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CIRCULAR LETTER

FROM: RIGHT REV. JOHN A. RYAN, BISHOP OF MZUZU DIOCESE

TO: ALL COMMUNITIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN MZUZU DIOCESE

Dear, Fathers, Brothers and Sisters

We send you greetings from the Bishop's residence in Katoto, Mzuzu. Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon you all.

There are a few matters we wish to communicate to you:

1) Fr. Michael A. Muwowo:

We sincerely thank Father Michael A. Muwowo for the work he has done as Vicar General for twenty years and for leading the diocese as Administrator after the death of late Bishop Joseph Zusa up to 27th August 2016. We also thank him for accompanying us at Katoto over the last few months in facilitating smooth handovers. We pray that the God may continue guiding him in his ministry. Fr. Muwowo has asked that, before he takes up a new appointment, he goes on a sabbatical leave for six months. He has asked that he takes this sabbatical leave at his home in Rumphu and he will be available to assist for Sunday ministry around his home in St. Denis Parish. It is good that he rests before he takes up a new appointment. The late Nelson Mandela said that the best place to rest is in the place where one grew up. There is a quality of rest attached to one's place of origins which cannot be captured elsewhere. We wish Fr Muwowo a refreshing rest.

2) New Appointments:

The following priests have been asked and have agreed to take on these responsibilities in addition to their present work. We trust that these responsibilities will not compromise their present pastoral work but rather enhance it.

- Fr. Mark Mkandawire and Fr. Raymond Kondowe have been appointed as Diocesan representatives to the PAC national assembly. We congratulate Fr. Mark Mkandawire for being elected PAC National Board Secretary.
- Fr. Raymond Mwale has been appointed as Diocesan Chaplain for Families.
- Fr. Austin Ndowera has been appointed as Board Chairperson for CADECOM.
- Fr. Phillip Shaba has been appointed as Diocesan PMS Director.
- Fr. Edmond Nyoka has been appointed Lay Apostolate Advisor by virtue of his office as Pastoral Secretary.



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3) Transparency and Accountability at all levels:

The Director of Finance, Investments and Administration (DFIA) will make a program to visit all parishes and institutions in order to meet Financial Committees at various levels and promote transparency and accountability. In particular, handovers are important for the smooth continuity of any institution. May I call upon everyone heading parishes, diocesan institutions and offices to prepare well written, comprehensive and transparent handovers whenever leaving any office.

4) The Organizational Evaluation and the Development of a Pastoral Strategic Plan:

The Lilongwe based company 'Charles Chimombo and Associates' have been awarded the contract to implement the whole process of carrying out a professional organizational evaluation and the development of a strategic plan for the diocese. This is a major milestone in the development of Mzuzu Diocese which will give direction to all of us on how we should proceed to bring about the Kingdom of God in Mzuzu Diocese. We expect this process to begin this week and be completed before the end of February. I ask for the cooperation of all in this process. At times we will be called for meetings and at other times we will receive visits from Charles Chimombo and Associates. I trust we will give this process our full attention and full support.

5) The Second Anniversary of the Death of the Late Bishop J.M. Zuzwa:

The second anniversary of the death of the late Bishop J.M. Zuzwa will occur on the 15th January which is a Sunday. Let us all include him in our prayers.

Finally, I wish you all a Fruitful and Peaceful New Year.

Yewo Chomene.

John A Ryan

SERVANT and BISHOP OF MZUZU DIOCESE.