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Asante sana!

Thank you for your continued support for the Moshi Diocese!

THE MOSHI SEMINARIAN

MARCH 2018

Frater Gasper

Ruwaichi

3rd Year Philosophy

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



Birthday: 11 February 1993
Parish: Makomu Parish
St. Augustine of Hippo
Siblings: Gasper is the 2nd born of 10 children
Father : Thadey Denis
Mother: Anna Stanslaus

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KMHO Seminary Mission - 2017 Year End Review

Dear KMHO Benefactors,

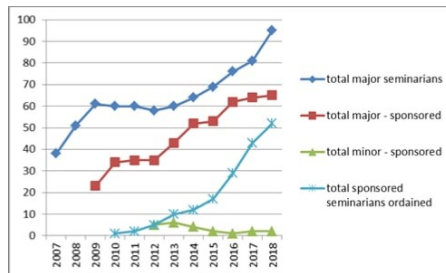
By the grace of God and with your generosity, we continue to see an increase in the number of sponsored seminarians – and, more importantly, the number of new priests for the Catholic Diocese of Moshi and the Universal Church!

Yes, it is possible that the seminarian you sponsor may come to the USA someday, after he is ordained to the priesthood, to study at a university. Even more important, when you sponsor a seminarian, you have a “son” who will pray for you...now – and at the hour of your death (very important!). Seminarian prayers are powerful; priest prayers are even more so! Don’t miss out. Many generous people have sponsored more than one seminarian – so they have multiple holy men praying for them. As for me, all my siblings have left the Catholic Church, so I am eternally grateful to have these beautiful, holy seminarians and priests praying for me and for my soul when I am deceased. I need all the prayers I can get! :-)

God willing, there will be seven transitional deacons ordained to the priesthood on July 5th, 2018. Please keep these young men, as well as all priests and seminarians, in your prayers.

The chart to the right shows graphically the number of seminarians – future priests – who pass through the Moshi Diocese seminarian sponsorship program:

- Currently, there are 95 major seminarians. That will jump to over 100 in September!
- 65 of these are sponsored.
- 30 are anxiously looking forward to being introduced to their new sponsor.....
- Seven are praying to be ordained to the priesthood on July 5th 2018; that will add to the 52 sponsored seminarians who have already been ordained to the holy priesthood.



Please keep us in your prayers. Please encourage your family and friends to join the work of the KMHO Seminary Mission! If you sponsor a seminarian, please consider making the trip to Moshi to meet him. Thanks so much! Asante sana.

Yours in Christ,

T.O. Bennett, MBA
KMHO Seminary Mission Chair

PHILOSOPHY IS THE FOOD OF A CONSCIOUS MIND

By nature human being is a rational being. He has the ability of thinking or articulating different things. The rationality of man is what differentiate him from other animals.

Philosophy is defined as the love for knowledge, searching for truth or findings towards reality. It is stimulated by wondering about different things in the world and the way the creation is.

The knowledge of philosophy helps us to think well, it should penetrate into our lives and even our being. It teaches us not what to think but how to think well. Thinking is the work of a conscious mind. To “think” is not the same as to “think of”. One can think of his/ her home, work or friend. To think indicates a protracted mental process through which man figures things out and comes to a conclusion. E.g. If I want to obtain a good position in life, I have to get education. The knowledge of philosophy should shapes our lives towards success in all aspects of a human being. Sometimes things become more difficult when the object of our thinking process can not immediately be grasped by our senses. Also things still become tough when the object of our thinking is even beyond the grasp of the imagination. Philosophy helps us not only to invite us to think but also and more so teaches us the art of thinking. It increases the power of reasoning. Philosophy is actually the search for the ultimate root of all reality. Because it studies and examines precisely the fundamental truths which are beyond the scope and the means of the sciences.

For sure the study of philosophy is as important in our lives as it improves our mind and shows us the proper ways of solving different problems we encounter in life. That is the reason why philosophy is studied in the seminary and in other academic institutions.

Frt. Gervas Gabriel
1st Year Philosophy
Available for Sponsorship



Keep the prayers coming after you are gone...
Remember KMHO Seminary Sponsorship program in
your will!





The Pearl

God is love and mercy itself. God's love and mercy is incomparable. No human love and mercy can be matched for the mercy and love of God to us. But we as human beings and especially Christians in a special way, we are called to imitate and manifest the love and mercy of God to us to others. In doing this God blesses us more and takes care of us.

Mercy expresses love that seeks to forgive, to console, to assist and care for others. In the act of mercy we experience the act of love done for itself without expecting anything in return.

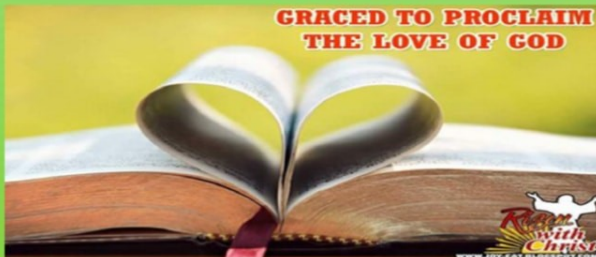
This kind of love is what we experience we as Moshi seminarians from you our beloved benefactor and sponsors. You really care for us and you make a lot of sacrifices just to be behind us toward our journey to priesthood. Its a great sacrifice and love itself. I put my appreciation to all for your love, caring and assistance to us. May God bless you and continue this spirit of love and mercy to Others since through love to others, we love God also.

Ftr Agapiti Mahoo
2nd Year Philosophy
Kisbosho Seminary
Available for Sponsorship



**May you be blessed at this Holy time of the year
with all the joy, peace and happiness on Easter
2018.**

**We love him because He first loved us
(John 4:19)**



From:
Frt. Johnson Abuu

IN BLOOD THERE IS REDEMPTION

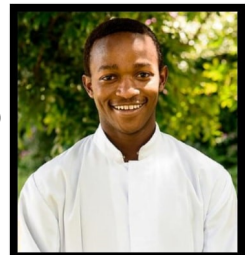
Back in the ancient ages from time immemorial, blood seems to have the significant impact in the salvation and in the redemption of the human race . It is through the shedding of blood that many societies became independent. This fact is self-evident from these two points of views, in politics and in religion realities.

In Politics and society; this fact lies in the history factor, when we read history of many societies in ancient period and even in the contemporary time, we discover that many society became free through blood shedding, revolution of the present countries for instance USA in 1776, French revolution which emphasized on equality, fraternity and freedom and also many of African countries gained their independence through revolution. Even the Exodus of the Israelites blood had its important role though it was the blood of the lamb on their door posts. The angel of God did not kill the first offspring of the Israelites, when he saw that blood of the lamb, because blood was the sign of redemption to Israelites. (Exodus 12:13). This is generally redemption of the body.

In the religion; this kind of redemption here is all about our souls. Any religion has the first duty of dealing with the souls of its faithful and the duty is to ensure the salvation and the redemption of the soul after death. Now according to our Catholic faith, Christ redeemed us by offering his own blood on the cross. Christ our Lord endured temptation and suffering so as to save our souls. His blood bought for God people from every nation, society and tribe (Rev.4:9). His blood paid for our sins and thus we have received salvation of our souls and eternal happiness in the next life.

Therefore this is the question we must ask ourselves as Christians, that if the blood of the lamb redeemed the Israelites from Egypt, then how about the blood of the beloved son of the Almighty God? How much respect do we pay the blood of Christ which is truly present in the Eucharist during Mass celebration? And do we really believe in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist? Then if the answer is YES, we intend to move forward but if the answer is NO, it is the time to change ourselves and believe because the time of salvation and redemption is now.

By Frt. Aretas Amani
1st Year Philosophy
Available for sponsorship



THE JOY IN MY CHRISTIAN LIFE IS HIM, CHRIST

The Joy of discovering Him is in my brothers and sisters in the community I am presently living. I get such a joy in cooperating with them in different daily activities. I also find such a joy in those whom I get to live with.

I have been able to get through life's ordeals because of prayers and faith in God, my community, my friends and my commitment in my Christian life. I have had the experience of the Easter mystery that we celebrate on a daily basis in the liturgy (the holy Mass) in my life and of the community. May my life humbly testify to it.

Frt Nikas Kessy Mapendo
2nd year philosophy
Ntungamo Seminary
Sponsors: Ben and Maria Walther Family



From left are Frts. Albert Lashayo and Isidori Mapendo, 2nd Year Theology at Kipalapala Seminary, were installed as Lectors.

Frt. Albert Lashayo is sponsored by T.O. Bennett

Frt. Isidori Mapendo is sponsored by Brad and Angela Zenger

KNOW WELL THE OFFICES OF LECTOR AND ACOLYTE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

An excerpt from an article from
Frt. Charles Alleluya
3rd Year Theology
Kipalapala Seminary
Sponsors: Bella and Leo Yau



An acolyte is a title properly belonging to one who has been officially commissioned to serve at the altar and assist the priest and the deacon. The tasks of the acolyte are to prepare the altar and sacred vessels, and in certain circumstances to distribute Holy Communion to the people. in so doing he is action as the “minister extraordinary” of the Eucharist.

Lector is a title properly belonging to the one who has been officially commissioned to read passages from the Holy Writ other than those taken from the Gospel. From this it is the fact that the lector is appointed for a function proper to him, that of reading the word of God in the liturgical assembly. He is also entrusted with the special office of instructing children and adults in the faith and preparing them to receive the sacraments worthily. From this meaning we deduce the following duties of a lector for which he is to fulfill even though the minister of high rank may be present.



From left Frts Charles Alleluya, Galgano Sumaili, Mathias Kona and Deogratius Arumas, 3rd Year Theology at Kipalapala Seminary are installed as Acolytes.

Frt. Charles Alleluya is sponsored by Bella and Leo Yau.

Frt. Galgano Sumaili is sponsored by Joyce and Neil Stoneberg

Frt. Mathias Kona is sponsored by Bella and Leo Yau

Frt. Deogratias Arumas is sponsored by Donna and Richard Kennish



Cassock Day at Ntungamo Seminary



Cassock Day at Kibosho Seminary



Left: Deacon Novatus Babu works with the parish in preparing the maize (corn) from the parish farm.

Right: Deacon Novatus cleans the chicken project for an October Event

Deacon Novatus Babu is sponsored by the Little Flower Bible Study.



Fr. Arnold Furaha shares a 2014 memory of reaching Uhuru Peak on Mount Kilimanjaro - the highest point Above Mean Sea Level in Africa (5895 M./ 19340 Ft.)



CASSOCK DAY AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA (NTUNGAMO) SEMINARY

On 16th November 2017, it was a remarkable day for the first year seminarians in our seminary, because we were officially given the priestly vestments which are cassock and sash.

Personally, I was endowed with great joy because it was not only a new experience in my vocational life, but also I felt blessed and privileged by God as Joseph was loved and privileged by his father, Jacob thus he made for him a cassock (Confer: Genesis 37:2-8).

The Mass was celebrated by the Auxiliary Bishop of Bukoba diocese, Rt. Rev. Methodius Kilaini. After the homily, the Bishop blessed the cassocks and sashes by invoking Christ who took on humanity to bless them so that when we always put them on, we should remember that they signify righteousness, purity and humility.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our formators for their selfless service to us and to all those who accompany us in our formative journey towards priesthood.

Fr. Livin Matumaini.
1st year Philosophy
Ntungamo Seminary.

Sponsors: Looking forward to praying for my sponsor.



MOSHI SEMINARIANS IN ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA – NTUNGAMO SEMINARY

St. Anthony of Padua senior seminary is one among philosophical seminaries under the Tanzanian Episcopal conference. It is located North western part of Tanzania, about 650km (403 Miles) away from our Moshi diocese. The seminary is found in the inter-lacustrine region, the area around one of the largest lake in Africa called Victoria. Our seminary is composed of the formatters; six priests from various dioceses in Tanzania including Moshi diocese. It is also composed of nuns from the *order of our lady of Mount Kilimanjaro*; these come from Moshi diocese. There are also seminarians numbered 240 from various dioceses in Tanzania and some from the nearby country of Burundi.

Moshi seminarians are among these 240 seminarians. We are 28 in number making us the leading diocese with many seminarians in Ntungamo. Apart from having a good number, Moshi seminarians in many cases have been of a leading examples in many aspects of the seminary life. We are always united showing respect to one another and instructing one another with love.

However our unity is never meant to separate us from others. Normally consciously or unconsciously we find ourselves being confined in the philosophy of Martine Heidegger that we are one but never alone. *“Being - with – others.”* Having such understanding we cooperate with other seminarians in each spheres of seminary life. We really enjoy life in the seminary. We get time to share our happiness and express our sadness. We also participate to one another in case of happiness or sadness and help where necessary. We thank God for the gift of being in Ntungamo seminary.

We are very grateful to our diocese, Rt. Rev. our bishop of Moshi diocese and newly appointed arch Bishop of Arusha diocese Isaac Amani, priests in a special way Rev. Fr Matthew Munishi our vocation director, and all the faithful for their great support.

In a special way we cannot forget the great support of our sponsors who by sweat and blood are tirelessly working hard to support us and ensuring that we are becoming good priests. May Almighty God bless you abundantly.

Above all to God be honor and glory forever and ever amen.

Frt. Emmanuel Mapinduzi
3rd year philosophy
Ntungamo seminary
Sponsor: Alyssa Hermes



THE GLORY OF EASTER

Easter is one of the notable seasons in Catholic Church. It is the celebration of Christ’s passion, death and resurrection. It is also referred in the liturgy as Pasch to mean Sunday of resurrection. In the Old Testament (Hebrew and Greek translation), it was used to referring the Passover. That is the deliverance of Israelites out of Egyptian slavery. (Exodus 12: 37 ff.)

In the New Testament this day is more glorified, for we are celebrating the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This day is full of glory for through his death and resurrection; we are redeemed and saved from all ties of sin. This is full realization of the Love of God to us. It is an interesting fact that God loved us to the extent that he offered his only beloved Son to die for our salvation. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...” John 3: 5.

Dear reader, we are welcomed to participate in Christ’s passion, death and resurrection through loving one another, practicing meritorious act, loving the church and obeying to the sacraments of the church. Due to glorious of this day (Pasch), the church has put the preparatory period for Easter; that is Lent season.

This is the time for penance and fasting, participation in the passion of Christ. On Easter we renew our baptismal vows as a clear sign of being born again in Christ. The lighted candle is the sign of Christ the light of the world, who guides his people on their way to God the Father. The blessing of water reminds us the water that flows from the Heart of Jesus that washes away our sins.

Pasch mystery is celebrated every day in the Holy Mass that is in the sacrament of Holy Eucharist, but in a special way Sundays are regarded as Pasch of Christ.

Thus together let us celebrate this day of our salvation and redemption. Christ has died, Christ is risen Hallelujah. Wishing you Happy Easter.

Frt. Honest J. Ombeni
2nd Year Philosophy
Ntungamo Seminary
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150 YEARS OF EVANGELIZATION IN TANZANIA FOSTERING PRIESTLY VOCATION.

The gift of priestly vocation placed by God in the hearts of some men and the church obliges to propose to them a serious journey of formation. As we know, faith comes to us by hearing which certainly includes reading and study the Word of God which gives us the abundance. Now it is 150 years since the first Missionaries came to Tanzania and the catholic church of Tanzania never forgets that. The coming of Missionary in Tanzania from Reunion Island in 1968 is by God's grace, because the first coming of missionary in Africa from Portugal in 1498 failed to reach Tanzania, because of environmental problem like diseases.

The coming of missionaries during this period guarding and fostering vocations, where by numerous contributions were done on the theme of the formation of future priest both universal and particular church. These may bear fruits because in 1917 the first Tanzanian priest was ordained and from 1917 the responding to the call for priesthood was increasing. Since the Priest coming among the people of God there must be formed patiently and carefully in order to become the light of the world and to shine among the people of God.

In this year when the Catholic church of Tanzania celebrate 150 years of evangelization, we have profusion pleasure to say thanks to God because of the number of Tanzanian priests as well as the number of seminarians have increased. As we know the formation of future priest (seminarians) taking four equal dimension that involve seminarian life; human, intellectual, pastoral and spiritual. Let us pray for the seminarians and priests so as to fulfill the work of God, because God chooses them among the people to save the people of God.

Frt. Japhet Mseri
1st Year Theology
Kipalapala seminary
Sponsor: Janice Richards



TO YOU MY DEAR LOVER

01. Looking at you I feel shame,
For I know that I am a lame,
I think it is not a proper time,
For me to come at your home.

02. When I am looking at your eyes,
In mine feeling of shame penetrates.
Knowing that the one who me loves,
I love you in hard circumstances.

03. You love me endlessly,
And you do it genuinely,
Though I do partially,
In my hard times only.

04. In my happier moments,
My lover I forget with attempts,
Paining my dear for me waits,
Bitter are your love's roots.

05. When I look at your poor heart,
Comparing with my weak poor art,
But with me you never depart,
Though I regularly you hurt.

06. When to you I just come,
Touching your hands with shame,
Looking at your legs the same,
I can't stop myself from your fame.

07. I really appreciate my Dear Lover,
For me a helper and encourager,
Receives me back from a wrong doer,
Jesus My Lover and My Forgiver.

08. What then should I be doing,
To be with you in everything,
Show me your passing,
Then I will be enjoying.

09. You know my inner best,
Without even me test,
Your love's version is the latest,
Surely in you I feel blest.

10. Help me always to come,
And remain at your home,
Avoid myself blame,
And the eternal flame.



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



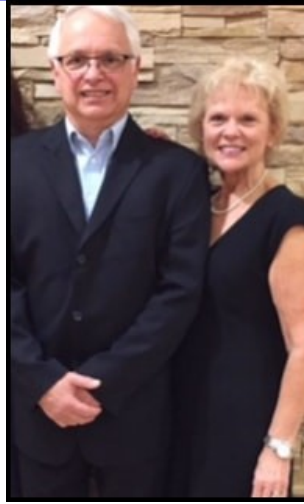
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Spotlight on Sponsors

Sponsors: Deacon Lyn and Beth Houze
Home: Dover, Ohio
Son: Frt. Michael Mbero

We never dreamed that we would visit Africa, actually, we never even thought about it. Then T.O. Bennett visited Holy Trinity Church and did a presentation about Tanzania, hoping to entice some of us to join her on her yearly journey there. We loved the presentation and for the first time thought maybe we'd like to go to Tanzania. After much discernment, prayer and conversation, Lyn and I committed to make that journey in 2015. And it was amazing!



When we returned home, we invited the people of the parish to an evening called "A Taste of Africa." With the assistance of Fr. Peter Asantebwana, a priest we've known and loved for several years, and Fr. Jonathan Kathenge, our parish priest from Kenya, we provided a meal of banana soup, rice, papaya, mangoes, bananas, African tea and coffee for 100 people. Following the dinner, we did a slide presentation of Africa with pictures of the churches, the people, the priests and seminarians, St. James Seminary, Kilimanjaro, Ordination, and safari. One thing we emphasized was that even though the pictures were wonderful, they don't capture the spirit, joy, love and hospitality of the people. You can only experience that in person.

About ourselves, Lyn is a deacon in the Catholic church. Most of his ministry is done at Holy Trinity Church in Zoar, Ohio. As deacon, he assists at Mass, does prayer services, funeral services, baptisms, and classes for people who want to become Catholic. His full time job is working for hospice as a chaplain and a nurse. He enjoys biking fishing, and the outdoors. in his spare time.

I'm a retired nurse, having worked many years for a family practice physician and then for hospice. I currently work part-time as office secretary at Holy Trinity. I also attend St. Joseph Church in Dover, Ohio which is a sister church to St. Joseph Mwenge. By the way, St. Joseph Church in Dover donated money to purchase some of the pews and a statue that are in the Mwenge church. I direct the choir and cantor at St. Joseph.

We have 4 children, Dan, Rick, Kristen, and Kelly. We also have 8 grandchildren and are blessed that they are all close by and can see them often.

So, back to Tanzania. In 2015, we didn't sponsor a seminarian. With my new retirement from working full-time, we weren't sure about making that long term commitment. But, again we were "called" to travel to Tanzania in 2017. This journey seemed like a more spiritual trip and things were different.

The day the seminarians visited and had their individual pictures taken in their cassocks, we were graced with having 4 young men who had just finished their formation, share dinner at the table with us. Each of them were kind, nice, and polite, and a bit nervous. During that meal and social time, we all shared information about ourselves and exchanged names and emails. We told them we were still discerning sponsorship but would let them know if we decided to sponsor one of them. Michael Mbero was one of those men at our table and engaged us in conversation a couple of times. Later, we decided to sponsor him. The next Sunday, he contacted us and met us at St. Joseph Church in Mwenge for Mass. Later, he made arrangements for us (after getting permission from Fr. Matthew Munishi) to go to his home with him to meet his family. It was a wonderful and humbling visit.

We look forward to returning to Tanzania in the near future, but, unfortunately, it won't be in 2018. We have met so many wonderful people there and have forged friendships with many of the seminarians and priests. We're grateful for the priests from Tanzania, who are sent by the bishop to study at Walsh University in Canton, Ohio.. Many of these priests have assisted in our parishes over the years and are dear to our heart. A special thanks to Fr. Aristides Msaki, who has been helping at Holy Trinity, while our parish priest has been visiting his family in Kenya. To our "son" Frt. Michel Mbero, study and learn to your full capacity. Keep God the center of your life, be kind and gracious. Our prayers are with all the seminarians and priests. May God bless you abundantly.

Deacon Lyn and Beth Houze

Frt. Michael Mbero Jackson
is in 1st Year Philosophy

