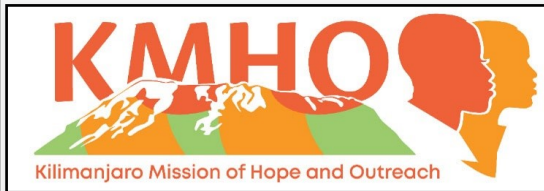


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Thank you for your continued support for the Moshi Diocese!

Inside this issue:

- Pictures from Segerea Seminary's Camera Man
- From our 2020 Trip—Visits with the new priests' families
- The Pearl
- Articles and Pictures!

From the Cover...

Frt. Johnson Abuu, 'son' of Mike, Chris and Beth Kondrat, is the cameraman for Segerea Seminary. He shared some pictures from Segerea Seminary. The cover shows the Procession on Palm Sunday.



Above: Moshi Seminarians assigned Ministry of acolyte and lector at Segerea seminary

Right: Segerea Seminary Grotto



Below: The priests' residence—rebuilt after the fire in January 2019.



Right: Priests' residence fire on 1/15/2019. THANK YOU to those who sent donations to help after the fire!!



Segerea Seminary Continued...

Segerea (St. Charles Lwanga) seminary is located in Dar es salaam about 2 miles from the Dar es salaam airport. The distance from Moshi is 341 miles so our seminarians travel about 9.5 hours to get to their seminary. There are 209 total seminarians studying in Segerea with 27 Moshi Seminarians from 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year theology attending the seminary.



Left: Seminarians participating in manual work in Segerea seminary

Below: The participation in liturgical celebration here in the seminary



Below: The second year seminarians with Cardinal Polycarp Pengo, the Archbishop emeritus of Dar-es-Salaam together with elected bishop of Bunda Diocese Fr Simon Masondole



A Visit with Fr. Galgano Sumaili's Family

Right: Mama T.O. Bennett gives a gift to Fr. Galgano's family.

Fr. Galgano is the 'son' of Joyce and Neil Stoneberg.



Left:
A visit with Fr. Galgano's family and friends

Do you notice the rosaries in the picture above? When we visit families in Tanzania, we give rosaries as gifts. We also give rosaries to the newly ordained priests to hand out at their new parishes...it allows them to give a gift to their new parishioners. The Moshi families love the rosary!! A very special THANK YOU to everyone who makes or donates rosaries for us to take on our trips. They are so much loved and appreciated!!

Thank you!



The Pearl

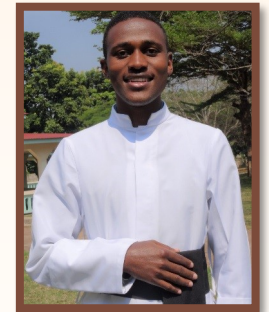
Demands of my Vocation: A Reflection in the Life of John the Baptist

On 31st May 2021, on the Feast of The Visitation, I was moved to meditate upon the life of John the Baptist, of whom we read, "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant [John the Baptist] leaped in her womb..." (Luke 1:41).

In his book entitled *Seven Minutes a Day with Jesus*, Fr. Adelmo Spagnolo writes: "If John the Baptist were to appear today in the city centre or near a market place with a long untrimmed beard, unkempt hair, clad in rags, bare footed, holding a knotty stick and shouting in a powerful voice, people would laugh at him and recommend him for an admittance to a mental hospital."

John was anything if not a true man, fully aware of his unique vocation. God alone mattered to him and his only role was to be simply a powerful voice preparing the way for the coming of the One who was to come after him. This is undeniably a very inspiring fact to me as a seminarian... **Awareness of my vocation.** To be able to ignore the fake splendid worldly attractions: the so called 'new fashions' in dressing, shaving, and presenting oneself, obsessions with the media, materialism and many others. As a seminarian I ought to be aware of my special Divine call, readiness to embrace simplicity of body and heart, and a genuine inclination towards serving the Lord.

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1. Prayers from your 'son' as he continues his journey to the priesthood - and even after he is ordained as a priest. This is especially important if your family and friends don't pray for souls.
2. T.O. Bennett prays for each seminarian and his sponsor(s) by name at daily Mass.
3. **The 10 priests at St. James Junior Seminary in Moshi pray every Tuesday for the intentions of our sponsors.**



Thank you for your continued support of the Moshi seminarians! The benefits are "priceless" - and ETERNAL!



Left: Picture from Deacon Denis Kaishe who wrote: The harvest is plenty but the labourers are few. Our **20** brothers in formation house 2021 with their formators before joining major Seminary. We pray for them in their journey.

20 incoming seminarians!! Thanks be to God for the flourishing vocations in Moshi Tanzania!!

Right: Deacon Primus Weria and Deacon Denis Kaishe in the celebration of Marriage Vows of our Classmate (St. James' Seminary) Evarist Kabaise with Sarah Stuart (from USA) at Kariwa Designated Parish Moshi Deacon Primus is the 'son' of Jose and Debbie Ventosa. Deacon Denis is the 'son' of Frank (RIP) and Edith Price



Left: Friends of Moshi met for lunch. Front: Linda DiRuzza, Gail Garbrandt, Edith Price. Back: Beth George, T.O. Bennett, Karol Lindow, Louise and Don Nguyen

A Visit with Fr. Aristid Riziki's Family

Right: American guests visit with Fr. Aristid Riziki's family



Left: Mama T.O. with her newly ordained 'son' Fr. Aristid Riziki.



Fr. Riziki's parents holding the crucifix that was given as a gift by the American guests.

Priesthood Ordination—August 12, 2021

As we anxiously await the upcoming Priesthood ordination for 7 young men of the Moshi Diocese on August 12th, we ask for your continued prayers so that these deacons can reach their goal of becoming priests at the altar of the Lord. We must pray hard since Satan will look for opportunities to derail their journey. God willing, we will be sharing pictures of 7 new diocesan priests in our next magazine edition. Pray! Pray! Pray!

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Left: Fr. Beda Mapesa with his fellow classmates in the feast of discourse. Fr. Beda, 2nd year Philosophy at Ntungamo Seminary, is sponsored by Mike and Lilian Brand

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God Bless You for your prayers and support of these wonderful young men!!

AGAINST SYMPATHY

Sympathy is the feeling of pity or sorrow for the suffering or distress of another; compassion. It is synonymous to empathy. In our contemporary society, the ability to sympathize has received mainly a moral connotation. It is seen in application through various events like wedding, ordination, sickness and burial ceremonies. The normal words that are used to conscient about sympathy are like, 'putting your own feet in another man's shoes or what if it were you! Actually in this aspect people do seek for comfort and support in a great need.

People have attributed the ability to sympathize with others having reference to the parable of the good Samaritan and the teachings of St. Paul that we are to mourn with the mourners and likewise to those who are in joy; thus to conform in any situation. In this context, the helper becomes the only source of the good. The question comes, 'Is it possible for a person to be the only source of the good?' No! Can we then sympathize fully with others? No! (Against Sympathy).

Now the issue is, when we intend to sympathize with others; do we then use our intellect and will jointly? The answer to this question is 'in most cases, No!' Mostly, we are mainly driven by passion with a very little amount of reason (of which at times is 'out of the context'). How could we then sympathize in a way better of? This demands to delve deep about sympathy. In this, then there are two categories of sympathy: Emotional sympathy and Cognitive sympathy.

Emotional sympathy is the one that we are mostly affected by. It is in the realm of our senses only that applies in the very short run. It is alike with the doctor who sympathizes with the patient of which the outcome becomes worst. It is like saying 'just take it easy to a patient without giving medicine' it is through lip service. This is different from psychotherapy. In this, we are culpable before God.

Cognitive sympathy involves application of both long run and short run ends. It involves both reason and passion which leads to action. It is not like meeting a patient and say; 'God will heal you, (if you believe, type or say) Amen.' It involves applying appropriate measures thus conform to towards better end. This conforms to Pope Saint John Paul II encyclical Fides et Ratio. Likewise to Jacob's letter which demands faith and action. Thus sympathy is possible only if it creates awareness about the issue in question (pain) and future joy; this is the authentic meaning of sympathy, unless, it is against sympathy.

Therefore, cognitive sympathy is better, although it is seen inappropriate in the short run. It is through this we manifest our true love for God and neighbor, thus is to say to conform in every situation should not be wrongly quoted. It is like in every burial each and every one must drop down tears. So, sympathy in the realm of all good is against sympathy in human conduct.

By Frt. Dennis Ajuayemungu
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A Visit with Fr. Deogratias Arumasi's Family

Right: Mama T.O. Bennett gives a gift to newly ordained Fr. Deogratias Arumasi's family on a visit to the new priest's home.

Fr. Arumasi is the 'son' of Dick and Donna Kennish



Left: Fr. Arumasi gives his priestly blessing to his family and the guests from the United States.

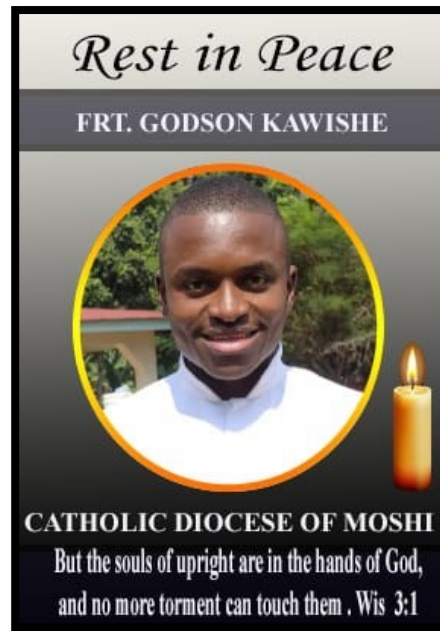


Right: American guests proudly show off the Maasai blankets that were presented as gifts from Fr. Arumasi's family.

Sponsor Passes to Eternal Reward

Nestor Katigbak passed away peacefully on March 15th. Nestor and his wife Caroline are sponsors for Frt. Salvatory Fadhili and Frt. Japhet Baraka.

May God reward him with eternal peace.



Brothers in Heaven

Frt. Godson joins his friend Frt. Peter Ndekuringa who passed away on August 25, 2020. Frater means 'brother' in Latin.



On March 17th, our dear seminarian, Frt. Godson Kawishe, passed to his eternal rest. He was in his first year of Theology studies at Segerea senior seminary. Our condolences to his parents, family, Mrao Parish, fellow classmates, Segerea senior seminary, together with family and friends for this loss. Funeral services were held on March 20th.

Left: This beautiful tribute was designed by Frt. Joseph Zawadi.

Below: The poem *Tears in the Sky* was written by Frt. Arnold Furaha who wrote: Here is the poem I wrote in honor of my dear friend whom I was with at the Hospital the time he was called back to the eternal home!

TEARS IN THE SKY

Open your ears and hear,
Close the eyes to shade tears,
The answers of fear is here,
For the skies shade their tear.
The shading each one fears.

In your hand Lord each brand,
Little and aged to trend and find,
The sons of God are best mind,
In our hearts do not only send,
But receives what you demand!

The sufferings and the crossings,
On our own living bearing,
I witnessed the ending,
That fear dispelling,
And hope will be coming.

Dear son of God, Godson,
Brother and friend unborn,
Not lost but home gone,
No more word and pain,
Rest in safe hands upon.

In his hands he has accepted,
And planned the such end,
That you may have started,
A Journey to home as He said,
"Come with me to my Home!"

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