

THE APOSTOLIC ACTIVITIES OF THE DIVINE MASTER MISSIONARIES IN ITS BEGINNING AND AT THE PRESENT TIME

The Chaplaincy of Ngetta National Teachers College

Right when the Association professed Brothers and ordained priests while in Lira Diocese, the founder established two communities:

1. These were the Chaplaincy of Ngetta National Teachers College, where the members of the community provided Chaplaincy and teaching of Teacher Trainees at the National Teachers College.



Ngetta National Teachers College, in Lira Diocese, where the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master served as chaplains and Teachers.

2. Aloii Technical School

The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master also had another community at Aloii Technical School, where the members served as Instructors and chaplains to the Technical Schools.



Aloi, the Former Community of the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master, where they provided Chaplaincy and instructors.

3. Chaplaincy to St. Catherine Secondary School in Lira

The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master also served as Chaplain to St. Catherine Secondary School in Lira.



St. Catherine Secondary School, Lira, where the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master provided Chaplaincy.

4. From the Novitiate, the priests of the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master also provided Masses and administration of the Sacraments to several Schools, including: Dr Obote College, Boroboro Secondary School and Canon Lawrence Primary Teachers College.



Boroboro Secondary School in Lira Diocese: Where MIDM served as a Chaplain up to July 1090

Since 1994, when the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master came to Arua Diocese, they have been involved in their specific apostolate of Christian Education and the Defence of Catholic Doctrine, which they carry out through institutions of learning and other fora as teachers, Tutors, Professors, Chaplains, Spiritual Directors, Administrators and Parochial apostolate according to the needs of the Church.

The field of activities of the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master is the establishment of learning centres at all levels, social communication media, training centres, houses of religious and priestly formation, and all other fora of social interaction, using all available modern approaches and techniques in response to new demands. Specifically, the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master are serving in the following Educational Institutions and Parishes:

ARUA DIOCESE

Otumbari Parish

On arrival from Lira in July 1990, Bishop Frederick Drandau appointed the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master to Otumbari Parish. That also solved the problem of a Parish which was lacking a priest. Two priests were appointed, and life returned to the Parish. This Parish became the base of the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master. Below is the Parish Church and the Fathers' House where the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master served.



Below is the Fathers' House at Otumbari Parish.



Sts. Peter and Paul Minor Seminary, Pokea of Arua Diocese

Two priests were appointed as teachers in Sts. Peter and Paul Minor Seminary, Pokea of Arua Diocese, one of whom was the General Spiritual Director of the Seminary. Below is a picture of Sts. Peter and Paul Minor Seminary, Pokea, of the Arua Diocese.



Arivu Parish

Soon, the Bishop also handed over Arivu Parish, where the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master served, before they transferred their services to Metu Parish, where the Bishop felt they were most needed. Below is a picture of the Metu Parish Arivu—the Photograph. The number of Arivu Parish, which was under the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master, is as shown below.



Arivu Catholic Parish Church, which was the second Parish handed over to MIDM

At the same time, some of the priests served at Sts: Peter and Paul Minor Seminary, Pokea, as Formators, teachers and General Spiritual Director. Below is a picture of the Seminary.

1. **St. John Bosco Primary Teachers' College:** This Teacher Training College trains primary School Teachers in the entire West Nile Region of Uganda. They have trained thousands of Primary School Teachers since 1995; under the Catholic influence, they produce teachers with high moral standards in the country. It has for decades been the best Teacher Training College under the able leadership of the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master. They provide support supervision to 384 primary school teachers in the districts of Koboko, Terego, Yumbe, Moyo, Obongi and Adjumani.



St. John Bosco Primary Teachers' College

Metu Parish

They also served at Metu Parish and founded Laropi Parish. From Metu, the developed Loropi Parish, and left the main Parish to the Diocesan priests and transferred to the new young Parish along the shore of the River Nile to establish it fully. Below is the Picture of Laropi Parish.



Metu Catholic Parish Church, which was handed over to MIDM

Laropi Parish

Laropi Parish was a Zone Centre under Metu Parish, but the Divine Master Missionaries developed it into a Parish and then served there, leaving Metu for the Diocesans.



Laropi Catholic Parish Church, which was developed into a Parish by the MIDM

They are, currently, serving in the following Institutions and Parishes:

1. **St Mary Assumpta Parish - Pakele:** The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master are providing parochial services as well as services at the three (3) Secondary Schools and nineteen (19) Primary Schools, one (1) Institution and thirteen (13) Outstations (Chapels). The Missionaries provide Christian Education in these Schools and administer Sacraments in them routinely.



St Mary Assumpta Parish – Pakele Church – Manned by MIDM.



Msgr. Bala Senior Secondary School, under Mary Assumpta, Pakele, served by MIDM



Re v. Fr Deo Mugenyi Abwoli, MIDM, attending to learners in Perechi Primary School – Pakele, Arua Diocese.

2. **Holy Cross Pilgrimage Centre - Indriani:** This is a pilgrimage Centre and a Parish, founded by the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master. Cardinal Filoni opened it. Pilgrimages are organized by the various Deaneries of the Diocese every month. The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master have provided the Rector and the Parish Priest to serve the people of God from all over the Diocese, and to serve two Secondary Schools and five Primary Schools. There are fifteen (15) Chapels. The Missionaries provide Christian Education in these Schools and administer Sacraments in them routinely.



The Fathers' House at the Holy Cross Pilgrimage Centre, Indriani. This is the place where the Missionaries first settled in the Madi area and later shifted to Pakele, in the Arua Diocese.



The Sanctuary at the Holy Cross Pilgrimage Centre, Indriani – Arua Diocese.

3. **Djaipi Parish:** The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master are providing parochial services as well as services at the four (4) Secondary Schools, eighteen (18) Primary Schools, two (2) Religious Institutions and twenty (20) Outstations (Chapels). The Missionaries provide Christian Education in these Schools and administer Sacraments in them routinely.



St. Peter the Apostle Church, Djaipi Parish – Manned by MIDM.

4. **St. Mary Assumpta Parish, Regem:** The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master are providing parochial services as well as services at the one (1) Technical School and two (2) Primary Schools. The Missionaries provide Christian Education in these Schools and administer Sacraments in them routinely.



Mary Assumpta Parish, Ragem – Arua Diocese

The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master are also serving Asava, an outstation under Christ the King Parish, developing it into Asava Parish in the future.

5. The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master also support Christ the King with the celebration of sacraments to the inmates in Uganda Prison, Arua.
6. **St. Mary Assumpta Parish, Oleba:** The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master founded the Parish, which provides parochial services as well as services at the two (2) Secondary Schools and five (5) Primary Schools. There are 23 Chapels under the Parish. The Missionaries provide Christian Education in these Schools and administer Sacraments in them routinely.



7. **Arua Technical Institute – Ragem Chaplaincy:** The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master are serving in the Chaplaincy of Arua Technical Institute – Ragem Chaplaincy. The Missionaries provide Christian Education at this Institute and administer the Sacraments there routinely.
8. **Radio Pacis:** This is an FM Radio Station belonging to Arua Diocese. The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master carry out the work of evangelization through Social Media and Communication. The Radio Station is under the Directorship of the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Mother. The Radio Station serves the four Dioceses in Northern Uganda, as well as the Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.



Radio Pacis, under the directorship of the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master



Above: Radio Pacis During a Live Broadcast of the Ordination in Arua Diocese, July 2025

9. **Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish - Eruba:** The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master are providing Parochial services as well as services at the two (2) Secondary Schools and five (5) Primary Schools, one (1) Institution and four (4) Outstations (Chapels). The

Missionaries provide Christian Education in these Schools and administer Sacraments in them routinely.



Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish – Eruba, Arua Diocese

10. **Muni University:** The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master are providing Chaplaincy services, guidance and counselling as well as serving as Professors and Administrators.



11. **Chaplaincy for the Legion of Mary:** The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master are providing a Diocesan Chaplain for the Legion of Mary in the Diocese of Arua.

12. **Arua Core Primary Teacher College:** This Teacher Training College trains primary School Teachers in the entire West Nile Region of Uganda. The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master is providing Chaplaincy, shaping the teacher trainees for better and morally upright teachers.

KAMPALA ARCHDIOCESE:

13. **Uganda Spiritual Formation Centre:** The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master are providing Chaplaincy services, guidance and counselling as well as serving as facilities in this Centre, which is owned by the Association of the Religious in Uganda (ARU).

TANZANIA

BUNDA DIOCESE

14. **St. Joseph the Worker, Bukondo Parish:** This Parish is situated in Ukerewe, Ireland, on Lake Victoria. The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master are serving in that Parish.



St Joseph the Worker Parish in Mukondo, Ukerewe, Ireland, in Lack Victoria, Bunda Diocese, Tanzania.

15. St. Joseph the Worker Primary School: This is a Primary School in the Parish of St. Joseph the Worker, Bukondo Parish. The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master are serving as teachers in this Primary School in Ireland, shaping the future of the young stars.

MWANZA ARCHDIOCESE

16. Lake Zone Secondary School: This secondary School belongs to the Diocese of Bunda, but is situated in Mwanza Archdiocese. The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master are serving in providing administrative roles as well as Chaplaincy.