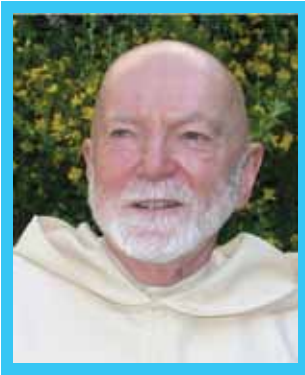


From the Director



Dear Mission Friends:

In the documents of the Second Vatican Council, specifically in the *Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity*, we read, *"From the start, the Christian [missionary] community should be so organized that it is able to provide for its own needs as far as possible...And the church is more firmly rooted in a people when the different communities of the faithful have ministers of salvation who are drawn from their own members."*

We give thanks that our mission in Kenya has been blessed with so many vocations to the Dominican Order. In this issue, Father Kieran Healy, O.P. describes the ordination of one of our new Dominican priests, Father Jude Mmassy, O.P.,

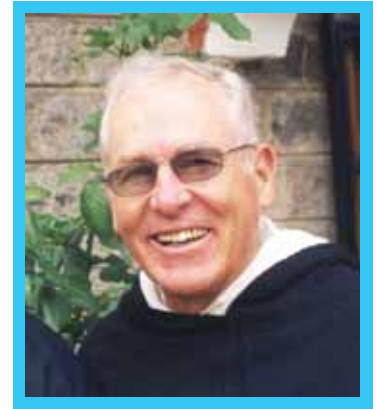
which took place just across the border from Kenya in neighboring Tanzania.

As Father Vincent Lopez, O.P. and I travel from town to town all summer giving mission appeals and asking for your loving support for our missions, we find hope in your generosity and your prayers, which allow the ministry of our Dominican missionaries to continue establishing the Kingdom of God in such faraway lands as Kenya.

In Christ's Peace and Unity,
Fr. Martin de Porres Walsh, O.P.

The Complete Village Experience

When I asked Brother Jude where we would stay when we went down to Moshi, Tanzania for his ordination, he chuckled and said, *"It is all taken care of. I want you to have the complete village experience."* So the day before the ordination, we all headed southeast toward the Tanzanian border. We spent most of the day crossing the high desert, and then an hour at the border, where the newly-



Fr. Kieran Healy, O.P.

computerized visa process provided us with a picture ID to insert with our visa. As we passed through Arusha and crossed several rivers, the country turned a more fertile green. Toward darkness we arrived at Moshi, which is just south of Mt. Kilimanjaro. We were met by Br. Jude, who introduced us to his brother who would lead us up to Marushi Parish where we would stay with his relatives.

As we made our way onto the shoulders of Mt. Kilimanjaro, the climate changed dramatically and we plunged into a rainforest setting with mud-choked roads and dripping banana trees. We struggled past a stranded water tanker and slipped and slid upward toward the village.



A small part of the Ordination procession.

Finally we sped down a most narrow path and came to a sudden halt, our two parked cars filling the tight space between the house and the extension where the animals stay. We had arrived.

A little girl practiced her English while taking in our luggage. The women of the household welcomed us and showed us into a dark living room, where there was just one light bulb for the sitting space and the adjoining eating area. Then we sat and waited for what would happen next. Forty-five minutes later, the man of the house entered and sat down. He asked us where we were from, and we discovered that he was indeed Br. Jude's uncle, but the wrong one. Just about then, the cars exploded into the narrow barnyard and we loaded up for the next leg of the journey.

The mud was even thicker here and we got stuck sliding into a

ditch, spinning mud everywhere. Some of the younger men jumped to the rescue and finally we arrived at the parish house, near the home of the uncle with whom we were supposed to stay. The *matoke* (banana) stew never tasted so good as at the end of that long day.

The next morning we made our way carefully down the mountain for the 10:00 A.M. ceremony, although the bishop did not arrive until 10:25, and we did not begin until 11:00.



Jubilant celebration after Mass.

The cathedral, though large, was nevertheless packed for the ordination of six priests of the diocese and six religious. The music was excellent and the liturgy well-planned.

What struck me especially was that there were 250 priests on the altar -- the laying-on of hands took twenty minutes! -- but very few of them were missionaries. This is not a missionary diocese. It is a vibrant Catholic community, young but well-established with its customs and traditions firmly in place.

At the end of the Mass, the recently-appointed bishop was presented with a new four-wheel-drive vehicle. Recalling our journey, I was sure he would make good use of it. The new priests then had lunch with the bishop while the rest of us waited outside. Later each new priest was escorted to a car or truck by his own village church's choir. Both the priests and vehicles were decorated with flowers and ribbons, much like we do for weddings, with singing and dancing all along



The blessing before dinner.

the way. Then we processed back up the mud roads where we were greeted by all the neighbors, singing and waving branches. We re-assembled in the parish church for prayers and then processed back down the hill to a makeshift shelter for dinner. Cases of beer and pop were passed out and enjoyed, and then a large platter covered with banana leaves was carried in. Under the leaves was a whole roasted goat (*kata keki*), their traditional celebration "cake." Fr. Jude cut off small pieces and introduced the dignitaries and his family members as he fed them. During the joyful feast, I had a small sip of the local corn beer, *mbege* – think of Ralston gone sour. We had songs and stories in the usual African tradition, where each guest makes a contribution to the entertainment.

The most special moment for me, however, was when I was able to catch Fr. Jude and receive his first priestly blessing.

God bless you all,
Fr. Kieran Healy, O.P.

Newly-ordained Fr. Jude Mmassy, O.P.



"Kata Keki"



**Wito wa Kusifu,
Kubariki na
Kuhubiri!**



"Mwenende kama ulivyo wajibu wenu
katika Bwana, mkimpendeza kabisa,
mkizaa matunda kwa kila kazi njema
na kuzidi katika maarifa ya Mungu"
(Kol. 1:10)



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ordination invitation.*

*[To live in a manner worthy
of the Lord, so as to be fully
pleasing, in every good
work, bearing fruit and
growing in the knowledge
of God. (Col. 1:10)]*

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We are grateful to have been invited to speak on our missionary work at the following parishes. If you are in the area, please come to one of the Masses and say "Hello."

August 1-2

St. Thomas More, Sandy UT
Fr. Vincent Lopez, O.P.

St. Joseph, Barstow, CA
Fr. Martin Walsh, O.P.

August 8-9

St. Philip Neri, Lenwood, CA
Fr. Bart de La Torre, O.P.

Resurrection, Los Angeles, CA
Fr. Martin Walsh, O.P.

August 15-16

Holy Family, Yerington, NV
Fr. Martin Walsh, O.P.

August 22-23

St. Teresa of Avila, Carson City, NV
Fr. Martin Walsh, O.P.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacramento, CA
Fr. Vincent Lopez, O.P.

August 29-30

Most Holy Trinity, San Jose, CA
Frs. Lopez and Walsh, O.P.

September 5-6

Immaculate Conception, Corning, CA
Fr. David Orique, O.P.

Our Lady, Help of Christians, Los Angeles, CA
Fr. Bart de La Torre, O.P.