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YOUR LIGHT MUST SHINE BEFORE OTHERS

[MATT. 5:16]



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KABWE, ZAMBIA

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it is good to do good

Missionary LIGHT, Let It Shine

The SVD 19th General Chapter is around the corner. Preparations are underway for the General Chapter in 2024. The theme for the General Chapter is, "Your Light Must Shine Before Others (Mt. 5:16) Faithful and Creative Disciples in a Wounded World."

Being creative to re-invent ourselves to propagate the Divine Word to others, considering the present vulnerable moments in the world.

As missionaries, the question remains, "Which direction do we need to take for being light to the world?" The vulnerabilities and their strengths in the world as well as the seasons of Lent and Easter give us the tools and the possibilities to let our light shine.

Jesus' life, suffering, death and resurrection, commission us his disciples as light to all people. Therefore, this light of concern, sacrifice, charity, kindness, mercy, and love towards the vulnerable must be seen in our lives wherever we are. People listen and look up to us not only in what we say, but more especially, see what we do.

"We are the light of the world..." (Matt. 5:14). Do we let our light of kindness, compassion, charity, option for the poor, standing for the voiceless, instilling hope, offering good deeds, etc. radiate and shine on all people living in shadows and situations of darkness?

The question: "Which direction do we need to take for being light to the world?" can also be applied to the Church in general for it is a missionary Church. As disciples of Christ, we are all called to be missionaries in our small ways to be light to people so that, 'they will see the good things we do and praise our Father in heaven.' (Matt. 5:16b)

In line with the theme of the 19th SVD General Chapter, this issue's focus is also on: "Your Light Must Shine Before Others" (Mt. 5:16). Cherished Readers, we shall share with you some events we engaged in since the publication of our Christmas edition. There is another inspiring message from the Novice Director and some relaxing topics from the novices, such as; The novitiate year, thirty days of journey with the Lord, happiness is a choice, let your light shine as a religious, etc.

With thankful heart to you our readers and benefactors, may Almighty God reward you for your great generosity and support. Be assured of our prayers always and continue to pray for us as well.

We wish that faith in the resurrection of Christ and His infinite mercy may be a source of undying joy and optimism for you.

Yours in the Divine Word,
THE EDITORIAL TEAM.

■ Nyabwari Cosmas Ombuna,
Dery Augustine & Appiah Samuel

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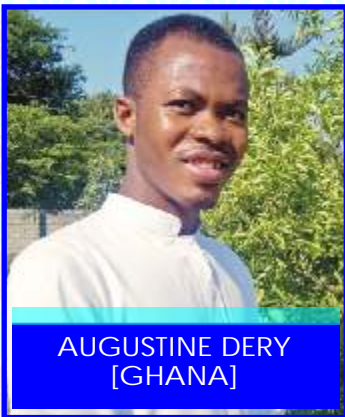


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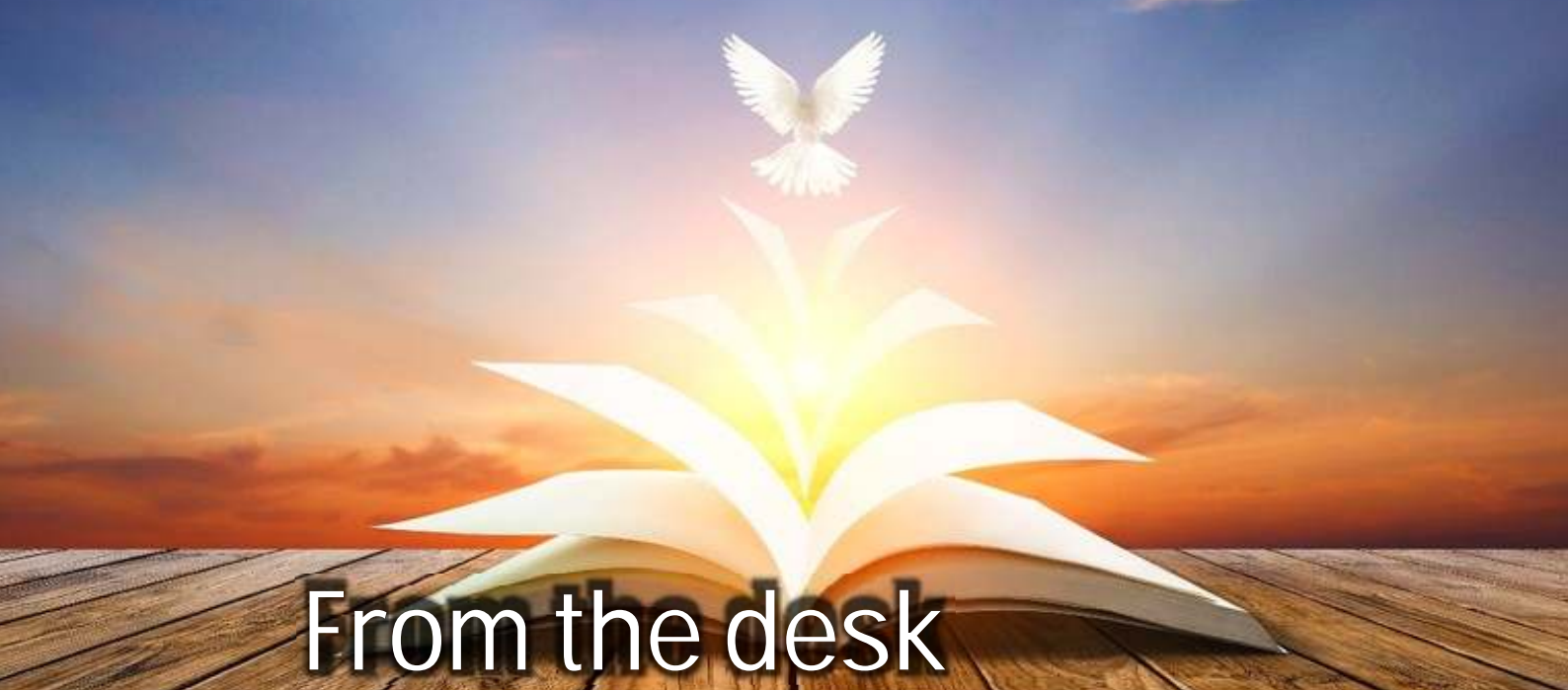
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From the desk

BY: Fr. George
Clement Angmor, SVD

OF THE DIRECTOR OF NOVICES

As the season of Easter quickly comes to end in these very few days, we recall that the celebration of the Mass of *Easter Vigil* ushered us into this joyous time of the Church's liturgical year. We are called, not only to follow the Light of Christ, as in the same manner we followed the *Paschal Candle* into the dark church buildings. Importantly, it leads us to reflect the light of hope to the world around us.

It is very fittingly appropriate that the editorial team of the newsletter focused on the theme of light, not only of this season, but also falling in line, as they indicated, with the theme of our upcoming 19th General Chapter, slated for 2024. Once again, a neat and newsy work has been accomplished with this edition. It is good to see the talents of the novices being harnessed in producing this and the previous edition and we say *kudos* to them. Rightly, it gives them the experience

and exercise of the flair of the communication characteristic dimension of the SVD.

In less than two months away, and by the grace of God, the canonical and novitiate year for this present batch of five novices will come to an end with the planned profession of their First Vows on Sunday, July 17. It is my prayer that, the skills learned or built upon over this novitiate year, would not fade away, but, nurtured to improve ever more, especially, for use in communicating the Divine Word to the world. Apparently, this is in line with letting the light of Christ shine forth in every situation and time!

May I take this opportunity to wish the novices, all the best for the remainder of their novitiate programme or canonical year, and the

continuation of their initial formation at their various assigned places after July 17. We also take this opportunity to thank Father General Paulus Budi Kleden, our Mission Superior Fr. Martin Kawana, their councils, and all confreres, friends and family, our collaborators (workers) and benefactors, for all the support they rendered us over this novitiate year as well as in the past. We beseech the Lord almighty's abundant blessings upon you all!

HAPPY FEAST AND CELEBRATION
OF PENTECOST!!





BY: Nyabwari
Cosmas Ombuna

THE Novitiate Year

There is seldom a temptation in every religious (man or woman) to get scared or rightly so to develop unprecedented skepticism of the idea of detachment held so tightly in the novitiate. This is normal; if you ask me although, the understanding of it changes once the novitiate is done. It is an experience which occurs once in a vocational journey involving a single religious institution. I always questioned the fact that every religious I met, alluded to the fact that they enjoyed the novitiate. This is especially when I first arrived in the Divine Word Novitiate in Zambia and was separated by all means to anything which will or would have purchased my attention away from personal reflection.

Then came the "Eureka" moment for me when I realized that it is in the detachment and more time for the self that every religious was justified to state boldly that they enjoyed their novitiate.

From another dimension, there is a temptation to think that the novitiate is a non-pleasant experience that needs to be undertaken as part of formation and not formation in itself. This would mean that the novitiate would be a means to an end and not an end in itself- the consequence will be the statement "I never enjoyed my novitiate". It would not be easy in the beginning because of what a person is used to, but with time everyone finds a serene environment to develop an experience that will be told of even in the future. Our Novice Director will be right to remind us that sometimes "we have to unlearn what we have learnt before we can learn new things" that we can call formation.

In a world in which there is too much rush, noise, confusion, and misunderstanding, it is almost impossible to find time for oneself. The canonical year is done in seclusion to provide for us time to reflect on our vocation and clarify and mature it in accord with the will of God.

The seclusion in the novitiate, though, is not in the absolute sense as is the case in the prison. Our schedule is flexible to avoid the laxity that might develop out of not engaging with people for a long time. Thus, as much as we need to be within the four walls of the novitiate for the whole year, we often get time to go out for various activities like sports, masses, diocesan activities etc. The best experience in the novitiate can only be told in the most perfect way by the individual because everyone develops an experience through the programmes offered here. I always think of how religious life would have been without the novitiate, it would have been like studying scripture without ever opening the bible or like claiming to be a footballer without ever getting in a football pitch, call it *potes sem!*



Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Kabwe



Friends of the

NOVITIATE

BY: Dery Augustine

(SVD LAYPARTNERS)

In the observation of the Zambia Mission since his arrival almost a year ago, Fr. George Clement Angmor, SVD, the Novice Master began taking several initiatives both in the novitiate community and the mission at large. The recent of these is the organization of the Friends of the Novitiate (FoN) which would be inaugurated into the SVD Lay Partners (SVDLP) in Kabwe, in the Catholic Diocese Kabwe of Zambia. This is the first in the diocese and second in the Zambia mission, following the premier group in the Holy Family Parish of Linda in the capital city of Lusaka, established by Fr. Lawrence Likulano, SVD, Parish Priest and also, the Mission Secretary.

The first meeting took place on Saturday, 21st May, 2022, at the Divine Word Novitiate at Dallas,

a suburb of Kabwe. A total number of twelve people were in attendance for the programme out of the earlier enlisted sixteen people, with two excused on travels.

As part of the programme, the novices made some Power Point presentations. Fraters Appiah Samuel started with a presentation on Who are the Divine Word Missionaries?, followed by Nyabwari Ombuna Cosmas, who presented on Who are the SVD Lay Partners?, and concluding the presentations was What is the novitiate? by Matiwaza Hanani. As part of the presentations, some video clips from the SVD lay partners around the globe were shown. This gave them more ideas on what SVD lay partners are doing and where to possibly start from.

Fr. George announced that the group would be inaugurated on 17th July, 2022, the upcoming day of the profession of first vows of the novices.

Out of those present for this first meeting, four were nominated

as interim executives. They are: Mrs. Chileshe Ndalia (Chairperson), Mr. Mike Munyama (Secretary), Ms. Julian Kwara Kambole (Financial Secretary), and Mrs. Mwansa Nyirongo (Publicity Officer)

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The following materials/hand-outs were given to them: Statutes of SVD friends in Zambia, Who are the Divine Word Missionaries (SVD?), and A Bouquet of Prayers (a leaflet of prayers).

The programme lasted two and a half hours, and came to an end with the praying of Vespers (Evening Prayers) and having supper together, with some more socialization before departure.

Let your light

BY: Lunga Busani

shine as a religious

A wiseman once said, "You can be happy only if you realize that it is not your position that matters in life but your disposition." I agree with him, however, I want to modify this adage to the context of religious life in the way I see it: that, your light will shine as a religious if only you realize that it is not your position or status that matters but your disposition to the mission and the world. Three paramount points can be drawn from this modified adage, that is action, contentment and happiness. I am convinced that the religious who incorporates these three aspects in their lives, do become shining lights for the people. I term it the "give and get" principle of life. What one gives and is satisfied with to his vocation is proportionate to what one gets in return. If one gives into worry, jealousy, suspicion and discontentment, one will get back unhappiness and misery which in turn would dim one's light and therefore affecting those who are in great need of the light.

I am reminded of a conversation I had lately with one of my brother novices about Elon Musk, the world's richest man on buying twitter, a social media application. Jokingly he asked me "it is good to dream and wish: do you not wish to be wealthy like Elon Musk?" Jokingly I replied, "No I do not wish to become like him, however, I wish to become a good religious". This took me back to some of my philosophy mates, who more often than not would envy their age mates who were into

other professions, reaching the extent of feeling uncomfortable of wearing their habits with the fear of identification. I believe they were discontent with their choice when leveling the scales of life although they had secret love for those choices.

Happiness and contentment are the foundation of a happy vocation as well as for a brighter light.

It is apparent then, that light shines not for itself but for others to see clearly, and so is a religious, not a religious for him/herself but for the world. Thus, the surest way that one's light shines brighter is to first appreciate and be content with one's vocation. Second, it is to widen the circles of friendship and to love all people. Third, it is to widen one's service, time and smile at the same moment widening the spheres of activity wherever one finds his or herself. Finally, one has to live everyday with its good and bad experiences; in such a way that one enjoys every moment and those short-term successes one encounters, while praying to achieve the long-term ones. In a world marred with so much darkness in form of massacres, exploitation of the poor by the rich, suicides etc. One's light can bring comfort to it and dispel this darkness.

In conclusion, one has to make God one's co-partner in his or her life. To ask Him for the virtue of patience, that will feed one with life giving strength to persevere all the storms that he or she might face, and so brighten the world in an even more powerful way.



Family & Culture Day

BY: Appiah Samuel

On February 20, 2022, the Divine Word Novitiate in Kabwe, Zambia, celebrated FAMILY AND CULTURE DAY. The five novices from three different countries: Ghana, Kenya, and Zimbabwe, were given the opportunity to showcase their cultural values. These cultural activities were portrayed through their dressings, dances, recitations, songs, PowerPoint presentations and a variety of dishes from the above mentioned countries were also displayed and enjoyed by all.

Some couples and friends around us in Kabwe were invited to grace the occasion. Some religious: Little Servants of Mary Immaculate (LSMI) and SVD confreres in the town were not left out to enjoy the occasion.

The celebration was purposely to have an interaction with other families and friends by way of presenting who we are culturally and as Divine Word Missionaries (SVD). Furthermore, to understand what families or people expect of the priests, religious, novices and seminarians in general.

EXPECTATIONS

Many questions were answered at the end of our display and presentations. The guests made known of their expectations as they also encouraged and motivated us in our vocational journey.

They stated that they expect us to be loyal, humble and most importantly prayerful (cf. 2 Chronicles 7:14). Again, they added that, we are expected to be each other's keeper with good community lifestyle and bury our personal interests. We should be sociable especially to the youth and live exemplary lives to attract them into the religious life.

We were also advised to avoid what they termed as '3 Ws' (Wealth, Wine, and Women).

Thus, based on the vow of poverty, we are to live simple but good lifestyle and should not be engaged in craving for wealth and money (cf. Proverbs 22:1). We are the light to others and role model in society, therefore, we should consider where and how to take alcohol and reduce its intake (Galatians 5:19-21). Also with respect to the vow of chastity, we are only to have a healthy relationship with women/ladies (cf. Hebrews 13:4 / 1 Corinthians 6:18-20).

On the other hand, we were encouraged to cherish our vocation and always respond to God's call. We were advised that, the world is full of enticement and this can sometimes distract our focus, but "keep the zeal of continuity and focus solely on Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. You will encounter struggles and temptations but be steadfast and persevere. God who has called you will be with you always" (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:24) they assured us.

After vespers (evening prayers), the inter-cultural/country meal prepared by the novices were enjoyed by all. The day which started at 15:00 hours came to an end around 18:30 hours.



Culture & Scriptures

BY: Appiah Samuel

ADINKRA SYMBOLS FROM GHANA

In the Akan language (Twi), Adinkra means "saying goodbye" to one another when parting. The name Adinkra, according to an Asante/Ashante legend, come from the Bono King of Gyaman (Nana Kofi Adinkra). He was defeated and captured in battle by the Ashante people. **Nana Adinkra wore cloth with patterns of symbols, as an expression of sadness and departing.**

In the 1800s, the **Ashantes** began to paint

traditional symbols (ADINKRA) onto funeral cloths as a way of saying goodbye to the dead. Such cloths are now used for many different occasions to enhance the beauty of the cloth and to convey a proverbial message.

Today, the Adinkra cloth is not exclusively worn by the Ashante people. It is worn by other ethnic groups in Ghana on a variety of social gatherings and festive occasions.

SOME ADINKRA SYMBOLS AND THEIR MEANING

GYE NYAME - Except for God



This symbol symbolizes God's power through the knowledge that **people should not fear anything except for God.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Prov. 9:10)

It also connotes that, **no one has seen the beginning of all creations, nor will anyone live to see the end, except for God.**



He is the ALPHA and OMEGA, ... (Rev. 22:13)

Symbol of SUPREMACY OF GOD



MATI MASIE – I have heard and kept it



It represents four linked ears, which serves to remind people of the **importance of listening and acting on it.**

...Be doers of the Word, not mere listeners... (James 1:22)



It symbolizes **understanding** through **good judgement**, and the portrayal of wisdom and knowledge through such understanding and awareness

Symbol of WISDOM AND PRUDENCE

SANKOFA – Return and get it



The symbol is depicted by a bird which appears to be moving forward while looking back, which means, **learning from the past.**

Revisiting our cultural values after slavery just like the Israelites.

... Ask for the Ancient path where the good way is and follow it... (Jer. 1:16)

A reminder of reconciliation after falling to the slavery of sin. (The Prodigal Son - Luke 15:11-32)



Symbol of LEARNING FROM THE PAST



ESE NE TEKREMA – The teeth and the tongue



The teeth and the tongue play interdependent roles in the mouth. They may come into conflict, but **they need to stay and work together.**

Paul advises us: Live in harmony with one another. (Romans 12:16)

"I am, because you are" UBUNTU. Our live is dependence instead of independence

We are because God is. For in Him we move and live and have our being. (Acts 17:28)



Symbol of FRIENDSHIP AND INTERDEPENDENCE

ADINKRA SYMBOLS ON CHASUBLE AND STOLE



AKOMA – The Heart

"The only language everyone understands is LOVE" (St. Joseph Freinademetz)



It represents **love, unity, endurance, patience, care, tolerance, goodwill, and faithfulness.** United in the Lord, different people from different cultures come together as a family to share His love.

"A new commandment I give you, love one another, as I have loved you..." (John 13:34)

These 3 remains: Faith, Hope and Love but the greatest of all is LOVE (1 Cor. 13:13)

May the Heart (Love) of Jesus live in the hearts of us all.

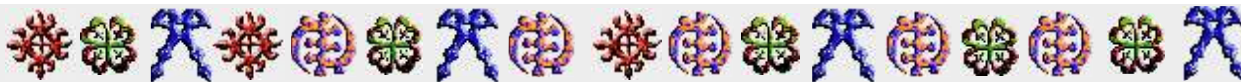


Symbol of PATIENCE AND TOLERANCE



COUPLE DRAPING KENTE CLOTH WITH ADINKRA SYMBOLS

<https://istockphoto.com/ghanaian-couple-draping-kente-cloth-with-adinkra-symbols>



NOVITIATE IN PICTURES



CULTURE & FAMILY DAY



WITH MS. PASCALINA AND SHADRACK AFTER FIRST AID LECTURE



PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION AT ST. CHARLES LWANGA PARISH, CHINDWIN



...CULTIVATE AND GUARD THE LAND... (Genesis 2:15)



A NOVICE AT WORK



HOLY MASS PRESIDED OVER BY FR. GABRIEL SOSU, SVD



WITH FRIENDS OF THE NOVITIATE / SVD LAY PARTNERS



WITH THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY (MSF) NOVITIATE COMMUNITY



WITH SSps IN ZAMBIA

WHO ARE THE SSps ?

They are the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit (SSps), founded by St. Arnold Janssen, together with Bl. Maria, Helena Stollenwerk, and Bl. Josepha, Hendrina Stenmanns, as a female Religious-missionary congregation dedicated to the life-giving Spirit. They have about 3,000 members working in 46 different countries.

From different parts of the world they share their lives in ministries such as: Pastoral and Catechetical, Social Services, Education, Health, Administration, any apostolate with the need of time. In Zambia, they work in the dioceses of Livingstone and Kabwe.



Happiness

BY: *Matiwaza Hanani*

is a CHOICE

We had a chance to have an interaction with a young Fidei Donum lay missionary, Magdalena Mika, a Polish missionary in Kabwe, Zambia. She was invited to our novitiate to share with us some of her experiences as a lay missionary. She has worked in Zambia for over seven years. According to Magdalena Mika, "Happiness is choosing" she continued, "You have to be happy with what you do." From infancy, she was inspired by her uncle who was a missionary-priest in Madagascar, she always wished to be a missionary in Africa as well. For

Magdalena, that made her to study hard so that she could be a well-equipped missionary. After completing high school, she came to Zambia as a volunteer in Livingstone, and worked with orphans and street kids for one year. Later on, she had a strong love for the missionary work and decided to come back as a lay missionary, Fidei Donum.

Her dream came true, today she is a missionary here in Kabwe. As a psychologist she does counseling, assists the poor, the marginalized and people with disabilities in their homes. A question was asked: 'How do you get financial assistance to facilitate your missionary life since you are not supported by the diocese?' Her response was that the people from her parish in Poland, diocese, family, friends and other anonymous benefactors assist her in her missionary task. We were inspired by her dedication to learn the Bemba language. The language helps her to communicate easily with those who cannot speak English. She advised us that, language is the first thing to

quickly grasp so that it becomes easy to do evangelization in the mission.

One of the lessons she shared with us and we felt encouraged was that, as a missionary one should try as much as possible to acquire basic skills in woodwork, metalwork, building, first aid, etcetera. I was touched by this as during the time of our founder (St. Arnold Janssen he emphasized strongly on this to the first missionaries in the Society of the Divine Word (SVD). She encouraged multi-tasking for a religious-missionary since it will help to enrich one's missionary life wherever one finds himself. It was an inspiration to us and it made us feel more and more the need to embrace religious missionary life as we saw the passion and happiness which Magdalena has put in her daily missionary tasks to help the people of God here in Zambia.



30 Days Journey

WITH THE LORD IN THE WILDERNESS

BY: Dery Augustine

This sort of journey with Jesus is a deeply spiritual as well as a side-by-side walk in solitude. We began the journey on Saturday 5th March, 2022 with Jesus in our "wilderness" led and guided by Rev. Fr. Gabriel Sosu, SVD. We travelled with God to the top of the mountain; Prayer, we walked with Him along the road; Meditation, had a series of encounter through the Mass and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and heard that still small voice of the Lord in silence, in the silence of our hearts.

Prior to the beginning of the journey, we were admonished to carry nothing but the following; Bible, Rosary and Silence. We were told it was going to be a twenty-four hour prayer and absolute silence with fasting. The very essence of this journey was striving for holiness, and to draw closer to the Lord.

Within the thirty days, some topics elucidated on included but not limited to: My God loves me, Faith, Discipleship, Sin, Prayer, Leadership, Forgiveness,

Chastity, Holy Spirit the dynamic force in our Lives... in all, we dealt with twenty-nine topics. At the end of each topic, we were given five scripture texts for prayer and meditation. We also had to prepare reflections on the scripture texts and meet the retreat director at an appointed time individually.

Holy Mass was celebrated each day at noon and after vespers (evening prayers) the Blessed Sacrament was exposed for adoration.

AT THE OASIS

A journey in the wilderness will certainly make one weary, thirsty, tired... It was in view of this that on the 19th, when we got to the oasis, we were allowed to take a rest; we could at least break the silence for a day in order to pass some vital communication.

SOME EXPERIENCES

A cold heart cannot understand words of fire. Those who have received the Holy Spirit are given the grace to understand.



There were but brief and transitory moments when the soul touches God, and this comes with such an indescribable joy.

There was that serene peace of the heart and soul. Peace of the body is well-ordered harmony of all its parts, peace of the irrational soul is the orderly repose of the senses and peace of the rational soul is the harmony between thought and action.

If only we would permit the Word of God and the Holy Spirit to penetrate our hearts, we can proclaim like Jesus, and attest to the truth that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

It was spiritually refreshing and renewing. We had enough time to focus on our inner values and vocation.

A TIME OF REST AND REPAIR

Making a little paradigm shift from the spiritual to the physical. Taking the entire canonical year into perspective and considering the activities of the novitiate especially on the aspect of work. Most brothers were in fact tired and getting worn-out each passing day. This period was also an opportune time to rebuild, grow and repair worn-out tissues, restore certain organs and rest for the entire body.



A SUDDEN CHANGE

Having anticipated of being guided to the end by the retreat director, Fr. Gabriel, there happened to be a change of event after twenty-one days of our journey with him. Due to some issues regarding his visa, it could not permit him to renew it or stay longer, so on the 27th March, 2022, he returned to Zimbabwe. He gave us the rest of the bible texts for the remaining days for our meditation and personal reflection. From this time onward, we were left under the complete guidance of the Holy Spirit through the Ignatian Spirituality at the end of which we reviewed our days with the director of novices.

CONCLUSION

Indeed, it was a great moment; a period of intimate communion with the Divine and of love. A moment when most things of the physical were despised, eliminating distance,

paying less attention to the usual activities, living in moderation and focusing on the Lord in prayer. How we wished not to leave this ambiance of solitude, purity and prayer. Like the prophet Isaiah, we can say; the Spirit of the Lord is upon us (cf. 61:1).

We will like to use this opportunity to encourage all and sundry to make it a point to embark on such journeys, even if it is a day or two. It will be helpful both spiritually and physically.

We got to our final destination and ended the journey on 4th April, 2022 with a thanksgiving Mass. To God be the greatest glory.

We acknowledge and thank all confreres especially our retreat director, religious men and women, our collaborators of the Novitiate community, relatives and loved ones, who supported us in diverse ways during this essential spiritual exercise in our religious life. God bless us all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RETREAT
IN PREPARATION
OF FIRST VOWS

3RD - 9TH JULY, 2022

THERE WILL BE A ONE-WEEK RETREAT FOR THE NOVICES AS PART OF THEIR PREPARATIONS TO PROFESS THEIR FIRST RELIGIOUS VOWS

**ARRIVAL OF
NEW NOVICES**

12TH JULY, 2022

THE 2022/2023 EXPECTED BATCH OF NOVICES WILL REPORT TO THE NOVITIATE. THEY ARE SEVEN YOUNG MEN FROM FIVE COUNTRIES; ZAMBIA-1, ZIMBABWE-1, TOGO-1, TANZANIA-2, & GHANA-2

**PROFESSION
OF FIRST VOWS**

&

**INAUGURATION OF
SVD LAY PARTNERS**

17TH JULY, 2022

THE 2021/2022 BATCH OF NOVICES AT THE DIVINE WORD NOVITIATE IN DALLAS-KABWE, ZAMBIA, WILL MAKE THEIR FIRST PROFESSION OF RELIGIOUS VOWS AT ST. CHARLES LWANGA PARISH, CHINDWIN.

THE FRIENDS OF THE NOVITIATE/SVD LAY PARTNERS WILL BE INAUGURATED DURING THE CEREMONY

Gratitude

*"Oh give
thanks to the LORD, for He is
good, for His steadfast love endures
forever!"*

PSALM 107:1-3 (ESV)

The Divine Word Novitiate community would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God for how far He has brought us and we continue to ask for His guidance in our discernment process.

We are thankful to Fr. Paulus Budi Kleden, SVD (General Superior), Fr. Martin Kawana, SVD (Mission Superior) and His Council, all confreres, our families and friends, our collaborators, benefactors, all facilitators who have imparted a lot to us for our well-being.

We are grateful to you all and we ask the Almighty God to replenish all that you have spent on us in many folds.

To our Provincial and Regional Superiors and their administrative bodies, we ask that God will continue to strengthen you in your leadership role for all the support you are offering to us.

We thank the Director of Novices for taking time to do the proofreading for us.
God bless you always.



2021/2022 BATCH OF NOVICES
SVD ZAMBIA MISSION



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May the Darkness of sin and the night of unbelief vanish before the Light of the Word and the Spirit of Grace. And may the Heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all people. Amen.

ST. ARNOLD JANSSEN

