Radio Maria

Radio Maria Tanzania is a broadcast Radio Station from Dar -es- salaam, playing catholic, Christian and gospel music as part of Radio Maria network of Radio stations based in Milan Italy. Radio Maria visited Ndanda from 20\textsuperscript{th} March to 26\textsuperscript{th}, 2017, in order to participate in mission work. The arrangement was made for different groups to pray Rosary which was broadcasted live. The groups included the Kipapa children, Benedictine Brothers, Diocesan Benedictine Sisters, Benedictine Sisters of Tutzing, Small Christian communities and Association of Lay Devotion.

The broadcasting took place at Ndanda Abbey Church. Two groups were broadcasted per day, one at 10.00 Am and the other group at 15.00Pm. For the whole week the Brothers were broadcasted at Laudes, Holy mass and Vespers.
Kipapa children praying Rosary

Kipapa children prayed rosary of Mercy, Rosary of Fatima, Litany of our Lady and sangs songs to our Lady. It was impressive to hear children reciting rosary prayerfully. On Sunday, the first mass was broadcasted. The celebrant was Abbot Placidus of Ndanda Abbey. The Abbot thanked the group of Radio Maria for their good work. He also thanked the believers who participated in evangelizing the people through praying rosary.

By Novice Neema and Agnes

Seminar of vows and its challenges

Juniors from Tutzing Sisters, Salvatorian Sisters and Immaculate Sisters had seminar on Life of vows and its challenges for three days at Zakeo Spiritual Centre. We were 18 participants and Fr. Christian Temu OSB was our facilitator. Fr. Christian put emphasis on words like leave, faith and free. The meaning of our religious vows is to leave behind our own will through faith and be ready to serve the church all the days of our life.
During the day we were busy with sessions and group discussion. In the evening we watched videos of St Theresa of Calcutta, Blessed Isidore Bakanja and cry for freedom Sarafina. We have renewed our religious life by participating in this seminar. We pray to God that He may be with us always and help us to live our vows. We thank our sisters for the opportunity given to us to attend the seminar of vows and its challenges. May God bless you all.

By Sr. Josia

Mafuriko farming

The year 2016/2017, the rain delayed in our area. Normally the rain starts in November or beginning of December. This rain season is different, in our area we had rain the first week of December and people prepared fields and planted maize, cassava and groundnuts. The rain stopped till the beginning of January. For one month there was no drop of rain so all the crops dried up. Other parts of the country, till February there was no rain. Luckily in southern regions the rain is pouring every week.

Postulants weeding corns

groundnuts

In Mafuriko garden we have planted maize, cassava, millet, groundnuts and pumpkins. Whatever we plant in our garden we use manure to improve soil fertility. We discourage using artificial fertilizers.
The maize have fruits, we are now enjoying eating the fruits. We thank our sisters in our community for giving us time to participate in shamba work.

*By Postulants Merystar, Eva and Maria*

**Sharing the word of God with T.Y.C.S**

Ndanda parish organized on how to have on-going catechesis with the Tanzania Youth Catholic School (T.Y.C.S) around us. For this year they asked us we can take over two schools that is Mkalapa Secondary School which is 5 kms away from Ndanda and Mwena Secondary School 2 kms from Ndanda. These are the Government Schools. They have a good number of Catholics in both Schools. I go to them once per week. Students are eager and interested to listen. They share the moral challenges of their daily life, as well as challenges they meet from other religions around them. About six months before I started going to them, they were teaching themselves. On Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning they gathered under the tree and one among them guided the group. The opening prayer led by the leader or one among the group, then shared the Gospel of the coming Sunday and the leader rebuked those who did not attend Sunday mass. Before conclusion prayer they sang offertory song and those who had something offered, then conclusion prayer and the lesson was offer. Sometimes they recited rosary and sang songs to our lady. These children love and like their religion. During religion period they move from their classes with chairs heading to sit under the tree for session.
Sr. Agnes and students

These children are so courageous, they can defend their faith without fear and they are encouraged more when we religious brothers and sisters go to be with them. I enjoy being with them sharing together. By doing so they may be strong and remain faithfully to their faith.

I thank the Ndanda parish for seeing the need to be with the youth of this age and need to re-evangelize them according to the signs of our time.

By Sr. Agnes

An outing Mkalapa School

One hundred and twenty students of Mkalapa Day Secondary School and three teachers had an outing to Lindi town on 17th March 2017. The journey started at 08.00am. Three buses were hired because the students were so many to use one bus. Mkalapa to Lindi is about 105 kms. It took 2 hours to reach Lindi. After some minutes of rest the debate started and the motion was,” The use of English as medium of Instruction in secondary Schools should
be abolished.” Mkalapa students were the proposals while the Mkonge students were the opposers. The number of points were the same but Mkonge students had strong points. After the debate, they had break, so some went for swimming and others were walking along the beach enjoying themselves and playing with sand.

At 16.00pm to 18.00pm, there was football match between Mkalapa boys and Mkonge boys. Mkonge boys won 4 to 2, Mkalapa boys were defeated. At the same the girls played netball.

Mkalapa girls were the winner, scored 12 to 9. The students were grateful to their teachers for organizing the trip to Lindi and for preparing them for debate, netball and football.

By Sr. Dafrosa
Workshop of church decoration

Workshop of church decoration took place at Zakeo centre for three days. We reported at Zakeo the evening of 27 March 2017. Those who attended the seminar were novices from Benedictine brothers, a lady from Mtwara and first year postulants of Tutzing sisters. The facilitator was Sr. Rose from Redemptoris Sisters.

Sr. Rose showed us how to prepare starch and apply it into alter clothes. She too showed us how to prepare Easter eggs, Christmas stars and how to arrange flowers nicely and arrange Advent candles.

We thank our Ndanda community for giving us the time to participate in church decorating seminar.

_by Postulants Christina and Maria_
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