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SVD AFRAM Zonal 4 CDs Meeting

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SVD Charism Beyond



The SVD four **Characteristics Dimensions** or Areas constitute the DNA of our society. They define both our living ad intra as religious missionary priests and brothers, and our mission approach. The 4CDs as they are commonly referred to in SVD Circles include: **Biblical Ministry, Mission Animation, Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation, and Communications.**

The AFRAM 4CDs Zonal Meeting is a meeting of all the Characteristic Dimensions (Area) Coordinators from all the PRMs in AFRAM. This year's meeting was held in Kinshasa, DRC. The General Area Coordinators were also present namely: **Fr. Wojciech Szypula—Bible, Fr. Marcelo Cattaneo—Mission Secretary, Fr. Richard Quadros—JPIC, and Fr. Kasmir Nema—Communications.**

The main aim of this meeting, held every three years, is to discuss how best we can make our four Characteristics Dimensions more impactful. We do this by sharing of best practices from our PRMs and from other zones.

Confirmed in Faith



On Sunday 15 June 2025, St. Barnabas Kimumu SVD Parish celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Rt. Rev. Dominic Kimengich, the Bishop of Eldoret Diocese, presided over the liturgy, assisted by Fr. Rethinasamy Amaldoss, and Fr. Alex Owino. It was a very colourful Celebration.



The **Charism** of a religious Congregation is derived from one aspect of Jesus' mission. This informs the lifestyle and the identity of the society and its members. The Charism of the Divine Word Missionaries, is based on the **Universal Character of Jesus' ministry.** This is what informs our **intercultural living**, depicted in our PRMs, and communities. We say that **the world is our parish.** This identity is not only our resource as SVDs but over the years, it has inspired many other religious societies. One of these societies is the **Missionary Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate** (The Pallottines Sisters). Eight years ago in 2017, when they wanted to establish an international novitiate in Arusha, they approached us to journey with them. The journey has been a wonderful exchange of charisms. The first novices under the international program will be professing their Final Vows this September. Their experience and growth is a testimony that the mission of Christ must embrace all and sundry.

Becoming Self-reliant



Self-reliant is one of the major parameters to tell that a person or an institution has become of age. As a missionary congregation, we must be aware, now more than ever before, that donations for missionary activities are dwindling every day. Times have changed and we must change accordingly, if we want to remain sustainable in our mission. SVD Kenya-Tanzania Province began the program for self-sustenance a few years ago. The New JF Philosophy house in Njiro, Arusha, which is on its final phase of construction, is the fruit of this.

Divine Word Missionaries is a Religious Congregation in the Catholic Church whose mission is to preach the love of the Divine Word to all people of all nations, languages and cultures