the soul with God, a mutual communication where in God speaks to the soul what he wishes it to know and accomplish”*.

Therefore, we can call prayer a nourishment for the soul. It is in prayer that we get to know the Lord personally, enter into union with him and accustom ourselves to His presence. In order to taste the power of prayer, we need to make it a habitual practice and so lead a Christ-like life. Prayer is as important to the soul as water is to the body. Without it, something feels empty inside. Sometimes we may be worrying that we do not know how to pray, or that sometimes it does not seem like God is listening. What is important in prayer is to always believe and trust that God knows what you need. So, we should never give up to pray. We need to pray always and with perseverance (Mat. 6:13).

Again, it is important to know that the highest expression of prayer is the Holy Mass, in which as the members of Christ’s Mystical Body, we join the prayer of Jesus Himself to His Father, and through Holy Communion we enter into an intimate union with God. So, we ought to believe that when we communicate with God in prayer every daily and listen for what He has to say to us, we experience instant rewards from Him.

There are so many reasons why we must pray. We pray in imitation of Our Lord, who spent whole nights in prayer (Luke 6:12). Jesus prayed so often (Luke 5:6). We are told that He went to the deserts and mountains to pray; and moreover, He taught His own disciples to pray (Luke 11:1-4). We pray to ask for forgiveness and mercy for our wrongs. We pray to thank God for His many blessings to us. We pray for the wisdom and for the knowledge of God’s will in our lives. We pray for all our needs and those of others. Perhaps most importantly, we pray in order to grow in union with God.

**Ask and you will receive, so that your happiness may be complete... (Jn 16:24) **

Submitted by **Frater Victor Tumaini**
2nd Year Philosophy
Peramihio Major Seminary

Frater Victor Raphael Tumaini would love to pray for a sponsor. Will it be you?



Senior Seminarians in Their Very Smart KMHO T-shirts



Above: Kipalapala seminarians. Of the 137 seminarians of the Moshi Diocese, 35 are enrolled at **Kipalapala (St. Paul) Senior Seminary**.

Submitted by Frater Dominic Anselm Imani

3rd Year Theology at Kipalapala (St. Paul) Senior Seminary

Sponsored by T.O. Bennett



Above: Mwendakulima seminarians. Of the 137 seminarians of the Moshi Diocese, 18 are enrolled at **Mwendakulima (Holy Family) Senior Seminary**.

Submitted by Frater Stephano Pendo

2nd Year Theology at Mwendakulima (Holy Family) Senior Seminary

Would love to have a sponsor to pray for!



Above: Gaudete (Joyful) Sunday with 17 Moshi seminarians in Segerea Senior Seminary!

We wish everyone the best Christmas celebration.

Submitted by Frater Gebra Mageuzi

3rd Year Theology at Segerea (St. Charles Lwanga) Senior Seminary

Sponsored by Brady and Sarah Wilson



Left: Fr. Mzeru, formator at Mwendakulima Senior Seminary, blesses the advent wreath and lighting the first advent candle.

Submitted by Frater Stephano Pendo

2nd year Theology

Will you be the answer to his prayers?



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A Prayer for Seminarians

Oh God, hear our prayer for the men you have chosen to follow in your Son's footsteps. Teach them humility and fidelity to unselfishly help others.

May their devotion to Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Vocations increase, enabling them to do Your will. Strengthen their prayer life that they may grow spiritually without worldly distractions.

Give them courage and perseverance in their studies.

May the Holy Spirit lighten their struggles with their vocations, until they know the joy of being a priest. We ask this through Christ your Son.

Amen.

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Asante sana!

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