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THE MOSHI SEMINARIAN

MARCH 2017



Frater Colman Sunday

2nd year Philosophy

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

Birthday:	15 January 1993
Parish:	Mrao Parish St. Thomas the Apostle
Siblings:	Colman has 3 brothers and 3 sisters
Father :	Ferdinandi Colman
Mother:	Flora Yudah

Will your family or church group sponsor him?

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Asante sana!

Thank you for your continued support for the Moshi Diocese!

KMHO Seminary Mission - 2016 Year End Review

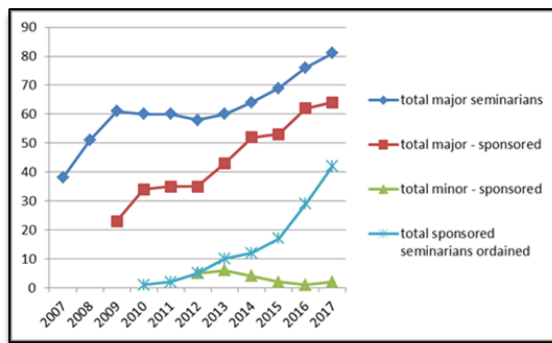
Dear KMHO Benefactors,

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! If you have not yet traveled to Moshi to join in the celebrations of the priesthood ordination of so many young men, may I invite you to **just do it!** There's no time like the present....

God willing, there will be 10 transitional deacons ordained to the priesthood on July 6th, 2017. I'll quote an e-mail I received from one of the deacons who was ordained in January: *"Thank you for your prayers and good thoughts upon our newly received roles in the Catholic Church. We thank God for you and your esteemed team whose support has seen our goal realized step by step. We are now functioning as Deacons and so far I have realized that there is lot to do in the Lord's Vineyard. We are trying our utmost level."* Please keep these young men and all priests and seminarians in your prayers.

This is what your generous donations are helping the Moshi Diocese accomplish for the glory of God (refer to chart):

- currently 81 major seminarians.
- 64 of these are sponsored.
- 17 are anxiously looking forward to being introduced to their new sponsor.....AND there are over 20 young men in formation preparing to start the major seminary in October.
- 10 are praying to be ordained to the priesthood on July 6th 2017; that will add to the 43 sponsored seminarians who have been ordained to the 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!

Yours in Christ,

T.O. Bennett

T.O. Bennett, MBA
MDSF Advisory Board Chair

Are you being called to help?

The following seminarians are in need of sponsorship. Please consider whether you, your family, or small church group can help one of these young men to achieve their goal of priesthood. Your 'son' is waiting to pray for you!! Information on sponsorship is located on the back cover of this magazine!!

NAME	SURNAME	YEAR	ORD YEAR	PARISH
Frt. Eugene	Kawau	Orientation		St. Joseph
Frt. Rustus Hillary	Shao	3rd year Philosophy	2022	St. Charles Boromeo
Frt. Colman	Sunday	2nd year Philosophy	2023	St. Thomas the Apostle
Frt. Festo	Sambonanga	2nd year Philosophy	2023	St. Charles Boromeo
Frt. Gasper	Ruwaichi	2nd year Philosophy	2023	St. Augustine of Hippo
Frt. Agapiti	Mahoo	1st year Philosophy	2024	Sacred Heart of Jesus
Frt. Arnold	Furaha	1st year Philosophy	2024	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Frt. Arnold	Bahati	1st year Philosophy	2024	BVM Queen of the Holy Rosary
Frt. Erasmi	Benedict	1st year Philosophy	2024	St. Joseph the Worker
Frt. Honest John	Ombeni	1st year Philosophy	2024	BVM Queen of the Holy Rosary
Frt. Joseph	Isuu	1st year Philosophy	2024	Assumption of Our Lady B.V.M.
Frt. Nikas	Mapendo	1st year Philosophy	2024	B.V. Mary of Mount Carmel
Frt. Oscar	Uwezo Minja	1st year Philosophy	2024	B.V. Mary of Mount Carmel
Frt. Onesmo	Baraka	1st year Philosophy	2024	St. Thomas the Apostle
Frt. Richard	Barnos	1st year Philosophy	2024	St. Joseph the Worker
Frt. Salvatory	Fadhili	1st year Philosophy	2024	St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
Frt. Silvester	Asifiwe	1st year Philosophy	2024	St. Charles Boromeo

TWO ASPECTS THAT NOURISH OUR VOCATION.

- 1.Small Christian Communities
- 2.Apostolic solidarities

When we are in seminary as Fraters coming from different Diocese in Tanzania, we share pastoral experience in our Small Christian Communities and our Apostolic solidarities. Through sharing, we learn different things which help me and my fellow Fraters to grow well in this journey of priesthood. Also we know different challenges and different ways to solve these challenges.

From these (aspects), Small Christian Communities and Apostolic Solidarities in our Seminary, also it help us to prepare well for the next coming pastoral when we go back for holidays and and when we reach in priesthood. Also from these communities we as Fraters coming from different Diocese in different part in Tanzania learn different norms and customs from our fellow Fraters because we come from different tribe and each tribe has its own culture. Through pastoral experience which we share, help us more to get experience as well as to nourishes our vocation.

THANKS AND GOD BLESS ALL YOU

Frt. Japhet Mseri
3rd year Philosophy
Kibosho Seminary
Sponsor: Janice Richards



3rd year Theology
acolytes at Kipalapala
Seminary

A special thank you to our newest sponsors!!!		
Sponsors	Seminarian	Seminarian Parish
John and Jeanne McNally	Deacon Godwin Busara	St. Matthew the Apostle
Theorita Bennett Sr. (aka Bibi)	Deacon Peter Kilasara	St. Michael the Archangel

It's Not Too Late!! Sign up Now!!!



- Group departs July 2nd or 3rd, depending on your originating airport.
- Arrive in Tanzania July 4th. Join the ordination festivities July 6th
- Join parish celebrations for the newly ordained priests. Visit the orphanage, schools, villages....
- Go on a wildlife safari. Climb Kilimanjaro Return July 18th (flexible)

Price depends on which optional activities you choose (safari, climb, etc).

Base package is approx. \$3000
with airfare, room & board, transportation, & tips.

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Your first year as a priest...how is it going?

I asked the priests ordained in 2016 if they could share some insights since their ordinations. Fr. Richard Marunda was gracious to take time to respond....



My current assignment is as an assistant parish pastor is to teach religion to different secondary schools around our parish. There are eleven secondary schools and one nursing college. However, our area called Machame-Ntirini has a big number (population) who are Lutherans followed by Muslims. The Catholics are minority. Few families have permanent domicile while the rest of faithfully are employed in houses of other denominations. I thank the Almighty God that with the few number of Catholics in our parish that I can serve them.

Up to now i am still keeping in touch with my sponsors (Richard and Theresa Jusseaume) though i have always been communicating with Theresa. Up to now i have not had a chance to communicate with Richard who is husband of Theresa. She told me that her husband being the president of university of Walsh he is too busy to the extent that it is not so easy for him to reply to my email.

As a priest i am enjoying serving God and His people through celebrations of Holy Masses homilies, counseling, visiting families, conducting seminars, etc.

My message to our readers is that God has the purpose with everyone. In a special way for those who hear deep inside their hearts to be called as priests. It is through your missionary supports and encouragement they can be able to adhere to such a call through studies in the major seminaries. When you support or sponsor one seminarian you have done a very great job of helping him to have enough concentration in his studies towards priestly journey. Moreover, the assurance comes when such a seminarian becomes a priest and does well God's apostolate of serving Him and His people.



Cassock Day at Kibosho Seminary when 1st Year Philosophy students receive their cassocks



The Pearl

Media is the source of information to the society. There are many means of handling information to the people in the world. There are press, phones, radio, television and the like.

Media when well used can be a source of good information to the people being it social, economic, educational as well as evangelization. In the evangelization media has a role to play. I may use my phone to help people to know God. I may teach people the good news using my phone and other means of communications. In using WhatsApp, Facebook twitter and Instagram instead of posting only economic, social and political issues I can also try to evangelize my friends so that they may be saved.

Vatican Two council sees the needs of social communication and gave out the decree on the media of social communications (Inter Mirifica). It states that "The Catholic Church, since it was founded by Christ our Lord to bear salvation to all men and thus is obliged to preach the gospel, considers one of its duties to announce the good news of salvation also with the help of the media of social communication and instruct men in their proper use." (IM 3).

Let us use all the means possible to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who have not heard and to the whole world.

Frt. Novatus Babu
Fourth Year
Segerea senior seminary
Sponsors: Little Flower Bible Study



2nd year Theology acolytes at Kipalapala Seminary

MEDITATE WITH FRT CHARLES ALLELUYA

Charles why do you want to be a priest?

- ⇒ God created man in His kindness and likeness so that he may know Him, love Him, serve Him and at the end go back to Him, so I want to accompany this man closely and help him to fulfill the will of God.
- ⇒ I want to collect them under one shepherd Jesus Christ, I will call them and pasture and serve them, because Jesus says I have to be a servant of servants, without segregating the poor, rich, old, sick, rejected, tall, short, fat and young all will be mine. I will not reject any one who comes to me.
- ⇒ I want to show them that still Jesus is around, through love and peace using my intellect, will, power, wisdom and good health given by God as a gift. Through my words and deeds I want to show them that Jesus is in me and I in Him don't forget my friend! The aim of Jesus granting a man the order of priesthood is that, when one sees a priest he/she has to see Jesus in Him too.

Charles You're right, but what if these people reject you? And refuse to be what you want them to be?

- ⇒ Oh! My friend, remember priesthood is a mission, mission means sending, a priest is a person sent by God to deliver His message of salvation to His people, so if they reject me I will not reject them, I will go back to the one who sent me (Jesus), remember Moses, he asked for help and Aaron was to assist him (Ex 4:1-17).
- ⇒ I know Jesus will help me through the Holy Spirit and He will open their eyes, hearts and ears that they will not reject me anymore, they will come back and I will show them the right way towards God's kingdom, in God everything is possible.

Charles you seem to be right, tell me which weapons are you going to use in your ministry?

- ⇒ First of all, this ministry is full of downs and ups, discouragement and encouragement, fall and rise, laugh and cry, in short it is not normal, it is supernatural ministry, it is a journey towards the Calvary.
- ⇒ War and difficulties comes from same people, friends, Satan, and within the mission, rejection is the most challenging problem in this mission.
- ⇒ Jesus Christ Himself is the first weapon, then the Holy Spirit, Prayers, faith in Scripture, without forgetting our Mother Blessed Virgin Mary. People themselves are also one of the weapon, so you can imagine how complicated this mission is, but all is possible when I have trust and be faithful to the one who sent me.
- ⇒ My friend I think for today I am done with you, no need of talking much, and my deeds will reveal what is in my heart and mind, action talks much than words. If you're on my side it is time to carry our weapons and start the journey, no more questions, in one faith we can. Let us do our best the rest God will do. Amen.

Frt. Charles Alleluya.

2nd year theology

Kipalapala Seminary

Sponsors: Bella and Leo Yau



Place of the Family in Priestly vocation

"Priest is a person who chosen among peoples to serve peoples in things pertains to God."

Since every person comes from a certain family, a priest also is the one born in the family and got all the necessities in his family like other people. Then God chose him to do His work. For the one to respond to the voice of God when calling, depends much on the help of one's family, and this is through direct emphasizing and most of all the family's way of life.

Moreover, for the one to realize the voice of God, there must be good conditions such as silence and prayerful condition which are supposed to be fulfilled in the family. The prayerful condition can lead parents and other family members to realize the vocation of their child and help him to follow the voice of God when calling. In other way may be the obstacles due to the lack of grace of God which implanted to the family through prayer.

By reflecting on this, take the example of the Child Samwel. When he called by God he did not realize that it was the voice of God, but his older man "Eli", helped him to realize that voice and even taught him on how to reply (1Sam. 3:1-10)

So brethren, any vocation takes its foundation in the family and so priestly vocation is directly starts from the family. It is upon us therefore to teach people and educate those families which in one way or another are obstacles to this holy vocation, to change and become the reinforcers so that the voice of God may be heard in the families and many people may reply positively so as to follow Jesus in this special way and work effectively in His farm.

Frt. Christian Mapendo Tesha

2nd year Philosophy

Kibosho Major Seminary

Sponsors: John and Teresa Peach Family



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The Spirit of Sponsorship is the Spirit of Evangelization

Generally when one thinks and then desires freely and willingly to take his/her money or property to support one who has a desire of being a priest, being the messenger of good news, being a servant of God; the one who support this person is in one way or another participating in the work of evangelization, the work of spreading good news, the Gospel. By the very fact that one gives his/her things for the work of God, she/he is investing in the kingdom of God "Jesus encouraged believers to give in order to lay up treasure in Heaven" (Matthew 6:19-21). Investing earthly money in the advancement of the kingdom of God, is one way in which we can lay up spiritual treasure in Heaven (Luke 6:1-13)

To support one to be a priest is an act of self-sacrifice. Dear benefactors, how happy it is when one supports his brother to reach his desire for being a priest, for being a servant of God and how beautiful it is to witness his goal being achieved. By so doing, it is a missionary activity indeed. In a wide sense it is a work of evangelization, a spirit of Christianity, a real sacrifice (Romans 12:1-6). In giving we should not seek man's praise but God's rewards (Matthew 6:2-4), we should not give with the hope of getting ahead in this life but with the faith that God will reward us in Heaven (Luke 14:12-14). We should not give under pressure but willingly and cheerfully with gratitude for God's grace to us according to our ability (2corinthians 8 and 9).

Sponsorship is the brotherly love; to support one is an expression of brotherly Love and of Christian unity. We really appreciate the love you have for the Moshi Diocesan seminarians and how you value us. The love you express to us is like that expressed in the Acts of Apostles 2:42-46; 4:32-35, 2corinthian 8:1-5 and Philippians 4:14-19. By the very act of giving, God's blessings is with you all. As we are still in need of your love and kindness, please continue to help and support us as God insists us to do (Matthew 25:31-46, Luke 3:11, Romans 2:15-17 and John 3:15-18) .

Frt. Pascal Moshi
1st Year Theology
Peramiho Senior Seminary
Sponsor: Linda DiRuzza



Fr. Onesmo Aikaruwa (ordained 2016 son of Brandé Flamez) with his brother Frt. Primus Thomas Weria (3rd Year Theology at Segerea Seminary sponsored by the Ventosa family)



1st Year Philosophy at
Ntungamo Seminary (below)



Moshi Diocese Fraters and
their priests at Kipalapala
Seminary (below)



Historical Background of the Chagga Tribe

On the southern slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, live the Chagga people. They are also called Chaga, Waschagga, Jagga, or Dschagga. Pronunciation: CHAH-guh

Traditionally, the Chagga is a tribe which belong to different clans (groups of people of common descent) ruled by *mangis* (chiefs). The area was divided into independent chiefdoms. Some famous past chiefs include Orombo from Kishigonyi, Sina of Kibosho, and Marealle of Marangu. The Chagga population rose steadily from 128,000 in the 1920s to over 800,000 in the 1990s. [Overpopulation](#) has forced some Chagga people to move to the lowlands and to urban areas. Almost all Chagga people also speak Swahili, the national language in Tanzania.

Chagga legends center on *Ruwa* and his power and assistance. Ruwa is the Chagga name for their god, as well as the Chagga word for 'sun'. Ruwa, is not looked upon as the creator of humankind, but rather as a liberator and provider of sustenance. He is known for his mercy and tolerance when sought by his people. Some Chagga myths concerning Ruwa resemble biblical stories of the Old Testament. Christianity was introduced to the Chagga people in the middle of the nineteenth century. By the end of the nineteenth century, both Protestants and Catholics had established missions in the region. With the adoption of Western religions, traditional Chagga beliefs and practices have been reduced or adapted to the new Christian beliefs.

Chagga mythology had many parallels with stories from the Bible, including one concerning the fall of man though in the Chagga version, a sweet potato was the forbidden fruit, and it was a stranger rather than a serpent that persuaded the first man to take a bite; there are also stories that bear a resemblance to the tales of Cain and Abel, and the great flood.

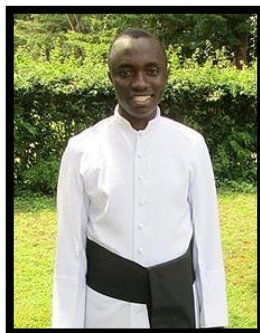
The Chagga faith also had its own concept of sin and their own version of the Catholic practice of confession. In the Chagga religion, however, it is not the sinner but the person who is sinned against who must be purified, in order that the negative force does not remain with him or her.

Frt. Dennis Stameza

1st year Theology

Segerea seminary

Sponsors: Brian and Natalie Matthews
And Matt Gagnon



Ordination to the Priesthood—July 6, 2017

Please pray for the following young men who will be ordained into the Priesthood on July 6th, 2017.

- Frt. Adelard Imani - sponsored by T.O. Bennett
- Frt. Cajetan Kintu - sponsored by Joe and Reenie Altier
- Frt. Deogratias Katinda—Sponsored by John and Judy Jendrzewski
- Frt. Francis Furaha—Sponsored by Tony and Maria Di Biase
- Frt. Gabriel Ngarau—Sponsored by Lenore Fines
- Frt. Honest Amani—Sponsored by Matt and Jayme Orn
- Frt. Peter Kilasara—Sponsored by Jack and Nancy Dempsey and Theorita Bennett Sr. (aka Bibi)
- Frt. Philbert Rizikiyamungu—Sponsored by Judy Green
- Frt. Timothy Mwanda—Sponsored by Aaron and Corinne Frechette
- Frt. Godwin Busara—Sponsored by John and Jeanne McNally

These young men will be ordained into the Priesthood on July 6th 2017!!

Spotlight on Sponsors

Sponsors: John and Barb Curran
Home: Cedar Mill, Oregon
Occupation: Retired
Son: Frt. Evarist Kaniki

We are John and Barb Curran. Both of us are retired. This gives us an opportunity to Volunteer, which means we both have work to do, but no longer get paid for it. We both serve as Sacristan for the Wednesday morning Mass at St. Pius X church. It is a privilege to get everything ready for this daily celebration of God's infinite grace. We also sing together in the choir for Sunday Mass. John is a tenor and Barb is a soprano. In addition, we serve as communion ministers and altar servers mostly at daily Mass, and Barb is a Lector.

Our parish has an active St. Vincent de Paul group that has its own pantry where the people may pick up food for hungry families or individuals. They also provide some rent and utility assistance for people in need. John is taking up the reins of leadership for the pantry: coordinating the work of other volunteers, insuring appropriate levels of food stocked and that foods and service meet USDA guidelines for health and cleanliness.

Barb gives time at St. Vincent's Hospital. She works as a volunteer in the surgery unit to insure adequate food and supplies are stocked in the cabinets and rooms as needed. She also takes patients by wheelchair to their rides when they are discharged. This is the best part, because everyone is happy to go home after their surgery! She also works with the Passage Quilt group. Passage Quilts are made for patients close to death as a comfort for them and their families. She loves the opportunity to piece scraps and bits of fabrics to make a wide variety of quilts. The hope is that every family will find one that matches the personality and experiences of the patient and provides a reminder of the prayers we offer for them.

We have been married 25 years. Barb was married previously but divorced. We met at a "Singles" group at St. Pius X and are convinced that God is our "Matchmaker". We have 2 children: son, Jim, and daughter, Camille. They are both married. They have blessed us with 6 living grandchildren and one angel, Libby. Libby was taken from us after only 3 months but we thank God for even that precious time. Today There is one great-grandchild, Emmett, now 9 months old.



Both of us are cradle Catholics with a mixed, mostly NW European ancestry that includes Irish (Curran name), English, Scots, Norwegian, French, Swedish, Luxembourger, Italian and German. We are both named for our fathers. John is a "junior". Barb's father was a Robert, but her mother didn't like "Roberta" so she became "Barbara" instead which sometimes carries the nickname of "Bobbie."

We like to travel. We have both been to the Far East with our employment. Together we have travelled to China, the British Isles, Italy, France, Germany, Norway, Holland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Slovakia, Greece and Medjugorje. A couple of years ago, we met Fr. Peter Siamoo, when he became an associate at St. Pius X. He offered us the opportunity to travel to Tanzania. How could we refuse??

A favorite part of our travels has been to meet people and get a taste of what it might be like to live in different places. Our trip to Tanzania gave us the opportunity to attend an ordination, explore Moshi town, be impressed with the people and animals of the Serengeti and enjoy some interesting history and relax in Zanzibar.

We also were introduced to the Seminarians, and learned about the project of Fr. Peter's heart. We were totally impressed with the faith of people in Tanzania and the many seminarians. In Oregon, seminarians are few and far between. Priests are dying and retiring faster than they can be replaced. We have many people but not nearly enough priests to shepherd them. We are so thankful for the many priests that come to us from the rest of the world. The Catholic pastoral staff at St. Vincent's Hospital is nearly all from African nations and our auxiliary bishop is from So. Africa. We don't have a lot of personal resources, but after meeting the seminarians and seeing the faith that is the true wealth of Tanzania, we felt that God called us to help support them.

Our seminarian is Evarist Kaniki. He was chosen for us by T.O. Bennett. We feel very blessed to have this young man as our "son" to pray for us as we face the challenges of getting older. We enjoy getting his letters which give us a glimpse into his growth as a young man and in his relationship with God, Father to us all. The end of November, he wrote to let us know that he is now given the ministry of acolyte and lector. We can relate to the sense of joy in this step in God's service since we share it in our own ministries.

To my sponsors Barbara and John Curran, I would like to express and extend my heart-felt thank you for your sponsorship and may God bless you. Again I thank you for your prayers. I don't know if I can say that enough but I hope I have said it all. You are truly a gift to me and I am thankful to God. You have impacted my life in countless ways especially in my journey towards priesthood. My prayer is that each of you experiences everyday abundant blessings. Please let us continue to pray for each other.



Frt. Evarist Kaniki
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