

## SUNDAY CHARLES MTAKI – ORDINATION – 13 JUNE 2009 – KIRUMBA, MWANZA

And then on to Mwanza, we went to celebrate the ORDINATION OF SUNDAY CHARLES MTAKI. Again it was a shared event with a Jesuit. Though Charles was born on Ukerewe Island, the family is more settled these days in Kirumba Parish of St. Joseph the Worker. The church was packed, upstairs downstairs, and the congregation was fully one with the rousing singing of the choirs. This was also a meaningful vocational celebration, following on last year's SAFARI YA UPENDO event marking 125 years of Bukumbi Parish, the mother parish of Mwanza Archdiocese, and in the Mission Awareness and Vocations animation in several parishes. Again, there were over 60 clergy of the diocese, Jesuits and confreres, together with MSOLA sisters and their lay missionaries from Mwanza and Arusha. Archbishop Anthony Mayala spoke of the three-fold service of the priest: being personally attached to the Chief Shepherd, dedicated to feeding and caring for the people especially in the Eucharistic sense, with good leadership skills of service, not domination.



The next day witnessed the Thanksgiving Eucharist in Bwiru, Charles' Small Christian Community. Amid the boulders characterising Mwanza, the liturgy was colourful with Nyakato Parish choir



animating the singing. The feeding of the 500 satisfied the hunger of the moment, and the Kirumba parish youth crowned the event with a skilful set of traditional dances which all appreciated.



Charles and Confreres .... Thanksgiving Dance .... Parents and MSOLA

The MISSION-SENDING  
PRAYER  
AND 'SANCTA MARIA'

MAFR and MSOLA and the  
MSOLA LAY MISSIONARIES  
from Canada



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**LET US MAINTAIN WITH VIGOUR OUR PRAYERS FOR MISSIONARY VOCATIONS AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE (and their families and animators). Let us witness to our missionary vocation as Brothers, Sisters and Priests in those areas where we minister. Scatter the seeds, nurture their germination and growth, encourage vocations!**