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Re: **Press Statement for immediate release**

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NEW BISHOP FOR MONZE DIOCESE

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has today, 10 February 2014 at 13 hours, appointed Fr. Moses Hamungole as the new Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Monze. The Bishop-elect, Fr. Hamungole is a Diocesan priest of Lusaka Archdiocese. Until this appointment, Fr. Hamungole has been working as the Director of English Service -Africa and Kiswahili radio programmes at the Vatican Radio in Rome, Italy.

The current Bishop of Monze, Right Rev. Emilio Patriarca will continue as Bishop of Monze until the new Bishop is ordained, at a date to be announced.

The Bishop-elect, Fr. Moses Hamungole was born on 1 May 1967 in Kafue. He started his junior secondary school at Kafue Boys but completed his senior secondary school education, in 1986, at Mukasa minor seminary school in Choma. In 1987, he was accepted to study philosophy and start his priestly studies at St. Augustine's Major Seminary in Mpima, Kabwe. Later, in 1990, he proceeded to St. Dominic's Major seminary in Lusaka for pastoral and Theological studies. He graduated with a degree in Theology in 1994.

After his ordination as a priest on 6 August 1994, Fr. Hamungole worked as an assistant parish priest in Lusaka and Kabwe before being appointed to the then Yatsani TV Production studios (now CMS-TV Production studios) as studio manager, in 1997. Two years later, he proceeded to study at the Gregorian University in Rome where, in 2002, he graduated with a Licentiate in Social Science.

Fr. Hamungole has also worked at AMECEA secretariat as Secretary of social communications in Nairobi, Kenya between 2002 and 2009. During this time he was also President of SIGNIS Africa. (SIGNIS is the world association of Catholic communicators).

While working at the Vatican Radio, Fr. Hamungole has also been studying as a doctoral student of the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium.
