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BUT HOW MUCH LOVE WE PUT INTO LOVING.”
(ST. THERESA OF CALCUTA)

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MAY THE GOOD LORD CONTINUE
REWARDING YOU ABUNDANTLY.

WE ARE SO PRIVILEGED AND HUMBLED TO RECEIVE
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WE PRAY FOR GOD’S BLESSINGS UPON YOUR LIFE THAT
WHICHEVER YOU DO MAY CONTINUE TO
GLORIFY GOD AND SANCTIFY YOUR LIFE.

MAY JESUS CHRIST BE BORN IN YOUR LIFE
AND FAMILIES TOO!

MERRY CHRISTMASS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO YOU ALL!

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(right) KMHO board member, Julie Rentz, visited the home of her “son,” Frater Gervas Baraka. Frater Gervas’ mother and aunt were thrilled with her visit.



(below) Frtr. Gasper Ruwaichi, sponsored by Dan and Julie Szendrey, at St. Joseph Mashati with the 1st Communion and Confirmation classes to which he taught catechism.



(below) Frater Blass Michael Imani, with kindergarten children at Karanga Parish. **Fr. Blass is hoping to soon be sponsored.**





Pearls of Wisdom



Fr. Male

In life we are all called to lose ourselves into service. Certainly, the one who is ready to serve others, will eventually be great. Making a lot of money, possessing a lot of talents, having a lot of cars and others material stuff doesn't make us great and joyful. What makes us happy is making someone smile, helping someone with his studies, giving people hope. Through service we participate in the ministry of Christ of redeeming all people. The ones who live for others never live in vain; in life or death they will rise with Christ. God shares part of his glory with those who honor and glorify him through service.

Thank you dear sponsors for making good times better and bad times easier. May God bless you all!!

Fr. Aidan Onesmo Male 1st Year Philosophy Ntungamo Seminary
 Frater Aidan is hoping to soon have a sponsor to pray for.



Fr. Shayo

There are times when things don't go as planned. Sometimes things get messy. Things get so complicated that you think you were brought into the world by accident. At time, you do not produce the fruit you hoped for. The time comes when even when you pray to God but think He does not hear your prayers, and in the end you become discouraged and desperate. Just fight, even if you feel like prayers are not heard or answered. You just keep praying; pray, pray, pray, keep praying. Despair is a sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit; stop despairing.

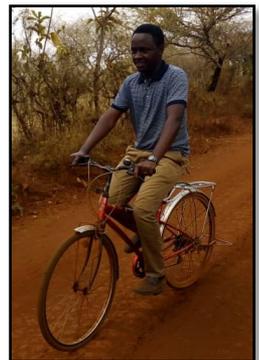
In this day and age you may have experienced many difficulties, quarrelled with many, and done many evil things. Do not worry; God is still with you.

Fr. Edga Antipas Shayo Mavumilio 1st. Year Philosophy Mwendakulima Seminary
 Frater Edga is hoping to soon have a sponsor to pray for.

May the blessings and joy of this year's Christmas be with my sponsor Elizabeth Guarendi, the family of Guarendi, and all of our sponsors. May the newly born Divine Baby fill your hearts with peace and love. *Merry Christmas and Happy New year.* Frt. Victor Zawadi



Seminarians arrive at Segerea Senior Seminary



Fr. Kenneth Mark Amani, sponsored by Anna Corulli

A WALKING VOCATION

Almost 19 years passed when I was seven years old, one Sunday after Mass standing beside my father, step-mother and grandmother, all talking with the priest. In their talk with the Priest, whom was also my father's friend, they were having their walk on the past whilst discern their vocations. Yes! My father too desired to be a Priest.

While walking around their history the Priest then came back to me staring and touching my head said "he will then be a Priest after you", said the Priest. After we finished then we went off back home. Interestingly about it was the same parish which my father served as altar servants and parish home. These words came to me after almost 17 years since then when I was preparing myself to go on my formation year for the Priesthood. While she was struggling with cancer my grandmother had within her a joyful and fulfilling heart as she saw me take on the same walk that years passed might have been taken by my father. Her last words to me 'always have hope and never give up in your faith in God. If it's planned by God, it will be done accordingly to His plan.'

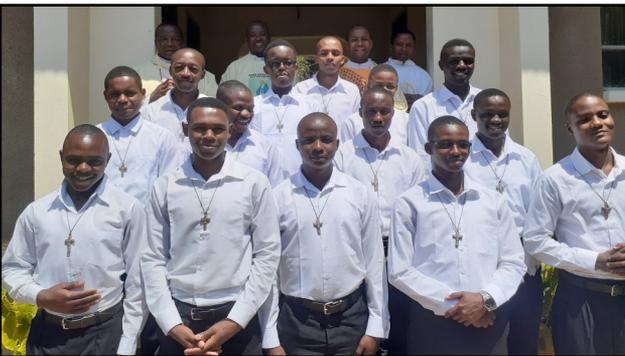
On such discovery to me it was like a beam of light that came from a fracture on a rocky wall which further inspired me more to serve God as a Priest. It was in 2017 when she passed onto eternal life and knowing that she gave me the walking staff, I kept in my mind and heart all that she said on my walk of vocation.

What we are is God's gift to us but what we become is our gift to God.

Fr. Medard John Temu
2nd Year Theology
Segerea Seminary
Sponsor: Linda DiRuzza



55 seminarians are praying for a sponsor for Christmas. Will you answer their prayers? <https://www.kmho.org/sponsorships/seminarian/>



Vicar General, Moshi Vocation Director, Fr. Andrew Asantemungu, Fr Gastor Bahati (the bishop's new secretary) and the Formation year 2021/2022 Seminarians.

Frater Dominick Imani,
sponsored by T.O.
Bennett, Christmas 2019

IF YOU WANT TO GATHER HONEY, DO NOT KICK THE BEEHIVE



Frt. Mosi

Dale Carnegie, a specialist in the field of human relationships, addresses one of the important principle in dealing with people in his book *How to Win Friends and Influence People*; that is: 'if you want to gather the honey, do not kick the beehive.' If you want to get the best out of those who are around us one should not begin by criticizing or condemning (essentially kicking) but rather find the way to appreciate them first. The same applies to a person who is in need of honey but begins by kicking the beehive; eventually all the bees will come out to attack that person in self - defense.

Let us use Dale Carnegie's allegory to explain our relationship with our Creator. Man (male or female) was created in order to know, love, and serve God here on earth and at the end of earthly life, one may attain eternal life with God in heaven. The eternal happiness with God is the honey that each and every one is called to gather. Where do we gather that honey? It is from the beehive.

In our case, the beehive is equivalent to the Church of God. St. Paul says that, "if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth" (1Tim 3:15).

Some of us wish to gather the everlasting sweetness that is eternal life but our words, thoughts and deeds are the typical example of that person who wishes to gather honey and begins by kicking the beehive. Anyone who kicks away the Church of God will not be in a position to merit the everlasting happiness in heaven. One has to bear in mind that, the founder of the Church of God, is Christ Himself. Therefore, as baptized people, let us embrace Jesus Christ through His Church as St. Paul says, "and whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col. 3:17). In this we shall gather both the earthly honey (prosperity in our day to day undertakings) and merit the everlasting life in heaven.

Frt. Fulgence Mosi 2nd Year Theology Segerea Seminary
Sponsors: Brady and Sarah Wilson



Frt. Gervas Gabriel, sponsored by TCC Junior/Senior High School, with new members of piety movement of St. Alois Gonzaga after being confirmed in the Holy Mass on the day of St. Alois's commemoration at Kirua - Iwa Parish.



WHERE'S THE FRATER?

Several of the Fraters sent pictures from their pastoral assignments where they are with children from the parish. Sometimes it's hard to find the frater in the picture. Can you spot them?

Right: Frt. Richard Barnos stands with the children from Holy Family Parish- Hai Mjini. Frt. Richard is sponsored by T.O. Bennett.



Left: Frt. Aretas James Amani with the First Holy Communion Students at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish-Mrao. Frt. Aretas is sponsored by Henedine and Ben Aldana.

Right: Frt. Erasmi Riziki with First Holy Communion and Confirmation children at B.V.M. Conceived without Original sin—Pasua Designated Parish. Frt. Erasmi is sponsored by Henedine and Ben Aldana.



Left: Frt. Michael Zawadi and Frt. Livin Matumaini with the children from Virgin Mary Mother and Queen - Korongoni Parish. Frt. Livin is sponsored by Nadia Mitchell. [Frt. Michael is praying to have a sponsor soon.](#)



Above left: Frt. Edwin Peter Seria, sponsored by Little Flower choir, at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Sambarai Parish, congratulating the two kids after they have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Above right: Frater Bernard Paul Godwin with First Communion and Confirmation children at The Holy Name of Mary-Mnazi Mmoja parish. **Frt. Bernard is hoping to soon be sponsored.**



Left: Frt. Agapiti Mahoo, sponsored by the Little Flower Bible Study, together with Frt. Primus Shukuru, sponsored by Beth and Brian Masserant, and Frt. Efreem Theobald, sponsored by Joann and Tom Peters. Fraters are preparing some of the ingredients for cooking food on "Miembe Day." It is a special day in which we say a word of welcome to our newly first year brothers in the Seminary. All are at Kipapalapa Senior Seminary.



Above left: Frater Michael Zawadi, greets us with the First Communion Children at Virgin Mary Queen and Mother-Korongoni Parish. **Frt. Michael is hoping to soon be sponsored.**



Above right: Frater Godfrey Kurwa Lyimo, sponsored by Deacon Chris Germak, working in a seminary garden with fellow seminarians.



Left: It was a great moment to celebrate the achievement of Frt Mark Miradi. L-R Frt Genes John (sponsored by Joyce and Neil Stoneberg), Frt Mark Miradi (sponsored by Mark & Kristy Holben and Tom Fowles), and Frt Boniface Silayo (sponsored by Gail Garbrandt); the others are from Tanga Diocese. It was a real joyful moment celebrating the record that Frt Mark has achieved GP of 4.9, which has never happened since the beginning of this university (it was the ninth graduation.)

Below left: Newly assigned lecturers at Segerea.

Below right: Frt. Johnson Abuu, sponsored by Mike, Chris and Beth Kondrat, shares the Joy of pastoral work at St. Anna-Kirima Parish.



Seminarians at St. Paul's Kipalapala Senior Seminary during the feast of Christ the King, patron of the Moshi Diocese. Submitted by Frt. Joseph Zawadi, sponsored by Lucien and Jossie Fundak.

Right: At Ntungamo senior seminary, Frater Dominick Imani relates that we have officially welcomed our Brothers of first year and the have been given clerical vestments (a Cassock and Sash). We are happy and proud of them.



15 of the 17 seminarians entering 1st Year Philosophy studies are praying for a sponsor.
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The kids of St. Vincent de Paul Yamu, during their feast day and farewell wishes to Frt. Genes John, sponsored by Joyce and Neil Stoneberg.



SACRIFICE AS A VINE GRAPE

Imagine the breaking, to form a wine,
The grapes are passing, sacrificial dine,
No bitter the pain, the sweeter the wine,
Sacrifice is never gone, it comes again,
Like grapes forming, the last drop of wine.

The grape bleeds, the blood comes,
Its blood we saves, our thirst quenches,
Though red it looks, it then transforms,
Its sweat dries, for grape solidifies,
Such are the experiences, of sacrifices.

Those who toil and labour, are happy for others,
Their love do they pour, God the blessing giver,
Such hears are pure, loving never sour,
Blessings are here, come let us share,
Fear not to tear, for the grapes loose tears.

I praise the farmer, and the workers,
Who knew how to care, and lost not in wonders,
But gave what is dear, to boost the wine producers,
May the wine be sure, sweet for cheers,
Greeting are sent here, to our beloved sponsors.

You take part as farmers, ploughing the fields,
The sweat you share, KHMØ upholds,
Paying to the Seminary, awesome sacrifice abides,
May the Good Lord bless, to output sweet wine!

YMY-LML

Poet: Frater Arnold Furaha, sponsored by Jim & Joan Peck, Mary and Olivia



Frt. Medard Temu, sponsored by Linda DiRuzza



Frt. Medard Temu and Frt. Charles Shukuru, sponsored by Linda DiRuzza



Frt Dennis Ajuayemungu (left), sponsored by Peter and Babette Murphy, and Frt. Aretas Amani, sponsored by Henedine and Ben Aldana, both from Segerea Seminary are following the example of St. Joseph the Worker during their manual work session in the seminary.

With the gratitude heart, I wish to send my thankful greeting to my sponsors James and Joan Peck and their granddaughters Olivia and Maria. Together with all the KHMO members. *May the Good Lord bless the sacrifice of love you are making in the Catholic Diocese of Moshi.* We are blessed to know you. We are really praying for you all! Frt. Arnold L. Furaha

The children at St. Brigit of Sweden Designated Parish-Shimbi preparing to march towards the pilgrimage center at St. Catherine of Siena Parish-Mkuu. The pilgrims will obtain a plenary indulgence. Frt. Joseph Urrio, sponsored by Maria and Joseph Leone.



Below Frt. Aretas James Amani, sponsored by Henedine and Ben Aldana



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