





## **PRIESTLY ORDINATION**

**Deacon Vigilus Kawama**

It is with joy that we announce to you the first of our three ordinations this year. Deacon Vigilus Kawama will be ordained Priest on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 in Kawambwa, after

which he will go for his mission to Nigeria. *Oga congratulations you go evangelise now oh.*

### **THE GOD WHO CALLED YOU, IS THE GOD WHO WILL SHAPE YOU**

As human beings, we all have motives or purposes for joining religions life. However, it is sad if our motives are not purified and are for our selfish ends. It is even worse when we refuse to let go and let God who called us, shape us so that we can become even more efficient as his witnesses in our communities. We often, think that without these motives, we cannot manage to fulfil our calling, because they become beautiful leaves and branches that make us remain focused.

We think that without them we cannot accomplish God's purpose. But to accomplish God's purpose, what is required of us is giving our human totality to him as Mary did (Luke 1:38) for the word to become flesh (John 1:14). Fr. Philomena writing on letting go and the spirit of St. Francis wrote: "One can never give oneself totally to God until he/she is able to 'let go completely of persons, places or objects which in one way or another are fulfilled intrinsic needs. St. Francis was able to give up himself totally to God only after he was able to let go of his family, most of all, his beloved parents, material goods, comfortable home, and his friends. Then only was he capable of listening to our lord." Thus, for us to fulfill God's plan, we have to give up our own plans, doubts and fears to God like Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Jonah, and Mary ; and let God fulfill his design in the world by our yes to his call.'

God calls us by name because he wants us to be his; he wants to shape us to serve a particular kind of people (Isaiah 43:1-4). God whispers gently into the hearts of those who open to him, a call that is humanly impossible, absurd, unbearable, yet mysteriously a call which is heard.' Immediately, we may say yes or we may doubt to that gentle whisper of God, but as time goes, we begin to

experience that call from him. God himself begins to guide us, we begin to walk not according to our own ideas but according to his plan and thus we begin to be formed according to a mission he particularly called us to do.

Like any other persons in the past that God had called, each had his fears and doubts to say yes to the call of God. Yet even in their fear and doubts, they said yes and they let God to guide and shape them. All, in one way or the other learnt to give up their fears and with God's help, they accomplished his mission. It is thus that we who are aspiring to this life are called to, a life of giving up all our motives and plans that are contrary to God's mission, and let him who calls us to share in his mission shape us.

*By Peter Mutasha- Balaka*

### **FREDRICK WRITES FROM MALI**

Bonjour Mon Père! I am very glad to read your email. It has given me an opportunity to know what is happening in the Province. I am doing well despite the political insecurity here in Mali-Bamako. My stage has started well after having finished the language course. I have already engaged myself in parish activities. It is now very hot here. We are four in my community. Nous sommes deux français et deux zambiens (Fr. Didasio and myself). However, Fr. Didasio has been appointed back home. Je vous souhaite beaucoup du courage dans tous ceux que vous faites, salutations à tous.

Dear Fredrick, thank you for communicating. We are very much aware of the situation in which you are and we can assure you and the people of Mali of our prayers and concerns for peace and tranquillity, May the Risen Lord be your strength and hope for a better Mali tomorrow. *Fr. Kangwa*

### **TOURING THE WEST**

I have just been touring the Western Province. This trip was once again full of surprises and I will very much owe this to the Vocation program I recorded on Radio Liseli, in Mongu. This provoked curiosity and interest that resulted in a number of phone calls and meetings with the young people who had followed the program on air for two days. My gratitude goes to Fr. Singini OMI, Director of Radio Liseli who is proudly product of the White Fathers from Kabwata Parish. I appreciate the VIP hospitality he accorded me. *Luitimezi Bo Father.*

*Fr. Kangwa*