



People started to arrive for Phillip Justinian's deaconate ordination. Fr. Andrzej was the first to arrive with four novices, Emmanuel, Bryan, Mario, and Emmanuel. He purposely brought these four because they had lived at our formation house in Morogoro before novitiate, and would be most familiar with things as we prepared. Fr. Andrzej then drove to Dar es Salaam to pick up Fr. Wojciech Mleczo, C.R., who was flying in from Poland; he will be replacing me for two months until Fr. Andrzej returns from the novitiate.



On Thursday, Fr. Daniel arrived with 3 novices and, later that day, Fr. Maciej arrived with 3 more novices.



So, Thursday night for supper, there were 5 Resurrectionists priests, 5 Resurrectionist seminarians and 10 Resurrectionist novices, all gathered together under the same roof: 20 Resurrectionists in Africa...amazing!







On Friday morning at Eucharist, after the homily, Phillip made his Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity before the gathered Resurrectionists and Blessed Sacrament Sisters.





On Saturday, July 11, on the Feast of the great monk, St. Benedict, Phillip was ready for his ordination! Everyone was getting ready in eager anticipation.







The procession began outside with incredible singing by our choir, which was comprised of our seminarians and novices.





Phillip processed into the chapel with his mother and uncle who journeyed from the northern-most part of Tanzania to be present for the ordination.



Fr. Paschal, the Vicar of Religious is walking beside Fr. Wojciech, and I am walking with Fr. Andrzej, followed by Bishop Telesphor Mkude of the Diocese of Morogoro.







Our chapel holds about 30 people, but we re-arranged the pews and added chairs along the walls so that we were able to seat about 50 people. However, you can see in this photo that there were some people who were sitting outside.



Phillip is seated in the front pew, with his mother and uncle seated behind him. Along the wall, you can see Frs. Daniel Hinc, Wojciech Mleczo and Andrzej Duda.



The liturgy begins with the Bishop asking if Phillip is judged to be worthy of ordination to the diaconate. Fr. Maciej, C.R., the religious superior of our mission in Tanzania, responded positively!





The first reading was proclaimed by novice Emmanuel Matiku and the second reading was proclaimed by seminarian Vitalis Masika, C.R.



Ordination to the Diaconate will continue in Blog No. 42! Stayed tuned! 😊😊😊

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