



THE PROVINCIALATE MTHATHA PROVINCE

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INFORMATION # 3 -2010

- 1.0 **The Chapter:** The experience of being together for 2 days (Feb 01-02) was good, very good indeed. The positive action of Fr. Martin Badenhorst, as moderator of the Chapter, had impact on our ways of discussing. The drafts of the minutes and resolutions have been forwarded to you. Comments are welcome on these papers. The printing of the Vision and Mission statement is in progress and will be forwarded under different forms so that we might keep this in view. As Fr. Martin indicated to us: the Vision and Mission statement has to be the tool checking out the meaningfulness (or absence of it) of everything we do and live.
- 2.0 **Fr. Chikadi:** On Sunday night, I received a phone call from Fr. Chikadi to inform us that his mother had passed away on the same day. She was 82 years old. Fr. Chikadi said that he was going to inform about development in this matter. In the meantime, we should keep Fr. Chikadi's mother in our prayers and celebrate for her rest with the Lord. Fr. Chikadi also indicated that his work permit was ending at the beginning of March and so he intended to be back in time to avoid problems regarding re-entry in SA. The funerals of Fr. Chikadi's mother will take place on Feb. 25. Fr. Chikadi is trying to re-organize his return to SA for the 26th of Feb.
- 3.0 **Fr. Ngadi and Fr. Ojok:** In order to prepare the 2011 Provincial Chapter, Fr. Ngadi and Ojok have been approached to form a 'ad hoc committee' with Frs. Abulala, Moris and Guy. The proposal is that work be done to look at the **Provincial Directory** to up grade it and make it more relevant. To start work on this, the bi-monthly meeting of CMM zones (Merrivale / Mariazell / Mthatha) should initiate a reflection on this matter. Reegarding the Mthatha zone, the first meeting will take place at **AFH on 15 March 2010 starting at 09.00. We should look at pp 3 – 5: Spiritual life / Community life. Fr. Jank has been approached to chair the meeting at AFH.**
- 4.0 **Provincial Council:** the next Provincial Council and Finance Commission meetings will take place on Feb. 22. So, any item you would like to bring to the attention of the administration should be sent before hand.
- 5.0 **Fr. Michael:** We all know that Fr. Michael is not well. Special attention should be given to him through visits and prayers. If the state of Michael deteriorates further, it might be a good move to use the room the diocese has reserved at Empilweni: the Sisters are there and doctors (Bedford Hospital) are nearby. It would make it much easier to keep contact with Michael.
- 6.0 **Fr. Ernest's murder:** Fr. Bernard Gathu has informed everybody that the court case regarding the murder of Fr. Ernest is scheduled to take place on **November 01-14 at the High Court of Port Shepstone.**
- 7.0 **Br. Stefan Frommelt** is back from his home leave. His health is good – said he – and so he has resumed his work. Br. Stefan has been asked to be part of the Bedford Committee. His presence in this committee will make it much easier since he has expertise regarding building maintenance and repairs.
- 8.0 **Deacon Dijo:** The parish of origin of Dijo (SAMARIA parish) has asked that Dijo's ordination to the priesthood takes place in their midst. The request has been accepted. Regarding **Deacon**

Nicholas Leaka's ordination, the present proposal is that it will take place also in his parish of origin, Mt. Fletcher. We are still waiting for the final approval from the Generalate regarding the go ahead.

- 9.0 **Postulancy 2010:** Confreres living / working near Mthatha will be asked to participate into the program of formation at the Postulancy 2010 starting by mid-April. Frs. Abulala and Moris will contact confreres regarding their possible in-put. At the present time, Abulala and Moris expect 3 candidates to join at the beginning of the program // Terence Tapiwa Njodzi (SA), Tael Ulrich Letlotlo (SA), Faustin Mapwar Pero (DRC) // while 2 others // Ambrose Kanali Butichi and Joseph Makanda (KNY) // will first live with confreres for a few months before joining the program. Following our initial experience of 2009, the Formation Team will make concrete proposals to the Council for the modus operandi in 2010 rendering the project easier to manage.
- 10.0 **Br. Pierre:** The health of Br. Pierre seems to be better at the present time and we thank the Lord for this. Br. Pierre is alone in his work of computer maintenance. If we know of a person who would be willing to work with Br. Pierre, please contact him to inform him about this possibility. Br. Pierre's mother has been admitted to a specialized home caring for elderly people unable to care for themselves.
- 11.0 **Bedford project:** Tenants have started to occupy the new flats. All new tenants will pay their rent directly to an agency - KEIGHTLEY INCORPORATED - so that we do not have to deal with all kinds of excuses and problems. The Austrian Province contributed R 100,000 while the Generalate contributed R 200,000. The total cost of the project is a little over R 1,400,000 – The rate for the new flats is R 1000 per month.
- 12.0 **Fr. Chrisanthus Muteshi** sent news regarding his work in the Perth Archdiocese. Recently, during the holidays of the parish priest, he was in charge of the running of the parish and felt well about it. He is getting used to the Australian way of doing things. He sent his regards to all and reminded us that his own mother is 80 years old and asked for our prayers for her and his family.
- 13.0 **Meeting in Nairobi:** The provincials from the African provinces / region (Bulawayo / Mariannhill/ Zambia/ East Africa / Mthatha) will have a meeting in Nairobi (April 30th – 01 May). This will be a follow-up to the Lusaka encounter in December 09. It aims at preparing ourselves for the General Chapter. All of us had access to the minutes of the Lusaka meeting. Any comment or suggestion or item to put forward for further discussion in Nairobi is most welcome.

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