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Dear Parishioners and Supporters:

Thanks for reading this edition of "The Advocate"...the voice of St. Agnes Mission Circle. The first Circle of parishioners met in 1978 to aid missionary friends of the then pastor, Fr. Fox. When Fr. Mel Collier came to St. Agnes he recommended his missionary friends with whom he worked in Botswana and South America.

Fr. Mel's brother, Conall Collier served in Rusape, Zimbabwe from where the featured letter comes in this issue. Fr. Collier lived and worked with the Zimbabwean people for 45 years, spoke the local Shona language and helped build the mission described here by Fr. Owen Kudumba, a Zimbabwean priest.

Fr. Kudumba describes the vocational training at the Seminary at Kriste Mambo Mission with pictures of his seminarians.

The many faithful St. Agnes Mission Circle members and our donors have helped build this community! As our missionaries say "Thank you".

Saint Agnes Mission Circle Missionaries

- Fr. Phil Cooke, SJ Indian Mission in South Dakota
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- Fr. James Feehan, Paraguay
- Fr. Alvin Platon, Philippines
- Fr. Owen Kudumba
Kriste Mambo Zimbabwe

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Dear Mission Circle:

The photos that I sent you were taken after the profession ceremony/Mass of our seven brothers. The first profession is done after two years of spiritual formation (Postulancy and Novitiate) at Kriste Mambo Mission. The Students will then go to our Student House in Harare for philosophical and theological studies after which, if they are successful, will do final profession in the Carmelite Order.

So it takes between 8 and 9 yrs before he can apply for solemn/final profession.

On the below picture, the seven brothers pose for a photo with some school kids who were part of the congregation that witnessed the profession. Our Formation Houses (both Postulants and Novitiate) are attached to a girls' boarding school. This year we have 581 in boarding and 30 day scholars.

We are three Carmelite priests in our community. I am the Novice director as well as the superior of the Mission.

Fr. Paul Horan (from Ireland) is the school manager and Fr. Jimmy Ngangadi (Zimbabwean) is the parish priest.

Apart from Kriste Mambo itself, we

we have 10 outparishes that we also visit once or twice every month for the celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments. In our parish we have 403 catholic families. Most of them often come to us seeking assistance to pay school fees for their children.

Since we started using the US\$ last year life has not been easy for most of our people because it's not accessed easily.

We are currently running a pigery project using the funds that come from you. We hope to go into a chicken project as well once we get some capital to do so.

We are very grateful for your continued interest in us and our work here. The local people support us as best as they can but it is not enough to cover all our costs. Please pass our sincere thanks to your parishioners and in particular to St. Agnes Mission Circle. May God reward you abundantly for your generosity to us. We remember you in our prayers every day.

Yours in Christ

Fr. Owen Kudumba O. Carm.



Dear God's People of St. Agnes Mission Circle,

The silence from me has been quite loud and I am sorry for it. In the run-up to the dedication of the church which actually happened on August 28, I became too caught up in the preparations and so could not write immediately. Even after the ceremonies passed I wanted to send some photos of the celebration to you and hopefully from now on I will constantly send photos of the people and things that are happening here.

The dedication was well celebrated and well attended: two archbishops, the Co-Adjutor of Monrovia and the Papal Nuncio dedicated the church to the glory of God and the sanctification of his people. All the people who graced the occasion with their presence enjoyed every bit of it, the liturgy and after that the food and the drink and of course the dancing. We really put on a good celebration.

I bought the electric generator set on Monday, August 23rd, before the dedication and we started using it on Friday night, August 27th, and so though we were separated by thousands of miles and a vast ocean you were present on that day and will always be present here with us. Thank you, St. Agnes Mission Circle, for this wonderful gift.

I will write again and send more photos.
God Bless you all, Fr. Peter Paase MSP
Kataka, Liberia

Due to the generosity of our parishioners, Mission Circle sent money to Father Paase to replace his broken generator. Less than 1% of his parish has electricity or running water.



Co-Adjutor presenting the keys to Father Peter



Cutting the tape before entry into church



Father Peter (back right) with choir and liturgical dancers

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