



## THE PROVINCIALATE MTHATHA PROVINCE

4. März 2010

### INFORMATION # 4 -2010

- 1.0 **Fr. Chikadi** is back from his holiday in Nigeria. He had a good holiday even though he had to bury his mother on Feb 25. All the confreres were invited to celebrate in memory of Chikadi's mom on that day. Fr. Chikadi is now working on renewing his work permit with Home Affairs.
- 2.0 **Fr. Michael** is getting quite well some days, other days, he feels weak. Let us keep Michael in our prayers. Often he works with Fr. Stefan to clean up mass of papers accumulated throughout the years.
- 3.0 **Fr. Urs** informed us that he is suffering from 'shingles'. It is a painful experience – said he -.
- 4.0 **Postulancy 2010:** At the last meeting of the Council it was approved that the Postulancy 2010 would organise itself as an independent entity. This means: having their own time table and once in a while sharing with AFH prayers and meals. Postulancy will start in mid-April. We expect 3 postulants (Taele Ulrich Letlotlo, Tapiwa Terence Njodzi, Faustin Mapwar Pero) for the beginning of the experience 2010 and then, if everything goes well, 2 young men having been with Kwa-Patrick in Merrivale will join the group (Ambrose Kanali Butichi, Joseph Makanda). At the moment, they are organising their study permits to come back to SA. When this is done, confreres will be contacted to give them a chance to live with CMM members so that they may look at us and us at them. The Finance Commission approved a budget of expenditure: this means that a bank account will have to be opened to operate without problems. Confreres living near/in Mthatha have already agreed to give a hand in the process of formation of the Postulancy program. When the new car arrives (that has been ordered a long while ago), it will be at the disposal of the Postulancy.
- 5.0 **Formators workshop:** At the end of November, there will be a special workshop organised for formators. The Council has asked Frs. Abulala, Moris, Ngadi and Ojok to attend this workshop as part of their formation program. The workshop is organised by LCCL (SA).
- 6.0 **ON MARCH 15:** confreres living in-near Mthatha are invited to join the zone meeting taking place at AFH starting at 09.00. The object of our discussion is the first part of the Provincial Directory. We aim at looking at it to see if things are up-to-date and relevant to our needs. This first encounter will be chaired by Fr. Jank. Do not forget to bring along the copy you have received a short while ago. Confreres living (a) in Mariazell and (b) in Merrivale are asked to perform the same duty and to send their reflection to the office to be collated together. This is the process to prepare the Provincial Chapter 2011.
- 7.0 **Fr. Cas:** Fr. Cas will participate to a J&P meeting held in Pretoria. He will be leaving Mthatha on Sunday early morning (14 Feb) and return once the meeting is over. He represents CMM-Mthatha at that meeting. Our participation goes along with the decision taken together while approving the Vision-Mission statement on Feb. 02. Since Cas is an 'elderly gentleman' it would be good if a young confrere would make himself available to understudy Cas' involvement on issues of J&P. This would help the whole community to become more aware of issues we often by-pass.

- 8.0 **Deacon Dijo:** After Dijo came back from his holiday at home, the Bishop was contacted to have a place for Dijo to experience pastoral work. Seeing that the process was rather long and tedious, the Vocation Team and Dijo agreed that he should contact his parish priest at home (Samaria parish – Lesotho). Then the Bishop (Rev. Sebastian KHOARAI, OMI) agreed with pleasure to welcome Dijo. So Dijo will be working in Samaria parish (Diocese of Mahale’s Hoek) acquiring experience in pastoral while waiting for the permission from the Generalate to be ordained to the priesthood. Dijo left on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of March to go to Samaria. His contact is as follows: 002-665-5914-3539 and the parish priest Fr. Maoko 002-665-5871-0807
- 9.0 **The Generalate:** In a letter from Fr. Damian dated 24.11.09 (that all of us have received) it is written: According to the Constitutions no.457, ‘individual members of the Congregation as as provinces and local communities may submit written proposals and suggestions to the chapter through the general secretary’.
- The closing time for proposal is actually the beginning of the General Chapter but in order to prepare documentation, the translations and the agenda we ask you to submit them before 01 July 2010.
- Local communities should make use of this opportunity to reflect upon issues important to them and then to submit items for discussions. The same applies to all members of the province.
- 10.0**Br. Stefan Frommelt:** Br. Stefan will start in the near future repairs needed on what is called ‘the old convent’ at the ‘Bedford Estate’. Some rooms need repairs and flooring will have to be looked at. We use the opportunity that one room is empty to repair it so that it will be in good shape for a new tenant to rent. Br. Stefan will also cut a few trees that are too near the new power line bringing electricity to the new flats. There are 26 rooms available at the ‘Bedford Estate’. When all the rooms are occupied it brings us around R 18,000 per month.
- 11.0**Frs. Mafu & Ojok** presented proposals to the Finance Commission after having received estimates from Deacons Leaka and Dijo regarding items of expenditures for their foreseen ordination. The finance commission having looked at the proposal decided that besides basic expenditures like chasuble, printing of cards etc ... , R 10,000 would be made available for the reception for each ordinants. Other money views as necessary should come from respective parishes and families.
- 12.0**Contract with the Diocese:** Frs. Jank, Winfried and Guy will attempt to meet the Bishop to start the review of the contract CMM has with the diocese of Mthatha. The Bishop is absent very often and it is hard to get an appointment. Any suggestions from confreres are welcome in this matter.
- 13.0**Fr. George Mukua Kageche** has applied to the Council for ordination to deaconate. The formators at Merrivale approved and supported his application. The Council also approved it and forwarded it to the Generalate.
- 14.0**Mr. Khotso Telejane** does his Grade 11 at Khanyisa High School. He is a candidate for CMM and is under the direct responsibility of the Postulant Master since he is living at the Postulancy.
- 15.0**Fr. Jank:** having been approached by the Bishop, Fr. Jank is doing some preliminary work checking how to develop our presence in the Mthatha hospitals and at the jail. He may contact confreres living near by to join in once the preliminaries have been completed.
- 16.0**Birthdays:** during March we will celebrate the following birthdays – Fr. Michael (13) / Fr. Abulala (14) and Fr. Ojok (26). Let us praise God for their presence among us.

**Thank you for reading this paper. When you have items you want to share with the confreres forward them to the office and then they become part of the next information paper.**

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