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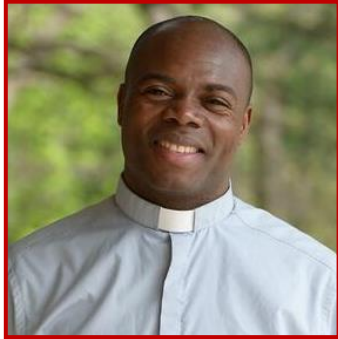


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Editorial

The Newsletter of December, the last of the year 2022, brings, alongside the Christmas wishes, news of historical births. The birth of an African clergy, and with it, Father Matadi Léfang w'Inkye



Edouard, the first Congolese Jesuit to be ordained to the priesthood. We also commemorate Fr. Matungulu Otene, who joined the Society as Brother, before he was ordained priest, appointed Regional Superior, Provincial, and the first African to be Assistant and Counselor for Africa to the Superior General of the Jesuits.

December also reports on the end of the year's activities, with two important meetings. One brought together our team and the archivists of Africa and Madagascar; Raúl González, Festo Mkenda, and Salvatore Vassallo of ARSI; Barbara Baudry, the archivist of Francophone Western Europe, and David Miros of the U.S.A. who facilitated a workshop on **“Setting up a Jesuit Archive.”**

We also had a meeting of historians of the Society in the Conference of Africa and Madagascar during which the Associate Director, Fr. Anicet N'TEBA, presented his book project analyzing the impact of the Jesuit School of N'temo on fostering religious vocations and building an African Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo. At a time when the Jesuits are invited to reflect on vocation promotion in light of the third Apostolic Preference, and when there are serious discussions about the Jesuit identity of our schools and institutions, N'temo never

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stopped raising religious vocations. How the school did it is something to analyze carefully, an example to imitate?

Finally, we are happy to celebrate new publications, including one by Abdon Rwandeke on the history of the Church in Rwanda under Bishop Classe, whose impact on Rwandan ecclesiastical history is well-established.

To all, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Jean Luc Enyegue, SJ
Director - JHLA.*

MEETING OF JESUIT CONFERENCE OF AFRICA AND MADAGASCAR'S (JCAM) ARCHIVISTS

27 October 2022,

Presenter: David Miros

Director of Jesuit Archives and Research Center (USA)

On October 27th, 2022, the Jesuit Historical Institute in Africa (JHIA), with the *Archivum Romanum Societatis Iesu* (ARSI) organized a workshop for archivists of the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar (JCAM). The African Provinces of North West Africa, West Africa, Eastern Africa and Southern Africa were well represented. From Rome, Festo Mkenda, (Academic Director of ARSI), Raúl González (ARSI Admin. Director), and Salvatore Vassallo (Archivist-ARSI) actively participated. So did Barbara Baudry of Francophone Western Europe.

were also discussed. So was the transfer of archives from one location to another in the context of merging provinces, and how delicate such moves can be when the new province is multi-national.

It remains a task for all of us, in Africa and Madagascar, to create this culture of archives-keeping at all level of the governance of our provinces, from the local community to the provincial's office.

We thank all the participants for their generosity and their commitment.

JHLA's Staff.

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The main presenter, David Miros, focused on **how to set up an archive**. Drawing from his own experience in Central US and the Archives and Research Center, he insisted on the fact that any Jesuit archive should follow the basic principles of provenance and original order (identifying the creator of the material, the filing system used by the creator, as well as its chain of custody), and the ease of use by researchers. The archivist also has to keep in mind the way the corporation's activities are organized. As such, the Jesuit archives' first purpose is to facilitate the governance of the Province, and then to create conditions of accessibility for researchers. Major collections might then include major office holders of the province, as well as individual files of the members, and, in some cases, copies from province's institutions which do not have their own archives. Practical issues on the management of personal files at the Socii's level was raised and answered. Practical guidelines for retention, integrity, and duplication

A MEETING OF HISTORIANS (CAFÉ ENGELBERT MVENG)

24 November 2022,

Presenter: Anicet N'TEBA, SJ

Associate Director of Jesuit Historical Institute in Africa

The Café of Jesuit Historians (Café Engelbert Mveng) held a second online meeting on 27th November 2022. This meeting was facilitated by the Jesuit Historical Institute in Africa (JHIA) and attended by Historians from different parts of the continent. The theme of the meeting was **Come and Follow Me. 'N'temo College: An Incubator for Priestly and Religious Vocations in Kwango.** (*Viens et suis-moi Collège N'Temo : pépinière des vocations sacerdotales et religieuses au Kwango*) Dr. Anicet N'TEBA, The Associate Director of the Jesuit Historical Institute in Africa (JHIA) was privileged to speak on this occasion. He begun by explaining that the project of writing the booklet was born from meditation and reflection on the four universal apostolic preferences of the Society of Jesus which are:

- 1) Promoting discernment and spiritual exercises by helping people to find and follow Jesus Christ.
- 2) Walking alongside the poor especially those whose dignity is wounded; the excluded and those whom society considers worthless, in a mission of reconciliation and justice.
- 3) Walking with the youth: accompanying young people in creating a future full of hope.
- 4) Caring for our common home: working, with Gospel depth, for the protection and renewal of God's creation).

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Dr. Anicet N'TEBA, SJ believes that Universal Apostolic Preferences (U.A.P) provides a horizon, a point of reference for the whole Society of Jesus. He says it stimulates our imagination and awakens our desire which in turn unites the humanity. After this soul searching meditation and reflection he wrote a 301-pages typescript on the Jesuits and the birth of the diocesan clergy of Popokabaka in Kwango in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Father Jean Luc Enyegue, SJ who read it carefully and rigorously suggested that the book be oriented on the promotion of vocations and to focus on the Jesuit college N'temo of Kasongo-Lunda which forms the greater intellectual elite of the Province of Kwango and moreover this college gave a lot for the church in general and the Society of Jesus in particular.

Finally, to refresh his memory, He read the letters of Fathers General Pedro Arrupe S.J, Peter-Hans, Kolvenbach S.J, Adolfo Nicolas S.J and Arturo Sosa S.J on vocation promotion. A key sentence in Father Arturo Sosa's letter to the whole Society of May 2021 in which he speaks of vocation promotion in the Society Father General wrote: *"Focusing our attention on vocations is not an incidental concern or a kind of knee-jerk reaction to the decreasing number of Jesuits. It is our way of doing things that is at the heart of our Jesuit culture and identity. Vocation promotion is an integral part of the mission life of every member of our apostolic body, whether a Jesuit or a collaborator in our mission. Rekindling the flame that will animate a culture of vocation promotion and discernment requires that those in charge develop a strategic vision for the future, supported at the highest levels of the body of the Society of Jesus."*

Dr. Anicet N'TEBA, SJ is fascinated in the report on **"Vocation Promotion, a Multi-Faceted Challenge"** of the meeting of Father Mark Ravizza

S.J (the Assistant to the Father General for Formation) with the group of vocation promoters from all the Conferences of the Society of Jesus around the world to have an updated picture of what is being done in terms of vocation promotion. Furthermore, he thought that it was a question of knowing who are the young men who are interested in the Society in our time? What characteristics or commitments of the Jesuits attract their attention and meet their deepest desires? What prevents young men from entering the Society? What causes Jesuits in formation to leave along the way? Accompaniment and youth ministry. He stated that in every conference, people stressed the crucial need for personal accompaniment to help potential candidates better discern their vocation. He observed that such accompaniment has become all the more crucial because in many parts of the world, *“young people come to us without close ties to the Church and with little knowledge of the Society. In such a context, vocation promotion often becomes a time of formation, and there is a growing need to find creative ways to integrate vocation promotion with youth ministry in order to better sharing the Spiritual Exercises with young people to help them discern whether God is calling them to religious life.”* The governance and revival of a culture of vocation promotion.

A second theme that emerged strongly in all the conferences was the need to cultivate a "culture of vocation promotion. Such a culture begins with sending properly trained men to work full time in vocation promotion without rapid turnover. Around the world, we have learned how effective it can be to

work as a team, strategically use social media, and build support networks by collaborating with local superiors, directors of works, lay partners, and religious women. A culture of vocation promotion also invites each Jesuit to take this necessary personal responsibility by praying daily for vocations, welcoming young people into our communities, and witnessing to lives that inspire and attract young people. Certainly, the promotion of such a culture goes far beyond the work of vocation promoters alone. It depends on well-managed structural change, led by the major superiors, and we have spent time imagining how Father General might help to animate such change by working directly with the Conferences, using the video-conferencing technology that has become so common in this time of pandemic. Ultimately, of course, vocations depend on God graciously calling a new generation to become companions of Jesus. Recognizing our dependence on this grace, one of the key fruits of the week was the desire to recommit ourselves to daily prayer for vocations. And this is something I hope each one of you readers will feel invited to do as well.

Source:

Presentation of Father Anicet N’TEBA, SJ.

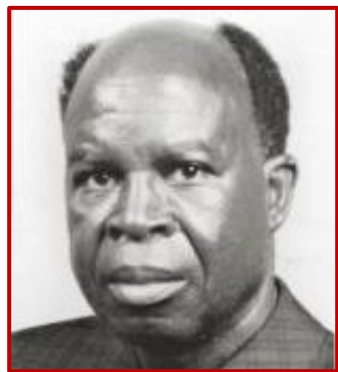
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« Mémoires »

MATADI LÉFANG w 'INKYE ÉDOUARD

(Moaka / Beya, Djuma, --, 10.1925 – Kinshasa, 03.11.2010)

En 1940, il entre au Petit Séminaire de Kinzambi. En 1945, il va en Philosophie au Grand Séminaire de Mayidi, avec ses condisciples Martin Ekwa et Cyrille Mununu. Ils y



retrouvent Octave Kapita, d'un an leur aîné. En 1948, il est envoyé en régence à la mission de Beno, où il est sous-directeur de l'école primaire. Le 14 septembre 1949 il entre au noviciat de Djuma, inauguré l'année précédente par François

Baziota, Octave Kapita et Cyrille Mununu, avec Maurice Turine comme Père Maître. Pendant sa deuxième année de noviciat, il a entre autres comme compagnons de première Henri Matota, déjà prêtre, Cléophas Kamitatu et Gérard Leta. Le noviciat est suivi de deux années de 'juvénat' (études classiques) sous la direction des Pères Elens et Tromont. Il fait ensuite

Une nouvelle année de régence, cette fois au Petit Séminaire de Kinzambi, comme professeur de 6^e et de 5^e latines. En 1954-'55 il se retrouve parmi le groupe de jeunes jésuites qui inaugurent le scolasticat de Kimwenza, alors que le Père Van Eyen en achève encore la construction. Avec les autres anciens de Mayidi, à savoir Martin Ekwa, Octave Kapita et Cyrille Mununu, il y fait un 'recolit' de philosophie.

En 1955, il part avec ces mêmes compagnons au théologat de la Province méridionale belge à Eegenhoven près de Louvain. Après la 3^e année de théologie, ils sont ordonnés prêtres en l'église du Collège St-Michel à Bruxelles, le 6 août 1958. Événement majeur : ce sont les premières ordinations sacerdotales de jeunes Congolais dans la Compagnie de Jésus, sept ans après la fondation du noviciat. Après la théologie, il fait une année d'études à l'Institut des Sciences d'Outremer à l'Université Catholique de Louvain ('59-'60), puis va faire 3^e An à Saint-Martin d'Ablois (France). Il est alors envoyé à Rome pour des études de droit canonique. Il y arrive

au moment où se prépare le Concile Vatican II (11.10.62 – 08.12.65). Ses sessions se dérouleront à quelques pas de sa chambre d'étudiant. Il pourra rencontrer les évêques du Congo qui y participent : Mgrs Pierre Kimbondo, Joseph Malula, André Lefebvre, Pierre Bouckaert... Ensuite viendra la 31^e Congrégation Générale (07.05.65-17.11.66), qui élit le P. Général Pedro Arrupe.

De retour au pays en février 1968, il commence par six mois d'apostolat comme prêtre itinérant à la paroisse de Kingungi avant d'entamer ce qui deviendra l'œuvre de sa vie : l'enseignement de la culture africaine. Après trois ans à Leverville/Soa et à l'Ecole Normale Moyenne (ENM) de Kikwit (1968-'71), il est à Kikwit pour des cours de littérature orale et d'institutions africaines, avec des cours au Grand Séminaire de Mayidi et à l'ENM. En 1971, il part à Strasbourg pour deux années de spécialisation en anthropologie, ethnologie et linguistique. De retour à Kikwit en 1973, il devient pour de longues années professeur d'anthropologie et de culture africaine à l'ISP (UNAZA), tout en exerçant diverses autres charges.

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En 1973, il est à la Résidence S^{te}-Marie / 'Nzo Ngemba', où en 1975 il est nommé consultant de Région ; de 1977 à 1980, il est supérieur de la communauté St-François Xavier et directeur de l'Institut Sadisana (encore sur la rive droite). A partir de 1980, il fera des va-et-vient entre les résidences Ste-Marie et Sacré-Cœur : 1980, à Ste-Marie ; 1981, supérieur au Sacré-Cœur ; 1983, à S^{te}-Marie ; 1990, supérieur au Sacré-Cœur ; 1995 à S^{te}-Marie où il donne également des cours à l'IFAK (Institut de Formation des animateurs de Kikwit). En 2000, s'ajoute le professorat à l'Université de Bandundu. En décembre 2002, il arrive à Kinshasa pour se rendre en année sabbatique à Yaoundé, mais la phlébite

chronique, dont il souffre depuis de longues années, le retiendra définitivement au Servico.

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(*J. Nzumbu, sj, En mémoire du P. Matadi : « Les premiers jésuites congolais », Nouv. ACE, déc. 2010, p.310*).

« Mémoires »

MATUNGULU OTENE MARCEL

(Kinshasa, 30.08.1946 – Rome, 10.12.1999).

He entered the Society on September 7, 1963 at the novitiate of Djuma. He entered as a Brother. He did not have a « state diploma ». But after his novitiate, he was given the state diploma,



so that his future would be more open. Fr Matungulu was ordained a priest in Kinshasa on July 31, 1977. From 1982 to 1985, he was superior of the Jesuit student community in Lubumbashi and, at the same time, professor and spiritual animator for the students of the Major Seminary of the city and those of the UNILU (University of Lubumbashi). At the end of his stay in Lubumbashi, he was appointed Rector of Bonsomi College in N'djili where he stayed for one year. Then, he was appointed Regional Superior of the Jesuits in the Kikwit-Popokabaka region from 1986 to 1989, and Provincial of the Jesuits of the Central African Province (Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Burundi) from 1989 to 1995.

«Marcel Matungulu was not afraid, in international meetings where his functions led him, to speak in favor of Africa, to the point of disturbing those who did not understand his hopes for Africa.»

He was the first African to assume the position of Assistant and Advisor to Father General for Africa from 1995 to 1999. More than these high functions that he assumed, it is above all his great concern and his fight to see Africa emerge from its stagnation and have a brighter future that makes this Jesuit an

important figure for the Democratic Republic of Congo and for Africa.

Father Marcel Matungulu's writings show how he always tried to highlight the values of Africa. His sincere commitment to the advent of a radiant Africa was at the very heart of his life as a man, a religious, a priest and a leader. Marcel Matungulu was not afraid, in international meetings where his functions led him, to speak in favor of Africa, to the point of disturbing those who did not understand his hopes for Africa. To give a chance to the young people of his country, he founded for them the Agro-Veterinary Institute (ISAV) of Kimwenza in Kinshasa! He died in Rome, at 53, on December 10, 1999.

Anicet N'Teba Mbengi, SJ.

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BIRTHDAYS & MEMORIES

December 1: SS Edmund Campion, Robert Southwell, priests and comp, martyrs SJ.

BB: Anyanzu Francis (AOR); Rasendrarivo Francois Xavier (MDG); Ezealigo Emeke E. (ANW); Rakotonirina Hasimbolatiana Armelin (MDG); Musonda Richard (SAP); Opiyo Vincent Stephen (AOR).

DD: Spendel John (SAP/PME); Perez Alfredo (AOC); Schoenbrod Mathias (SAP); Brosig Carl (SAP).

December 2:

BB: De Silva Ajith (SAP); Mboma Mburaw. Jean (ACE); Molande Belmiro Carlos (SAP); Dassou Kossi Selom E. (AOC); Rajaonarivo Francois Xavier (MDG).

DD: O'Riordan Colm (SAP); Crouigneau Pierre (AOC).

December 3: St. Francis Xavier, priest SJ.

BB: Okoth Evans Okoth (AOR); Valane Elias Jonata (SAP); Djerabe Rodrique (AOC).

DD: Pion Gilles (AOR/GLC); Bonnet Andre (AOC); Wilcock Henry (SAP); O'Hea Jerome (SAP); Baron John (SAP); De Fays Christian (ACE).

December 4:

BB: Heriniaina Jean Victorien (MDG); Lescene Gilbert (AOC); Wildart Jean-Marie (ACE).

DD: Leboeuf Aloysius (SAP); Tryers Thomas (SAP); Segers Joseph (ACE).

December 5:

BB: Andrianjanahary Mahafaly F. (MDG); Barutwanayo Felix (RWB); Bwanali George Mtaja (SAP); Foro Emmanuel (AOC); Mbala Mawete Crispin (ACE); Paul James (SAP); Umoh Paul Cosmas (ANW); Biringanine Olol'eyanya V. (ACE).

DD: Eklou Komla Nicolas (AOC); Rousselot Xavier (AOC).

December 6: St Nicholas, Bishop.

BB: Attai Gabriel Ubong (ANW); Rakotozafy Angelo Francis Jose (MDG); Dique Jorge Jose (SAP); Tubulo Prosper (SAP).

DD: Banfi Emmanuel (AOR/ITA); Lewis Cox (ANW); Lisewski Stephen (SAP/PMA).

December 7: St Ambrose, Bishop, and Doctor.

BB: Rakotozafy Jean Noel Ambroise (MDG); Edeh Festus A. (ANW); Randrianoelisoa Jean Remi Eugene (MDG); Shirima Vakerian (AOR).

DD: Smirzik Stefan (SAP/SVK); Turk Gerardus Franciscus Gerard (MDG).

December 8: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

BB: Gi-Longanzambi Emmanuel (ACE); Herimalala Hasinera Jaonah Marie Claude (MDG); Mejia Carlos Eduardo (ACE); Rugaragu B. Innocent (RWB); Mashini Levi (ACE).

DD: Loyens William (SAP/ORE); Murphy Dermot (SAP/HIB); Clifford Lewis (SAP).

December 9: St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, Hermit.

BB: Mugisho Nshombo Patrick (ACE); Wapa Stephen M. (SAP).

DD: Quinn Kevin (SAP/HIB); Kraupa Apollonius (SAP/POL); Klay Marvin (SAP).

December 10: Our Lady of Loreto.

BB: Lado Tonlieu Ludovic (AOC); Ndoki Ndimba Jean-Chr (ACE); Ranaivosolofa Ravo Noel (MDG); Tipeliua Bernardo D. (SAP); Matungulu Otene Marcel.

DD: Reilly William (ANW).

December 11: St. Damasus, pope.

BB: Bafuidinsoni Maloko-Mana (ACE); Rafanomezantsoa Jean Jose (MDG); Ratsimbazafy Fulgence (MDG); Andriamialison Franck Gerardin (MDG).

DD: Markiewicz Vincemt (SAP/POL).

December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe.

BB: Frederick Macamo Guidione F. (SAP); Ikechi J. Ikenna (ANW); Winguissone Amos Alberto (SAP).

DD: Gartlan Ignatius (SAP).

December 13: St. Lucy, virgin, and martyr.

BB: Edeh Tobechukwu (ANW).

DD: Apel John (SAP); Gits Fnnds (SAP); Johnson Donald (SAP).

December 14: St John of the Cross, priest, and Doctor.

BB: Bindanda Kiala J-Claude (ACE); Ganza Jean Baptiste (RWB); Mvondo Peter De-Sybel (MDG); Ndlovu Busani B. (SAP); Ossama Nicolas (AOC); Rakotondranoro Theophile (MDG); Ranomenjanahary Frederic Emmanuel (MSG).

DD: Hardy Henry (SAP); Etherington Edward (SAP); Ashton Thomm (SAP).

December 15:

BB: Byebalilo Deusdedit (AOR); Niyokwizera Jean Bosco (RWB); Nkeramihigo Theoneste (RWB); Zverevashé Ignatius (SAP).

DD: Causse Julius (SAP); Conway John (SAP).

December 16:

BB: D'Souza Sydney (AOR); Von Nidda Roland (SAP); Mumbere Vitunda Emery (ACE); Zougmore Jean-Paul (AOC).

DD: Bulsiewicz Ladislaus (SAP/POL); Hector Joseph (SAP).

December 17:

BB: Ciervide Joaquin (AOC/ACE); Oluwadarem Micheal (ANW).

DD: O'Keeffe Philip (SAP); Lovell William (SAP); Mandiangunu Mukwats (ACE); Zverevashé Ignatius (SAP).

December 18:

BB: Bazebimio G. Chardel (AOC); Muntanga Chilima (SAP); N'Guessan Sess Julien (AOC); Tekadiomona Nima (ACE).

DD: Lino Norberto (SAP).

December 19:

DD: Logan Joseph (SAP/ORE); Garnier Francis (SAP); Rutayisire Emmanuel (ACE); Woda Francis (SAP).

December 20:

BB: Isango Mbilizi Tryphon (ACE); Konda di Mbala Guill (ACE); Lecuit Pierre (ACE); Loua Zaoro Hyacinthe (AOC); Garcia Miguel Angel (AOR); Rabemananjara Andre (MDG); Samedi Joseph (AOC).

DD: Meier Francis X. (SAP/HEL); Dietsch Jean-Claude (AOC); Tamkavaitis Stanislaus (SAP); McNamara Patrick (SAP); Wathelet Paul (ACE).

December 21: St Peter Canisius, priest and Doctor.

BB: Olowu Christian E. (ANW); Zakavelo Jose Christophe (MDG); Besa Laban (SAP).

DD: Indkeu Jean (SAP/RAN); De Oliveira Joseph (SAP/BRS); Meyer Henry (SAP); Jones Stanislaus (SAP); Erdozain William (SAP); Shoniwa Dominic (SAP).

December 22:

BB: Biriarte Joaquim Lucas (SAP); Keaney Joseph (SAP); Niyibizi Olivier (RWB); Randrianarisoa Jean Etienne (MDG); Topia M. Jacques -Giscard (ACE); Kwenya Johnbosco Owino (AOR).

DD: O'Reilly Michael (SAP); Hannan Michel (SAP); Mavwela Nzazi Joseph (ACE); Verwilghen Antoon (ACE/BOL); Bonabom Isidor K. (ANW).

December 23: St John of Kanty, priest.

BB: Ggita Allan (AOR); Ochen Anthony O. (AOR); Posse S. Inoque (SAP); Vata Diambabza (ACE); Turyakira John (AOR); Kpalafio L. Didier (ACE); Mushagalusa Emmanuel (ACE); Thibinyane Tatolo (SAP).

DD: Doghle Alexis (ANW).

December 24: Vigil Mass of Christmas.

BB: Hinvo Noel Semassa (AOC); Muzinga m. Emmanuel (ACE); Rakoto Jean Baptiste (MDG); Ndlovu Elphas Tafadzwa (SAP).

DD: Ralaizafy Zacharie (MDG).

December 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD.

BB: Gurumombe Emmanuel (SAP); Hounsa Gbenoukpo Leon (AOC); Gbadjolbe Defaing (AOC); Kanziama M. Herve-Noel (ACE); Ngolo Omega Chrisange (ACE); Nkeng Emmanuel (AOC); Ndorimana Emmanuel (RWB); Ndorimana Emmanuel (RWB); Bento Jorge Zeca (SAP).

December 26: St Stephen, first martyr.

BB: Luamba LuK. Philippe (ACE); Mbaya Ngoy Stephane (ACE); Ondieki Thomas Machuki (AOR); Mwanzia Lawrence (AOR).

DD: Sorelle Ernest (AOR/GLC); Cruz-Mermy Elie (AOC); Kono Damien Come (AOC); Pieper Gerhard (SAP).

December 27: St John, Apostle, and Evangelist.

BB: Beugre Grah P. Patrick (AOC); Kinzamba Jeremie (ACE); Ndong'a Otieno R. (AOR); Sedlmair Vitus (AOR/GER); Djimasra Aime (AOC); Mutunga Dominic (AOR); Usman Benedict A. (ANW).

DD: Bick Charles (SAP/BRI); Hartmann Andrew (SAP).

December 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs.

BB: Batuhola Munkanu Alex (ACE); Isaki Guy (ACE); Sciuchetti Elio (MDG); Tcheumtchoua Nzaloi William (AOC); Hamda Woldegabriel (AOR).

DD: McCann Charles (SAP); McCann Charles (SAP); Smulders William (SAP); De Carvalho Lima Jose (SAP).

December 29: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr.

BB: Bere Mathieu (AOC); Mchopa Emmanjuel Y. (AOR); Safeca Kusecala Pedro (ACE).

DD: Wargny Jean-Baptiste (AOC); Daignault Alphonse (SAP); Brown Robert (SAP); Teixeira Jose Manuel (SAP); Winandy Jean (ACE).

December 30: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH.

BB: Guirione Julio Silverio (SAP); Manyanga Raymond (AOR); Nguewadjim Nadjalta (AOC); Tienan Zoro Patrick Cesaire (AOC).

DD: O'Meara Thomas (SAP/HIB); Rodrigues Faustino (SAP); Rogers Edward (SAP).

December 31: St Sylvester I, Pope.

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