

Mission Letter

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA (WHITE FATHERS)

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Dear friends of the Missions,

Father Réal Doucet of St. Celestin Q.C. has been appointed Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of Africa for the Province of the Americas. This Province includes Canada, the USA, Mexico and Brasil.



Fr Armand Galay

Father Armand Galay from Magpet, Cotabato Philippines, has been elected provincial delegate for Canada. He has worked in Burundi for 7 years, and has been doing pastoral and missionary work in Toronto for the last 5 years. The other provincial delegates come from Burkina Faso, Mali and DR Congo.



Father Galay with his confreres in Burundi : a Belgian, a Canadian, a Burkinabè and a French.

Father Doucet has served in different countries of Africa and in Mexico. For the last 20 years in Africa he has been lecturing in catholic institutions or in major seminaries for the formation of priests belonging to different missionary congregations.

In a recent visit to Toronto I was able to receive from him more information concerning the formation of Missionaries of Africa.



Fr Réal Doucet in South Africa.

He has come from South Africa where many congregations have joined the O.M.I. who has opened their theological and philosophical institute for the formation of their own candidates. Four Missionaries of Africa are involved in the formation of the 230 students at the institute, giving courses in philosophy and theology. *"To lecture and to form future missionaries is a noble mission and I am grateful to the lord for the 20 years spent in that ministry."*



Fr Réal Doucet



There are 36 White Fathers candidates studying theology in Merivale, South Africa. Another 5 candidates had to wait until 2019 to be admitted because of the lack of space. These students come from 10 different African countries, from India and the Philippines. The other members of staff come from Zambia, Tanzania and Italy. Students and staff originate from 20 countries. That is truly a catholic group!

Every year there are ordinations. Last year 6 were ordained priests in their home country and were assigned to Algeria, Tunisia, Burkina Faso, Mozambique, DR Congo, and Malawi.

In December of this year 18 others will become priests and receive their first appointment.

This year there will be a total of 38 ordinations of Missionaries of Africa. Twenty others were trained in our houses of formation in Ivory Coast, Congo, Kenya and Jerusalem. We are truly blessed by God who called these young men to the missionary life.

We thank you for the support of your prayer and for your financial help for the formation of so many candidates.

Faithfully yours in Christ

Fr. Mike Merizzi, M.Afr.



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