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## **CIRCULAR LETTER 05/2008**

Dear Confreres,

Greetings of peace and love !

The present Liturgical Year ( 2007 – 2008 ) comes to an end this coming Sunday, culminating in our exaltation of Jesus as our King. Feeling protected and loved by Christ the Universal King, we will start the new liturgical year and look forward to meeting the challenges that lie ahead in our christian life. The word of God which will accompany us during the Season of Advent tells us that Jesus has not come just once. Jesus keeps coming. He comes and is present at all cheerful or sad events of our life; he comes and is present in all that happens in the world and in the Church. May the Advent season, therefore, be for us a time of grace in which we realize Jesus' constant coming to us in every situation we are found so that, at Christmas, we may joyfully and wholeheartedly acclaim him as "Emmanuel", God-with-us.

### **1. Deacon John Patrick Ochume Ong'or**

Deacon John Patrick Ochume Ong'or has now been officially transferred to the Province of Zambia by the General Government. We welcome you dear Confrere as we share our life together as Mariannahillers in Zambia !

### **2. Studies – Br. Kennedy Kabwe Chulumanda**

Br. Kennedy Chulumanda will, from the beginning of next year, take up a year's Masters' Degree Course in Philosophy at the University of Zambia.

### **3. Studies – Fr. Ernest Mulenga Kabungo**

Fr. Ernest has started a course in Theology at the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg, RSA, while carrying on with his work as Assistant Rector at Merrivale.

### **4. Official giving up of Kaoma Parish – Mongu Diocese**

We will officially hand-over the Parish of St. Martin's in Kaoma on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The Bishop and the new Parish Priest will be present at this Eucharistic celebration and I intend to be there as well.

## 5. Welcome back

We welcome back to Zambia Br. Richard Mukuka who has been studying Psychology in South Africa over the last few years. He comes back with a Masters' Degree in Research Psychology. Welcome back home and congratulations !

## 6. Renewal of Vows – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

The renewal of vows will take place during solemn vespers of the Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at Engelmar House (17:30hrs).

## 7. Appointments ( taking effect in February 2009 )

- i) **Chunga Parish – Fr. Patrick Nkole** will be the Parish Priest, assisted by **Frs. John Bouma** and **Stephen Chikwanda**. The latter will be engaged in the Home Based Care program in the parish.
- ii) **Nseluka Parish - Fr. Dick Nthenga** will become the Parish Priest of Nseluka, assisted by **Fr. John Chishimba**.
- iii) **Zambia Army Chaplaincy – Fr. Matthew Mwamba** is awaiting formalization, by the Zambia Army Command, of his military training. Through the Zambia Episcopal Conference, Fr. Matthew Mwamba will be a Zambia Army Military Chaplain.
- iv) **Kasembo CMM Community – Fr. Alex Chandalala** will join the community at Kasembo Farms.
- v) **Postulant Master - Br. Richard Mukuka** will be the new Postulant Master and Vocations Director
- vi) **Fr. Jean-Bosco Ntawugashira** will move to the Guest House at Kasembo and focus his energies into running and improving our Guest House as Manager, as well as concentrate on his job as our Provincial Bursar. Fr. Bosco will be part of the Kasembo CMM Community.
- vii) **Fr. Emmanuel Mubanga** will, for the time being, move to Mungwi Parish and assist there.
- viii) **Fr. Ignatius Bwalya** will, as he continues to wait for his work permit for PNG, move to the Provincialate ( Makeni ) and be available for Engelmar Formation House and apostolates around Makeni, while doing a computer course in town.
- ix) **Pastoral assignments for the Students from Cedara**
  - **Frts. Christopher Mashilipa and Daniel Phiri – Kaparu Mission**, where the first Mariannahiller on Zambian soil , Fr. Kuno Ringenberger

worked and died in 1973. This vast rural mission station, some 80km from Lusaka is now run by Diocesan Priests.

- **Richard Mwamba – Holy Saviour Parish ( Kafue Estates )**
- **Luke Gift Mulenga – Kabanana Parish ( Lusaka )**
- **George Desai – Kasembo Farms**
- **Derek Mwansa – Provincialate ( He will continue where he ended with learning some mechanics at Chilenje Trades School ).**

**8. Visit of Br. Fidelis Burgstaller**

Br. Fidelis Burgstaller, our Treasurer General, arrives in Zambia on November 27<sup>th</sup> to help us in issues of book-keeping. He will spend most of the time with the Bursar in Lusaka, before he moves on to Bulawayo on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Hearty welcome to Br. Fidelis !

**9. Committee on the revision of our Provincial Directory**

Fr. Dick Nthenga and Br. Hansel Jaison have been asked by the Provincial Council to constitute a small working committee on the revision of our Provincial Directory. I will try to help this committee as much as possible. Thank you dear Confreres for accepting this important task!

**10. Condolences** - We offer our condolences to Frt. Siyabonga Mbeje who recently lost his cousin at his home in Richmond.

*I wish you all a grace-filled advent and a blessed and joyful Christmas !*

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick Chongo CMM  
Provincial Superior