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1. MAMI



The question of officially launching MAMI has been in discussion for a while in the mission. On the 26th of September 2015, twenty two members gathered together at Mazenod House pre-novitiate to launch the MAMI program in the Zimbabwe Mission. The twenty-two members came from the three different parishes in the Archdiocese of Bulawayo were the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate are ministering. They came from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Divine Mercy Parish, and Body and Blood

of Christ Parish. The group was well represented in both genders and in age –groups. There are now efforts to celebrate the 8th of December 2015 together with this MAMI group for the first time this year 2015. We are hoping that the MAMI in Zimbabwe will contribute to the work of evangelisation in the Mission as we hope that they will help us to reach out the poor and most abandoned.

The Missionary Associates of Mary Immaculate are part of the Oblate family. They share in our Oblate undertakings, and in our missions. Its members work, with the means at their disposal, to support the Oblate mission work and help in our missionary apostolate. Under the protection of Mary Immaculate, the Mother of Mercy, they become apostolic auxiliaries to the Missionary Oblates. They share in our missionary joys and sorrows. They share in our battles and struggles, rejoicing in our success, making our Congregation ever more known, winning new members for it, propagating its publications, and helping in recruiting vocations

to the Oblate way of life. In return, we as Oblates grant them a share in our prayers and good works. We pray in a special way for them as members of our family. Through the Associates, we reach out to the poor and bring the Good News of the kingdom of God.

The day at the pre-novitiate began with adoration which was led by Rev. Deacon Lucky MANDAVA, who reminded all who participated at this adoration that the Associates and the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate are one family. The Associates will share in our Oblate spiritual benefits.

Immediately, after adoration, Fr. Superior Charles NABWENJE then gave a very inspirational talk on the Founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate St. Eugene de Mazenod.



The talk was so animated that it left the members thirsting to know more about the Oblates. Fr. Themba CHIPEMBERE, also facilitated a talk on the history of the Oblates in Zimbabwe. Fr. Pamidzai MUDZUDZA, crowned the day with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. At the end of such a successful day it was then agreed that the next meeting was going to be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on the 7th of November 2015.

Fr. Themba Chipembere OMI

2. MASVINGO DIOCESE VISITATION:



After being in communication with Bishop BHASERA for a short while, the bishop invited the Mission Superior to come to his Diocese of Masvingo for a meeting. Father Charles NABWENJE and Father Pamidzai MUDZUDZA drove to Masvingo bishop's house on the 21st of September 2015 to have a meeting with the bishop. This meeting was attended by Bishop BHASERA, his vicar General Father Walter NYATSANZA, the Zimbabwe Mission Superior Father Charles Nabwenje and his first assistant Father Pamidzai Mudzudza at the Bishop's parlour.

In the meeting the bishop expressed the need of male Religious congregations in the diocese of Masvingo. He articulated the need for evangelisation of the poor in most parts of the diocese. He mentioned that the diocese lacked the presence of male Religious congregations. He noted his first contact with Father Machello ZAGO who was the Superior General of the Oblates at the time when he was the bishop of Gokwe diocese then. He had requested for Oblates to come to the diocese of Gokwe at that time.

The bishop expressed an invitation to the Oblates of Mary Immaculate for possibilities of exploring possible missionary work in diocese of Masvingo. He particularly outlined three areas in the diocese that are in need. This matter is to be presented to the Natal Provincial Council.

3. MISEAN CARA WORKSHOP:

Members and Partner organisations of Misan Cara in Zimbabwe gathered at Golden Peacock Villa Hotel in Mutare for a two-day Workshop on Development. The Workshop started on the 13th of October and ended on the 14th of October 2015. Fr Charles NABWENJE and Deacon Lucky MANDAVA attended the Workshop representing Oblate Development



Program. Among the organisations represented were: Youth Alive Zimbabwe, Mashambanzou Trust, Mavambo Trust, Nagel House, Murambinda Hospital and Dennis Hurley Peace Institute. The Bishop of Mutare, Bishop Alexio MUCHABAIWA also graced the workshop by his presence. The Franciscan Missionaries of Africa sisters, Franciscan Missionaries of Divine Motherhood, Carmelites, Marist Brothers, Mary Ward Sisters and Little Company of Mary, Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary and the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, were among religious congregations who attended the workshop.

The Workshop was facilitated by Andrea CORTEMIGLIA (Misan Cara Development Mentor for Southern Africa).



We also had an opportunity of interacting with Seamus O'LEARY through video conferencing from Dublin, Ireland. He is the Learning and Development Manager for Misan Cara. The master of ceremony for the workshop was Henry NYAPOKOTO who was also the Programme Manager at DOMCCP, Mutare.

This Workshop was organised for all the Missionaries and partner organisations of Miseen Cara who are involved in developmental work. The Workshop created a platform for members to interact and learn from each other's experiences, practice and to look for ways of effectively interact with Miseen Cara in developmental work. Miseen Cara promotes a learning culture both internally and within its member organisations, with the overall objectives of sharing experiences of what works best, addressing contextual challenges, enhancing skills and capacity, and achieving long-term results, sustainability, and accountability. The Workshop revolved around project cycle management and organisational development with emphasis on peer learning and sharing of results-based management approaches.

Miseen Cara was founded in 2004 to support the development work of missionaries across the world. Miseen Cara is assisting 89 missionary organisations with grant funding and capacity building.

Dc. Lucky Mandava OMI

4. SCHOLASTICS 2015 DECEMBER PASTORAL:

We are expecting four scholastics in the Mission for the December pastoral work this year 2015. The scholastics that will be coming to Zimbabwe are: Tawanda MWANDO, from Zimbabwe; Philip ZIMORA, from Zimbabwe; Melusi MAZIBUKO from Natal province; and Jeremiah MAKAU from Central Province. It was arranged that Tawanda MWANDO and Jeremiah MAKAU be sent to Divine Mercy Parish, and Philip ZIMORA and Melusi MAZIBUKO be sent to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

The brothers will finish their pastoral work on the 26th of December 2015 and go for their holidays. The proposal was that the brothers should be exposed to Youth Ministry during their pastoral work.

“In God's Name, be Saints!” - St Eugene de Mazenod