

## CIRCULAR LETTER

**18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017**

**FROM: J. A. RYAN, THE BISHOP OF MZUZU**  
**TO : ALL COMMUNITIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF MZUZU**

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings of the Risen Lord to you all from Katoto. We write to make the following announcements:

### **1. NEW PARISHES**

After a thorough survey and looking at how best we can serve the People of God, we have decided to declare the following as new parishes:-

#### **a. ST. MONICA – Embangweni**

The following areas will form the new parish:

**From St. Therese:** Embangweni Zone: Embangweni, Chiwondwe, Mbawa, Bongonya, Swaswa, Esigondhleni, Mhlafuta Zone: Muhlafuta, Mtuzuzu, Zwangendawa, Mabiri (minus Emoneni), Kamatawo Zone: Chindoka and Samuel. Vulundiya Zone: Zulanga, Harare, Kachere and Chikuro.

**From St. Paul:** Zone 4: Chimutu, Chiuzimba, Kanyanje, Handile, Mhalaunda, Katete and Mateyo Zone 5: Mjinge and Zikoti. Zone 6: Jinyi, Edingeni, Mzamu, Luhana, St. Mary's, St. Joachim, Milingo, St. Charles, St. Henerico, St. Michael's, Mngondongo and St. Steven.

#### **b. ST. CECILIA - Mpherembe**

The following areas will form the new parish.

Mpherembe Zone: Kafukule Zone A, Kabwafu Zone and Chipeta Zone. But Mtende will belong to Mzambazi Parish.

#### **c. ST. ALBERT – Katoto**

The following areas will form the new parish.

St. Albert Zone and Chitheka Zone.

#### **d. ST. BERNADETTE – Chiwavi**

The following areas will form the new Parish.

St. Bernadette, St. Joseph, St. Raphael-Sonda and St. Patrick-Kaviwale.

The pastoral teams will come up with clear boundaries in the near future.

St. Bernadette, St. Albert and St. Cecilia will maintain their names as their Patron Saints. The new parish at Embangweni will have St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo as their Patron Saint and so the new parish will be called St. Monica's Parish.

Following the establishment of the new parishes, the following priests have been appointed as acting Parish Priests:-

- (i) St. Monica's Parish: Fr. Albert Chirwa supported by Fr. Daniel Banda
- (ii) St. Bernadette's Parish: Fr. Peter Ndolo
- (iii) St. Albert's Parish: Fr. Martin Kumwenda
- (iv) St. Cecilia's Parish: Fr. Isaiah Nyirenda

The acting Parish Priests will work closely with their counterparts in the Central Administration:

- (i) St. Monica's Parish: Fr. Tony Mfune, DFIA
- (ii) St. Bernadette's Parish: Fr. Edmond Nyoka, Pastoral Secretary
- (iii) St. Albert Parish's: Fr. Andrew Chunda, Vicar General
- (iv) St. Cecilia Parish's: Fr. Andrew Chunda, Vicar General

We ask all the faithful in the new and old parishes to cooperate with their Parish Priests in the establishment of these parishes. The work requires the full cooperation of everyone. We also ask the entire Diocese, friends of Mzuzu Diocese, all priests, brothers and sisters to offer their support towards the establishment of the new parishes.

Meanwhile we will continue to work with Kabulufu, Kasito and Masasa towards their establishment as parishes.

## **2. DIOCESAN WEBSITE**

We have appointed Fr. Petros Mwale as Administrator of the Diocesan Website. Please cooperate with him as he will be contacting you for information to be put on the website. Feel free to continually send him information to keep the website up to date.

## **3. VISIT OF THE FINANCE TEAM TO INSTITUTIONS**

The Diocesan Finance Team will be visiting all our institutions. They have attached the programme of their first visits. We ask that you cooperate with them. The idea is to help one another so that we move together.

## **4. TUMBUKA HYMN BOOKS (SUMU)**

We recognise the dire need for the Hymn Books in our Diocese. The good news is that we will start printing the Hymn Books and they will be available in May. May the parishes mobilise resources from choirs so that once the Hymn Books are out, we should not take long to go for reprinting. Each Hymn Book will be selling at K2, 000.00.

## 5. NEW ARRIVALS

- We are happy to announce that Fr. Bardley Sweet, a Diocesan Priest from the Diocese of Charlottetown in Canada who is coming to work among us, will be arriving in Malawi and in the Diocese on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017.
- We would like to inform you that Bro. Patrick Happy Mzumara of the Society of Jesus (Jesuit) has asked to do his one year Sabbatical Leave as a pastoral worker here in the Diocese of Mzuzu. He is expected to be among us towards the end of April. Let us all welcome him as a fellow pastoral worker.

Finally, we wish you all the best in your different pastoral activities.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Ryan

**SERVANT AND BISHOP OF MZUZU**