



CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION

Vice-Province of Kenya

Configured in the Spirit of St. Vincent de Paul

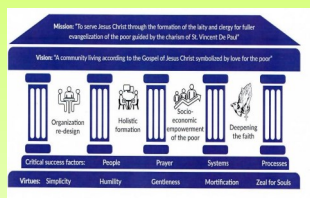


Monthly Newsletter

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The visitor's Desk

Summary of Strategic Choices



Strategic Goals



Our Vice Province held its first Assembly from 25th June 2023 to 1st July 2023 at St. Mary's Pastoral Centre in Nakuru. The assembly had 35 members of the Vice Province who attended as delegates. Several other members belonging to the Vice Province followed the assembly proceedings virtually.

The theme of our assembly was "Configured in the Spirit of St. Vincent" and coincided with the beginning of the 4th centennial celebrations of the Congregation of the Mission. Therefore, this assembly was for the most part a moment of rediscovery whereby the members sought to realign their mission priorities with the intention of our Holy founder St. Vincent DePaul.

The delegates engaged in lively conversations in a spirit of unity and shared purpose. They prayerfully reflected on the mission and vision of the Congregation, the resolutions of the 43rd General Assembly, and the strategic goals of the Vice Province. Key topics were thoroughly discussed which included: prayer and common life, formation and education, leadership and governance, sustainability and advancement, mission effectiveness and Vincentian identity, self-care and wellness. Out of these topics, the assembly came up with insightful ideas which have since culminated into several priorities for the Vice Province going forward.

Throughout the assembly, the members exuded a spirit of enthusiasm, prayer, and commitment. I applaud all the delegates for their synodal approach toward our first and historic assembly. The Vice Province of Kenya reiterates her commitment to advancing the charism of St. Vincent through works of seminary formation, parish missions, and direct service to the Poor. We are also at an advanced stage in planning for mission expansion to Uganda. We thus seek more prayers and support for the work ahead. May Our Blessed Mother – Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal intercede for our missions.

Rev. Edwin Mugwe, CM - Visitor

GOOD PURPOSE 2023



On Saturday 24th June 2023, During the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, our brothers (Nobert, Peter, Paul and Ronald) were admitted to the Congregation of the Mission Vice Province of Kenya. The good purpose Mass was presided over by our Visitor, Very Rev. Fr. Edwin Mugwe, CM at Damascus House in Kamulu. Congratulations to you Nobert, Peter, Paul and Ronald and our prayers are with you as you prepare to begin a four years program of theological studies in Tangaza University College.

RECEPTION TO THE INTERNAL SEMINARY

On Friday evening 23rd June 2023, During the first Vespers and the Vigil Mass of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the Congregation of the Mission Vice Province of Kenya Novice Director Fr. Dominic Makau, CM received in to the internal seminary our five brothers (**Christomus, Michael, Vincent, Sylvester, and Victor**) at Damascus house in Kamulu. Let us keep them in prayers as they begin this one year of deepening their understand of the Vincentian spirituality.



DEACONATE ORDINATION 2023



The Congregation of the Mission Vice Province of Kenya increased the Number of Laborers in the Lords Vineyard through Diaconate ordination of our brothers Allan Kamugisha, CM, Alex Odie Otieno, CM, and Anthony Muthoka, CM. The ordination took place on 27th May 2023 at DePaul Centre Nairobi Kenya, and was presided over by His Excellency Archbishop Hubertus Matheus Maria Van Megen, the Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya and South Sudan. Let us keep praying for the newly ordained deacons as they go out to the mission and as they continue to prepare for their priestly

ordination. As the Congregation of the Mission Vice Province of Kenya, we express our sincere thanks to all those who in one way or another ensured the success of this wonderful day. May God bless you all and may God bless our new deacons in town.

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THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE GRADUATES



In May 2023, there was a thanksgiving Mass at DePaul Centre, to celebrated our 4 Seminarians who just completed their Philosophical Studies. Let us keep praying for them as they prepare for their next step in the formation program. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Angelus Njangi, CM assisted by Fr. Michael Njeru, CM and Fr. John Bosco Idiama, CM

FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN MASABIT AND MARALAL

In the Month of May 2023, Our Visitor, Very Rev. Fr. Edwin Mugwe, CM Led a delegation of Confreres and lay staff to undertake the works of charity in the Catholic Diocese of Maralal and Marsabit. As the Vincentians on a mission we had the privilege to distribute food staff to the poor and hungry people of Muriyo Parish in Maralal. It was a wonderful experience to share the blessings God has shown us as Vincentians with the less fortunate members of the Samburu and Borona Communities. May God bless all those who supported us in this noble Mission.



CONFRERES SAFEGUARDING TRAINING



The Confreres of the Vice Province of Kenya had special advantage to attend a safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults workshop. The three days workshop was geared towards help the Vice Province of Kenya to learn more about how to create and maintain a safe environment as we work with children and vulnerable adults.

Upcoming events

Confreres Birthdays,

August Birthdays,

1. Fr. Dominic Ngangah 21st
2. Deacon Alex Odie Otieno 24th
3. Fr. John Mburu 30th

September Birthdays,

Fr. Humphrey Makokha 15th

October Birthdays

1. Fr. Thomas Nyambunde 13th
2. Fr. Kelvin Nyanjom 14th
3. Fr. John Bosco Mutinda 18th

November Birthdays

1. Alexander Mumo 1st
2. Bro. James Donlevy 5th
3. Fr. Peter Mutula 30th

December Birthdays

1. Fr. Mike Gichoho 11th
2. Zozmus Aba 12th
3. Fr. Ignatius Mukanzi 23th
4. Fr. John Bosco Odongo 26th

HAPPY BIRTH DAY TO YOU ALL

PICTORIAL SECTION



The official opening and handing over of the 13 houses project in Matisi Parish



The Safeguarding training for CMs and the lay Staff



July 2023 Vice provincial Assembly in Nakuru



The Superior General Visit to the Vice Province of Kenya



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