



FRIARS' NEWSLETTER

PROVINCE of THE FRANCISCAN PROTOMARTYRS, OFMConv in ZAMBIA

Guardians, Bursars, P. Priests Meeting

The Ongoing Formations annual programme of all Guardians, Bursars and Parish Priests will be held on 23rd March at the Franciscan Pastoral Centre, Ndola starting at 08:30 hours. All friars concerned must attend without fail and on time.

Provincial Annual Retreat I

The April session of the Provincial Annual Retreat will be held at St. Theresa Mission, Ibenga beginning Sunday evening, 10th April to Friday 15th April. The Retreat Master is friar Juniper Cummings.

The friars who have enrolled for this Retreat are the following:

Philip Mulenga, Anthony Salangeta, Maximilian Marozzi, Stanislaus Zabkiewicz, Joseph Chanda Mbotwa, William Kapunga, Stephen Fwempa, Rufino Kubo, Rodgers Chimutafu, Joseph Ntumbila, Deodatus Mbebe, Rolando Ceccarini, Luigi Policarpa, Sebastian Lufumpa, Tiziano Bragagnolo, James Chishimba, Jackson Kuleya, Joseph Weissling, Elias Mutale, Cornelius Mutale, Sylvester Mwaba, Tony Droll, Angel Malama, John Kapenda Richard Chimfwembe and Joseph Verdicchio.

80TH ANNIVERSARY

ARRIVAL OF FRIARS IN NDOLA

8th April this year marks 80 years since friar Francis Mazziari arrived at Bwana Mkubwa, Ndola; the starting point of the evangelization of the Copperbelt and North Western Provinces of Zambia by the Conventual Franciscans.

The special commemoration and celebration of our roots will take place on 16th April with a Pilgrimage to Bwana Mkubwa, prayers, testimonies and the Eucharist to be presided over by the Bishop of Ndola Diocese, Rt. Rev. Dr. Alick Banda. All are invited.

SOCIAL PROJECTS AND BUILDING COMMISSION

The members of this Commission met with the Minister Provincial on 22nd February 2011 to plan for the year and propose other members.

The membership of this Commission includes the friars running Mission Press (Miha Drevensek), Twikatane (Umberto Davoli and Sebastian Lufumpa), St. Francis School, Itimpi representative, and a representative of Kolbe House Projects in Solwezi.

The next meeting will be held in Ndola on 14th March 2011.

MISSION ANIMATION SECRETARIAT

The Provincial Mission Animation Secretariat met with the Minister Provincial on 1st March at Luanshya Friary for orientation and planning for the year 2011 - 2012. Friars Jackson Kuleya and Richard Chimfwembe were proposed and later approved by the Definitory as additional members of the Secretariat. Friar Timothy Kayula was adopted as *resource person and consultant*. Other members are friars Cornelius Mutale (Chairperson), Matthew Kayombo (Definitory Representative), and friar Abraham Alutuli. The next meeting will be on 22nd March in Ndola.

The team will give the main input to the forthcoming (23rd March) Guardians and Parish Priests Meeting and work in collaboration with the Ongoing Formation Commission to prepare for the 16th April Pilgrimage to Bwana Mkubwa.

COMINGS/GOINGS

Farewell to:

- friar Umberto Davoli who goes on his Sabbatical Leave in Italy on 16th March 2011;

F.M.S. VOLUNTEERS

A warm welcome to Bryce and Sandra Bradford, a married couple and members of the Franciscan Mission Service (F.M.S.) in U.S.A. They arrived in Zambia on 10th February on a 3 year Contract with the Province and have been assigned to St. Francis Friary, Itimpi - Kitwe.

Bryce holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and has taught at both Catholic and Public High Schools. Sandra is a member of the S.F.O. and trained as an Occupational Therapist. They both worked as Houseparents for a Centre in Florida that provides education, spiritual and financial support to young and expectant mothers in need. They are already settling down integrating well in the life and apostolates of the community. In the picture below, they are being welcomed at Nsobe Camp in Ndola.

