

# Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert Vocations Commission

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## Religious Men and Women Orders in the Diocese of Prince Albert

### THE CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF NAIROBI (ASN)

**The congregation logo:** Reflects the Spirit of the ASN Institute, which is Love, Service and Self-Sacrifice, which is centered on the Love of Jesus Christ and on devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary as expressed in their characteristic virtues of humility, obedience, simplicity, and zeal. The living of these virtues forms the Spirit of the institute.

The congregation of the sisters of the Assumption of the blessed virgin Mary, commonly referred in short as Assumption Sisters of Nairobi (ASN), is a Religious Women Congregation Founded in 1953 in the Archdiocese of Nairobi – Kenya, by the then late Archbishop John Joseph McCarthy Cssp. He was motivated by the sufferings of the local people especially women who at the time worked in the European Coffee Estates, the whole day. During his missionary journeys he encountered the sufferings that Mothers were exposed to during the childbirth. This moved him to found an African Congregation that would understand the women and empower them on various issues including education, hygiene, and health.

J.J McCarthy requested the White Sisters (Missionaries of Africa) to assist in the formation of the first girls until the Congregation was stable. The Congregation started with 11 girls who took their first Vows in 1959. The Institute was granted Diocesan right on 2nd day of February 1955, and has been on Diocesan right until May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1998 when it was granted Pontifical Status.



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Assumption Sisters in Canada  
and Big River First Nation

## Membership

The membership of the congregation stands at 200. The number of communities stands at 50 distributed in 14 different Dioceses namely, **Ten** of them in **Kenya**, while the other four in mission lands namely, Njombe Diocese in **Tanzania**, Mandeville Diocese in **Jamaica**, Dioceses of Prince Albert, and Winnipeg in **Canada**. Each community is under a Local Superior.

## Charism

Assumption Sisters of Nairobi is an Institute of African Religious Women under the Patronage of Mary Assumed into heavens, who are deeply rooted in Jesus Christ, and who have apostolic zeal for the service of the Church. By being immersed among the people as Life givers, they bring the Good News of Salvation in order to uplift the dignity of all people, especially women and with openness to the needs of time.

## Vision

The Assumption Sisters of Nairobi are to be witnesses of love and service reflecting the ministry of Christ where all people are respected.

## Mission

To fulfill the mission of Christ through evangelization of all the nations and promote integral development where all people are dignified.



Evangelization in Kenya

Prayer - Action - Evangelization  
C'est par votre témoignage que nous.  
Allons. Du monde au monde. Jésus est au monde.

VOCATIONS CANOE TRIP  
PRINCE ALBERT DIOCESE  
AUGUST 22-27 2021

"COME AWAY BY YOURSELVES TO A SECLUDED PLACE  
AND REST A LITTLE WHILE." MARK 6:31  
PLEASE CONTACT FR. TRAVIS MYRHEIM IF YOU ARE  
INTERESTED! NO PADDLING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY  
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**Sister Renée Buliard SMS**

**Sisters of Mission Service (SMS)** – Mission is to be a presence, bring Jesus to the world especially those areas where the church is not present.

Consecrated Life in the Diocese - To see the value of a presence by our whole life as Christ asks and guides is very important.

The roots of SMS – As a young congregation, I still try to live our beginnings.

**John 10:10**

I came that they may have life, have it to the full.

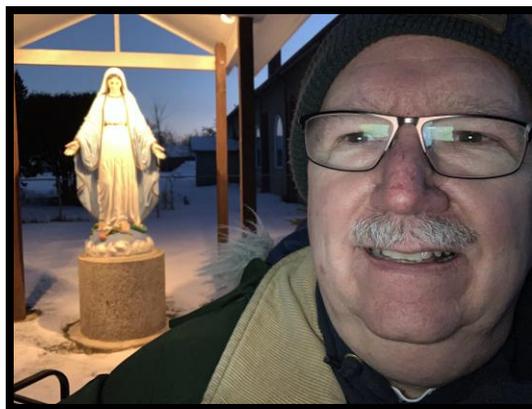
The story of the founding of the Sisters of Mission Service began with a vision, an inspiration which arose from a need observed by Fr. Godfrey Kuckartz, Oblate of Mary Immaculate. During his term as Superior at St. Charles Scholasticate, Battleford, Saskatchewan, Fr. Kuckartz was often invited to give a parish mission retreat in small country parishes. From his contact with the people, he became aware of the need for an ongoing awakening, development, and enrichment of the faith of the people where the presence of a priest or religious communities was missing. Recognizing the need of the church of this time, Fr. Kuckartz envisioned a religious congregation of women whose garb, manner and lifestyle would make them readily available to people among whom they would minister. His vision was to deepen or awaken the faith of the people in rural areas. From the very beginning he stressed the importance of personal contact and home visits as the means for reaching out to people while working as teachers, or nurses in public institutions. In Fr. Kuckartz own words the Sisters were ” **to take the light of faith to the people**”.

## Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI Lacombe Canada Province)

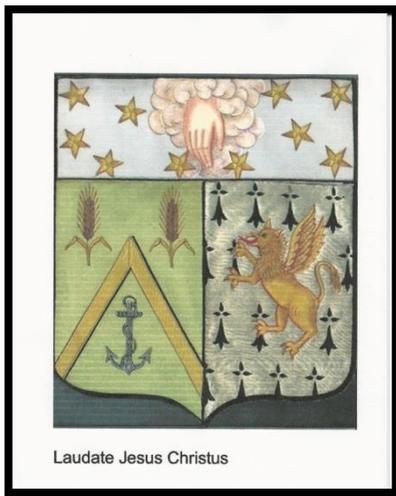
The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate were founded by St. Eugene de Mazenod in Aix-en-Provence (Southern France). As a young priest, Fr. Eugene was disturbed by the fact that so many people were being left out of the Church – because they were poor, rural, servants, marginalized, un-educated or immigrants. Fr. Eugene had a powerful experience of the Crucified Lord and was deeply touched that Christ would die for him, a sinner, so that he might live. He gathered like-minded people around him – they began working and praying together. As time unfolded, they purchased a property, and some chose to live together. This initiative resulted in them developing rules to live by. They sought the approval of the local bishop and began to minister together. On February 17th in 1826, the Universal Church gave formal approval to this growing community. Our motto is “He has sent me to bring Good News to the poor, the poor hear Good News.” This desire to help others motivates our work and our life together. It encourages us to learn, to nurture a deep and rich life with God, to work with others and to make sacrifices so that people can explore their relationship with God. Today, Fr. Eugene is known as St. Eugene and we celebrate his feast day on May 21. Our Oblate lay associates, brothers and priests are found at work in over 60 countries around the world. We work with the young and the old, in schools and universities, in faith formation, in prisons, hospitals and among the poor, in retreat houses, parishes and missions, among immigrants and Indigenous Peoples, in beautiful places and in messy places. Our passion is always to help people hear the Good News; they are loved by God. In the Diocese of Prince Albert, Fr. Maurice Schroeder (Battleford) and I live out our charism in the work that we do. There are also a number of Oblate lay associates at work in the Diocese. If you are interested in learning more about our community you can contact me here in the Meadow Lake Cluster (306) 236 5122 or you can contact our Vocation Director, Fr. Jarek Pachocki, OMI (Phone: (905) 522-9828 Ext 305 or by email: vocations@omilacombe.ca)



Logo



Fr. Douglas Jeffrey OMI



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**Sr. Céline Tremblay Fdlp**

### **Les Filles de la Providence/Daughters of Providence**

We seek to live with simplicity the reality of our presence in social friendship with those around us so that Jesus Christ be known and loved as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Today in our de-Christianized world we witness great poverty, lowliness and lack of reference points – what does this mean? We feel called to have special loving attention to the most needy, to look at others as persons loved by God.

Life in the Diocese – A link between the Sisters of different congregations for support in prayer and support for the new Sisters coming to the diocese from different countries.



**Rev Frederick Akah, MSP**

Mission Superior  
Pastor: Ste. Solange Parish, Hafford, SK

**Rev Peter Nnanga, MSP**

Pastor: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Cut Knife, SK

**Rev Peter Paase, MSP**

Mission Secretary  
Pastor: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, St. Walburg, SK

The Missionary Society of St. Paul was established by the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria (CBCN) in 1977 through the inspiration and guidance of Dominic Cardinal Ekandem, the first Nigerian Cardinal in response to the exhortation of St. Pope Paul VI in Kampala, Uganda that the Church of Africa must become a Missionary Church, an exhortation he reiterated in the Encyclical “Evangelii Nuntiandi”. The Bishops invited the St. Patrick’s Society (SPS) also known as the Kiltegan Fathers to provide the initial formation. The Kiltegan Fathers are a Society of Apostolic Life from Ireland and they were to nurture this dream of the Bishops of Nigeria into a similar Society as they, a Society of Apostolic Life. The Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP) is one of the communities of priests working in the Diocese of Prince Albert along with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) and the Missionaries of Africa (M. Afr.). Quite often, young men aspiring to the priesthood and even people who have been Catholic all their lives are at a loss as to what differentiates

these groups of priests. What, for instance, differentiates a priest of the Missionary Society of St. Paul from priests of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate? In the language of the Church, one group is a Society of Apostolic Life (MSP, M. Afr., and many others). Another group (the Oblates of Mary Immaculate OMI) is a Religious Institute as are many others.

An essential distinguishing character of Religious Institutes is that members of these Institutes upon admission profess **Solemn Vows of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience** as distinct from members of a Society of Apostolic Life who do not profess such Solemn Vows. Flowing from the vow of poverty is the prohibition from owning personal property. Members of the Missionary Society of St. Paul do not profess these Vows since they are a Society of Apostolic Life but like all priests are bound by the discipline of Celibacy and Chastity required of all priests in the Roman Catholic Church. They do not profess a vow of poverty, but their constitutions enjoin 'Simplicity of life' on the members. A member of a Society of Apostolic Life can, if he is able own, personal property and dispose of it as he wishes. At diaconate ordination when aspiring members are admitted to permanent membership, the aspiring member takes an oath of permanent membership in which is included a promise of Obedience



**THE DIOCESE OF PRINCE ALBERT**  
Cordially invites you to the

*Ordination*  
**TO THE**  
*Diaconate*

of  
**Tai Truong Le**

BY THE MOST REVEREND  
**Albert Thévenot, M. Afri.**  
BISHOP OF PRINCE ALBERT

ON THE FEAST OF  
ST. MARIE OF THE INCARNATION

**FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH, 2021, 7:00 P.M.**

CHURCH OF ST.THERESA NATIONAL SHRINE  
314 MAIN ST., PO Box 795 WAKAW,  
SASKATCHEWAN, S0K 4P0, CANADA

Lunchbox will be provided after the Mass



*"He emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
coming in human likeness;  
He humbled himself,  
becoming obedient to death  
even death on a cross."*

**PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8**



Please RSVP at [taile0507@gmail.com](mailto:taile0507@gmail.com) or  
1 (306) 441-7294

Due to restrictions, you will be informed seven days prior to the ordination day whether or not to come. Please remember Tai in your prayers!