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Circular Letter 2010/1

New Year greetings to all and it is my hope and prayer that you are all well. It may seem business as usual as the year starts but it would be worthwhile to feel the difference the new year brings.

The popular line in our religious piety is, *God's ways are not our ways*, and I would like to invite each one of us to entrust our plans, visions and dreams into his care, so that by his side we can feel helped and protected. Our human wisdom and intelligence need his guidance and power. Since we seek his love at all times, let our lips praise and sing *One Love* into the new year.

1] Arrivals and Departures

Fr. Henry Kanjo left end of December 2009 for a two month holiday at his home in Malawi.

Fr. George Lautenschlager, left for Germany via Rome on 31st December 2009 after working in the Province and Diocese of Mariannahill for a number of years. We thank him specially for his dedicated services and readiness to serve in offices entrusted to him.

Fr. Sylvester Namale, was away between 14th-23rd December 2009 for African Provincial's meeting in Zambia.

Fr. Danisa Khumalo was away at the beginning of January 2010 to Zimbabwe to visit his father who is seriously ill with sickness, please keep him and family in your prayers.

Fr. Ignatius Heer left about mid-January 2010 for India to visit friends and do research on "preaching on the so called *Syrian Bema*"

Deacon Innocent Jedegwa, left on 16th January 2010 for a one year pastoral work in Umtata Province.

Fr. Abidon Kabwe, arrived on 21st January 2010 after submitting his applications for work permit for Mozambique. He will leave for Mozambique soon after the permit is granted.

Frts. Cremildo Ngovene, Raphael Chichava and Roberto Cossa, arrived on 16th January 2010 from Mozambique to attend annual retreat before renewing their vows.

Br. Konrad Diethei, will leave on 30th January 2010, for New Mexico

2] Congratulations

Deacons Lufeyo Mpaha and Nkosinathi Emmanuel Mzwandile Dlamini who passed their Faculty Examinations with good marks. Keep the good spirit in the pastoral work.

3] Condolences

Fr. Roger Masuku who lost his cousin in December 2009

4] Transfers

Fr. Bernard Thiel has been transferred from Sea Park to the Adoration Convent, Umzumbe, to serve as Chaplain to the Capuchin Poor Clare Sisters (OSC Cap).

Fr. Benjamin Malapane has been transferred from St. Michaels Mission, Ndongyane to St. Catherine Mission, to serve as Priest-in Charge.

5] CMM Associates

They had a successful meeting at their AGM in November 2009 at the Retreat House. They elected an Executive body to lead them into the new term. Delegates from UMzimkhulu Diocese were present to learn about the life and work of CMM Associates so that they can inform the newly formed CMM Associates in the diocese of UMzimkhulu. We are grateful to Bishop Stanley Dziuba and his priests for readiness and acceptance to the formation of the associates in their diocese.

We are grateful also to the priests in Mariannhill Diocese who support members of their faithful in being CMM Associates.

The provincial council and the Monastery Community would like to extend their sincere thanks to the CMM Associates who formed a choir and sung at the funeral of the late Br. Casmir Nthite.

I wish everybody a fruitful New Year, One Love.

Sylvester Namale, CMM
Provincial Superior.