



I know that American Thanksgiving is fast approaching and there is one friend in Butiama who is glad that he is not in the U.S.A. at this time of year!



Fr. Daniel has sheep, goats, cows, chickens, turkeys, and many other “critters” at his parish. Most of the animals are kept just behind the rectory, so you can hear the sounds that they make most of the day and into the night! These sheep are waiting





to get to pasture for some good grass eating! One of the funniest moments for me was when the altar servers challenged the future novices to a football game. But, first we had to get the cows off the field before the game could start!









It clearly is a multi-purpose field! The future novices won handily, but it was a good game and everyone had great fun once the game started.







One of Fr. Daniel's projects was to improve the water capacity and reliability for the parish; he was able to use money from the Ontario-Kentucky Province as it





continues to work for “the resurrection of society.” In the forefront is the new water storage tank. The water is pumped into the water tank for distribution.



While I was in Butiama, I celebrated the Eucharist and preached at the outstation for the Resurrection Sisters’ secondary school girls. It was a lively celebration.



Sister Renata told me that it would be a good opportunity for the girls to practice their English, as all the teaching in the school is in English. They even laughed at my jokes! I had a great team of servers for Mass.



The Julius Nyerere Museum is across the street from the parish. In September I went with the future novices to learn more about this important figure in Tanzania. He is often called the “Father of Tanzania.”



He converted to Catholicism in 1943 when he was 20 years old, taking the name “Julius.” He taught in Catholic secondary schools before and after he went to Edinburgh University in Scotland for graduate studies. He entered politics and



became the first president of Tanzania when Tanganyika and Zanzibar united to form the United Republic of Tanzania on April 26, 1964. In 2005 the Catholic Diocese of Musoma opened a cause for Nyerere's beatification. Tanzanian Catholics eagerly await the Vatican's final decision on the canonization of Julius Nyerere. Below a photo of the inside of the Nyerere museum.



We said a prayer at his place of burial, where many come to pay their respects.







Fr. Jim with 9 of the future novices at the Nyerere family compound.



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