



MAOBLATA A LESOTHO

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Specialized Studies

“Ongoing formation is extensive in scope and varied in method... It may also entail specialized studies or academic work towards a degree. Specialized studies undertaken with the Provincial’s permission will take into account the Province’ missionary priorities and be coordinated with the plans of others. The Oblate’s progress in these studies should be objectively evaluated.” Rule 69a.

Our Province and Mission (Lesotho- Botswana) is faced with some challenges which call for specialized studies. Our charism, personnel, properties, health, finances, our relevance in the Church and our relevance to the people we serve (socially, politically, economically and religiously) are some of the facets of our life necessitating the quest for specialization. We need specialized people with content that goes beyond the ability to cause confusion with ambiguous statements and questions on Social Media Platforms.

In other words, our province has to consider equipping the Oblates with relevant studies. At the same time, this is an invitation to the Oblates who see the need to do special studies to present their views to the competent authorities. Again, I plead with the Oblates who are approached to undertake specialized studies, to be open to this calling. We might not be requested to study what we like but rather what the Province needs most. I thank those who have been generous enough to agree to take some studies as requested by the Province.

I would like to extend this invitation to all Oblates to try as much as possible to give support and assistance to our Brothers who are requested to enroll for various studies for the good of us all. Furthermore, may all those who have had the privilege to be sent by the Province for Specialized Studies, be reminded that the fruits of their work belongs to the Province and may we all live accordingly.

Mothusi Sidney BOATILE OMI
Provincial Superior – Lesotho Province

COMMUNITY AND FREEDOM

Experience alone has been able to teach us that no man is an island but above that no man can live alone. The miseries and the struggles of life have taught human beings the necessity of a community. But it is so amazing that this very lesson of the necessity of community seems to be contrary to the well-being of a human being.

Living in a community seems to be contrary to the freedom of individual members of the community in that, their living together creates some rules regulating the way in which to conduct themselves. In this way, the life of the individual does not depend on what they choose but on what the rules prescribe. Hence, many people find it difficult to abide by these rules. This leads to the thinking that, “It is better to leave alone than to be in a community” let it be a family, friends etc. It is just that it is almost impossible to live outside a village or a city or a country, otherwise people would find it better to do so at times. Some really believe that it is the best thing to life outside of any community set up. In fact, there are many reasons why people end up thinking in this way. Let’s look a little bit to how freedom looks like.

Freedom

There are many philosophical definitions of freedom but I may not go so deep into them. The work will be more descriptive about freedom than to define it. freedom is either external or internal. In both external and internal freedom, freedom is also either negative or positive.....
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By Br. Thomas Mabitle OMI

Religious 25 years
Lekhera Emmanuel
Moeti Andreas
Mosenye Vincent
Tente Augustinus
Religious 50 years
Bane Augustinus

Religious 60 years
Ramakatsa Wilfred
Religious 70
Khoarai Sebastian
Priesthood 25
Mohlalisi Louis

Perpetual Vows

On the 14th August 2021, two Brothers from the Lesotho Province will profess final Vows at Regina Mundi, Mazenod. They are Brs. Elias Lehlohonolo Rantlo OMI and Denicias Ntšeli Matekane OMI. The duo were in Philipine for the formation and studies.

Fr. Clement Ntlou OMI

Fr. Ntlou is in the Country from Philipine. He was there for four years accompanying our Scholastics. Fr. Clement is appointed to be the Chaplein for the hospitals. Welcome home Ntate.

Formation Course

Fr. Augustine Tšeliso Tente is going to Kenya for studies. He is going to do course on formation. We wish him good luck in his studies.

Independent Electoral Commission

The Provincial Council has established the Electoral Commission of the

Province for the election of a delegate to the 37th General Chapter in September 2022. Therefore, Fr. Khali Patrick Khoaele was elected as a chairperson, Fr. Phoofolo Charles Phoofolo as a Secretary and Br. Thabiso Emmanuel Sephamola as a Member.

DECEASED

We regret to inform the readers of Maoblata a Lesotho Newsletter about the death of:

Mrs. ‘Matjabase Calextina Molefi died on the 20th June 2021. Her burial took place on the 3rd July 2021. She is the Mother of Fr. S. Molefi.

Ms. Nthoto Maseko died on the 19th June 2021. Her burial took place on the 3rd July 2021. She is the Cousin of Fr. P. Pitso.

Mrs. Matseko Masiane died on the 13th June 2021. Her burial took place

on the 10th July 2021. She is the
Cousin of Fr. G. Ramaqele.

Birthdays

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09 Molumeli Felix 1959

27 Leluma Lucas 1967

Priestly Anniversaries

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Thoo Simon 05-07-1987: 34 Years

Aut viam inveniam aut faciam