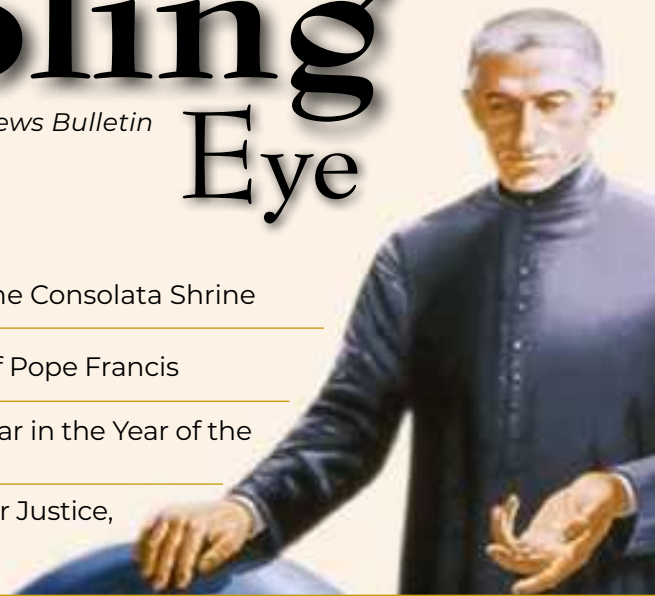


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Three Months of Grace at the Consolata Shrine

Dear Parishioners,

It has been just over three months since I was appointed to serve as the parish priest of Consolata Shrine, and in this short time, I have already witnessed the immense vibrancy, faith, and commitment that defines this community. I write this reflection with gratitude to God and to all of you, the pastoral team and the faithful, who have welcomed me with open hearts and supported me in this journey of faith and service.

A Time of Transition and Blessing



A poster on the walkway on the appointment of Monsignor Jackson

One of the most significant moments during this period was the appointment of Fr. Jackson Murugara, IMC – our former parish priest – as the Coadjutor Bishop of Meru Diocese. His



Monsignor Jackson Murugara is escorted out of the Fathers House at the Consolata Shrine enroute to Meru for the episcopal Ordination as the Coadjutor Bishop of Meru on March 18th, 2025.

elevation is both a blessing and a testimony to the depth of leadership nurtured within Consolata Shrine. While we miss his pastoral presence, we rejoice in this new chapter of service for him and pray for abundant graces upon his ministry.

Marking the Sacred Season

Soon after my arrival, we entered the solemn observance of Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season. These forty days were marked by intense prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, beautifully lived out by our parishioners. Through the Stations of the Cross in our beautiful prayer garden, Lenten recollections and retreats, and increased participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the community renewed its spiritual fervor and commitment to walking with Christ.



Fr Joseph Musito addressing the media during the Easter Fridays Way of the Cross along Waiyaki Way.

Our Catholic Justice and Peace Department (CJPD) also led us in deep reflection on the theme “The Country We Desire”, reminding us of our Christian responsibility to be active, ethical citizens and peacemakers in our nation. These conversations were timely and necessary, helping us align our civic and spiritual lives.

Triumph of the Resurrection

The Lenten journey culminated in the Easter Triduum, which was celebrated with great devotion and joy. From the sorrow of Good Friday to the triumphant proclamation of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil, our parish came alive in the glory of Christ’s victory. I was deeply moved by the participation, music, and reverence displayed during these sacred days.

In the midst of our celebrations, we were saddened by the passing of Pope Francis – a shepherd who inspired the world with humility, mercy, and a deep love for the marginalized.

We joined the universal Church in mourning his loss while celebrating his legacy.

Strengthening the Future of Faith

Formation has been a key focus these past months. The Pontifical Missionary Childhood (PMC), Missionary Youth Movement (MYM), and our Youth groups have re-energized their programs with new catechesis, social outreach, and leadership training. The Catholic Women Association (CWA) and Catholic Men



Fr Joseph joins PMC to cut a cake

Association (CMA) have also deepened their commitment to spiritual formation and service, playing a vital role in parish life.

Our Small Christian Communities (SCCs) continue to be the heart of the parish, nurturing faith at the grassroots level. These gatherings have provided invaluable spaces for prayer, sharing, and mutual support.

Looking Ahead: Celebrations of Faith and Unity

As we continue our journey together, we look forward with hope to upcoming celebrations:

- Pentecost Sunday – a powerful reminder of the Holy Spirit’s presence among us.
- Solemnity of the Holy Trinity – a celebration of the mystery of our Triune God.
- Corpus Christi – an affirmation of our belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.
- Parish Family Day in July – an occasion to celebrate our unity, diversity, and shared mission.

Each of these celebrations is an invitation to deepen our faith and renew our commitment to Christ and one another.

In closing, I thank God for the gift of Consolata Shrine and for each of you who form this beautiful spiritual family. May we continue to grow in faith, service, and love.

In Christ and Our Lady Consolata,
Fr. Joseph Musito, IMC
Parish Priest, Consolata Shrine



Parish Priest Biography



Fr. Joseph Wabwoba Musito, IMC
Parish Priest, Consolata Shrine, Westlands – Nairobi

Fr. Joseph Wabwoba Musito, IMC, am a Consolata Missionary and the current Parish Priest of Consolata Shrine, Westlands in Nairobi. I was born on April 2, 1983 in Maresi village, Saint John’s Catholic Parish Tongaren, within the Diocese of Bungoma. I am the son of the late Peter Waluchwati Musito and Margaret Makokha.

I began my education at Saint Mary’s Primary School, Mwikhupo and proceeded to Saint Paul’s Secondary School in Bungoma County. Answering God’s call to missionary life, I entered the Propaedeutic Seminary in Kampala in 2002. From 2003 to 2006, I undertook my philosophical studies at the Consolata Institute of Philosophy in Nairobi, where

I was formed under the guidance of Rt. Rev. Bishop Jackson Murugara IMC, now the Coadjutor Bishop of Meru Diocese.

In 2006, I entered the novitiate in Sagana and in July 2007, I professed my final vows in the Institute of Consolata Missionaries (IMC). I was then sent to Brazil for my theological formation, completing my studies in 2011. During this period, I gained valuable intercultural experience and deepened my commitment to missionary service.

I completed my pastoral year at Wamba Parish in the Catholic Diocese of Maralal and was ordained a deacon in 2012. My priestly ordination followed on February 16, 2013. Soon after, I was assigned to the Amazon region of Brazil, where I served in various pastoral capacities.

From 2014 to 2019, I was appointed Vice Regional Superior and Councillor for the Consolata Missionaries in Brazil, roles that combined pastoral leadership with administrative oversight. In 2019, I was transferred back to Kenya, where I continued to serve as Councillor and Parish Priest of Our Lady Consolata Parish in Sagana. I later resumed the roles of Vice Regional Superior, now in the Nairobi’s Consolata Regional office before being appointed the Parish Priest of Consolata Shrine, Westlands.

I embrace my ministry with gratitude and humility, entrusting my service to the maternal care of Our Lady Consolata and inspired by the missionary spirit of the Institute’s founder, Saint Joseph Allamano. My pastoral mission remains rooted in hope, compassion, and dedication to the Gospel among God’s people. **CE**

Pope Leo XIV: A New Era of Social Justice and Global Unity



Newly elected Pope Leo XIV, Robert Prevost acknowledge greetings from faithful from the main central loggia balcony of the St Peter’s Basilica after the cardinals ended the conclave, in The Vatican, on May 8, 2025.

In a historic moment for the Catholic Church, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, an Augustinian from Chicago, was elected as the 267th pope, taking the name Leo XIV. At 69, he becomes the first American pontiff, signaling a new chapter in the Church’s leadership. His choice of the papal name “Leo” pays homage to Pope Leo XIII, renowned for his advocacy of social justice and the rights of workers. This decision reflects Pope Leo XIV’s commitment to continuing the legacy of his predecessors in addressing contemporary social issues.

Background and Ministry

Born in Chicago, Cardinal Prevost served as a missionary in Peru, where he worked closely with marginalized

communities. His experience in Latin America shaped his pastoral approach, emphasizing solidarity with the poor and a deep understanding of the challenges faced by developing nations. Prior to his election, he held significant roles within the Vatican, including leading the Dicastery for Bishops, where he was instrumental in promoting a more inclusive and compassionate Church.

Pope Leo XIV’s election was met with widespread acclaim, with leaders from around the world expressing their congratulations. His inaugural address emphasized themes of peace, unity, and support for the marginalized, resonating with the global Catholic community’s aspirations for a Church that is both compassionate and reformative. »



Popes Prayers intentions for the month of May

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



Pope Leo XIV's, the then Archbishop Robert Francis Prevost who held the prefecture for the Dicastery for Bishops seen here with his predecessor the late Pope Francis.

» Vision for the Universal Church

Pope Leo XIV's vision for the Church is deeply rooted in the principles of social justice and human dignity. His papacy aims to bridge the gap between tradition and the evolving needs of the modern world. Drawing inspiration from Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, which addressed the rights of workers and the ethical dimensions of capitalism, Pope Leo XIV seeks to apply these teachings to contemporary issues such as income inequality, labor rights, and the ethical implications of technological advancements.

Moreover, Pope Leo XIV emphasizes the importance of interfaith dialogue and ecological stewardship. Recognizing the interconnectedness of humanity and the planet, he advocates for a Church that actively engages in environmental conservation and collaborates with other faith traditions to promote peace and mutual understanding.

Engagement with Africa and Kenya

Pope Leo XIV's commitment to Africa is evident in his pastoral priorities. Building upon the foundation laid by Pope Leo XIII, who condemned the inhumanity of slavery and called for the spread of the Gospel in Africa, Pope Leo XIV continues to address the continent's challenges. In his encyclical *Catholicae Ecclesiae*, Pope Leo XIII highlighted the plight of Africans subjected to slavery and emphasized the Church's role in promoting freedom and spreading the Gospel. Pope Leo XIV echoes these sentiments, focusing on issues such as poverty, conflict, and the empowerment of women and youth.

In Kenya, Pope Leo XIV's message resonates with the Church's ongoing efforts to address social injustices. The Kenyan Church's initiatives in education, healthcare, and community development align with the Pope's call for a Church that serves the poor and marginalized. His emphasis on social justice provides a theological foundation for these initiatives, encouraging the faithful to actively participate in building a more just society.



Pope Leo XIV, the then Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost after consecrating the new Augustinian Chapel in Karen seen here with Dennis Maina and family, who are Consolata Shrine parishioners.

Legacy and Future Prospects

Pope Leo XIV's papacy represents a continuation of the Church's commitment to social justice, human dignity, and global solidarity. By drawing inspiration from his predecessors and engaging with contemporary issues, he seeks to lead the Church into a new era of relevance and compassion. His leadership promises to strengthen the Church's presence in Africa and other developing regions, ensuring that the message of the Gospel remains a beacon of hope for all people.

As the Church navigates the complexities of the modern world, Pope Leo XIV's vision offers a path forward—one that is rooted in faith, guided by reason, and committed to the service of humanity. His papacy invites all Catholics to renew their commitment to the principles of justice, peace, and love, fostering a Church that is truly universal in its mission and outreach. **CE**

Pope Leo XIV: Details of Pontiff's Visit to Kenya in 2024

By Timothy Cerullo



Pope Leo XIV during his past visit to Kenya as a cardinal in December 2024.



During his recent visit to Kenya, Pope Leo XIV presided over the dedication of the new chapel of Our Mother of Good Counsel at the International House of St. Augustine Convent in Karen, Nairobi County, on December 10, 2024.

While attending the consecration of the chapel, he was recorded cutting the ribbon to officially dedicate the building in the presence of other clerics. He also addressed the congregation, acknowledging the warm welcome he received and shared a sermon about the significance of the Word of God.

Pope Leo XIV later shared Holy Communion with the church members and subsequently poured anointing oil on the walls of the church building to symbolize sanctity. Notably, during his December 2024 visit, the former Cardinal also recalled that he had also been to Kenya in 2011. "It is a blessing to be back," he said then.

"This is the day of rejoicing. We dedicate this church,

this new chapel, by offering within it the sacrifice of Christ to receive His Word with faith," the pontiff said during the chapel's dedication event.

"I am happy to be back after many years. The last time I was in Kenya, I think it was around 2011, and it is a blessing to be back, and I thank the Augustinians here in Kenya for inviting me," he added.

Pope Leo XIV was elected on Thursday evening becoming the first US-born pontiff. The 69-year-old who hails from Chicago was chosen as the 267th Pope, replacing Pope Francis, who passed away on April 21 at the age of 88 years. After his appointment, the pope appeared on the balcony of St Peter's Basilica and addressed thousands of cheering crowds with the words, 'Peace be with you.'

Millions of Catholics across the world expect him to continue with Pope Francis' legacy of championing the rights of the marginalized in society, as well as focus on the poor. **CE**



Life and Missionary Times of Pope Francis



Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, is the 266th Pope of the Catholic Church and the first Latin American pontiff. His life and missionary journey have profoundly shaped his papacy, marked by his emphasis on humility, social justice, and compassion. In exploring his life, one witnesses a man deeply rooted in his faith, whose path to the papacy has been influenced by both his humble beginnings and his relentless commitment to serving the Church and the world.

Early Life and Religious Vocation

Pope Francis was born into a family of Italian immigrants. His father, Mario Bergoglio, was an Italian railway worker, and his mother, Regina, was a homemaker. He grew up in the city's working-class neighborhoods, where he witnessed firsthand the struggles of the poor, an experience that would shape much of his later ministry. As a young man, he studied chemistry at the technical school of the technical college of Buenos Aires before sensing a calling to the priesthood.



Jorge Mario Bergoglio as a young Jesuit (Society of Jesus).

In 1958, Bergoglio entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), a religious order known for its intellectual rigor and commitment to education, social justice, and missionary work. After undergoing spiritual training and academic studies, he was ordained a priest in 1969. His Jesuit formation deeply influenced his approach to leadership, grounded in discernment, humility, and service to others. He later held several leadership roles within the Jesuit order, including Provincial Superior of the Argentine Jesuits from 1973 to 1979.

During these formative years, Bergoglio was profoundly affected by the turbulent political landscape of Argentina. The country was undergoing the "Dirty War" (1976-1983), a period marked by widespread human rights abuses, political repression, and violence. Despite facing criticism for not being more openly involved in resistance movements, Bergoglio focused on working behind the scenes to protect those persecuted by the military dictatorship, offering refuge and support to those in need.

Bishop and Cardinal: A Growing Influence

In 1992, Pope John Paul II appointed Bergoglio as the Auxiliary Bishop of Buenos Aires. His pastoral work quickly gained recognition as he focused on pastoral care, emphasizing the importance of serving the poor, and creating spaces for dialogue within the Church and the wider community. Bergoglio became known for his simple lifestyle, his ability to connect with people, and his commitment to engaging with the struggles of the marginalized.

In 1998, he was appointed Archbishop of Buenos Aires, one of the most prestigious ecclesiastical positions in the Catholic world. As archbishop, Bergoglio continued to emphasize the importance of humility and service. He lived in a simple apartment, refraining from the luxurious lifestyle that often



Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio greets worshippers after celebrating Holy Thursday Mass in 2008 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio washes the feet of residents of a shelter for drug users during Holy Thursday Mass in 2008 at a church in a poor neighborhood of Buenos Aires.

accompanies high-ranking Church officials. He was known for his open-door policy, meeting with everyone, regardless of their social or economic status. He also worked to promote ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, recognizing the importance of unity among different religious traditions.

In 2001, Pope John Paul II elevated Bergoglio to the rank of cardinal. As a cardinal, Bergoglio participated in numerous



Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio poses with young men after celebrating a 2011 Mass at the sports complex of the San Lorenzo soccer club in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

significant decisions within the Church, including discussions on matters such as the Church's role in the modern world, the place of the laity in the Church, and the importance of a renewed commitment to social justice. His influence in the Vatican grew, but he remained rooted in the pastoral approach that had marked his earlier years.

Election as Pope

On March 13, 2013, following the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Bergoglio was elected the 266th pope of the Roman Catholic Church. He took the name Pope Francis in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the humble 13th-century Italian saint known for his love of the poor and his commitment to peace. This name reflected Pope Francis' desire to emphasize the simplicity, humility, and charity of his papacy.



Father of mercy, we come before you with gratitude for the fifty years of priesthood of Pope Francis, whom you have made Peter's successor. Support him with the Spirit's gifts, so that he can continue to preach the Gospel with priestly zeal and lead the Church with wisdom and strength and courage. May his example of long and faithful service be an inspiration to your priests and to all your faithful. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY FATHER ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD DECEMBER 13, 2019

From the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis set himself apart by his down-to-earth style and focus on pastoral care. He quickly became known for his actions as much as for his words. He opted to live in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, a simple residence inside the Vatican, rather than the papal apartments, and chose to travel in a modest car. His emphasis on simplicity was not just about his lifestyle but was a theological statement about the nature of the Church's mission in the world.

Special Interest in Kenya and Africa

Throughout his papacy, Pope Francis has displayed a strong connection to Africa, recognizing the continent's significant role in the global Catholic Church. He has consistently emphasized Africa's spiritual vitality and potential as a center of hope and renewal for the Church. Kenya, with its »



Kangemi Visit:
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Pope Francis'
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Journey to
Kangemi,
Nairobi, in
November
2015.

Pope Francis interacts with the children and the elderly in Kangemi during his apostolic journey to Kenya in November 2015.

» rich Catholic heritage, became a special focus of Pope Francis' missionary work and a key part of his outreach to Africa.

In 2015, Pope Francis made a historic visit to Kenya, marking the first time a pope had visited the country in over 30 years. His visit was part of a broader apostolic journey that included stops in Uganda and the Central African Republic. During his time in Kenya, Pope Francis addressed several key issues, including climate change, peace, and the promotion of social justice. He met with the country's leaders, visited a refugee camp, and emphasized the importance of caring for the environment in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*. His visit was a powerful demonstration of the Church's commitment to Africa and its people, underscoring the urgent need for peace, unity, and sustainable development.

Pope Francis' missionary work in Africa was deeply influenced by his belief in the continent's potential to bring hope to the Church. He recognized the challenges faced by African countries, including poverty, conflict, and corruption, but he also saw the immense spirit and faith of the African



Pope Francis acknowledge greetings from young ones when he arrived to celebrate Holy Mass at the University of Nairobi during his visit to Kenya in 2015.

people as a beacon of light for the Church worldwide. His visits to various African countries further strengthened the bond between the Church and the people of Africa, emphasizing solidarity and the need for a pastoral approach that is both compassionate and grounded in the reality of everyday life.



Pope Francis met with victims of the violence in eastern DRC on February 1, 2023, at the Apostolic Nunciature in Kinshasa.

Final days leading to his demise


As Pope Francis entered his final years, his health began to show signs of decline. Despite his frailty, he continued to fulfill his papal duties with vigor and determination, maintaining his active engagement with the global Church and addressing pressing issues such as poverty, migration, and environmental justice.

In the months leading up to his death, Pope Francis focused on preparing the Church for the future, advocating for greater inclusion of the laity in Church governance and continuing his efforts to combat corruption within the Vatican. His final public appearance occurred on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025,

when he delivered the traditional *Urbi et Orbi* blessing from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, a testament to his enduring commitment to the Church's mission. This marked his last engagement with the faithful before his passing on a day later on Easter Monday, April 21, 2025.

Pope Francis passed away peacefully on April 21, 2025, at the age of 88, after a prolonged illness. His passing marked the end of an era characterized by humility, compassion, and social justice. He is remembered not only for his significant contributions to the Church but also for his deep love for the poor, his advocacy for the marginalized, and his tireless efforts to build a more just and compassionate world.

Conclusion

The life and missionary times of Pope Francis reflect a deep commitment to the Gospel's call to love, serve, and reach out to others, especially the most vulnerable. His emphasis on humility, social justice, and compassion has reshaped the papacy and inspired millions to engage in the Church's mission with renewed zeal and conviction. His legacy lives on, particularly in his profound relationship with Africa, where his efforts have left an indelible mark on the spiritual and social landscape of the continent. As he continues to lead the Catholic Church, Pope Francis reminds us all that the essence of Christianity is found in humble service to others and in the pursuit of justice and peace for all. 



Pope Francis joins faithful during Easter weekend at the Vatican during his public appearances.

Monsignor Bishop Jackson Murugara - Ordination journey in pictures





59th World Communications Day 2025 – “Share with Gentleness the Hope That Is in Your Hearts”

Each year, the Catholic Church marks **World Communications Day**, inviting the faithful to reflect on how we communicate the Gospel in a fast – changing, media-saturated world. In 2025, we celebrate the **59th edition** of this event with a theme that speaks to the heart of Christian witness and to the needs of our time:

“Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts” (cf. 1 Peter 3:15-16).



This message, chosen by **Pope Francis**, urges all people – especially those involved in communication – to foster a spirit of **gentleness, truth, and hope** in their daily encounters. It is a call to disarm our words, to lower the temperature of public discourse, and to become messengers of the Gospel not only in what we say, but how we say it.

A Message for Our Time

We live in an era where public dialogue is often marked by harshness, misinformation, and division. Whether in traditional media, online platforms, or face-to-face interactions, conversations can quickly become confrontational. Kenya is no exception. In the face of rising political tensions, economic



uncertainty, and social fragmentation, the Pope’s call to communicate with hope and gentleness is especially timely for us.

Communication should not be a weapon, but a bridge. It should not inflame, but heal. In the words of Pope Francis: “We are living in a time marked not only by conflict but also by the sense of loss of meaning and hope. That is why today more than ever we are called to communicate hope with gentleness, with a calm and respectful voice, rather than with shouting.”

What is the Hope in Our Hearts?

For us as Christians, **hope** is not just wishful thinking or passive optimism. It is rooted in **Jesus Christ**, the crucified and risen Lord. This is the hope we are called to share – not as abstract doctrine, but as a living experience. It is the hope that enables us to remain resilient in the face of suffering, to act justly even when it is hard, and to keep building communities of peace and solidarity.

As Kenyan Catholics, we carry this hope in our parishes, schools, families, and communities. We see it in youth who serve with joy, in religious sisters empowering the vulnerable, and in lay leaders advocating for justice and reconciliation. But the Pope reminds us: hope must be communicated. It must be seen, heard, and felt – especially by those on the margins.

Gentleness as Strength

The word “gentleness” may sound passive to some, but in the Gospel and the life of Jesus, it is a powerful virtue. Gentleness means approaching others with humility, compassion, and patience. It means listening more than we speak, seeking to understand before we judge, and speaking the truth in love.

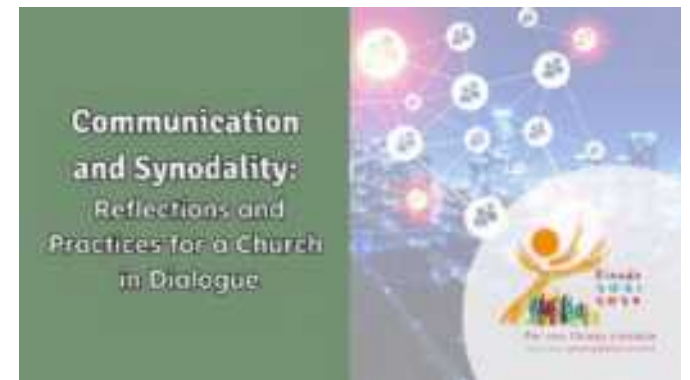
In a time when many feel unseen or unheard, and when shouting often drowns out silence, the Pope urges communicators to “disarm communication.” In practical terms, this means avoiding the temptation to manipulate emotions, spread fear, or use polarizing language. Instead, we are called to promote respectful dialogue – communication that builds up rather than tears down.

Catholic Communicators: A Sacred Responsibility

In Kenya, the Church is blessed with a growing media presence – from Radio Waumini, Capuchin TV, and diocesan newspapers, to digital platforms and social media ministries. Catholic communicators, whether professionals or volunteers, have a vital role in shaping public discourse.

This year’s theme challenges Catholic media to renew its mission: to be a voice of truth, but also of peace; to report on conflict without fueling it; to defend the faith without aggression; and to highlight stories of grace, community, and healing.

In a world where “clickbait” headlines and sensationalism dominate, the Pope reminds us of our higher calling: “Communicators are called not to give in to the temptation of using words that exploit emotions or manipulate opinions, but



rather to serve the truth with integrity and gentleness.”

Living the Theme: A Kenyan Perspective

For the Kenyan Catholic community, this theme can guide both our media strategy and personal interactions:

- **In Our Parishes:** Let our announcements, homilies, and discussions be marked by charity and clarity, not rivalry or division.
- **In Our Families:** Teach our children to speak kindly and listen attentively. Social media habits begin at home.
- **In Our Communities:** Support media that uplifts and informs, and be cautious of spreading rumors or divisive content.
- **In Our Politics:** Engage civically with maturity and peace, contributing Christian values to national dialogue without hostility.

A Message to the Youth

To our youth, especially those active on social media: this message is for you too. You are powerful communicators – on Tik Tok, Instagram, WhatsApp, and YouTube. You have the tools to shape culture. Use them not to chase likes, but to share light. Be creators of content that reflects Christ – content that unites, uplifts, and inspires.

Conclusion

The 59th World Communications Day reminds us that communication is not just about technology or media. It is about relationships. It is about how we use our words – written, spoken, tweeted, or broadcast – to reflect the hope of Christ in a wounded world.

Let us, as Kenyan Catholics, commit to being communicators of hope. May our words heal more than they hurt. May our messages unite more than they divide. And may we always share the hope in our hearts with gentleness – for in doing so, we bear witness to the love of Christ in a world that so desperately needs it. **CE**



Monsignor Jackson Murugara on his last moments at the Consolata Shrine before embarking on the journey to Meru. He planted a commemorative tree before bidding parishioners kwaheri.



Candle lit Prayers for the Pope.



MYM leading the Holy Rosary in the Prayer Garde.



PMC Role Models performing the Choral Verse. They did a super job! Well done.



Consolata Shrine Catholic Men Association – CMA making their winning presentations during the Central and Kabete Deaneries music festivals held on Sunday 11th May 2025 at the Auditorium in the Allamano Centre of Consolata Shrine. CMA Consolata Shrine CMA emerged a strong number 3 of 85% against the winning team, Don Bosco church with 88%. Runners up, Holy Family Minor Basilica emerged with 86%. We congratulate our team for their well-deserved win.



Catholic Women Association during their Commissioning.





Our Lady of Fatima SCC Reflects on 108 Years of Grace Commemorating the 108th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions – May 13, 2025



This year, as the Our Lady of Fatima Small Christian Community (OLOF SCC), we join the universal Church in celebrating the 108th anniversary of the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima, Portugal. This momentous occasion calls us to rekindle our devotion to Mary, our heavenly patroness, and to live out the message she entrusted to the world through three humble shepherd children in 1917.

A Call from Heaven

On May 13, 1917, Our Lady first appeared to Lucia dos Santos, and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, in the Cova da

Iria fields near Fatima. Over the next six months, she appeared to them on the 13th of each month with a message of prayer, repentance, and peace, a message as vital today as it was then.

Mary urged the world to pray the Rosary daily, to offer sacrifices for the conversion of sinners, and to seek refuge in her Immaculate Heart. She warned of coming trials but promised that in the end, “My Immaculate Heart will triumph.”

OLOF: Rooted in the Message of Fatima

As a Jumuiya whose patron is Our Lady of Fatima, we are uniquely called to embody her message in our homes, in our parish, and in our daily witness. The story of Fatima is not just a distant historical event. It is a living invitation for us to become people of prayer, penance, and peace.

Inspired by the lives of St. Francisco and St. Jacinta, let us renew our commitment to holiness through small daily sacrifices, acts of charity, and fervent prayer, especially the Rosary.

A Call to Renewed Devotion

As we mark this anniversary, the OLOF SCC encourages all parishioners to:

1. Pray the Rosary daily, especially as families.
2. Make personal sacrifices in reparation for sin.
3. Entrust themselves and their families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
4. Promote peace, humility, and charity in all their relationships.

May this celebration deepen our love for Our Lady and strengthen our resolve to walk more closely with Christ. Like the shepherd children of Fatima, may we trust God completely, offer ourselves generously, and become instruments of His peace in a world that longs for healing.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

St. Francisco and St. Jacinta, pray for us.

Gabriel Ojowa,

**Secretary, Our Lady of Fatima Small Christian Community,
Consolata Shrine**

Emulating St. Joseph: From Deepsea to Colombia - A Journey of Resilience, Faith, and Trust in God

As March 19th approaches each year, the humble community of St. Joseph Deepsea begins to stir with anticipation. While the date often falls within the somber days of Lent, the Church permits a joyful pause to honour one of her most silent yet powerful saints – St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus and protector of the Holy Family. For the Deepsea faithful, this is no ordinary feast. It is a moment of profound gratitude and celebration – a chance to reflect on God’s providence, and on the man whose quiet strength mirrors their own journey of faith.



Why St. Joseph holds our hearts

To understand our devotion, one must first understand St. Joseph. Chosen by God to guard and guide the Holy Family, Joseph was a man of deep faith, unwavering obedience, and silent courage. When the angel appeared to him in a dream – first to reassure him about Mary, then to command him to flee with his family – Joseph did not question. He trusted, he obeyed, and he acted.

Joseph elevated the dignity of work, continuing his carpentry even while raising the Son of God. His humility never wavered. His perseverance never faltered. And in 1870, Pope Pius IX named him Patron of the Universal Church – entrusting to him the same role he fulfilled for Jesus and Mary: protector.

It is this spirit of dedication and trust that the people of Deepsea cling to. Living in a community that faces daily struggles – poverty, insecurity, and instability – their devotion to St. Joseph is not just symbolic. It is deeply lived.

A Feast etched in history

This year’s celebration of the Solemnity of St. Joseph was

unlike any other. While Catholics worldwide honoured their patron, the faithful in Deepsea witnessed a divine milestone: the ordination of their former parish priest, **Fr. Jackson Murugara, as Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Meru.**



It was a moment of heavenly joy and solemn awe. Fr. Murugara, affectionately known as “Padre,” had walked alongside the community with compassion, wisdom, and tireless commitment. He embodied St. Joseph’s virtues in modern form – caring for the sick, uplifting the poor, and offering spiritual guidance to all. As he was elevated to episcopal leadership, the community’s prayer was simple: “May God give us another Joseph.” Their prayer was answered in the appointment of **Fr. Joseph Musito** – a fitting successor in both name and spirit. »



» **A Missionary in the margins: Fr. Walter's remarkable journey**

Also shining brightly during this sacred season was **Fr. Walter Ingosi Kisikwa**, a son of Deepsea and a priest whose vocation has taken him from the narrow streets of Nairobi to the vast forests of South America.

Celebrating his **10th anniversary of priesthood** on January 19, 2025, Fr. Walter's story is a modern testimony to the providence of God. Raised amid hardship, he chose a path few dared to follow. While many of his peers drifted through life, content with surface-level hustle, he was driven by a desire for something deeper: to serve at the altar of Christ.

His journey to priesthood was marked by resistance – first from family, then through the rigorous trials of seminary formation. But his faith never faltered. Today, he serves as a **Consolata missionary in Colombia**, preaching the Gospel to indigenous communities in the Amazon. Learning Spanish was only the beginning; navigating rivers teeming with alligators and traversing dense forests by horse or canoe to bring the Eucharist to the people – these were his true crucibles.

And yet, Fr. Walter remains undeterred. His mission is fueled not by comfort, but by calling. As he told the Deepsea faithful during his visit:

“

God is a faithful God. He calls – and He shows the way.”

The Josephs among us

St. Joseph's life is not marked by speeches or miracles – but by faith in action. He reminds us that holiness is often quiet, forged not in applause but in sacrifice. Priests, like Joseph, are called to be spiritual fathers: to protect, to guide, to nurture, and to remain steadfast in service even when the world offers no recognition.

In the lives of Fr. Jackson, Fr. Joseph Musito, and Fr. Walter, the Deepsea community sees reflections of this patron saint. Their stories echo his virtues: humility, obedience, courage, and faithfulness to God's will.

As we celebrated this year's Feast of St. Joseph, we were reminded that sainthood is not distant. It is present – living and breathing in those who choose to serve quietly and love deeply. From Deepsea's dusty paths to Colombia's riverbanks, the legacy of St. Joseph continues – in every silent “yes” to God, in every act of selfless love, and in every soul that dares to believe that faith can move mountains. **CE**

By Simon Mutunga
St Joseph, Deep Sea



Fr. Walter Kisikwa celebrating his 10 years anniversary at St Joseph Deepsea.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES DONE SO FAR IN THE YEAR OF THE LORD 2025

Epiphany – 5th January 2025

Epiphany is from the Greek word *epiphania*, meaning “Manifestation.” It is a celebration by Catholics to commemorate the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, and the manifestation of His divinity as it occurred at His baptism in the Jordan River and at His first miracle at Cana in Galilee.

Epiphany is one of the three principal and oldest feast days of the Christian Church (the other two are Easter and Christmas). This feast is observed by Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, and other Western churches in January.

A special Mass was held at the Prayer Garden of the Shrine on January 5th, 2025, with Fr. Jonathan as the main celebrant.



Blessing and Presentation of certificates to the newly commissioned children to PMC.

Finally, the mothers shared goodies with the children, and a special cake to commemorate the day way was shared. »



Procession to Prayer Garden for Mass

During the mass children aged 8 –12 years who had been undergoing formation were also commissioned to become full members of Pontifical Missionary Childhood (PMC), also known as the Holy Childhood.



Cake cutting to commemorate the feast



Sharing with the children.



Memories are made of these.



» Subukia Pilgrimage – 2nd February 2025

Subukia Pilgrimage is an annual sacred event that brings together CWA women from all over Kenya to pray for our nation, our families, the Church and the entire world.

This year a total of 88 Catholic Women Association (CWA) members from Consolata Shrine participated in the annual pilgrimage to the Subukia National Shrine.

This year's pilgrimage came at a crucial time when the country is facing many challenges and in dire need of prayer and divine intervention.

During the Holy Mass, Bishop Wallace delivered a powerful and timely homily. He reminded us, as CWA women, to love ourselves first—by praying deeply for our own spiritual growth—before interceding for others. He encouraged us to be generous, hospitable, and ever ready to forgive, just as we seek forgiveness from our Heavenly Father. Above all, he called on us to take pride in our vocation as mothers.

Throughout the day, the women presented their special intentions to Our Blessed Mother Mary. Some among them made personal acts of devotion and offered their lives anew to our Lord. It was truly a day of spiritual renewal, deep reflection, and complete fulfillment.



Bishop Wallace giving his homily – Subukia.



A section of the ladies after mass - Subukia.

International Women's Day – 8th March 2025

International Women's Day, celebrated annually on March 8th, is a global day commemorating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. It serves as a platform to reflect on progress made, call for change, and celebrate women's achievements and contributions, particularly those who have played an extraordinary role in their communities.

On 8 March 2025, we celebrated International Women's Day under the theme, "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment." This year's theme called for action that unlock equal rights, power and opportunities for all and a feminist future where no one is left behind.

Why do we celebrate this day?

- **Raise Awareness:** Highlight the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women.
- **Promote Equality:** Advocate for gender equality and women's rights.
- **Recognize Contributions:** Celebrate the achievements and contributions of women in various fields, including social, economic, and political spheres.

This year we decided to come together as women of faith to celebrate the day by *kujichilia*.

We started by celebrating mass and the main celebrant was Fr. Joseph, our Parish Priest and CWA Chaplain.



Holy mass celebration by Fr. Joseph, Parish Priest/CWA Chaplain.

The main activity that followed was team building, during which we divided into three groups. Each group highlighted key aspects of teamwork, mutual respect, and collaboration. Through the various activities, we gained valuable insights into inclusivity, equality, and the richness of cultural differences. These experiences strongly reflected the theme of this year's International Women's Day – **"Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress."** By embracing diversity and ensuring every voice is heard, we take meaningful steps toward a more equitable and empowered society for women and all.



Team building session.



Cake cutting and sharing to crown the celebration.

Monthly Mass Celebration and thanksgiving – March & April

As a way of fostering unity among the CWA ladies, and in a spirit of prayer and thanksgiving, our moderator, Mrs. Consolata Mwangi, initiated a Monthly Mass Celebration to be held every second Wednesday of the month. This special gathering is dedicated to praying for our sick members and their families, as well as giving thanks to God for healing and His abundant graces in our lives.

So far, we have joyfully celebrated two Masses. After the Mass, we also take time to reconnect over a warm cup of tea and fellowship.



Celebrating mass with Fr. Joseph, Parish Priest/CWA Chaplain.



Some of our mothers and founders of CWA receiving their CWA Commissioning certificates from Fr. Joseph.



Catching up over a cup of tea after the Thanksgiving Mass.

We look forward to many more of these prayerful and uplifting gatherings as we continue to grow together in faith, love, and service. »



» Lenten Work of Charity – 5th April 2025

As part of this year's Lenten charity initiative, CWA members together with Professional group had the privilege of visiting Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) on 5th April, 2025, focusing especially on the Children's Cancer Ward and other cancer patients.

We began the day with the celebration of Holy Mass, presided over by Fr. Wakayi, the KNH Chaplain. During this spiritual encounter, we were also blessed to enter the ***Door of Hope*** – a symbolic and sacred moment of reflection and grace.

In his homily, Fr. Wakayi encouraged us not to ask the question “Why?” in times of suffering, but instead to cultivate a spirit of gratitude. He reminded us to appreciate the many blessings we often take for granted – such as the air we breathe, our freedom, our families, and good health. He urged us to be thankful in all circumstances, even during trials and difficulties.

This powerful message prepared our hearts for the emotional experience of visiting the wards. As we interacted with the patients, we were deeply moved by their strength and resilience. It made us realize just how privileged we are. Fr. Wakayi, with his deep understanding and compassion, had truly prepared us well through his homily.

We shared the small gifts and items we had brought, hoping to bring a smile to the patients' faces. Fr. Wakayi encouraged us to continue visiting the hospital more often, reminding us that even a simple visit can uplift a patient's spirit.

He also made a special appeal for **toiletries**, which are in high demand. Many of the patients are unable to afford basic hygiene items, making such donations especially valuable.

The KNH Chaplaincy is located on the **2nd Floor**, and you are welcome to visit at any time if you have any donations or wish to offer support.

With open hearts, thankful spirits, and a renewed commitment let us continue to serving those in need.



A group photo outside KNH Chaplaincy.
Annunciation 25th March 2025

The **Annunciation** is celebrated by the Catholic Church on **March 25** each year. This feast commemorates the moment when the **Archangel Gabriel** appeared to the **Virgin Mary** to announce that she would conceive and give birth to **Jesus**

Christ, the Son of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:26–38).

Why it is celebrated:

- **Incarnation of Christ:** The Annunciation marks the **conception of Jesus** in Mary's womb – the moment the **Word became flesh** (John 1:14). It's one of the most important events in Christian theology.
- **Mary's “Yes” (*Fiat*):** Mary's humble and faithful acceptance (“Be it done unto me according to your word”) is seen as a model of obedience and trust in God.
- **Beginning of Salvation:** This event initiates the fulfillment of God's promise to save humanity through the Messiah.

Liturgical Significance:

It falls **exactly nine months before Christmas** (December 25), symbolizing a full-term pregnancy.

If March 25 falls during Holy Week or Easter Week, the celebration is usually moved to another appropriate date.

This year's Annunciation celebration for Catholic Women Association (CWA) members was marked by a special seminar held at the deanery level. The event brought together members from seven parishes and was hosted at Our Lady of the Rosary, Ridgeways Parish on 22nd March 2025.

The day began with the seminar sessions with our speakers



CWA vice moderator, Kabete Deanery/Our Lady of Rosary, Ridgeways making her welcoming remarks.

being Sr. Elizabeth ADN CWA Coordinator and Fr. Karanja the vice CWA Chaplain, Kabete Deanery. Thereafter, there was the celebration of the Holy Mass, a spiritually uplifting moment to end the seminar session.

All the topics covered during the seminar revolved around our identity as CWA women and how we should conduct ourselves as hope-givers in society. We were reminded that



Celebrating Mass during Annunciation.

we cannot be sources of hope if we, as women of faith, do not have hope ourselves. You cannot give what you do not possess. It starts with us—our personal hope and faith must be firm for us to inspire others.

Deepening Our Faith

We were encouraged to become prayerful women—individually, as families, and in our communities.

Bible study was emphasized as a way to strengthen our relationship with God. By engaging with Scripture, we deepen our understanding of God's Word and His will for our lives.

Service and Unity

We are called to serve the Church and the community wholeheartedly. Our service should be rooted in love and dedication, seeking not recognition but the joy of being instruments of God's work. We were also reminded of the need to foster unity among ourselves and uphold Christian values in all our interactions.

Charity and the Works of Mercy

A CWA woman is also called to be actively involved in charitable works and acts of mercy. These acts reflect the compassion of Christ and bring healing and hope to those in need. By serving others, we live out our faith in practical and impactful ways.

Qualities of a CWA Woman

We revisited the core qualities that should define a CWA woman: **Love** – Express love to oneself, to family, and to others. Love should be the guiding principle in all we do.

Humility – Like our Mother Mary, who humbly accepted the will of God, we are called to embrace humility in our service and relationships.

Faithfulness – Be faithful in prayer, reading Scripture, and living according to God's Word. Faithfulness sustains us and keeps us rooted in God.

Freedom from Negative Opinions – Reflect on the opinions we hold about others. Do they build or destroy? As CWA

women, we must free ourselves from judgment and instead seek to uplift and support.

Compassion, Not Competition – Let us strive to be compassionate, walking with others in love rather than competing with them.

Balancing Commitments – Consider the priorities the Lord has placed in your life. Create a healthy balance between spiritual, family, and personal commitments. A balanced life is a fruitful life.

This seminar was a profound reminder of who we are as CWA women—called to be beacons of hope, rooted in prayer, Scripture, service, love, and unity. Let us continue to grow in faith and remain steadfast in our mission, living as true disciples of Christ in our homes, parishes, and communities.



Mrs. Consolata Mwangi, CWA moderator Kabete Deanery/Consolata Shrine appreciating the CWA Deanery Chaplain Fr. Muragu and the Olor parish Priest & chaplain of CWA, Fr. Murira.



CWA Treasurer Kabete Deanery/St Austins Ms. Loise appreciating the facilitators.



Sr. Elizabeth, the ADN Coordinator taking pictures of the ladies



A section of CWA Consolata shrine all smiles

Our next calendar activity will be World Union of Catholic Women's Organisation (WUCWO) Day celebrations which in the year 2025 is falling on 13th May, but we will be celebrating it on 17th May, 2025. This year focus is on supporting, accompanying and encouraging families. This is a Deanery activity and we are going to have Team Building. The team building will take place at St. Austin Parish.

CWA Consolata Shrine is very active, meeting every last Sunday of the month as well animating the 11.00 O'clock mass on the day. During our meetings, a lot of deliberations and knowledge sharing happens as we have diverse expertise and skills from our members. ☑

By Mary Onyango
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Consolata Shrine parish.



The African Child: A Voice for Justice, A Sign of Hope



Reflections and Action on the 2025 International Day of the African Child, through the Lens of Catholic Social Teaching

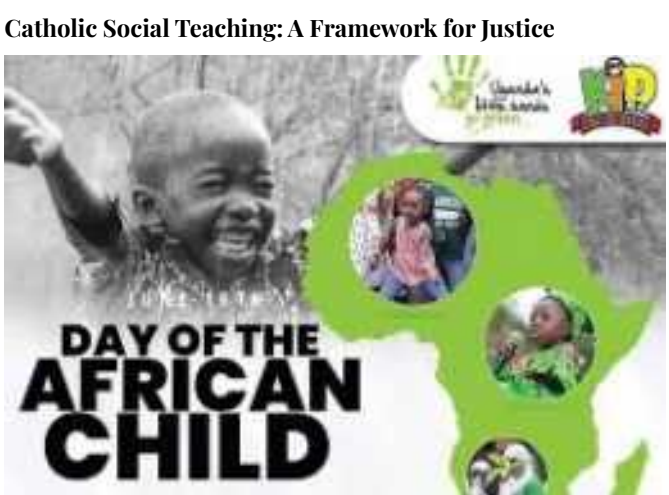
The **International Day of the African Child**, to be celebrated on **14th June 2025**, offers a sacred moment for the Church and all people of goodwill to reflect deeply and act boldly on behalf of the children of Africa. This day is not just about remembrance; it is a celebration of life, a lament for injustice, and a call to action through the lens of our **Catholic faith and Social Teaching**.

The African Child: A Sign of God’s Promise

In the heart of Africa, where the sun rises with radiant promise and communities echo with laughter and song, lives a most precious treasure: the African child. Born into rich and diverse cultures, the African child carries with them a resilient spirit, a contagious joy, and a quiet strength that inspires all who truly see them.

Yet amid this beauty lies profound suffering. Many African children face poverty, conflict, child labor, trafficking, and limited access to education, healthcare, and clean water. These realities are not simply developmental challenges—they are moral issues that cry out for justice. As Catholics, we are called to see the face of Christ in every child, especially those who suffer:

“Let the little children come to me... for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these” (Matthew 19:14).



Our faith compels us to act. Catholic Social Teaching (CST) provides the ethical and theological foundation to recognize, protect, and promote the dignity and rights of the African child. It calls us to:

- Uphold the dignity of every child as a sacred image-bearer of God.
- Prefer the poor and vulnerable, ensuring children are prioritized in policy, prayer, and practice.
- Promote participation, recognizing children as active agents in their communities.
- Build the common good, where every child thrives in safety and love.
- Practice solidarity, standing together across race, class, and nation in defense of children.

Justice and Peace: The Church’s Prophetic Witness

Justice demands that we challenge the systems and structures that deny African children the fullness of life Christ offers. We must ask:

- Why do so many children lack education and health services?
- Why are some exploited for labor or caught in cycles of violence and displacement?
- How are we confronting corruption, inequality, and abuse?

“Whatsoever you do to the least of these, you do to me” (Matthew 25:40).

Peace, too, must be pursued—not merely as the absence of conflict, but as the presence of harmony, healing, and dignity. It is cultivated through education, trauma healing, and by building societies rooted in truth, justice, reconciliation, and care for creation.

Across the continent, the Church is already at work: in Catholic schools, health programs, youth ministries, and peacebuilding missions. These efforts are not acts of charity alone—they are acts of justice rooted in our baptismal call to be peacemakers and defenders of the voiceless.

A Call to Action: Recommendations for 2025 and Beyond



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In this spirit, we propose the following faith-driven recommendations to guide communities, parishes, and institutions:

- 1. Invest in Holistic Education**
Support accessible, values-based education that promotes faith, critical thinking, and leadership rooted in Gospel values.
 - *Action:* Strengthen parish and Catholic school partnerships for child education and mentorship.
- 2. Champion the Poor and Vulnerable**
Advocate for the most disadvantaged children—those in

slums, refugee camps, or conflict zones.

- *Action:* Collaborate with organizations that fight for systemic change and child protection.

- 3. Empower Children’s Voices**
Respect and elevate the voices of children in Church and civic life.
 - *Action:* Create parish youth forums where children and teens can speak about their experiences and dreams.

- 4. Strengthen Families and Communities**
Support parents and caregivers through formation, economic empowerment, and spiritual accompaniment.
 - *Action:* Develop family-focused pastoral programs and outreach ministries.

- 5. Live Solidarity with Action and Prayer**
Remember that solidarity is not sentiment but a movement of shared responsibility.
 - *Action:* Pray, speak out, and act together for the rights and dignity of African children.

- Reflection Questions for 2025**
- Are we educating our parishes and youth about the struggles and dreams of the African child?
 - Are we supporting missions that seek justice, not just charity?
 - Are we listening to children’s voices, and helping them shape the Church and society?
 - Are we praying for peace in regions affected by violence, and standing with children living through crisis?

Conclusion: A Shared Future of Hope

The African child is not simply a recipient of our aid—they are our brothers and sisters in Christ. Their future is intertwined with ours. Their joy is our joy. Their suffering must stir our hearts and move our hands. As we celebrate this 2025 Day of the African Child, let us walk with them—until they walk in freedom, dignity, and peace.

Let us build, with them and for them, the **Kingdom of God**, where justice and peace shall reign. **CE**

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Performing Arts within the Church

By Justine ‘Ms. NiNa’ Betty

As we embrace the back-to-school spirit, the events of the past month continue to resonate with many. The recent National Drama festivals, particularly highlighted the performing arts as a reflection of society. Amidst this vibrant chaos lay a lesser-known gem of the performing arts: the PMC, Music and Art Presentation, which is part of the broader Catholic Youth Drama and Music Festivals. While the National Drama and Music festivals enjoy widespread recognition across the country, the Catholic Youth Drama and Music Festival is primarily celebrated within the Catholic community, though it does have a dedicated audience.



PMC diocese level at St. John the Baptist Mang'u Parish.

Established by the Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2000, these annual festivals highlight the creativity and talents of young performers in the Catholic Church, drawing inspiration from the Pope's messages to the youth and contextualizing them for a Kenyan audience. The festival levels begin at the Parish, progresses to the deanery, then to the Archdiocese, and culminates at the National level, where teams are chosen through a process of elimination based on the points they accumulate during their presentations.

What you need to know:

- The performing arts have always played a critical role in the education of Kenyan youth.
- Through the music and drama festivals, students have had opportunities to perform and even compete for awards.
- Churches have also played their part in giving youth the chance to act in scripturally-based productions

Reflecting on my childhood, I fondly recall participating in festivals as a member of the ‘Junior Youth.’ Back then, it was primarily an opportunity to socialize and enjoy time with friends. The excitement of dressing up, donning costumes, and rehearsing added to the joy of the experience. Now, as an adult, I have gained a broader perspective on the performing arts within the church. **The performing arts should be seen not merely as theatrical presentations but as a powerful means of evangelism, fostering spiritual growth, personal development, and a strong sense of community.** Certain churches, such as the International Christian Centre, have intensified their focus on evangelism through the performing arts. After successfully presenting the award-nominated Easter musical, *Legacy*, in 2024, they staged their latest production, *Trial of Hearts* during the Easter holiday, 2025. This approach demonstrated how young people can engage in evangelization through theater, reaching out to their peers both in person and in their everyday lives, while addressing their genuine needs.



Trial of hearts ICC 2025.

This method of evangelization fosters opportunities for meaningful conversations that enhance young people's connection with God, motivating them to embrace their roles as disciples and explore Christ's call to a complete sacramental relationship with Him.

After taking part in the YCA cultural day in 2024, where we (YCA, Kabete deanery) achieved an impressive overall third place, I went on to write and direct a skit for the YSC festivals in August of the same year. This effort led to YSC Consolata shrine securing first place at both the parish and deanery levels, along with accolades for best actor and actress in the deanery level. Recently, I worked with the PMC role models



YCA cultural day 2024.



YSC festival 2024.

in their choral verse section, which performed remarkably well at both the deanery and diocese levels.

I can confidently assert that the youth and children at Consolata Shrine possess immense potential in the realm of performing arts. Question is, considering the Allamano Centre at Consolata Shrine features a prominent auditorium, is it time to expand the boundaries of theatrical space as an extension of evangelization? **CE**

MAY	
THE HOLY FATHER’S INTENTION - For formation in discernment: <i>That through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.</i>	
Invite families to recite the Holy Rosary during this month	
PMC Missionary Rosary	
Sat 17	Deanery PMC: Launch of the Missionary Rosary, St Catherine of Siena Deanery YSC: Sports day, Don Bosco Kuwinda, Karen Deanery MYM: Animators Seminar, St Raphael, Kabete CWA: World Union of Catholic Women Organisation (WUCWO) Day, Deanery Team Building, St Austin’s Parish ANIMATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY BY ST TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS SCC
Sun 18	5 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ALL SCCs: 11am Mass ALL SCCs: Seminar, Consolata Shrine YSC: Formation Talk CCSHG: 9am Mass and Management Meeting Divine Mercy Group: Formation
Wed 21	Professionals Group: Virtual Talk Charities: Meeting, 12 Noon
Thu 22	St Rita of Cassia, Religious, <i>Memorial</i> St Rita SCC: Celebration of the Feast Day
Sat 24	The Blessed Virgin Mary Help of Christians, <i>Memorial</i> ARCHDIOCESE YSC: Walk Choir Deanery: Marian Concert, Consolata Shrine St John Evangelist and Apostle SCC: Pilgrimage ANIMATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY BY ST. MARTIN DE PORRES SCC
Sun 25	6 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Youth Mass, 9am CWA: Meeting at 9am followed by 11 am Mass Professionals Group: Clinic Formation for parents and sponsors of Infant Baptism, 2.30pm ALL SCCs: Seminar, St Joseph’s Chapel CJPD: Laudato Si Campaign Launch, Consolata Shrine
Tue 27	St Gonzaga Gonza, <i>Memorial</i> St Gonzaga Gonza SSC: Feast Day
Fri 30	BEGINNING OF THE NOVENA FOR PENTECOST Proclaimers: External Retreat (30 th - 31 st May) Charismatics: PENTECOST RETREAT (30 th May to 7 th June)
Sat 31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>Feast</i> . ARCHDIOCESE Zonal SCC: Seminar on SCC and Prayer/ Jubilee Year Seminar, Consolata Shrine/Holy Family Basilica Ongoing Formation for Children who have received first Holy Communion in 2023 and 2024 Infant Baptism, 2.30pm YSC: Game night St John Paul II SCC: Praying and Bonding ANIMATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY BY PMC AND PMC ROLE MODELS
JUNE	
THE HOLY FATHER’S INTENTION- That the world might grow in compassion: <i>That each of us might find consolation in personal relationship with Jesus, and from His Heart, learn to have compassion in the world.</i>	
Sun 1	ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Solemnity Children’s Mass, 9am Christian Education Committee: Teachings on Church Doctrine, 9.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament after 1pm Mass CJPD: Meeting

Mon 2	MADARAKA DAY, Public Holiday. Mass 7am and 5.30pm YCA: Joint Mass and Games, St Joseph’s Deepsea
Tue 3	Charles Lwanga and companions, Martyrs, <i>Memorial</i> St Charles Lwanga SCC: Feast Day St Kizito SCC: Feast Day St Joseph’s Chapel: Pilgrimage to Namugongo, Uganda
Thu 5	St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr, <i>Memorial</i> SCCs: JCT meeting
Fri 6	FIRST FRIDAY
Sat 7	CWA: World Environment Day Talk, Deanery PMC: Animators Seminar, Our Lady of the Rosary ANIMATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY BY ST. KIZITO SCC
Sun 8	PENTECOST SUNDAY, <i>Solemnity</i> Proclaimers: Renewal of Commitment; Call for New Proclaimers CLM: Formation ARCHDIOCESE YSC: Annual Mass, St Mary’s Msongari YCA Deanery: Commissioning of new members St J CWA: Retreat CMA: Meeting 11 am followed by Mass at 1pm Professionals Group: Meeting and Formation SCCs: Liturgy Ministry Seminar, PPC: Meeting, 2pm - 4pm
Mon 9	NATIONAL: Circle Youth Leaders Training
Wed 11	St Barnabas, Apostle, <i>Memorial</i>
Fri 13	St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor, <i>Memorial</i> St Anthony of Padua SCC: Feast Day OLOF SCC: Commemoration of 2 nd Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. Candle lit Rosary after the evening Mass.
Sat 14	ARCHDIOCESE MYM: Animators Mass CMA: Beacon Boys Character Club activities/ Clean up Deanery YCA: Hike and Holy Mass, Ngong Hills ARCHDIOCESE CJPD: Celebration of the Day of the African Child, St Peter and Paul Parish, Kiambu THE ANIMATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY BY YOUTH SERVING CHRIST (YSC)
Sun 15	MOST HOLY TRINITY, <i>Solemnity</i> CMA: Meeting at 11 am followed by 1pm Mass Divine Mercy Group: Formation Charities Committee: Formation Talk, Noon - 1.30pm
Wed 18	Professionals Group: Virtual Talk Charities: Meeting, 12 Noon St John Evangelist and Apostle SCC: Quarterly Mass
Fri 20	SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY CONSOLATA, Candle Lit Rosary Procession after the evening Mass CELEBRATION OF THE CONSOLATA DAY AND INAUGURATION OF THE CAMISASSA HOME, Consolata Shrine Our Lady Consolata SSC: Feast Day ARCHDIOCESE Catechists: Pilgrimage, Bible on the Ground, Nanyuki CLM: Participation in Consolata Day ANIMATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY BY OUR LADY CONSOLATA SCC
Sat 21	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious, <i>Memorial</i> CWA: Celebration of the St Maria Goretti Day PMC Role Models Girls participation in Maria Goretti Day MYM Girls participation in Maria Goretti Day THE ANIMATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY BY ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SCC

Sun 22	THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) PEA: Presentation of special offertory gifts at every Mass, each accompanied with a prayer ALL SCCs: 11am Mass. YSC: Formation Talk CSSHG: 9am Mass and Management Meeting Formation for parents and sponsors of Infant Baptism 2.30pm
Tue 24	THE BIRTHDAY OF St JOHN THE BAPTIST, Solemnity
Thu 26	St Josemaria Escriva, <i>Memorial</i> St Josemaria Escriva SSC: Feast Day Proclaimers: Formation session/Talk
Fri 27	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, Solemnity PEA: an hour of Adoration after 5.30pm Mass inside the church. Proclaimers: Prayer Day YCA: Night Vigil for the Sacred Heart
Sat 28	THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ARCHDIOCESE YSC: Zonal Sports Deanery PMC: Patrons and Matrons Meeting Ongoing formation for children who have received First Holy Communion in 2023 and 2024 Infant Baptism, 230pm Proclaimers Deanery: Seminar, St Austin's Parish ANIMATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY BY ST. TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS SCC
Sun 29	STS PETER AND PAUL, Solemnity Youth Mass, 9am CWA, meeting at 9am followed by 11am Mass Sts Peter and Paul SCC: Feast Day Mama wa Amani: Officer's Retreat, Deanery PC: Q2Meeting, St Austin's, Msongari PPC: Meeting to finalise preparations for Family Day, 2pm - 4pm.



JUBILEE 2025

CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS

MAY 2025

1-4 May

Jubilee of Workers

4-5 May

Jubilee of Entrepreneurs

10-11 May

Jubilee of Marching Bands

12-14 May

Jubilee of the Eastern Churches

16-18 May

Jubilee of Confraternities

30 May - 1 June

Jubilee of Families, Children,
Grandparents and the Elderly



JUNE 2025

7-8 June

Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements,
Associations and New
Communities

9 June

Jubilee of the Holy See

14-15 June

Jubilee of Sport

20-22 June

Jubilee of Governments

23-24 June

Jubilee of Seminarians

25 June

Jubilee of Bishops

25-27 June

Jubilee of Priests