

# VICE-PROVINCE OF KENYA

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CONGRATULATIONS POPE LEO XIV

## CELEBRATIONS IN FRANCE



# 400 Years of Grace

## A Pilgrimage of Faith and Renewal

The Vincentians around the world commemorated **400 years since the founding of the Congregation of the Mission**. The momentous Jubilee celebration was held in **Paris, France**, from **April 27 to May 11, 2025**. Festivities began on Sunday, April 27 with a **gathering of bishops of the Congregation of the Mission** and more than 150 confreres representing the various provinces of the Congregation. They who participated in a preparatory Triduum that was held at the **Maison Mère** of the Vincentian Missionaries (95 Rue de Sèvres, 75006). This included a **day of prayer** (Monday the 28th), a **pilgrimage to Gannes and Folleville** (Tuesday the 29th), and a day of **formation** (Wednesday the 30th).

The highlight of the week included the Solemn Mass on Thursday, May 1, at the Church of Saint Eustache (*Imp. St Eustache, Paris 75001*), presided over by Bishop Emmanuel Tois, Auxiliary Bishop of Paris. The celebration honored the spiritual legacy of St. Vincent De Paul and the Congregation's enduring commitment to evangelization and service to the poor.

This historic pilgrimage gathered Vincentians, collaborators, and the faithful from every continent - returning to the birthplace of the mission to give thanks, reflect deeply, and recommit to the charism of **St. Vincent DePaul**.



From the Vice-Province of Kenya, a delegation of pilgrims travelled to Paris, representing the vibrant and growing spirit of mission and service in East Africa. Their journey was both spiritual and symbolic, a living connection between our past and our future, our heritage and our hope.

This Jubilee was also a personal invitation—to each one of us - to pause and reflect on the enduring legacy of our Holy Founder. May it renew our commitment to serve Christ in the poor, with ever greater humility, simplicity, and charity.



**"The Jubilee is not just a celebration of history," says Fr. Edwin Mugwe, C.M., Visitor of the Vice Province. "It is a sacred moment to rekindle the flame of our vocation and be renewed in the missionary zeal that has carried this Congregation for four centuries."**



## Four New Priests



The new priests all joined the Vincentian Formation - *Initiate Program at DePaul Centre* on Monday, January 18, 2016. They schooled at the Consolata Institute for their philosophical studies. Later, they joined the Internal Seminary at Damascus House on July 8, 2019, and took *Good Purposes* the following year. They attended Tangaza University for theological studies, graduating in 2024 with STB in Theology.

They have been admitted into candidacy, instituted into the ministry of Lector and acolyte. They were incorporated into the Congregation of the Mission on January 28, 2023, and ordained into Transitional Diaconate on May 4, 2024, at Sacred Heart Shrine, Karen, Nairobi by **Most Rev. Philip Anyolo – Archbishop of Nairobi**. They were ordained to Sacred Priesthood on May 3rd, 2025, at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Karen by **Most Rev. Mitchell Rozanski – Archbishop of St. Louis, USA**.



**Fr. Aba Zozmus, C.M**

Fr. Aba Zozmus comes from Mundika Parish Diocese of Bungoma, Busia County. After completing high school, he enrolled in a course in public accounting and later joined the Vincentian Formation.

Fr. Aba Zozmus encountered some Vincentian seminarians who had been sent to work at his home Parish during the long break pastoral program. He felt inspired by the Vincentian charism, their dedication to humility, simplicity, zeal for souls, and service. Fr. Aba now says *"My vocation journey unfolds daily as I deepen my faith, learning from the community members, and responding to the needs of those around me."*

He has been appointed as an assistant Parish priest at St. Kizito Parish Matisi, Diocese of Kitale.



**Fr. Alexander Mumo C.M**

Fr. Alexander Mumo comes from St. Paul's Catholic Parish, Matuu in the Catholic Diocese of Machakos, Machakos County.

Fr. Alexander says, "I first encountered the spirit and mission of St. Vincent de Paul during Friday retreats at the Vincentian Prayer House in Thika, which sparked my interest." He was later introduced to the Vincentians by a friend. He says, *"My discernment has been a journey of personal growth, enlightenment, and conversation with God. Sharing life with the less privileged, the sick, and the elderly has strengthened my desire to serve Christ."* Fr. Alexander shares his gift of singing while evangelizing the poor.

He has been appointed as an assistant Parish priest at our new mission in Tezo Kilifi, Archdiocese of Mombasa.



**Fr. Johnmary Muhumuza,  
C.M**

Fr. Johnmary Muhumuza comes from St. Charles Lwanga Parish, Fort Portal Diocese, Uganda. After Successfully completing high school, he worked as a money transfer agent for MTN Mobile Services Company before joining the Vincentian Formation.

Fr. Johnmary discovered the Vincentians through a priest friend from Uganda who was a student at Catholic University of Eastern Africa. He has picked these words to describe his joy, *"Lord, I cannot thank you enough for your mercy, love, and providence."*

He has been appointed as an assistant Parish priest at Our Lady of Assumption Parish Indangalasia Diocese of Kakamega.



**Fr. Geoffrey Wekesa C.M**

Fr. Geoffrey Wekesa comes from Matunda Village, Kakamega Diocese, Kenya.

Fr. Geoffrey came to know about the Vincentians through a Vincentian priest. He was inspired by the Priest's way of ministering which he found profound and attractive. Fr. Geoffrey says, *"The Vincentian pillars of formation have helped me grow, be keen to the signs of the times, and shaped my response to the needs of the poor."* His desire is to be *"Vincent De Paul"* to others.

He has been appointed as an assistant Parish priest at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Parish, Kamulu in the Archdiocese of Nairobi.





## Visitation from the Curia: A Time of Renewal and Encounter



In the month of April, the Vice Province of Kenya had been blessed with a special visitation from Fr. Dominique Lyolo, C.M., Assistant General Superior of the Congregation of the Mission, based in Rome. His pastoral journey across Kenya and Uganda brought a deep sense of renewal, connection, and encouragement.

Fr. Dominique met personally with every local community, offering words of affirmation

and gratitude for the ongoing mission work being carried out on the ground. He highlighted the deeply Vincentian nature of these ministries—rooted in compassion, service to the poor, and fidelity to the Gospel.

His visit was not only a moment of spiritual encounter, but also a reminder of the Congregation's global unity and shared mission.





## A New Shepherd for the Church: Welcoming Pope Leo XIV

On a day marked by sacred silence and global anticipation, the bells of St. Peter's rang out to announce the election of a new pope. With deep joy and reverence, the Congregation of the Mission – Vice Province of Kenya joins the universal Church in giving thanks for the election of **Pope Leo XIV, formerly Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, OSA.**

A man of profound humility and prayer, Pope Leo XIV brings to the papacy a spirit shaped by his Augustinian formation and missionary service. As a religious, he has walked closely with the people of God, listening deeply and serving with compassion - particularly among the marginalized and poor.

His commitment to the Gospel, marked by pastoral sensitivity and a deep love for the Church, resonates strongly with the Vincentian charism. As members of the Congregation of the Mission, founded by **St. Vincent dePaul** to evangelize the poor and form the clergy, we recognize in the new Holy Father a kind red spirit - one attentive to the needs of the peripheries and faithful to the transforming grace of Christ.

While his path to the Chair of Peter has been shaped by global ministry, **Kenya is also specially blessed** to have a Holy Father who understands the dynamism and depth of the Church in the Global South. His life testifies to the power of encounter, of presence, and of accompaniment—values we hold at the heart of our mission.

As Vincentians, we pledge our filial obedience and spiritual closeness to the Holy Father. We unite in prayer with the whole Church, asking the Lord to grant Pope Leo XIV wisdom, courage, serenity and good health as he takes up the mantle of St. Peter in these challenging times.

**Ad multos annos, Holy Father.** May your ministry be fruitful, your heart remain rooted in Christ, and your leadership continue to inspire renewal in the Church.







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#### SUPERIOR GENERAL

Rome, May 13, 2025

#### To all members of the Vincentian Family

Dearest brothers and sisters,

*May the grace and peace of Jesus be with us always!*

With hearts full of gratitude and hope, we welcome the election of the new Successor of Peter, **Pope Leo XIV**. At this important moment for the Church, we unite in prayer for the Holy Father, who is called to lead the People of God with fidelity, courage, and love.

In his first words addressed to the Church and the world, Pope Leo XIV reminded us powerfully that “**we must seek together how to be a missionary Church**,” and invited everyone to work “as men and women faithful to Jesus Christ, without fear, to proclaim the Gospel, to be missionaries.” This call deeply resonates with the Vincentian heart, always oriented towards the poorest and filled with the desire to build bridges of charity and dialogue.

As the Vincentian Family, we feel strengthened and renewed in our commitment to walk with the poor, to proclaim the Gospel through our lives, and to be a presence that consoles, accompanies, and serves.

**I invite you to pray fervently for Pope Leo XIV**, that the Holy Spirit may enlighten and sustain him in his mission as the Successor of Saint Peter. May he, guided by the light of the Risen Christ, lead the Church with humility, wisdom, and compassion.

With a fraternal embrace in Christ,

Fr. Tomaž Mavrič, C.M.

Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission  
and of the Company of the Daughters of Charity

President of the Executive Committee of the International Vincentian Family

# Lessons from the Pontificate of Pope Francis

## WORD FROM THE VISITOR

As the Church reflects on the life and ministry of Pope Francis, the 266th Successor of Peter, we, as the Vincentian Family, find ourselves uniquely touched and guided by his example. His pontificate, marked by humility, missionary audacity, and an unwavering love for the poor, offered not just inspiration - but direction.

Pope Francis' leadership did not merely align with Vincentian values - it ignited them. His papacy embodied a living homily of service and solidarity, particularly through *Evangelii Gaudium*, *Laudato Si'*, and *Fratelli Tutti*, which continue to shape our global Vincentian mission.

**"When you go to the poor, you encounter Jesus."**

- Pope Francis to the Vincentian Family, 2017

This message is not theoretical. It is deeply incarnational. Pope Francis reminded us that the peripheries are not geographical - they are human. To go to the margins is to go to the heart of Christ. It is here that our Vincentian mission is most fully realized: in feeding, healing, educating, listening, and accompanying those whom society often forgets.

Across our ministries in the Vice-Province of Kenya - whether in formation houses, parish missions, farms, or social outreach - we have witnessed his call take flesh. His words continue to animate our work and stir our consciences.



**"The Spirit used St. Vincent as an instrument to raise up a generous impulse in the Church."**

- Pope Francis, 2017



**"You are called to go forth to the peripheries of human existence... bringing not your own gifts, but the Spirit of the Lord."**

- Pope Francis to the Vincentian Family, 2017

As we commemorate 400 years of our Vincentian vocation, the legacy of Pope Francis takes on renewed urgency. In his final letter to the Congregation of the Mission in January 2025, he challenged us once again to "dedicate ourselves with renewed love to the service of the poor." His life was testimony that the Church is most authentically herself when she walks with the wounded, when she listens to the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor.

Today, that impulse continues to beat within us. We are grateful for the legacy of this shepherd who taught the Church to bend low, not as a gesture of weakness, but as a sign of divine love.

As Vincentians, we are reminded not to fear the brokenness of the world, but to run toward it - bearing light, bearing hope, and above all, bearing Christ.

Let us walk forward, not as mourners of a papacy concluded, but as bearers of a mission renewed.



**Fr. Edwin Mugwe, C.M.**  
Visitor - Vice-Province of Kenya



# Crafting Hope: How The God Minute is Supporting a Kenyan Woodworking Revolution



The God Minute - a Vincentian digital prayer community is breathing new life to the DePaul Woodworking Program in Kenya through fundraising - a priority that links faith and almsgiving. This year we seek to build a new woodworking facility at DePaul Centre thus expanding the current workshop area.

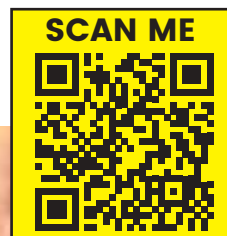
Founded in 2002 by Brother Jim Donlevy, C.M., DePaul Woodworking has quietly transformed the lives of over 100 youths all of whom came from vulnerable backgrounds, by equipping them with marketable carpentry skills. Today, more than 70% of its alumni are self-employed or formally working in Kenya's informal sector.

Fr. Francis Wanderi, C.M, Director of DePaul Woodworking, noted: "The additional support will allow us to reach more youth and double our impact through improved training facilities."

**"This partnership is about more than just tools and timber—it's about changing lives," \_ says Fr. Ron Hoyer, C.M, Director of The God Minute. "We're honored to support the expansion of this vital program."**

Fr. Edwin Mugwe, C.M., Visitor of the Vice-Province of Kenya, added, "The God Minute's involvement is a welcome blessing, reminding us that faith and solidarity can move mountains."

**So Get Involved:** Join and Pray with The God Minute's daily prayers via [thegodminute.org](http://thegodminute.org) or on Apple Podcasts.



Fr. Roy Hoyer C.M  
*Vincentian Priest and Founder of The God Minute*

## SEVEN STEPS OF PRAYER THAT TRANSFORMS LIFE. A SPIRITUAL FORMATION GUIDE



FR. JOHN BOSCO ODONGO, CM., SSL

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### C - Historical background and development of the prayer

What about this prayer? How did it come about? How did it develop into what it is today?

These seven steps of prayer are my simple personal faith-sharing contribution to the life of faith of whoever wants to live in Christ, with Christ, and for Christ despite the different challenges of life. It is a prayer based on my journey with the Lord in prayer. Maybe it can help someone begin or add to the steps they are already making on their journey with Jesus to establish a deep if not deeper personal relationship with Jesus our risen Lord.

It all started on my journey to the priesthood when I was in the seminary at De Paul Centre in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa. As a young seminarian, being a foreigner in Kenya, meeting new cultures, and new languages with complex diversity and yet with great richness of values among my Kenyan and Ugandan Vincentian confreres, I slowly learned to offer my life, vocation, and activities to the Lord as I would do my prayer. In my daily quiet time with the Lord in my room, I felt a deep instruction within my life to read the word of God and use it for my prayer when I was alone in my room.



I read "When you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (Matt 6,6). This verse was very encouraging to me, especially in my challenges. I call it a biblical prayer because it has roots in the bible. The seven steps are the fruits of my reading, meditation, and prayer with the Word of God. While in the seminary between the years 2007 to 2015, I learned and used the five steps. I would thank God, ask for forgiveness, and pray for those who had hurt me to be forgiven by God, then I would ask the blood of Jesus to cover and wash me clean from my sins and the effects of sins. I would proceed to invoke the Holy Spirit and ask for whatever I needed to ask from Jesus and that was it.



**O**n my first priestly anniversary, in a friend's house, a group of Christians gathered in Nairobi to celebrate with me. They asked me to celebrate mass with them. The readings that day talked about prayer. I used the opportunity to share about the five steps of prayer. When the mass was done, a lady in the group came to me and said "Fr. John Bosco, why don't you make the prayer be called six steps prayer instead of five steps? I asked her, "Why"? She responded that it would be great if you didn't end the prayer simply by requesting God for your needs but give thanks to him now that He has already responded to your prayer ". I found a lot of sense in what she said. From that moment I changed the prayer to "six steps of prayer that transform life". I used this prayer on a personal basis and I also managed to teach a good number of Christians on retreats, recollections, and other spiritual encounters with the people of God.



This year 2025 when I finished giving a talk to a group of Christians called "School of Jesus" a group I wanted to animate the Christians to read the word of God and learn to follow the logic of Jesus, a Christian came and told me, why don't you make this prayer be called "seven steps of prayer that transforms life?". I asked her, "Why"? She explained to me that there would be a great need to have the presence of our lady in the prayer and with her we can pray offering our supplications and thanksgiving to Jesus. This changed the name of the prayer to "Seven Steps of Prayer that transforms life". We then agreed with her that instead of beginning with thanksgiving as before, let us begin with the invocation of the blessed virgin Mary, the mother of God and our mother. Over time, we have seen this prayer change lives, move spiritual obstacles, and restore the integral well-being of a person by the divine power.

Are you looking for a prayer that will transform your life? A prayer that you can say while working, walking, or traveling? Learn the seven steps of prayer that transform life. Are you facing difficult situations in your life? Do you find it difficult to pray? Are you in spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:10-18)? Do you need a prayer that will help you express your faith in Jesus? Be in communion with Jesus? Be healed, and filled by God's graces on the journey to sainthood? Learn the seven steps of prayer that transform life. Each of the seven steps of this prayer shall have a title, a brief explanation of what is to be done, biblical text to accompany our prayer, and then prayer itself. At the beginning, it may seem long, but with time when you get used to it, the prayer is a gracious one that will accompany you for different aspects of your life. In each instant of praying we take up a priority of what we want to pray for and ask Jesus for he is generous and kind (James 1:2-8). The priority in the objective of prayer is important because Jesus instructed the disciples not to "heap up empty phrases or many words in prayer (Matt. 6:7). Have an issue or person or situation in mind. Offer it as your motive for prayer. This becomes your priority for prayer. You can always do the same process after each intention offering to God another intention as well. If you do, you will never be the same. Remember, when God mixes with man, great things happen.

**T**his prayer guide does not claim academic expertise but a simple spiritual and faith sharing to accompany the faithful in their relationship with the Lord Jesus based on the personal Christian experience of Fr. John Bosco Odongo, CM. Feel free to offer suggestions and constructive insights that can help the prayer be a truly nourishing experience of communion with our risen Lord Jesus Christ. Now, let us go forth to learn and use the seven steps of prayer as hereby outlined.



## D - The Seven Steps of Prayer that transforms life



1. Invocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.  
Let us invoke Our Lady to join in our prayer.  
Biblical Text: **Luke 1-2; John 2,1-12; 19,25-27.**  
Prayer: Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with You, blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus ... (10 times). Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you (10 times).
2. Thanksgiving to God for everything (Good or bad). We thank Jesus for who we are and for what we have. We thank him for our talents, for our sadness, for our joy, for our friends and our enemies, for our children, for our economic resources, for our loved ones, and for our work. Biblical Text: **Thessalonians 5:16-18; 118:1-4; 136:1-26; 7:17; 9:1; 35:18; 69:30; 95:1-3; Ephesians 5:18-20.** Prayer: Thank you, Jesus (10 times).
3. Forgiveness. We ask for forgiveness from God and from those we have wronged and forgive those who wronged us. We ask God for forgiveness for ourselves for those who have hurt us and for the persons we are praying for. Then consider forgiving the people who have wronged us as well. Biblical Text: **Psalms 51; Matt 6:12-15.** Prayer: Forgive me/us Lord Jesus (10 times). Then continue: Forgive us Lord for not having thanked you every day for the life you have given us, forgive us because we are sinners, forgive our families, and our family tree, forgive the people who have hurt us, forgive us if we do not abandon ourselves completely to You, forgive us if we do not know how to forgive, forgive us if we do not recognize You in our brothers and sisters, forgive us if we judge, forgive us if we are not humble little like children. Forgive us when we resist learning from you who is humble and meek of heart (**Matt. 11:29**).
4. Invocation of the most precious blood of Jesus. May Your most precious Blood descend upon our miseries, our families, our friendships, our plans, our sins, on the world, on those who do

do not love You, on those who do not know You, on people who are sick in body and spirit. Biblical Text: **John 15:13; Hebrews 9:7-28; 10:19-20; Acts 20:28** (Jesus established the Church with His Blood). Prayer: The Blood of Christ (10 times).

5. Invocation of the Holy Spirit. Let us invoke the Holy Spirit to enlighten our hearts, to give us the joy of being children of God, and may it give us the joy of witnessing to our faith as children of God in every circumstance. Biblical Text: **Acts 1:8; 2:1-4, 38; 4:31; 5:32; Galatians 5:16-17, 25; Luke 4:18; Numbers 11:25-29; Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 8:14-17, 26-27; John 14:25-26; John 15:26; JN 16:7,12-14; Luke 12:12; Matthew 3:11; Hebrews 3:7-8; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; Romans 15:13.** Prayer: Come Holy Spirit (10 times).
6. Intercession and supplication Prayers. Let us make our requests known to God the Father for what we need and for what others need. For example: "Lord Jesus, I offer my life and my family entirely to you, destroy all the evil plans of the evil one". Biblical Text: **John 17; Gen 18:22-33; 1 Kg 18:41-46; 1 Kgs 3:9; 2 Cor 12:8-10; 1 Tim 2:1; James 1:2-8; Mathew 7:7; Philippians 4:6-7; Luke 11:13.** Prayer: Personal prayers (in silence). Lord Jesus help all of us and the whole world to live in the Faith, listen to my/our intentions, You who know me and all of us deeply, help me/us to live as You want me/us to be, give peace, healing, serenity, tranquility to the whole world and help your Church to live according to your holy will.
7. Thanksgiving to God again. We thank the Lord because we are sure that He has heard our prayers and even if it does not seem to us, He has chosen what is good for us and for the people we love. At this last step, we Thank Jesus Christ because we know by faith that He has won victory over everything and has already granted me everything I have asked for and so I move out with conviction knowing all I asked is granted already. Biblical Text: **Luke 17:11-19; Hebrews 12:28-29; 13:15-16; Psalm 145:18.** Prayer: Thank you Jesus (10 Times).

**E- Conclusion.** It is of great significance to have a personal bible as we pray the seven steps of prayer that transform life. This will help us meditate on the word of God day and night, and open up to the graces of God. The seven steps of prayer invite us to embrace a methodical prayer step by step till the seventh one. They are an Invitation of the blessed virgin Mary, the mother of God and our mother. With her arrives also St. Joseph her most chaste spouse, the holy angels of God, the saints, the martyrs, the blessed people of God, and indeed the entire church in Glory where she is queen. Then we proceed to thank God for everything good or bad in our lives and in the world around us, invoke the blood of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, make our intercession known to God, and finally give thanks again to God as a means of expressing our faith in Him and his response to our prayers. All the best as we pray and remain in the beautiful union with the Lord our God.



# Tilling Our Soil with Love - Cultivating Agri-Business and Empowering Communities



Across Kenya, Vincentian-led agricultural projects are driving a quiet revolution - transforming parishes into centers of productivity, sustainability, and community empowerment. From Nairobi to Mukurwe-ini, these farms are not only producing food, but also nurturing hope, self-reliance, and innovation. Here's a look at four key farms that are leading this change:

## Gumba Farm: Cultivating Sustainability and Community Well-being



Located in St. Vincent de Paul Giathugu Parish, Mukurwe-ini, Gumba Farm is a transformative sustainability initiative launched in 2024. It integrates beekeeping, greenhouse farming, and robust water conservation systems under the theme "Maji ni Uhai" (Water is Life).

### Key Initiatives:

#### Water Conservation:

Equipped with 40 water tanks, each holding 10,000 litres, providing an impressive 400,000 litres of stored water. Ensures reliable access to clean water for both farming and community needs.

#### Beekeeping:

Production of high-quality honey to support parish programs and generate income.

#### Greenhouse Vegetable Farming:

Enhances local food security and creates revenue-generating opportunities through year-round crop production.

These initiatives reflect a long-term vision of self-sufficiency, food security, and environmental stewardship, empowering the parish to flourish both materially and spiritually.

## Mangogna Perryville Farm: Empowering Through Sustainable Agriculture

Situated at the DePaul Centre, Nairobi, Mangogna Perryville Farm is a compact yet highly productive one-acre farm supporting the seminary and DePaul Woodworking communities with healthy, affordable food.



### Key Initiatives:

#### Greenhouse & Outdoor Farming:

Cultivation of vegetables to meet daily kitchen needs.

#### Poultry Farming:

1,000 chickens provide eggs and meat for internal consumption and surplus sales.

#### Livestock:

Goat and sheep farming adds nutritional and financial diversity.

#### Strategic Land Use:

Transformed a one-acre plot into a thriving agri-business hub, showcasing innovation in small-scale farming.

Mangogna demonstrates how mission-driven agriculture can maximize space and impact, reinforcing food sustainability at the heart of religious life.

## Indangalasia Farm: Promoting Learning and Innovation in Agriculture

Indangalasia Farm focuses on educating farmers while improving productivity through practical, tech-integrated approaches. It supports surrounding communities in embracing farming as a viable livelihood.

### Key Initiatives:

#### Farmer Training:

Offers workshops on best practices, including seed selection, soil care, and pest control.

#### Modern Farming Techniques:

Integrates irrigation systems, improved seeds, and organic farming methods.

#### Value Addition:

Trains farmers in post-harvest handling and processing, increasing profit margins and reducing waste.

The farm bridges traditional knowledge with modern techniques—building agricultural confidence and economic opportunity for many.

## Thigio Farm: Strengthening Communities through Sustainable Farming



Thigio Farm operates with a vision to build food security and community collaboration through practical agriculture. It serves as a hands-on learning space while generating food for mission programs.

### Key Initiatives:

#### Crop Production:

Focused on high-demand vegetables and staples for both internal use and sale.

#### Livestock Integration:

Combines crop and livestock rearing to diversify food production and income.

#### Community Engagement:

Encourages shared learning, creating a supportive network of local farmers and youth.

Thigio embodies the Vincentian principle of working with and for the people, growing not only crops—but also confidence and cooperation.



### A Harvest of Hope

These farms are not only tilling the soil - they are cultivating a new way of life grounded in faith, resilience, and innovation. Each initiative reflects a Vincentian vision for a sustainable, self-reliant, and spiritually rooted community. Through water, seeds, livestock, and shared effort, the soil is becoming a sacred space of renewal and empowerment.





## CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION VICE-PROVINCE OF KENYA



# DO YOU FEEL CALLED?

*Is God calling you to serve?*

If you feel His divine invitation, we invite you to join Congregation of the Mission (The Vincencians) and share His love with the world.

Step forward in faith and become part of a community dedicated to spreading the gospel and serving those in need.

The congregation of the Mission (commonly known as the "the Vincentian") is a worldwide order of 4000 Roman Catholic priests and brothers in 86 countries founded by St. Vincent De Paul in 1625 for the evangelization of the poor and the formation and education of the diocesan clergy. The men in our congregation pronounce the vows of celibacy, poverty and obedience to God for the whole time of their lives.

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## Ongoing developments ...

### The ECD integrated school at Indagalasia



### Gumba farm in Giathugu



### DePaul Centre Sports



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Fr. Johnmary Muhumuza, C.M  
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Fr. Julius Joseph Maina, C.M  
Date of Birth: **8/05/1982**



Fr. Saturday Vincent, C.M  
Date of Birth: **22/05/1985**



Fr. Alex Opio Isonga, C.M  
Date of Birth: **8/05/1973**



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### Happy Birthday!

For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life; **Proverbs 9:11**. May you continue to grow in wisdom and understanding.







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