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A Newsletter for the Candidates and Students of the Missionaries of Africa

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Greetings from Kolibo and may the Lord be with you always! Merry Christmas and a happy New Year 2017!



Christmas is a time for us Catholics to rejuvenate and gain more strength to follow Christ the Saviour and the Redeemer of the world. Jesus, the Son of God, has come to free the world from its bondage of sin and corruption. The Light has come into our darkened and broken heart. May this Light shine evermore in us throughout 2017!

2016 has been a very busy in the Office of vocation promotion in Zambia coinciding with the 125 anniversary of the Catholic Faith in Zambia under the theme: "Planted in our families!" It began with the coming of the Missionaries of Africa in Mambwe-Mwela in July 1891 currently situated in the Archdiocese of Kasama. The official opening of the 125 years commemoration took place on the 6th August on the very same spot when the first Missionaries planted their tents.

This year has been a blessing for our Sector of Zambia with the perpetual Oath and Ordinations of Brother Sense Moses Simukonde and Brother Elvis Ngandwe respectively on April 30 in Nairobi, Kenya, and July 2 in Chingola, Zambia. From St Paul Nchelenge parish, Mansa diocese, Fredrick Mulenga together with Martin Kasongo from St Stephen parish Chingola, Ndola diocese were ordained Deacons on 10th December 2016 in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS:



On the 06th August in the Cathedral of Ndola, **Fr. Sylvester Chimenge** was ordained Priest. He celebrated his thanksgiving mass on the 07th August in Chibuluma Parish. The parish priest and his council made it a joyful lively celebration. A good number of Missionaries of Africa and a White Sister were present to grace the event. Fr. Chimenge is now in Tanzania for his missionary ministry.

On the 19th November at St Monica in Kabwe, **Fr. Robbin Simbeye** was ordained Priest. The Bishop had combined the closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy and the ordination. Many people came to attend the celebration. The following day, in the same parish, He celebrated his thanksgiving mass full of joy and jubilation. Fr. Robbin is going to Tunisia (North Africa), for his missionary work.

ON APOSTOLIC TRAINING (Pastoral): We have 4 zambian students who are on pastoral; Rodgers Mwansa (from Mazabuka) in Tanzania; Biness Chungu (from Chingola) in Niger; Emmanuel Banda (from Katete) in Niger and Grant Chansa (from Luanshya) in Mali.

SPIRITUAL YEAR (Noviciate): In July 2016, we escorted Leonard Katulushi from Sacred Heart parish, Kabwe to Bobo-Dioulasso in Burkina Faso. He has received the habit on the 22 October 2016. Blessed spiritual journey!

OUR STUDENTS IN PHILOSOPHY: They are 10 who are studying philosophy in Balaka (Malawi). They are happy and are progressing well in their studies. **3**rd **Years**: Evans Mwila (Ndola), Horris Banda (Katete), Ivor Mutamba (Lusaka). **2**nd **Years**: Darious Mwape (Mansa), Kelvin Mutalala (Chingola), Louis Kangwa (Kasama), Sandram Mwanza (Mukushi), Vincent Mutale (Chongwe). **1**st **Years**: Enest Katema (Mansa), Peter Nkhoma (Chipata).



KOLIBO VOCATION CENTRE

The vocation and missionary animation is a busy office where correspondance with aspirants all over Zambia is done from. The address is still the same over 26 years now. We thank God for his grace of vocation in Zambia

THIS YEAR WE HAD 3 PROGRAMS OF COME AND SEE.



The **group of April (1**st **to 13**th) in Serenje, I was helped by Fr. Frederic, parish priest of St Lawrence(Lusaka): Embarking for a pic-nic, last day before the departure. They are from Lusaka, Mongu, Kasama, Kapiri-Mposhi, Chingola, Kitwe



(3), Mpika. Extreme left, Fr Frederic, and Extreme right Fr Camillo.

The group of August (15th to 27th) in Lavigerie formation centre Chipata:



From Kitwe (2), Chingola, Lusaka, Serenje, Kasama, Nchelenje. (Picture 1 & 2); With Frs Jean Luc Gouiller and Henk van Kessel.



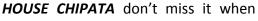
Figure 2 with Jean Luc (80yrs) and Henk (90yrs)

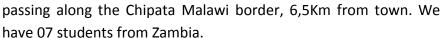
The group of December (16th to 22nd) in

Serenje was a program for those who have completed Grade 11 and are now going to Grade 12. This is to encourage and journey with our aspirants for a good period of time as they discern their vocation. I was helped by Innocent Majune Stagiaire in Serenje.



CHIPATA PRE-FIRST PHASE IS KNOWN AS LAVIGERIE FORMATION







Wishing you God's blessing!