



My first task here at the Resurrection Formation House in Morogoro was to lead a retreat of the professed seminarians as they prepared to renew their vows on the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary on August 15, 2019. The theme of the retreat was “Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark.” We explored the following topics and questions:

1) Who is this Jesus?

WHAT NEW WAYS OF SEEING DOES JESUS CALL US TO?

2) Disciples have to leave things behind

WHAT ARE OUR TREASURES AND WHERE DO WE SEEK TO STORE THEM?

3) Disciples have to rely, not upon themselves, but upon God.

HOW ARE WE CALLED TO DEPEND UPON JESUS AND NOT UPON OURSELVES?

4) Disciples are invited to live the paradoxes of the gospel.

HOW AM I CALLED TO SEE WITH NEW EYES?

5) Disciples are called to be inclusive as Jesus is inclusive.

WHO DO I NEED TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT IN MY LIFE? HOW CAN I LOVE “THE OTHER” MORE?

6) Disciples are called to be open to the way that Jesus sees.

HOW AM I CALLED TO BE MORE OPEN TO HOW JESUS SEES AND ACTS?

7) Disciples must embrace the paschal mystery.

WHAT SUFFERING WILL LEAD ME TO NEW LIFE? HOW AM I CALLED TO BE A WOUNDED HEALER?

8) Disciples are asked to “drink from the cup” and to accept forgiveness.

HOW HAVE I NOT FULFILLED MY COMMITMENT THAT COMES FROM “DRINKING FROM THE CUP?” HOW DO I NEED TO BE FORGIVEN?

9) Disciples do not have to be afraid.

OF WHAT ARE WE AFRAID? WHAT KEEPS US FROM HAVING FAITH IN GOD’S WAYS? FROM SEEING WITH GOD’S EYES?

10) The Parables of Jesus remind us that God is Almighty.

HOW DO I NEED TO GROW IN GREATER TRUST IN GOD?

Our Tanzania Mission falls under the authority and responsibility of our Superior General, Fr. Paul Voisin, C.R., and the General Council in Rome. Since Fr. Paul was in the U.S.A. for the U.S.A. Province’s retreat and chapter, he designated me to receive the renewal of vows of our 5 professed members; it was a real honor to be able to do this. We had a beautiful liturgy with some of the sisters who live near to us. The singing was great!





The five Resurrectionists who renewed their vows are standing in a row: Phillip, Vitalis, Joseph, and Yohana. Br. Mosses is seated behind them, playing the drum.



Each professed members signed their hand-written vows and then I signed as well. Fr. Andrzej and Sr. Lucia, a Blessed Sacrament Sister who lives next door, signed as witnesses.



This photo captures all who were present for the renewal of vows on August 15.



From left to right: Fr. Jim, Vitalis, Yohana, Br. Mosses, Phillip, Joseph, and Fr. Andrzej.



From left to right: Fr. Andrzej, Br. Mosses, Vitalis, Joseph, Yohana, Phillip, and Fr. Jim.





This photo includes the professed members, as well as 5 of our candidates for Novitiate (which begins on September 15). From left to right, the Novitiate candidates are: Peter, Leons, Celestine, Gervas, and in the white shirt, Michael. We have 5 other candidates for Novitiate who are at home visiting their families at present. Fr. Andrzej will lead the Novitiate, while I stay here in Morogoro with the professed members who begin their school year on November 4.

At this point, we are thinking that Fr. Andrzej and I will travel to the place of the Novitiate (about a day's journey) with the luggage, stay for a while so that I can visit with our other two Resurrectionists priests who are working in parishes, and then return to Morogoro. Fr. Andrzej will then drive the novices who are here to the place of the Novitiate. The other novices, who are not in Morogoro right now, will get to the place of the Novitiate on their own.

We had a great meal after the vow ceremony, and then later on in the day we had a treat. Anyone who knows me, knows that my favorite food is ice cream, so I was very happy to share in this treat with the seminarians!





I have a new friend...he does not have a name but he comes running whenever he sees me. He looks after things outside for us! Like most cats, he is very clever and one morning I found him lying on the chair in my sitting room, as he managed to

open the screen and slip in during the night! You can hardly blame him for looking for a safe and soft spot to sleep!



The latest in clerical attire!