



CONGREGATION LIFESTREAM

WE ARE DIFFERENT YET ONE

“The way of Jesus...to walk united with our differences.”

-Pope Francis

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*“He has been raised; he is not here.
But go and tell...” (Mk 16:6-7)*

“Our easter experience of inner joy leads us to walk and accompany those who are suffering and in difficulties during this time of the pandemic. This is our mission, to bring hope in the Risen Lord...The risen Jesus awaits us in Galilee. He invites us to go back to the time and place of our first love and he says to us: Follow me and live my life, which I have shown you in Galilee. Now the Risen Lord is living in us and we participate fully in the mission of Christ to the world!”

(Excerpt from M. Maoro Sye’s Easter

A JOYFUL EASTER, ALLELUIA

PRIORESSES FROM OWN LOCALITIES ELECTED

NDANDA ELECTION CHAPTER SR. AGNES MROSSO, OSB



Sr. Raphaela



Sr. Rosa

Sr. Raphaela Mlwilo, 57, is the first Tanzanian prioress-elect of Ndanda Priory. She comes from diocese of Njombe, Tanzania. Sr. Rosa Pascal, 53, is the first Kenyan prioress-elect of Nairobi Priory. She is from the diocese of Kitale, Kenya.

Ndanda Priory had Election Chapter on March 6-7. Sr. Raphaela Mlwilo of Peramiho Priory was elected as Prioress of Ndanda Priory for a term of five years.

M. Maoro Sye, Prioress General, delegated General Councillors Sr. Regina Tesch OSB as presider, assisted by Sr. Katharina Mtitu. On the first day was the opening liturgy to invoke the Holy Spirit to guide us in this important event. Our chaplain, Fr. Damian Msisiri OSB, of the Ndanda Abbey, prayed for us daily through out that week and on this climax day he gave us a delightful reflection insisting and encouraging us to trust in the works of the Holy Spirit.

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At 9:00AM we gathered near the recreation room. Each sister had a candle. In procession we proceeded to St. Lioba Hall where the sessions took place. Sr. Regina read for us the letter of M. Maoro and gave us all the guidelines needed. We had time for prayer and adoration for both days. Surely the Holy Spirit did His work and we got the new Prioress peacefully and calmly. We thank the Generalate and the entire Congregation for the support of your prayers.

May God fill our new prioress with all the graces she needs in her new assignment to lead the Ndanda Priory for the future years. The Chapter was closed Sunday afternoon and on Monday morning we had a thanksgiving Liturgy to thank God for the wonders and blessings showered upon us. Sr. Raphaela will be installed as prioress on June 29.

Meet Prioress-elect Sr. Raphaela through her lines: *“I served as assistant postulant directress for 2 years, as novice directress for Peramiho Priory for 11 years and as Novice Directress of the International Novitiate of Windhoek Priory for six and a half years.*

I hold a Masters Degree in religious science from Regina Mundi in Rome. I took a 9-month Formation training program in Tanzania and participated in the first Monastic Formators’ Program in Rome.”

NAIROBI ELECTION CHAPTER

SR. CATHERINE MUTUKU, OSB

The long-awaited day for the Nairobi Priory Election Chapter was preceded by the arrival of Sr. Regina Tesch and Sr. Katharina Mtitu on March 15. Prior to the Election Chapter, we the Sisters, Novitiate members and our Chaplain Fr. Gregor had been praying intercession prayer to the Holy Spirit for more than a month.

On the evening of March 19, all the chapter members gathered in the chapter room for the official orientation and introduction prior to the commencement of the Priory Chapter next day. It was presided over by Sr. Regina Tesch and assisted by Sr. Katharina Mtitu, our two general councilors. They expressed their joy and welcomed all the sisters for making it to the election chapter amidst the challenges posed by

the COVID-19 pandemic.

March 21 was a Spirit-filled day. The day commenced at 9:00 a.m. with a hymn to the Holy Spirit followed by a scripture reading and special reflective prayer with symbols of a pot, a growing plant and an African traditional basket. The three items in summary symbolize the priory’s oneness, unity and teamwork in community life.

March 22 was the day of election. Sr. Rosa Pascal was elected prioress. Her installation as prioress will be on May 15.

Meet our Sr. Rosa. She is a self-driven person with excellent skills in planning and management. With nursing as her professional training, she is passionate in ensuring that the sick receive quality care. For 14 years she served as the directress of St. Scholastica Uzima Hospital in Ruaraka. Currently she is working on her Diploma in Health Systems management at the African International University.

SR. MARY THOMAS INSTALLED AS PRIORESS OF MANILA



Sr. Mary Thomas and Sr. Adelaida

M. Maoro delegated Sr. Adelaida Ygrubay to install Sr. Mary Thomas Prado as the new prioress of Manila for a term of five years on April 11. The installation was held after the scriptural reading at vespers with only the sisters of the Priory House and the Manila community present. The other sisters from other stations participated virtually via livestream. **CONGRATULATIONS to SR. MARY THOMAS and HEARTFELT THANKS to SR. ADELAIDA** for the eight years of service she rendered to the Priory of Manila.

PRIORESSES RECEIVE ORIENTATION ONLINE



Below l-r: M. Maoro, Sr. Vania Maria; Top l-r: Sr. Lumen Gloria, Sr. Simon, Sr. Illumina

REPORT OF SR. SIMON LEE, Prioress OF WINDHOEK. At this time last year, I had booked a flight ticket to Rome for an orientation for the new Prioress. However, due to the corona pandemic the ticket was cancelled. This year, instead of going to Rome by airplane, I went to our Roman Catholic Hospital Community by acar where I could use a strong Wi-Fi for the online Orientation.

The orientation took place for five days, an hour and a half in the morning and an hour and a half in the afternoon in Windhoek time through online. The first meeting started on March 10 at 8:30 a.m. Rome time, 9:30 a.m. Windhoek time, and 4:30 p.m. Seoul time. I was so happy and excited when Mother Maoro, Sr. Lumen Gloria, Sr. Vania, and Sr. Illumina of Seoul Priory, all appeared on the screen of my laptop computer. I wished to see all our Generalate but Sr. Regina and Sr. Katharina could not be together at the meeting because of the election chapter of Ndanda and Nairobi Priors.

Frankly speaking, I was not familiar with our Generalate and I tried to ignore the necessity of communication by saying, "No news is good news." And there was also my kind consideration not to disturb their busy schedules with minor troublesome problems and unimportant issues. But this orientation changed my mind and attitude. Just as I am interested in all our Sisters' lives and want to know to help

them, I realized that the Generalate is likewise concerned. Would I say that the spoiled(?) daughter got to know her mother's heart?

Another benefit was to re-think and reflect on my role and responsibilities as Prioress and got some knowledge on how to fulfill my duties. When I was elected Prioress, I received a 'Manual for New Prioresses', and it helped me, but it was not enough. During the orientation, I was able to expand my understanding by listening and learning from the experiences, wisdom, and faith of Mother Maoro, Sr. Lumen Gloria, Sr. Vania, Sr. Maria Ignatius and Sr. Philippa.

I sincerely thank Mother Maoro and our Generalate for their loving concern and care, for all the hard work and efforts that made our orientation fruitful. And I also thank Sr. Illumina, my senior companion and fellow Prioress for her kind attention and care during our orientation.

Finally, I would like to thank the media and technology developers who made this orientation possible through online, and pray for the end of the Covid-19 so that we can have a face-to-face meeting soon.

CONCLUDING PRAYER OF SR. ILLUMINA LEE, Prioress OF SEOUL.

Lord, thank you for the orientation meeting offered by the Generalate. As *(next page)*

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a result of this, I reaffirm foremost my responsibility and concerns as prioress. With your grace, I shall lead the sisters entrusted to me to live the Gospel according to our charism. Help me to lead the sisters to live the Benedictine way of life according to the Rule of St. Benedict and our Constitutions though I certainly lack many good qualities to do so. Guide me to love them more deeply, care for their spiritual growth and needs. The priory is a part of our international congregation, therefore I shall cooperate with the generalate in all aspects by promoting spirituality, finance and personnel. May I see always the importance of sharing and communicating with the generalate, priories and the generalate district communities.

Loving God, be with me, keep your eyes on me and give me faith to trust you without losing courage when I am in trouble. Let me have ear to listen in the way you want me to go and what sisters want to say as St. Joseph listened carefully to what you said to him.

And grant good health and abundant blessings upon M. Maoro and the general councilors who devote and sacrifice themselves for our congregation. Amen.

**ANGOLA CELEBRATES
DOUBLE EVENTS**

SR. CATARINA MUTANGO, OSB

March 21 is doubly historical for us because of the Benedictine presence in Angola for the past 90 years and the re-opening of the novitiate at our St. Scholastica Community in Kikolo, Luanda where we have the formation house. All the Sisters waited for this day to see our postulants moving forward to become novices as they are eager to share our life as Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Tutzing.

In thanksgiving for the 90 years of Benedictine presence and the reopening of the novitiate the day started with Eucharistic Celebration presided by Father Basilio Tchicale, spiritual director of the Major Seminary of Luanda. Present were also the coordinators and the councilors of four Benedictine Oblates.

Unfortunately, because of COVID-19 our dear Sr. Lugarda Park, the delegate in Angola of our M. Prioress Elenice Ferrari, could not travel from Menongue since the whole community was under quarantine. M. Elenice delegated Sr. Crescenciana Chilimbo, a member of our community, to receive the novices.



*Sr. Catarina, the novice directress, with the Novices
l-r: Nov. Rosalina F. Nov. Luciana, Sr. Catarina,
Nov. Rosalina Domingos, Nov. Valentina*

IJP IN PROGRESS

The International Juniors' Program (IJP) in Rome on its ninth year welcomed 4 junior sisters the second week of March. After days of quarantine they officially joined the Casa community on March 19, the feast of St. Joseph. They are Sr. Mary Agnes Mussa Mkinda from Ndanda, Sr. Ma. Clementine Kayando from Windhoek, Sr. Ma. Eliza Kibonge from Peramiho and Sr. Ma. Kolbe Hong from Seoul.



*From l-r: Sr. Marie Johann Heo (Junior
Coordinator), Sr. Ma. Clementine, Sr. Ma. Eliza,
Sr. Mary Agnes, Sr. Ma. Kolbe*

**MESSAGE FROM THE
MISSIONARIES OF MARIANHILL
IN ROME**

Fr. Patrick Chongo, CMM



Fr. Patrick bidding farewell to M. Maoro and the Sisters on March 25, Solemnity of the Annunciation

“Give thanks to God in all circumstances” (1 Thessalonians 5:8). These words of scripture are appropriate for us Missionaries of Mariannahill of our Generalate Community in Rome as our priestly services to the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Tutzing come to an end, after 41 years. Our house chronicles state that our forefathers started celebrating daily Holy Mass at Via dei Bevilacqua 60 in Rome on May 11, 1980. At that time Holy Masses were mostly in German, given that the two communities were mostly German speaking.

Our General Government at the time, consisted of the late Fr Fridolin Zueger (Superior General, Swiss), late Fr Dietmar Suebert (Vicar General, German), late Fr Ignatius Schick (Councillor, Swiss), late Fr Martin Boelens (Councillor, Dutch), Fr Vergil Heier (Councillor & Secretary General, American) and late Bro Bruno Marbet (General Treasurer, Swiss). These Confreres, elected in 1979, faithfully served the OSB Sisters and this has been carried on by the seven successive General Governments and other Confreres serving the Congregation in the generalate community in different ministries or studying in Rome, to this day.

It has been both a pleasure and blessing, over the years, for us to serve you dear Sisters over these many years. Our relationship has been excellent and will continue being so into the future, although we are now unable to come for

daily Masses. Sometimes you had to exercise a bit of patience with us when we overslept and were not able to arrive in time for the traditional 07:00 Mass and when we were new in Rome and struggling in Italian.

Since 2018, our generalate house in Via Giovanni Eudes 91 (from which we have served you) has been up for sale, being too big for our needs and we hope for this to be concluded soon. A new smaller house, which will house only the General Government and the General Treasurer, has since been bought from the Sisters of the Guardian Angel (a Spanish Congregation) in Via Di Torrevecchia 1205 and some among us have already moved into that some among us have already moved into that new house.

Thank you dear Sisters for this wonderful relationship we have enjoyed and continue to enjoy. We say a “mini farewell” and God bless you here in Rome and in all countries where you serve. We will always feel “brothers and sisters” wherever and whenever we meet. This Palm Sunday 2021 being the last day of our commitment to celebrating Holy Masses daily in your beautiful house and community, we wish you every grace and blessing from “He who comes in the name of the Lord”, the Son of David (Mark 11: 9-10).



Old CMM Generalate: Via S. Giovanni Eudes 91



New CMM Generalate: Via Di Torrevecchia 1205

Excerpts from the **URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**

EASTER 2021
 Saint Peter’s Basilica
 Easter, 4 April 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters, a good, happy and peaceful Easter!

Today, throughout the world, the Church’s proclamation resounds: “Jesus, who was crucified, has risen as he said. Alleluia!”

The Easter message does not offer us a mirage or reveal a magic formula. It does not point to an escape from the difficult situation we are experiencing. The pandemic is still spreading, while the social and economic crisis remains severe, especially for the poor. Nonetheless – and this is scandalous – armed conflicts have not ended and military arsenals are being strengthened. That is today’s scandal.

In the face of, or better, in the midst of this complex reality, the Easter message speaks concisely of the event that gives us the hope that does not disappoint: “Jesus who was crucified has risen”. It speaks to us not about angels or ghosts, but about a man, a man of flesh and bone, with a face and a name: Jesus. The Gospel testifies that this Jesus, crucified under Pontius Pilate for claiming he was the Christ, the Son of God, rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, just as he had foretold to his disciples.

The crucified Jesus, none other, has risen from the dead. God the Father raised Jesus, his Son, because he fully accomplished his saving will. Jesus took upon himself our weakness, our infirmities, even our death. He endured our sufferings and bore the weight of our sins. Because of this, God the Father exalted him and now Jesus Christ lives forever; he is the Lord. The witnesses report an important detail: the risen Jesus bears the marks of the wounds in his hands, feet and side. These wounds are the everlasting seal of his love for us. All those who experience a painful trial in body or spirit can find refuge in these wounds and, through them,

receive the grace of the hope that does not disappoint.

The risen Christ is hope for all who continue to suffer from the pandemic, both the sick and those who have lost a loved one. May the Lord give them comfort and sustain the valiant efforts of doctors and nurses. Everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us, requires assistance and has the right to have access to necessary care. This is even more evident in these times when all of us are called to combat the pandemic. Vaccines are an essential tool in this fight. I urge the entire international community, in a spirit of global responsibility, to commit to overcoming delays in the distribution of vaccines and to facilitate their distribution, especially in the poorest countries.

(Refer to the Vatican News for the full text)



Sr. Monika *Sr. Genovefa*



Sr. Beata

- Sr. Monika Groth from Rome to Haus St. Benedikt
- Sr. Genovefa Nampira from Rome back to Windhoek, her home priory.
- Sr. Beata Mbuvi from Nairobi to Rome for a short term assignment

REST IN PEACE

- + Sr. Maria Franziska Kashuupulwa, 80, died in Windhoek on April 1.
- + Sr. Rosamaria de Lira, 80, died in Barbalha on April 1.
- + Sr. Fabiola (Maria José) de Morais, 83, died in Vototantim (Sorocaba) on April 7.
- + Sr. Sebastiana Im, 80, died in Daegu on April 9.
- + Sr. Domingas Cha, 83, died in Sorocaba on April 14.

**THAT IN ALL THINGS
 GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED.
 THE GENERALATE**