



We are continuing the story of Phillip Justinian's deaconate with Part III. As you know, he is the first Tanzanian to be ordained as a transitional deacon in the Congregation of the Resurrection. After Fr. Andrzej finished helping Phillip to be vested as a deacon, Phillip began to prepare the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.









After assisting Bishop Telesphor, Phillip accompanies the Bishop in the incensing of the altar.



At the end of the liturgy, Fr. Maciej, C.R., the Superior of the African Mission thanked everyone, and yours truly had the honor of thanking Bishop Telesphor.







In addition to the 3 Augustinian deacons, Fr. Andrzej, Fr. Daniel, Fr. Wojciech, Bishop Telesphor, Fr. Jim, and Fr. John Gibson joined Phillip at the altar for a photo. (Note: Fr. John Gibson, a Carmelite priest, is the brother of Fr. James Gibson, C.R. of the USA Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection. I told him that we are making him an “honorary member of our community!”)







Now, here is a priest who always knows where the camera is located!!!!







I remember, I was asking, “Are you sure we need incense for the photos?” In the next photo, I remember telling Fr. Andrzej to relax because it was all over!







It is a happy group! It seems almost impossible to get all the Resurrectionists in one photo...it is a bit like herding squirrels. But, here we have standing: novice Gervais, seminarian Joseph, novice Peter, an interloper, novices Mario, Bryan, and Br. Michael, Br. Mosses (Morogoro), novices Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Leonsi, seminarian Vitalis, novices Francis and Selestine, and seminarian Yohana. Seated we have: Phillip's mother, Deacon Phillip, Bishop Telesphor, Fr. Jim (laughing at something Fr. Andrzej said in response...clearly he is funnier) and Fr. Andrzej.

The next photo captures the 6 perpetually professed members of the Congregation of the Resurrection who were in Tanzania for Phillip's ordination: Fr. Maciej Braun, C.R. (pastor of St. John Paul II Parish in Buhemba and Local Superior of the Resurrection Mission in Africa), Fr. Daniel Hinc, C.R. (pastor of Our Lady of the Precious Blood Parish in Butiama), Deacon Phillip Justinian, C.R. (finishing his fourth year Theology), Fr. James Donohue, C.R. (Rector of the Formation House in Morogoro), Fr. Andrzej Duda, C.R. (Novice Director and Director of Formation for the African Mission), and Fr. Wojciech Mleczo (Spiritual Formator at our seminary in Krakow, Poland and teacher at John Paul II Institute in Krakow).





The celebration continues in Part IV! So, stayed tuned...

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