

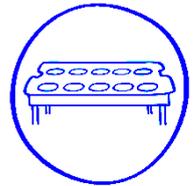


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# FINAL VOWS IN ZAMBIA

Bro. Raymond Daliso MBAO, FMS  
Bro. Chrisantius Mwansa CHONGO, FM  
15th October, 2016



**VENUE OF HOLY MASS:  
CHASSA – Sts PETER AND PAUL PARISH**

**MAIN CELEBRANT:  
Rt Rev. Dr. Benjamin PHIRI, JCD  
Auxiliary Bishop - Diocese of Chipata**

## CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME

*Congratulations* to **Br Evaristus Kasambwe** on having been elected as our Delegate to the 22<sup>nd</sup> General Chapter And also to **Br Lawrence Ndawala** as his substitute.

And *Welcome* also to **Br José Pascual** who has returned for a second stint in Mozambique at Manhica. We are indebted to the Province of Compostela for its five Brothers who now work in Southern Africa.



**Evaristus**



**Lawrence**



**José**

## LETTER FROM BROTHER NORBERT

Dear Brothers, Lay Marists and Colleagues, in the first place you have my greetings from Johannesburg, Sacred Heart College Community.

I have settled in and smoothly since the date of arrival on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October.

To you all who kept me in your minds and prayers at the time of awaiting the Work Permit for South Africa from Lusaka, my sincere thanks, I believe that with Mary Our Good Mother's intercession the prayers came to be heard and there was no further delay.

I am glad now to have taken residence in South Africa and thanks as well to the Brothers at Sacred Heart Community and the Lay Marists I met who equally welcomed me warmly.

Conscious of the year drawing to a close, a number of ideas spring up from a sense to evaluate the current year and to look up to the new year that is in the infancy stage of unfolding.



One thing rightly comes to mind, the year we have lived and celebrated with special attention given to be abundantly compassionate and merciful like the heavenly Father.

Bearing in mind that spiritual conversion of heart, mind and action is not a once and for all matter, there is no need to over emphasize a constant call to look up to the Father for the grace to follow after His generous mind and heart.

I believe that the blessing of the Year of Mercy has undoubtedly left something that has given rise to a call to be efficient icons of the heavenly and Merciful Father in the families, communities, places of work and our world of today in need of genuine compassion and forgiveness.

At this time, I wish to commend your plans and mine to the Lord for inspiration and guidance that they may yield the desired spiritual fruits in our families, communities, places of work and the world at large.



In view of next year's special events in the life of the Institute, let's take on board the necessary measures leading to prepare sufficiently and effectively for the Bicentenary celebration of the foundation of the Marist Brothers and the Institute that has a wide tent to embrace the Lay Marists who equally share in St. Marcellin's charism and mission.

Similarly, special attention is needed to ensure adequate preparation for the 22<sup>nd</sup> General Chapter for the coming September.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to wish you dear Brothers, Lay Marists and Colleagues success as you engage in a meaningful preparation of holiday time in your communities and places of work.

Enjoy a graceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2017.

  
NORBERT

Bro. Norbert Mwila

## BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER

10-11-1994	Gerónimo Raimundo (nov. ad.2015)
13-11-1932	João Torcato
16-11-1984	Francis Bwalya Ndapisha
17-11-1968	Boniface Chirambo
18-11-1968	Felix Chabu
21-11-1977	Fortune Chakasar
24-11-1968	António Viana
24-11-1994	João Gabriel (nov. ad.2016)
27-11-1948	Vincent George
28-11-1986	Mark Chikandwe

## BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER

15-12-1936	Brendan O'Shea - 80
17-12-1936	Pope Francis – 80
23-12-1941	João Reis
23-12-1949	Denis Ntacyica
25-12-1982	Stephen Phiri
30-12-1934	Emmanuel Lapointe
30-12-1970	Aaron Mazambe

## BIRTHDAYS JANUARY

01-01-1925	Paul Nkhoma
01-01-1986	Sábado Valia
05-01-1980	Octaviano Kandumbu
07-01-1986	Raymond Mbao
07-01-1993	Christopher Chagunda
08-01-1977	Ebel Muteveri
20-01-1963	Evaristus Kasambwe
23-01-1977	Reuben Banda
24-01-1955	Emili Turú (S.G.)
28-01-1962	Alexander Damalekani



Our lists contain at least one entry for each decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, from the 1920's to the 1990's! Let us thank the Lord for endowing our Province with such a wide spread of ages. Pray too that Mary, our Good Mother, help our younger ones to persevere in their commitment as Marist Brothers till they also come to celebrate their successive Jubilees - silver, golden and diamond!

# THRESHOLD PROGRAM AT MANZIANA

Living experience at Manziana

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## Thresholds program

18/10/2016: General House



The Thresholds program, held at Manziana, ended on 12<sup>th</sup> October. It was for English-speaking Brothers, and began on 11<sup>th</sup> August. Twelve Brothers, from eleven different countries, participated. They came from various provinces: Southern Africa, Nigeria, District of West Africa, PACE (Province of Central East Africa), East Asia, South Asia, the District of the Pacific and Australia.

The introduction to the program said:

*"Just as a threshold invites us to open doorways and enter a new place this program invites the participant to look to the future with fresh perspectives, seeing from different angles, being mindful and to work at a renewed sense of themselves".* The program also aimed: *"to make real the call of the General Chapter for, 'A renewed sense of consecration firmly rooted in the Gospel, urging us to new ways of being Brother'"* (Letter 21<sup>st</sup> General Chapter, 2009).

The program revolved around three main areas, all aimed at helping the participants to reflect on the consecrated life of the Religious Brother.

- Community living and the Marist congregation
- Human and spiritual life and growth
- The historical-pastoral area (pilgrimages, visits and time for reflection).

In their final evaluation the Brothers were unanimously positive that they have experienced a well-planned program. They also highlight the good that the Thresholds program has opened up for them at this time of their lives.



# MONTH OF THE ROSARY IN KUITO-BIÉ



# WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR? ALEPPO

Situation in Aleppo – 30 October

03/11/2016: Syria



The offensive of the armed rebels is on its third day. On the one hand, they advance westward, conquering the Dahiye Al Assad and, on the other hand, the bombardment with mortar fire falls on all the districts of Aleppo: in the west where the attackers enter and in the east where the besieged are trapped.

Many of the residents of Aleppo are in a state of panic, especially those living in Hamadaniye and Halab Al Jadida who have already left their homes. Since Friday, October 28, there have been many deaths and wounded of both

Syrian civilians and military. Hospitals are said to be full of injuries.

The municipal authorities have decreed the closure of schools for a week.

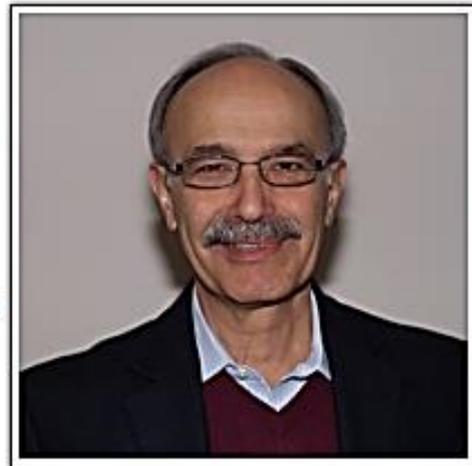
“Who is my neighbour?”

Today, October 30, we are living our monthly “pause” with the team of the Blue Marists. Leyla and I (Natil Antaki), have organized this day with the theme “who is my neighbor?”

We begin reading the parable of the Good Samaritan to highlight what “neighbor” means according to the Christian view. The 10 people of the group: the two brothers both called George, Margo, Louma, Mirna, Hadi, Kamel, Aline, Leyla and I, we begin by visiting the three families who come to us and benefit from our programmes.

The mother and two adults with mental disability make up the family S, as well as the father, mentally ill, who is being looked after by the sisters of Mother Teresa.

In normal time, the narrow streets of Midane are ugly, but now, due to the war they are infected: dirty streets, electrical wires hanging everywhere, ruinous buildings, a foul smell.

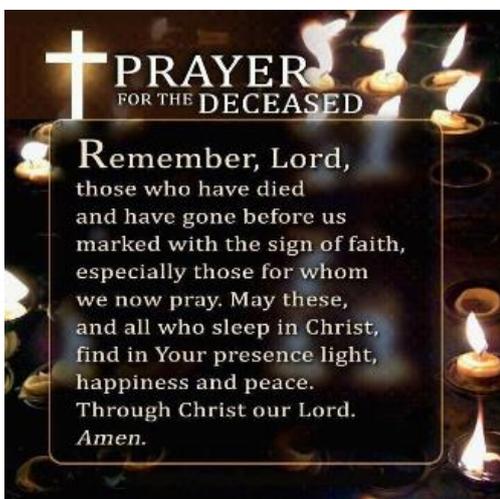


Read the full account of the visit by the Marist Bleues to the homes of those they help on a regular basis at <http://www.champagnat.org/400.php?a=6&n=4140>



## CONFIRMATION OF CATECHUMENS AT DETE

Fifteen happy Catechumens were confirmed on 30 October 2016, by Albert Serrano, the Bishop of Hwange. The school chaplain, Fr Jim Muleya, Brother Ebel and altar servers can be seen in the photos on the next page.



## REMEMBER OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

- David Jumbe, an older brother of Brother **Francis Jumbe**, who died on 7<sup>th</sup> October.
- Arcanjo Chamo, a cousin of Brother **Sábado Valia** who died after a long illness on 19 October.
- Edwin Mbao, immediate brother of Brother **Raymond Mbao** who died in a motor car accident on Friday 21 October.
- Chidoki, a young teenager and cousin of Brother **Simeon Banda**
- **Br. Jean-Yves Ferland** (b. 1929 in 1929) who died in Canada on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016. He was posted to **Malawi** for a number of years, where he was known by his religious name "Brother Gérard-Arthur".

# HURRICANE IN HAITI

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## The population of Haiti bears the consequences of hurricane Matthew

20/10/2016: Haiti

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Me gusta



### How to help the affected population

After the tragedy of hurricane Matthew, which caused over a thousand deaths, Brother Louis-Jeune Jean Mance, who lives in Les Cayes, sent news describing the situation of Haiti residents.

Below is a description of the situation, which was sent on Saturday, October 15.

I visited our communities in Dame-Marie, Jérémie, Latibolière and les Cayes. The colour of the environment of the whole state of the Department of Grand Anse and les Cayes is a pale grey.

A week after the hurricane, I could arrive well to Dame-Marie. They already removed the tree trunks that were on the roads and cars are able to circulate.

When I reached my house, I could not follow the path towards Anse D'Hainault and they say that that city is even worse. Not only are there no paths, but there are also many cases of cholera and a lot of destruction.

In Dame-Marie, the trees are dead and the houses are destroyed. Not even the trunks of the fallen trees are left and the homes have no roofs left or have fallen completely due to the strong winds.

There is also a lot of heat and yesterday (October 14), the first rainstorm took place. One can only imagine how wet people got.

Many people, with whom I was able to speak, say the same thing. The city does not exist anymore, everything is destroyed. This is our reality.

They have no homes. They have nowhere to sleep.

Then comes the food. Crops have been lost and there is no fruit as the trees fell.

One can count the few homes that have remained standing.



## INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

This important arm of the General Administration recently met in Sydney, Australia.

**Adrienne Egbers** from South Africa can be seen on the right. Adrienne is a member of the Finance Commission of the Province of Southern Africa.



## MATOLA

### WORKSHOP ON THE PROTECTION AND CARE OF CHILDREN



“To educate children, you must love them and love equally”. It is in this line that, first and foremost on the behalf of all novices and indeed on my own behalf, I would like to express my gratitude to Br, Fortune Chakasara for the workshop he rendered to us here at the Novitiate. His words were an alarm clock to us all, awaking us from the slumber of not realizing another important dimension of Marist Mission - the protection of Children’s Rights.

The four-day workshop with Br. Fortune opened our eyes to realize another bush to set ablaze. ” It takes the village to raise a child.” As Marists, we are one arm of that village. Br Fortune did not beat about the bush, explaining how children are physically and sexually abused yet are supposed to be in the shadow of our protection as we aim at making them good citizens. He made it clear that, as education deliverers we have to be with children and always be for them, to achieve this, we must create healthy boundaries with children so that we may create healthy relationships with children.

Based on Universal Declaration of Human rights, all human beings are entitled to enjoy Freedoms and Human Rights, children are not the exception. Children, have got a share from this pot as well Every session during the workshop came with its own well-presented talks spiced up with some short clips, showing how children are facing the fate of different abuses, we all came into concord that children are vulnerable. We therefore have to protect their rights at all cost. Thanks to Br. Fortune Chakasara for his insights during the workshop.

“Joseph got up, took the child Jesus and his mother and left during the night for the Egypt” (Mathew 2:14). St Joseph the patron of children Rights protection, help us to Protect Rights of all children entrusted to us.

*(Martin Jere, 1<sup>st</sup>- year novice)*



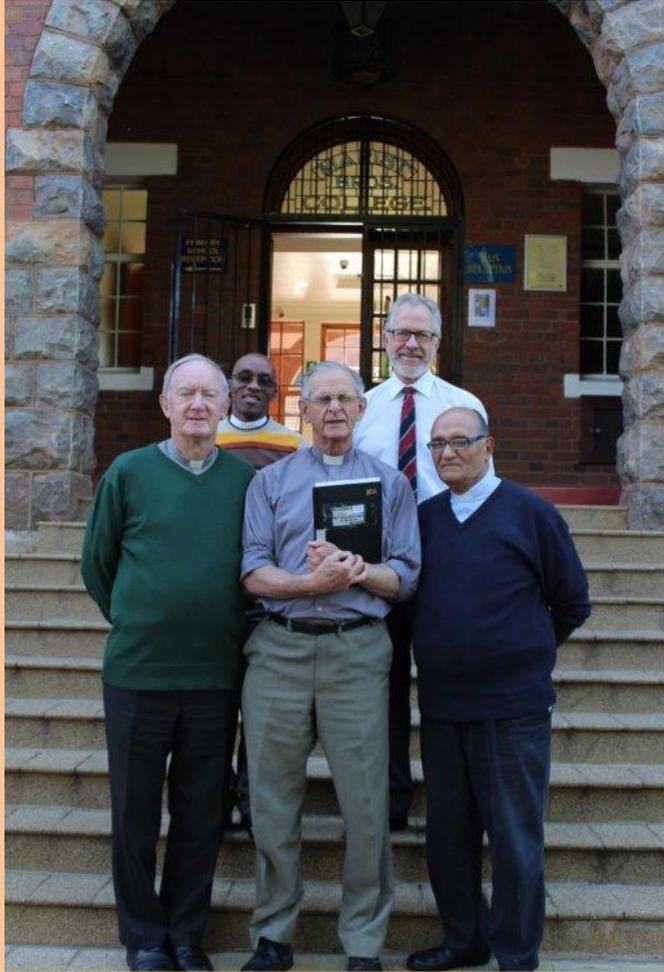
Satellite view of our property in Matola



Psalm 41:3 “The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.”

**A number of Brothers expressed appreciation for the letters of Brother Chiza Phiri on the condition of Brother RAPHAEL MARISO, promising to pray for him as well as for his carers. Let us also join in prayer for other Brothers recovering from strokes: Br EUGÈNE KABANGUKA C.G. and our own Br JOSEPH MURAKHO.**

## SOUTH AFRICA -- MARIST CHAPLAINS FORUM



**Back: Fr Teboho Matseke; Mike Greeff  
Front: Fr Seán Mullin; Fr Dave Dryden;  
Fr. Louis Padua**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 the four Marist Chaplains in South Africa came together at the Marist Brothers Office in Observatory. Fr David Dryden (Sacred Heart College and Marist Brothers Linmeyer), Fr Teboho Matseke (St David's Marist Inanda), Fr Sean Mullin (St Henry's Marist College) and Fr Louis Padua (St Joseph's Marist College) joined Mike Greeff at the first Marist Chaplains Forum to deepen their Marist awareness and to share ideas and experiences. The primary objective of this meeting was to support the Chaplains in their ministries in our Marist schools.

The meeting started with Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Dryden. The Marist Brothers Community and some Sacred Heart staff members joined the Mass to pray for the Chaplains and for the success of the meeting. Then, after a brief welcome and introduction to the workshop, the group set off on a tour of two of the three Johannesburg schools, Marist Brothers Linmeyer and St

David's Marist Inanda. The visit to Sacred Heart College and the Three2Six school took place the following morning.

Gary Norton, Mike Thiel and Colin Northmore each welcomed the Chaplains to their respective schools. The deep feelings that each of the Heads have for their schools was apparent as they led a tour of the campus and shared some of the history of each school.

On the afternoon of the first day Mike Greeff led a discussion of developments in the Marist world. Added to this he distributed a variety of Marist resources, all intended to deepen the awareness and richness of the Chaplaincy ministry into our schools. That evening, after Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplains and Mike joined the Brothers in the Community to share a meal and a time of communion.

After the Sacred Heart College visit on the second day the group got down to the work of planning for their return to their respective schools. With discussion and sharing, each Chaplain set his own objectives and plans for implementation. This exercise brought a level of practicality to the richness of the discussions and experiences of the two days.

At the conclusion of this, the first Marist Chaplains Forum, the consensus of opinion was one of time well spent. New friendships had formed and a network had been born to support this important work in our schools. The Holy Spirit was present with us during this time together and will no doubt be with us in all our future endeavours.

*(Mike Greeff 2 November 2016)*



# FINAL PROFESSIONS IN MALAWI

Saturday 12 November 2016



Brother Daniel Banda fms  
Brother David Kachoka fms  
Brother Witman Phiri fms  
Brother Patrick Banda fms

*(From the left in the picture below)*



*(From the left in the picture above)*

Abp. Desmond Tambala (Zomba)  
B. Emmanuel Kanyama (Dedza)  
(Main Celebrant)

Bro. Norbert Mwila, Provincial  
Bro. Frank Mwambucha, Councillor

VENUE

Mtendere Parish Our Lady of Peace



## PARAPROSDOKIANS

Paraprostdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part. They are frequently humorous. (Winston Churchill loved them.)

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
3. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
4. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
5. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
6. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit . . . Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
7. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
8. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
9. In filling out an application, where it says, "*In case of emergency, notify .....*": I put 'DOCTOR'.
10. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
11. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
12. I used to be indecisive; now I'm not so sure.
13. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
14. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a mechanic.
15. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
16. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

