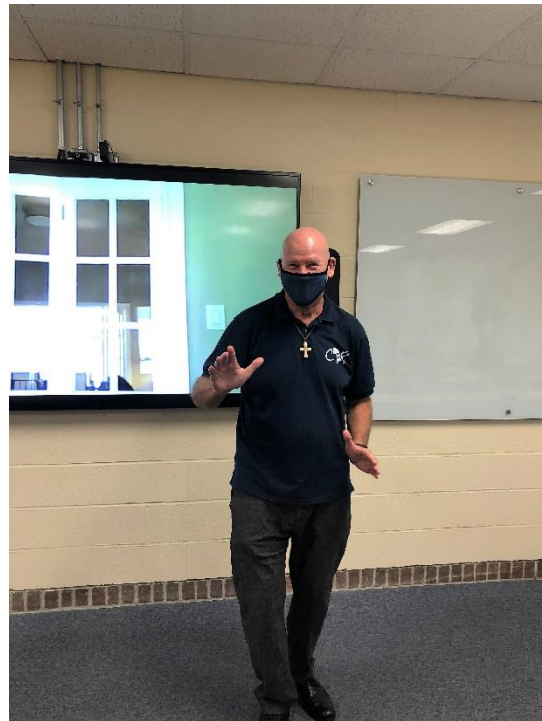
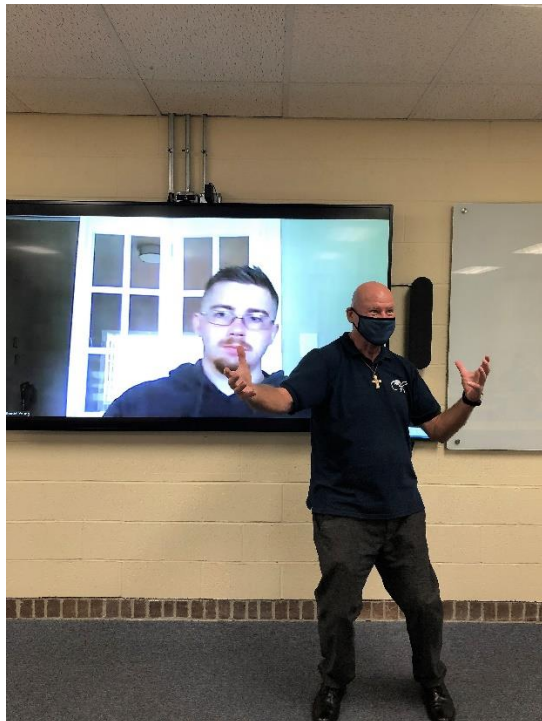
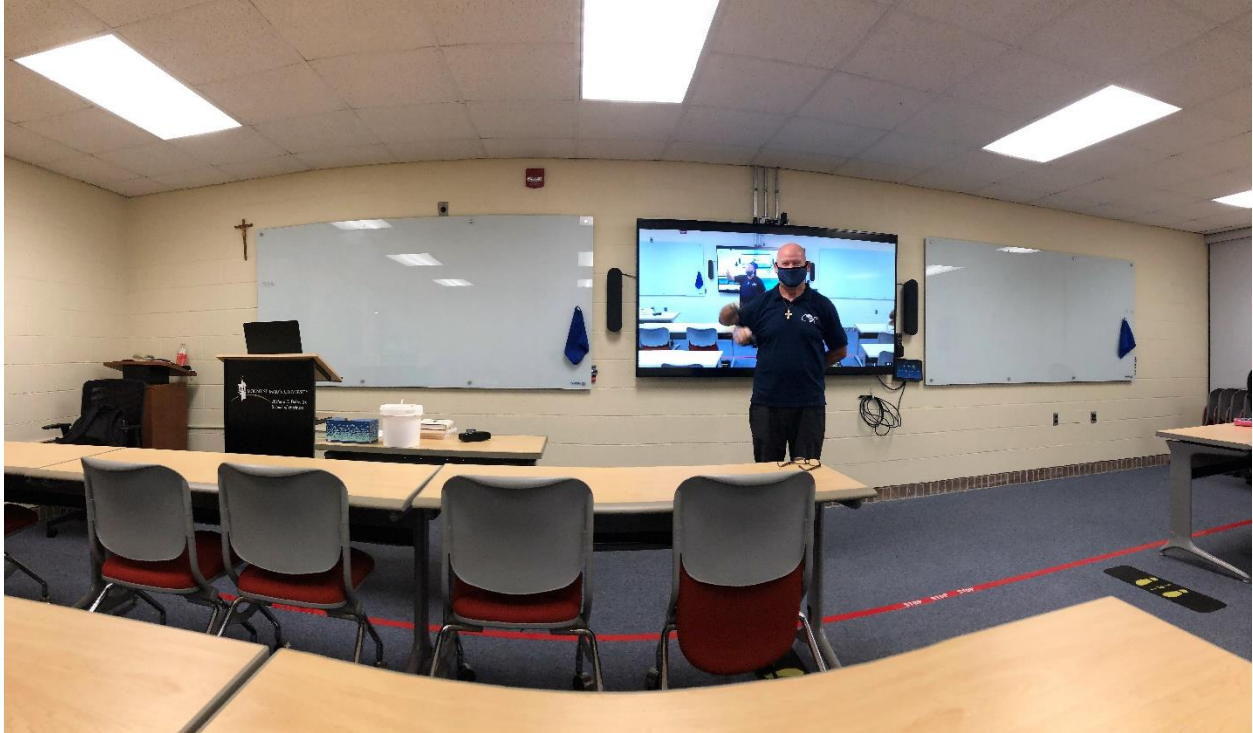




Well, I returned to Maryland on August 2nd after three days of travel. I wanted to compose a few more blogs about my departure from Tanzania, but I have been a bit overwhelmed with making adjustments since my return. At Mount St. Mary's University, we are teaching a hybrid of in-class and online classes, with most students alternating with how they take class. We have new technology to assist us in teaching and learning, but it has quite the learning curve for "veterans" like me! As you can see below, I am giving it my best shot, while trying to inject some "personality" into the situation!





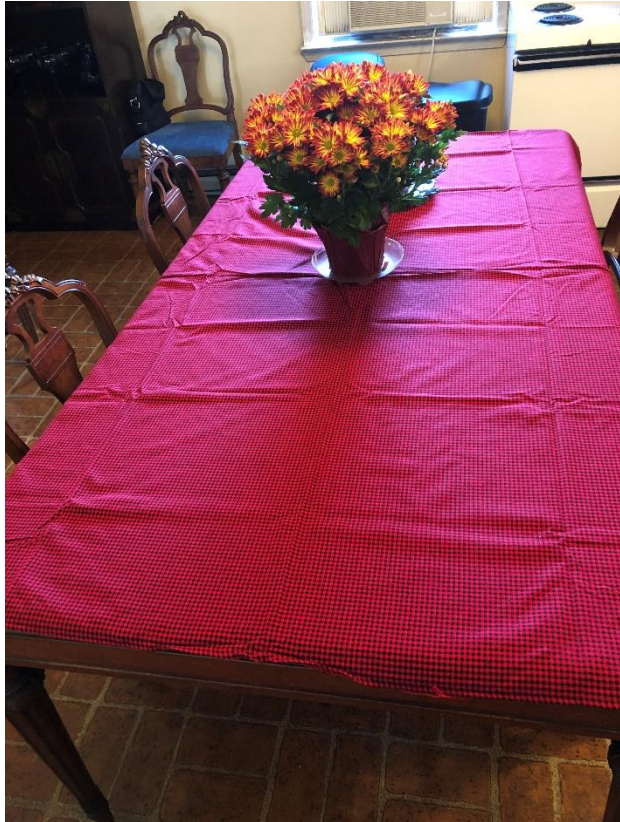
But enough about me in Emmitsburg (for now)! I have more things to tell you about me in Tanzania! I had quite a few “departure parties” before I left. Our cooks, Pendo and Maria gave me a traditional cloth that is frequently worn by the



Maasai people. Somehow, they thought it would look better on me if it were wrapped completely around me! We always had fun together...I think this photo



is an illustration of this! I was able to use this cloth as a table cloth in the kitchen in Emmitsburg. It fits the table perfectly and it is a great reminder of their love and care for me while I was in Morogoro. Fr. Andrzej will have to restore order when he returns!



Pendo also invited me to have lunch with her husband and two sons, Cherub and Gratitude. Gratitude is in kindergarten at the Blessed Sacrament Sisters' school.



I was able to pay for his tuition and he presented me with a present in appreciation.



Yes, Gratitude gave me a rooster to thank me. Not only that, but after lunch, Pendo's whole family gave me another present to go with the rooster. Yes, they gave me a chicken!



It would be fair to say that I was not expecting this. Vitalis, who came with me for lunch in order to translate, thought that this was very funny. I asked him what we should do with the rooster and the chicken and he told me that it was up to me. So, I thought it best to leave them together so that we might make even more chickens! Interestingly, a small chick somehow arrived in our compound—we don't know how it got in—and after a while we just adopted it. The poor little thing would just walk around during the day all by itself. But, now it had some companions and it seemed much happier. All of this seemed like a better plan than trying to take the chickens on the plane.



We have our own little “chicken family” now in Tungji!



The sisters were making plans for a celebration. After Mass on Sunday, they told me that they “needed” me later that day! You can tell that I could not say “no!”



Stayed tuned for what is to come!



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