

Bishop- Fanuel Magangani

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The Diocese of Northern Malawi has consecrated its first African bishop to succeed the Rt. Rev. Christopher Boyle, the last British bishop in Central Africa.

On Nov 7, the Rev. Canon Fanuel Emmanuel Chioko Magangani was consecrated by ten bishops of the Church of the Province of Central Africa at a 5 and a half hour service at a football stadium in Mzuzu. His consecration fills the last vacancy in the House of Bishops of the Church of the Province of Central Africa, which will now permit the province to elect a new primate to replace Archbishop Bernard Malango, who retired in 2007.

Canon Magangani will now be the first African to serve as Bishop of Northern Malawi. His predecessors were British, Bishop Boyle, and American, the Rt. Rev. Jackson Biggers.

In June 2009, the Rev. J. Scott Wilson SSC of the Diocese of Fort Worth withdrew as sole candidate in Northern Malawi election, prompting the diocese to conduct an abbreviated internal search that produced Fr. Mtekateka.

Bishop Mangani served as dean of St Peter's Cathedral on Likoma Island for five years and was educated at Zomba Theological College and Mzuzu University. His election canceled plans for a two-year leave of absence from the diocese to begin advanced studies at Nashotah House, an American theological college.

Writing to supporters after the service, the bishop said "I have seen that we serve a miracle-working God. I have seen his hand leading me through. Thank you so much for the prayers."



The Bishop Visits St Peter's Parish in Cobourg, Ontario

Bishop Fanuel Magangani, the newly elected Anglican Bishop of Northern Malawi was a recent, welcome visitor to St. Peter's Cobourg. Reverend Bryan and Rita hosted a dinner in his honour at the rectory. In addition to the MAOCP team, Kylie Dennis and her family and Grahame Woods, fundraising "Giants" for this outreach, were in attendance. Bishop Fanuel was pleased to be able to thank these generous supporters personally.

Following the dinner, Bishop Fanuel addressed a small group of supporters in the Hutton Room. He told all that his sole purpose in coming to St. Peter's was to thank us for all we have done and continue to do. "You have changed the lives of these children" he said as he spoke of his own childhood years which so closely mirror the lives of "our" 250 children in Mzuzu. He gives credit to the grace of God and the generosity of strangers who were there for him, to help feed him, clothe him and support him so that he could get an education and ultimately become the first African Bishop in Malawi. He stressed how very important secondary education is for these children as it opens many doors of opportunity for future studies, college, university and trade schools,

In closing, he gave us his blessing and invited us to sing Amazing Grace with him as he sang in his native language, Chichewa.



The parishes

On February 9th, we received the sad news that our very able project manager, James Mtafu, had died at the age of 57. Mtafu was a deeply spiritual man and fully committed to our orphan care program.

Father Chifisi, the rector of St. Marks's Mzuzu, has been in contact through email and phone with our team leader Colin Turnpenney. Every effort is being made to proceed with the project in a consistent fashion. Father Chifisi was our original contact and remained on as our chief medical officer and adviser. He has agreed to surprise the program and assist us in finding a competent replacement.

Thank you for your support and prayers as we work through this next step together.

