



St. Joseph the Worker-Patron of the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker.

BROTHERS OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

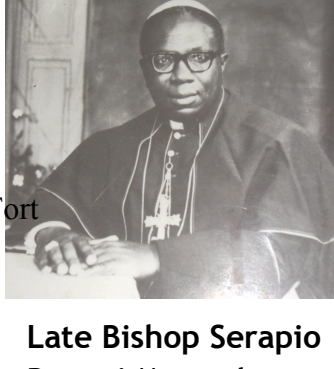
OUR HISTORY.

The Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker were founded in Fort Portal Diocese in 1973 by the late Bishop Serapio Bwemi Magambo (1928-1995) Bishop Magambo had a special love and affection for religious Brothers. A special relationship with The Brothers began as a primary student in Wekomiire Parish, where he enjoyed the company of Brother Marsiale, a Missionary of Africa. He later came to know and appreciate the Brothers of Christian Instruction at St. Leo's College Kyegobe, when he was appointed chaplain there.

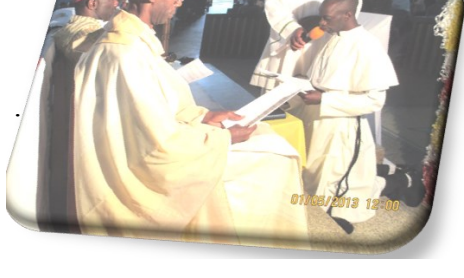
When the Brothers were transferred, Holy Cross Brothers appeared on the Fort Portal scene. During his formative years, Bishop Magambo was deeply impressed by religious Brothers, as he explained himself: "I learned a lot about the joys and sorrows of Brothers, their serious reflection and occasional bickering, their spirituality and apostolic spirit, their downright humanness."

When he was entrusted with shepherding Fort Portal Diocese, Bishop Magambo was struck by the needs of the people and the extremely small number of expatriate Brothers available to meet those needs. Therefore, he felt inspired to found a local developmental Brotherhood in 1973.

From an initial group of five young men, the Brothers have grown to 45 professed, 32 with final profession, 13 with final profession and 10 Novices. The first Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker to make their final professions was on 1st, May, 1995



Late Bishop Serapio Bwemi Magambo- Founder of the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker.



Bishop Magambo always encouraged the Brothers to pray and work, "**Ora et labora**".



MISSION:

Faithful service and cooperation in apostolate.

OUR CHARISM/SPIRITUALITY.

Our primary aim, is the Glory of God and sanctification of individual members, through the observation of the evangelical councils, of Chastity, Obedience and Poverty.

MOTTO.

"PRAY AND WORK".

We struggle to see how, in an African context, we can combine prayer, study and hard work to develop God's people. With St. Joseph as our model, we try to do our work to perfection and through devotion. This is what makes the Brother of St. Joseph the Worker, different from other ordinary workers.

OUR AREAS OF APOSTOLATE:

As Brothers, we do understand that evangelization is holistic. Therefore we are open in many ways through cooperation in the propagation of the Catholic faith by helping the priests in the Pastoral, Catechetical, Educational, Carpentry, Mechanical, Construction, Medical, Counseling, Social and economic fields.

We are founded in Fort Portal Diocese, but we are serving in almost all the three ecclesiastical provinces of Uganda, namely: Hoima, Kasese, Mbarara, Kabale, Kampala in Namugongo On-going formation Centre, Kotido, Moroto and Fort Portal respectively.



OUR PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS AND OUR DAILY INSPIRATION.

"To Him who by Means of His power working in us, is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for or even think of, To God Be The Glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, Forever and ever Amen."(Ephesians 3:20-21).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS.

Candidates should have a true vocation coming from a supernatural motive.

- Sufficient bodily health, and mental stability
- Fluency in spoken English with good comprehension ability.
- Successful completion of A Certificate and an additional profession/course in any field would be an added advantage.
- O level Certificate, with a credit in Mathematics and English, with any other professional course.
- A Certificate of baptism and confirmation
- A recommendation from the Parish priest/another competent priest.

CANDIDACY AND FORMATION

- A. The initial stage of formation is one year of postulancy.
- B. Two years of Novitiate training in spiritual and pastoral development.
- C. On Going formation after first profession.

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