

News Letter November 2024

Greetings of Love Peace and Joy to each one of you dear sisters!

We hope and pray that you are all fine in your respective apostolates.

SILVER JUBILEE;

Our sisters Grace and Annunciata celebrated their Silver Jubilee in September. It was a remarkable day! Our sisters from Burundi (Caritas, Arlette, Gorretti and Juliette) joined us in our celebration. It was a good humbling gesture. Thank you, our dear sisters, for gracing our celebration.



Sisters **Annunciata** and **Grace** feeding each other a cake on their Silver Jubilee!

We wish you many more years of love and service!

Cameroon:

Grace visited Meme community in Cameroon from September – October. The sisters were all fine. “I was welcomed warmly at Maroua (Salak) airport by Dona and Belise. I coincidentally arrived at the same time with the General Superior of the Josephites with his confrere who was also coming to visit his brothers. As it was already late to go home, we had dinner together in a restaurant. It was a great evening!

The Crombroughe family DMJ sisters with our brothers the Josephites at Maroua airport Airport.





I was privileged to visit Tokombere Parish with Sr. Jeannette and Fr. Moise. We climbed up the mountain in a prayerful spirit to visit the place where Fr. Baba Simon lived. (born in 1906, died 1975). He gained recognition for his

missionary work among the marginalised and often persecuted community in the far North of the Country. The church in Cameroon is praying for his beatification.

Baba (meaning Father) Simon Mpecke was the first Cameroonian missionary. He was declared venerable by Pope Francis on 20th May 2023.

The hut above located on the top of a hill, is where Baba Simon lived. It has become a place of pilgrimage and many Christians make monthly pilgrimages over the mountain in honour of Baba Simon.

From Left-Right; Sr. Jeanette, Fr. Theofire, Fr. Yaya Moise (Parish Priest Meme), Sr. Dona, Sr. Grace, Fr. Denis, Sr. Anne Marie and Postulant Celestine.



The Parish celebrated the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with all the sectors. Meme Parish is named after St. Francis of Assisi. There was dancing, singing and rejoicing at the Parish.

The community celebrated the silver jubilee of Sr. Grace. They had a thanksgiving mass and a grand meal in our DMJ community. Thanks so much Meme Community for the warm reception given to Sr. Grace.

SR. AGNES CHARLES VISITS AFRICA:



It was certainly a pleasant surprise when she told us that she was coming to visit us! Finally she made it! She arrived safely in Uganda and was met by Mona and Eileen at the airport who brought her to Mbarara. She shared her religious experience and gave workshops to postulants, the temporary professed sisters and other sisters who were available in Mbarara and Coloma communities. She visited all the communities in Uganda. It was a great joy for us to meet Agnes after such a long

time!

On 7th November she headed to Burundi where she will spend some days visiting sisters communities and finally to Nairobi where she will visit the Novitiate Community.

Thanks Sr. Agnes for your kindness and generosity for sharing with us your time and knowledge especially about our Charism and Spirituality.

Sr. Agnes (left) sharing on our charism and spirituality in Emmaus community.



Novice Chantal

Chantal was successfully operated on in Bujumbura and is improving. We thank God and wish Chantal a quick recovery.

Sr. Florah Tuhirirwe

Our Sister **Florah** has been appointed Deputy Headteacher in charge of Academics at St. Maria Goretti Nursery and Preparatory School. Congratulations to you Sr. Florah! We wish you all the best in your new role.

Reception of Postulants:

Six postulants were received in different countries of Africa Region; Cameroon, Burundi, D.R. Congo, Kenya and Uganda.



Postulant **FAGUIME CELÈSTINE** was received in Memè Community – Cameroon.

Postulant FAGUIME CELÈSTINE receiving a candle from Sr. Belise.

Welcome to the DMJ family Celestinè!

In Uganda, three postulants were received; One from Kenya and two Ugandans.

Postulant **Makokha Gladys Akinyi** from Kenya was received in Coloma Community. Gladys is holding her lit candle.

Left-Right is Sr. Maria Goreti, Novice Mercienne, Sr. Mona, Postulant Gladys, Sr. Eileen, Novice Anet, Postulant Maxence and Postulant Goreti.

Welcome to Uganda Gladys! May the Lord enlighten your way so that you continue following him.



The same day when Grace and Annuntiata celebrated their silver jubilee, two postulants from Uganda were received.



Oshabaheebwa Maxence (right)
and Ariganyira Goreti (left)

Two Postulants were received in Burundi.



Left-Right Mashauri Maria Faraja from Democratic Republic of Congo (Bukavu), and **Citegetse Pascaline** from Burundi.

We warmly welcome you to the family of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph!

New Property Bought:

A house located on three acres of land was bought in Kati-Kafunjo across Coloma community. Sr. Mona facilitated the payment from different sources for future development of our Region. As a Region, we are so grateful to the Congregational Leadership Team which allowed us to do the transaction and to Sr. Mona and all our donors who support us in different ways.

Below is the house. It has a boy`s quarters with two rooms as seen in the pictures below.



Front view



Behind view showing worker`s house.

UP COMING EVENTS

Our sisters **Diana Kyaringabira** from Uganda and **Paskalia Nabatulu Ongure** from Kenya have been accepted for Final Vows. Congratulations dear sisters! We foresee the profession to take place around September and August 2025. A clear date will be communicated after confirming with the Bishops concerned. Let us keep them in prayer.

Sr. Amtara Jeannette will upgrade her studies next year 2025 in Yaounde. She will do master's degree in pediatrics. Sr. Janviere Niyongere will do her upgrading too in Bujumbura next year. We wish you all the best in your studies dear sisters.

Sr. Gladys will be coming to Uganda on 28th November 2024 for a holiday and medical concerns.

The **Congregational Leadership Team** will be visiting Uganda next year in February. They will arrive on 10th February. From 12th to 17th February, they will have their meetings. From 19th to 21st February, CLT will meet with Africa Regional Team, then, 22nd to 23rd they will have a meeting with all the sisters in Uganda. We request you to reserve the dates given.

Sr. Anne Marie will be taking over from Sr. Belise as a Country coordinator beginning with 2025.

We have agreed that community coordinators and bursars take a three year term. It may be renewable. Those who have already taken more than three years could handover to others at the end of the year.

We wish you all a fruitful Advent Season and all the best in your respective apostolates.

Kyevale,
Amoshab
Caritas
Leonidas