

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS****Happy birthday to all!**

Mary Nnajibemba 1st

Olivia Nnamakula 2nd

Fr. Gerard Balinnya 5th

Olga Christine  
Nnannyondo 11thMiriam Ssenkomago Akora  
18th

Edita Nnabugo 18th

*UMCC advocates Love,  
Peace and Friendship***FEBRUARY WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY****Stephen Ssaalongo S.  
Musoke & Nnaalongo  
5th Feb. 1983 = 31years!!****Congratulations, long live  
and happy marriage!****FOR OUR SICK MEMBERS****We pray for all the members  
of our community, especially  
Mrs Ocana, who are unwell.  
May the Lord of life touch  
and heal them.****Congratulations to Liam  
Ssekweyama** who received  
the Sacrament of  
Confirmation on 13th Feb.  
May the Holy Spirit, guide  
him in God's righteous

**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE*****Called to Perfection***

Dear Brethren

**"In Faith We Grow"**

Today's gospel reading ends with Jesus' call to *"be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect."* High standard! We all like good, beautiful, wonderful and perfect things. No one likes rubbish! Human beings are always attracted towards the good, unless they have a distorted mind. Intrinsically the principle is clear: 'As a being is, so it acts.' If you are good, you will act good. If we aim at being as perfect as our heavenly Father then peace and tranquillity will reign in, within and among us. But are we at peace with ourselves and each other? Not really! Real hard work must then be done to become perfect. Quite a challenge!

So what has gone wrong in the world and in our society? Why do we have wars, hatred, conflict, tensions, bitterness, bickering, quarrels, disorder, etc? We have abandoned the principles of nature. If you are in tune with nature, then peace abounds. Christ provides us with the basic principles that help us to deal with our enemies: "Love your enemies"; do not retaliate or take revenge"; "pray for those who persecute you". These are often hard to put into practise, but they are the guidelines to the path of peace and harmony.

A few quips about dealing with enemies may help us on the road to peace: "Love your enemies, but if you really want to make them mad, ignore them completely." "Love your enemies. It'll sure make them feel foolish." "Love your enemies—it will drive them nuts!" "The enemy you make today may be the only one who can help you twenty-five years from now." If you can follow these principles, you are close to perfection. Be blessed as you walk on the path of life and perfection.

***Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya*****MARRIED COUPLES' DAY CELEBRATION—26.02.2014**

We congratulate our married couples who celebrated their anniversaries in style on 26th January 2014 in lieu of the Holy Family Day, 2013. We have 60 couples registered with us and they are making every effort to lead exemplary lives as they carry the torch. Thanks to those who joined in and supported the celebration. Much gratitude to our guest speaker, Mr Phil Butcher, for his words of wisdom, guidance and support. Please keep the flag of love and family life flying high!

Our appreciation to Ssaabafumbo/Nnaabafumbo office for the organisation of the event.



Dear Friends in Christ,

A very warm welcome to February 2014. I do hope that you are all settled firmly into 2014.

For some of you who attended January's UMCC's get together, you will undoubtedly recall that we celebrated the Bafumbo Day in style. Special thanks especially go to our Sabafumbo and his team for such a wonderful day. We all have to remember that we owe a lot to the marriage institution, as this is the basis of the most fundamental unit in the church – "The Family". As you may recall, our guest speaker on the Bafumbo Day Mr. Phil Butcher had a lot to share with us on the perspective of the Marriage institution.

Behind the scenes, the UMCC Executive is working on a major organisational development initiative. The Executive, Trustees, Chaplain and some members have met twice in an exercise to review what has been/ is working well, and how we can use this as a platform to progress to a higher level. This exercise is being facilitated by **Mrs Estella Makumbi** who is a consultant in organisational development.

We will soon be consulting you, our members, to find out what your thoughts are on these developments, and most specifically the direction you would like your organisation to take. The UMCC Executive requests your full support in this exercise to enable us to lead your organisation in the most appropriate way. I will therefore endeavour to speak to you all, in view of gaining your support and advice in this worthy cause.

The following are some of the areas that we have commenced working on:

- ♦ Review the mission and objectives of the organisation
- ♦ Review of the constitution, policies, procedures and systems
- ♦ Review our communication systems and embrace social media, feedback mechanisms and publicity.
- ♦ Delivery structure with clear roles. This will include the strengthening the Board of Trustees
- ♦ Decide the legal entity of the organisation – Charity?
- ♦ Clarify and communicate the vision of the UMCC
- ♦ Increase income generation
- ♦ Use skills within the organisation to develop and deliver our objectives more efficiently. This will involve conducting a skills scan for all UMCC members, followed by matching these skills to roles in UMCC.
- ♦ To hold regular team building sessions and invite members to participate in these.

The Executive will provide a detailed action plan to deliver the way forward-programme to this effect. We therefore request you (if you have not already done so) to provide us with your contact details to enable the communication process.

And needless to say, you know that we always welcome your thoughts on how we can improve and enhance your experience when you come to attend any of our events. The members of the Executive Committee are always there to listen and attend to your suggestions or needs. So, please use every opportunity to channel your thoughts and suggestions through them or to me directly.

May God Bless you all.

Robert Mukíibi

Chairman – UMCC (2013 – 2014)  
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**Thanks to all participants who attended the training sessions over the two precious weekends.**

**Special thanks to Mrs Rose Misitica Farmer who worked so hard to get everything off the ground . She assisted us in accessing an appropriate facilitator. Work still in progress!**



**UMCC LEADERS ON TRAINING RETREAT (01.02.2014)**

### P.3 OBITUARIES



18.08.1938 - 30.01.2014

**PRINCESS CHRISTINE MPOLOGOMA LWANTALE** was a very active and valuable member of our church. She regularly attended our ethnic community worship services. Christine was indeed a lady of faith, affable and proactive in promotion of good causes. She has been one of the veteran members of our Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community Choir. Her contribution as a chorister will be sorely missed here! She was a devoted Christian and in good standing in the community. She was mourned by dignitaries from the Democratic Party since she was well known as **“Ssenga Wa DP.”** The former Katikkiro of Buganda, Ow’ekitiibwa J.B. Walusimbi delivered a condolence message from Buganda Kingdom.

**Sam Lubega** helped to coordinate the funeral arrangements. **UMCC** was well represented by **Cissy Claire Mubiru** and **Theo Bengo** at the funeral. Her son, being a member of the Bakayimbira Dramactors, drew many distinguished people to the funeral. She had a very dignified send-off befitting her positively influential life, contribution and legacy. Her requiem Mass was solemnly conducted at Christ The King Church, Kampala on 31.01.2014. The funeral took place at Mmende royal tombs, Hoima Road. We are so saddened by her demise! May her soul rest in peace.

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**The Rt. Rev. Dr. DEOGRATIAS MUGANWA BYABAZAIRE (9th October, 1941—8th February, 2014)**



Born on October 9, 1941 to Lawrence and Veronica Muganwa in Karujubu village, Masindi district. A sixth born in a family of 14 children, Byabazaire attended St. Aloysius Primary School in Hoima town, Kitabi Seminary Mbarara before joining Katigondo Major Seminary in Masaka for a bachelor’s degree in philosophy.

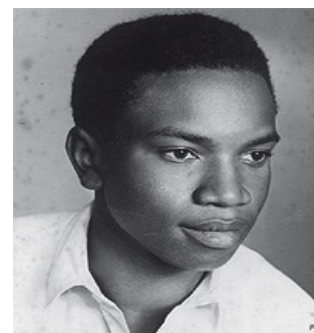
He went to Urbaniana University in Rome, Italy, for a Master’s degree in Theology. He was ordained priest at Bujumbura Cathedral, Hoima, August 9, 1969. He obtained

a PhD in Church History and Community Development from Germany in 1978.

He later studied at the University of London and Sorbon University, France.

He was consecrated Co-Adjutor Bishop of Hoima on 18th August, 1990

and installed as bishop on March 9, 1991.



*As a seminarian in 1960’s*



**Serving food at a function in Hoima**

From the time he was ordained priest on August 9, 1969, Byabazaire devoted all his time to his calling, according to his elder brother, Henry Kajura, first deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Service. Kajura says Byabazaire spent all his time visiting schools, churches and hospitals. “He never told me whenever he came to Kampala. I would only be told he had been around.” Kajura says: “We gave him time because we did not want to fail him in his mission.” According to Kajura, when a family member sought financial assistance from Byabazaire, he would tell them: “I thought you had brought part of your wealth to the poor.” “Byabazaire said the only thing he could do for us was to baptise our children and preside over our weddings and he did just that.” Kajura explains that since Byabazaire did not keep money or gifts he received, when he started writing his will, he found out that he only had a box of text books as his property. He had acquired the books from the seminaries where he taught. “Byabazaire willed the books to universities and seminaries,” Kajura says.

Bishop Deo Byabazaire worked tirelessly for his diocese and the whole church. He had zeal for education and pastoral work. He supported more than 300 students in higher institutions. He was a champion for girl-child education! He suffered a stroke since 2008.

Bishop Lambert Bainomugisha was deployed by Pope Benedict XVI to Hoima Catholic diocese from Mbarara Archdiocese in 2009 when Byabazaire’s health deteriorated. He was unwell for 6 years and was flown to New Delhi Hospital, India 6 months ago. He was discharged on Friday 7th February, 2014 from there after making significant improvement. He died of a stroke and diabetes on Sat. 8th Feb. 2014 at Nsambya Hospital a few hours on return! He was 72. He was laid to rest at Hoima Cathedral on 13th February 2014. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

**SARAH KIZZA MUSAAZI**

She was late wife of Professor MusaaZI and mother of Mrs **Juliet Muwonge**, UMCC member who lives at Dagenham. She died of cancer, 26.12.13, in a South African hospital. Buried 4.1.14 at Buteeka—Mityana, Uganda. Sorely missed by Juliet, family and friends. May her soul rest in peace.

**Fr. LAWRENCE KASULE**, a newly ordained seven-month priest, died in a car accident on Monday 10th Feb. His car crushed into a trailer! He was buried at Muduuma Parish, Kampala Archdiocese on Tues. 11th Feb. 2014. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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Wednesday 12th Feb, one **SHEILA SSEMBAJJWE** also died on a British Airways flight from Entebbe to London while returning from a short holiday. His husband **Stanley Ssembajjwe Mukasa** was shocked at Heathrow airport to be told that his wife, whom he had come to meet and pick from the airport, had died on board!

More sad news reached us as we went to press! **GODFREY SSEMAKULA** of Whitechapel also died over the last weekend. He was a relative of **Mr. Godfrey Ssekisonge**.

We have all been touched by death. We offer today's sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of all these souls. We remember especially those who have passed away recently and we extend our condolences to the bereaved.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## Pope Francis meets 10,000 engaged couples on Valentine's Day -14 Feb



Vatican City– Ten thousand engaged couples from all over the world gathered on the feast of St. Valentine, in St. Peter's Square to consider the vocation of marriage, with the theme "The joy of 'Yes' forever", and to meet with Pope Francis.

The event, organised by the Pontifical Council for the Family, began with a series of testimonies from couples, interspersed with readings and songs dedicated to love in its various manifestations.

Pope Francis spoke on three issues put forward by many couples: The fear of "forever", living together, the matrimonial way of life; and the type of matrimonial celebration. "It is important to ask ourselves if it is possible to love one another 'forever'", affirmed the Pope. He added: "Today many people are afraid of making definitive decisions, that affect them for all their lives, because it seems impossible ... and this mentality leads many who are preparing for marriage to say, 'We will stay together for as long as our love lasts'.

For God so loVed the world,  
That he gAve  
His onLy  
BegottEn  
SoN  
That whosoever  
Believeth In Him  
Should Not perish,  
But have Everlasting life." (John 3:16)

