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Message from the new Provincial of the Americas.

Dear friends,

I am delighted to present our 2025 calendar. You'll find beautiful photos of various African countries where the Missionaries of Africa, nuns, brothers and priests, have been working for 156 years.

As you will read on the next page, the previous Provincial Council, covering Mexico, the United States and Canada, has completed its six-year term. A new team has taken over to ensure the smooth running of our various communities in North America. The new delegate for Canada is Father Paul Johnston. Originally from Northern Ireland, he has been a missionary in South Africa, Ghana, Zambia, India and the Philippines. He now lives in Toronto, where we have a small community of five confreres.

I myself am originally from Burkina Faso. I was a missionary in Tanzania and Kenya before being appointed to Washington, the federal capital of the United States. My confreres have chosen me to become their new provincial. This illustrates the cultural diversity that has characterized the Society of Missionaries of Africa since it was founded by Mgr Charles Lavigerie when he was Bishop of Algiers.

Thank you all for supporting the mission that the Lord has entrusted to us for the African world, which is now shining out all over the world.

Father Barthélémy Bazemo, M.Afr



The province of the Americas

The Society of Missionaries of Africa, historically known as the 'White Fathers', was founded by Mgr. Charles Lavigerie in Algiers in 1868. The following year, he did the same with the Missionary Sisters of Notre-Dame d'Afrique, also known as the 'White Sisters'.

Since then, thousands of men and women have traversed the vast expanses of Africa. Initially coming primarily from Europe, Canadians have joined this spiritual family characterized by its international and intercultural composition. Today, the majority of new missionaries come from various African countries.

In the Americas, the province includes Mexico, the United States and Canada. Over the past decade, however, we have witnessed the arrival of many confreres from Africa.

Here is the composition of the Provincial Council of the Americas, which completed its six-year term in 2024.



Left to right: Serge St-Arneault, Canadian and provincial secretary secretary, resident in Montreal, Armand Galay, originally from the Philippines now a Canadian citizen, and Canadian delegate, resident in Toronto, Réal Doucet, Canadian and provincial of the Americas, residing in Montreal; Antonio Koffi, Togolese and Provincial Bursar, residing in Washington; Barthélémy Bazemo, Provincial Delegate to the United States, residing in Washington; Cyriaque Mounkoro, Malian and Delegate of Mexico, residing in Querétaro; and Raphaël Muteba, Congolese and Advisor, residing at the training center in Guadalajara, Mexico.



The Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) set up the Afrika Centre in 1988 to enable Africans to forge bonds of friendship with one another and thus promote harmonious living together in Quebec society.

Our services:

- The Centre offers a welcoming space and a listening ear to newly arriving immigrants and directs them to existing help and services. Facilitates activities and events geared towards creating a network of solidarity.
- Helps develop initiatives and networks which promote integration and inclusion.
- Promotes intercultural and interreligious dialogue.
- Offers the use of multi-purpose halls and rooms for meetings and other activities.
- Provides an Internet portal for disseminating relevant information about organizations and associations that share the Centre Afrika's values.

Our vision:

To foster encounter of 'Africas' in their cultural and spiritual diversities and richness geared towards a harmonious living together between Africans and Montrealers / Quebecers.

Our motto:

To live together in the spirit of interculturality and supportive solidarity.

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Close to Berri-UQAM metro



Photo: Children of Mozambique.			DECE	MBRE	2024	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	2 Bibiana	3 Francis Xavier	John of Damas	5 Gerald	6 Nicholas	7 Ambrose
2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	10 Valerie	11 Damasus	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Day of Prayer in solidarity with indigenous peoples	13 Lucy	John of the Cross
15 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	16 Alice	17 Yolanda	18 Gratian	19 Urban	20 Abraham	21 Peter Canisius
22 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Armand, David and John of Kanty	24 Adele Christmas Eve	25 OF THE LORD MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 STEPHEN	27 JOHN, EVANGELIST	28 HOLY INNOCENTS
29 HOLY FAMILY	30 Roger	31 Sylvester New Year's Eve			First quarter Last quarter	

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Photo: Fishermen depart from Lake Cohoha in northern Burundi.

JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
First quarter Last quarter		НАРРУ NEW YEAR! 2025	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Day of Peace	Basil and Gregory	Most Holy Name of Jesus	Angela of Foligno
5 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	6 Melanie	7 Brother André Bessette	Raymond of Penyafort	9 Alix	10 William	11 Paulino
1 2 BAPTSIM OF OUR LORD	13 Hilary	Nina and Felix of Nole	15 Remy	16 Marcel	17 Anthony	Priscilla First day of the Week of Prayer for
19 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Pabian and Sebastian	21 Agnes	22 Vincent	23 Barnard	24 Francis de Sales	Christian Unity 25 CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL Last day of the
26 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	27 Angela Merici	Thomas of Aquinas	29 Constance	30 Martine and Bathilde	31 Jean Bosco	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity









Photo: Colossal statue of Nelson Mandela in front Parliament in Pretoria, South Africa.

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
First quarter Last quarter	Full moon New moon					Brigid of Iredand
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD		Gilbert and Jeanne	5 Agatha	Paul Miki and companions	7 Eugenie	Josephine Bakhita
World Day of Consecrated Life		•				International Day of Prayer and Reflection on Human Trafficking
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10 Scholastica	1 1 Our Lady of Lourdes	12 Felix	13 Beatrice	Cyrille and Méthode	15 Claude de la Colombière
		World Sick Day			Valentine's Day	
16 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY	7 Founders Fathers of the Servants of Mary	Bernadette	19 Conrad	Prancis and Jacinta of Fatima	21 Peter Damian	22 THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER
23 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY	24 Modestus	25 Romeo	26 Nestor	27 Gregory of Narek	28 Roman	









Photo: Missionaries of Africa in Mexico: Armand Galay, originally from the Philippines, Tour Guide in Tequila, Dieudonné Rizinde, originally from the DRC, Emmanuel Barongo, originally from Uganda.

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
First quarter Last quarter						Albino
2 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	3 Katharine Drexel	4 Casimir	5 ASH WEDNESDAY	6 Colette	Perpetua and Felicity	8 John of God
		Mardi Gras	The beginning of Lent			international Women's Day
9 1st SUNDAY OF LENT	10 Vivien	11 Rosina	12 Justina	13 Rodrigo	14 Mathilda	15 Louise de Marillac
19 23 1+1h				Twelfth anniversary of the election of Pope Francis		
16 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	17 Patrick	18 Cyril of Jerusalem	19 JOSEPH, PATRON OF CANADA	20 Herbert	21 Clementina	22 Lea
	St. Patrick's Day					World Water Day
23 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	24 Catherine of Sweden	25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	26 Ludger	27 Habib	28 Gontran	29 Jonas
30 4th SUNDAY OF LENT	31 Benjamin					0









APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
First quarter Last quarter	Full moon New moon	1 Hugues	Prancis of Paola	3 Richard	4 Isidore	5 Vincent Ferrier
5th SUNDAY OF LENT	7 John-Baptiste de la Salle	8 Julie Billiart	9 Casilda	1	11 Stanislaus	12 Julius
13 PALM SUNDAY	14 Maxime	15 Paternus	16 Benedict Labre	17 HOLY THURSDAY	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19 HOLY SATURDAY
0						Easter Vigil
20 EASTER	21 EASTER MONDAY	TUESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	23 WEDNESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	24 THURSDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	FRIDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	26 SATURDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	0	Earth Day				
27 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	28 Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort	29 Catherine of Siena	30 Mary of the Incarnation			
DIVINE MERCY			and Feast of Our Lady of Africa			









Photo: Musical entertainment by a young Ugandan.

MAY 2025

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	First quarter Last quarter				Joseph, the Worker	Athanasius of Alexandria	3 PHILIP, JAMES, APOSTLES
4	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	5 Judith	François de Montmorency Laval	7 Gisela	Catherine of St Augustin	9 Paconius	10 John of Avila
1	4 th SUNDAY OF EASTER Mother's Day	12 Nereus and Achilleus	13 Our Lady of Fatima	14 MATTHIAS, APOSTLE	15 Brendan	16 Denise	17 Pascal
	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	19 Yves The King's Day and the National Day of Ontario	20 Bernardine of Siena	21 Christopher Magallanes and companions	22 Rita of Cassia	23 Didier	24 Louis-Z. Moreau World Africa Day at the Afrika Centre
2	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	26 Philip Neri	27 Augustine of Canterbury	28 Germain	29 Paul VI	30 Joan of Arc	31 VISITATION OF MARY









Photo: Young child from Zambia.

JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ASCENSION OF THE LORD	2 Marcellinus	Charles Lwanga and Martyrs of Uganda	4 Clotilda	5 Boniface	6 Norbert	7 Gilbert
				World Environment Day		
8 PENTECOST	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	10 Landry	1 1 Barnabas	12 Guy	13 Anthony of Padua	14 Elias
15 MOST HOLY	16 John-Francis Regis	17 Harvey	18 Leoncius	19 Romuald	20 Silvorius	21 Aloyslus Gonzaga
Father's Day					Beginning of summer	National Indegenous Peoples Day
22 MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	23 Audrey	24 NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST	25 Prosper	26 Anthelm	27 MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	The Immaculate Heart of Mary
		Quebec National Day	•			
29 PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES	The first martyrs of the Church of Rome	1			First quarter Last quarter	









Photo: Popular gathering at the funeral of a traditional chief in Malawi.

JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
First quarter Last quarter	Full moon New moon	Thierry Canada Day	2 Martinianus	THOMAS, APOSTLE	Elizabeth of Portugal	5 Anthony Mary Zaccaria
6 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	7 Raoul	8 Thibaut	Augustin Zhao Rong and companions	10 Ulrich	11 Benedict	12 Oliver
13 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	14 Camillus de Lellis	15 Bonaventure	1 6 Our Lady of Mount Carmel	17 Charlotte	18 Frederik	19 Arsene
20 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	21 Laurent of Brindisi	22 Mary Magdalene	23 Bridget of Sweden	24 Sharbel Makhluf	25 JAMES, APOSTLE	26 Anne and Joachim
27 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	28 Samson Commemoration of the Great Acadian Disturbance	29 Martha, Mary and Lazarus	30 Peter Chrysologus	31 Ignatius of Loyola		









Photo: Mother and child, Mali.

AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
First quarter Last quarter					Alphonsus Liguori	Peter-Julian Eymard
3 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	John Vianney	Frederic Janssoone	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	Sixtus II and companions	8 Dominic	Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
1 0 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11 Clare	12 Isidore Bakanja	13 Hippolytus and Pontian	14 Maximilian Kolbe	15 ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY	16 Stephen of Hungary
17 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	18 Helen	19 John Eudes	20 Bernard	21 Pie X	22 Queenship of Mary	Rose of Lima
24 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 31 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	25 Louis and Joseph Calasanz	26 Natacha	27 Monica	28 Augustine	Passion of John the Baptist	30 Fiacre









Photo: Butterfly painting by artist Georges Mbanga Pompidou from the Central African Republic.

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Gilles	André Grasset World Day of Prayer for the Integrity of	Gregory the Great	4 Dina Belanger	Teresa of Calcutta	6 Bertrand
7 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	THE NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN	Peter Claver	10 Ines	11 Adolph	12 Holy Name of Mary	13 John Chrysostom
1 4 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	15 Our Lady of Sorrows	16 Cornelius and Cyprian	17 Robert Bellarmine	18 Joseph of Cupertino	19 Januarius	20 Andrew Kim Paul Chong and companions
21 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME World Day of Peace	22 Maurice	23 Padre Pio	Emily Tavernier- Gamelin	25 Cosmas and Damian	26 Canadian Martyrs	27 Vincent de Paul
28 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	29 ARCHANGES MICHEL, GABRIEL RAPHAËL	Jerome National day of truth and reconciliation			First quarter Last quarter	Full moon New moon









Photo: Young Burundian woman.			OCTOBER 2025			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
First quarter Last quarter	Full moon New moon		Thérèse of the Child Jesus	Holy Guardian Angels	3 Gerard	Francis of Assisi
5 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6 Marie-Rose Durocher	Our Lady of the Rosary Super Moon of the Hunter	8 Pelagia	9 Denis and John Leonardi	10 Ghislan	11 John XXIII
12 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	13 Edouard	14 Callistus	15 Teresa of Avila	16 Marguerite d'Youville	17 Ignatius of Antioch	18 LUKE EVANGELIST
	Thanksgiving Day				for the Eradication of Poverty	
19 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	20 Margaret Mary Alacoque	21 Celine	22 Salome and John Paul II	23 John Capistrano	24 Antony Mary Claret	25 Crepin
World Mission Sunday					United Nations Day	
26 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	27 Frumence	28 SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES	29 Narcisse	30 Alphonse Rodriguez	31 Quentin	
Day of Prayer for peace					Halloween	









Photo: Nursery school children in Tanzania.			NOVEMBER 2025				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	URDAY
First quarter Last quarter	Full moon New moon					1	ALL SAINTS
ALL SOULS	3 Martin de Porres	Charles Borromeo	Super Moon of the Beaver	6 Leonard	7 Carine	8	Geoffrey
P DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME	Leon the Great Human Rights Day	1 1 Martin of Tours Remembrance Day	12 Josaphat And Christian	13 Frances X. Cabrini	14 Sidoine	15	Albert the Great
16 33th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	17 Elisabeth of Hungary	Saint Peter and Saint Paul Basilicas	19 Tanguy	20 Edmond	21 Presentation of Mary	22	Cecilia
23 JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERS 30 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Andrew Dung-Lac and companions	25 Catherine of Alexandria	Cardinal Lavigerie, Founder of the Missionaries of Africa	27 Severino	28 Catherine Laboure	29	Saturnino









	Photo: Smiling girls of Burkina Faso.			DECEMBER 2025			
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Charles de Foucauld and Anuarite Nengapeta	2 Bibiana	3 Francis Xavier	John Damascene	5 Gerald	6 Nicolas
						Super Cold Moon	
•	2 nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	Juan Diego Cuautlatoatzi	10 Our Lady of Lorette	11 Damasus	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 Lucy
		Feast of the Missionaries of Africa				Day of Prayer in solidarity with indigenous peoples	
ı	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	15 Christiane	16 Alice	17 Yolanda	18 Gatian	19 Urban	20 Abraham
							•
	2 1 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	22 Françoise-X. Cabrini	23 John of Kanty	24 Adele	25 NATIVITY OF THE LORD	26 Stephen	27 APOSTLE AND EVANGELISTE
				Christmas Eve	MERRY CHRISTMAS!		0
	28 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS	29 Thomas Becket	30 Roger	31 Sylvester		First quarter	Full moon
						Last quarter	
				New Year's Eve			











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The mission of the Missionaries of Africa is closely linked to issues of peace and social justice, intercultural and ecumenical dialogue. Our involvement in all these areas is evident in our pastoral commitments in parishes and specialized centers, particularly on the African continent. In the name of Gospel values, we also campaign against modern forms of slavery.

We live in intercultural communities, reflecting an increasingly universal world. The Missionaries of Africa have around 1,200 members - priests, brothers and lay associates - from 36 different nationalities. Our houses of formation welcome over 500 young people from various African countries, India, the Philippines and Mexico.

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