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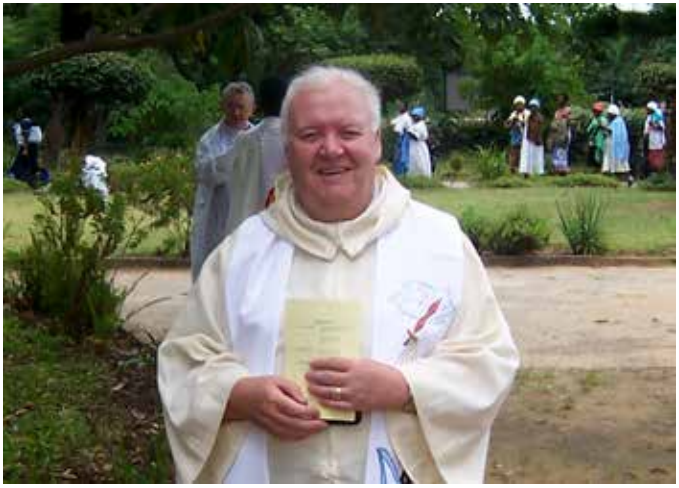
Continued Development (1997-2010)

New Projects and Arrivals

- The new building at Mount Carmel Student House, Harare, was opened during May 1998.
- The 'Youth Alive' Group in Mutare (who conduct HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness workshops) was started by the Franciscan Sisters during 1999. The Sisters and group members have continued to the present day to provide various services to the community in the Mutare area, in the surrounding areas and in the diocese.
- The Capuchin Friars began ministry at St. Francis of Assisi (Zimunya) during 1999.
- The new Priory at Hatfield, Harare, was completed on January 11th 2000.
- Father Frederick Chiromba replaced Father Peter Toner as Administrator of the Cathedral, Mutare, on February 24th 2002. The Administrator's House at the Cathedral Mutare had been built during 1998.
- St. Mary's High School was established in Chikanga, Mutare, during the year 2000.
- The Amai Maria Village was founded near Dangamvura during 2002.
- 2003 marked the beginning of the Sisters of the Divine Child in the diocese of Mutare. A children's home was established under their care in Nyanga during 2008. They opened their Novitiate along the Bonda/London Stores road during 2009.
- The Bishop Lamont House (Chikanga, Mutare) was founded during 2004.
- Father Norbert Heaslip came to Zimbabwe on November 27th 1997. Father Martin Farragher returned to Zimbabwe on January 22nd 2000. Father Sean Coughlan returned to Ireland on February 27th 2001, but that year saw the arrival of three new Irish Carmelite missionaries: Father Paul McChrystal came in March, Father Paul Horan in August and Father Robert Kelly in December. Father Tommy Fives suffered a stroke and returned to Ireland for medical attention during August 2009.



Father Paul McChrystal

Ongoing Work

Avila Mission: Avila mission celebrated its Golden Jubilee on May 30th 2003.

St. Barbara's Mission: St. Barbara's mission celebrated its Centenary on June 12th 2010. A large number of the faithful joined the Papal Nuncio, the bishops, clergy and religious in this great celebration. Special mention was made of the many priestly ordinations and the many religious professions of the sons and daughters of St. Barbara's mission and its outstations. Many priests and religious who hailed from St. Barbara's have committed themselves in different Congregations throughout the country and elsewhere.

The Spiritans: The Spiritans marked twenty-five years of ministry in Zimbabwe on June 6th 2009, with a special celebration at the Immaculate Conception Church in Chikanga.

St. Patrick's High School (Nyanga): The Marist Brothers in Zimbabwe celebrated the Golden Jubilee of St. Patrick's High School on October 2nd 2010. It was a very happy celebration of fifty years of Marist presence.

Holy Trinity College

Holy Trinity College, Harare, transferred from Silveira House to the Nazareth House complex during 2008. In July 2010, Holy Trinity College was affiliated to the Catholic University of Zimbabwe. The Memorandum of Agreement was signed on July 23rd. Father Conrad Mutizamhepo, O.Carm., Rector, and all at Holy Trinity College were congratulated for their hard work. Brother Patrick Mullins, O.Carm., has been coming for many years to lecture at Holy Trinity. His continued support of Holy Trinity is very much appreciated.

Nazareth House complex, Harare

Completion of Missions

A celebration of the Eucharist marked the official closure of the Killaloe Mission to Zimbabwe on June 7th 2004 at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Mutare. The main celebrant was the Bishop of Mutare and the homilist was Father Michael Cooney, Diocese of Killaloe and Rusape Parish. Many tributes were paid to the Bishop of Killaloe, and to all the Killaloe Fathers who served in the Diocese of Mutare since 1983. Appreciation was expressed to the faithful in the Killaloe Diocese who had supported their priests for the last twenty-one years. Fathers Tony Cahir, Michael Casey and Michael Cooney were present for the celebration, together with Bishop Mutume, a large number of the Carmelite Family, clergy, Sisters, Diocesan Pastoral Council representatives and laity.

The St. Patrick's Missionary Society, the Kiltegan Fathers, completed their Mission in the Diocese of Mutare in 2008. During their nineteen years in the Diocese, they had served at St. Paul's Parish, Dangamvura, St. Columba's mission, St. Benedict's mission, Headlands, and Bishop's House. They were also engaged in Justice and Peace ministry in the diocese and supplied at the Cathedral, Mutare. Father Michael Bennett was the last Kiltegan Father to serve in the diocese of Mutare. The Kiltegan Fathers came to Zimbabwe during 1989 and they now continue to minister in the Marondera area in the Archdiocese of Harare.

Fathers Pat Lennon, Nigel Charles and Charlie Healy, Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois in Ireland, completed their Mission to Zimbabwe during 2008. Fathers Lennon and Charles had come during January 1999 and ministered at St. Benedict's mission and St. Columba's mission respectively. Father Healy replaced Father Lennon at St. Benedict's when the latter returned to Ireland. The Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois, Colm O'Reilly, very graciously, together with Fathers Pat, Nigel and Charlie, made a great contribution to ministry in Mutare over the nine years. During those years, they were under the umbrella of the Kiltegan Fathers.

Diocese of Mutare

The Diocesan Shrine at Changunda, near Triashill mission, was blessed by Bishop Muchabaiwa during August 2007. This was the site where the first Mass in Manicaland was said in 1896. During 2009, planning began for the proposed building of a church and school in the Hobhouse area of Chikanga, outside Mutare.

There was a special assembly of both diocesan and religious priests working in the diocese of Mutare at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre from March 23rd – 25th 2010. The assembly discussed the need for a Child Protection Policy for the Catholic Church in Manicaland. The policy was approved by the Bishop of Mutare in early June 2010.

Scapular Confraternity

Towards the end of September 2010, members of the Scapular Confraternity in Mutare City organised a day for the clergy and religious of the diocese of Mutare. The occasion took place at the Pastoral Centre and Bishops Muchabaiwa and Mutume, a great number of clergy, religious and members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council attended. The Chairman

of the Pastoral Council welcomed everyone and invited Bishop Muchabaiwa to lead the brothers and sisters in a celebration of the Eucharist. After the Eucharist, the Bishop gave a short talk, followed by lunch. All who attended appreciated the work done by the ladies in organising the event. Many of the brothers and sisters remained at the Pastoral Centre until evening.

The Carmelite Presence

Chapters, AGMs and Meetings

Before the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of 1996 and during the years which have followed, the Carmelite Provincial together with members of the Provincial Council have visited the brethren in Zimbabwe during the early months of each year. The Commissariat AGM has normally taken place during this visit. Prior to 2004, the First and Final Professions in the Commissariat took place each year during the month of February. Since 2004 they have taken place during the month of July. The annual retreat for the finally professed and for brothers in first vows have taken place during December and August respectively.

A renewal course took place in Mutare during January and February 1998. This two-week course was facilitated by Father Michael Mullins (Rector, St. John's Waterford, Ireland) and Father Tom Whelan, CSSp, (Ireland). Forty-five people participated including Carmelite Friars, Sisters and invited clergy. Father Mullins gave an inspiring course on Scripture, while Father Whelan spoke on the art of presiding at the Liturgy, the theology of the Eucharist, music in the Liturgy, the Lectionary, community prayer and the sharing of the Word.

There was an International Meeting of the Carmelite Family at the Diocesan Training Centre in Mutare from August 10th – 14th 1998. Many of the Brothers and Sisters in Africa attended. Father Joseph Chalmers (Prior General), Father Anthony Scerri (General Councillor for Africa), Father Robert Kelly (Prior Provincial) as well as other Provincials and Carmelites from Europe who have a presence in Africa also attended this meeting.

The Provincial Chapter 1997 took place during June at Gort Muire in Dublin. Robert Kelly began his second term as Prior Provincial and John McGrath was confirmed as Commissary Provincial. Father McGrath would go on to serve three terms as Commissary Provincial, finishing in 2006. The AGM 2000 was attended by Father Joseph Chalmers (Prior General), Father Anthony Scerri (General Councillor for Africa), and Father Robert Kelly (Provincial, Irish Province).

Father Robert Kelly at Triashill

As General Councillor for Africa, Father Anthony Scerri visited Zimbabwe frequently. He visited the brethren in Zimbabwe from September 17th – 30th 1997. Accompanied by Father Carlos Mesters, Father Scerri visited Zimbabwe and Mozambique during May and June 2003. Father Scerri, accompanied by Father James des Lauriers, visited Zimbabwe and Mozambique again during May/June 2005. Father Desiré Unen Alimange, who succeded Father Scerri as General Councillor for Africa, paid his first visit to Zimbabwe during May 2008. Father Desiré returned with Father Fernando Millán Romeral (Prior General) to carry out a Canonical Visitation of the brethren during October 2008. He again visited during October/November 2009.

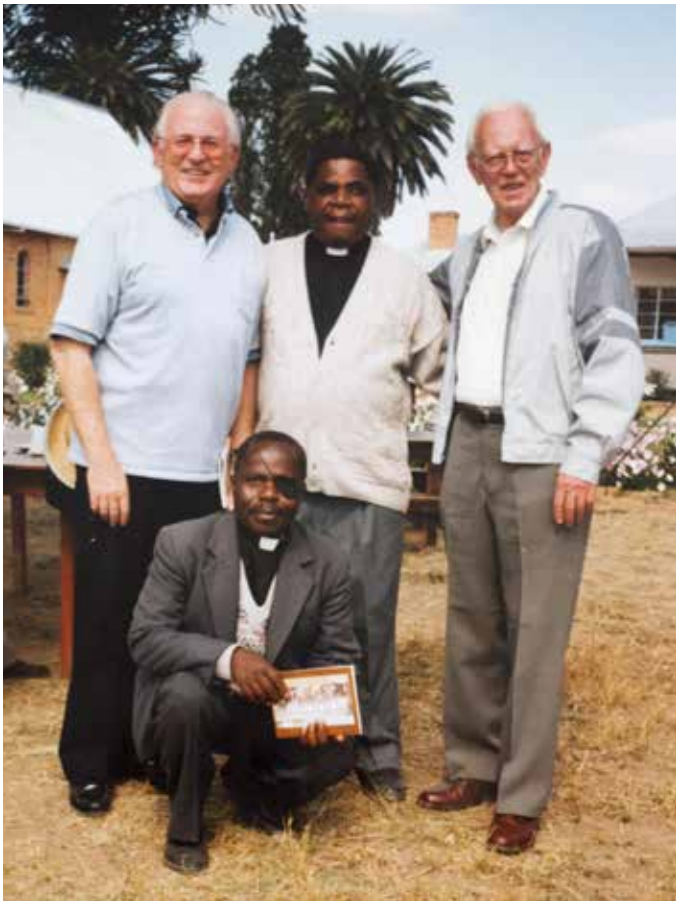
Father James des Lauriers visited Mutare from May 27th – 31st 2010 for a celebration of his Golden Jubilee of Ordination.

The Provincial Chapter 2000 was held at Gort Muire from June 18th – 23rd. Father Fintan Burke began his first term as Prior Provincial. Father Burke would go on to serve three terms until 2009, when he was succeeded by Father Martin Kilmurray. The Provincial Chapter 2003 took place at Gort Muire during June of that year. In 2004, as well as the Commisssariat AGM in February, there was an EGM was held from April 15th – 16th. The focus of the EGM was planning for the prioritisation of formation ministry in the Commissariat.

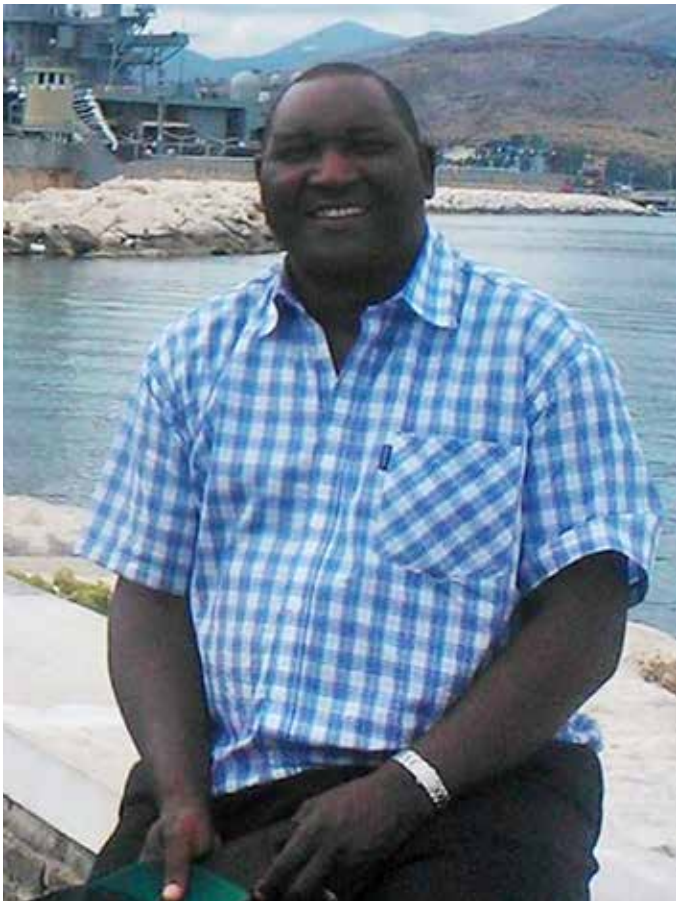
Commissary AGM, 2005

Fathers Fintan Burke and John McGrath visited Recife (Brazil) in August/September 2005 prior to attending the General Congregation of the Order in São Paulo (Brazil) in September.

The Provincial Chapter 2006 saw the election of the first Zimabwean born Commissary Provincial, Father Simplisio Manyika. Following the Chapter, Fathers Fintan Burke and Martin Kilmurray visited Zimbabwe from September 15th – 24th. The Provincial Chapter was held at Gort Muire in June 2009. Father Martin Kilmurray began his first term as Provincial and Simplisio Manyika was confirmed as Commissary Provincial for a second term. Martin Kilmurray and Michael Troy visited Zimbabwe from September 23rd – 31st.



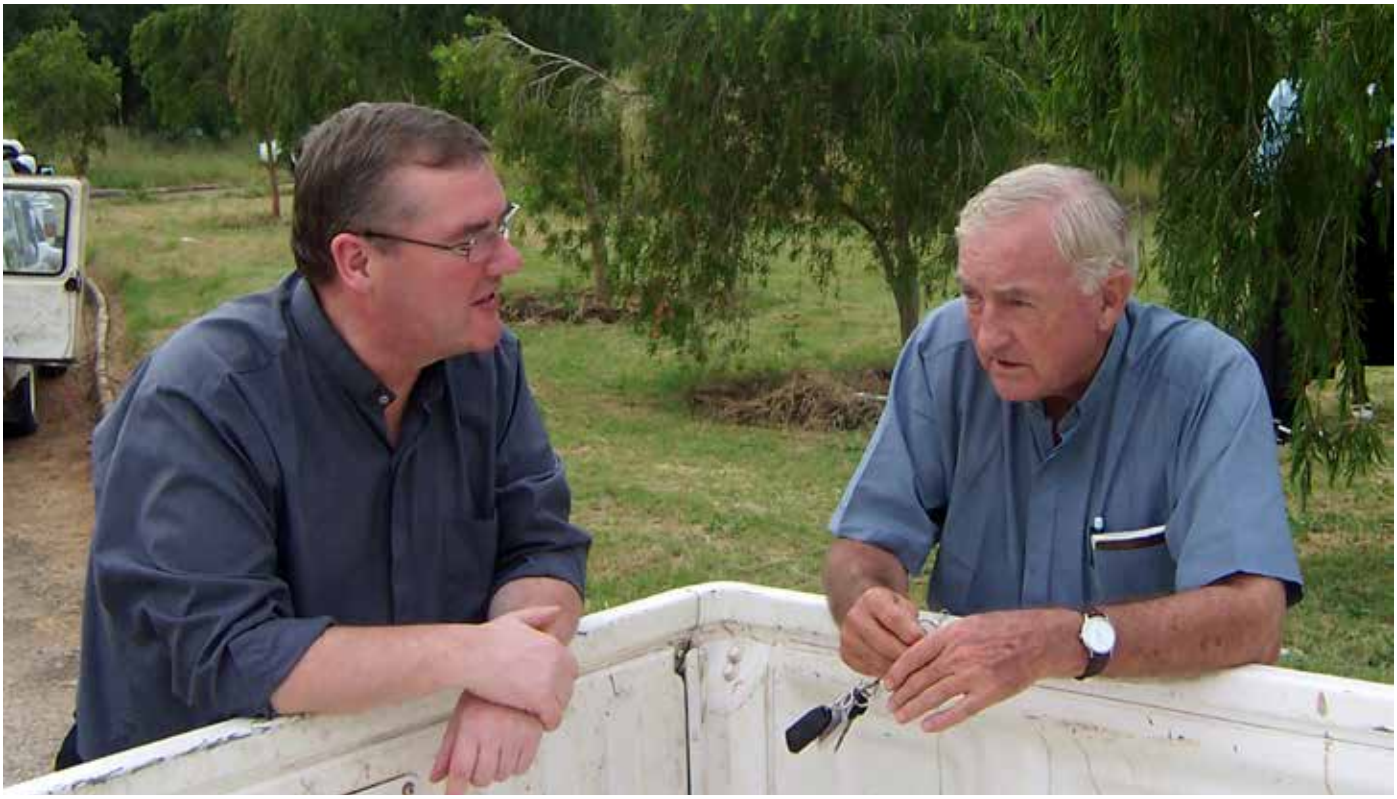
Fathers James des Lauriers (left), Patrick Chiwara (back centre) Richard Musakwa(front)



Father Simplisio Manyika, the first Zimbabwean Commissary Provincial

Withdrawing from Missions

In order to focus on the development of formation, it became necessary for the Carmelites to withdraw from certain ministries. On February 19th 2005, the Seke Rural Pastoral Area was handed back to the Archdiocese of Harare. On April 9th 2005, the Carmelites withdrew from ministry at Regina Coeli Mission after fifty years of service. Many of the brethren served at Regina Coeli over that time, to name a few: Senan Egan, Charles Haggerty, Patrick (Tom) Norton, Patrick Staunton, Martin O'Regan, Robert MacCabe, Ignatius Moore, Aloysius Carruth, Cyprian Kennedy, John McGrath, Laurence Lynch, Norbert Fokisa, Frederick Chiromba (Diocese), Edward Ward, Michael Hender and Andrew Thokozane. Father Phillip Kembo (Diocese) became the priest-in-charge when the Carmelites handed over the mission to the Diocese. Many interesting and amusing stories can be recalled regarding the long and tiresome journeys by road and foot visiting the sick and attending weddings and funerals in the Nyamaropa area since the founding of the mission. Regina Coeli celebrated its Golden Jubilee of the Mission in August 2005.



Father Fintan Burke with Father Ned Ward

A Dangerous Incident

There was an armed robbery at the Priory Mutare in February 2006. The Provincial, Father Fintan Burke, who had just arrived from Harare an hour earlier was sitting in the community room with Fathers Simplisio Manyika, Martin O'Regan and John McGrath when six men entered the Priory by the kitchen door. Mr Timothy Kwenbeya and Mr Campion Nyamustwa were the first to encounter the robbers who forced them to keep silent marching them ahead into the community room. Three were armed while the other three searched the house. Between all the shouting and general mayhem, their demands for money and cell-phones and ordering everybody to lie face down on the floor, they began to search the Brothers. Not having too much luck they demanded where the money was kept. Father McGrath went with four robbers to the office and opened the press where we kept the money and gave them all that was there but they were still not satisfied. They became aggressive and started throwing things around the place and, after a lot of shouting, everyone returned to the community room and back on the floor. All went quiet then for some time until Campion felt that they had gone. They had left, leaving the travel cases of Father Burke in the passageway. The cases had been too bulky for them to carry onto the street outside. The Police were called, so the place became a hive of activity of the next few hours, with police, police dogs, and God knows what! No shots were fired, some of the Brothers received a few kicks and punches! As Father John McGrath said *"We were all very lucky!"*

Some years earlier, again during February, Fathers Burke and McGrath were travelling from Harare to Mutare via the Seke Road. As they approached the turn off for Marondera, about thirty 'Youth Brigade' were manning a 'road block'. The group were armed with big sticks and were known for their aggression. Father John McGrath recalls: *"I was driving, and as we approached the group, I slowed down since they were right across the road. Thinking that we were about to pull over, they made a gap for us to pull in. When I saw the gap, I put my foot down and left the lot behind. They all gave chase but of course with a Toyota, we cleared the danger point in no time! One up for Toyota! About two miles further on there was another group, but this time they were in the back of a trailer pulled by a tractor so they did not bother us. There must have been no cell-phones in those days otherwise the other group would have alerted the second group before we approached the trailer. About a week later, a Sister phoned to ask if we were alright as she had heard that we had driven through a police road block at high speed and the Police opened fire on us!"*

The Carmelite Presence in Mozambique

During September 1997, Brother Amilton Vidotto, O.Carm., came to Mutare to investigate the possibility of his Province (Pernambuco Province, Brazil) beginning a presence in Mozambique. Brother Amilton made many visits to Mozambique during the following months. Fathers Anthony Scerri (General Councillor), Antonio Muniz Fernandes (Provincial, Pernambuco Province), Robert Kelly (Provincial, Ireland), John McGrath (Commissary Provincial, Zimbabwe), and Brothers A. Vidotto and Severino DeFreitas Castro (Pernambuco Province), visited Mozambique from February 11th - 19th, 1998 to investigate a possible foundation of the Carmelites there. They visited Chimoio, Gorongoza, Beira, Nampula and Nacaroa. Various meetings took

place: with the Archbishop of Beira, the Bishop of Chimoio, Carmelite Sisters in Nampula and with the Carmelites in Mutare.

On September 6th 1998, the Archbishop of Beira, Jaime Pedro Gongalves, installed Father Severino DeFreitas Castro as parish priest of Gorongoza. The Archbishop conveyed his sincere gratitude to the Prior General, the General Council of the Order, the Provincial of Pernambuco and to the Carmelites in Zimbabwe for sending Severino and Amilton to work among the people of Gorongoza. Fathers McGrath and Hender were present for the installation.

The Carmelites withdrew from Gorongoza Mission on January 3rd 2006 after eight years of ministry. They moved to Maputo, the capital city of Mozambique , where they began their formation programme. During their eight years of presence in Gorongoza, many of the brothers in Zimbabwe visited the brothers in Gorongoza and vice versa. There are a few interesting and amusing stories told of visits to Mozambique: the terrible condition of the road from the turn-off on the Mutare-Beira road into the Gorongoza National Park and beyond to the mission; the big hole in the middle of a high bridge over the Pungwe river which was blown up during the civil war by the Renamo forces; the visit of Simplisio Manyika and Norbert Fokisa to the mission when Father Telesforo, a small man in stature, encountered these two 'giants of men' from Zimbabwe and was very reluctant to let them into the house as Amilton and Severino were not there when the visitors arrived. In fact, it took some persuasion on the part of Simplisio and Norbert to convince Telesforo that they were his brothers from Zimbabwe!

Father McGrath recalls: *"During February 2003, Martin O'Regan and I visited our brothers in Gorongoza and, having spent a few days with them, left to travel on to Beira. Before we left Gorongoza, we were aware of flooding on the road outside Beira and, sure enough, the whole area was flooded and impassable. The only way to reach Beira was by a goods train. Vehicles were loaded onto the wagons and off one went! At around noon, a goods train arrived and the unloading of the vehicles from Beira began and then the loading of the vehicles for Beira. As there were vehicles of all sizes, lots of skill was required to manoeuvre the vehicles off and on to the wagons. We spent about six hours at the station before we moved! The train started, stopped, started again, stopped again. It was now 8.00pm, we still had another three hours of travel to Beira. We arrived at 11.00pm and, after the unloading, we went in search of where we were to stay. We found the area, but at such an hour we could not find the house. With nobody around, we had to search for accommodation for the night. Well, we thought all the drama was over but there was plenty more to come! As we searched for a hotel, with a Zimbabwe vehicle registration, all the 'ladies of the night', in their hundreds, thought that here are two rich tycoons from Zimbabwe on the prowl! Anyway, to make a long story short, we found a place to stay, one room, we were exhausted after sixteen hours on the road. After about an hour in the room, all hell broke loose! Perhaps a guest had invited his girlfriend to his room and the security were trying to get him and the girlfriend out of the room. Well, what a racket, between dogs barking and people shouting! Amidst such commotion, Martin heard nothing!*

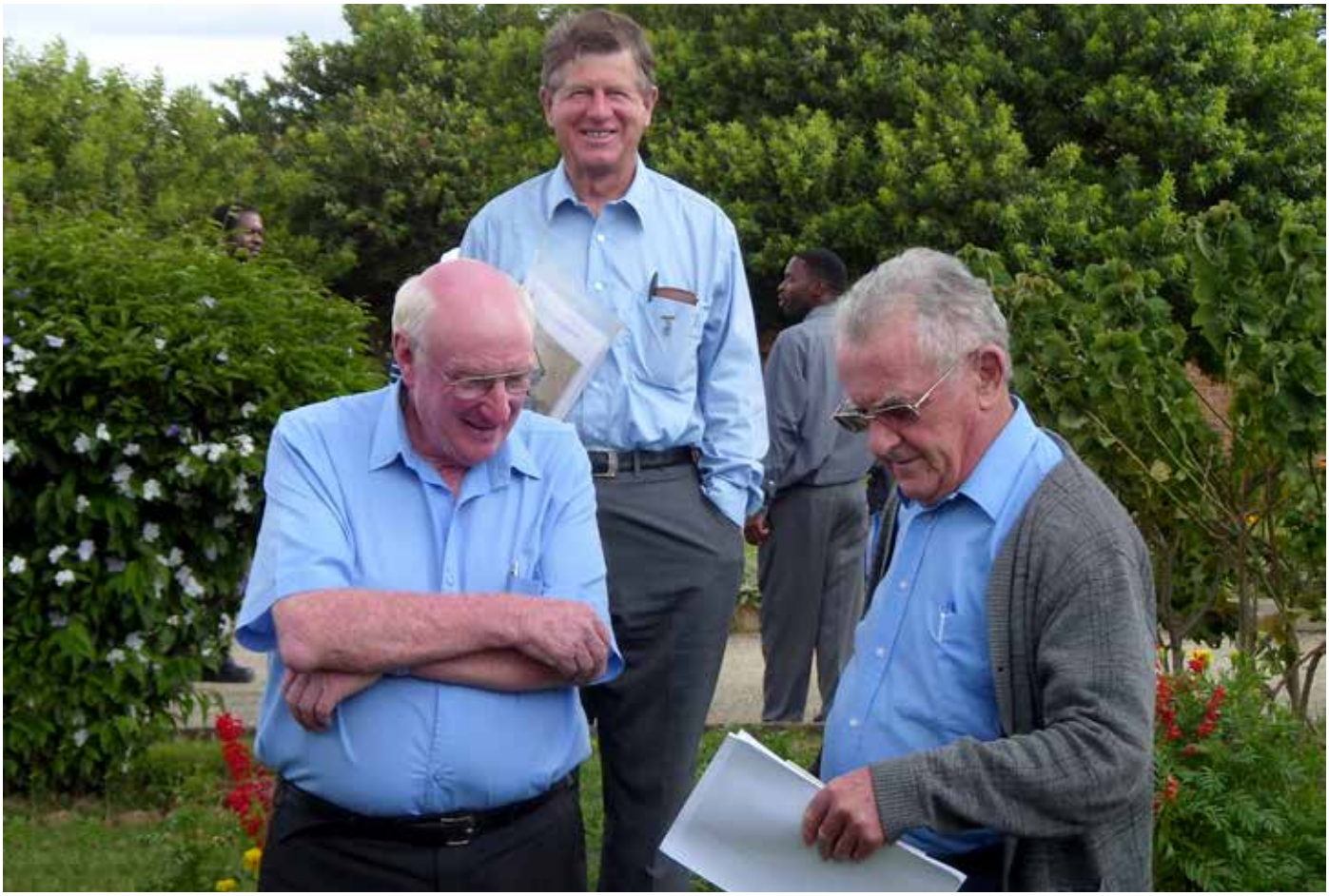
Next morning, we headed for the house in the Makuti area which we found 'no bother' and our hosts were wondering where we were the day and night before as they had been expecting us! We had a nice few days in Beira and enjoyed

the ocean, the fish and the Manica beer. Afterwards we headed back to Mutare, the flood waters had now receded and traffic was able to pass. The journey from the house in Makuti to where the flooding had been took ninety minutes, a far cry from the fourteen hours a few days earlier!!"

(For further details on the Carmelite presence in Mozambique, see Appendix 2)

Carmelite Ordinations

With the ever increasing number of local clergy and religious now ministering in the Church in Zimbabwe, all missionary personnel and missionary congregations can be proud of their achievements over the years, with God's help, in Zimbabwe. Carmelites have shared in this increase:



Fathers John McGrath, Ambrose Costello and Martin O'Regan

Fathers Owen Kudumba, Desmond Bvirakare and Alexio Makakowe

- Norbert Fokisa was ordained priest on August 9th 1997.
- Simplisio Manyika and Severino DeFreitas Castro (Brazil) were ordained to the priesthood on August 22nd 1998 at Kriste Mambo.
- Vitalis Benza was ordained to priestly ministry at St. Barbara's mission on August 19th 2000.
- Andrew Thokozane and Jimmy Nyangadi were ordained priests at St. Joseph's mission, Mutare, on October 25th 2003.
- Alexio Makakowe, Desmond Bvirakare and Owen Kudumba were ordained to priestly ministry at the Cathedral Mutare on February 26th 2005.
- Philemon Kuyengwa was ordained priest at Triashill mission on May 27th 2006.
- Michael Ngano was ordained priest at Kriste Mambo on May 24th 2008.
- Wiseman Musemwa and Joseph Matare were ordained to priestly ministry at St. Simon Stock, Rusape, on September 24th 2009.

Further Studies

Raymond Maunde, Constantine Masarira, Conrad Mutizamhepo, Norbert Fokisa, Simplisio Manyika, Vitalis Benza, Wiseman Musemwa. Theophilll Makuni, Owen Kudumba, Alexio Makokowe, Christopher Chifamba and Desmond Bvirakare have all had the opportunity for further studies outside Zimbabwe. Father Raymond Maunde received his doctorate at Fairbanks University in the USA on July 5th 2000.

Publications

Father Michael Hender published an edition of *Carmeletter Zimbabwe* to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Carmelites in Zimbabwe 1946 – 2006. During 2009 Father Alexio Makokowe became the editor of *Carmeletter Zimbabwe*, replacing Michael Hender who was the editor since the beginning of the publication in 1986. Following a long tradition, Alexio produced an edition of *Carmeletter Zimbabwe* during October 2009 and two editions during 2010, April and December respectively. All the editions since 1986 include information on Carmelite personnel, various Church activities in the Mutare Diocese and in the Archdiocese of Harare and lots of news and photographs.

Carmelite Sisters

Sister Theresa Nyadombo was elected Mother General of the Carmelite Sisters during August 2001.

The Carmelite Sisters' Generalate House was established in the Murambi area of Mutare during 2001. The Carmelite Sisters began ministry at St. Kilian's mission on May 10th 2003.

Sister Evelyn Kadzere was elected Mother General in August 2007. The Sisters launched their Golden Jubilee celebration on August 21st 2010.

Sister Theresa Nyadombo, HLMC, together with Sister Adelaide, Dutch Sister, cutting a cake

The following appreciation of Bishop Donal Lamont was written by Father Christopher O'Donnell and published in *Causa Nostrae Laetitiae* in 2004. For additional homilies and testaments, see Appendix 1e.

Bishop Donal Lamont, O.Carm. 1911 – 2003.
'Ut Placeam Deo'.
An Appreciation

The Missionary

Bishop Donal Lamont, O.Carm., was born in Ballycastle, Co. Antrim in 1911. He completed his secondary education at Terenure College, entered the Carmelite Order in Kinsale in 1929 and was professed in 1930. He studied in UCD where he obtained an MA in English. He pursued his theological studies in Rome where he took his S.T.L. He was ordained in 1937.

In 1946 he set out with two other Carmelites, Luke Flynn and Anselm Corbett, to work in what was then Southern Rhodesia. Within a decade there was a thriving mission there. He was appointed as the first Superior of the Carmelite Mission in Rhodesia in 1953 and in the same year he was appointed Prefect Apostolic. In 1957 he was appointed first Bishop of Umtali (now Mutare). The diocese covered the Eastern Highlands of Rhodesia, extending along the Mozambique border for some 400 miles. As bishop he presided over great developments in the Catholic life of his Diocese. For him there was always a mission, something to be done. He encouraged African vocations and in 1959 founded a congregation of African Sisters, Handmaids of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. He was also responsible for the introduction to the Diocese of other sisters and priests to help in the pastoral, educational and the health care of many missions. Priests from Kiltegan and the Diocese of Killaloe were invited to work there.

Concern about the Church's mission to preach a gospel for all the people and to all the people dominated his thinking and actions. Engaging and articulate, he displayed immense energy as he denounced the racial discrimination that prevailed and which flagrantly violated human rights. In 1959 in his first pastoral letter *A Purchased People*, he said: *"The Church, through her bishops, must speak, no matter what the fears, what the opposition, what the criticism. Unless she does, the notion of Almighty God having anything to do in the affairs of nations and individuals may be lost, and the ideal of social order based on the Christian principles of justice and charity may be abandoned as an unrealistic, impractical, visionary illusion"*. This pastoral has been recognised as a classic on racial injustice and was translated into 14 languages. Written very adroitly, it provoked the western world into an awareness of what was happening.

Council

Bishop Lamont came from the missions for the First Session of the Vatican Council. A comprehensive Schema on the work of the missions did not seem to have been provided for. He expressed grave reservation to the fact that there were a series of propositions rather than a full mission document. Always able to find the words to match the images of his mind, his dramatic intervention from the floor of the Council was greeted with applause. It was a seminal episode and resulted in a completely re-written document *Ad Gentes*.

In 1962 he was elected Member of the Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity and he served as a

Procession at the beginning of the Second Vatican Council, Bishop Lamont is on the far right

member for 13 years. Back home in Rhodesia he fostered that ecumenical spirit. In the difficult situation of Southern Rhodesia, soon to be Zimbabwe, he fostered ecumenical links at grass-roots level and with Church leaders, in particular Bishop Abel Muzorewa of the American Methodist Church, as well as Garfield Todd, the prime minister before 1965 who was a Church of Christ pastor. Health and education were areas in which ecumenical co-operation was most fruitful.

Racial Discrimination

In 1965, with the Unilateral Declaration of Independence from Britain, the Ian Smith regime soon became guilty of violating the rights of the majority of the population. The native Rhodesian, although in the majority, had no share in decision-making or legislation. It concerned the Bishop that the ethics of power was about how you obtained consent.

The passing of the Land Tenure Act of 1969 brought about a confrontation between Church and State. The native Africans were driven from the richer areas of land. The people of Rhodesia were now segregated territorially on a racial basis.

Bishop Lamont was chairperson of the Bishop's Conference (1970 – 1972) and president of the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace in Rhodesia from 1974 until his expulsion. As chairperson of the Bishop's Conference he challenged the Act denouncing the racial discrimination that prevailed. Concerned about fundamental issues, he predicted that racial discrimination would bring about massive discontent. The Bishop became more vocal in his opposition to racism and the white minority government.

The Justice and Peace Commission of the Catholic Church investigated and published the details of the injustices perpetrated by the racist regime. In order to seek redress for the situation he used his pastoral letters, open letters to the government and the international forum to highlight the injustices of the social system then in existence. Bishop Lamont saw his commitment to social justice as part of the message of the Church. If the government did not address the issues, then the result would be violence and communism would become an attractive alternative. While avoiding any involvement in politics, he came to know Joshua Nkumo and Robert Mugabe.

The War Years

The Civil war commenced in 1972. Executions of freedom fighters soon followed. Subsequently he contributed to joint pastoral letters which were consigned and issued in the name of all the Rhodesian bishops. The booklets such as *The Man in the Middle* and *Civil War in Rhodesia* were published by the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace. It was inevitable that there would be head-on confrontation with the government. On the morning after the bombing of Umtali he wrote an open letter to the government. It was characterised by candour and compassion: *"Conscience compels me to state that your administration, by its clearly racial and oppressive policies and by its stubborn refusal to change, is largely responsible for the injustices which have provoked the present disorder and it must in that measure be considered guilty of whatever misery and bloodshed may follow."* He went on: *"No wonder the oppressed people, made marginal in society in their own country, have welcomed and continue to welcome those men they call 'freedom fighters' and whom you call 'terrorists'."* This stinging condemnation was not well received in government quarters. He would remind people that the Church didn't condone violence any more than it could ignore its causes. His prognostications of the doom that would follow current government policy were greatly resented.

Trial and Deportation

Shortly after this letter of protest (August 26th) he was charged under the Law and Order Maintenance Act with permitting some sisters under his jurisdiction to administer medicine to guerrilla fighters. He had also advised the sisters not to report the matter to the State authority.

At his trial he defended the morality of his decision not to act as an informer and not to refuse medical assistance to anyone *"regardless of religion or politics"*. He spoke for hours in which he outlined his personal history and gave a devastating critique of the Smith regime and its policies. This speech was subsequently published as *Speech from the Dock* (CIIR - Catholic Institute of International Relations, 1977.)

He had pleaded guilty to the charges, thereby preventing

anyone else from incriminating themselves by testifying on his behalf. In October 1976 he was sentenced to ten years hard labour. His sentence was later reduced to four years with three years suspended. Then he was deprived of his Rhodesian citizenship. A German TV crew who visited Umtali at this time had been advised by Sutton-Pryce, director of information, that Lamont was a Catholic Bishop and a communist. When it was decided to deport him he appealed the decision on the grounds that he represented the Holy See in caring for the spiritual needs of the Diocese of Umtali. He was placed under house arrest for two months and in the meantime his appeal was rejected. On March 23rd 1977 a Rhodesian immigration official brought him to Salisbury airport and put him on a plane for London.

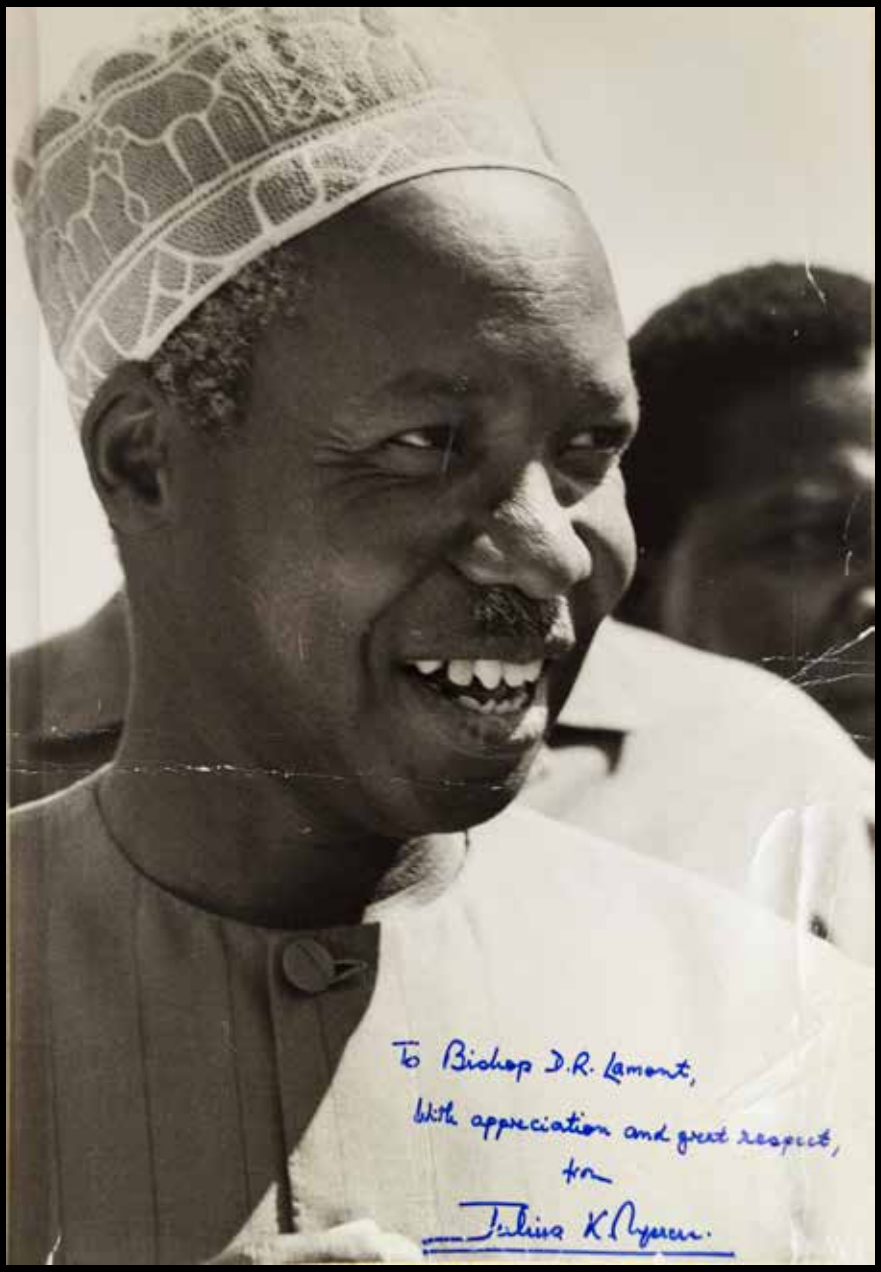
Honours

During his exile he lectured extensively. The richness of his personality was obvious to all. He was evangelical and passionate, funny and a great raconteur. He was the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Law from Notre Dame University. A fellow recipient was Jimmy Carter. He also received Honorary Doctorates from Seton Hall University, Marymount College, Manhattan and Mount St. Mary's University. He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1978. He had earned his place in the hearts and minds of the people of so many nations. The Government of Kenya issued a commemorative postage stamp in 1979 in recognition of his work for the people of Africa.

In 1980, after Independence, Bishop Lamont returned to Umtali Diocese and remained there until a successor was appointed in 1982 after which he became Bishop Emeritus of Mutare.

As bishop he was a man of energy, brooking little opposition when he felt he was in the right. His Episcopal motto was Ut placeam Deo (That I may please God). He always prayed that the Zimbabwe of the future would give enduring life to his vision.

Bishop Lamont with Pope Paul VI



A cherished gift: *This signed photo of Julius Nyerere was found among Bishop Lamont's possessions with the note: This photograph was sent to me as an unsolicited gift by the President of Tanzania. Some years later when he came to Rhodesia while I was a patient in St. Anne's Hospital he sent me a magnificent bouquet of flowers with a get well note.*

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The Diocese of Mutare (2011-2015)

Jubilees

St. Peter's mission, Checheche

St. Peter's Mission, Checheche, Chisumbanje, celebrated Fifty Years of Pastoral Care, Education and Health Care on October 8th 2011. It was a very joyous occasion for the people of the mission, and for the bishops, priests and religious who served there over the last fifty years.

Bethania

Bethania, outstation of St. Barbara's mission, celebrated one hundred years on June 29th 2013. Bishop Muchabaiwa, clergy, religious and a great number of faithful attended. Confirmation was also celebrated on the occasion. Father Vitalis Benza gave the homily.

St. Benedict's mission

Bishop Muchabaiwa, clergy and religious, friends of St. Benedict's mission and a great number of the faithful came together on September 21st 2013 to celebrate the Centenary of the founding of the mission. Before the celebration of the Eucharist, a history of St. Benedict's was delivered by a member of the mission. Many speeches followed the celebration of the Eucharist together with lots of entertainments and singing.

St. Patrick's mission, Nyanyadzi

The Golden Jubilee of the founding of St. Patrick's, Nyanyadzi, was celebrated on March 22nd 2014.

St. Martin's Parish

St. Martin's Parish, Florida, Mutare, celebrated the Silver Jubilee of its foundation on August 9th 2014. The Blessing of the new church took place on the same occasion.

St. Peter's Church, Mupururu

St. Peter's Church, Mupururu, Chendambuya, outstation of St. Benedict's mission, celebrated its Centenary of foundation on November 1st 2014.

St. James' Parish, Chipinge

St. James' Parish, Chipinge, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of foundation on January 24th 2015. St. James' had been an outstation of St. Charles Lwanga, Chimanimani, since 1965. The parish was later served by the Spiritans from St. Patrick's and later again, by resident Spiritan and diocesan priests in Chipinge. Today, the diocesan priests and the Carmelite Sisters have houses in Chipinge and serve the local community and outstations.

The Conference of Religious in Zimbabwe (CMRS)

In 2011, the Conference of Religious in Zimbabwe (CMRS) held a workshop at Wadzanai Training Centre, Harare, on November 12th. This very worthwhile and inspiring workshop was facilitated by Father Robert Igo, OSB, and was based on a recent publication by ZCBC/CMRS on 'Protocol for Allegations of Misconduct and Child Protection'. The workshop was very well attended and informative and helped many to appreciate the Protocol document. All Dioceses and Congregations must now implement the contents of the document, and relevant officials are to be appointed as recommended by it.

The CMRS have held their AGM each year at Wadzanai Training Centre Harare. The AGM generally included an open day to which all religious were invited. In 2012 (February 7th – 9th) the theme of the day was 'Bringing the Synod Home', and speakers included Cardinal Napier, Archbishop of Durban, South Africa and Archbishop R. Ndlovu, Archbishop of Harare. In 2013 (January 17th – 19th) the theme of the open day was 'Prophets and Mystics: The Role of Religious Life in Evangelisation', and the guest speaker was Sister Gemma Simmonds, a member of the Congregation of Jesus (Mary Ward Sisters) from the UK. Sister Gemma is presently the Director of the Religious Life Institute at Heythrop College in the University of London.

The AGM 2014 (January 16th – 18th) marked the Golden Jubilee of the CMRS and the theme was 'Integrity in Religious Life'. Sister Gemma Simmonds returned as guest speaker. At the 2015 AGM (January 14th – 16th) Father Peter Nkomazana, CMM, was elected President of the Conference while Sister Illumina Katsakunya, LCBL, was elected the Vice-President. The open day for all Religious marked the Year of Consecrated Life. The theme of the day was 'The Year of Consecrated Life, a Living Gospel: A contribution of Religious Life to the Church in Zimbabwe Today'. A great number of religious attended the open day together with four Bishops and many clergy. The main celebrant at the Eucharist was Bishop Alberto Serrano from Hwange. The talks during the day were given by Archbishop Alex Thomas from Bulawayo, Mrs Busi Chindove from Harare and Father Robert Igo, OSB. The vote of thanks was given by Sister Evelyn Kadzere, HLMC.

Archbishop Robert Ndlovu, Archbishop of Harare

Father Wilfrid McGreal, O.Carm., and Sister Gemma Simmonds

The National Marian Guilds

The National Marian Guilds in Zimbabwe held their third National Congress at the Mutare Teachers' Training College from August 18th – 21st. The theme of the congress was 'The Role of Mary and Prayer in the Church'. It was estimated that about ten thousand women from all the Marian Guilds in Zimbabwe attended.

The women really painted Mutare blue and brown with their uniforms in great display! The first congress was held in Harare during 2005 and the second in Bulawayo during 2008. The Marians congregate nationally every three years. The present National Chairperson of the Marian Guilds, Mrs Monica Gonese, from the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Mutare, said the Diocese was proud to host such a prestigious event in the life of the Church in Zimbabwe. Various speakers from Zimbabwe addressed the congress on a range of topics.

The Eucharist was celebrated each day and Father Arnold Maringe, Diocese of Mutare, led a Holy Hour during the night of the 19th, while Father Vitalis Benza, O.Carm led one on the night of the 20th. Mrs Gonese remarked in an article in *The Manica Post*, that *"The Congress would further unite the Marians and would deepen and improve their spiritual lives. Marians take Mary as their role model. Mary is a compassionate Mother, she is a model of the ministry of reconciliation. Mercy and love in the Church and among women can change family life for the better. All Marians can walk in the footsteps of Mary"*.[1]

In the *Catholic Church News* (ZCBC), Mrs Gonese once again remarked: *"in general everybody was so thankful for the Congress as a great opportunity to have all the Marian Guilds together united around Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We had a lot to share and we benefitted immensely. The Congress was also an opportunity to get together as one community of faith with our Bishops, clergy*

and the People of God".[2] In the same article, Bishop Muchabaiwa stated: *"I was delighted by the capacity of the conference, ten thousand members of the Marian Guilds is a massive number. The women possessed distinctive characteristics: a high level of enthusiasm for faith, a very strong sense of authenticity, interest in the Gospel, loyalty to Christ and a real commitment to the life of the Gospel in the Church*".[3] Again in the same article, Sister Felicitas Nyoni remarked: *"The Congress was significant as each participant was left with a challenge to emulate Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, whose character was full of faith, courage, humility, praise, prayer. Mary was an exemplary disciple of Jesus*". [4]

Archbishop Marek Zalewski

The Diocese of Mutare

Spiritual Gatherings

Each year the Chrism Mass was celebrated in different locations: St. Francis, Zimunya (April 3rd 2012), St. Joseph's mission (March 26th 2013), St. Paul's parish, Dangamvura (April 15th 2014), the Cathedral Mutare (March 31st 2015). The event is always well attended with representatives from the clergy, religious and many of the faithful participating. Similarly, each year, a celebration takes place at the Diocesan Shrine at Changuanda along the Triashill/St. Barbara's mission road. The event includes talks and the celebration of the Eucharist. It is hoped that this event will become a staple of the Diocesan Calendar. The clergy of the diocese also participate in an annual retreat in early December each year. Among those who spoke at this retreat were Father Maxwell Makahlera (2014) and Father Timothy Shonai (2015).

Appointments

Father Phillip Kembo, Diocese of Mutare, took up residence in Nyanga during June 2011. (Father P.J. Kelly did reside in Nyanga Town from c. 1998 to 2005).

In 2012 Father John McGrath was requested by the Bishop of Mutare to accompany the newly ordained priests of the diocese in their early years in ministry.

The new Apostolic Nuncio to Zimbabwe, Archbishop Marek Zalewski, visited the diocese of Mutare from August 4th – 6th 2014. The Archbishop celebrated the Eucharist in the Cathedral and visited the Carmelite Community at the Priory.

Diocesan Development and Workshops

During December 2011, the Sisters of the Divine Child, took over the administration of the Diocesan Training Centre, Mutare (DTC Mutare). The Carmelite Sisters had administered the centre in recent years. The DTC has played host to many meetings of the diocesan clergy and religious to discuss issues of pastoral ministry and the development of the diocese.

A meeting of bishops, priests, sisters and laity took place in the DTC on November 15th 2011. The purpose of the meeting was to present and listen to reports by the representatives of the various groups in the diocese listed below. Bishop Muchabaiwa welcomed and introduced Sister Dakudzwa, LCBL, Imbisa, Harare, who began with her presentation which included 'Unity of clergy and religious in the diocese of Mutare and the need for good working relationships between priests, sisters and laity'. The following presentations were also made during the meeting:

- Mr Hondoyemoto, Caritas Presentation on behalf of Sister Euphrasia Chaza.
- Sister Evelyn Murray, DOMCCP.
- Sister Eunice Quigley, Youth Alive.
- Mr Charles Zivai, CCJP.
- Sister Anuarite Manyahi, Health Commission.
- Father Henry Wasosa, Education Commission.
- Sister Immaculata Mvere, Guilds Department.
- Father Norman Nyatondo, Missionary Childhood and CYA.
- Sister Assumpta Mapungwana, SOCCOM Report.
- Mr Samupindi, Seminary Board.
- Sister Blaise Boora, DPP Annual Report.
- Sister Catherine Nyakujipa, Mutare Diocesan Training Centre.
- Father Arnold Maringe, Diocesan financial issues.
- Father John McGrath, O.Carm., The Order of Mass and the New Missal 2011.
- Bishop Muchabaiwa made the concluding remarks.

On June 8th 2013 the meeting of the bishop and the clergy focused on finances and parish contributions in the Diocese of Mutare. The Bishop and his financial advisors attended the meeting.

At the meeting on October 29th 2014 the agenda included a report by Father Henry Wasosa, Avila mission, who had been appointed the new Spiritual Director of the DPP, in January. Bishop Muchabaiwa gave a brief talk on the family apostolate, and a new Financial Policy for the Diocese was introduced. Support for seminarians, the retirement home in Fern Valley, Mutare, the Diocesan Shrine and Diocesan celebrations on July 16th also received attention.

The meeting on February 17th 2015 focused on Liturgical Celebrations, with a talk given by Father Joseph Mahlahla from the Seminary, Chishawasha, Harare. Diocesan financial matters and events which would take place during the year were also discussed. The meeting of the Priests at the DTC on November 24th – 25th 2015 focused on various issues relating to pastoral ministry.

A National Diocesan Priests' Meeting was held at the DTC Mutare from May 11th – 13th 2015. The Apostolic Nuncio attended the meeting. He stayed the night of May 11th at the Carmelite Priory, Mutare. Many diocesan priests from the whole of Zimbabwe attended the meeting.

Clergy in the diocese of Mutare attended a workshop on 'Pastoral and Procedural Protocol for dealing with Allegations of Misconduct' at the DTC on March 1st 2012. Father William Guri, CSsR, facilitated the workshop.

The Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace, Mutare Diocese, also held a workshop for bishops and priests at the DTC from May 1st - 3rd 2012. The co-ordinator, Mrs Gertrude, Chimange, invited members of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission and members of CCJP Mutare to speak on security and electoral issues during the workshop.

Many clergy and religious came together for a Diocesan Workshop on Child Protection at the DTC Mutare from May 5th – 6th 2015. The workshop was facilitated by ZCBC personnel from Harare. Topics discussed during the workshop included: the ZCBC 'Child Protection Policy Document' and the ZCBC and CMRS document on 'A Pastoral and Procedural Protocol for dealing with Allegations of Misconduct'.

Events

Sister Elizabeth Murphy, Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa (FMSA), celebrated her Diamond Jubilee of Religious Profession at their Convent on Park Road, Mutare, on May 8th 2012. Bishop Patrick Mutume was the main celebrant at the Eucharist. Many sisters and brothers came together to congratulate Sister Elizabeth and to wish her many more years of good health and service among the people of God. Sister Elizabeth began her missionary journey in Uganda during 1954, teaching and administering in day and boarding schools, and was later a member of a formation team for a local Sisters' congregation. Elizabeth came to Zimbabwe during 1980 to help with an on-going formation programme for the Carmelite Sisters. On the completion of this programme, she was assigned to St. Dominic's High School in Mutare and later to St. Benedict's mission School, and then to St. Andrew's mission School. Sister Elizabeth was later assigned to South Africa where she worked in an adult literacy programme for women. Kenya was her next appointment and once again she journeyed with sisters in formation and was engaged in an Education for Life programme there. Elizabeth returned to Zimbabwe in 2002 and helped in the setting up of the Youth Alive project in Mutare. She is involved with this project to the present day.

A congress for all women in the diocese of Mutare was held at St. Dominic's High School from May 18th – 20th 2012. A great number of women attended and the main speaker was Father Vitalis Benza, O.Carm.

The Guild of St. Joseph's Chita (men) held a congress at St. Mary' School, Chikanga, from October 26th – 28th 2012. Sister Immaculata Mvere and Father A. Chipwere led the congress while Carmelite Sisters and Zvita women helping with inputs.

The Dominican Sisters from St. Joseph's mission sustained injuries in a road traffic accident near Odzi on the Mutare Harare road on January 20th 2013. Sisters Appolonia, Andrea and Moline spent some time recovering from their injuries at St. Joseph's mission while Sister Dorica spent some time recovering at Murambi Hospital in Mutare and with her sisters in Harare. Father Shepherd Munaro, Diocese of Mutare, escaped injury during the accident and stayed at the Bishop's House in Mutare.

The blessing and opening of a Primary School at Hobhouse, Mutare took place on October 10th 2013.

The National Singing Course took place at St. Joseph's mission from April 20th – 25th 2014. Almost three thousand people attended this very successful event. The organising team together with the organisation at St. Joseph's mission were responsible for its success.

On February 14th 2014 at Regina Coeli mission, Bishop Alexio Muchabaiwa, many clergy, religious, parents, local people, Government officials, Road Safety officials and Local Officials came together to remember all the teachers and pupils who died in the Bus Disaster on August 3rd 1991. The day began with the singing of the National Anthem which was followed by prayers, remarks of welcome, introductions of the officials, entertainments and the main addresses by a Government official. The Government official handed over a new bus to the School Authority in remembrance of all who died in the disaster. This was followed by a presentation of gifts to many people who were present. Three survivors were present for the occasion and one spoke of the terrible tragedy on the night of August 3rd.

Three survivors of the Regina Coeli Bus Disaster: *Mr Moses Dudzai Nyamugunduru, Ms Sheila Doto and Mr Ignatius Bukuta*

Nano Nagle

A great number of people were present at a Mass in Nagle House, Marondera, on October 18th 2014 to celebrate the Foundress of the Presentation Sisters, Nano Nagle, who had been declared Venerable by the Pope.

Nano Nagle was born in Co. Cork, Ireland, in 1718 at a time when oppressive laws limited Irish Catholics economically, politically and educationally. On her return to Ireland, after receiving her education in Paris, Nano Nagle decided to help poor people in Cork. She opened a school for girls in 1754 and she even nursed sick people in the evenings. Throughout Cork, Nano Nagle became known as the 'Lady with the Lantern', for her nocturnal visits to those who were ill in their homes. On December 24th 1775, Nano founded the 'Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary' for the purpose of educating poor children. The lantern became the congregation's symbol. Nano Nagle died from TB on April 26th 1784 and her final words to her sisters on her deathbed were *"spend yourselves for the poor"*. The cause for her canonization was initiated in 1984, on the 200th anniversary of her death. The Church recognized the heroic virtues of Nano Nagle on October 31st 2013, when she was declared Venerable.

The celebration began with words of welcome to all present and an introduction of each of the Presentation Sisters in Zimbabwe. The Archbishop of Harare, Dr R.C. Ndlovu, was the main celebrant of the Eucharist, assisted by the Papal Nuncio, Marek Zalewski. The homily was given by Father Tunha, OFM. The Sisters then gave a brief history of the life of Nano Nagle and of the Presentation Sisters which was followed by speeches and the reading of the Papal Declaration on Venerable Nano Nagle by the Nuncio. Special mention was given to Father Ambrose Costello, O.Carm., who is a distant relation of Nano Nagle, to all Provincials, clergy, religious and Irish personnel who were present. The pupils at Nagle House High School sang the 'dedication song' to Venerable Nano Nagle. The vote of thanks was given by Sister Nyasha, and lunch was served to all present.

The Presentation Sisters came to Mount Melleray Mission in the Diocese of Mutare during 1949. They took over the running of the hospital which had been in the hands of the Dominican Sisters. They were welcomed to Mount Melleray Mission by the Carmelites who were ministering at the mission at that time.

The Dominican Sisters celebrated twenty-five years of presence at the St. Joseph's mission Hospital, Sakubva, on February 21st 2015. The day began with the celebration of the Eucharist by Bishop Muchabaiwa and concelebrants. Father Sylvester Mubako, O.Carm., gave the homily. Speeches were delivered by Dominican Sisters, Bishop Muchabaiwa, and Ministry of Health representatives. Gifts were presented to former and present Hospital Staff members and other VIPs. A tour of the hospital followed and lunch was served to all who attended the occasion.

The eight Roman Catholic Dioceses in Zimbabwe held their National Choir Competition at the Agricultural Grounds in Mutare on November 28th 2015. It was estimated that about ten thousand choir members and people attended this wonderful and colourful occasion.

The Masvingo Urban Choir participating in the National Choir Competition

Social Events

The members of the Mutare Diocesan Pastoral Council hosted a social day at the DTC for the bishops, priests and religious in the diocese on October 31st 2011. The day began with the celebration of the Eucharist, followed by a short talk from Bishop Muchabaiwa. All the clergy and religious were welcomed by a member of the Pastoral Council. The following year the Social Day was hosted by the parishioners of St. Joseph's mission, Sakubva, at the DTC on December 18th. The day began with the celebration of the Eucharist, the main celebrant was Father John, OFM Cap. A short talk was given by Father Phillip Kembo, VG, after the Eucharist.

The Dominican Sisters hosted a social evening at St. Joseph's mission on January 2nd 2012 for Sister Violet Nyamazano who was about to transfer to Bulawayo. Sister Violet was a member of the Dominican Community at St. Joseph's and a member of the teaching staff at the school. Father Henry Wasosa, Diocesan Education Secretary, and the parish priest, Father Marin O'Regan O.Carm., thanked Sister Violet for her years at St. Joseph's and wished her well in her new appointment in Bulawayo.

The 'Recollection Group', City of Mutare, are members of the clergy/religious communities in the city who come together for reflection and for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist on the First Friday of each month. They also come together annually for a 'bring and share' Christmas party at the Carmelite Priory in mid-December. The evening begins with the celebration of the Eucharist and carol singing, followed by pre-dinner drinks, evening meal and various entertainments. It is always an enjoyable evening and helps to build bonds across different groups in the diocese

Bishop Patrick Mutume celebrated the 35th anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination at his home on June 17th 2014. The Bishop invited clergy and religious to the afternoon tea party at his home and invited Sister Eunice, Franciscan Sister, to speak to those present on the occasion and also to thank Father Bob Kelly, O.Carm., for his thirteen years of ministry in the Diocese of Mutare.

Bishop Patrick Mutume

New Ventures

Father I. Madzirashe represented the Bishop of Mutare at the official opening of a new Dining Room and Kitchen at the Zororai Old People's Home, Sakubva, on November 9th 2012. There were many tributes to the Franciscan Sisters in Mutare, the Beit Trust in Harare, and other benefactors for their most generous financial support of the project. Members of Mutare City Council also thanked the Franciscan and Carmelite Sisters for their faithful service at Zororai. The Diocese has been very much involved at Zororai over the years, and we remember with affection Sister Petronella, a Dutch Sister, who contributed so much to the place. Among those present at the opening were Father D. Bvirakare, O.Carm., parish priest of Sakubva, Father Madzirashe from the Bishop's residence, Franciscan Sisters, Park Road, Sister Blandina HLMC, Director, Carmelite Sisters, Divine Child Sisters, Members of the City Council, Mr J. Mumbure and other Board Members, Father J. McGrath, O.Carm., local residents of Sakubva, and other interested parties.

A meeting of representatives of the 'various arms in the Diocese' was held on February 21st 2014 at the Cathedral and at the Mare home, Fern Valley, outside Mutare. The meeting began with prayers, followed by a roll call of representatives of groups, institutions, commissions, sisters, priests, school heads and health representatives. The Bishop thanked the different missionary congregations and religious orders who have ministered in the diocese over the years. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss self-reliance, support of diocesan priests and the possible purchase of a property in Fern Valley, belonging to Mr and Mrs Mare. Mr Mare gave a tour of the property. $200, 000.00 was the asking price. The representatives then discussed the possibility of purchasing the property and all seemed to be in favour. A further meeting of the Diocesan Pastoral Council members was held at the Mare home on March 8th. The Diocese purchased the house in Fern Valley and Father Nyatondo took up residence there during May 2015.

Over five hundred and fifty Zvita Youth from the Diocese of Mutare attended a retreat at Kriste Mambo from December 16th – 19th 2014. The retreat was directed by Carmelites, Father Chris Chifamba and Brother Webster Chibvongodze, and they were assisted by Carmelites of the Kriste Mambo and Rusape communities. In 2015 almost three hundred youth from the deanery attended the retreat at Kriste Mambo from December 15th – 18th 2015. Father John Alberto, Diocese of Mutare, facilitated this very successful retreat.

St. Dominic's High School

St. Dominic's High School was awarded the 2012 Secretary's Bell and Merit Award on November 15th. The Guest of Honour at the celebration was Mrs Constance Chigwamba, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Arts, Sport and Culture. Also present were heads and representatives from many schools as well as officials from the Ministry of Education, Arts, Sport and Culture. Also present were the local Catholic bishops, clergy, religious, the Anglican Bishop of Manicaland, Bishop Jakazi, and other invited guests. At the start of the celebration, the headmaster, Mr Francis Mukoyi, gave a tour of the school and the singing of the National Anthem

was led by the school choir. Hymns were sung and the Opening Prayer was led by Father Maringe. The welcome was extended to all by the MC of the day. A traditional dance by Sakubva Primary School pupils was most enjoyable. Speeches were given by the SDC Chairman and the Responsible Authority, Bishop Muchabaiwa. 'Blast from the Past', a modern dance by pupils of the school with some extraordinary movements was most entertaining! The Headmaster then gave his address, followed by that of the guest speaker, Mrs Constance Chigwamba. Prizes and Awards were presented to students, staff and guests, and the head girl then gave the vote of thanks. The celebration concluded with a Closing Prayer was said and the unveiling of the Award Plaque.

The local newspaper, *The Manica Post*, on Friday November 16th included a very comprehensive report on the development of the School over the years, from the time of the Dominican Sisters to the present day. The report stated that the awarding of the Secretary's Bell and Merit Award 2012 was an important milestone in the history of the school. Before Independence the School was called The Dominican Convent High School and had been opened during 1937 by the Governor, Sir Herbert Stanley, and blessed by Archbishop Chichester, SJ, from Harare. After Independence in Zimbabwe, the Dominican Sisters handed over the School to the RC Diocese of Mutare. The School became known as St. Dominic's High School. Carmelites Fathers, Sean Murphy and Anthony Clarke, and Sister Adelaide, Dutch Sisters of Charity, together with the Franciscan and Carmelite Sisters were very supportive in setting up the school after Independence. The founding Headmaster during 1981 was Mr James Chinamasa who was followed by Mr A. Muvodzi. Mr Francis Mukoyi is the present Headmaster. The report in the *Manica Post* states that the enrollment is now at 1 157, boys and girls. The school provides quality education from Form 1 to Form 6.

Diocesan Publications

In 2011, the Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops' Conference (ZCBC) and the Conference of Major Religious Superiors of Zimbabwe (CMRS) published 'A Pastoral and Procedural Protocol for dealing with Allegations of Misconduct'. Workshops were held in the country to assist clergy and religious in their understanding and implementation of the publication in recent months. In the same year, the CMRS published a booklet 'A Vocation Worth Celebrating - Guidelines for Religious Life in Zimbabwe Today'. The publication was circulated among religious communities throughout the country during the year.

Rujeko (Light)

In early December 2011, the Social Communications Team of the Mutare Diocese (SOCCOM), published the first edition of Rujeko. The new publication contains Church and diocesan news, various articles, vocations promotion material, information from different religious congregations in the diocese, advertisements, photographs and news regarding schools and education. Sister Assumpta Mapungwana is the co-ordinator of the team and Mr Dominic Satumba is the chairman. It has been published biannually since the first edition. Between 2011-2015, seven editions of Rujeko have been published.

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St. Dominic's High School, Mutare

Children with Father Alexio Makokowe, O.Carm., at St. Joseph's mission, Sakubva, 2015

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The Carmelite Presence (2011-2015)

Meetings of the Order

Each year, a Provincial Visitation takes place. This usually happens in February/March. While in Zimbabwe, the Provincial attends the Commisariat AGM, Commisariat Council meetings, the Kriste Mambo High School Board Meeting, and the Board of Governors Meeting at Holy Trinity College. He also visits the various communities and brothers, and attends other meetings and events organised at the time. From 2011 – 2015, Martin Kilmurray, as Prior Provincial, visited Zimbabwe each year accompanied by Father Fintan Burke, Provincial Councillor/ Bursar/Safeguarding Representative (2011 – 2014) and Father David Twohig, Director of Vocations and Communications (2015). In October/November 2011, Father Martin also came to Zimbabwe to attend the Commissariat EGM, accompanied by Father Patrick Staunton, Assistant Provincial and Father Fintan Burke.

From October 28th – November 11th 2015, Father Richard Byrne, the newly-elected Provincial, made his first visit to Zimbabwe. During his stay, he visited all of the Carmelite communities, including the formation houses and the parishes in which we minister. He met the Bishop of Mutare, the Mother General of the Carmelite Sisters, the Carmelite Nuns, DOMCCP and visited the Cathedral in Mutare. He attended the Kriste Mambo High School Board Meeting on November 4th and the Form Six End-of-Year celebration on November 7th. He attended a Commissariat Council Meeting in Macheke on November 6th. He also toured the Nyanga and Bvumba areas.

General Congregation of the Carmelite Order 2011

Simplisio Manyika, as Commissary Provincial, attended the General Congregation of the Carmelite Order at Niagara Falls, Canada, from September 5th – 16th. The General Congregation reflected on the questions: 'Who are we? What are we doing here? Why do we do what we do in the Church? How shall we respond to those who are seeking?' A website with information relating to the congregation was available to all members of the Carmelite Family, before, during and after the event. The Final Message from the General Congregation, 'How shall we respond to those who are seeking?' became available on September 15th 2011.

General Congregation of the Carmelite Order 2011

Extraordinary General Meeting 2011

The EGM of the Commissariat was held at the Musangano Lodge, outside Mutare, on November 1st and 2nd. Father Martin Kilmurray, Prior Provincial, Father Patrick Staunton, Assistant Provincial, and Father Fintan Burke, Provincial Bursar, together with twenty-three members of the Commissariat participated in the meeting. The meeting was facilitated by Father Robert Igo, OSB, from Macheke. The preparatory work for the meeting helped Father Robert keep the brethren focused on making clear decisions over the two days.

This EGM was a very significant event in the life and development of the Commissariat. Important decisions were made and the Commissary Provincial and Council were mandated to implement them. The issues discussed included a new formation community at Nyazura, finance and self-reliance, personnel, on-going formation, a regional novitiate in English-speaking Africa, present and future pastoral ministries/responsibilities with an openness to greater variation in ministries, reflecting other dimensions of the Carmelite charism. The increase in the number of priests in the diocese of Mutare was also noted and appreciated. A joint letter, incorporating all the issues that were discussed and agreed was written by the Prior Provincial, Father Martin Kilmurray, and the Commissary Provincial, Father Simplisio Manyika, which was sent to all members of the Province in Ireland and Zimbabwe on November 4th.

The Handover of St. Killian's and Triashill, 2012

Due to decisions made at the EGM, November 2011, the Commissary Provincial, Father Simplisio Manyika, visited St. Kilian's mission on January 14th – 15th and Triashill mission on January 21st – 22nd to inform the people of the withdrawal of the Carmelites from pastoral ministry at the two missions and their areas. In his letter to all of the Brothers in Zimbabwe on August 9th 2012, Father Simplisio Manyika, Commissary Provincial stated: *"Special mention goes to the Brothers who have been ministering in Triashill and St. Kilian's missions. The handover was carried out in a professional and brotherly way. You are leaving behind a legacy of dedication, sacrifice and commitment"*.

The Carmelites withdrew from Ministry at Triashill and at St. Kilian's during August and September 2012. The priests of the diocese of Mutare now continue the ministry at both missions.

Carmelite Provincial Chapter 2012

AGM and Provincial Chapter 2012

The Commissariat AGM took place at the DTC Mutare on March 27th. It was well attended by the brothers and reports were delivered by the Commissary Provincial, Formation Directors, the Vocations Director, the various commissions, priors and priests-in-charge.

The Provincial Chapter took place at Gort Muire, Dublin, from June 17th – 21st. On the first evening, Father Fernando Millán Romeral, Prior General, confirmed Father Martin Kilmurray as Prior Provincial for a second term and then confirmed in office the Provincial Councillors of the Irish Province. The Commissary Provincial, Father Simplisio Manyika, was then confirmed in office by the Provincial together with the Commissary Council members. Fathers Simplisio Manyika, Constantine Masarira, Conrad Mutizamhepo, Robert Kelly, Martin O'Regan, Ambrose Costello attended the Chapter from Zimbabwe. Among the topics discussed were: Vocations, Evangelisation, Community Life, Community Meetings, Safeguarding, Youth and Young Adult Ministry. In the reports from the Commissariat, Fathers Simplisio Manyika and Conrad Mutizamhepo spoke on formation while Constantine Masarira spoke on pastoral ministry. Comments and reflections on the reports, topics and issues were made by the Prior General, the Provincial and the Commissary Provincial. The appointments of the Home Province were published on July 13th and in his accompanying letter, the Provincial wrote: *"It was good to have a strong presence from Zimbabwe and the presentations given by Simplisio, Conrad and Constantine reminded us of the great work that is being done and has been done there over the years. We can all be heartened by the steady increase of younger Zimbabwean brothers and by recent developments within the Commissariat"*.

AGM 2013

The AGM of the Commissariat took place at the Macheke Conference Centre on February 19th 2013. In his address, among other topics, the Prior Provincial, Father Martin Kilmurray, spoke of the growth of the Order, the Carmelite Charism, the Order in Europe, prayer, the value of community meetings, our withdrawal from Triashill and St. Kilian's mission, which freed up brothers to develop other ministries including the Nyazura project and formation.

The Commissary Provincial, Father Simplisio Manyika, included the following in his address: personnel and ministry in each of our houses, parishes and missions; our formation communities and on-going formation, Nyazura developments, Safeguarding children, ZCBC and CMRS publications on safeguarding children. He also spoke on self-reliance and referred to the booklet 'A Vocation Worth Celebrating'.

Following the Commissary Provincial's report, Ezevia Murambiwa gave a report on behalf of the Vocations Team and on vocations promotion. Father Wiseman Musemwa gave a report regarding the pre-novitiate programme and Father Owen Kudumba, in his report, described the novitiate programme. Father Vitalis Benza gave the report from Mount Carmel Student House, Harare, and informed the brothers regarding studies at Arrupe College and at Holy Trinity College. Father Paul Horan spoke on behalf of the Spirituality Commission and also gave the report from Kriste Mambo High School. Father Conrad Mutizamhepo gave a report on Holy Trinity College, Harare.

Father Desiré Unen Alimange

Father Conrad Mutizamhepo

General Chapter 2013

The General Chapter of the Carmelite Order took place in Sassone outside Rome in September 2013. Father Simplisio Manyika, Commissary Provincial, and Father Conrad Mutizamhepo represented Zimbabwe. Father Conrad was elected as the General Councillor for the Africa region, taking up residence in Rome.

Father Conrad replaced Father Desiré Unen Alimange as the General Councillor for the Africa region. Father Desire often visited Zimbabwe in April 2012 and May/June 2013. On each visit, Father Desiré visited the various communities, attended events, such as the priestly ordination of Fathers Oliver and Stephen at the Spiritan Postulate, Marange, on June 1st 2013. He met with the Friars, students and novices. He also spoke with Sisters Evelyn Kadzere and Irene Dumbura from the Carmelite Sisters Generalate at the Mutare Priory. Father Desiré also visited the Nyazura Site.

In taking up this role in 2013, Father Conrad Mutizamhepo has visited Zimbabwe several times. On each visit, he meets with the brothers from the different communities. He has also attended important events in the life of the Commissariat, including: the official opening and blessing of the entrance at Kriste Mambo, the AGM at Macheke, and the official opening and blessing of the Prophet Elijah Priory, Nyazura.

In November 2014, Father Conrad accompanied the Prior General, Father Fernando Millán Romeral, on his canonical visitation of Zimbabwe. The Fathers visited all the communities during their stay in Zimbabwe.

In 2015, Conrad arrived in Zimbabwe on February 3rd After attending the Leaders and Formators' meetings in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania from January 21st – 26th 2015, and having visited the Brothers in Mozambique for some days, Conrad spent ten days in Zimbabwe, visiting the brothers and family.

AGM 2014

The AGM took place on February 25th and 26th at the Macheke Conference Centre. The meeting focused on two main issues concerning the future of the Commissariat.

(1) Income generating projects: How best could we utilise the new property at Nyazura to help sustain the Commissariat? How could our Parishes and Ministries help sustain the Commissariat? Are there any other Carmelite properties that could facilitate an income generating projects?
(2) Policy for the Safeguarding of Children.

Father Conrad Mutizamhepo, General Councillor for Africa, Father Martin Kilmurray, Prior Provincial, Father Fintan Burke, and Father William Guri participated in the AGM. On the evening of February 25th, there was a fraternal gathering and meal.

AGM 2014

Following the reports by the Provincial and the Commissary Provincial there was a discussion on various possible means of generating income and of developing self-sufficiency. There was also a discussion on various aspects of formation, in Zimbabwe and throughout Africa, including the development of an international novitiate. There were also reports from the Director of Vocations and the Directors of Pre-Novices, Novices and Students, and Holy Trinity College, Kriste Mambo High School and the Spirituality Commission.

Father Fintan Burke spoke on Safeguarding in Ireland and the structures in place there to protect children and young people. Some of those structures may be helpful to Zimbabwe. Father William Guri, CSsR, then made a presentation on the structures in place in Zimbabwe. He referred to the booklet published by the ZCBC/CMRS on safeguarding children. His presentation included the urgency of protecting children, our own awareness of safeguarding children, education and correct information.

In conclusion, the Provincial, Father Martin, thanked all the brothers for the attendance and for all their contribution to the meeting. He reminded them of the two main issues on the agenda. He also reminded them of the importance of our prayer life, community life, community meetings and the up-keep of our houses. Father Conrad spoke on the internationality of the Order.

As a result of the discussions at the AGM, a Project Team, consisting of Fathers Andrew Thokozane, Sylvester Mubako and Lloyd Dimma was set up to advise the Commissary and Council on income generating projects and issues regarding our properties and finance.

AGM 2015

The Zimbabwean Brothers attended their AGM at the Prophet Elijah Priory, Nyazura, on February 24th 2015. Father Martin Kilmurray, Prior Provincial, and Father David Twohig, Director of Vocations and Communications, also attended.

Father Martin Kilmurray gave his report, highlighting the success of the Nyazura foundation, the canonical visitation of the Prior General and Father Mutizamhepo during November 2014, the Regional Novitiate at Kriste Mambo, and of formation in general. Father Martin congratulated the Provincial-elect, Father Richard Byrne, and wished him well in his future ministry. He also thanked all of the Brothers in the Commissariat for their co-operation, kindness and support and kindness during his years as Provincial and during his visits to Zimbabwe.

Father Simplisio Manyika, Commissary Provincial, then gave his report. He included the following: the peaceful atmosphere that prevails in the country, the economic situation, our personnel, the possibility of learning French in initial formation. He also spoke on the Formators meeting in Tanzania during January 2015. He mentioned the arrival of the Carmelite Nuns who are making a foundation in the diocese of Mutare. He also underlined the work that had been done on drawing up a Carmelite Policy on Child Protection. Father Simplisio thanked the Provincial, the Provincial Administration and all the Brothers in the Commissariat for their support and kindness during his years as Commissary Provincial.

Father Ezevia Murambiwa gave a report on Vocations

Promotion. Father Wiseman Musemwa gave his report as the Director of Pre-novices. Father Owen Kudumba spoke on the Novitiate at Kriste Mambo. Father Vitalis Benza, Director of Students, gave a report. Father Lloyd Dimma spoke on behalf of the Spirituality Commission. Father Paul Horan made a report on Kriste Mambo High School, while Brother Theophilll Makuni spoke on progress at Holy Trinity College Harare. Father Andrew Thokozane gave a report on the activities of the 'Projects Team', established at the 2014 AGM.

The Nyazura Assembly Day 2015

A Pre-Chapter Commissariat Assembly took place at the Prophet Elijah Priory on April 21st 2015. Almost all of the Carmelite Brothers in Zimbabwe attended the meeting. The priors/priests-in-charge gave reports on community life and pastoral activities of their respective houses. This was followed by prepared responses by communities and individuals to four questions which had been sent to the Brothers by the Commissary Provincial on March 4th. The four questions were:

1. What is your vision for the Zimbabwean Commissariat in six years time?
2. What would you identify as the most urgent issues in the Commissariat in five years time?

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3. Suggest concrete actions to be taken to address the issue of Commissariat funding and matters of self-reliance.
4. Describe how you see our ministry and how it is affecting the living of our Carmelite identity.

The secretaries were then tasked with preparing a 'paper' for the brothers who would attend the Provincial Chapter in Dublin in June. This paper was later circulated to the Brothers.

Father Vitalis Benza was elected Commissary Provincial and Fathers Christopher Chifamba, Owen Kudumba, Alexio Makokowe and Brother Theophilll Makuni were elected members of the incoming Commissary Council. Both the Commissary Provincial-elect and the Commissary Councillors-elect would take up office during the Provincial Chapter.

The Provincial Chapter 2015

The Provincial Chapter took place in Dublin from June 21st – 25th 2015. In attendance were Father Fernando Millán Romeral, the Prior General, Father John Keating, the General Councillor for Europe, the newly elected Provincial, Father Richard Byrne, and many members of the Province. The newly elected Commissary Provincial, Father Vitalis Benza, together with Fathers Simplisio Manyika, Jerry Galvin, Martin O'Regan, Ambrose Costello, Christopher Chifamba and Lovemore Gutu attended from the Commissariat. They presented their Commissariat report and presentation, over two sessions of the Chapter members. They also presented the findings of the Nyazura Assembly.

Youth ministry, vocations, communications, ongoing renewal, community and prayer life, Lay Carmel, Carmelite Family, the Carmelite Institute of Britain and Ireland (CIBI), developments in ministry and personnel also received attention during the Chapter.

Father Byrne later wrote that *"the Chapter of 2015 was a great expression of our fraternity. We were present to each other in large numbers not only in formal meetings, in an atmosphere of respectful listening, but also present at meals, prayer and recreation. This atmosphere permeated the week"*. He also noted that *"it was great to see our Brothers from the Commissariat in Zimbabwe attend the Chapter and to hear their 'Mission Statement 2015' for the next five years in which they seek to be 'a partially self-reliant Commissariat with collaborative witnessing and viable communities and ministries'. This hopefully will be achieved by self-reliance, community building and on-going formation"*. (Letter to all members of the Province, July 13th 2015)

Father Vitalis Benza, the newly-elected Commissary Provincial, and the members of the Commissary Council published the appointments for the Commissariat on July 13th. Father Benza thanked the Brothers who attended and who gave presentations during the Chapter week in Dublin. He thanked all the Brothers in the Commissariat for their continued commitment and generosity and wished them well in their new communities and pastoral responsibilities. Father Benza noted in his letter of July 13th: *"There is no doubt that we Carmelites are a committed group and in all the places we work the people like the manner in which we minister to them. This was also echoed by the Archbishop of Harare and the Bishop of Mutare. Thanks dear brothers and keep the flag flying high. I have no doubt that you will continue to do the same in the communities and new pastoral responsibilities over the next three years"*

Jubilees

St. Joseph's mission church, 2015

St. Joseph's mission, Sakubva

St. Joseph's mission celebrated fifty years of pastoral ministry on August 13th 2011. This mission was founded during 1958 with the building and opening of the TB Hospital, which was managed by the Sisters of Charity from The Netherlands. The Primary School began during 1959 and the church was completed during 1961. To mark the occasion, an editorial team produced a Jubilee Magazine, *St. Joseph @ 50 Years, A Journey of Faith*. It contained a history of the mission together with many interesting articles and photographs.

Bishop Muchabaiwa was the main celebrant at the Jubilee Mass, assisted by Bishop Patrick Mutume and Father Martin O'Regan, parish priest. The faithful of St. Joseph's, diocesan priests, Carmelite and Capuchin friars attended. Sister Evelyn Kadzere, Mother General of the Carmelite Sisters, as well as many of the Carmelite, Dominican and Franciscan Sisters also attended.

In his homily, Father Vitalis Benza outlined the history of the mission, recalling the men and women who served there over the fifty years and the many outstanding parishioners. At the conclusion of the Mass speeches were made by Bishop Mutume, Father O'Regan and the Parish Chairman, Mr Thomas Chirara. There were presentations and poems by individuals, the Missionary Childhood children and by the Primary and Secondary School pupils. The celebrations concluded with the singing of the National Anthem and lunch was served to all.

St. Alois, Chitungwiza

On July 14th 2012 St. Alois, Chitungwiza, celebrated their Golden Jubilee of its foundation. Present were the Archbishop of Harare, Archbishop Ndlovu, Father Constantine Masarira, parish priest, Fathers Michael Hender, John McGrath, and clergy from the parish, Sisters and a great number of local people. The Sacrament of Confirmation was also celebrated on the same occasion with over 150 people confirmed. The following is a brief history of the Parish of St. Alois:

Mr Silvanos Mataure Shumba a man from Bikita, Masvingo was working at Central Airways in Harare and noticed the absence of the Catholic faith in Katanga.

Father Anthony McDonald

He gathered a group of Catholic people around Katanga and managed to get a place to worship, not far from the then old Police Station. Father Jackson, SJ, who ministered in the Archdiocese was approached and as a result, Mass was celebrated once a month at the new 'centre'. Father Davies, SJ, also worked in the area.

In 1962, St. Alois began with a wooden pole structure and was situated where the old church stands today. A brick building was then constructed with the aid of Father Jackson during 1962. Father Edward Ward, O.Carm., came around 1963 with Father Mel Hill around 1965. Father Anthony McDonald came during 1970 together with Father Fred Lally, O.Carm. Father McDonald introduced membership cards in the parish and the first records of parishioners were drawn up.

During 1971 a cemetery for Catholics was identified and was situated near Zengeza. In 1974 Father McDonald sourced funding for the construction of a new Centre which included a hall, kitchen, dress making room, dining, office and classrooms. The Centre was completed by 1977 and courses were offered to the people, including carpentry, domestic science, metal work, building, dressmaking, a study group to educate and empower parishioners and residents of St. Mary's Township. There were then twelve stations (sections) in the parish.

During 1983 Father Brian Pio Kiernan, O.Carm., came to St. Alois and is the longest serving parish priest to date (1983 – 2003). The present church building began during 1994 under the supervision of Archbishop Patrick Chakaipa and Father Pio Kiernan. In 1999 new benches were purchased for the church. In 2000 a Grotto was constructed in the grounds, and a large

Crucifix was placed in the church in 2003. Father Constantine Masarira, the present parish priest has introduced further improvements, including the painting of the walls, interior and exterior lighting, the planting of trees and a further purchase of some land.

Parish Priests of St. Alois. Jesuits: Fathers Jackson and Davies. Carmelites: Fathers E. Ward, M. Hill, A. McDonald, B. Kiernan, N. Fokisa and C. Masarira. Many other priests have served as assistants in the parish.

Ordained Priests from St. Alois: Fathers Fokisa, S. Muchemwa, C. Magana and Father Manjovja. Professed Sister include: Sister Vambe, Sister Rutendo, Sister D. Purazi, Sister Mariastella Rambakupetwa and Sister Chawira.

The Mount Carmel Guild (Scapular Women's Guild)

The Mount Carmel Guild (Scapular Women's Guild) held their Sixtieth Anniversary at St. Joseph's, Rusape, from April 12th – 14th 2013. Speakers included : Father Vitalis Benza, O.Carm., Sister Immaculate Mvere, HLMC, Father James Nyangadi, O.Carm., and Guild members. The Bishop of Mutare, clergy, religious and many members of the Guild were present at the celebration.

The Fifth International Congress for Lay Carmelites took place at Sassone, outside of Rome, from September 17th – 21st 2012. The congress was organized by the General Commission and the Permanent Secretariat for Carmelite Laity. Two hundred people attended the Congress from all parts of the world and the theme of the Congress was 'The Formation of Lay Carmelites for the Apostolate'. During the congress there were some reflections, formal talks and accounts of personal experiences of apostolic work by lay people in different countries. *"The intention of the congress was to offer a missionary thrust, to raise awareness of formation for the apostolate and to instill in the hearts of the participants a new enthusiasm, in the hope that the individual, provincial, regional and local communities might act upon the recommendations that the congress was able to propose. Lay Carmelites can have a very effective role in the work of new evangelisation and be, not only a quantitative force in the Order, but also a qualitative one, in helping other members to grow through the Charism, wherever God has chosen for them to be"* (Citoc/85/2012). Zimbabwe was represented by Pauline Zvorwadza, Mercy Bell and Betty Chiwaura, all from the Mount Carmel Chapter. Father Manyika thanked our Sisters for carrying the Zimbabwean flag at the congress and said that we need to seriously consider our commitment to this special group of the Carmelite Family.

Two of the Zimbabwe representatives with Father James Des Lauriers and Father Fernando Millán Romeral, Prior General, in the Carmelite church of Santa Maria in Traspontina, Rome (photo courtesy of Johan Bergström-Allen)

Father Martin Kilmurray, Prior Provincial, officially opens the new entrance to Kriste Mambo mission and school

Kriste Mambo

The blessing and official opening of the new entrance to the mission and school, the launch of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations and a Mass of thanksgiving for 'A' and 'O' Level examination results 2013 took place at Kriste Mambo on Sunday February 23rd 2014. Fathers Martin Kilmurray, Provincial, and Father Fintan Burke, were present together with community members and other Carmelites, visitors, staff members, parents and pupils. The official opening was performed by the Provincial, the cutting of the ribbon was performed by Father Louis Bouthellette and the blessing was given by Father Kilmurray.

During the launching of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations, the history of the School was delivered by a pupil, followed by speeches from the headmaster, the Ministry of Education, local woman Mrs Nyakatawa, and the Headgirl at Kriste Mambo. The main celebrant at the Mass and homilist was Father Conrad Mutizamhepo.

The High School celebrated their Golden Jubilee on October 25th 2014. The Vision Statement of the Kriste Mambo High School reads as follows: "*Quality infrastructure and adequate resources for golden results culturally, socially and physically*" and their Mission Statement is: *"To provide high quality holistic education*

through the efficient mobilisation of human and material resources available. Moulding the growth of an individual learner, morally, spiritually, academically, culturally, socially and physically". The day commenced with the celebration of the Eucharist at 8.00am. with the Bishop of Mutare as the main celebrant. He was joined by many clergy, religious, faithful, parents of the pupils, staff and pupils of the school. At 10.30am, the Guest of Honour, Mr Didymus Mutasa, Senior Member of the ZANU PF Party and MP for Headlands, together with other invited guests, arrived and were given an introduction in the Headmaster's Office and, afterwards, a tour of the school. The singing of the National Anthem followed the arrival of the Guest of Honour in the celebration area. This was followed by the singing of the opening song by school pupils and prayers by Father Kuyengwa, O.Carm.

The Headmaster, Mr Andrew Mvere, welcomed everyone to the celebrations and introduced the invited guests. He thanked all the sponsors who made the occasion possible, including families, suppliers and associates donated in cash and kind. The painting of the church had been paid for by Mr John Burnett, a

The Jubilee banner is raised

former pupil of the school. Terenure College, Dublin, is twinned with Kriste Mambo and it donated funds to purchase pews for the church and desks for the library. The Provincial of the Irish Province, Father Martin Kilmurray, also donated most generously to the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. Traditional dancing and the singing of songs by children from various schools added to the enjoyment of the day. Past students and former Headgirls were also introduced to all present. Brief speeches were made by the following: the Headmaster, SDC Chairman, the manager Father Paul Horan, O.Carm., the Headgirl of the school, Father Arnold Maringe, the Diocesan Education Secretary, Father Ezevia Murambiwa, on behalf of Father Manyika, the Ministry of Education Official and by Mr Mutasa, on behalf of the First Lady, Mrs Grace Mugabe. The presentation of prizes to students, awards to staff and other people and the presentation of a gift to the Guest of Honour followed the speeches. The vote of thanks was given by Millicent Fushayi, the incoming Headgirl 2014/15. The closing prayer and blessing were given by Bishop Muchabaiwa and lunch was enjoyed by all.

Pupils from Kriste Mambo attend the Jubilee Mass

125th Anniversary of the North American Province of St. Elias. [1]

On March 30th 2014, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown, New York, USA celebrated the 125th anniversary of the arrival of the Irish Carmelites in New York. The arrival of the Irish Carmelites led to the establishment of the present North American Province of St. Elias. The celebrations began on March 29th with Solemn Evening Prayer at which the Prior General, Fernando Millán Romeral, O.Carm presided. On March 30th, the Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated with the Archbishop of New York, Most Rev Timothy Dolan, accompanied by the Prior General, the Councillor General for the Americas, the Provincial of the St. Elias Province, the Provincial of the Irish Province, the Provincial of the Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, former Provincials of the St. Elias Province, together with many Religious and Priests. Superiors General of the Carmelite Sisters in America, Religious, Carmelite Lay Representatives and local civil authority representatives from Middletown were also present for the celebrations. The Archbishop thanked the Carmelites for their pastoral service in the local Church and reminded all present how the Carmelites have worked in different parishes and ministries with great generosity over the last 125 years. He also expressed his gratitude to the Provincial and to the members of the Province of Ireland for the missionary drive that gave birth to the Province of St. Elias which in turn has shown great missionary vitality in recent years with its work in Vietnam and Trinidad.

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Fathers Martin Kilmurray, Prior Provincial, Fernando Millán Romeral, Prior General, and Patrick Staunton, Assistant Provincial attending the celebration in Middletown, New York

Father Fernando Millán Romeral, Archbishop Timothy Dolan, Fathers Mario Esposito, Prior Provincial of the St. Elias Province, and Raul Maravi, Councillor General for the Americas

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Prophet Elijah Priory, Nyazura

Prophet Elijah Priory, Nyazura

The planning of a new foundation at Nyazura, off the Rusape to Mutare road, began during February 2011. Planning permission was granted by the Makoni Rural District Council. The fencing of the site was completed towards the end of November 2011. The construction of temporary cabins for the watchman and for future storage space was completed by early December.

On May 10th 2012, the Commissary Provincial, Father Simplisio Manyika, the site organizer Father Desmond Bvirakare, the architect, Mr Mareka, Mr Nyatoti and colleague, builders and the Nyazura Carmelite Committee had a site meeting to inspect the progress to date and to plan for the next phase. The foundations, slab, septic tanks, water tanks were all now complete and around 30, 000 bricks were on site ready for the next phase. All members present were happy with the progress to date. In June, Simplisio stated that the project at Nyazura was going well and we were well ahead of schedule. It was hoped to have the roof in place before the end of November. The Brothers were encouraged to visit the site whenever they had the opportunity and to pray for the success of the Project. Simplisio requested all the Brothers to remember the various donors in their prayers, Father Provincial and Council in Ireland, Father Sean Harlow (USA), the Susan Trammel Family Trust (USA) and the many individuals in Ireland.

During January 2013, construction work restarted at the site after the Christmas and New Year holiday. Good progress continued to be made despite heavy rains which slowed down some of the work at the site. After a discussion introduced by Conrad Mutizamhepo at the AGM 2013, the name 'Prophet Elijah Priory' was accepted by the Brothers. The supervisory team held their meeting at the Nyazura site on April 16th and noted that good progress had been made and perhaps the buildings would be ready for occupation towards the end of the year. The carpentry, electrical and the landscaping work continued to progress well during early November 2013. The Spirituality Commission members visited the site towards the end of October and discussed appropriate furniture for the chapel. The Commissary Provincial, in his end of year notes, informed the Brethren that the buildings at Nyazura were almost ready for occupation. The cleaning of the buildings would commence in January 2014 and the furniture for the conference hall and dining hall would be delivered to the site during January. The other furniture would be purchased early in the New Year. Wiseman Musemwa (Prior), Ezevia Murambiwa (Community Bursar) and Louis Bouthillette were appointed to Prophet Elijah Priory, and it was hoped that the new community would move to Nyazura during January 2014. Wiseman had served as Director of Pre-Novices since 2011. The official dedication and blessing of the new Priory was scheduled to take place on March 1st. The Commissary Provincial also informed the Brothers that, after consultations with the Provincial and Council, a further seven hectares of land has been purchased for possible future developments at Nyazura.

Site meeting of the Nyazura Carmelite Committee 2012

Father Martin Kilmurray officially opens Prophet Elijah Priory

Bishop Muchabaiwa blesses the Priory

To prepare for the official opening, two members of the newly appointed community, Father Louis Bouthillette and Rev Ezevia Murambiwa took up residence towards the end of January. Father Wiseman Musemwa (Prior) and the Pre-Novices, Shelton Zimondi, Andrew Madhume, Underson Musina and Marvellous Murungu arrived on February 17th.

After four years of planning and construction, the Prophet Elijah Priory was officially dedicated, opened and blessed on March 1st 2014. The ceremonies began with a procession to the altar site, led by pupils of Nyazura Primary School. Father Simplisio Manyika welcomed all who had gathered for the ceremonies, including Bishop Muchabaiwa, Father Conrad Mutizamhepo, Father Martin Kilmurray, Father Fintan Burke, the guests from the United States, clergy, religious, faithful, friends, members of the various Zvita and members of Rusape Rural Council. The main celebrant of the Mass was the Bishop, assisted by the deacon, Ezevia Murambiwa and the Prior Provincial. The homily was given by Father Conrad Mutizamhepo, the Councillor General for Africa. In the course of the homily, Father Conrad thanked God for all that had been achieved in the building of this fine priory and centre for formation. He said that the Prophet Elijah was a man of prayer and action.

Following the Mass, the complex was blessed by the Bishop, and trees were planted by the Prior Provincial and Commissary Provincial near the entrance to the Priory. The Prior Provincial then gave his address, during which he declared the Prophet Elijah Priory open, recalling that the first Carmelites lived near the Spring of the Prophet Elijah, on Mount Carmel , Israel, around the year 1207. He introduced the first members of the Prophet Elijah Priory community and the pre-novices. Father Martin thanked Bishop Muchabaiwa for his presence, noting that the bonds between his diocese and the Carmelites have remained close over

the years. He then went on to thank the Carmelite Friars and Sisters, all the clergy who were present, the people and children of St. Jude's, Nyazura, benefactors and all who had worked so hard for the building of the Priory. He made special mention of Father Simplisio, Desmond Bvirikare, Vitalis Benza, John McGrath, Paul Horan, Mr Gwandingwa and members of the organising team, Mr Mareka and Nyatoti Builders. In conclusion, he recalled the memory of the many Carmelites from Ireland, the USA, Australia, Britain and The Netherlands, and in particular Bishop Donal Lamont, who had proclaimed the Gospel of peace with justice at a particularly crucial time in the history of Zimbabwe.

The vote of thanks was then given by Father Vitalis Benza, who thanked the Bishop and Fathers Kilmurray, Manyika, Burke and Mutizamhepo. He also thanked Father Sean Harlow, Susan Tramell and the Tramell Foundation, the Locatelli family, the Little Flower Society, the Kirche in Not, Germany, the Provincial of the St. Elias Province, the Utete family from the Hatfield parish, Harare, the family of the late Mr Thomas F. Reilly in the USA and Ireland, relatives of Father Bob Kelly, O.Carm., who donated funds to purchase the altar for the chapel and all who had contributed to the funding of the project. In conclusion he thanked all the groups and organisations, including Rusape Rural Council, associated with the project and the celebrations. Lunch was then served.

Six aspirants began their Pre-Novitiate at the Prophet Elijah Pre-Novitiate on July 9th 2014 under the direction of Father Wiseman Musemwa. In 2015, five candidates arrived at the Carmelite Pre-Novitiate Nyazura. The Commissariat AGM took place at the Prophet Elijah Priory Nyazura on February 24th 2015, and the Commissariat Assembly, Pre-Chapter meeting was also held there on April 21st 2015.

(For further details on the development of Prophet Elijah Priory, see Appendix 3)

Two plaques placed above the entrance to the chapel to remember benefactors

Individual Houses

St. Joseph's mission, Sakubva

There was a special celebration on Saturday December 1st 2012 at St. Anna Mutasa, an outstation of St. Joseph's mission, to thank Father John McGrath who had built three churches and completed a fourth church in the Mutasa area from 1984 – 1992.

A great number of the Scapular Confraternity women in the Diocese of Mutare held a Congress at St. Joseph's from April 13th – 15th 2012. The main speaker at the Congress was Father Sylvester from the Spiritan Congregation, Mutare. In August/September 2012, Father Robert Kelly attended an Ongoing Formation Course in the Holy Land, for an account of this trip, see Appendix 6.

There was a social evening at the mission on June 29th 2014 to thank Father Robert Kelly, O.Carm., for his 13 years of ministry in Zimbabwe. Father Bob returned to Ireland on July 3rd. While in Zimbabwe he ministered at St. Simon Stock, Rusape and at St. Joseph's. Father Simplisio Manyika, Commissary Provincial, thanked Father Bob for his presence and ministry in Zimbabwe. Father Alexio Makokowe, Sister Evelyn Kadzere, Sister Dorica Gololombe, OP, Father Sylvester Mubako and Father Bob also spoke during the celebration. Marita and Aoife Kelly, nieces of Father Bob Kelly, had visited Zimbabwe in April/May.

The blessing and opening of the new church at Penhalonga, outside Mutare, took place on Sunday May 18th 2014. Penhalonga is an outstation of St. Joseph's mission. Bishop Alexio Muchabaiwa was the main celebrant at the Liturgy. The parish priest, Father Alexio Makokowe, the local leadership team, clergy, religious and laity from St. Joseph's mission and visiting clergy, religious and laity from other centres were present for the blessing and Mass. The

Fathers Robert Kelly, Simplisio Manyika and Martin O'Regan attend the opening of the new church at Penhalonga

The old and new church at Penhalonga

day was well organised. The history of the Church in Penhalonga was recalled: how the first Catholics came together during 1964, Father Collier and Kiernan, the first Priests who served the community, the various places where Mass had been celebrated up to 1993, the church building which has served them from 1993 and the beginnings and the construction of the present church building. Lunch was then served to almost a thousand people when the formalities had been concluded.

Nine couples who were married within the mission and its outstations during 1989, celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Marriage on June 21st, 2014. The Bishop of Mutare was the main celebrant, assisted by Monsignor John Itaruma, the Secretary to the Papal Nuncio, Father Alexio Makokowe, the parish priest and local clergy. Forty-three couples were married in 1989 at the Parish and Outstations and nine of the couples were able to attend the celebration. Before the speeches and the presentation of gifts to the couples, Monsignor Itaruma presented each couple with a Papal Blessing to mark their 25 years of marriage. A similar event took place the following year to mark the Golden and Silver Wedding Jubilee.

On October 9th 2013, St. Joseph's Mission Primary School was awarded the Secretary's Merit Award, Manicaland Province, for the year 2013. The Guest of Honour at the presentation was the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education. Also in attendance were: Ministry of Education personnel, Bishop Muchabaiwa, parents, clergy, religious and many visitors. The programme of the day included: prayers, reports, speeches, entertainments, singing, prizes, the presentation of awards and the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the Secretary's Merit Award. The following year the School Administration of St. Joseph's Primary School took possession of a new bus on November 20th. The vehicle was blessed by the parish priest in the presence of the Headmaster, the staff, pupils and families, and all involved in the school.

Father Jerry Galvin was appointed to St. Joseph's mission and took up residence on February 7th 2015. The mission hosted a Congress for all adult Guild members, women and men, in the Mutare deanery from May 29th – 31st 2015. The congress was well attended by laity, clergy and religious. Fathers John Asomugha (Spiritan) and Sheperd Munaro (Diocese) were the main speakers. Father Alexio Makokowe, O.Carm., is the present Spiritual Director of Guilds in the Diocese of Mutare. Later that year, the Carmelite Family in Zimbabwe hosted a 'Carmelite Day' at the mission on October 10th. The occasion was to mark the Fifth Centenary of the Birth of St. Teresa of Avila. Many members of the Carmelite Family in Zimbabwe attended, together with the local bishop, clergy, religious, members of the Carmelite Family from Malawi, parishioners from St. Joseph's and faithful from the diocese of Mutare and archdiocese of Harare. The programme of the day included: an opening prayer, welcome remarks, a talk on 'St. Teresa and Prayer' by Sister Ednella Muchingami, HLMC, entertainments, a drama, a talk on 'St. Teresa and her Message to Carmel in Zimbabwe Today' by Brother Francis Lefani Mwanza, O.Carm, various group reports and activities, a celebration of the Eucharist, a speech by the Bishop of Mutare, presentation of donations and a vote of thanks by Sister Evelyn Kadzere, HLMC. Lunch was available for everybody who attended.

Photos from the Carmelite Day

Brother Lefani Mwanza delivers his talk

Father Wiseman Musemwa receives gifts during the Mass

Children perform a drama

The day was well attended

St. Joseph's, Hatfield, Harare

In 2012 Father Conrad Mutizamhepo, together with Father Constantine Masarira, celebrated 25 years of Profession on May 21st at the Carmelite Priory Hatfield Harare. Due to the many power cuts in Harare, a new generator was purchased for the Hatfield community on the June 11th 2013. Father Joseph Matare, community bursar, arranged its purchase and installation. The community at Hatfield included the prior, Father Conrad Mutizamhepo, who was also the Rector at the Holy Trinity College. The other members of the community were Gerald Galvin (sub-prior), Raymond Maunde, Norbert Fokisa (parish priest of the Hatfield parish) Andrew Thokozane (assistant pastor), Michael Ngano (assistant pastor at St. Alois parish, Chitungwiza), Joseph Matare (community bursar and parish priest of St. Agnes, Chitungwiza) and Lovemore Gutu was (assistant Pastor at St. Agnes).

Father Michael Ngano, O.Carm.

There was an armed robbery at Hatfield Priory on the night of March 3rd 2013. It was an awful experience for the community members, some of whom came face to face with the robbers. Father Lovemore Gutu was attacked but was able to raise the alarm and, thank God, nobody was severely injured in the raid.

The Commissary Council and their lawyers in Harare finalized the legal transfer of 'property stands' from the priory property. Father Manyika arranged the signing of the contract between the Archbishop of Harare and the Prior Provincial on the morning of February 22nd 2013 at the Archbishop's Office. Three of the four stands next to the Hatfield property in Harare were later sold, and one has been retained by the Carmelites. Work began on the building of a wall around part of the property in March 2014 and a medical care facility was created within the priory.

In 2014, it was decided to form a new community at St. Agnes, Zengeza. Fathers Joseph Matare, Lovemore Gutu and Desmond Bvirakare took up residence there between July and October 2014. Due to a prior arrangement, Father Gutu left for studies in Ireland in late August. In the light of these changes Father Michael Ngano was appointed prior of the Hatfield community, and Brother Theophilll Makuni was appointed Bursar. In 2014 Father Norbert Fokisa was confirmed as the Carmelite Delegated Person for Safeguarding with Father Lloyd Dimma as assistant. Father Michael Ngano succeeded Brother Theophilll Makuni as Bursar in January 2015.

St. Simon Stock, Rusape

Father Martin O'Regan celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination at Rusape on May 31st 2014. During the same celebration, Father Louis Bouthillette celebrated his Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination while Father Ambrose Costello celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Profession. The celebrations began with the reading of the history of the St. Stock parish, Rusape. The Celebration of the Eucharist followed with Father Vitalis Benza as homilist. After the celebration of the Eucharist, the following were invited to give their speeches, Father O'Regan, Father Manyika and the Chairpersons of Regina Coeli mission and St. Joseph's parish, Mutare. Father Martin ministered in both missions for many years. The cutting of the jubilee cakes followed, one for Martin, one for Louis and one for Ambrose! The celebrations continued into the late afternoon with lively entertainments, choir presentations and lunch was offered to all who attended.

Father Martin O'Regan baptising

Father Louis Bouthillette cuts his cake

Father Ambrose Costello admiring his cake

Mutare Priory

Mr Campion Nyamutswa retired on June 30th 2013 after thirty-three years of service at the Priory. Family members, friends, priory staff and community members gathered at the priory on July 4th to express their gratitude to Campion. Mr Nyamutswa was presented with many gifts and his gratuity for his many years of service at the Priory.

There was a gathering of Religious and clergy on March 17th 2015 at the Carmelite Priory to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick. The celebration began with the Eucharist at 5.30pm which was followed by a social evening. The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was celebrated at the Priory Mutare during the evening of July 16th 2015. The Bishop, many clergy and religious attended this celebration and enjoyed the evening together.

Fathers Wiseman Musemwa, Philemon Kuyengwa and Ezevia Murambiwa (front)

Formation

Vocations Ministry

From 2012 – 2015, Ezevia Murambiwa served as Vocations Director for the Carmelites in Zimbabwe. Over the three years, working together with the Vocations Team and other Brothers, Ezevia has organised vocations workshops and retreats for aspirants. The retreats and workshops were hosted in various Carmelite houses. They have proved very popular with an average of twenty-five young men attending each. Father Lovemore Gutu, who was appointed as the Director of Vocations in 2015, continues the practice. Both Ezevia and Lovemore also continue to collaborate with other Orders and dioceses in the promotion of vocations.

The Regional Novitiate

In recent years the development of a regional novitiate in Africa has been under consideration. Novices from Kenya and Mozambique now join the Zimbabwean novitiate in Kriste Mambo. It is hoped that this venture will build stronger relations across the African region. Formators from various Provinces have visited Zimbabwe to discuss the development of the project, to visit the novices and to attend other events. Likewise, Zimbabwean Carmelites have travelled to other presences of the Order in Africa.

Father Onesmus Muthoka, Director of Formation in Kenya, travelled to Zimbabwe on a number of occasions, to be with the novices at Kriste Mambo. Fathers Altamiro Tenorio De Paz, Provincial, (Pernambuco Province, Brazil), Father Genildo Mario De Queiroz, Brothers Domingos Mendonca, Raimundo Louis, Socio Jose Bernardo and Leazan Jose Antonio (Mozambique) attended the First Profession of the Novices in Kriste Mambo on July 3rd 2015. Father Owen Kudumba visited the Carmelites at Bustani yaKarmeli, Nkoroi, Ongata Rongai, Kenya from July 13th – 17th 2015. Father Owen was present for the Final Professions of Brothers Patrick Musyimi and Denis Nchore and for the First Profession of Michael Ndambuki Sukali on July 16th 2015. Brother Michael completed his novitiate at Kriste Mambo early July 2015, while Brothers Patrick and Denis completed their Novitiate at Kriste Mambo some years ago.

Mount Carmel Student House

Over the years, Carmelite students from Mount Carmel Student House have studied in both Arrupe College (Philosophy) and Holy Trinity College (Theology). In 2013, four brothers, Lefani Mwanza, Trymore Gwengwe, Thomas Hweta and Aldrine Muchenje completed their Philosophy programme at Arrupe College and finished their academic year on a high note by participating in the annual Arrupe College quiz. They finished in second place, trailing behind the winners with only half a point in the difference! Aldrine Muchenje O.Carm., reached a high standard in Philosophy as he won the Dean's prize in his class.

The 10th Anniversary Celebrations for the establishment of Holy Trinity College (HTC) took place on February 16th 2013. The celebrations included a welcome by the Rector, Father Conrad Mutizamhepo, O.Carm. The opening address was given by Father Joe McMahon, OFM,

Mount Carmel Student House, Harare

on 'Formation in Faith for Service: The Founding Vision of Holy Trinity College'. The Archbishop of Harare, Robert Ndlovu, then spoke on 'The Need for and Relevance of Declaring the Year of Faith'. There was also a presentation of Certificates of Attendance to Laity who had taken courses in Theology at HTC. The celebrations concluded with the celebration of the Eucharist which was followed by lunch and entertainments.

Brother Patrick Mullins, O.Carm., lectured at Holy Trinity College in Harare during the months of August and September 2014. En route to Zimbabwe, Brother Pat stopped off in Cameroon to give talks on Carmelite Spirituality and History to those in formation there. The visit was much appreciated by the German Provincial,

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Dieter Lankes, whose Province has responsibility for the development of Carmelite presence in that country. Pat's contribution is also an expression of our mutual support within Europe and Africa.

Each year, as well as undertaking studies in Arrupe College and Holy Trinity College, the Brothers at Mount Carmel undertake pastoral ministry in various centres from June to August. Those centres included Kriste Mambo High School, St. Joseph's mission, the Cathedral Parish in Mutare, St. Simon Stock, Rusape, Hatfield parish in Harare and St. Alois and St. Agnes parishes in Chitungwiza.

Further Studies

Father Owen Kudumba stayed with the Carmelite community at Bustani yaKarmeli, Nkoroi, Ongata Rongai, Kenya, while doing further studies at Tangaza College, Nairobi from August 2011 to May 2012.

Father Alexio Makokowe was a member of the Gort Muire community, Dublin, from September 2012 to September 2013, while he completed studies in Pastoral Care and Leadership at All Hallow's College. Soon after his return to Zimbabwe, he was appointed priest-in-charge of St. Joseph's parish, Sakubva.

Between 2012 and 2014, Father Christopher Chifamba studied for a Licence in Moral Theology at CUEA, Nairobi. On returning to Zimbabwe in May 2014, he was appointed to the Mount Carmel community in Harare.

Father Lovemore Gutu began studies for his Masters Degree in Theology at the Mater Dei Institute in Dublin in September 2014. Having completed his studies, he returned to Zimbabwe late August 2015. He was then appointed as Vocations Director for the Commissariat by the Commissary Provincial and Council.

Father Sylvester Mubako was successful in obtaining a Diploma in Education at the Africa University in June 2014. He had completed his Teaching Practice at St. Joseph's mission High School, Sakubva, in June 2013. Father Sylvester joined the Kriste Mambo Community in January 2015 and began teaching there. Father Lloyd Dimma also studied for a Diploma in Education at the Africa University, Mutare. He successfully completed his studies and graduated on June 13th 2015.

Brother Theophilll Makuni obtained a Licence in Systematic Theology at the Gregorian University in Rome, before returning to Zimbabwe in early November 2012. Brother Theophilll took up a lectureship at Holy Trinity College, beginning in January 2013. He was elected to the Commissary Council during November 2013, replacing Father Conrad Mutizamhepo (who had been elected to the General Council of the Order). In 2014, Theophill continued to lecture at Holy Trinity College and served as the 'interim' Bursar and was appointed Vice Dean of the College.

Father Desmond Bvirakare departed for Ireland in early September 2013. He studied successfully for a Masters in Pastoral Care and Leadership at All Hallows College. When he returned to Zimbabwe, he was appointed to St. Agnes, Zengeza, Archdiocese of Harare.

In August 2015 Father Andrew Thokozane began his studies for a Masters in Social Sciences (Child and Family Studies) at the Africa University.

African Formators' Course 2015

A Meeting of the Carmelite Leaders and Formators in Africa took place in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, January 21st – 26th 2015. The meeting was organized by the General Councillor for Africa, Father Conrad Mutizamhepo. He was assisted by two Brothers from Rome, Fathers Noel Rosas and Miceal O'Neill. Fathers Manyika, Benza and Kudumba attended from Zimbabwe. Fifteen brothers attended the meeting from all the regions of Carmelite presence in Africa. The aim of the meeting was to facilitate greater communication among the Leaders and Formators in Africa. Three coordinating committees were set up, namely, Anglo African Formators' forum, Franco African Formators' forum and Pan African Leader's forum. The following also received attention:

- The Regional Novitiates and the possibility of personnel exchange and co-operation.
- An exchange of ideas and experiences, in Carmelite leadership, formation, ministry and self – reliance in Africa, forming the next generation of Carmelites in Africa.
- The importance of creating a culture of preserving our writings and our history in Africa.
- A greater awareness of Carmelite family in Africa.
- That structures be set in place for greater communication, collaboration, co-operation, dialogue and consultation among the Carmelites in Africa.
- That we are aware of the challenges that we face in establishing Carmelite presence in Africa today.
- A greater awareness of our Carmelite history, in our Provinces and throughout the Order.

The Arrival of the Carmelite Nuns

The Carmelite Nuns with the Prior General

Carmelite Sisters, Margarita de Cristo Rey, O.Carm., and Winfreda, O.Carm., from the Monastery of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Machakos, Kenya visited Zimbabwe from August 22nd - September 5th, 2012. The purpose of their visit was to explore the possibility of founding a community in the diocese of Mutare. Father Paul Horan, who is their contact person in Zimbabwe, looked after the Sisters and arranged accommodation for them with the HLMC Sisters. During their visit the Sisters met with the Bishop of Mutare, Alexio Muchabaiwa, the Commissary Provincial and Council and other communities of Brothers and Sisters.

In 2014, Bishop Muchabaiwa invited the Carmelite Nuns to the diocese and offered a residence in Wiermouth, outside Mutare, as their new foundation. Father Mario Alfarano, O.Carm., the General Council representative for Carmelite Nuns, and the Bishop of Mutare began working on the logistics. It was proposed that the role of the friars in Zimbabwe would be to take care of the spiritual welfare of the nuns.

The Carmelite Nuns arrived in Harare on February 2nd 2015. Bishop Alexio Muchabaiwa, Carmelite Sisters from Harare, Fathers Vitalis Benza and Paul Horan were at Harare airport to welcome them. The following day, they were welcomed by a large number of clergy and religious to Mutare at the Diocesan Training Centre. Father Norman Nyatondo, Sister Evelyn Kadzere, Father Paul Horan and many others welcomed and wished the Nuns well in their new foundation in Mutare.

Sister Eunice Quigley and John McGrath accompanied the Carmelite Nuns on a visit to Bishop Mutume on February 27th. Many of the local clergy, religious Sisters, Brothers and Laity have visited the Nuns on several occasions since their arrival. On behalf of Father Martin Kilmurray, Prior Provincial, Father Simplisio Manyika, Commissary Provincial, purchased a new generator for the Nuns as they were experiencing many power cuts in the Wiermouth area of Mutare. The Nuns were invited to lunch at the Carmelite Priory on March 3rd. They also visited the Cathedral in Mutare on the same occasion. The Nuns went with Father Paul Horan to Kriste Mambo, Triashill and the Sister's Novitiate on the 10th of March. John McGrath accompanied the Carmelite Nuns on a visit to the residence of Bishop Muchabaiwa and to the grounds of Marymount College on April 13th.

Mission Appeal

Each year Father Sean Harlow, on behalf of the Provincial of the St. Elias Province in the USA organises a Mission Appeal. Carmelite missionaries from many countries share in the Appeal for about twelve weekends from June to August each year. Fathers Desmond Bvirakare (2011), Andrew Thokozane (2012), Robert Kelly (2013), Jimmy Nyangadi (2014) and Simplisio Manyika (2015) have all travelled to the USA to participate in the Appeal.

In both 2010 and 2012, the Carmelite Commissariat also received a most generous donation from Father Sean and Benefactors, through the 'Seeds for Zimbabwe' project. The money is donated for the purchase of maize seed and fertilizers. The Commissary Provincial together with the Commissary Bursar arranged the purchase of maize seed and fertilizers for 150 families in 2011, and 80 families in 2013.

The Prior and community members of the designated houses identified families in their areas and the seeds and fertilizers were distributed before the planting season began. The Carmelites and the families concerned are very grateful to Father Sean and benefactors for their generous gift and kindness to our people.

Father Sean, Susan Tramell, Carl and Liz Locatelli, all from the USA, visited Zimbabwe from the February 21st – March 2nd 2014. They visited the Carmelite houses in Harare and Mutare, the Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park, Great Zimbabwe and were present for the blessing and opening of the Prophet Elijah Priory on March 1st. Father Sean, Susan, Carl and Liz donated generously towards the building at Nyazura and this was mentioned many times during the opening and blessing of the new Priory at Nyazura.

Father Sean Harlow

Father John McGrath delivering maize seed to a family

Carmelite Sisters

Golden Jubilee 2011

The Carmelite Sisters celebrated their Golden Jubilee at the Holy Trinity Cathedral on September 3rd 2011. Mr Takarinda, the Parish Chairperson, welcomed everybody. The Papal Nuncio, Archbishop George Kocherry, was the main celebrant, assisted by Bishop Alexio Muchabaiwa, Bishop Patrick Mutume and many priests and religious from the diocese and from around the country. All the Carmelite Sisters assembled for this joyous occasion and were joined by a great number of Sisters from many other congregations. Sisters Margaret Gumini, Patrick Nyabadza, Joseph Kashiri, Killian Nyamakwere, Boniface Kanembirira and Thomas Nyamakwere also celebrated their Golden Jubilee of their Profession on the same occasion.

Before the celebration of the Eucharist, Sisters Calista Sambaza and Caroline Dzawanda presented a lovely poem to mark the occasion. The Mother General of the Carmelite Sisters, Sister Evelyn Kadzere, presented the history of the congregation with very fine tributes to their founder, Bishop Donal Lamont, O.Carm, the Precious Blood Sisters, the Presentation Sisters, the Franciscan Sisters and the Sisters of Charity from the Netherlands. Sister Evelyn recalled the beginnings of the congregation, how thirteen local girls showed interest in joining 'the new Congregation', were received as candidates in 1954 and how they worked at various missions for many years. Sister Evelyn also recalled how the Postulants were received into the Novitiate at St. Benedict's mission in 1959, how Sister Consolatrix, Precious Blood Sister, became the Novice Mistress, the First Profession of the Sisters during 1961 and their first assignments. The role of the Precious Blood Sisters in formation and as their Mother General up to the year 1977 was also noted. The challenges of the war years were recalled when many of the Sisters had to move to Marymount College and the novices to St. Joseph's mission. Sister Gertrude Bhobho was their first local Mother General, Sister Immaculata Mvere succeeded Sister Gertrude and was responsible for the building of the Motherhouse in Mutare. Sister Theresa Nyadombo succeeded Sister Mvere, Sister Evelyn Kadzere is now the present Mother General. Sister Evelyn concluded her address by thanking God for the many Sisters in the congregation. At the time, there were one hundred Sisters professed, four novices, five postulants and four candidates.

The Sisters serve from twenty-six communities, nineteen of which are situated in parishes. They are engaged in pastoral care, teaching Catechism, teaching and administering in primary and high schools, providing health care, they look after orphaned children and destitute old folk, they are engaged in development programmes in rural and urban settings and are also involved in refugee ministry. The Sisters also have many roles in diocesan administrations. Father James Des Laurier, O.Carm., in his homily during the Eucharist also recalled the history of the congregation and the work of the Sisters. Special prayers were said for all the Carmelite Sisters, for the Jubilarians and for the twenty Sisters who have died since the beginning of the congregation.

Speeches were made by Sisters Julian Mujuru, Provincial of the Precious Blood Sisters, Father Simplisio Manyika,

Commissary Provincial of the Carmelite Friars, Bishop Alexio Muchabaiwa, and by the Chairperson of the Diocesan Pastoral Council. The vote of thanks was given by Sister Christine Undi. The Papal Nuncio presented gifts to the Mother General and Council, to the Jubilarians, to Mr Mumera and to the housekeeper at the Motherhouse. The Sisters in turn presented their gifts to the Archbishop, the Bishops, to Sister Mujuru, the Precious Blood Provincial, Father Manyika, Mr Mumera and to the housekeeper at the Motherhouse. The Precious Blood Sisters also presented their gift to Sister Evelyn Kadzere and Council to mark the fifty years of the Carmelite Sisters. It was an occasion of great joy for all who shared in the celebration, for all the Sisters who shared in song and dance, for their families and friends, for all in ministry in the Church in Zimbabwe and for all the people in the diocese.

The Donal Lamont Institute, Chipinge, 2012

The Blessing and Ground-Breaking ceremony of the Donal Lamont Institute, Chipinge, took place on June 23rd 2012. The Bishops of the Diocese, Mother General of the Carmelite Sisters, Sister Evelyn Kadzere, Sisters Pauline Chapoterera and Madeleine Chapisa of the Chipinge community, many Carmelite and Franciscan Sisters, Sister Anuarite Manyahi, the Health Co-ordinator in the diocese, the parish priest of Chipinge, clergy, laity and Town Council representatives were all present.

Sister Evelyn Kadzere spoke about their founder, Bishop Lamont, she also mentioned Bishop Mutume, Bishop Muchabaiwa, the Carmelite Friars, Franciscan Sisters and the Carmelite Sisters. Sister Evelyn spoke about the great need for a polyclinic and a school in the area. She stated that this was a Carmelite Sisters venture in the Chipinge area. She also spoke of the work of the Sisters in the diocese of Mutare. Sister Evelyn also mentioned the welcome and support they have received from the Chipinge Town Council, Chipinge community and supporters. Following the speeches, Bishop Muchabaiwa blessed the site and the Ground Breaking Ceremony took place which was followed with lunch for all.

General Chapter 2013

In preparation for the Chapter, the Sisters held their electoral process of delegates at the Motherhouse, Mutare, from February 22nd – 23rd. The General Chapter of the Carmelite Sisters took place at the Motherhouse Mutare from August 14th – 28th. The Chapter was facilitated by Sister Bernadette, OP, Father Owen Kudumba, O.Carm., and their Spiritual Director, Father Ambrose Costello, O.Carm. During the Chapter, the following were elected to the Leadership Team of the Carmelite Sisters: Sister Evelyn Kadzere, Superior General, Sister Ernestina Makowa, Assistant General, Sister Theresa Nyarambi, First Councillor, Sister Anatolia Mandeya, Second Councillor and Sister Vincent Mugadza, Third Councillor.

The Carmelite Sisters celebrated the installation of the Superior General and the new leadership team at the Motherhouse on October 4th 2013. Sister Evelyn Kadzere thanked the out-going councillors for their loyalty during their term in office. The Carmelite Sisters published their list of appointments for 2014 between the end of December 2013 and beginning of January 2014. The Sisters took up their new appointments during the following weeks.

The Year of the Consecrated Life

The Carmelite Sisters' Motherhouse was host to two events to mark the Year of the Consecrated Life. The first was the Opening Mass which was celebrated on December 4th 2014. Bishop Alexio Muchabaiwa was the main celebrant at the Eucharist while Father Jimmy Nyagadi, O.Carm delivered the homily. Many religious and diocesan clergy attended the Mass which was followed by a 'happy hour'. All who attended appreciated the good organization by the Carmelite Sisters and the organizing team. There was a similar celebration at the Cathedral, Harare, on December 5th. The Archbishop of Harare, Robert Ndlovu, led many religious and diocesan clergy in the Opening Mass. Again, it was an occasion of great peace and joy for all who gathered together for this special celebration. The second gathering took place on March 20th 2015. Father Fanuel Magwidi, OFM, Harare, facilitated the day and spoke on 'The Prophetic Aspects of the Consecrated Life'. The planning committee met at the Carmelite Priory, Mutare, on March 24th to plan future meetings and gatherings during the months of May, July and possibly October 2015. The Carmelite Sisters also came together as a congregation from July 10th – 12th 2015 at the Motherhouse. It was a unique occasion for the Sisters, 'wholly social with no business' and all enjoyed their days together.

Father Simplisio Manyika, Commissary Provincial, Sister Evelyn Kadzere, Mother General, and Father Martin Kilmurray, Prior Provincial, in the Carmelite Priory, Mutare

Spiritual Direction Training Course

Nineteen participants began a Spiritual Direction training course at the Carmelite Sisters' Motherhouse on May 25th 2012. The course took place over one weekend each month for two years and was directed by Father Konrad Landsberg, SJ, Harare. The first course ended in May 2014. Due to the success of the first, a second one-year course began on September 26th 2014 and continued for one weekend each month until September 2015.

Jubilees

Sisters John Mutizamhepo and Elizabeth Makora celebrated their Golden Jubilee of Profession at the Motherhouse on August 16th 2012. Sister Clementina Muyambo celebrated her Silver Jubilee on the same day. On August 14th 2014, Sisters Anthony Nyatito, Patricia Gwatidzo and Letwin Justin celebrated twenty-five years of Profession while Sister Angeline Munyeza celebrated fifty years of Profession. Carmelite Sisters, Blaise Boora, Letitsia Manjoro, Isabel Nyamaropa, Blandina Mariko and Appolonia Mumhi celebrated their Silver Jubilees of Profession on August 14th 2015 at the Motherhouse. We wish the Sisters many more years of faithful service in the Church.

Publications

Our 1970s in Zimbabwe

In 2011, Father Michael Hender published *Our 1970s in Zimbabwe*. In the Foreword of this publication, Father Simplisio Manyika, Commissary Provincial, writes: *"Our Father Michael Hender has done it again!! This time he shares with us his very interesting memoirs of the 1970s. Michael came to Zimbabwe in 1970 and has been ministering here in Zimbabwe with quiet enthusiasm ever since, as teacher, pastor and spiritual adviser.*

Michael has a fine flair for jotting down important events and this prompted him to start producing our very informative newsletter 'Carmeletter' of which he was editor for over 20 years. In 2002 he published 'Celts among the Shona', a book of articles dealing with how the first Irish missionaries ('Celts') engaged with the Shona culture in spreading the Gospel of Christ and in responding to the needs of the people.

In 1996 he published a souvenir booklet for the Golden Jubilee of the Carmelites in Zimbabwe. His souvenir of the Diamond Jubilee was done as an issue of 'Carmeletter'. Father Hender has a special gift of easily relating to people from all walks of life and this is quite evident in these articles. They are like a guided tour of the life of missionaries during those trying and challenging times of the 1970s. Although they are personal memoirs, they give us an idea of what it meant to be a missionary during the struggle for the liberation of Zimbabwe, and how discerning missionaries had to be in order to survive. Carmelite missionaries remained resolute in ministering to the needs of the people in spite of the dangers of the war. A number of them were arrested, some injured and others deported for supporting the struggle. We thank God that there were no fatalities among Carmelite missionaries during that difficult time. Mike, thanks very much for these memories. We will treasure them – and I encourage our friends to let you guide them on this tour of a very special decade in the history of our country".

Carmeletter

In June 2012, Father Alexio Makokowe, who had taken over the role of editor of *Carmeletter* from Michael Hender, published a special Chapter edition of Carmeletter. In 2014/2015, a new editorial team began working on the revision and re-energising of *Carmeletter*. The team consisted of Ezevia Murambiwa, Philemon Kuyenga (subsequently replaced by Lovemore Gutu), and Silvester Mubako (editor). The first edition of the new revised format was published in June 2015, a second edition was published in 2016. It is hoped that with the work of the new production team, the publication will be release annually.

Shalom

The magazine, *Shalom* is produced by an editorial team at Kriste Mambo High School. The magazine is published annually and includes reports, articles, staff and class photographs, interviews with past and present staff and pupils, and records the school activities during the year. *Shalom* is published annually in October/November.

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Present Day (2016)

Carmelite Family

There was a gathering of roughly fifty members of the Carmelite Family at Mount Carmel, Harare, on January 23rd. Theophilll Makuni, Lloyd Dimma and Lefani Mwanza facilitated the workshop.

Thirty-five Friars, Sisters and members of the Carmelite Family gathered in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from July 21st – 28th. The assembly was organized by Father Conrad Mutizamhepo, Councillor General for Africa, and the theme was the 'Carmelite Rule'. Father Míceál O'Neill was the main translator.

The Guild of Saint Joseph, Men, held their Diocesan Congress at Nyanga on March 19th. The Scapular Confraternity Guild in the Diocese of Mutare also came together for their Annual Congress at Saint Therese mission, Chiduku, from April 22nd – 24th 2016.

Carmelite AGM

The Commissariat AGM 2016 took place at the Macheke Conference Centre from February 17th – 18th. Present at the AGM were: Fathers Richard Byrne, Prior Provincial, Conrad Mutizamhepo, General Councillor for Africa, Brian McKay and Éanna Ó hÓbáin, Provincial Councillors, Father Vitalis Benza, Commissary Provincial in Zimbabwe, and twenty-nine Brothers resident in Zimbabwe.

Amongst the issues discussed were the Post-Chapter Mandate to find and develop means of being partially self-reliant and building viable communities in the Commissariat. The Brothers reflected on the different ministries of the Commissariat and on issues which would affect the Brothers into the future, such as Child-Safeguarding and Insurance. On the second day, Father Joseph Mahlahla gave a talk on Liturgy, focusing on the developments in Liturgy since Vatican II and the celebration of the Eucharist in the Church in Zimbabwe today.

Following on from the AGM, there was a Carmelite Commissariat Assembly at the Prophet Elijah Priory, Nyazura, on May 25th. Father Phanuel Magwidi, OFM, facilitated the assembly. The assembled Brothers were again guided by the Post-Chapter mandate:

(1) on being partially self-reliant
(2) building viable communities in our Commissariat.

Prior to the assembly, the Brothers considered the following questions:

(a) How best can we utilize the new property in Nyazura to help sustain the Commissariat?
(b) How can your parish and ministry help sustain the Commissariat?
(c) Are there any other Carmelite properties that could be transformed into income generating projects? Which properties? How can they be utilized?

The assembly also discussed the possibility of a new burial place for the Carmelites in Zimbabwe and the forthcoming 70th anniversary of the Coming of the Carmelites to Zimbabwe.

Kriste Mambo High School took possession of a new 65 seater bus in June. We pray for the safety of all who travel in the new bus and we congratulate the School Administration on their new purchase.

Dominican Sisters

The Dominican Sisters, Saint Joseph's mission, celebrated 800 Years of Dominican Existence Worldwide' at Saint Joseph's Mission on August 19th. The celebration included the Eucharist which was led by the parish priest, Father Constantine Masarira, O.Carm., the history of the Dominican Order, and various speakers. The vote of thanks was given by Sister Cecilia Mukazi.

There was also a weekend at Saint Dominic's High School, Mutare, for all Zvita Guilds in the diocese (men, women and youth) from May 27th – 29th. Sisters and priests from the diocese facilitated the weekend.

Visitors

Father Richard Byrne, Prior Provincial, Fathers Brian McKay and Éanna Ó hÓbáin, Provincial Councillors from Ireland, visited most of the communities in Zimbabwe from February 6th – 20th. They also attended several meetings, including the Commissariat AGM and the Kriste Mambo High School Board meeting. They visited the Carmelite Nuns, the Carmelite Sisters and Bishop Muchabaiwa's residence. Father Brian McKay blessed a new building at St. Joseph's mission, Sakubva. The funds for this building had been made available by the Whitefriar Street community, Dublin.

Father Conrad Mutizamhepo, General Councillor for Africa, visited all the communities in Zimbabwe from February 8th – 19th. He also spent two nights at his mother's home, visited Bishop Muchabaiwa, the Carmelite Sisters' Generalate and Motherhouse, the Carmelite Nuns and attended the AGM in Macheke on February 17th. Father Conrad returned to Zimbabwe on August 10th, after attending the Assembly in Tanzania and visiting the Brothers in other countries in Africa. He remained in Zimbabwe until after the Episcopal Ordination in Mutare on August 27th.

Lily Murphy, former nurse at Saint Andrew's mission, Marange, (1984-86) visited Zimbabwe with her husband James from August 7th – 20th 2016. James and Lily stayed with the Carmelites in Mutare and in Harare and visited Saint Andrew's mission on two occasions. Lily met with many of her former friends at Saint Andrew's. They also visited many tourist attractions in Manicaland.

Appointments

Brother Theophilll Makuni, O.Carm., was appointed Dean of the Holy Trinity College by the Board of Governors in February. He took up his appointment on June 1st.

Father Desmond Bvirakare has been appointed the community bursar of the Hatfield community.

Fathers Sylvester Mubako and Ezevia Murambiwa participated in the Mission Appeal during June and July 2016.

Carmelite Sisters

The Mother General and Council of the Carmelite Sisters published their list of replacements for the year 2016 on January 6th.

Father Vitalis Benza facilitated a workshop for the Sisters at the Carmelite Motherhouse from March 18th – 20th. The workshop included talks and sharing on 'The Healing of the Family Tree'. Father Phanuel Magwidi, OFM, had facilitated a workshop for the Sisters at the Motherhouse during the previous month. This workshop included talks and sharing on 'Forgiveness and Reconciliation'. Father Andrew Foto, Masvingo Diocese, facilitated the Carmelite Sisters' retreat at the Motherhouse from March 29th – April 5th 2016.

Novices from religious congregations and orders, from Harare, Chinhoyi and Mutare came together at the Carmelite Sisters' Novitiate near Kriste Mambo from April 10th – April 15th. The workshop was facilitated by religious Brothers and Sisters.

Sister's Congregations in the Diocese of Mutare continued their On-going Formation Course at the Carmelite Motherhouse from May 20th – 22nd. Father Vitalis Benza facilitated the weekend for the Sisters.

Formation

Father Lovemore Gutu, Carmelite Vocations Director, organized a retreat for aspirants at Saint Alois, Chitungwiza, from April 25th – 29th. Father Philemon Kuyengwa facilitated the retreat. The selection of candidates for the 2016/2017 Pre-Novitiate took place towards the end of the retreat. Cyprian Dzihwema from Nyanga, Obvious Mapfumo from Masvingo and Joseph Sami from Rusape began their Pre-Novitiate at the Prophet Elijah Priory, Nyazura, on June 29th.

The novices from Kriste Mambo visited Mutare on January 14th. The visit included a trip to the Prince Charles viewing area in the Bvumba, the border crossing between Zimbabwe and Mozambique, a visit to the Carmelite Nuns in Weirmouth, a viewing of the City of Mutare and lunch at the Priory. Father Robert Igo, OSB, facilitated a day of 'counselling and healing' at the Benedictine Monastery, Macheke, on March 16th for the novices at Kriste Mambo after the death of Tatenda Masenga. Father Onesmus Muthoka, O.Carm, Director of Formation in Kenya, visited Zimbabwe from February 18th to March 21st. While in Zimbabwe, Father Onesmus stayed at Kriste Mambo.

The Carmelite Student Brothers, Mount Carmel, went for their holidays on May 30th. On returning, they went for their annual retreat to the Maria Chiedza Centre, Chinhoyi. They then began their annual community and pastoral experiences in the various houses from July

Carmelite students from Mount Carmel, Harare, pictured with Fathers Brian McKay and Éanna Ó hÓbáin

4th to August 7th. Brothers Webster Chibvongodza and Lefani Francis Mwanza went to Malawi for their spiritual month of preparation for their Final Profession on May 22nd. Since their Final Profession, Webster took up residence at the Prophet Elijah Priory and will share in pastoral ministry in the Rusape Parish area, while Lefani took up residence at Saint Joseph's, Hatfield, Harare and will share ministry in the Hatfied Parish.

The Year of Mercy

The Year of Mercy was launched in the Diocese of Mutare, on January 16th at the Holy Trinity Cathedral. Given the jubilee year, the diocese has adopted the theme, 'Celebrating 120 years of Evangelization in the Jubilee Year of Mercy' The celebrations began with confessions from 8.00am, followed by a procession by the Bishop and priests to the cathedral entrance. After

an introduction and explanation of the significance of the Year of Mercy, the blessing and opening of the Door of Mercy took place. When the faithful were assembled inside the cathedral, special prayers were said, followed with the cleansing with holy water of all present. Several 'special priests' were commissioned for the Year of Mercy by the Bishop. The Year of Mercy continues until the Feast of Christ the King, November 20th 2016.

The AGM of the CMRS

The AGM of the CMRS took place in Harare from January 20th – 22nd. Among the many issues discussed were formation, the relationships between Diocesan Bishops and Religious Congregations, the Year of the Consecrated Life and the Year of Mercy. It was arranged that the closure of the 'Year of the Consecrated Life' in Zimbabwe would be celebrated in Gweru on January 30th. A great number of religious and clergy attended the event.

Other Gatherings

The Chrism Mass for the Diocese was celebrated at Saint Barnabas, Dangamvura, on March 22nd. Bishop Muchabaiwa, many clergy, religious and laity came together for this celebration.

Charismatic Movement members from Zimbabwe and other countries in Africa came together from April 19th – 23rd at Saint Dominic's High School, Mutare. The week was facilitated by members of the movement from Brazil and Mexico and the talks centred on 'The School of Evangelization'.

Bishop Alexio Muchabaiwa

Bishop Muchabaiwa

Bishop Muchabaiwa (Mutare), Bishop Munyongani (Gweru), Bishop-Elect of Mutare, Monsignor Paul Horan and many clergy attended a one day meeting at the Diocesan Training Centre, Mutare, on June 14th. Bishop Munyongani gave two presentations on 'Marriage and the Family' in relation to the 2014 Synod of Bishops on the Family in Rome. Father Wasosa, who chaired the meeting, invited Father

Ambrose Vinhu to give a vote of thanks to Bishop Muchabaiwa for all the work he did during his many years as Bishop of the Mutare Diocese. Bishop Muchabaiwa then followed with his own words of gratitude to the clergy and religious in the Diocese. It was stated that a day of thanksgiving for the whole diocese for Bishop Muchabaiwa after the Episcopal Ordination of Monsignor Paul Horan.

A great number of clergy, religious and laity gathered together at the Diocesan Shrine along the Triashill/ Saint Barbara's mission road on July 16th for the annual Diocesan Feast Day and for the celebration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Bishop Muchabaiwa was the main celebrant at the Eucharist. All present prayed for the bishops, (including the Bishop Elect, Paul Horan) clergy, religious and faithful in the Diocese. The previous day Father Vitalis Benza and the Brothers at the Mutare Priory hosted the annual 'Our Lady of Mount Carmel' celebration, which was well attended.

Jubilees

Sisters Madeleine Chapisa and Jacinta Mupatsi celebrated their Silver Jubilees of Profession while Sisters Paul Makonese and Alfred Sambaza celebrated their Golden Jubilees of Profession on August 9th at the Carmelite Sisters' Motherhouse. Father Norbert Fokisa, O.Carm., was homilist during the Eucharistic Celebration which was led by Bishop Muchabaiwa.

In 2016 Father Raymond Maunde, O.Carm., celebrates his Golden Jubilee of Profession during, while Father Simplisio Manyika, O.Carm., celebrates his Silver Jubilee of Profession.

The Episcopal Ordination of Father Paul Horan, O.Carm.

Announcements:

On May 28th, the following was received from CITOC Online, no 35/2016:

The Carmelite Order is delighted to announce today, May 28th 2016, that the Holy Father, Pope Francis has nominated Bishop of the Diocese of Mutare, in Zimbabwe, Father Paul Horan, O.Carm., of the Irish Province. Father Paul was born at Drangan in Ireland on October 17th 1962. Following his First Profession in the Order on September 1st 1990, he was ordained priest on June 7th 1997. During these past years he has worked in Zimbabwe and is presently the Prior of the Pre-Novitiate house in Nyazura, Zimbabwe. To Father Paul we offer our warmest congratulations on behalf of the whole Carmelite Family.

On the same day (May 28th) the following statement was released by Father Richard Byrne, Prior Provincial of the Irish Province:

The Irish Province of Carmelites (incorporating the Commissariat of Zimbabwe) greatly welcomes the announcement earlier today in Harare and Rome that Father Paul Horan, O.Carm., will be the next Bishop of Mutare. It is great news not only for Father Paul and his family, but also for Carmelites in Ireland, Zimbabwe and across the entire Carmelite Order. It is especially to be welcomed as this year we celebrate the Seventieth Year of Carmelite presence in Zimbabwe. Together with all the members of the Province, I wish him every blessing in his ministry in the years to

come and assure him of our prayers. I know that his sociability, enthusiasm and generous nature, coupled with his extensive pastoral experience and dedication to prayer, will enable him to help in the building of God's Kingdom. I congratulate Bishop-elect Paul on behalf of the Irish Province and assure him of our continued friendship and support. May the prayers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel support and guide him always. Makorokoto!

Diocese of Mutare, Zimbabwe

The Diocese of Mutare is situated in the Eastern part of Zimbabwe along the border with Mozambique. It corresponds to the Province of Manicaland and is centred around the Cathedral City of Mutare which is 170 miles east of Harare, the Capital of Zimbabwe. The Prefecture Apostolic of Umtali (Mutare) was erected on February 2nd 1953 and was confided to the care of the Carmelites of the Irish Province. On February 15th 1957 the Prefecture was raised to the status of a Diocese with the Rt. Rev. Donal Lamont, O. Carm., (born in Ballycastle, Co. Antrim, Ireland) as its first Bishop.

Biographical Note

Father Paul Horan was born on October 17th 1962. Having attended the Convent of Mercy Primary School in Drangan (Co. Tipperary, Ireland) and the Presentation Sisters Secondary School (Ballingarry) he qualified as a Certified Accountant (ACCA) and worked in Ireland and London. Father Paul was received into the Carmelite Order at the Novitiate in Kinsale in 1989, making his First Profession there on September 1st 1990. After completing his Baccalaureate in Philosophy and Bachelor of Divinity Degree (Milltown Institute) he was ordained priest on June 7th 1997. Father Paul was appointed to Terenure College, Dublin, where he held various roles including teaching at both primary and secondary level, head chaplain and head of the Province's Vocations Team. He went for further studies and completed a M.A. in Theology (specialising in Carmelite Studies) in May 2001 (Washington Theological Union) in the USA. In September 2001, Father Paul was appointed to work in Zimbabwe where he held various roles including Director of Pre-Novices, Director of Novices, School Manager (Kriste Mambo High School), and he served at Saint Kilian's Mission Makoni. He was elected to serve for two terms on the Zimbabwean Carmelite Commissary Council in 2009 and 2012. Fr. Paul was highly instrumental in getting the first Carmelite (enclosed) Nuns to Zimbabwe who arrived there from the Monastery of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Machakos, Kenya) in February 2015. Fr. Paul was also appointed by the Carmelite General Council to the International Commission for Carmelite Schools and Youth. Currently, he is the Prior of the new Carmelite Community in Prophet Elijah Priory, Nyazura.

The Herald (Zimbabwe), Page 2, included the following article on May 31st:

Pope Francis appoints new Bishop for Mutare Diocese. Pope Francis has appointed Rev. Father Paul Horan of the Carmelite Order as the new Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Mutare. This followed the resignation of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Alexio Muchabaiwa on turning 75 years. The Catholic Church confirmed the appointment of Bishop Horan

in a statement released by the Nuncio in Harare yesterday. 'Today, May 28th 2016 (Saturday), His Holiness Pope Francis has accepted the resignation from pastoral care of the Diocese of Mutare presented by Rt. Rev. Bishop Alexio C. Muchabaiwa. At the same time the Holy Father has appointed Rev Fr. Paul Horan as the new Bishop of Mutare. Father Horan was born on October 17th 1962 in Drangan, Country Tipperary in Ireland. He made his Simple Profession in the Order of the Carmelites on September 1st 1990 and was Ordained Priest on June 7th 1997. Since September 2001, he has been working in Zimbabwe.

The Diocese of Mutare made the following press statement which was published in the *Manica Post*, Mutare, on June 3rd 2016:

The Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Mutare are pleased to announce that on May 28th 2016, His Holiness, Pope Francis, appointed Rev. Father Paul Horan, O.Carm., as the new Bishop of Mutare. At the same time the Holy Father accepted the resignation (upon reaching the age limit) of the Rt. Rev. Alexio C. Muchabaiwa as Bishop of Mutare. Bishop Alexio has been Bishop of Mutare for the last thirty-four years.

Father Paul Horan was born on October 17th 1962 in Co. Tipperary, Ireland. After his primary and secondary schooling he qualified as a Certified Accountant (ACCA) and worded in Ireland and London. Paul was received into the Carmelite Order at the novitiate in Kinsale (Ireland) in 1989, making his First Profession there on September 1st 1990. After completing his Baccalaureate in Philosophy and Bachelor of Divinity Degree (Milltown Institute, Dublin, Ireland) he was ordained a Priest on June 7th 1997. Father Paul was appointed to Terenure College, Dublin, where he held various roles including teaching at both primary and secondary level, and chaplain to the students. He went for further studies and completed an M.A. in Theology (specialising in Carmelite Studies) in May 2001 at the Washington Theological Union in the USA.

In September 2001, Father Paul was appointed to work in Zimbabwe where he has held various roles including Director of Pre-Novices, Director of Novices, School Manager at Kriste Mambo and assistant pastor at St. Kilian's Mission, Makoni. At present he is the Prior of the new Carmelite Community of the Prophet Elijah Priory, Nyazura. Father Paul says of his appointment: *"I was thoroughly shocked and stunned when I heard from the Papal Nuncio, the Ambassador of the Vatican State to Zimbabwe, that I had been appointed as the new Bishop of Mutare. I wish to pay credit to Bishop Alexio Muchabaiwa for his tremendous work in the Diocese over so many years. I know that I will be able to count on his assistance, on his experience and wisdom, as I assume the heavy responsibility of being Shepherd of the people of the Diocese of Mutare. I ask all the people of Manicaland for their prayers and support that I may be a worthy servant of the people entrusted to my care. Trusting in God's help, I look forward to working with the many very committed people of the Diocese, Priests, Religious, Lay men and women. Mugore rino reTsitsi, ndinonamata kuna Mwari kuti tive vapenyu pamwe naKristu. (Ephesians 2:5) Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patroness of the Diocese, please intercede for me with your Son, Jesus".* Father Paul's Episcopal Ordination and installation will take place in Mutare on Saturday August 27th 2016.

The *Manica Post*, June 3rd 2016 also included the following report on Father Paul by Eunice Sibanda and Dominic Satumba:

The Roman Catholic Church Supreme Pontiff, Pope Francis, has appointed Rev Father Paul Horan, a Carmelite Friar, the new Bishop of Mutare Diocese. The appointment was announced on May 28th. Father Paul's Episcopal Ordination and Installation will be held in Mutare on Saturday, August 27th 2016. His Holiness, Pope Francis also accepted the resignation upon reaching the age limit of the current Bishop, Rt. Rev Alexio Churu Muchabaiwa, who has been the shepherd of the Diocese for the past 34 years. Canon 401 of the Catholic Code of Canon Law states that Diocesan Bishops must submit their resignation to the Pope on reaching the age of 75 years. Father Paul becomes the second Carmelite and third Bishop since Mutare became a Diocese. The late Rt. Rev Donal Lamont, O.Carm was the first Bishop of Mutare Diocese. Mutare Diocese is also the only one in Zimbabwe with an Auxiliary Bishop, Rt Rev Patrick Mumbure Mutume. Father Paul was born on October 17th 1962 in County Tipperary, Ireland. After his Primary and Secondary education, he qualified as a Certified Accountant and worked in Ireland and London. Father Paul joined the Carmelite Order at the Novitiate in Kinsale, Ireland in 1989 and made his First Profession on September 1st 1990. After completing his Baccalaureate in Philosophy and Bachelor of Divinity Degree at Milltown Institute, Dublin in Ireland, he was ordained a Priest on June 7th, 1997. Father Paul was appointed to Terenure College, Dublin, where he taught both at primary and secondary level. He was also chaplain to the students. He went for further studies and completed a Masters of Arts Degree in Theology (specialising in Carmelite Studies) in May 2001 at the Washington Theological Union in the USA. In September 2001, Father Paul was appointed to work in Zimbabwe where he has held various roles including Director of Pre-Novices, Director of Novices, School Manager at Kriste Mambo Girl's High in Rusape and Assistant Pastor at St. Kilian's Mission, Makoni. At the time of his appointment, he was the Prior of the new Carmelite Community of the Prophet Elijah Priory, Nyazura. Father Paul, in an interview with the Manica Post, said he was shocked with the appointment: *"I was not expecting to be the one who was going to be chosen to fill the shoes of Bishop Muchabaiwa. I was thoroughly shocked and stunned when I heard from the Papal Nuncio, the Ambassador of the Vatican State to Zimbabwe that I had been appointed the new Bishop. I wish to pay credit to Bishop Muchabaiwa for the tremendous work he did in the Diocese. I assume responsibility in the comfort that I will be able to count on his assistance, experience and wisdom". "It is my wish to keep growing the infrastructure which is already on the ground and even build more. This we can only achieve if we employ team effort with all priests, sisters, brothers, lay men and women and all our stakeholders"*. Father Paul said his wish was to see all baptised Christians in Manicaland growing the Kingdom of God. *"I ask all the people of Manicaland for their prayers and support that I may be a worthy servant of the people entrusted to my care. Trusting in God's help, I look forward to working with the many committed people of the Diocese, priests, religious, lay men and women"*. The outgoing Bishop of Mutare Diocese, Rt. Rev Muchabaiwa, was happy with Father Paul Horan's appointment and said: *"I am praying that the inauguration goes on well and kindly ask the whole Diocese to co-operate with the new Bishop because he cannot do this work alone. Father Horan is what the Lord has selected*

for us. I ask for love and unity in the Diocese" said Bishop Muchabaiwa, who always asks people to pray for unity in the Country.

Father Fernando Millán Romeral, Prior General, Bishop Paul Horan, Father Vitalis Benza, Commissary Provincial and Father Richard Byrne, Prior Provincial

The Prophet Elijah Priory Community hosted a farewell evening for Monsignor Paul Horan on August 21st. Father Conrad Mutizamhepo, the Brothers and Novices from Kriste Mambo, Brothers from Rusape, Saint Joseph's mission, and the Mutare Priory came together with the Brothers and Pre-Novices to thank Paul for his generous service. Many of the Brothers who were present paid great tributes to Paul's varied ministries in the diocese and in Carmelite ministries. All wished him well as the new Bishop of Mutare.

Visitors for the Episcopal Ordination began arriving in Harare on August 24th. Present from the Irish Province were: Father Richard Byrne, Provincial, Fathers Phillip Brennan and Frank McAleese. (Pat Mullins and Conrad Mutizamhepo were already in the country). Members of the Horan family, namely, Margaret, John, Patricia, Edward, Helena, Claudia and Ita, all from Ireland, England and France.

The Farewell Evening for Father Paul, Nyazura

Bishop Paul with members of his family

The Prior General, Father Fernando Millán Romeral, Father Paul Nampota, OCD, from Malawi, Father Thomas Mtey, O. Carm., from Tanzania and Father Boniface Kimondolo, O. Carm., from Kenya, all arrived in Harare on August 26th.

The Episcopal Ordination took place in the grounds of Marymount Teachers' College on August 27th 2016. Many people arrived early on the morning and as we approached 10.00am, the procession of the bishops, clergy, religious and many other people began some distance from the site of the ordination. An enormous number of people attended (between five to six thousand people), all in a joyful mood with marvellous singing and dancing, which is typical in the African Church. The assembled people included political leaders from Zimbabwe, people from other denominations, representatives from the Irish Consulate, Harare, the Mashonaland Irish Association in Harare and the Deputy Head of Mission in Pretoria, South Africa, Mr Tony McCullagh.

The celebration was led by the Archbishop of Harare, Robert Christopher Ndlovu, the Principal Ordaining Prelate who was assisted by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Marek Zalewski, and Bishop Muchabaiwa of Mutare. Many of the active bishops in Zimbabwe were also present together with about two hundred

Bishop Munyongani delivers the homily.

Five to six thousand people attended the Ordination

Bishop Paul Horan receives his mitre from Archbishop Ndlovu

priests concelebrating. Many Religious Sisters, Brothers, Seminarians and as just included above an enormous number of laity joined in the joyful celebration.

Bishop Paul Horan takes his Seat at the Cathedral, Mutare

Bishop Paul Horan, Bishop Alexio Muchabaiwa and Father Fernando Millán Romeral with the Carmelite Nuns at the Ground Breaking ceremony

The choir consisted of the Faithful and Sisters from the Mutare Urban Parishes. Before we began the Liturgy of the Eucharist, all present were asked to stand and sing the National Anthem of Zimbabwe. The Liturgy of the Eucharist then began in the usual manner and the homily was delivered by Bishop Munyongani, Bishop of Gweru. The ordination ceremony continued with the Presentation of the Bishop Elect, the reading of the letter from Pope Francis both in English and in Shona by the Vicar General, Father Welcome Chipiro. The Instruction then followed by the Principal Ordaining Prelate who put the 'Questions' to the Bishop Elect. After the 'Examination', the Litany of the Saints was sung followed by the Laying on of Hands by the Bishops. The Prayer of Consecration followed, the Anointing of the Bishop' Head, the Presentation of the Book of the Gospels, the Investiture of the Ring, Mitre and Pastoral Staff and the Seating of the Bishop. The Liturgy of the Eucharist continued in the usual manner. Before the Final Blessing, speeches were delivered by a representative of the Minister of State, the Chairperson of the Mutare Diocesan Priests, Sister Evelyn Kadzere, Carmelite Sister, representative of the Religious Congregations in the Diocese of Mutare, the Prior General of the Carmelites, Bishop Muchabaiwa and the Papal Nuncio. The vote of thanks was given by Father Shepherd Munaro which was followed by an address and blessing by the new Bishop, Paul Horan. Lunch was available to all who attended this joyous celebration.

On Sunday August 28th, the new Bishop took his Seat in the Cathedral, Mutare, and celebrated the Eucharist. A large number of people again attended the event. During the same afternoon, the Carmelite Nuns invited the Bishops, Clergy, Religious and Faithful to

witness the 'Ground Breaking Ceremony' of their new Monastery in Weirmouth Mutare. At the beginning of the ceremony, the Nuns gave a brief history of their coming to Mutare. Representatives of the Diocese of Mutare introduced the programme of the afternoon and after prayers and reading, Bishops Paul and Alexio together with the Prior General and all present went for the 'ground breaking' and blessing of the site of the new Monastery where hymns were sung and the prayers were said. Work on the new foundation began the following morning.

On Monday August 29th, and during the following days, the visitors began to depart for Ireland, Rome and elsewhere. It was lovely to have our Brethren and the members of the Horan family with us for this very joyous celebration. Bishop Paul left for Rome on September 2nd for a ten day course arranged by the Vatican for newly ordained Bishops. After his time in Rome, he went to Ireland for one week where he said Mass at Terenure College, Dublin, and at his home parish, Drangan in County Tipperary.

The clergy who participated in the ceremony at the Cathedral, Mutare, on Sunday August 28th

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Professions and Ordinations (2011-2016)

2011

First Professions

Seven Divine Child Sisters
St. Gabriel's Church, December 10th

Herbert Nyamangwanda, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 9th

Paul Charidza, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 9th

Vitalis Chiromba, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 9th

Alfred Mudzomini, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 9th

Elvis Ipisani, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 9th

Final Professions

Lloyd Dimma, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 9th

Joseph Mawedza, OFM Cap
Zimunya, July 31st

Cephas Haparai, OFM Cap
Zimunya, July 31st

Rosemary Mwagarezano, RSHM
St. Paul's Church, Dangamvura, December 31st

Diaconate Ordination

Sylvester Mubako, O.Carm.
Mount Carmel Student House, Harare, July 23rd

Lloyd Dimma, O.Carm.
Mount Carmel Student House, Harare, July 23rd

Presbyteral Ordination

Christopher Chifamba, O.Carm.
St. Kilian's mission, February 26th

Lovemore Gutu, O.Carm.
St. Kilian's mission, February 26th

Arnold Mhuriro, CSSp
St. Thomas, Marange, July 30th*

*The first Spiritan Presbyteral Ordination in Zimbabwe

2012

First Professions:

Catherine Madondo, LCM Sisters
Harare, July 7th

Faustina Mafukidze, LCM Sisters
Harare, July 7th

Olivia Jani, Franciscan Sisters
Kenya, July 16th

Final Professions:

Lucia Rumbidzai Chapoterere, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Netty Kumbirai Marisa, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Angeline Makurumidze, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Blessing Tafadzwa Chandiseka, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Mildness Rujeko Chinake, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Ezevia Murambiwa, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 7th

Stephen Chikondano, CSSp
Holy Ghost Postulate, Marange, July 28th

Oliver Tsanga, CSSp
Holy Ghost Postulate, Marange, July 28th

John Mangudya, CSSp
Holy Ghost Postulate, Marange, July 28th

Diaconate Ordination:

Francis Mudungwe, Diocese of Mutare
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Mutare, January 28th

Shepherd Munaro, Diocese of Mutare
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Mutare, January 28th

Solomon Sedze, Diocese of Mutare
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Mutare, January 28th

Abraham Muchenagumbo, Diocese of Mutare
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Mutare, January 28th

Innocent Mangwiro, Diocese of Mutare
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Mutare, January 28th

Michael Maronga, CSSp
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Mutare, January 28th

Charles Makowa
Immaculate Conception Church, Chikanga, August 11th

John Alberto
Immaculate Conception Church, Chikanga, August 11th

Presbyteral Ordination:

Sylvester Mubako, O.Carm.
St. Joseph's mission, Sakubva, May 12th

Lloyd Dimma, O.Carm.
St. Joseph's mission, Sakubva, May 12th

Rev Taurai Saunyama, Diocese of Mutare
St. Paul's Church, Dangamvura, March 3rd

Francis Mudungwe
Holy Trinity Cathedral Mutare, July 7th

Innocent Mangwiro
St. Therese mission, Chiduku, July 28th

Abraham Muchenagumbo
St. Therese mission, Chiduku, July 28th

Shepherd Munarwo
St. Francis of Assisi, Zimunya, August 18th

Solomon Sedze
Nyanga, September 22nd

Michael Maronga, CSSp
Holy Ghost Postulate, Marange, August 25th

2013

First Professions:

Euphrasia Nyazenga, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 5th

Annamercy Ruwana, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 5th

Petronella Utseya, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 5th

Petronella Zvirahwa, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 5th

Amanda Chetse, Divine Child Sisters
Nyanga, January 12th

Shamiso Madzinga, Divine Child Sisters
Nyanga, January 12th

Grace Mautsa, Divine Child Sisters
Nyanga, January 12th

Chido Nyadzayo
Nyanga, January 12th

Final Professions:

Alice Nyazungu, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 5th

Calista Sambaza, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 5th

Gladys Masvaure, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 5th

Mary Mugodzeri, LCM
Church of Our Lady of the Wayside, Harare, June 1st

Presbyteral Ordination:

Oliver Tsanga, CSSp
Spiritan Postulate, Marange, June 1st

Stephen Chikondano, CSSp
Spiritan Postulate, Marange, June 1st

2014

First Professions:

Afreda Mafaune, Divine Child Sisters
Novitiate House, January 4th

Martha Tsindi, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Colleta Gonnah, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Rukudzo Nyamugunduru, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Catherine Nyarumbwa, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Jevus Kamutando, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 5th

Munyaradzi Murungu, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 5th

Talent Mutungwazi, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 5th

Final Professions:

Valentine Gudyanga, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Nolline Mudewairi, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Caroline Dzawanda, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Pauline Nyamundanda, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Yvonne Sanyanga, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, July 16th

Ropafadzo Mashavire, Divine Child Sister
St. Gabriel`s Parish, Nyanga, August 15th

Diaconate Ordination:

Cletus Mawango, Diocese of Mutare
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Mutare, July 26th

Abraham Nemaisa, Diocese of Mutare
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Mutare, July 26th

Thomas Mushanangwenzi, Diocese of Mutare
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Mutare, July 26th

Brighton Mazingani, Diocese of Mutare
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Mutare, July 26th

Presbyteral Ordination:

Ezevia Murambiwa, O.Carm.
St. Simon Stock, Rusape, August 2nd

Liveson Mutume, CSSp
Holy Ghost Postulate, Marange, July 5th

Cephas Haparari, OFM Cap.
St. Kilian`s mission, Makoni, August 30th

John Mangudya, Diocese of Mutare
March 22nd

Tawanda Marlin Dzoma, Diocese of Mutare
St. Peter`s mission, Checheche, July 12th

Leigh Mariseni, Diocese of Mutare
St. Paul`s Parish, Dangamvura, July 19th

Talent Muhomba, Diocese of Mutare
St. Paul`s Parish, Dangamvura, July 19th

Simbarashe Rukanda, Diocese of Mutare
Holy Trinity Cathedral Mutare, July 26th

2015

First Professions:

Shelton Zimondi, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 4th

Andrew Madume, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 4th

Underson Musina, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 4th

Marvellous Murungu, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 4th

Celio Agostinho Machona, O.Carm. (Mozambique)
Kriste Mambo, July 4th

Candido Augusto, O.Carm. (Mozambique)
Kriste Mambo, July 4th

Precious Nyasha Mutepfa, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Final Professions:

Pamela Chidzambwa, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Christine Musendo, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Praise Chipo Chibvembe, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Elvis Gwangwava, Friars Minor Capuchins
St. Francis Zimunya, January 10th

Agrippa Zivanayi, Friars Minor Capuchins
St. Francis Zimunya, January 10th

Elias Musona, Friars Minor Capuchins
St. Francis Zimunya, January 10th

Diaconate Ordination:

Francis Nyahumbi
St. Therese mission, Chiduku, January 24th

Knowledge Samuti (St. Michael's mission)
Mount Melleray mission, July 4th

James Mundopa (St. Benedict's mission)
Mount Melleray mission, July 4th

Justin Musona (Avila mission)
Mount Melleray mission, July 4th

Walter Kaseke (Highfield, Harare)
Mount Melleray mission, July 4th

Cloudy Marondera (St. Michael's mission)
Mount Melleray mission, July 4th

Presbyteral Ordination:

Cletus Mawango (Triashill)
St. Barbara's mission, August 28th

Abraham Nemaisa (St. Barbara's mission)
St. Barbara's mission, August 28th

Brighton Mazingani
St. Peter's Mission, Checheche, September 12th

Thomas Mushanangwenzi
Regina Coeli mission, September 3rd

Francis Nyahumbi
St. Therese mission, Chiduku, October 31st

2016

First Professions

Sister Claris Huta, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Redemptor Samungure, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Sister Lydia Shonhiwa, Divine Child Sisters
Nyanga, January 9th

Zvikomborero Chifamba, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 2nd

Prosper Mujokoro, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 2nd

Kevin Mutsvairo, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 2nd

Gift Chinyadza, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 2nd

Daniel Kyalo, O.Carm. (Kenya)
Kriste Mambo, July 2nd

Eugene Ekeya, O.Carm. (Kenya)
Kriste Mambo, July 2nd

Peter Wafula, O.Carm. (Kenya)
Kriste Mambo, July 2nd

Final Professions

Sister Elizabeth Mutuvharuvha, HLMC
Carmelite Motherhouse, January 6th

Sisters Plaxcedes Mapfumo, Divine Child Sisters
Nyanga, January 9th

Concillia Nyasha Dzawanda, Divine Child Sisters
Nyanga, January 9th

Webster Chibvongodze, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 2nd

Lefani Francis Mwanza, O.Carm.
Kriste Mambo, July 2nd

Sister Patience Nyamangodo, FMSA
Saint Martin's Parish, Florida, Mutare, August 13th

Diaconate Ordinations

Charles Madondo, Diocese of Mutare
Saint Columba's mission, July 9th

Taurai Nyambiti, Diocese of Mutare
Saint Columba's mission, July 9th

Nolan Mashoko, Diocese of Mutare
Saint Columba's mission, July 9th

Ernest Gumbeze, Diocese of Mutare
Saint Columba's mission, July 9th

Webster Chibvongodze, O.Carm.
Saint Columba's mission, July 9th

Lefani Francis Mwanza, O.Carm.
Saint Columba's mission, July 9th

Presbyteral Ordination

Rev. Lucky Mandava, OMI
Saint Peter's mission, Chisumbanje, April 9th

Rev Flora Marozva, CSSp
Holy Ghost Postulate, Marange, June 25th

Rev. Knowledge Samuti, Diocese of Mutare
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Mutare, August 6th

Rev. James Mundopa, Diocese of Mutare
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Mutare August 6th

Rev. Justin Musona, Diocese of Mutare
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Mutare August 6th

Rev. Walter Kaseke, Diocese of Mutare
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Mutare August 6th

Rev. Cloudy Marondera, Diocese of Mutare
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Mutare August 6th

Episcopal Ordinations

Bishop George Tambala, OCD, Diocese of Zomba
Malawi, January 30th

Bishop Paul Horan, O.Carm., Diocese of Mutare
Marymount Teachers' College, August 27th

For a full list of current and past personnel in the Diocese of Mutare, see Appendix 4.

In 2006, a Wall of Remembrance was erected at Triashill Cemetery in 2006 remembering all of the Carmelite Friars who hadministered in Zimbabwe but died elsewhere.

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Those who have died (1997-2016)

Father Anthony Clarke

Father Anthony Clarke died in Harare on December 17th 1998. Father Clarke is remembered for his many qualities, his zest for life, his hospitality and for the many roles he played in the diocese of Mutare. He made a fine contribution to the development of the Church in Zimbabwe.

Father Patrick Chiwara

Father Patrick Chiwara (Diocese of Mutare) died during April 1999. He was a kind man and a good friend to many of the Carmelites.

Father Michael Kenny

Father Michael Kenny died in Ireland on May 29th 2000. Father Kenny came to Zimbabwe during 1956 and spent forty-three years as a Missionary in the Diocese of Mutare. He never spared himself in his ministry. Like Father Clarke, he will be remembered for his many roles and contributions to the diocese of Mutare.

Father Bartholomew 'Barty' McGivern

Father Barty McGivern died in Mutare on September 25th 2002. He had spent fifty-two years in ministry in Zimbabwe. He is still remembered for his pastoral zeal and gentle disposition.

Archbishop Patrick Chakaipa

Archbishop Patrick Chakaipa of Harare died on April 8th 2003. May he rest in peace.

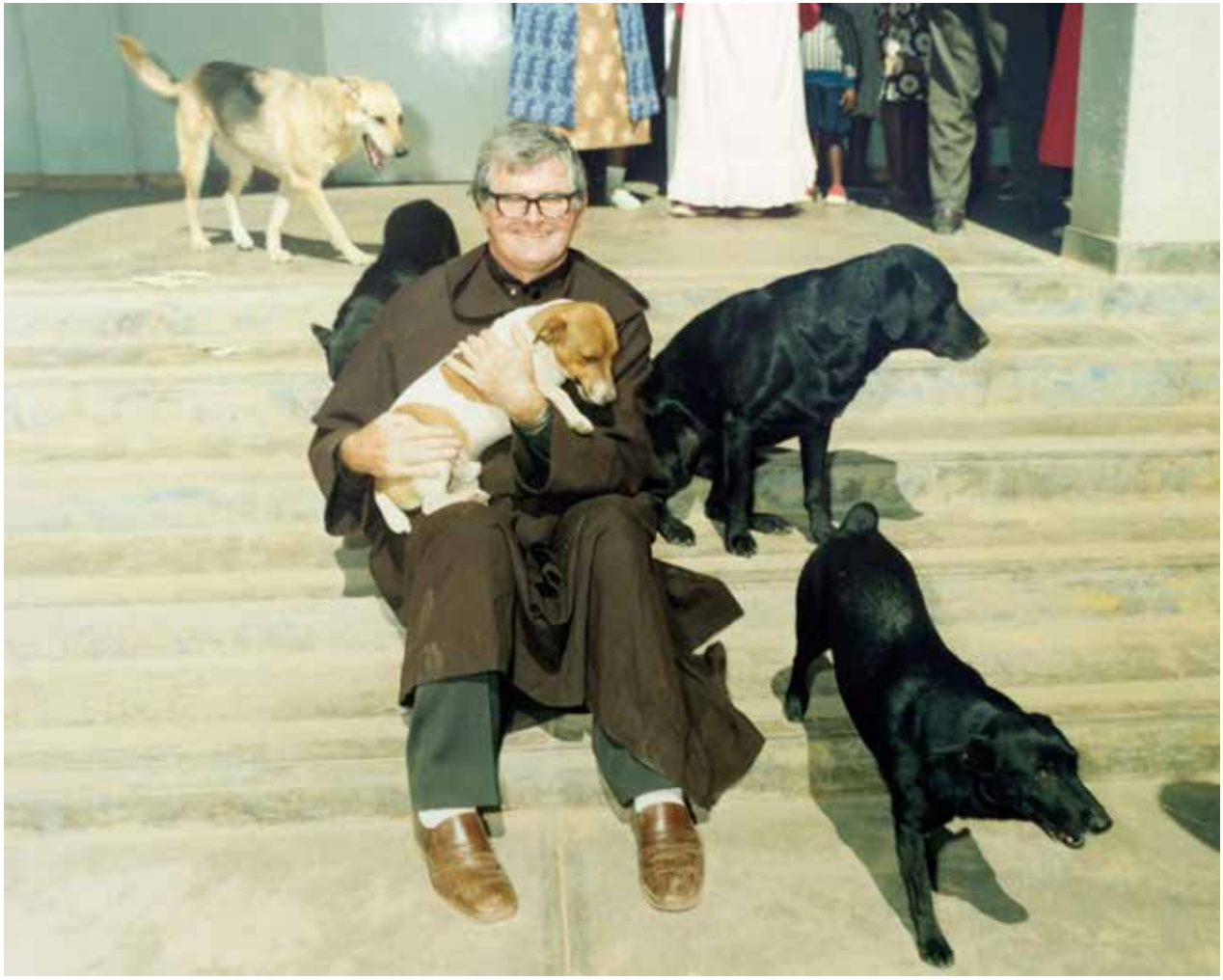
Father Michael Kenny

Father Joseph Neville

Father Joseph Neville died suddenly at St. Kilian's mission on June 25th 2000. His death was a profound shock even though he was not in good health before he died. Father Neville was a man who did not spare himself. He ministered at St. Kilian's for most of his time in Zimbabwe. His passing was a great shock for everybody who knew him, in Zimbabwe and in Ireland.

Vernon Jere

Vernon Jere died in Harare on December 4th 2003.



Father Joe Neville with his dogs

Brother Ignatius Moore

Brother Ignatius Moore died in Ireland on May 4th 2004. Ignatius was born in Eadestown, Co Kildare in 1926, one of a family of eleven. He joined the Carmelites and made his First Profession in 1953. Most of Ignatius' religious life was spent in Zimbabwe, and he achieved much on the various mission stations in the diocese of Mutare. He was a gifted carpenter and builder, and he devoted a lot of his time in passing on these precious gifts and skills to his workers. With the help of these men he built schools, hospitals and churches throughout the diocese. These are his memorials, and his contribution to the work of the Church in Zimbabwe.

"Mhuka huru, wa Zorora" – "The great strong one, the leader of the herd, has gone to his rest at last."

Brother Ignatius Moore

Father James Doyle

Father James Doyle died in a motor accident in Harare on November 13th 2004. His death came as a great shock for all those who knew him. He was a man of great zeal and full of life. His passing was a great tragedy not only for his sister, but for his Carmelite brothers and sisters and for all who shared life with him.

Doctor Irene von Furstenberg

Doctor Irene von Furstenberg died in Mutare on June 15th 2008 and was buried at Triashill Mission Cemetery on June 19th. Doctor Irene was affiliated to the Carmelite Order in January 2002 at a ceremony at the Diocesan Training Centre, Mutare.

The headstone of Doctor Irene von Furstenburg

Father Conall Collier

Father Conall Collier died in Ireland on July 5th 2008. Conall shared his gifts with his Carmelite Brothers and Sisters in life and helped so many religious and laity through his pastoral ministry.

Mrs Rhoda Valentine

Mrs Rhoda Valentine (Mutare) died on March 26th 2010. Rhoda will be remembered for her faithful service, hospitality and generosity to all manner of people.

Sister Laurentina Steijger

A special Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's mission, Mutare, on June 2nd 2010 for Sister Laurentina Steijger who had died in Holland some weeks earlier. Sister Laurentina was a Sister of Charity from Tilbury (The Netherlands). Many of the faithful and mission staff joined with Fathers Martin O'Regan, Norbert Heaslip, Michael Hender, John McGrath and the Sisters for this special celebration. Father O'Regan in his homily outlined the wonderful, dedicated and selfless work of Sister Laurentina at St. Joseph's over several decades. Her influence in development projects for young mothers and girls was particularly appreciated.

Father Peter Toner

Father Peter Toner died as a result of a motor vehicle accident on June 11th 2010 in Harare. He was buried with his family grave in Ballivor, Co. Meath, Ireland. Peter had served in the Diocese of Mutare for fifty-seven years. A man of varied talents and a friend to many.

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Sister Huberta Kuipa

Sister Huberta Kuipa, HLMC, died at the Motherhouse, Mutare, on January 14th and was buried at Triashill mission on January 17th. Sister Huberta was a great example to everybody as she endured with great patience many years of ill-health.

Sister Petronella Cooymans

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Sister Petronella Cooymans, Sister of Charity, Tilburg, The Netherlands. Sister Petronella came to Zimbabwe during 1958 and during 1959 became the first Headmistress at St. Joseph's Primary School. Petronella continued ministry at St. Joseph's mission, in the primary and secondary schools, at Zororai Old People's Home (where a building is dedicated to her memory) and in the parish until she returned to The Netherlands during 1993. She also served at Kriste Mambo Secondary School for some years. Over one hundred of the faithful and mission staff at St. Joseph's joined with Bishop Mutume, Fathers M. O'Regan, J. McGrath and many of the Sisters at the celebration of the Eucharist for Sister Petronella on March 31st at the mission.

Father John McGrath visited the Sisters of Charity in Tilburg, Holland during September 2015. He stayed with the Carmelites in Boxmeer in Holland from the 15th to the 18th of September 15th – 18th 2015 and visited the Sister on September 16th.

Father Paul McChrystal

Father Paul McChrystal died in Dublin on May 21st. Paul ministered in Zimbabwe from March 2001 to June 2006. He lived at the Priory Mutare for most of his time in Zimbabwe. (The homily given at Father Paul's funeral Mass, CNL, pp. 19 – 21, Spring/Summer 2011)

Sister Gerald Nyabadza

Sister Gerald Nyabadza, HLMC, died in Mutare on May 28th. Sister had been unwell for some time and died at the Motherhouse, Mutare. Sister Gerald was buried at Triashill Cemetery on May 30th.

Father Robbie MacCabe

Father Robbie MacCabe, O.Carm., Kenya, visited Zimbabwe from February 3rd - March 2nd, 2011. During his visit, Robbie visited many of our houses and missions. He ministered at Regina Coeli mission from 1962 to 1977 as priest and doctor. On February 24th, Robbie returned with John McGrath to Regina for a visit and met with some of the nursing staff who are still serving the people at the hospital.

John McGrath went to Nairobi, Kenya from May 7th – 22nd to assist Robbie who was unwell in Nairobi. John stayed with the Kiltegan Fathers at St. Patrick's, Nairobi. Father Robbie became unwell during Holy Week in Turkana, Kenya and was taken by plane to Nairobi and admitted to the Nairobi Hospital. He remained in hospital in Nairobi until May 20th when he was taken to the Beacon Hospital in Dublin, Ireland. His condition never improved in Kenya or in Ireland and he died on Saturday May 28th. Robbie was buried in Dublin on Thursday June 2nd.
(The homily given at Father Robbie's funeral Mass and an address delivered by Professor Samuel McConkey, on June 3rd, 2010 at the Conferring of the Degree of Doctor of Medicine 'honoris causa' on Father Robert MacCabe, O.Carm can be found in CNL, pp. 22 – 30, Spring/Summer 2011)

Father Aidan McLoughlin

After a long illness, borne with fortitude, Father Aidan McLoughlin died in Dublin on June 19th. Father Aidan ministered in Zimbabwe, at St. Charles Lwanga Seminary and at Kriste Mambo High School from 1986 – 1988. Father Aidan was buried in the Carmelite plot in Knocktopher, County Kilkenny, Ireland on June 22nd.
(The homily given at Father Aidan's funeral Mass, CNL, pp. 19 – 21, Autumn/Winter 2011)

Father Andrew O'Reilly

Father Andrew O'Reilly of the Irish Province died in Dublin on July 23rd. Andrew was a humble and prayerful man who served his God and the Order faithfully during his life. Father Andy was buried in the Carmelite grounds, Moate, County Westmeath on July 26th.
(The homily given at Father Andrew's funeral Mass, CNL, pp. 21 – 23, Autumn/Winter 2011)

Father Edward Ward

Father Edward (Ned) Ward died in Dublin on July 26th. Father Ned came to Zimbabwe during 1963 and served at Chimanimani, Avila mission, Triashill, Regina

Father Ned Ward

Coeli, St. Joseph's and at St. Simon Stock, Rusape. He was also Commissary Provincial in Zimbabwe from 1991 – 1997. Ned returned to Ireland because of ill health during 2007. Ned will be fondly remembered for his jovial and humorous spirit and for his kindness to so many people. Father Ward was buried in his home town, in the Carmelite grounds, Moate, County Westmeath on July 28th 2011. Mass was celebrated for Ned at the Priory Mutare on August 2nd. Bishop Mutume and many of the Sisters and Brothers in Mutare gathered at the Priory Mutare for the celebration of Ned's life.
(The homily given at Father Ward's funeral Mass, CNL, pp. 16 – 19, Autumn/Winter 2011)

Father Hugh O'Dowd

Father Hugh O'Dowd, Killaloe Diocese, Ireland died early August and was buried on August 9th. Father Hugh ministered for over six years at St. Charles Lwanga Seminary, Chimanimani. Fathers Bob Kelly and Fred Lally were present at the Funeral Mass for Father Hugh in County Clare, Ireland.

Sister Evelyn Tsungai Marisa

It was with profound shock and sadness that we heard of the untimely death of Sister Evelyn Marisa, HLMC, who died on September 18th. Even though Sister Evelyn had been unwell for some time, her passing brought great sadness to the lives of her family and to the Carmelite Sisters. The following is taken from the Funeral Mass leaflet for Sister Evelyn Marisa, September 21st:

"Sister Evelyn Marisa was born at St. Michael's mission, Tanda, on March 12th 1973. She was the seventh born in a family of eight, five boys and three girls. She joined the Carmelite Sisters during March 1993, made her First Profession during 1998 and her Final Profession on January 6th 2004. Sister Evelyn did her Catechetical Studies at Wadzanai Training Centre in Harare. She humbly served in the following missions: St. Charles Lwanga Seminary Chimanimani, St. Joseph's mission Sakubva, St. Benedict's mission, Macheke, St. Kilian's mission, Makoni, and finally at the Diocesan Youth Office in Mutare as co-ordinator of the Youth and Vaparidzi Vadiki until her untimely death in Harare at 10.00am on Sunday September 18th 2011. Sister Evelyn was a gift to the Carmelite Sisters, she was a loving, gentle, caring, patient, enduring and hard working Sister. Evelyn was 'ever smiling' and that hid the pain she was going through from many. She cared for others, yet she needed it more than we ever thought. Evelyn was a musician, a choir mistress, she loved music and had a passion for it. She was a leader, a mother, a Sister and an organizer. Sister Evelyn had great love for young people, she identified with them and she could do anything to make them happy and make their lives better. With motherly affection she has touched and changed the lives of many young people. We thank and salute you dear Sister for what you have been to the Carmelite Sisters and to the diocese of Mutare".

The Removal took place to the Carmelite Sisters' Motherhouse on September 20th and after her Funeral Mass on September 21st, Sister Evelyn's remains were taken to Triashill mission for burial in the Carmelite Sister's section at Triashill Cemetery.

2012

Sister Anne Chiedza Kuyengwa

Sister Anne Chiedza Kuyengwa, Carmelite Sister, died in Mutare after a short illness on March 27th. Sister was born in Zindi Village, Makoni, on October 3rd 1953. She joined the Carmelite Sisters as a candidate during 1977, made her First Profession during 1980 and her Final Profession during 1990. Sister Anne, a devoted Handmaid, humbly served in different missions and centres as a devoted Sister and Teacher. Sister Anne was a sister of our brother Philemon Kuyengwa. Burial took place at Triashill mission on March 30th.

Mrs Alleta Dawanyi

Mrs Alleta Dawanyi who worked at the Priest's House at Regina Coeli mission for many years died from heart failure in Harare on April 3rd. The priests who resided at Regina Coeli over the years will remember Mai Dawanyi as a quiet woman who worked hard for her family, the mission and for the Church. Mass was said for Mai at Regina Coeli on April 7th and burial took place near her home after Mass. Father Thomas Saina, parish priest, was the main celebrant at the Mass assisted by John McGrath who said the prayers at the graveside.

Mrs Kay Hogan

Mrs Kay Hogan, Nyanga, friend of many of the Carmelites in Zimbabwe and Ireland and friend of many of the clergy and religious in the country died in Harare on June 7th. Kay suffered from a heavy fall at her home in Nyanga during March 2012. Some weeks later her husband Kevin also fell at their home and had to be hospitalized in Harare where he remained in a serious condition until June 2012. A Mass of thanksgiving was said for Kay's most generous life at the Cathedral, Harare, on June 13th. Kevin and Kay have been most gracious to many of the Carmelites, clergy and religious at their home in Nyanga over the years and looked after Father Cyprian Kennedy during his illness in 1995 until his death. John McGrath was the main celebrant at the Eucharist for Kay in Harare, Michael Hender and Louis Bouthillette concelebrated.

Sister Valeria Peter Chigwa

Sister Peter was born at Gokomere mission, Masvingo, on December 31st 1940, the sixth born in a family of seven. She joined the Carmelite Sisters during 1964, made her First Profession during 1967 and her Final Profession during 1976. Sister Peter was a great cook and served in many convents and houses and shared her talents with many of her Sisters. She also planted many fruit trees in the gardens wherever she lived. We remember Sister Peter with great affection, for her lovely smile, her jokes, gentle manner and humbleness in carrying out any given responsibility. Sister Peter died on June 22nd.

Father Sean Coughlan

Father Sean, who had been unwell for some time died in Dublin on November 12th. Father Coughlan came to Zimbabwe during 1949, he served at many mission stations until he was elected Mission Superior during 1961. During 1970 he became the parish priest at the Holy Rosary Church, Mutare. While attending the General Chapter of the Order during 1971, he was elected to the General Council in Rome, he served the Order in Rome until 1983. He returned to Zimbabwe some years later, ministered for some time at Hatfield and was later appointed parish priest at Hatfield, Harare. Father Sean retired and returned to Ireland during 2001.

Father Sean Coughlan

Mr George Mawedze

Mr George Mawedze died on November 21st at Bonda Hospital and was buried at Triashill mission on November 23rd. Mr Mawedze served as catechist at the Cathedral, Mutare, for many years.

Sister Anna Maria Boniface Kanembirira

Sister Boniface, the fifth in a family of eight, one boy and seven girls, was born on December 8th 1933 in Kufa Village, Tanda, Makoni. Sister Boniface was one of the congregation's pioneers, she joined the congregation as a candidate during 1954, made her First Profession during 1961 and her Final Profession during 1970. Sister stood by her words and she worked tirelessly in spreading the Good News in most of the missions and parishes in the Mutare diocese. Sister Boniface was a devoted catechetical teacher, prepared many people for the sacrament of matrimony, taught functional literacy to adults, was Tete to men and women guilds and formed young girls in the Sisterhood. She was also a great cook. Sister Boniface became unwell during 2006 and suffered quite a lot in recent years. She prayed a lot for priests and her motto was 'To spread the Good News of Christ'. Sister went to her eternal reward on October 17th at the Carmelite Motherhouse in Mutare.

2013

Father Norbert Heaslip

Father Norbert Heaslip ministered in Zimbabwe from 1997 – 2010. Father Norbert returned to Ireland for surgery near the end of December 2010. Norbert was assigned to the Carmelite Community, Kinsale, during

April 2011. The news of his death on August 18th was received with great sadness. He was a most popular and generous priest in the places in which he ministered both in Ireland and Zimbabwe. Even though he was unwell for some years his death came as a shock to many. Father Norbert was buried in the Carmelite plot in Knocktopher County Kilkenny, Ireland, his home area.

Father Michael Hender

Father Michael served at many missions and parishes in the diocese of Mutare from 1970 – 2012. Michael was highly respected and was a very popular priest in the diocese. He built several school buildings and churches in the diocese and was most generous to so many people during his years in Zimbabwe. For many years he published Carmeletter informing a great number of people in Zimbabwe and abroad of events and of the work of the Carmelites in Zimbabwe. There are also many other publications to his credit, Father Michael had a great gift for communicating.

Father Michael had surgery in Ireland on February 14th 2012 and returned to Ireland again at the end of December 2012 on the advice of his doctor. He received medical attention at the Beacon Hospital in Dublin and nursing care at Gort Muire, Dublin, until his death on October 14th 2013. Mass was celebrated for Father Michael at the Hatfield parish church, Harare, on October 17th. Father Vitalis Benza was the main celebrant and Father Conrad Mutizamhepo was the homilist. Many clergy, religious and faithful from the Harare area attended. Mass was also celebrated for Father Michael at St. Joseph`s mission, Sakubva, on October 21st. Bishop Alexio Muchabaiwa was the main celebrant and Father Robert Kelly was the homilist. Clergy, religious and the faithful from the diocese of Mutare attended the celebration.

Mrs Margaret Nyagadi

Mrs Margaret Nyagadi, mother of Father Jimmy Nyagadi, O.Carm., died peacefully at St. Joseph`s mission Hospital on November 17th. Mrs Nyagadi who was eighty-nine years of age was unwell for some years. She was buried at St. Joseph`s Cemetery on November 19th. A great number of clergy, religious and laity attended her funeral.

2014

Father Paul Hughes

Father Paul Hughes died in Dublin on May 15th 2014 and was buried on May 21st. Father Paul came to Zimbabwe during 1957 and served at many missions in the diocese of Mutare from 1957 – 1977.

Sister Cornelia Martin Manyengawana

Sister Cornelia Martin Manyengawana, HLMC, died at Saint Joseph`s mission on February 24th. Sister Martin was born on May 14th 1941 at Triashill mission and was the seventh born in a family of nine. Sister Manyengawana joined the Carmelite Sisters during 1963 and made her Final Profession during 1975. She did her nurse training at Regina Coeli and served at many mission hospitals in the diocese of Mutare. Sister Martin was outstanding in her counselling skills and was a great friend of the sisters, brothers, priests, family, friends and many medical personnel.

Helen Ryan

Helen Ryan, sister of John McGrath, died in Dublin on January 3rd 2014. Her funeral Mass was celebrated at the Carmelite Church, Kildare, on Sunday January 5th. Burial was at Saint Conleth`s cemetery, Kildare.

2015

Sister Modesta Simbi

Sister Modesta, last daughter of William and Theresa Simbi from the Tanda area joined the Carmelite Sisters during 1987, made her First Profession during 1991 and

Father Ned Ward, Father Fred Lally, Helen Ryan, Bill Ryan, John McGrath and Willie McCormack (Killaloe) at St. Joseph's mission

her Final Profession during 2000. During her years as a Carmelite Sister, Modesta served at Avila mission, the Motherhouse in Mutare, the Justice and Peace Office in Mutare, St. Therese mission, Chiduku, Mount Melleray and St. Peter's mission, Checheche. Sister Modesta who was a quiet woman had been unwell for some years and was called to the Lord on April 29th at Murambi Hospital in Mutare.

Father Tony Cahir

It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Father Tony Cahir from the diocese of Killaloe in Ireland on July 9th. Father Tony served in the diocese of Mutare from 1983 – 1990. May the Lord reward Tony for his many years of faithful service in Ireland and in Zimbabwe.

Father Tony Cahir

Sister Christine Anotidaishe Musendo

It was with profound sadness that we heard of the sudden death of Sister Christine Anotidaishe Musendo, HLMC, on August 17th. Sister Christine was born on June 6th 1979 at Avila mission, Nyanga. Christine was the second born of six children and made her First Profession as a Carmelite Sister during 2002 and her Final Profession on January 6th 2015. Sister died quite suddenly after surgery in Mutare on August 17th. Her passing was a great shock to all her family and to all the Sisters. Sister Christine worked at Rusape, Harare, Chimanimani, St. Barbara's mission and St. Michael's mission before attending Musiso Mission School of Nursing where she obtained a Diploma as a Registered General Nurse during 2012. Christine continued her nursing at Nyanga General Hospital (2013) and at Mount Melleray mission Hospital (2014) until she became unwell during August 2015. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated for Christine Musendo at the Motherhouse Mutare on August 20th and burial took place at Triashill Cemetery that afternoon.

Father Fergus O'Loan

Father Fergus O'Loan, O.Carm died on September 6th in Dublin. Father Fergus ministered for many years in Zimbabwe, in particular at St. Benedict's mission. He was buried in the O'Loan family grave in Carrick on Shannon, Ireland on September 8th. Mass was celebrated at Kriste Mambo on October 18th for Father Fergus and for Father James Des Lauriers who also died around the same time. Father Des Lauriers ministered for many years at St. Patrick's Mission and died early September in Australia. *(To read the homily delivered by Father John McGrath at the funeral Mass for Father*

Noel Fergus O'Loan at Carrick on Shannon, Ireland on September 8th 2015 see Appendix 1a)

Father Brian Pio Kiernan

After a long illness, Father Brian Pio Kiernan died peacefully at Gort Muire, Dublin, on the morning of November 29th. Father Pio ministered in Zimbabwe from 1960 – 2006, mostly at St. Joseph's mission Mutare and at St. Alois Chitungwiza. Father Pio was a very popular priest and was well liked by everybody.

Masses were said for Father Kiernan at St. Alois, Chitungwiza, and at St. Joseph's mission, Sakubva, on December 17th and 21st respectively. Father Constantine Masarira was the main celebrant at St. Alois with Father Jerry Galvin as homilist. Bishop Muchabaiwa was the main celebrant at St. Joseph's with Father John McGrath as homilist. Both celebrations were very well attended by the laity, clergy and religious. *(To read the homily which was delivered by J. McGrath at St. Joseph's Mission on December 21st see Appendix 1b)*

Brother Kennedy Mwangi, O.Carm.

It was with profound sadness and shock that he heard of the tragic death of Brother Kennedy from Bustani ya Karmeli, Nkoroi, Nairobi, Kenya. Kennedy was shot dead by robbers at his family home on December 27th. He had gone to his family home for his Christmas holidays and was shot dead in the presence of his family at their home during the robbery. Wiseman Musemwa and Theophilll Makuni went to Nairobi for the funeral of Brother Kennedy. Kennedy was at Kriste Mambo during the Novitiate of 2012 – 2013.

Brother Kennedy Mwangi

2016

Tatenda Masenga

Tatenda, a former novice at Kriste Mambo, died tragically on February 19th at Marondera Provincial Hospital. Tatenda's funeral took place at his home outside Marondera on Sunday February 21st. Brothers from Rusape, Harare and Mutare concelebrated his funeral Mass while some Sisters from Mutare, Marondera, people from the local area, and many parishioners from his former parish in Harare were also in attendance.

Father Benjamin Edema, CSSp

It was with great sadness and shock that we heard of the sudden death at the age of 41 of Father Benjamin Edema, CSSp, on May 18th 2016. Father Benjamin was laid to rest at the Holy Ghost Postulate, Marange, on May 24th.

Father Jacques Louis Bouthillette, O.Carm.

It was with sadness that we heard of the death, after a short illness, of Father Jacques Louis Bouthillette, O.Carm., in Dublin, Ireland on June 2nd. Jacques Bouthillette, from Canada, was one of twelve children and the family were of farming background. He began his secondary education with the Marist Brothers in Canada during 1945 and subsequently joined the Marist Brothers. Louis made his First Profession as a Marist Brother in 1951. In 1963, Brother Louis went to Zambia and some years later came to Zimbabwe. He was engaged in education at Marist schools, both in Zambia and Zimbabwe from 1963 to 1985. Priesthood was always on Louis' mind, and he often discussed the possibility of priesthood with the late Father Tom Power, O.Carm. On the death of Father Tom, Louis started to show a real desire for the priesthood. Eventually, Louis went to the Marist Generalate in Rome and then to the Carmelites in Dublin, Ireland. He was ordained priest on April 15th 1989 at Kriste Mambo. After ordination, he spent a few months at Saint Joseph's mission, Mutare, before visiting Canada to spend some time with his family and the Marist family. On his return from Canada during 1990, he was assigned to Kriste Mambo and remained there for fifteen years. While at Kriste Mambo, Louis was engaged in the administration and management of the school, together with the Headmaster and Staff members. They improved the water storage, constructing a bigger dam. They introduced Forms 5 and 6. They constructed laboratories, buildings for Forms 5 and 6, dormitories, and teachers' houses. They also put a new roof on the school hall, improved the workshop and purchased a new school bus.

The ordination of Father Jacques Louis Bouthillette

At community level, Father Louis was engaged in the formation of the brothers, pastoral ministry at Kriste Mambo and outstations. He was responsible for the building of two churches at Nyarakowa and Bingaguru. During 2005, Father was assigned to our student house, Mount Carmel, Harare, where he was engaged in formation and other house activities. During 2014, Father Louis was assigned to our new community at Nyazura.

Early in 2015, Father Louis went to Ireland for a hip replacement which was successful. However early in 2016, we were informed that Father Louis was having further health difficulties and in more recent weeks, that he was failing in health. Father Louis died on June 2nd and was laid to rest in the Carmelite burial ground, Dublin on June 8th. May the Lord reward Louis for his faithful life as a Religious and may his soul rest in peace. A Mass was also said for Father Louis at Kriste Mambo on June 7th. The Bishop of Mutare, Rt Rev Alexio Muchabaiwa, was the main celebrant at the Mass and was joined by many clergy, religious, laity, Kriste Mambo School staff and pupils. Father Vitalis Benza, Commissary Provincial, in his Newsletter of June 8th included: *"I would like to thank you all for your support during this time and your presence at the Mass for Father Louis at Kriste Mambo on Tuesday June 7th 2016. It was a very good witness indeed and in particular our thanks goes to Father John McGrath, O.Carm. and to Brother James Langlois, Marist, for their inspiring words on the life and work of Father Jacques Louis Bouthillette, O.Carm. We also thank the Kriste Mambo community, the students and staff members for their organisation on the day"*.

Father Jacques Louis Bouthillette with children

Epilogue

This year, 2016, we celebrate seventy years of Carmelite presence in Zimbabwe. The aim of this collection is to record and pay tribute to the many Carmelite Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the many Faithful People associated with the Order who have served the People of God in Zimbabwe for the last seventy years.

I have also sought to pay tribute to the wonderful work of so many people over the last 120 years, 1896-2016: the Mariannhill Missionaries, the Jesuit Missionaries, and the many Congregations of Missionary Sisters should all be remembered and appreciated.

The mission goes on, of course, so we give thanks too for all those who continue the work of the Lord in our country. Indeed, the episcopal ordination of our brother, Paul Horan, in recent weeks is a great blessing for the Diocese of Mutare and for the Carmelites in Zimbabwe, Ireland and in other Countries.

As we remember our past, recalling all our Sisters and Brothers, living and deceased, who have served in our country, we know that, with such a firm foundation, we can look to the future with hope. On behalf of our Commissary Provincial, Father Vitalis Benza, and myself, we wish you all God`s peace and love.

John McGrath, O.Carm.

The Carmelite Priory, Mutare

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Appendix 1
Homilies and Memorials

Appendix 1a Father Noel Fergus O'Loan

(Homily given by Father John McGrath at the Funeral Mass of Noel Fergus O'Loan at Carrick on Shannon, Ireland on September 8th 2015)

Our first reading today, from the book of Micah, Chapter 6, Verse 8, *"You have already been told what is right and what Yahweh wants of you. Only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and walk humbly with your God"*, words of Scripture which were close to the heart of Noel Fergus O'Loan. That we act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God, the higher values of life, what matters most in life, all very close to the heart of Fergus O'Loan.

Our main Celebrant today, Father Richard Byrne, our Provincial has asked me to recall some of Father O'Loan's years of ministry in Zimbabwe from 1960 to 1984. Fergus received various assignments during his early years there, at St. Barbara's mission and St. Therese mission in the diocese of Mutare. He ministered for many years at St. Benedict's mission, again in the Diocese of Mutare. St. Benedict's mission, founded by the Jesuit Missionaries during 1912 celebrated their Centenary during October 2012. St. Benedict's personnel catered for a great number of people in a large pastoral area and also provided education for both local and boarding pupils at Secondary level. The mission also provided education for primary school pupils from the local area. Father Fergus was very much involved in the development of the Secondary School on the mission while Father B. McGivern and A. Bowe shared in the pastoral care of the mission area, of course they also shared in the development and the various ministries of the mission. During that time in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, the Churches and the missionaries provided secondary education to African children, the State provided very little or no educational institutions for the African boy or girl. Fergus was very meticulous in his planning of the class rooms, boarding facilities, teacher's houses, staff rooms, offices and all the buildings required for secondary education at that level.

Father Noel Fergus O'Loan was the Carmelite Regional Superior, now the Commissary Provincial, from 1976 to 1982. It was a most difficult time as the struggle for independence in Rhodesia/Zimbabwe was intensified. During the years of war, from about 1973 to 1979, our Carmelite personnel together with all missionaries in the country were caught up in a most difficult situation. Fergus, as Commissary Provincial, was very much involved in the safety and security of our personnel which numbered about 40 at that time. Again, Fergus during the post war years was involved in the restoration of missions, in particular St. Benedict's which was vandalized during the years of war. After his term as Commissary Provincial, he was assigned to Kriste Mambo Secondary School where he ministered until his return to Ireland during 1984.

Noel Fergus O'Loan was a character! His stories were somewhat exaggerated to say the least! It was hard to know what to believe or what not to believe! At the back of it all though, he was a true gentleman, very polite, seldom spoke badly of anyone. Perhaps he had in mind *"That there is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad*

in the best of us, that it ill-behooves any of us to speak about the rest of us". He seldom spoke badly of anyone. Fergus was a Carmelite, a priest who used his talents generously for many years, may he be rewarded for his generosity, may his soul rest in peace.

Appendix 1b Father Brian Pio Kiernan

(Homily which was delivered by Father John McGrath at a memorial service for Father Brian Pio Kiernan at St. Joseph's mission on December 21st)

Father Brian Pio Kiernan was born on September 24th 1930 in Ireland. He joined the Carmelites in 1950 and was ordained priest in 1959. He came to Zimbabwe in 1960 and spent the next 46 years in ministry in the diocese of Mutare and in the Harare Archdiocese. Father Pio was stationed at St. Kilian's mission, Makoni, St. Michael's mission, Tanda, Kriste Mambo and at Regina Coeli mission, Nyamaropa, for short periods during his early years in Zimbabwe. His main work in the diocese of Mutare was at St. Joseph's mission, Sakubva, and its outstations, from around 1963 to 1983 and at St. Alois parish in the Archdiocese of Harare from 1983 to 2006 when he returned to Ireland because of failing health.

This evening we pray for and remember Father Pio and his great capacity for pastoral ministry. We celebrate his great gift of ministry at St. Joseph's and outstations, present day St. Paul's parish, Dangamvura, and its outstations, and Zimunya Parish and all its outstations. St. Joseph's pastoral area was very big in those days. Father Collier, Father Pio and other priests shared in the ministry at St. Joseph's for many years. Father Pio also worked very well with Father Collier, the Sisters at St. Joseph's, the people of St. Joseph's and Bishop Mutume for twenty years. The Sisters from The Netherlands supported Pio very well. I met with Sisters Adelaide, Camilla, Paulus and Bernadette in September when I went to see them in the Netherlands and they all send their greetings and love to you all. They are all ageing now but getting about.

When Father Pio was assigned to St. Alois during 1983, he continued in the very same spirit of pastoral care among the people of St. Mary's, Chitungwiza. The present day church building at St. Alois was constructed by the late Archbishop of Harare, Archbishop Chakaipa, with the assistance of Father Pio who was the parish priest at that time. When we remember Father Pio and his generous pastoral care in Mutare and in Chitungwiza, we remember especially: all the Masses he celebrated for the people in the various centres, the visits he made to the sick and elderly in their homes, his hospital visits in the city of Mutare and to Chitungwiza hospital, and his visits to the Mutare Prison. He was a very popular confessor, for the people, clergy, Brothers and Sisters.

He also set up and financially supported a band, Mr Jairus Mumbure was his right hand man and worked together for many years. He himself did not sing! He was not much of a singer! His party piece was *In Dublin's Fair City where the girls are so pretty*.

Father Pio was a kind man, very often funny and entertaining who loved people and nature. He was a devoted priest, Carmelite and a friend to many. He was also very devoted to his parents, brothers and sisters. He was confined to the bed and to a wheelchair for the last seven years. It was a most difficult time for him and it got more difficult as the years passed. He was very patient in his condition. Pio was looked after very well by the Carmelite community, the nursing staff and his family at Gort Muire in Dublin. He died peacefully on Sunday morning, November 29th 2015. He has two surviving brothers and three surviving sisters, all living in Ireland. Father Pio was buried on December 1st in the family

grave in Ireland, together with his parents and other family members. May his kind soul rest in peace and may he be rewarded for his very generous life of service in the Archdiocese of Harare and in the Diocese of Mutare.

Appendix 1c Ambrose Charles Urayayi Majongwe and Father Sean Fallon

Ambrose Mujongwe: True believer, service to his Church and family man.

Ambrose Majongwe became very active in the Church he loved, and he was a true leader, especially in prayer. He taught catechism to many people, worked closely with priests and religious in the diocese and was instrumental in the formation of the Catholic Association there. Mr Majongwe was a brave man of strong faith. He gave talks on prayer at many gatherings and congresses in the diocese. He gave a lot of his time to the work of the Church and never regretted doing so. People will remember Ambrose Majongwe as a person who served his Church, his people, loved his family and was a man of strong faith. May the soul of Ambrose, the soul of his wife Monica, and the souls of all the family who have died rest in the peace of the Lord.

The following short accounts of the lives of Father Fallon and Mr Majongwe were compiled by Mrs Maria Inviolata Nyangani, Fern Valley, Mutare on May 27th 2014. Mr and Mrs Nyangani were teachers at St. Patrick's mission during Father Fallon's years at Nyanyadzi. The couple fostered Maria Inviolata when Maria was three years of age and took her into their home where they loved, cherished and cared for her for many years.

Ambrose Charles Urayayi Majongwe. 1912 – 1979.

"The life and death of each of us has its influence on others, if we live we live for the Lord and if we die, we die for the Lord so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord".

– Rom 14:7

Ambrose Majongwe was a father of 11 children. He fostered another child, Maria Inviolata, the child of his cousin sister whom he and his wife Monica took into their home to love, cherish and educate at the age of 3 years. Ambrose was the son of Paul Mapfudza Majongwe, one of the first Christians at Triashill mission. On his death bed, Paul gave his son Ambrose nothing but a small wooden cross saying *"I have not much to give you but this small cross which he took from under his pillow, take it with you wherever you go, ask for whatever you want through this cross. Take care of your brothers and sisters"*. He then died before Ambrose could ask any questions.

Responsibilities and Leadership: Ambrose did everything he was asked to do including generously educating his brothers and sisters and helping them to marry. He became a great leader by inheritance. He formed quite a number of organisations both inside and outside the Church, eg. the CA. He led the congregation in church, in prayer, singing hymns with his strong and deep voice. On many occasions, he was the spokesman at community gatherings and congresses. I remember one such meeting, a certain speaker had given a talk on the strength of prayer and prayerful living. This man encouraged people to pray and not to live like animals which just eat and sleep. One man asked during question time 'Iye munhu anogonzi imombe sei? This made people laugh but Ambrose did not. He saw that the man needed help and so he explained and the man was satisfied.

Politics: As a member of Parliament, Ambrose fought for the cause of his people. Many times he was suspended for speaking the truth. One day he was suspended when

they were debating the Land Tenure Act and on his way back home, two CIO young men, who had been sent ahead of him, shot him in the heart and then drove away presuming him dead. However, the bullet hit the little wooden cross in the jacket pocket and went out through the windscreen. His father's cross saved him. He brought the little wooden cross with him wherever he went, if they were to start a mission station, he would bring the cross with him, place the cross, pray and talk to the people concerned. One of the missions he helped found was St. Michael's, Mhondoro.

Support: He shared his strengths and weaknesses with the priests. He had nothing to hide, many priests accepted, loved and respected him. Ambrose loved, cared for and respected the religious. One day, I complained to him about a certain Sister who had left the convent and a certain priest who in my opinion was misbehaving. He was silent for a while and later said *"priests, Sisters, Bishops and even the Pope are human, but they are very special people because they have given everything up for God which is very difficult. We should not condemn them but pray for them"*. I felt ashamed and from that day I look at the priests and religious in a different way.

Farming and self-reliance: He enjoyed working in the vegetable garden himself and he planted lots of tomatoes, cabbage and potatoes. He supplied the local priests, the Sisters and others with potatoes. He also supplied the Teachers' Training School with cabbage, all at his own expense. Whenever the priest came to our station for Mass he made sure that the priest ate enough and took something away with him for the community and the Sisters. According to Maria Nyangani, his wife, Monica, was a great cook. Life was not smooth sailing for Ambrose and Monica. The first cross to hit the family was when his brothers died and left children. Ambrose and Monica looked after the children and never complained. Monica liked the little ones very much and never showed any difference between her own children and the children they fostered. Every child in the household had enough to eat and attended school.

The war years: Ambrose and Monica had a good relationship with the priests and religious, this of course did not please some, but Mr and Mrs Majongwe did not let this bother them. During the war, some people attacked Monica at her home and broke everything in the house, took whatever they wanted and ran away. It was suspected that the Selous Scouts were involved with local connivance. Monica died in Harare Hospital on December 13th 1977. She was 65 years old at the time of her death. She died in her sleep, perhaps not due to heart failure but due to the violent attack at her home as just mentioned. It was possibly Ambrose that the attackers were after, but he was not at home at the time, so it was Monica and her two sons who suffered from the attack. When the Christians in Harare heard of Monica's death, they flocked to Stella's home, to pray and sing and to comfort Ambrose. Stella was the second born in the family. Mass and the prayers for the dead were said by Father Chikore. At the Mass, Ambrose said, *"Father, Sisters and dear fellow Christians, I cannot thank you enough for what you have done for dear Monica. I should have died myself instead of Monica. I wish I could die too for I shall never be happy again because my happiness has died. I thank God for helping me to bury Monica properly. I know I have not long to live. I will soon follow Monica and be buried by her side at our home and I am not afraid. When I die, don't bother about all the frills of burial, I will only ask for your prayers and I ask for them now. My God, I will find it very difficult to face life ahead of me from this day onwards, Monica help me and may Monica and all our dead rest in peace. Amen"*.

Following the death of his wife, Ambrose knew that

his life was in danger. However, he did not take any precautions to protect himself. He was very restless, especially during the last weeks of his life, when tensions grew because of the conflict. On the previous Monday, he expressed the wish to see Father Fallon in Nyanyadzi but he did not go because he was worried about those who would stay behind. Instead, he read the story of Job from the Bible and explained it to some of the grandchildren. On Tuesday, all of the 40 head of cattle were stolen. Ambrose kept saying *'this is the end'*. He was very sad and spoke of death and his family.

On the Friday, he went to Rusape to report the theft of his cattle to the police, who promised to investigate but they never took any action.

His last day: On Saturday, he was particularly restless. He announced that he was going to Dewedzo to see a certain chief about the theft of the cattle. Later we found out that this chief's son was the leader of the group of robbers responsible for the theft of the cattle. Mrs Nyangani discouraged Ambrose from going because of the dangers involved but his reply was *"I am not afraid to die because I have not wronged anybody"*. He also said that he *"wished that he were younger and they would not touch me while I had the use of my bare hands"*. He spoke as if he saw people fighting him. He dressed himself in his best and went to the bus stop to travel to the chief's place. We sent two grandsons with him but at the bus stop he persuaded them to return home and he left alone.

When he got to the chief's home, he made his troubles known and when he had finished the chief left him in the house of a second wife. The woman said to Mr Majongwe, *"you are in danger, these people are responsible for everything, you have been trapped, they want to kill you so please go, I don't want blood in my house. I know you very well and like you for your kindness and love for other people but please go"*. Ambrose left but a 'mujibha', a girl had been sent to watch what was going on. She said, *"we hear that you are looking for your cattle"*, Ambrose told her he was. She said *"Come, I will show you"*. *"Thank you child"* replied Mr Majongwe. He followed the girl and was led into the company of the gang of robbers but to his surprise and annoyance he found his cattle but unfortunately two had been killed. Mr Majongwe asked *"why have you done this to me, what have I done to your people"*. Again, the Selous Scouts and local connivance seemingly were involved in the theft, neighbours of Ambrose, whom he trusted and never suspected of anything like this, were involved.

His brutal murder: The gang then tied Ambrose's hands and feet and started to beat him with sticks. They also mocked him, made fun of him regarding his loyalty to the priests, his belief in God, Mass and his prayer. Ambrose always carried his rosary with him and, of course, his little wooden cross. Believing that his end was near, he said to those present *"when you kill me, put me where my family can find me, I know that they are worried even now and don't you dare do anything more to my family because you have done enough already"*. Ambrose was still alive after the beating when the chief's son appeared, Ambrose said to him, *"have you anything to do with this?"*, the chief's son was frightened because he was one of the leaders of the gang. He took Ambrose's small axe and hit him behind the ear. Ambrose died as a result of this attack. It was Saturday April 29th 1979, just a few months after the death of his wife Monica.

The gang placed his body in a cave with his rosary in his hands. His body remained in the cave until August 1980. As the war raged on, it was impossible to locate his remains. Around August 1980, the comrades started to investigate, the gang removed the remains which had dried up by this time, and buried them in a shallow grave. To disguise the burial place, they placed stones and leaves on top of the grave.

The family searched for the remains: During October 1980 the family searched for three days and found Ambrose's remains with the aid of another man who was searching for his own father. The family recognised and identified some of Ambrose's clothes at the scene, they all gathered around the grave praying and weeping, they then removed the stones and leaves and took the remains of Ambrose out of the shallow grave. The skull was fractured, nothing much of his body remained but his clothes were still intact. The family wrapped the remains in a blanket, burnt the grave in case they had missed anything and brought the remains back home.

The burial: A party of three people went that same night to Rusape to tell Agnes, Ambrose's sister, and Father Collier, who phoned Bishop Lamont. Bishop Lamont sent Bishop Mutume the following day and the burial of Ambrose took place. After Mass, with no frills as Ambrose's wish was recalled, just Mass and prayers, the Bishop said *"I have come here to bury the remains of our friend and relative Ambrose, according to Christian ways. Mr Majongwe was a real Christian and follower of God and his Church. He was a loving father and husband. He helped all those who came to him who were in need. He was blessed with the great gift of leadership; this gift came from his own father. Ambrose loved his family, his people and his country and he never forgot that he was a son of Africa. May the soul of Ambrose and his dear wife Monica rest in peace."*

Father Sean Fallon, O.Carm.

Mr and Mrs Nyangani were teachers at St. Patrick's mission during Father Fallon's years at Nyanyadzi.

Father Sean Fallon died on November 9th 1981, due to a fatal road traffic accident on the Mutare - Masvingo highway. Father Fallon was 46 years old at the time of his death. May his gentle soul rest in peace. *"If a man serves me, he must follow me wherever I am. My servant will be there too"* Jn. 12:26. This is what happened in the life of this son of God, Father Fallon, whom we still talk about after 33 years of leaving this world for the next. He came from Rusape to live at St. Patrick's mission, Nyanyadzi, in 1973. He stayed with Father Thomas Fives, O.Carm., at St. Patrick's. Father Fives is now back in Ireland after suffering from a number of strokes some years ago while living at St. Agnes, Zengeza, Chitungwiza. Father Sean Fallon was a teacher, principal and priest-in-charge at St. Patrick's. Usually when we are given such responsibilities we become short tempered, sometimes frustrated, because one has to work with different and difficult people at different times. Father Fallon was very organised, he employed a secretary, had an intercom system from his office to the school offices, both Primary and Secondary and to the Sister's convent. Messages could be sent and received because of this communication system. This was his way of showing that he cared for people and wanted to show his care as he communicated with others on the mission. He allowed his cook and secretary to eat in his kitchen, everybody was welcome to his house. He was friendly but firm with school children and this made him much loved by everybody. If boys misbehaved, he would talk to them separately like a father and if girls did the same he would do likewise and then to show them that he loved them he would take them in his vehicle to the Post Office when he was going to collect his mail and let them buy goodies from the market place or stores. He would take different groups, boys and girls, from time to time to the market places and stores. He was indeed a man of the people, a man of justice and peace. If he was annoyed, he would leave whatever or whoever and go to cool down and then come back and discuss the whole matter again! He used to say that it was 'imbitombi' today with so and so but, in the end, he would be reconciled with whoever

and invited that person to his house for a drink or bring a drink to them! He was respected for his manner of dealing with situations and for his sense of humanity.

Togetherness: Father Fallon preached by example. His wish was that all teachers, both primary and secondary teachers, would work together as brothers and sisters. He used to organize 'get together parties' at the beginning and end of each term. This became a regular occasion, he would invite the workers, Sisters, teachers and their family members to these gatherings. He catered for everybody. The people then realized how good it was to sing, dance and share together as a family, that they organized themselves and contributed certain amounts of money towards the parties.

Cleanliness: Father Fallon disliked untidiness of any kind, in the school books he marked, in his personal dress, preparation of food, in the mission office, school offices and the mission surroundings. Whenever he walked around the mission, he would pick up papers and rubbish and put such in the bin and then continue on his journey. This example encouraged everybody to pick up papers and rubbish; teachers, school children, workers and the sisters followed his example.

Preaching: He rarely preached, he used to say the best way to preach is by example because *"people do not listen to what you say but look at what you do"*. Whenever he did preach, he would prepare well. Mrs Nyangani remembers one particular sermon when he spoke about God's love, referring to Jn. 14:21, that of a father who prepared delicious food for his family with one rule, that the family members use very long spoons and not their hands! The children came and sat around the table and they were told to eat. The ones who did not have God's love struggled to use the spoons and were asked to leave the table. The ones with God's love found the solution of using the spoons, sharing and caring, they helped each other, and served each other with the spoons. Mai Nyangani and all who listened to this sermon, to the present day, have never forgotten the message!

Interreligious dialogue In the Nyanyadzi area, there were over twenty different religious Sects during those years. The groups used to meet at the Christian Care Centre, sometimes Father Fallon or the Catechist used to attend the meetings. Again, the people respected Father for this gesture. He allowed right of entry to the primary School and the Methodist minister was given permission to meet his young Christians at the mission. He also allowed the Anglican Bishop, Bishop Murindagomo, to use the church building for his services whenever he came to Nyanyadzi. All the above examples enabled Father Fallon to become a friend to all, he shared his teaching with all the different Sect Leaders in the area. When the news of his tragic death reached Nyanyadzi, all the Sects sent representatives to the mission with 'chema', they all wanted to help in any way they could and prayed for and preached about this son of God. For many years after Father's death, many people in the area still talked about Father Fallon.

Children: Children loved him. He would give himself enough time to chat with them and he even would bend down to their size to hear what they had to say. One day when he was passing near the Teacher's Houses, all the children came running to greet him, there was great shaking of hands! Where are you coming from? Where are you going to? We would love to play ball-games, do you have any footballs? do you have any dolls in your office? what do you have in our office? When Father said that he had neither in his office, their little faces fell sad, Father even became sad himself to the extent that he gave the little children school tennis balls, with instructions that they were to look after the balls and never loose any of them. The children did, of course, look after the balls,

and if anyone lost his or her ball there was great sorrow in the household.

Entertainments: Father Fallon admired God's Creation so much that he would take the whole school, teachers and pupils on picnics and nature lessons. He organized games during these tours. He used to hire films for the school teachers and pupils, he would first view the film with the staff members, to see if the film was suitable! He would then explain the 'story' of the film to the children. As the film was shown outside, special colourful lights were put in place between the primary school buildings. In the same area, weekend dancing sessions took place and he operated the record player with the assistance of School Prefects. The teachers on duty would supervise the 'proceedings', the children would dance freely, yet he would keep an eye on the 'proceedings' also. Quizzes were also very popular during those days, they would keep the children occupied and busy and would keep them out of mischief.

The White Community in the Nyanyadzi area: Father Fallon was also very popular with the white community in the area to the extent that many often asked him to marry them in Church or to give them marriage instruction. Some requested a 'private marriage ceremony'. Once when the couple came for their 'private ceremony', the church was full of people who sang and danced to the delight and surprise of the couple. The people did this out of love and respect for Father Fallon. 'Less fortunate white people' also came to the mission where they received hospitality, were give food and support. During the liberation war, a certain man came to the mission pretending to be in need, torn clothes with nowhere to live, he also had a tin box, something like a box for tools. Father received him as usual, not knowing that he was an informer for the Rhodesian Government. The civil authority of the time suspected Father Fallon of supporting the 'Vakomana'. The people nicknamed this informer 'Bandure'. Bandure started to help Father Fallon here and there much to his surprise. Bandure was very strong and intelligent even though he was 'in need'. He even tried to accompany Father to the outstations in the hope of catching him out, fortunately, nothing ever happened. After some time, Bandure began to feel 'homesick' and talked about leaving the Mission. Father Fallon continued to accept him even though the Superiors in Mutare were not happy with him having a stranger living in the house. Shortly afterwards, Bandure confessed the real intention of his presence at the mission, his intention, his mission, was to kill local people, Father Fallon included. Inside the tin box was a gun with which he intended to shoot Father and other people. During his time at St. Patrick's, Bandure had experienced this man of God, this man who had supported him, shown him love and respect and this made him to look at himself in another light, Bandure then left the Mission

The Mission was then closed by the freedom fighters during January 1978. Father Fallon and the Sisters remained. The situation became very dangerous and the safety of the Sisters and the priest began to cause great concern. The Bishop's House was informed of the danger and Father Fallonwas taken to Mutare.

Father Fallon returned to the mission after the end of the war for a short time. He was transferred to St. Charles Lwanga Minor Seminary as a member of the teaching staff. He was happy to be with the Seminarians and in his teaching post again. On November 9th, in the afternoon, while returning to St. Charles, with a television for the seminarians, he was involved in a tragic accident and died as a result of his injuries on the side of the road. May his generous and gentle soul rest in the peace of the Lord. Father was and still is sorely missed. People still talk about the many things he did for his brothers and

sisters. His life was a great example to all who knew him. **Life and Love:** Life is eternal and Love is immortal. Death is only a horizon, such a horizon is nothing, never the limit of our sight. Lift us up shining Light, Son of God, that we may see further.

Appendix 1d Fathers Edward Matara and Father Francis Cyprian Kennedy

The following are short accounts of the lives of Fathers Edward Matara and Francis Cyprian Kennedy, our brother priests who served in the diocese of Mutare. We would also wish to remember Fathers Kilian Samakande and Alois Nyanhete from St. Barbara's mission, Father Matsike from St. Benedict's mission and Father Peter Claver Marimanzi from Zimunya.

Father Edward Matara

Father Edward Matara, Diocese of Umtali, was ordained priest by Bishop Donal Lamont at St. Joseph's mission, Sakubva, during 1965. A great number of people attended the ordination from all over the diocese, they came to witness the Church taking root in the diocese. Father Edward was the first priest to be ordained for the Diocese of Umtali (Mutare). Edward was born in Chiremba about fifteen miles from Old Umtali (Mutare) mission. He was born into a Methodist family and was baptised a Methodist. He attended school at Old Umtali mission. He worked for some time and around 1954, while working at Headlands, he attended Mass which was said by Father Cormac Kennedy, the homily that day was on vocations. Shortly afterwards, Edward took instruction, was received into the Catholic Church, later went to Kutama Secondary School and eventually to Chishawasha Major Seminary where he completed his studies for ordination. Father Matara ministered for about ten years in the diocese. Unfortunately he became unwell as he was suffering from leukaemia and died at St. Joseph's mission Hospital during 1976. Father was buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery, beside the mission where he was ordained just eleven years previously. May his soul rest in peace.

Father Francis Cyprian Kennedy, O.Carm.

Father Francis Cyprian Kennedy, whom many will still remember was born in Salisbury, (Harare), attended Secondary School in Salisbury and was ordained priest in Salisbury during 1957. He did his novitiate and priestly studies in Ireland. He ministered in Zimbabwe from 1958 to 1996. Father Kennedy was a most zealous priest who ministered in many Parishes and Missions, assisted many a soul. He was famous for his humorous stories! His first appointment was to St. Therese mission, Chiduku. Father Cyprian died at the home of Kevin and Kay Hogan in Nyanga on June 13th 1996. May his soul rest in peace.

Appendix 1e Bishop Donal Lamont

Homily for Bishop Donal Lamont [1]

Given at the Reception of the Remains in Terenure College on August 17th 2003, by James Murray, O.Carm.

Bishop Donal is in very familiar surroundings here. An Antrim man and proud of it, he came here as a boy to complete his secondary education. After ordination in 1937 he taught at the College until 1946 when he went to the missions, in what was then Southern Rhodesia. He was consecrated the first Bishop of the Diocese of Umtali in 1957. As bishop he presided over great developments

in the Catholic life of the Diocese. He knew his people and understood their need for education and integration. He encouraged African vocations and in 1959 founded a congregation of African sisters, the Handmaids of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

My earliest and most abiding impression of him was when he called into our class at school. It was prior to his ordination as bishop, and as he spoke to us I could see a face that was full of determination combined with an infectious enthusiasm. Tonight we thank God for someone who was passionately concerned about the Church's mission to preach a credible Gospel. Each day on our missions, life begins with the recitation of the Divine Office followed by the Eucharist. That gave him, and those who worked with him, the strength which made it possible to exercise fearless opposition to the injustice which they saw all around. They were thus expressing the very essence of the Christian message.

Concern for the Church's mission to preach a Gospel for all the people dominated his thinking and actions. He found no difficulty in accepting that the Church had a role as watchdog, that it should concern itself with the fortunes of its people. He saw his commitment to social justice as part of the message of the Church and he thus became very vocal in his opposition to racism and continued oppressive legislation, such as the Land Tenure Act, against the Rhodesian Native African. In his pastoral, *Purchased People*, a classic on racial injustice, issued in 1959, he took a prophetic and courageous stance on the issue of civil rights. It was a plea for justice and peace. His desire for peace was motivated by his indignation at the injustice of the system.

The road that the prophet takes is a lonely one and prophetic messages are, by definition, unwelcome, especially when they challenge the status quo. Prophets, like Bishop Donal, tend to cause trouble to themselves and those to whom their message is addressed. But, as he himself said, the Christian Gospel compelled him to speak out.

Engaging and articulate, from now on he was to become the single most influential voice for justice and freedom in that part of the world. He would speak for God and humanity as and when he thought it appropriate.

Courageous, scholarly, erudite, outspoken, challenging and with prodigious energy and commitment he continued to represent the un-represented in a series of pastoral letters which sought to redress the situation before it was too late. It was becoming a struggle about property rather than principles. As he saw it, morally, no race is entitled to regard another as inferior. No minority has a right to impose its rule on the majority. One side may not decide the criteria by which another is judged and use the conclusion to deprive them of its natural rights. He saw how racial discrimination was bringing about massive discontent and he warned the government that ignoring the problem would lead to violence and that communism would become an attractive alternative. He now began to use the international forum to highlight the injustices of the social system then in existence.

An impressive and sure-footed preacher, he seldom used notes. He could be stridently intolerant of all opposition and his open letter to the Rhodesian Government in 1976 was characterised by candour and compassion. A revolutionary document, it inspired the displeasure of the powers that be. It had far reaching affects and it triggered the government's prosecution of him.

Those who wished to discredit him accused him of being a communist. He reminded the government that the Church didn't condone violence any more than it could ignore its causes. He defended the Church's right to give help to anyone who asked for it. He was now taking a serious risk which he seemed to relish as he defended

the morality of his actions. At his trial, at which he was charged of 'exciting disaffection against the government and constitution of Rhodesia', he declared that in over thirty years he never preached anything but peace. Then he continued, *"I am glad to be here today to bear witness of the practical concern of the Church that God's will, manifested in social justice, be done in Rhodesia"*.

At the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council in 1965 he said, 'No land is so primitive as to be unfit for the Gospel, nor is any so uncivilised as not to need it'.

During all this time the affect of his personal charisma and his own faith was incalculable. His Episcopal motto was Ut Placeam Deo, 'That I may please God'. I'm sure he did! I think it very appropriate to extend a special welcome to those of you who are here from the missions for you are the ones who continue to give enduring life to his vision.

On his retirement he gave retreats and assisted a number of Dioceses by administering the Sacrament of Confirmation in many parishes each year. On such occasions he would inspire all who heard him with his deep commitment to the Gospel and the Church. He had a way with words, and could become quite theatrical, as he captivated his audience with his reflection on the Gospel story.

A man of passionate inclinations, he was always the bishop who so often with reason and rage tried to keep all of us Carmelites in toe! On a social occasion his vitality and charm would bubble to the surface. His love and knowledge of literature would become obvious as he downloaded poetry or large sections of Shakespeare from his great memory. Poetry can be a way of distilling the essence of life and he knew how and when to use it.

A week before he died he quoted to me that piece from the play, Macbeth, where he reflected on the brevity of life:

"Out, out, brief candle!
Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player,
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage,
And then is heard no more."

Then he added with a smile: *"Wasn't it a pity that Macbeth didn't have a spark of faith which might offer him some hope after that very poetic and insightful observation"*.

As I already said, he had great devotion to the Eucharist and since his retirement he celebrated Mass each Monday here for the local people. His last public Mass was only eight weeks ago. In his latter years he was always thankful for acts of kindness done to him and so it is appropriate to thank the College staff who cared for him and who care for us. In a special way I would like to thank his friends and doctors, the College matron, and the Sisters and nursing staff of Mount Carmel Hospital.

His leaving reminds us of the leaving of the prophet Simeon:

"Now you can dismiss your servant to go in peace,
According to your word,
For my eyes have seen your Salvation,
Which you have prepared for all the nations,
The light to enlighten the gentiles
And give glory to Israel, your people".

Iothlann Dé go gcastar sinn.
Go rabhaimid le cheile
I gcríoch na beatha buaine.

Homily for Bishop Donal Lamont, O.Carm.
(1911 – 2003) [2]

Given at the Requiem Mass in Terenure College on August 18 2003, by Father C. O'Donnell, O.Carm. The principal celebrant was Cardinal D. Connell.

In every funeral service we come together out of respect

for the dead person. We commend the deceased to God; we give thanks for his life and work; we hope to take away from the ceremony some memory or thought that will help us on our own journey to God. The texts chosen for this funeral Mass reflect three aspects of Bishop Donal Lamont's ministry: the great 'Dry Bones' speech at the Second Vatican Council; his episcopal ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit; his commitment to evangelisation and the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These are just highlights in a life and ministry that cannot be adequately covered today.

Bishop Lamont was born ninety-two years ago in Ballycastle, Co. Antrim. I remember his telling me that he encountered bigotry and religious divisions even as a young boy. The experience would seem to have seared his soul, whilst at the same time strengthening his Northern tenacity and determination. He came south, here to Terenure College, for his secondary education. After school he entered the Carmelite Order, going to the novitiate in Kinsale, Co. Cork in 1929. After profession he studied in University College in Dublin, obtaining an M.A. in English with a thesis on the poetry of Richard Crashaw. He then went to Rome where he obtained a Licence in Theology, with a thesis on the divine and spiritual maternity of the Virgin Mary. He was ordained in 1937.

A major formative influence on him was a superior in Rome, the German Carmelite, Father John of the Cross Brenninger, whose Carmelite vision was rather harshly ascetic. In the 1960s, I think, there was a re-interment of a Carmelite burial place. When Brenninger's coffin was being moved Italian Carmelites told me that they shook it hoping to hear bones rattle; an incorrupt body would have raised far too many questions. Bishop Lamont later would speak very highly about this German and followed him in simplicity of life, such as food, clothing and furnishings. He was always loath to having money spent on him; even in the past three months he was very reluctant to accept a new hearing aid.

Returning to Ireland he taught here at Terenure College taking special interest in dramatics and English. In 1946 with two others, Fathers Anselm Corbett and Luke Flynn, he was missioned to Southern Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe. This mission was to be enormously successful. Bishop Lamont was always careful to point to the earlier evangelisation of Jesuit missioners who were previously there and who made Carmelites welcome. The first two decades were a time of enormous enthusiasm here at home amongst the members the Order, and above all on the part of people associated with our churches. These were exciting times. I remember the great efforts at sales of work at the Mansion House: three days hard work by an army of volunteers raising a huge sum for the time, £2,000. We were told stories about crocodiles and bilharzia; we delighted in an iconic symbol of Father Andy Wright in shirtsleeves with a theodolite. It is by keeping this home enthusiasm in mind that we can appreciate how the work of Father Lamont and the early Carmelite missionaries was so successful. Within seven years he was appointed Mission Superior and the same year Prefect Apostolic. In 1957 he was appointed Bishop of Umtali, now called Mutare, taking as his motto 'Ut placeam Deo'.

In these times new mission stations were constantly being opened; Carmelites were regularly sent to the new diocese. Bishop Lamont invited many sisters to work in his diocese: Dominican and Precious Blood Sisters from Germany, Sisters of Charity from Holland; Marymount Sisters—Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, from the United States; Franciscan Missionaries for Africa and Presentation Sisters from Ireland. Later he would be involved in negotiations that led to Spiritan Fathers,

as well as priests from St. Patrick's Missionary Society (Kiltegan) and diocesan priests from the Killaloe diocese coming to the diocese. In 1959 he founded a diocesan congregation of sisters, the Handmaids of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. He encouraged African vocations taking great delight in ordaining priests for his own diocese.

Within two years of becoming bishop, Donal Lamont wrote his first pastoral letter, *Purchased People*. It would become a classic statement on racial injustice and human rights, translated into more than a dozen languages. It was followed by several letters of denunciation and statements opposing the colonial oppression of native Rhodesians.

In 1962 he attended the Second Vatican Council and spoke at several of its sessions. His most important intervention was a devastating critique of a draft text on the missions. Instead of a full document or decree, it was proposed to have thirteen propositions on the missions. The missionary bishops were disturbed, especially as Pope Paul VI had stated himself as reasonably satisfied with the propositions. In his speech Bishop Lamont spoke with irony and barely controlled anger: the missionary bishops had come hoping for an inspiring text to enkindle missionary zeal; they were instead offered thirteen dry bones (an allusion to Ezekiel 36). They came to Rome looking for Pope John XXIII's Pentecostal fire and were being given a penny candle; the missionary bishops asked for modern weapons to conquer the world for Christ and they were being presented with bows and arrows. Unusually at the Council, the speech was greeted with sustained applause by the bishops. The thirteen propositions were eventually replaced by a fine decree on the mission, *Ad gentes*.

At the Council he was elected by the bishops to the newly formed Secretariat for Christian Unity. He served on this until 1975. As an ecumenist he was doctrinally cautious and watchful, but active and enthusiastic about the crucial ecumenical task of personal relationships. He was friendly with the Methodist Bishop Muzorewa and with the Church of Christ pastor, Garfield Todd who was Rhodesian prime minister until 1965. On his return to Ireland he pursued ecumenical contacts especially in the North of Ireland.

Bishop Lamont attended three synods of bishops. In Rhodesia, as it still was, he became more vocal in his denunciation of racism and of the white minority government of Ian Smith. Civil war broke out in 1972. He was arrested under the Law and Order Maintenance Act and charged with permitting some of the sisters under his jurisdiction to give medical aid to what the Smith government called 'terrorist guerrillas' and the people called 'freedom fighters'. He also advised the sisters not to report such assistance to the authorities. In a much publicised trial he defended the morality of giving medical assistance to people in need and his refusal to countenance informing by his flock. He was sentenced to ten years hard labour, later reduced to deportation and deprivation of his Rhodesian citizenship.

Whereas many white supporters of the Smith regime regarded him as a communist, his stand was warmly appreciated by other native Rhodesians and by people abroad. The Kenyan government issued a stamp in 1979 in recognition of his service to Africa. Honorary doctorates from several American universities followed and he was nominated for the Nobel Prize. It is too early for a definitive judgement, but when the political, social and ecclesiastical histories of Sub-Saharan Africa are written his role will certainly be judged to have been very significant. After the civil war he returned to Zimbabwe for a few years before handing over to a native bishop. His stand on race was to prove very important for the Church in the whole of the country and it was recognised

as a friend by the new government under President Mugabe, who several times publicly acknowledged what the Church and Irish Carmelites had done for his people. On his return home he lectured extensively and like many bishops found great joy in conferring confirmation. It is nice to know that there is at least one perk going with the office of bishop. His years in Africa and his delight in nieces, nephews, and later grandnieces and grandnephews gave him an ease with children, so that children and he could really enjoy the confirmation day. He took immense interest his own family and was immensely proud of their many achievements.

Bishop Lamont was a very cultured man, sometimes too cultured perhaps for us here, especially when he quoted metaphysical poets and Shakespeare when we were having our cornflakes. He had a profound love for the Church was extremely pained to the point of becoming physically ill when reading negative reports on the Church. He was an assiduous reader of The Tablet in which his letters frequently appeared. He read the weekly Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, with great care, sometimes leaving it conspicuously in our College community room with a page opened on an article he thought we should all read. He read constantly. He borrowed books, read them quickly, and unlike many a Carmelite, he returned them promptly.

Even though he and the Carmelite Order in the past may not always have seen things in the same light, he was very proud of his membership of the Order, and the Order was proud of him. It was his wish to be buried, not in episcopal robes, but in his Carmelite habit. He treasured the contemplative dimension of the Order. Particularly dear to him were daily Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours said in community, until weakness and his deafness made this impracticable. He loved the Rosary, frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament and the Stations of the Cross.

It was never easy to convince Bishop Lamont that he was wrong on practical matters, or on theological affecting the role of bishop. Though he was a great enthusiast for Vatican II and its teaching some, however, would find his interpretation of the Council's doctrine on the episcopacy rather maximalist.

He mellowed a good deal in his last years. Enjoying good health for most of his life, he found the weakness of recent months very difficult. After a fortnight of very distressing illness, he reached the perfection that God had planned for him in this life on last Thursday.

How do we sum up his life? We don't – the final judgement must be left to God. In the end all human achievement except love is as straw in God's eyes; we all must come in the end to rely not on what we have done, but solely on God's mercy. Standing at this point in time we can genuinely give thanks for having known and having lived with a great personage, one who was also had real human weakness as well as one hugely endowed with gifts that he used for the service of the Church and Zimbabwe.

Go dtuga Dia suaimhneas dá anam misniúil.

Bishop Lamont [3]

The news of the death of our former Bishop of Mutare, Donal Lamont, made most people recall that for over 30 years he was one of greatest champions of the cause of justice and independence for Africans in Zimbabwe. He also spear-headed the establishment of many new Missions in uncharted areas from Avila in the north to St. Peter's in the south. He was able to do this thanks to the generous response of Irish Carmelite authorities to give him a constant supply of their personnel from Ireland from the forties to the seventies. Carmelites of

St. Elias Province, USA, and of Australia also responded positively to his requests for friars and finance. He also made important contributions to debates at the Vatican Council on the missionary role of the Church.

Born 92 years ago at Ballycastle, Co. Antrim, Ireland, a past pupil of Terenure College, Dublin, he was professed in the Order of Carmelites in 1930 and ordained priest in 1937. In 1946 he was the first superior of the Carmelite Mission in Zimbabwe. In 1977 he was sentenced to ten years in prison for his sympathies with the liberation movement. On appeal he was deported. He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1978 and figured on a postage stamp in Kenya. He returned to his diocese of Mutare in 1980. After retirement in 1982 he resided at Terenure College.

During the Mass on September 2nd for the late Bishop Lamont, the Bishop of Mutare Alexio Muchabaiwa was assisted in his cathedral by Bishop Bhasera of Masvingo and Mgr. Mhembere of Harare. Also present before the large congregation were Bishop Mutume (Vicar General of Chinhoyi), Carmelite, Diocesan, Kiltegan and Spiritan priests; Carmelite Deacons James, Ennocent and Andrew; Carmelite, Presentation, Marymount, Dominican, Franciscan and LCM Sisters.

After Mass, speeches were delivered by Conall Collier, Bishop Mutume, Bishop Bhasera as President of ZCI3C, and Carmelite Mother General, Sr. Theresa Nyadombo, who happened providentially to be in Ireland during the last illness of Bishop Lamont who was Founder of her Congregation. She said she felt privileged to be able to converse with him and to be present later at his funeral Masses and burial.

Homily by Father Frederick Chiromba (Cathedral administrator)

We have used the same readings that were used at the funeral of Bishop Lamont in Ireland. The readings reflect diverse aspects of Bishop Lamont's ministry: his prophetic role at the second Vatican Council and within the church in Zimbabwe; his episcopal ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit; his commitment to the evangelisation and the spread of God's Kingdom. It is not easy to give a summary of Bishop Lamont's life and the roles he played, and this is somehow reflected in some people's reactions to the news of his death. Some expressed sorrow while others seemed to rejoice. One person started commenting saying, *"he was very difficult"* and I thought, *"Here it comes"*, but in the very next breath she went on to say *"He was also very kind"*. His way of addressing us when we were seminarians would vary from, 'My dear Seminarians', to 'Boys' and then 'You rascals!'. There are various roles that priests and pastors play in the service of others. These roles are found in Scripture: the roles of priest, prophet, shepherd or pastor and teacher. While Bishop Lamont at one stage or another fulfilled all these roles, that of prophet became the most dominant as Bishop of Mutare.

A prophet, on the positive side, is one who expresses issues and puts them on the table; he gets straight to the point; is courageous; accepts risks and consequences for his reactions; and does not depend on the support of others. On the negative side a prophet faces opposition; may be targeted and persecuted by powerful people; can be misunderstood; is vulnerable to victimisation and alienation; and may have to cope with fear.

Bishop Lamont discharged his prophetic role effectively, indeed so effectively that sometimes when we say the Catholic Church said this or that, we actually mean Bishop Lamont, but then that is the role of a prophet. When a prophet speaks the Church speaks, the voice of God is heard, and that is the pattern of Divine

interaction with humanity from the beginning, from the Old Testament to the present. God sends individual for the salvation of others.

Waking up Late

Sadly, after Bishop Lamont went into retirement, the Church in Zimbabwe seemed to go into a slumber. He had done his job so well, we thought he had fixed everything once and for all. Only in recent weeks has the Zimbabwe Council of Churches acknowledged such slumber and apologised to the people of Zimbabwe for watching passively and not playing its role effectively. God did not send Moses alone to liberate the Israelites, but also Joshua and many other messengers to enhance that liberation. So too God did not send Bishop Lamont alone, but expects those after him to fulfil their priestly roles so that all may be saved; lest we merit the same condemnation Our Lord directed to the scribes and Pharisees in Mt. 22:23, *"You have neglected the weightier matters of justice, mercy and good faith"*.

Occasionally one meets individuals who claim to be Catholics but have stopped going to church. When you ask them why, they simply say, *"it's because they disagreed with Bishop Lamont"*. To stop going to Church because of differences with a priest, Bishop or the Pope is sadly never to have known Jesus Christ. We should all endeavour to have a personal relationship with Jesus in our lives and he will raise us up on the last day. To understand Bishop Lamont, we need to ask Bishop Lamont himself. He gives a clue of what he might say about his ministry in his letter written in 1947 and published last year in a book by Father Hender entitled, *Celts Among The Shona*. I quote, *"The modern missionary should be all things to all men not only in the spiritual sense as St. Paul says, but in a more worldly one too. He should be tinker, tailor, butcher and baker and candlestick-maker; in fact, he should be everything. Lucky man, if he knows what goes on inside a motor engine* [my addition: and if he knows how to keep the car from rolling off the road as well!] *if he knows what makes a clock tick; if he knows how to do first aid, sink a well, build a house, use a saw, fell a tree, milk a cow, know a field of wheat from a field of barley, ride a horse, work in a smithy, harness a river, sew, darn, cook, say his prayers, keen his hair on and put his pride in his pocket! Luckier still, if he can remember that he must not expect to see the fruits of his labours; if in (the course of his multifarious and absorbing duties he can keep his mind fixed on eternity and remember that his life should be 'hid with Christ in God'! Luckiest of all, if he can look with miraculous eyes into every ebony face and see there the soul of one of whom Jesus thought when He said: "Going therefore teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and behold I am with you all days even to the consummation of the world" (Mt. 28)."*

This was Bishop Lamont's vision of his own apostolate, his way of pleasing and doing the will of God. 'Ut Placeam Deo' was his motto and if he had any failings in fulfilling that vision, we pray today that God may be a merciful judge. May he rest in peace.

A memorial service for Bishop Lamont was held at St. John's Anglican Cathedral. Mutare, on August 31st. The service, organized by the Churches in Manicaland was presided over by Rt. Rev. S. Bakare. Bishop of the Anglican Diocese.

End Notes

1. Murray (2004), pp. 32 – 34.
2. O'Donnell (2004b), pp. 35 – 39.
3. *Carmeletter Zimbabwe* 2/2003.

Appendix 2

The Carmelite Presence in Mozambique 1998-2014

The Commissary Provincial, Father Simplisio Manyika requested John McGrath to write a summary report on the Mozambique Project, from when it was first aired to the present day. The following is taken from Minutes, Notes and Letters as in the Commissary Files, Carmelite Priory Mutare. The report was compiled over some days and completed on November 18th 2012, with additions made to the last paragraph on May 16th 2014.

Carmelite Presence Mozambique 1998 – 2014

It was during the Commissariat AGM of 1993 that the sentiments of the then Provincial of the Irish Province and the members of the Commissariat were expressed regarding possible future ministry in Mozambique. As a result of this discussion, four brothers from Zimbabwe visited Beira during May 1993. Both Bishop P. Mutume and Father E. Ward the then Commissary Provincial wrote letters to the Archbishop of Beira requesting advice and assistance regarding the proposal of the AGM 1993. As the Archbishop was not in residence when the brothers called, the letters were given to the Vicar General in Beira.

During 1994, the Father Provincial of the Province of Pernambuco in Brazil, Antonio Muniz Fernandes, during the Council of Provinces in Nantes France, discussed with Fathers E. Ward and Miceal O'Neill, the possibility of Carmelites going to Mozambique. Brazil and Mozambique have much in common and share a common language.

During January 1995, Father Ward wrote letters to the Bishop of Chimoio and to the Archbishop of Beira, again expressing interest in Missionary work in Mozambique with the possibility of Brothers from the Pernambuco Province in Brazil sharing in ministry in Mozambique. Carmelites in Zimbabwe would be near the Carmelites in Mozambique, they could visit and support each other in ministry. There were also Carmelite Sisters ministering in Nampula, north of Beira. Father Ward also wrote a letter to Bishop Paulo Cardoso in Petrolina, Brazil during July 1996.

There was a meeting at the Curia House in Rome on November 27th 1996 and on the agenda was, the possibility of future ministry in Mozambique. Present were Sister Maria del Carmen Aguado, HCSCJ. Fathers Antonio Muniz, Provincial, Pernambuco, Robert Kelly, Provincial, Ireland, Tarcisio Gotay, General Secretary and Anthony Scerri, Councillor General. At this meeting, the members discussed the general situation in Mozambique, the possibility of brothers from the Pernambuco Province ministering in Mozambique, Irish involvement, Portugal and their possible involvement. They discussed the possibility of forming a small group of Carmelites to start a house of formation for local vocations in Mozambique. Perhaps the possibility of pastoral ministry was also aired. Father Muniz spoke of the possibility of two brothers going to Mozambique, Amilton Vidotto and Severino de Freitas Castro. The Province was not in a position to offer any financial assistance. Father Kelly said that some financial assistance and perhaps one brother might be

a possibility from the Irish Province while Portugal also offered some financial assistance and perhaps one brother for the proposed project. Father Muniz said that Brother Amilton might be able to go to Zimbabwe during September 1997, stay for some time in Mutare Diocese and visit Mozambique.

Brother Severino perhaps could go during February 1998. A meeting in Mutare followed by a visit to Mozambique during February 1998 was also discussed. Perhaps there would be further developments after the visit, February 1998. The General Council in Rome approved the above and encouraged all concerned to go on with the programme.

Meeting in Lisieux during the Council of Provinces, September 1997: Again there was a discussion on the proposed ministry in Mozambique. Father Muniz stated that Brother Amilton would go to Zimbabwe during September 1997 and that Brother Severino would follow during February 1998. The planned meeting in Mutare and visit to Mozambique would go ahead during February 1998. As we were in the planning stages, R. Kelly, Irish Provincial and J. McGrath, the Commissary in Zimbabwe said that the Brothers from Pernambuco would be most welcome to Mutare. It was also agreed that Anthony Scerri would visit Mozambique with Amilton Vidotto during September 1997. Anthony Scerri reported to the General Council in Rome after his visit to Mozambique, September 1997.

Brother Amilton Vidotto came to Zimbabwe during September 1997 and stayed on and off, over the next few months at many Missions in the Mutare Diocese to gain experience of Mission life in Africa. He went to Gorongoza during October 1997 for the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Mission. Amilton stayed in Gorongoza for some time and became very aware that most of the structures and buildings on the Mission were in a very bad state. Amilton also told the Archbishop of Beira that the Carmelites were in a discernment process about the Mission in Gorongoza. Amilton's conclusions concerning Gorongoza – a great challenge but not impossible, great financial assistance will be required, the presence of the Carmelites would be very much appreciated by the people, the need to purchase a vehicle, brothers will have to face many challenges both in the evangelization of the people and restoring the buildings.

During December 1997, Father Scerri wrote to J. McGrath with a suggested programme for the Mutare/ Mozambique meeting and visit, February 9th to 22nd 1998. J. McGrath responded with some further suggestions which were accepted.

The Prior General in Rome received a letter from the Archbishop of Maputo, written on January 3rd 1998, offering 'The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima in Namaacha, about 70km from Maputo to the Carmelites. Amilton had visited the Archbishop of Maputo some time earlier. Brother Amilton visited Mozambique again during January 1998 and visited Maputo and Nampula Province where the Carmelite Sisters ministered. He spoke with 14 young men regarding the Carmelites. Father Antonio Muniz, Prior Provincial, Pernambuco Province, and Brother Severino de Freitas Castro arrived on February 6th 1998.

First meeting in Mutare, February 11th 1998: Present: A. Scerri, R. Kelly, A. Muniz, J. McGrath, J. Doyle, J. Neville, M. Kenny, A. Clarke. A. Vidotto and S. de Freitas Castro. J. McGrath welcomed all to Mutare and A. Scerri chaired the meeting. Presentations were given by A. Muniz, A. Clarke, A. Scerri and A. Vidotto.

A brief history of the Project was given by Father Muniz, he stated that the project was first aired at the General Chapter of 1983 when Fathers M. O'Neill and Tom Power spoke in general terms to Father A. Muniz about the possibility of a Carmelite presence and Mission in Mozambique. The very close co-operation between the Irish Province and especially Father P. Staunton and his successor Father R. Kelly was highlighted by Father Muniz. He also spoke about the desire of the Brazilian Church to become outgoing and missionary resulting in over 1500 missionaries, Diocesan Fathers, Religious Priests and Sisters working outside Brazil at that point in time.

Father Clarke recalled the Zimbabwean Carmelite AGM of 1993 which felt the need for a missionary outlet for Carmelites from Zimbabwe in the future. As a result of that AGM, as mentioned above, a delegation was sent with a letter from the Commissary Provincial, Father E. Ward to the Archbishop of Beira to investigate possibilities. During 1994, Fathers Ward and O'Neill again spoke with Father Muniz at the Council of Provinces in Nantes, France about a possible Carmelite presence in Mozambique.

Father Scerri said that it was during 1995 that he entered the scene and was appointed to co-ordinate efforts. It was during the meeting in Rome, as mentioned above, (November 27th, 1996) that a course of action was decided upon with the offer of two brothers from Pernambuco, with financial assistance from Ireland and Portugal. A. Scerri recalled that he and A. Vidotto visited Beira during September 1997 and that Gorongoza and Nampula were mentioned as possible locations for future ministry. Brother Amilton visited Mozambique on several occasions between September 1997 to January 1998. As already mentioned the Sanctuary of Our Lady, 70km outside Maputo was also offered by the Archbishop of Maputo.

During the meeting in Mutare on February 11th 1998, Amilton spoke about the neglected state of buildings at Gorongoza, the desire and expectations of the people, Sisters and the youth at Gorongoza.

Preferences during the Mutare meeting, February 11th 1998: The preference was for pastoral work over work involving administration in schools or hospitals. There was preference too for pastoral work before attempting to start Formation Houses for new Carmelites. It was also stated that the two Pernambuco Brothers continue to learn the English language and get more experience of Mission life in the Mutare Diocese. Much valuable information and advice was given by the Commissary Provincial and Council during the meeting of February 11th and they also suggested what to look for when visiting the various areas in Mozambique.

Visit to Mozambique, February 11th - 19th 1998:

Fathers A. Scerri, A. Muniz Fernandes, R. Kelly. J. McGrath, A. Vidotto and S. De Freitas Castro visited Chimoio, Gorongoza, Beira, Nampula and Nacaroa and had meetings with the Archbishop of Beira, the Bishop of Chimoio, the Carmelite Sisters in Nampula and the Missionaries for Africa, (White Fathers) in Chimoio. The visit gave them first hand knowledge of the situation of the Country, of what was being offered to the Carmelites and helped them to come to some conclusions.

Minutes of the Mozambique Meeting held in Mutare on February 20th 1998.

Present were:

Father A. Scerri, Councillor General. Father R. Kelly, Provincial, Ireland. Father A. Muniz, Provincial, Pernambuco. Father J. McGrath. Commissary, Zimbabwe. Rev A. Vidotto, Pernambuco. Rev S. De Freitas Castro, Pernambuco. Father J. Doyle, Commissary Councillor. Father J. Neville, Commissary Councillor. Father M. Kenny, Commissary Councillor. Father A. Clarke. Zimbabwe.

In summary, the impressions of the visit to Mozambique.

- Two offers from Archbishops, Archdiocese of Beira and Archdiocese of Maputo.
- Unanimous agreement, we should go to Gorongoza even though the Church, Priest's House and most of the building on the Mission are in an awful state of disrepair.
- Brothers to remain in Zimbabwe to acquire further experience of Mission life.
- After August 1998, our brothers should work with the Missionaries for Africa (White Fathers) in Mozambique, to gain further experience of working in Mozambique.
- The Provincial of Pernambuco accepted the role of responsibility for Mozambique.

Chimoio: Missionaries for Africa, (White Fathers) offered wonderful hospitality, good advice and confirmed some of the impressions we already had. Stayed in Chimoio on the return journey, had lunch with the Bishop of Chimoio. No invitation to come to the Diocese was given by the Bishop of Chimoio.

Gorongoza Gorongoza is in the Archdiocese of Beira, is about 80km from the main Mutare-Beira road and about 250km from Mutare and much the same distance from Beira. Sisters had a good house, new school has been build, Priest's house and Church in a bad state, school dormitories overcrowded, poor sanitation, most buildings in a very poor state. The Mission had water and electricity was provided from a generator. No Priest has lived in Gorongoza since 1971. Mission property owned by the Archdiocese, Government pays teacher's salaries. The Carmelites expressed their preference for pastoral work, the Archbishop accepted this. The Catechist in Gorongoza, an elderly man and a man of experience and who had given great service over the years was very happy with the coming of the Carmelites.

Beira and Nampula: Stayed for the night at the Pastoral Centre, Beira, with the Missionaries for Africa, (White Fathers). Left for Nampula the following morning. Nampula, Nacala, Nacaroa. Carmelite Sisters most gracious. Three communities of Sisters, Nampula, Murrota, Namaba. Fourteen young men interested in the Carmelites in these areas. No request from the Bishop for Carmelite presence.

Two places in which the Carmelites have been invited to were Beira and Muputo. The three Pernambuco Brothers present preferred Gorongoza with all its challenges!! Regarding a Contract between the Archdiocese and the Order, it was suggested that other Contracts of Religious Congregations in Mozambique be studied before making a Contract with the Archbishop. A temporary Contract with the Archdiocese was suggested as a beginning. Ireland and Portugal promised to assist financially, Father Scerri promised to seek funds for a motor vehicle. The brothers were encouraged to work with the White Fathers in Mozambique. The Provincial of Pernambuco was to be their immediate superior.

At a plenary meeting on March 16th 1998, the General Council approved the decisions taken at the Mutare

Meeting on February 20th 1998.

Further comments: The Brothers, Amilton and Severino, felt very welcome and well received in Zimbabwe when they stayed at our various Missions and Parishes in Mutare and Harare. There were problems with Immigration in Zimbabwe, Visas and Permits to reside in Mozambique were to be obtained before the 1st of August 1998.

Letter from Father Scerri to the Archbishop of Beira on May 9th 1998: Father Scerri wrote to say that the General Council accepted the offer of Gorongoza Mission and was confirmed by the Prior General and Council in Rome. The question of the Contract between the Archdiocese and the Carmelite Order had to be drawn up, agreed to and signed. The two friars already mentioned will take up residence at Gorongoza Mission. Father Severino will be ordained Priest during August 1998 in Zimbabwe.

Carmelites in Gorongoza, September 6th 1998: On the 6th of September 1998, the Archbishop of Beira, His Grace Jaime Pedro Gongalves, installed Father Severino as Parish Priest of Gorongoza. His grace conveyed his sincere gratitude to the Father General, the General Council of the Order, the Provincial of the Pernambuco Province and to the Carmelites in Zimbabwe for sending our Brothers, Amilton and Severino to work among the people of Gorongoza. Fathers McGrath and Hender from Zimbabwe were present for the installation. In a letter to the Father General, Father Joseph Chalmers and to the General Council on September 10th 1998, Father J. McGrath in summary wrote: On Sunday September 6th 1998 Father Michael Hender and myself were present at the installation of Father Severino de Freitas Castro as Parish Priest of Gorongoza. The Archbishop of Beira, His Grace Jaime Pedro Gongalves welcomed our Brothers, Amilton Vidotto and Severino de Freitas Castro to the Archdiocese of Beira. The Archbishop requested J. McGrath to convey his sincere gratitude to the Father General, the members of the General Council, the Provincial of the Province of Pernambuco and to all the Carmelites in Zimbabwe for sending our Brothers to work among the people of Gorongoza. A great number of the local faithful attended the installation together with the Sisters of the Mission and from the Archdiocese, the local Catechist and Parish Council members. Father McGrath thanked the Archbishop for the welcome extended to the Carmelites and to our two brothers and for his kind words of encouragement as our brothers began their Missionary Journey.

Over the eight years of Ministry in Gorongoza, many other Brothers came from the Pernambuco Province and shared in the restoration and pastoral Ministry at Gorongoza. They restored the ruined buildings, the Church, rebuilt the Mission and improved the surrounding of the Mission area. Wonderful work was achieved by Brother Amilton, Father Severino and the other Brothers from the Pernambuco Province. They received generous support from the Curia in Rome, Ireland, Portugal and from many Provinces in the Order. During their eight years of presence in Gorongoza, many of the brethren in Zimbabwe visited the brothers in Gorongoza and likewise, many of the brothers in Gorongoza visited the brethren in Zimbabwe.

After a period of dialogue between the Archbishop of Beira and the Carmelites, the Carmelites withdrew from Gorongoza Mission, Archdiocese of Beira Mozambique on January 3rd 2006 after eight years of Ministry. The Brothers moved to Maputo, the Capital

City of Mozambique where they began their formation programme. Many young men from Mozambique have shared the Carmelite way of Life with the Brothers in Maputo, some have completed their studies in philosophy in Maputo while others have done their Novitiate in Brazil. During the General Chapter in Rome 2013, discussion took place as to the possibility of the Brothers from Mozambique coming to Zimbabwe for their Novitiate year. Further discussion continued during 2013/2014 and the Provincial of the Pernambuco Province, Father Altamiro Tenorio de Paz and Brother Sergio Estefane Simone visited Zimbabwe from April 6th - 10th 2014 to make arrangements for Brothers from Mozambique to attend English language lessons in Harare and also to make arrangements for their Novitiate year at Kriste Mambo. Again, of interest, in more recent years, Brothers from the Pernambuco Province have ministered in the North Eastern area of Nampula in Mozambique. They visited Mutare and Harare during 2011.

A Trip to Mozambique

(The following is the story of a trip taken by Fathers J. McGrath and M. O'Regan to Mozambique during 2003. The story is told by Fr. J. McGrath.)

When the Pernambuco Carmelites came to Gorongoza in Mozambique during 1998, Father Anthony Scerri, the then Councillor General for Africa, told us that the brothers in Gorongoza would be visiting the brothers in Zimbabwe from time to time and he also requested that the brothers in Zimbabwe visit our brothers in Gorongoza. As a response to this request, many of our brothers visited Gorongoza between 1998 and 2006.

During February 2003, Martin O'Regan and myself visited our brothers and spent a few days with them and then left Gorongoza to travel on to Beira. Before we left Gorongoza the brothers mentioned that there was a warning of flooding due to flood waters from the Pungwe river on the road just outside Beira. On the journey to Beira, we came across the 'flood waters' at around 10.30 in the morning. It appeared that nothing was going to or coming from Beira by road. Shortly after our arrival we were told that a 'goods train' would take vehicles to Beira and that the train was expected at around 12.00 noon.

We found a 'small business centre' at the edge of the flood waters which had some drinks but little to eat, there was 'something' to eat but we refrained!! After some time, the train arrived and began 'unloading 'the vehicles coming from Beira. The unloading 'took a few hours and then they began to 'load' the vehicles going to Beira, it was now past 2.00pm. This took quite a while as there were many vehicles of all sizes and the drivers were trying to get them on to the railway wagons. Some skill was required to manoeuvre the vehicles on to the wagons, no problem to Martin!! We had a few more drinks with all the waiting around, the humidity and heat was something!!

After a lot of noise and banging the goods train plus the passenger section was ready for the journey to Beira. We were seated as advised in our vehicles when soldiers came and told us to get into the passenger section of the train. All the instructions were in Portuguese but with soldiers pointing guns at us we had to move fast!! We climbed down from the goods section and walked to the passenger section. There we found a 'compartment' for three with the most awful smell of urine. The heat was something else, so between the heat and the smell we nearly passed out!!

It was now around 4.30 in the afternoon and the train 'started', stopped, started again and went for a few miles

before stopping again. We were out in the middle of the water by now, the railway track was just above the level of the water with people everywhere selling fish and whatever. We were in the 'water' for hours and then we started up again until somewhere outside Beira the train stopped again. This was around 8.00 pm by now.

There was a Portuguese man with us in our 'compartment' and of course during the conversation he had to ask for a loan!! Some never miss an opportunity!! He was able to give us some instructions as to how we were to get to our destination in Makuti, Beira. We had expected to be in Beira by 12.00 noon and to find where we were to stay, at the Sacred Heart Fathers in Makuti. To find the place in daylight would have been somewhat easy but as things were going, to find the place in the 'middle of the night' was going to be difficult!!

The train started up again and made its way to the railway station in Beira where the process of unloading began again. Anyway we got the vehicle off the train and headed for Makuti. Martin was driving and I was giving directions, from the map our friend prepared for us!! As it was now nearly 11.00 in the night, with very little street lights and potholes everywhere – we 'proceeded' to 'wherever'. I told Martin to keep 'right' as I knew that the Indian ocean was to our right and Makuti was along the sea shore. We made it to Makuti but now where was the 'house'? At 11.30pm most places had closed down, we were on the right road but where to find the 'house', with mad dogs barking all around us we could not get out of the truck and with nobody around we had to abandon the search!!

We went to a restaurant to see if there was any accommodation available, but no, everything had closed down and there was no place to stay. We asked where we could stay and they directed us to a hotel not far away. Well, as we approached the hotel, hundreds of 'ladies of the night' appeared from nowhere!! Here they thought were two rich tycoons from Zimbabwe (Zimbabwe vehicle registration)!! Anyway, I went into the hotel to see if they had a place for us but no, fully booked!! Try such and such a place!! Off we went again in search of the second hotel but could not find it and had to return to the first hotel and inquire again, again all the 'ladies' were very interested in us!! We found the second hotel on the second attempt and I went in again and asked for accommodation for the night. They had a room for two but nothing to eat except for drinks, four 'fantas' which we took. At least we had a place to stay in!! After about an hour all hell broke loose!! It was hard to know what was going on but what I think was, that someone brought one on the 'ladies' into the hotel and the 'security' together with the dogs and lots of shouting were trying to get him and the lady friend out of the room. Well what a racket. All I would hear was dogs and everybody shouting. Martin heard nothing!!

Next morning arrived, we went for 'breakfast' but we had no local money which caused a bit of a stir but we survived that. We had to go to some bank to change our money and pay for the accommodation and breakfast. We then left and headed for Makuti again which we found with no bother and the people in the house were wondering where we were the day and night before as they were expecting us!! We had a nice few days in Beira and enjoyed the ocean, the fish and the Manica beer.

On the Saturday morning we headed back to Mutare, the flood waters had now receded and traffic was able to pass. From the house in Makuti in Beira to where the 'flood water' was days before, was just one hour and a half by truck, it took us over fourteen hours to cover that distance just four days previously!!

Appendix 3

Prophet Elijah Priory, Nyazura

After over four years of planning and construction, the Prophet Elijah Priory in Nyazura was officially dedicated, opened and blessed on March 1st 2014. The following developments regarding the Nyazura Project will be of interest:

The Beginnings of the Prophet Elijah Priory, Nyazura, Zimbabwe in 2010.

During June 2010, the Commissary Provincial and Council requested that Fathers J. McGrath, O. Kudumba and D. Bvirakare form a committee to look at possibilities of a site for a new Formation Centre in Zimbabwe. It was suggested that the new centre be near Rusape or Nyanga and be in a rural setting. The house should be suitable and large enough with facilities for possible community living. Consultation took place with Mr and Mrs Hogan in Nyanga during July 2010, a site was identified and Estate Agents, Hagan and Hill, in Mutare were contacted. Shortly afterwards, the Commissary Provincial and the Committee visited Nyanga to look at the site. They also looked at other options and one property in particular was considered to be satisfactory. The Commissary Provincial and Council later deemed that the property was unsuitable and agreed that a site be purchased in the Nyazura area. Planning then began late 2010, early 2011. J. McGrath made contact with Mr Mareka, architect, and S. Manyika made contact with Mr Nyatoti of Nyatoti builders in Mutare. A site was purchased in the Nyazura area and building plans were submitted to the Makoni Rural District Council for their approval. Late 2011 the building plans were approved by the Makoni Council, the property was fenced and temporary cabins were erected for the watchman and for the storage of future building materials. A new team was set-up late 2011 to carry the project forward. The new team consisted of: S. Manyika, D. Bvirakare, the site organizer, Mr Mareka, architect, Nyatoti Builders, P. Kuyengwa, P. Horan, J. McGrath and a lay advisor, Mr S. Gwandingwa. Construction began early 2012. During 2012 - 2013, many site meetings took place with Father Manyika and the team members attending. During the AGM 2013, the Brothers assembled agreed that the new Centre at Nyazura would be named Prophet Elijah Priory. With the completion of the new Centre, early 2014, the members of the new community took up residence during January - February 2014.

Father Manyika, the Commissary Provincial, wrote an article for *Carmelite Contact*, a publication of the Irish Province, Issue 29, Winter 2013. The following extracts from this article contain further information on the development of the Prophet Elijah Priory in Nyazura. *"During the AGM 2010, the Carmelites in the Commissariat gathered together with the Prior Provincial, Martin Kilmurray, at the Mutare Priory to review the 2004 Zimbabwe Commissariat Policy Statement. One of the items on the agenda for the AGM was the separation of the novitiate house from the pre-novitiate. The Zimbabwean Commissariat had been asked by the Carmelite General Curia to host the regional novitiate for English speaking*

Africa and thus we had to prepare for this new venture. The separation of the two formation houses was seen as the priority project for the Commissariat for the years 2011–12. During the 2011–12 formation year, we did not take any new candidates and were able to send one friar for on-going formation. During 2011-2012, we had no novices and another friar was sent for on-going formation. This was part of our preparation for the Regional Novitiate. A team of four Carmelites was set up to carry out a feasibility study on the proposed separation of the two formation houses. The team was guided by the principles that the site has to be in a rural set-up, and on property owned by the Carmelite Order. Sites that were considered were Nyanga, Harare, Rusape and Nyazura".

"An EGM of the Commissariat was called to discuss, among other things, the construction of a new formation house. The meeting was held at Musangano Lodge outside Mutare in November 2011 and was facilitated by Father Robert Igo, OSB. During the meeting, the Carmelites had an opportunity to visit the proposed site in Nyazura and a decision was then made to go ahead with the construction of the new formation house there. The land is situated next to a huge dam with plenty of water. Initially, the property bought was only two hectares, but recently all the land around our property has been acquired bringing it to nine hectares. One half of the dam, which happens to be the deepest section, is now part of the Carmelite property and we have full access to the dam for various projects … including fishing!!"

"Construction work started in earnest in February 2012 under the supervision of another team appointed by the Commissary Council. The team comprised of the architect, builder, Carmelites and a lay advisor. The team worked tirelessly and everybody did his part to make sure that the project was a success. The project is made up of five main structures:

1. The administration block, which houses the conference room, dining room, two lounges, computer room, library room, office, kitchen and laundry. This wing is the longest and is situated on the southern side of the complex.
2. The Community wing, on the eastern side, which is made up of six en-suite bedrooms plus a storeroom.
3. The pre-novices' wing with six bedrooms is located on the western side. The pre-novices will have shared bathroom and toilet facilities.
4. A cottage for the ancillary staff, which is located behind the western wing.
5. The Chapel, which is located at the centre and looks like a rounded hut. The idea of having it at the centre is to recall the Mount Carmel experience of the hermits, who lived in their cells but came together in the centre for Eucharist and prayer. Many people who visit the place initially mistake the chapel for a kitchen, as it reminds them of rural African kitchens where the whole family gather round for a meal."

- Simplisio Manyika, O.Carm., Commissary Provincial.

Appendix 4
Personnel

Clergy, Missionary Congregations/Groups and Religious who have shared or continue to share ministry in the Catholic Church in Manicaland/ Diocese of Umtali/Diocese of Mutare from 1896 to the present time.

- The Mariannhill Fathers and Brothers. 1896 – 1929.
- The Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood. 1910 – 1977.
- The Holy Trinity Sisters. 1923. The last Sister died at St. Barbara's Mission about 2003.
- Dominican Sisters. (OP) 1926 - 1976. 1990 to the present day.
- The Jesuit Fathers and Brothers. 1929 – 1948.
- Sisters of the Little Children of Our Blessed Lady. (LCBL) 1932 – 1966.
- The Carmelite Friars. 1946 to the present day.
- Presentation Sisters. 1947 – 1980. 2000 – 2006.
- Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary. (RSHM) 1956 to the present day.
- Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of Mercy. (The Netherlands) 1957 – 1994.
- The Carmelite Sisters. 1959 to the present day.
- Marist Brothers. 1959 to the present day.
- Diocesan Fathers. Diocese of Umtali/Diocese of Mutare. 1965 to the present day.
- The Little Company of Mary. 1970 to the present day.
- Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa. 1975 to the present day.
- Killaloe Mission to Zimbabwe. 1983 – 2004.
- The Spiritans in Zimbabwe. 1984 to the present day.
- Saint Patrick's Missionary Society. The Kiltegan Fathers. 1989 – 2008.
- (They now continue ministry in Marondera, Archdiocese of Harare)
- Order of Friars Minor Capuchins. Zimbabwe 1989 to the present day.
- (The Friars Minor Capuchins came to the Mutare Diocese during 1999)
- Fathers of the Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois, Ireland. 1999 – 2008.
- The Divine Child Sisters. Diocese of Mutare. 2003 to the present day.
- The Carmelite Nuns from Kenya. February 2015. Resident at Weirmouth, Mutare.

The following continue Ministry in the Diocese of Mutare. 2016.

The Bishops

- Bishop P. Horan. The Bishop's House, Mutare.
- Bishop A. Muchabaiwa. Residence. 11th Avenue, Mutare.
- Bishop P. Mutume. Hospital Hill, Mutare.

Diocesan Fathers

(Personnel and Assignments listed below)

Carmelite Friars

(Personnel and Assignments listed below)

- Carmelite Priory Mutare.
- Saint Joseph's Mission, Sakubva, Mutare.
- Kriste Mambo.
- Rusape Parish.
- Prophet Elijah Priory, Nyazura.

Spiritans

- Father J. Asomugha, Regional Superior. Fern Valley Mutare.
- Father R. Obiano, Saint Martin and Immaculate Conception Parish Mutare.
- Father E. Nwamara, Saint Andrew's Mission.
- Father M. Maronga, Saint Thomas, Marange.
- Fathers A. Mhuriro and S. Chikondano, Saint Patrick's Mission.

Friars Minor Capuchin. Zimunya Parish.

- Father Cephas Haparari, OFM Cap.

Marist Brothers

- Saint Patrick's High School, Nyanga.

Sister's Congregations

Carmelite Sisters

- Diocese of Mutare. Archdiocese of Harare.
- Carmelite Sisters, studying in other Countries.
- Carmelite Communities in the Diocese of Mutare.
- Sister's Generalate, Motherhouse, Mount Carmel Centre, Mutare.
- Homes for children in Rusape and Mount Melleray Mission.

Dominican Sisters

- Saint Joseph's Mission and Regina Coeli Mission.

Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary

- Saint Paul's Parish, Dangamvura.

The Little Company of Mary.

- Saint Martin's Parish, Florida, Mutare.

Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa.

- Park Road, Mutare.
- Youth Alive Mutare and Zororai Care Centre Sakubva.

The Divine Child Sisters, Nyanga.

- Novitiate along Bonda Road.
- Bishop Lamont House and Diocesan Training Centre in Mutare.

The Carmelite Nuns

- Weirmouth, Mutare.

Diocese of Mutare

- The Diocesan Pastoral Council Members.
- The various Diocesan Administrations/Co-ordinators in the Diocese of Mutare.
- Parish Council Members in the various Parishes and Missions.

- The Leaders of the various Confraternities/ Sodalities in the Diocese of Mutare.
- Justice and Peace Offices and Personnel in the Diocese of Mutare.
- Health Care Facilities in the Diocese of Mutare. Hospitals. Clinics.
- Education in the Diocese of Mutare. Primary Schools. High Schools.
- Training Centres in the Diocese of Mutare. Mutare and Dangamvura.
- DOMCAP. Diocesan Community Care Programme. Mutare.

Diocesan and Religious Centres/Parishes/Missions in the Diocese of Mutare.

- Bishop Horan. Bishop's Residence. Mutare. Diocesan Administration.
- Bishop Muchabaiwa. Bishop's Residence. 11th Avenue Mutare.
- Bishop Mutume. Bishop's Residence. Hospital Hill, Mutare.
- Cathedral. Mutare.
- Carmelite Priory. Mutare.
- Education Secretary. Residence. 11th Avenue, Mutare.
- Mount Carmel Centre Mutare. Diocesan Administration. Caritas Mutare.
- Saint Paul's Parish Dangamvura.
- Saint Barnabas. Dangamvura.
- Saint Joseph's Mission. Sakubva, Mutare.
- Saint Martin's Parish. Florida, Mutare.
- Immaculate Conception Church, Chikanga.
- Hobhouse Parish. Mutare.
- Rusape Parish.
- Saint Josephs. Rusape.
- Saint John The Baptist. Riverside, Odzi.
- Odzi Farm. Odzi.
- Regina Coeli Mission. Nyamaropa.
- Saint Therese Mission. Chiduku.
- Saint Peter's Mission. Checheche. Chisumbanje.
- Saint Benedict's Mission. Chiendambuya.
- Avila Mission. Katerere.
- Triashill Mission. Manyika.
- Saint Michael's Mission. Tanda.
- Saint Kilian's Mission. Makoni.
- Saint Columba's Mission. Honde Valley.
- Saint Barbara's Mission. Manyika.
- Saint Charles Lwanga. Chimanimani.
- Mount Carmel. Headlands.
- Mount Melleray Mission. Nyanga.
- Saint James. Chipinge.
- Saint Gabriel. Nyanga.
- Divine Child Motherhouse. Nyanga.
- Prophet Elijah Priory. Nyazura.
- Kriste Mambo. Formation Centre. Parish Centre. High School.
- Carmelite Nuns. Weirmouth, Mutare.
- Spiritan Regional House. Fern Valley, Mutare.
- Saint Andrew's Mission. Marange.
- Holy Ghost Postulate, Saint Thomas. Zenda. Marange.
- Saint Patrick's Mission. Nyanyadzi.
- Carmelite Sisters. Tongogara Centre.
- Saint Francis of Assisi Parish. Zimunya.
- Marist Brothers. Nyanga.
- Divine Child Sisters. Novitiate along the Bonda Road.
- Bishop Lamont House. Mutare.
- Diocesan Training Centre. Mutare.
- Amai Maria Village. Dangamvura.

- Carmelite Sister's Novitiate.
- Regina Mundi Pastoral Area. (Next turn left after Old Mutare Mission)

Diocesan Personnel, Mutare

Personnel and Present Appointments as of January 1st 2016. Living and Departed 1965 – 2016

Below are the years of Ordination and the names of the Bishops and Fathers, living and departed in the Diocese of Mutare, who shared and continue to share in Ministry in the Diocese.

1965 Matara. E. Died 1976

1968 Muchabaiwa. Bishop Alexio
Consecrated Bishop of Mutare 1982.

1971 Vinyu. A. (Saint Paul's Parish Dangamvura)

1972 Mutume. Bishop Patrick
Consecrated Auxiliary Bishop 1979.

1972 Sakarombe. A. Died 1993

1974 Muzungu. M. Died 1991

1974 Chiwara. P. Died 1999

1981 Musakwa. R., Saint Paul's Parish Dangamvura

1983 Chiromba. F., ZCBC Secretary General, Harare

1989 Maganyo. D.

1995 Saina. T., Saint John the Baptist, Riverside, Odzi

1996 Chikwara. M., Regina Coeli Mission

1999 Dodzo. D., Saint Therese Mission

2000 Chipwere. E., Pastoral Ministry in the USA

Mupuwa. J., Saint Peter's Mission

2001 Kembo. P., Saint Benedict's Mission

2002 Maringe. A., House on 11th Avenue in Town and Education Secretary, Mutare)

Madzirashe. I., Bishop's House Mutare and Director of Caritas Mutare

2003 Makoni. J., Studies in Rome

2004 Wasosa. H., Avila Mission and the Spiritual Director of the DPP, Diocese of Mutare)

2005 Madondo. G., Triashill Mission

Kuitirwa. C., Saint Michael's Mission

2007 Makombe. J. P., Saint John the Baptist, Riverside, Odzi

Nyakujipa. G., Saint Kilian's Mission

Chetse. S., Studies in Rome

2008 Nyama. E., Saint Columba's Mission

Chipiro. W., V.G. Diocese of Mutare, Administrator, Cathedral Mutare)

Maonya. P. (Regina Coeli Mission)

2010 Nyatondo. N., Bishop's House, Bishop's Financial Administrator.

Mbengano. H., Saint Barbara's Mission

Nyakupinda. K., Saint Charles Lwanga, Chimanimani

Mafanise. S., Saint Benedict's Mission

Saunyama. T., Mount Carmel, Headlands

2012 Mudungwe. F., Saint John the Baptist, Riverside Odzi.

Munaro. S., Bishop's House and Bishop's Secretary, ministry at Hobhouse Mutare

Sedze. S., Triashill Mission

Muchenagumbo. A., Mount Melleray Mission

Mangwiro. I., Saint James, Chipinge

2013 Makowa. C., Saint Peter's Mission

Alberto. J., Cathedral Mutare

2014 Mangudya. J., Saint Therese, Chiduku

Dzoma. T.M., Mount Melleray Mission

Mariseni, L., Saint Michael's Mission

Muhomba. T., Saint Kilian's Mission

Rukanda. S., Saint Gabriel, Nyanga

2015 Mawango. C., Saint Charles Lwanga, Chimanimani

Nemaisa. A.,Saint Pauls, Dangamvura

Mazingani. B., Mount Carmel, Headlands

Mushanangwenzi. T., Saint James, Chipinge

Nyahumbi. F., Saint Barbara's Mission

2016 Samuti. K.

Mundopa. J.

Musona. J.

Kaseke. W.

Marondera. C.

2016 Diaconate Ordinations, Saint Columba's Mission, 09.07.16

Madondo. C.

Nyambiti. T.

Mashoko. N.

Gumbeze. E.

Let us also remember the many other kind people, living and departed who shared in ministry for whatever length of time in the diocese of Mutare.

Carmelite Personnel

That we remember our Brothers, living and departed (1946 – 2016), who shared and continue to share in our Ministry in Zimbabwe from 1946 to the present day. The years indicated below are the years in which the Brothers came to Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe. Present appointments of the Carmelites in Zimbabwe, as of January 1st 2016, in brackets.

1946 D. Lamont, A. Corbett, L. Flynn.

1947 A. Wright, J. Roche, M. Hill, B. Clinch.

1949 J. O'Sharkey, M. Aherne, S. Coughlan.

1950 A. Clarke. T. Brennan, B. McGivern, J. Clinch, B. Boyle, G. Fitzgerald.

1952 G. Meagher, S. Egan, A. Farnsworth, M. McMahon.

1953 S. Dunne, P. Toner, J. O'Shea, J. O'Dwyer.

1954 G. O'Brien, D. O'Connell, M. Ardiff, P. Norton.

1955 T. McLoughlin, L. Gallagher, B. Morganti, B. Dowd.

1956 M. Kenny, Cormac Collier.

1957 P. Hughes, C. Kennedy, J. Lamont.

1958 D. Sugrue, Conal Collier, A. Bowe, I. Moore.

1959 P. McCartan. P. Feeley. C. Hegarty.

1960 P. Kiernan, G. Galvin (Saint Joseph's Mission Mutare)

1961 F. O'Loan, R. MacCabe, M. Des Lauriers, M. Miller.

1962 L. Lynch, M. Hipwell, G. Farrell.

1963 J.X. Murphy, F. Lally, E. Ward, P. Staunton, S. Josten.

1964 J. Neville, S. Hession, M. Farragher, M. O'Regan (Rusape Parish)

1965 F. Tobin, J. Doyle, P. Marimanzi.

Father Marimanzi was a Diocesan Priest (Harare) who joined the Carmelites during 1963 and returned to Zimbabwe during 1965.

1966 A. Breen, T. Power, P. Bodkin, S. Fallon.

1967 M. Vargo.

1969 T. McDonald.

1970 D. O'Callaghan.

R. Maunde, *studied in Ireland and returned to Rhodesia during 1970.* (Hatfield Priory Harare)

J. McGrath (Priory Mutare)

M. Hender.

D. O'Connor.

1972 A. Costello (Rusape Parish)

T. Fives.

1980 J. Nijenhuis.

1982 P. Graham.

1986 A. McLoughlin.

1989 L. Bouthillette. *Former Marist Brother who was Ordained a Carmelite Priest during 1989.*

1992 J. Kinahan.

The following Carmelite Zimbabwean Brothers were ordained to the priesthood during the years indicated below. Fathers Heaslip, McChrystal, Kelly and Horan came to Zimbabwe during the years indicated below.

1994 C. Masarira (Saint Joseph's Mission, Parish Priest)

C. Mutizamhepo (General Councillor for Africa, General Council in Rome)

1997 N. Fokisa (Rusape Community)

N. Heaslip.

1998 S. Manyika (Mount Carmel Student House Harare. Director of Students)

2000 V. Benza (Commissary Provincial and Priory Mutare)

2001 P. McChrystal.

R. Kelly

+ P. Horan (Bishop of Mutare. 27.8.16) Bishop's Residence Mutare.

2003 A. Thokozane (Saint Joseph's Mission Mutare)

J. Nyangadi (Hatfield Community Harare and Saint Agnes, Zengeza, Chitungwiza)

2005 A. Makokowe (Kriste Mambo Community and High School Manager)

D. Bvirakare (Hatfield Community Harare and Saint Agnes, Zengeza, Chitungwiza)

O. Kudumba (Hatfield Community Harare, Parish Priest Hatfield)

2006 P. Kuyengwa (Kriste Mambo)

2008 M. Ngano (Saint Elijah Nyazura)

T. Makuni (Hatfield Priory Harare and Holy Trinity College Harare)

2009 J. Matare (Rusape Community)

W. Msemwa (Kriste Mambo, Novice Director)

2011 L. Gutu (Hatfield Community, Harare, Vocations Director)

2012 S. Mubako. (Kriste Mambo. High School)

L. Dimma (Saint Elijah Nyazura, Pre-Novice Director)

2014 E. Murambiwa (Mount Carmel Community, Saint Alois Parish. Communications)

2016 W. Chibvongodze. (Prophet Elijah Nuazura)

L. Mwanza. (Hatfield Priory Harare)

Let us also remember the many other kind people, living and dead, who shared in our ministry for whatever length of time from 1946 to 2016.

A. Kilsella
Cormac Kennedy.
F. O'Connell
S. Noonan.
A. Parsons.
P. O'Dwyer.
A. Christie.
C. Allen.
M. McCormack.
T. Campion.
J. Gregan.
F. Tandi.
T. Munengwa.
E. Mazano.
C. Chifamba.

Brothers in Formation, Mount Carmel Student House

Rangarirai Mutanga.
Tafadzwa Muchabaiwa.
Aldrine Muchenje.
Herbert Nyamangwanda.
Paul Charidza.
Vitalis Chiromba.
John Mutisi.
Vincent Chipisa.
Dominic Zambuko.
Liberty Chandiwana.
Jevus Kamutando.
Munyaradzi Murungu.
Talent Mutungwazi.
Shelton Zimondi.
Andrew Madume.
Underson Musina.
Marvellous Murungu.
Zvikomborero Chifamba.
Prosper Mujokoro.
Kevin Mutsvairo.
Gift Chinyadza.

Novitiate. Kriste Mambo. 2016 – 2017

Lloyd Hukama Champiruka. (Saint Michael's Mission, Tanda) Zimbabwe.
Ashley Salimu. (Tafara, Harare) Zimbabwe.
Emmanuel Shikoli Ambeyi, Kenya.

Pre-Novitiate. Prophet Elijah Priory Nyazura. 2016 – 2017

Cyprian Dzihwema. (Nyanga)
Obvious Mapfumo. (Masvingo)
Joseph Sami. (Rusape)

Carmelite Ministries and Properties in Harare.

The Carmelites Minister in the following Parishes which are the property of the Archdiocese of Harare.

- Saint Joseph's Parish, Hatfield. (1958)
- Saint Alois (1962) and Saint Agnes (1982) Chitungwiza.
- The Hatfield Parish Clergy continue to be responsible for the Epworth Pastoral Area and the Catholic Community at Manyame air Base.

Carmelite Foundation/Properties in the Archdiocese of Harare.

- The Carmelite Priory, Hatfield Harare. (1958)
- The present Carmelite Student House, Mount Carmel Harare. (1987) The property actually belongs to the Nazareth Sisters. Discussions took place between the Nazareth Sisters and the Carmelites over many years and there was agreement regarding occupancy between the General Council of the Nazareth Sisters and the Provincial and Council of the Irish Province of Carmelites. The Carmelites in Zimbabwe have lived in the present building since 1987 and extended the building during 1998.
- The Carmelite Sisters have two convents in Harare (Foundations during 2002 and 2012).

Carmelite Ministries in the Diocese of Mutare.

The Carmelites minister in the following parishes which are the property of the Diocese of Mutare.

- Saint Joseph's Parish, Sakubva Mutare.
- Saint Simon Stock Parish, Rusape.

Carmelite Foundations/Properties in the Diocese of Mutare.

- The Carmelite Priory Mutare. (1954)
- Kriste Mambo Formation Centre, High School and Pastoral Area. (1985)
- Prophet Elijah Priory, Nyazura. Pre-Novitiate.

The Carmelite Mission Superiors or Commissary Provincials since 1946.

Father Donal Lamont.
Father James O'Shea.
Father Mel Hill.
Father Sean Coughlan.
Father Tom McLoughlan.
Father Fergus O'Loan.
Father Tom Power.
Father Michael Kenny.
Father Edward Ward.
Father John McGrath.
Father Simplisio Manyika.
Father Vitalis Benza.

We remember all the Carmelites of the Irish Province and the Zimbabwe Commissariat who studied/served/ministered in Zimbabwe and who have gone to their eternal reward from the year 1963 to 2016. We also remember our brothers from the Provinces of St. Elias USA. Australia, England and The Netherlands who served/ministered in Zimbabwe.

Below are the names of our deceased brethren, of the Irish Province and their dates of death.

Martin McMahon, 11.01.2005.
Martin Farragher, 15.01.2008.

Dunstan O'Connor, 02.02.1991.
Patrick Bodkin, 14.02.2006.
Peter Claver Marimanzi, 21.02.1994.

Thomas Power, 03.03.1984.
Bernard Clinch, 07.03.1998.
Jerome O'Dwyer, 10.03.1979.
Anthony Bowe, 14.03.1997.
Aloysius Farnsworth, 27.03.1997.

Andrew Wright, 05.04.1986.
David O'Connell, 15.04.1975.

Ignatius Moore, 04.05.2004.
Gerard Farrell, 12.05.2005.
Paul Hughes, 15.05.14
Luke Flynn, 19.05.2002.
Paul McChrystal, 21.05.2011.
John O'Sharkey, 25.05.1981.
Mel Hill, 26.05.1984.
Robert MacCabe, 28.05.2011.
Michael Kenny, 29.05.2000.
Matthew Aherne, 30.05.1993.

Louis Bouthillette. 02.06.16
Ambrose Roche, 05.06.1963.
Anselm Corbett, 11.06.2004.
Peter Toner, 11.06.2010.
Cyprian Kennedy, 13.06.1996.
Aidan McLoughlin, 19.06.2011.
Joseph Neville, 25.06.2000.

Conall Collier, 05.07.2008.
Brocard Boyle, 08.07.1972.
Thomas McLoughlin, 20.07.1992.
Edward Ward, 26.07.2011.

Francis Tobin, 02.08.1999.
Donal Lamont, 14.08.2003.
Norbert Heaslip, 18.08.2013.

Senan Egan, 04.09.1992.
Fergus O'Loan. 06.09.15
Joseph Clinch, 07.09.1986.
James Kinahan, 17.09.1996.
Francis McCartan, 22.09.1994.
Bartholomew McGivern, 25.09.2002.

Philip O'Brien, 07.10.2008.
James O'Shea, 12.10.1984.
Michael Hender, 14.10.2013.
Michael Ardiff, 16.10.1994.
Sean Dunne, 19.10.1999.
Cormac Collier, 27.10.1989.

Michael Hipwell, 02.11.1968.
Gerard Meagher, 03.11.1982.
Sean Fallon, 08.11.1981.
Patrick Norton, 10.11.1987.
Sean Coughlan, 12.11.2012.
James Doyle, 13.11.2004.
Declan Sugrue, 24.11.1971.
Thomas Brennan, 28.11.1987.
Brian Pio Kiernan. 29.11.15

Vernon Jere, 04.12.2003.
Anthony Clarke, 17.12.1998.
Stephen Josten, 27.12.2000.
John Murphy, 28.12.1988.

Appendix 5

Ongoing Formations Course, The Holy Land, 2012

An on-going formation programme took place in the Holy Land from August 29th – September 12th 2012. The International Formation Commission of the Carmelite Order organized the programme entitled 'Back to the sources' in the Holy Land. There were thirty-eight participants coming from most of the Provinces around the world, from North and South America, Asia, Africa and Europe; a truly international group. The Prior General, Father Fernando Millán Romeral, joined them for the first week and gave a talk entitled 'Titus Brandsma: in the spirit of Elijah'. The first week was based at Stella Maris, Haifa, where the group experienced great hospitality on the part of the Carmelite Sisters who run the centre and the fraternity of the local Discalced Carmelite community. The group visited many sites of Carmelite interest, the sea of Galilee and many places associated with the life and ministry of Jesus.

The second week was based in Jerusalem where again the group visited many of the main pilgrim places in the city associated with the life and ministry of Jesus. The course was structured in such a way as to facilitate a deeper experience on the part of those taking part, through moments of prayer and silence and the reading of Biblical and Order texts at the various locations visited. There were many presentations made by members of the General Council, presentations related to Scripture, the Charism of the Order, the geography and history of the Holy Land The group also had a day of retreat which was led by Father John Keating. Father Miceal O'Neill accompanied the group as translator, Father Nicola Sozzi was responsible for the Liturgy and Father Paco Negral, OCD, was the official guide throughout the journey. All the Brothers were very positive regarding the course and many spoke about the deep experiences they had during their time together.

Father Bob Kelly participated in the course and enjoyed it very much. Father Wiseman Msemwa was unable to attend because of visa complications. Bob recalls the following: *"The Stella Maris Retreat/Conference Centre is run by a group of Italian Carmelite Sisters. A group of Discalced Priests also live on the complex. Father Paco, the official guide of the tour gave a wonderful description of the local area and highlighted the fact that the Carmelites lived close to the sea. He recalled that at the end of the first Crusade, 1254, St. Louis took some Carmelites back to France. The Carmelites abandoned the Holy Land in 1291 as the Turks took over. The Discalced Carmelites re-established the Order in 1631 but were again dispersed from the place during 1767. During 1836 a Church was built on the same location and was given the title of Basilica under the name 'Stella Maris'. The group visited many places associated with the life and ministry of Jesus, it was indeed a great experience to have seen so much of where Jesus preached and walked and to have seen some of the early settlements of the Carmelites, where the Order originated.*

The group also visited the Orthodox Church of the Annunciation which claims to be the place where the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to be the Mother of the Son of God. The Church built here after the peace of Constantine, 325, was destroyed by the Persians in 615. Like so many other places, that Church was destroyed and the present Church dates back to 1766. Father Paco believes that Nazareth was a town of about two thousand people in the time of Jesus, today is it a much bigger town. Mount Tabor is a place with spectacular views and is a most impressive place, the Mount is about six hundred meters above sea level, with magnificent views on either side. There was also a short visit to Cana, the scene of the changing of water into wine by Jesus. The experience in Jerusalem was very different. On the journey to Jerusalem, the group passed through the Jordan Valley stopping off at Qumran to view a film on the story of the Dead Sea Scrolls which were discovered during 1947 having been hidden in jars for almost two thousand years. The Scrolls contain some of the OT Books. Still on the journey to Jerusalem, the group passed through Bethany where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. They arrived in Jerusalem by evening and stayed at the Franciscan Sisters on Nablus Road in Jerusalem. Like 'Stella Maris' in Haifa, the accommodation and hospitality was excellent. Jerusalem is quite a contrast to Haifa!! While in Jerusalem the group went to the Western Wall or the Wailing Wall. The Wailing Wall is the only remaining part of the Temple which was destroyed by the Romans during 68CE.

The Prophet Isaiah called the Temple a 'house for all the Nations'. The Jews believe that the Divine Presence never moves from the wall, people place petitions in the crevices of the wall. The Wall is the most visited place in Israel. The group also visited Bethsaida, the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, the Upper Room where Jesus instituted the Eucharist, the Priesthood and the place of the washing of the feet, the Via Dolorosa, places associated with the Christian Holy Week. They had a guided tour of the Holy Sepulcher before celebrating the Eucharist. Catholics, Orthodox and Armenians share the Basilica which is a massive structure. In the Basilica there is a beautiful mosaic of Jesus being taken down from the cross, the anointing of his body and laying him in the tomb. The group visited many more places of great interest in the Holy Land and in Jerusalem. Father Paco took the group on many 'walking tours' during their time in Haifa and Jerusalem and showed them Centres of Study of Scripture, archaeology and languages."

For Father Bob and for the group it was a wonderful experience, very positive for all who participated, everybody spoke of their deep experiences during the journey through the Holy Land and in Jerusalem.

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