



Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

25TH JANUARY, 2015

“In Faith We Grow”

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dear Brethren,

Happy New Year 2015 greetings to all of you! Of course, some will not be sorry to leave 2014 behind for various reasons. However, as we now celebrate our Married Couples' Day we need to summon courage, confidence, trust, faith and hope for the present and future.

Since the recent Synod on the Family (Rome, October 2014) we are now on the reflective journey about shaping a better future for the family. In this regard Cardinal Muller has written a book, “The Hope of the Family”. Its central point is on Faith, warning that “the age of secularization and incredulity have weakened the sacramental perception and the dignity of matrimony and of the family.” This has resulted into a crisis of the family expressed in the crisis of modern man: faced with relentless fragmentation of life in a context of conflicting opinions, reality is reduced to a series of manipulated objects through technology, while a sense of mystery disappears! So we are reminded that the experience of marriage should be based on human love and on “gratuitousness” and not on “convenience”. Thus, St. Paul reminds us that our time is growing short, and so we should not be engrossed in the world since it is passing away (**1Corinthians 7:29, 31**). It's a wake up call for conversion and rational existence.

We applaud the Married Couples who are carrying the flag of faith, hope and love to keep society together in peace, solidarity and fraternity. We join with Pope Francis to pray that 2015 be a year of peace in the tender embrace of the Lord and with the maternal protection of our Mother Mary. May the Holy Family of Nazareth - Jesus, Mary and Joseph - keep inspiring our married couples and all families to educate children in Christian faith and morals, build fraternity with a culture of life based on the Gospel values of hope, justice and peace.

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya

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and Friendship*

GET READY FOR LENT 2015

Ash Wednesday will fall on 18th February. Plan for a deepened spirit of prayer, sacrifice and charity.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Desire Ssali	2 nd Dec
Rosette Nakalema Buwule	2 nd Dec
Henry Birungi Kagusa	12 th Dec
Priscilla Mukiibi	13 th Dec
Robert Mukiibi	15 th Dec
Leah Nnaabagereka	20 th Dec

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Max Kimbugwe	1st Jan
Sarah Abalo	1st Jan
James Farrell Kyazze	4th Jan
Harriet Ssenyonjo	6th Jan
Denise Nansumba	10th Jan
Ivan Luwugge	15th Jan
Dorcas Nnakiwala	16th Jan
Gerard Ssekalembe	23rd Jan
Viola Hategeka	27th Jan
Madge Musajjakaawa	28th Jan
Aldridge Ssagala Ssemugenyi	

BAFUMBO DAY MESSAGE

Dear Married Couples,

On behalf of the Bafumbo Office, it is our great pleasure to welcome you all to our Annual Bafumbo Day when we celebrate and renew our vows in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony.

We thank and give praise to Almighty God, for having enabled us stick to our commitment throughout the years which we have individually celebrated and we pray that we keep going, for as long as life prevails.

Commitment is a freely chosen and faithful devotion. It applies to relationships, including marriage. It is a twofold dedication: to the partner and the relationship. The late Pope John Paul II lists the characteristics of commitment to the partner as love, fidelity, loyalty and fortitude, in the trials and messiness of the exclusive and indissoluble relationship.

It is therefore very important to understand the “oneness” which God wants to create and design within marriage. As Christians, we are bound to know that your partner is the person God has called you to be with. Together, we will then be able to make the right decisions in our life as a married couple.

We urge you to keep the ‘Candle of Marriage’ burning for as long as we are still alive; as we all know the last sentence of our vows: “From this day forward, until death do us part”.

May the Almighty God bless your Families and keep your Marriages stronger.

Ambrose K. Ssemakula & Ellen Kulwazi

Ssaabafumbo ne Nnaabafumbo—2014 / 2015

Chairperson's Message

Dear Friends in Christ,

A very warm welcome to January 2015. Happy New Year to you all and I hope that you have all had a good festive period. The UMCC Executive, through the Chairperson, wish to thank you for all for your continued support during the last year and pray that you continue with this spirit of charity, especially for this community.

We are now embarking on the 2015 programme, the highlight of which will be the Uganda Martyrs Day Celebrations in June. Details of these preparations will be provided as we get closer to the day. Please remember that as this is your Community, you are always encouraged to make suggestions on any aspect of our functions, be it the liturgy or otherwise.

We have approached Kampala Archbishop Cyprian Lwanga Kizito to lead our Uganda Martyrs' Day celebrations in June this year. Plans are underway in preparation for this occasion. Your participation, financially or otherwise will be much appreciated.

At the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting in November last year, it was agreed to move the organisation towards becoming a registered entity as a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG). This will give our community the necessary structures to operate in a more autonomous way. The Executive has now embarked on reviewing and redrafting our key documents to move this piece of work forward.

On a sad note, in recent months, the Ugandan and indeed the global community have been saddened by the passing of some of our brethren; Mrs Thereza Pule (78), Mrs Justin Zawedde Kirunda (67) and more recently Fr Robert Kaggwa (55). Fr Kaggwa (RIP) was a former Chaplain of this Community, and has been a lecturer and Chaplain at Roehampton University. Plans are underway for his funeral, and we will keep you updated on this.

Finally, I wish to congratulate all of the Community's Married Couples on this celebration of "Bafumbo Day" in the UMCC. It is an undisputed fact that this institution is the best that God made, and endowed with bringing into being, and nurturing human life as we know it. The responsibility of parenthood is that of building nations. On behalf of the Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community, I wish to convey my most heartfelt congratulations to all our Married Couples, and promise you my prayers to persevere in this noble vocation. I take this same opportunity to encourage those that are holding off the decision to commit, to do so without hesitation. It is only when you begin moving, that you acquire the means and tools to progress. With God on your side, failure is not an option. May God bless you all.

Robert Mukíibi

PRAYERS FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

Wedding Bells tolled for **ROBERT KASOZI & DAISY SYLVIA NASSANGA** at Jinja Karoli Parish Church, Uganda on 28th Dec. 2014 followed by a grand reception at Lugogo Stadium. Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Kasozi as we wish them a very happy and blessed marriage.



DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr & Mrs Rogers Kibuye	18.12.2010 4yrs
Mr & Mrs Noah Kulwazi	19.12.2003 11yrs
Mr & Mrs Ambrose Katende	20.12.2003 11yrs
Mr & Mrs J.W. Mwanje	16.12.2003 11yrs
Mr & Mrs Fred M. Kyazze	17.12.2005 9 yrs
Mr & Mrs Daudi Mugwanya	20.12.1997 17yrs
Mr & Mrs Deo Ssebaggala	23.12.1990 24yrs
Mr & Mrs Wilfred N. Ddamba	15.12.1990 24yrs
Mr & Mrs Peter Ssekabira	16.12.1989 25yrs
Mr & Mrs Roy Nsereko	02.12.1961 53yrs

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr & Mrs Gerald S. Mutumba	3.1.2009 6yrs
Mr & Mrs Henry K. Birungi	5.1.2008 7 yrs
Mr & Mrs Leonard Ssenyonjo	6.1.2001 14 yrs
Mr & Mrs Eugene Ntambi	9.1.1988 27yrs
Mr & Mrs Frank Ssewaali	1.1.1980 35yrs



May 1959 -9 Jan 2015

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Fr Robert Kaggwa (RIP)

Missionary of Africa (White Fathers), Lecturer and Chaplain at Roehampton University. He taught Systematic Theology, Contextual Theologies and African Traditional Religions. His academic interests were in ecumenism, interfaith dialogue and the interaction between the West and the non-Western world.