

Religious Life

SVD Lay Associates

Today



A Catholic religious person is someone who, in **responding to God's call**, dedicates his/her life to God through living of the evangelical counsels (vows) of poverty, chastity, and obedience. This they do through a life of **deep faith, prayer, and service to others in imitation of Christ**. Among them are priests, nuns, monks, and brothers.

“**Consecrated life in the 21st Century**” is a one-week Seminar, organized annually for novices from different congregations in Arusha. The aim is to prepare the future missionaries to respond properly to the needs of this globalized and technologically advanced world.

Fr. Lawrence Muthee, SVD has been giving this seminar to the novices since 2017. This year, 11 Congregations took part.



The SVD Lay Associates from Kenya—Tanzania Province held their annual convention from 8 to 10 November 2024. The event was held in Burka Parish Arusha District. During the Convention, the members were taken through the outcome of the **19th SVD General Chapter** that was held in Nemi in June-July 2024, and also a presentation on **the Word of God**. The group also enacted their **Statutes** and elected their **leaders** for the next Triennium . The Lay Associates contribute greatly to the SVD mission in the Province.

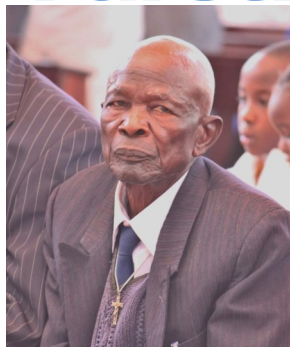
Faith Parenting



Holy Trinity SVD Parish Morombo

Every year, hundreds of children receive their **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** in our parishes. However, majority of them stop going to Church soon after for various reasons and therefore do not get ongoing faith formation. Involving the Parent in the faith formation of their children is one of the strategies to reduce children dropout from the Church.

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The Arnoldus Family KenTan Province mourns the demise of Mzee **Silvester Omondi**, the father of **Fr. Daniel Otieno, SVD**, who passed on early this month. According to Fr. Daniel, he was more than 100 years old at the time of

his death. Mzee Silvester will be laid to rest on 3rd December 2024. We continue to pray for the eternal repose of his soul, and strength for Fr. Daniel and the entire family.