

9 December 2023 at St Patrick's Gokomere Mission



**THE CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
OF MASVINGO**



**THE RITE OF EPISCOPAL INSTALLATION
OF THE RIGHT REVEREND**
Bishop Raymond Mupandasekwa (CSsR)
AS THE 2ND BISHOP OF MASVINGO DIOCESE



BRIEF HISTORY OF

RIGHT REVEREND

BISHOP RAYMOND TAPIWA MUPANDASEKWA (C.Ss.R.)

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Raymond Tapiwa Mupandasekwa, C.Ss.R., was born in Tamirepi Village under Chief Mapanzure, Masvingo District on April 28, 1970. In 1990 he entered the Major Seminary of Chishawasha (Harare), where he completed his philosophical studies. In 1996, he joined the religious family of the Redemptorists. He made his perpetual vows in 2001, and on August 4 of the same year he was ordained a priest in Hatcliffe (Harare). After his priestly ordination he held the following positions:

2001-2005: Parish Vicar in Mabvuku and Tafara (Harare).

2001-2004: Master of Philosophy Degree in Theology (specialization in Canon Law) at St. Augustine's College in South Africa.

2005-2007: Parish Priest of St. Gerard's in Borrowdale (Harare).

2007-2010: Licentiate in Moral Theology at the Pontifical Alphonsian Academy in Rome.

2010-2014: Pastor of St. Fidelis in Mabvuku and St. Alphonsus in Tafara.

2010-2014: Professor of Moral Theology at the Seminary of Chishawasha (Harare).

2010-2015: Professor of Moral Theology at Holy Trinity College (Harare).

2012-2014: Professor of Canon Law at Holy Trinity College.

2014-2015: Vice-Rector of Holy Trinity College.

2015-2018: Regional Superior of the Redemptorist Fathers in Harare.

Rt. Rev. Raymond Mupandasekwa was consecrated as the third Bishop of Chinhoyi Diocese on 7 April 2018. On 15 September 2023 Pope Francis appointed Bishop Mupandasekwa as the second bishop of Masvingo Diocese. He takes over from Bishop Michael Bhasera who has been at the helm of Masvingo Diocese for 23 years since 1999. Currently, Bishop Mupandasekwa is the Vice President of the Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops Conference (ZCBC) and the ZCBC Chairman for the Seminary Commission and Seminary Board.



ORDER OF CEREMONY

Installing Bishop

Most Reverend Archbishop R.C. Ndlovu

Director of Ceremonies

Very Rev. Fr. Samson Mutsvanga

Masters of Ceremonies

Rev. Fr. T. Chitumba

Rev. Fr. S. Sibanda

(Abbreviations: M = Main Celebrant V = People C = Concelebrant
IB = Installing Bishop CC = Chairperson of the Clergy)

Procession

The cross bearer, servers, the choir, the deacons, the priests, and the bishops assemble at the main church, St. Patrick's Gokomere Mission and the procession, accompanied by singing and dancing, moves from the main church to where the congregation is gathered for the Installation Ceremony.

Entrance Procession

1. Yesu Mufudzi wakanaka
2. Mweya wa Tenzi Mwari uneni
3. Mweya Mutsvene tinouya pamberi penyu
4. Musoro wekirike
5. Mambo Yesu Kristo
6. Tenzi akadaidza Jeremiah
7. Farai muna Tenzi

Welcome Remarks

DPC Chairperson (Mr. S. Parwaringira)

The Director of Ceremonies introduces the Secretary General of ZCBC who then introduces the Bishops present and asks the Main Celebrant Sekuru Robert C. Ndlovu, to begin the Mass in which the Rt Rev. Bishop Raymond Mupandasekwa will be installed as the Bishop of the Diocese of Masvingo.

Introductory Rites

Greeting

- M Kaziwai vatenderi vadiwa
V Kaziwai, Sekuru Mubhishopi
M Rugare ngaruve nemi.
V Ngaruve nemiwo.

Penitential Rite

- M Tinokumbira rubatsiro rwaMwari Baba na Mwanakomana na
Mweya Mutsvene, kuti tinyatsopira Mupiro wedu mukuru
wanhasi. Saka ngatirangarire nokupfida matadzo edu.

Brief silence

- M Ndinobvuma
V Panemi Mwari Baba munamasimba ose napanemiwo hama
dzangu, kuti ndakatadza kwazvo mukufunga, mukureva, mukuita
nomukuzengurira:
zvose izvi imhosva yangu huruhuru. Naizvozvo ndinokumbira imi,
Mariya Muvirigo, nemi vangere navasande vose, nemiwo hama
dzangu kuti mundireverere kuna Mwari Baba vedu.
- M Mwari muna masimba ose, tiitireiwo tsitsi tiregerere iwo matadzo
edu, muzotisvitsawo kuupenyu husingaperi.
- V Amen

Kyrie: Ambuye mutichitile chisoni

Gloria: Mwari ngaarumbidzwe – Tonganai

Opening Prayer

M Ngatinamatei:

Pause for silent prayer.

Mwari Baba, ndimi Mufudzi wakanaka wavatenderi venyu vose. Munotonga sangano renyu noruzivo norudo. Nhasi matipa muranda wenyu Sekuru Mubhishopi Raymond Mupandasekwa kuti atungamirire mhuri yenyu yeDunhu reMasvingo. Mugoneseiwo kumira panzvimbo yaKristo, ari mufudzi wakanaka, ari mudzidzisi wechitendero anotendeseka, anoita basa renyu nomazvo anotonga nechiremera noruenzaniso kuti vanhu venyu vaponeswe.

Izvi tinozvikumira kwamuri Baba, nokuna Kristo Mambo wedu anogara nokutonga pamwe nemi naMweya Mutsvene kwemisi isingaperi.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Word



The master of ceremonies introduces this part of the Mass.

IST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10: Ms Clara Mupandasekwa
(Masvingo South Deanery)

HYMN: Mwari ngaarumbidzwe / haadi kuti tiparadzwe

2ND READING: 2 Timothy 1:6-11: Seminarian (Wayne Dziwore)

HYMN: Zvanzi naTenzi mufudzi wakanaka

GOSPEL PROCESSION:

HYMN: Shoko renyu Mambo chiedza changu

GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:14-20 (Rev. Fr. Francis K. Bakuri)

Rite of Installation

The chairperson of the Diocesan Pastoral Council asks, in the name of the people, the Chairperson of the Diocesan Clergy, Rev. Fr. P. Chimombe to put to the Installing Bishop (IB) the petition for the Installation of Rt. Rev. Raymond Tapiwa Mupandasekwa. The Chairperson of the Diocesan Clergy (CC) then addresses the Installing Bishop and says:

- CC Pamusoroi, Sekuru Robert Ndlovu, Sangano reDunhu reMasvingo
rinokukumbirai kuti mukumikidze ufudzi hweDunhu reMasvingo
kuna sekuru muBhishopi Raymond Tapiwa Mupandasekwa.
- IB Mune tsamba here inobva kunaPapa yokukubvumirai kuti
tivakumikidze ufudzi hweDunhu reMasvingo?
- CC Hongu, tinayo.
- IB Saka ngaichiverengwa tinzwe

The Chairperson of the Diocesan Clergy asks Monsignor Felipe Fabiane Charge d'Affairs Apostolic Nunciature to Zimbabwe to read the official Papal letter (the Bull). Monsignor Felipe Fabiane shows the letter to the people, then reads it. He calls for consent of the people. The Diocesan Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Peter Oscar Chagweda reads the official Papal Letter in English and in Shona. Thereafter the Most Rev. Archbishop Robert C. Ndlovu installs Rt. Rev. Raymond Mupandasekwa as the Bishop of Masvingo.

The Installing Bishop gives the Pastoral Staff to the new Bishop saying:

- IB Gamuchirai tsvimbo iyi youfudzi
Chengetai danga iri ravanhu vaMwari
Fambisai basa raMwari zvakanaka**

The New Bishop then sets aside his staff and receives the sign of peace from the Installing Bishop, the other bishops and the priests. A song is sung until those mentioned have given the sign of peace to the New Installed Bishop.

- HYMN:** 1. Uyu ndiye Mufudzi akabva kuna Mwari Baba
 2. Muranda asiri muridzi wehwai

Prayers of the Faithful

1. Kunamatira Papa neSangano rose - Gutu Deanery
2. Kunamatira vanaSekuru muBhishopi - Southern Deanery
3. Kunamatira vaPriste nevaPikiri - Bikita Deanery
4. Kunamatira Dunhu reMasvingo - Mwenezi Deanery
5. Kunamatira vaTenderi vose - Chivi Deanery
6. Kunamatira rugare nokubatana munyika yedu - Lowveld Deanery
7. Kunamatira vechidiki - Zaka Deanery



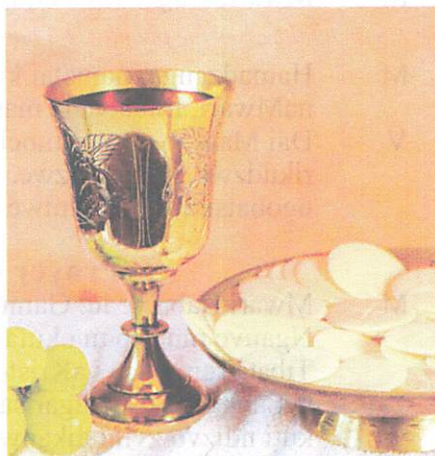
Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Master of Ceremonies introduces this part.

The Bishop of Masvingo takes over as the Main Celebrant The sacrificial gifts are brought forward by the faithful in a procession and received by the Main Celebrant.

Offertory Hymns

1. Farai munaTenzi
2. Yesu mufudzi wakanaka
3. Ndinogara ndichitenda Mwari
4. Imi ndimi chizvarwa
5. Tenzi akanaka
6. Tenzi akadaidza Jeremiah
7. Mwari nyakugara
8. Rumbidza Tenzi iwe mweya wangu
9. Sawi
10. Ndicharamba ndichifara



Offertory Procession

HYMN: Nazozina izokha
Ndimi mune mbiri munopirwa

Meanwhile the ministers place the corporal, the purificator, the chalice and the missal at the altar. The bishop raises the paten with the host says quietly:

M Mwari Baba, tinokurumbidzai
nokuti ndimi makasika zvinhu zvose,
mukatipawo chingwa ichi chinotipa rupenyu rutsva.

A concelebrant pours wine and little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

C1 Mwari Baba, diraiwo rupenyu rwenyu matiri sokudira kwatiri
kuita mvura muwaini iyi.

Bishop raises the chalice and says quietly:

M Mwari Baba, tinokurumbidzai
nokuti ndimi makasika zvinhu zvose mukatipawo waini iyi
yatinosuma kwamuri.
Yava kuva chokunwa chinotipa rupenyu rutsva.

He then bows saying quietly:

M Mwari Baba, tinozvipira kwamuri takazvirereka tichikumbira
kuti mugamuchire mupiro wedu uyu.

At the side of the altar, he washes his hands saying quietly:

M Mwari, ndigezeiwo uipi hwangu. mundibvise matadzo angu.

He then addresses the people with these.

M Hamadzangu, namatai kuti mupiro wedu ugamuchirwe
naMwari, Baba vana masimba ose.

V Dai Mambo angogamuchira mupiro watiri kupira kuti zita rake
rikudzwe, rirumbidzwe,
ugobatsira isu nevamwe vose veKirike rake Sande.

Prayer over the Gifts

M Mwari Baba vedu. Gamuchiraiwo mupiro wedu uyu.
Ngaave mupiro unokufadzai.
Tibatsireiwo isu vaKristo veDunhu rino reMasvingo
neSangano rose kugarisana zvakanaka kuti vamwe vazive
kuti ndizvo zvinodikanwa naKristo.
Ndicho chichemo cheduwo ichi kwamuri, imi Mwari
Nyakugara narini narini.

V Amen.

Preface

M Mambo ngaave nemi.

V Ngaave nemiwo

M Ipai mwoyo yenyu kuna Mambo.

V Tatoipa kwaari.

M Ngatitendei Mwari

V Ngatimutendei.

M Zvechokwadi ngatimutendei, nokuti ndizvo zvinofanira kuitwa
ndizvo zvinotisvitsawo kuupenyu:

Mwari Baba, imi muna masimba ose,

Nyakugara narini, tinokutendai misi yose.

Tichirevererwa naKristo, muromo wedu.

Imi ndimi mufudzi anoramba aripo narini wose.

Hamusiya danga renyu riri roga.

Rinoramba rakadzivirirwa

richitungamirirwa navapostori venyu
vamakaisa panzvimbo poMwanakomana wenyu
kuti vave vafudzi varo.
Naizvozvo, imi Mwari Baba, tinokuimbirai misi yose, pamwe
nengirozi navasande vose, tichiti:

Sanctus: Mambo Mutsvene

Eucharist Prayer 111

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- M** Zvechokwadi Mwari Baba
muno usande hwakakomba!
Ndimi munokodzera kurumbidzwa nezvisikwa zvose, nokuti
imi
noMwana wenyu Yesu Kristo munoraramisa nokunatsa zvose
zvamakasika nesimba raMweya Mutsvene.
Ndimizve munogara muchiti kuanhu:
Uyai muve vangu,
mugare muchipira kwandiri mupiro mutsvene muzvimbo dzose.
- CC** Naizvozvo, tinokukumbirai, Mwari Baba, kuti mutume Mweya
wenyu kuzonatsa izvi zvatauya nazvo kuzopira kwamuri,
Zvive muviri + neropa roMwanakomana wenyu,
Mambo wedu Yesu Kristo,
akasiya atiudza kupira mupiro uyu.
- Usiku hwaakaiswa mumaoko avavengi vake,
akabata chingwa, akakutendai, akateketera, ndokuchimedura,
akachipa vadzidzi vake achiti: (bow slightly)

Gamuchirai mose mudye:
Uyu muviri wangu unopirirwemi.

Vapedza chirairo akabata mukombe, akakutendai, akateketera,
ndokuupa vadzidzi vake achiti: (bow slightly)

Gamuchirai mose munwe:

**uyu mukombe weropa rangu rechitenderano chitsva chisingaperi
rinoteurirwemi navanhu vose kuti matadzo aregererwe.
Garai muchiita izvi kuti mundiyeuke nazvo.**

M Ngatipembererei Mununuri wedu.

Anamnesis: Tinokurumbidzai Mambo

CC Mwari Baba, tiri kuyeuka kutifira kwakaita
mwana wenyu nokumuka kwake kunoshamisa
nokukwira kwake kudenga.
Takamirirazve kudzoka kwake.
Nokudaro tinokutendai nomupiro mutsvene
uyu watinopira kwamuri.
Chigamuchiraiwo mupiro uyu woMwana wenyu,
Hwayana
yakatiwadhanisa nemi, unopirwa kwamuri nesangano renyu.
Itaiwo kuti tose tigogamuchira muviri neropa rake tizadzwe
naMweya Mutsvene, tibatanidzwe naKristo,
tive mhuri imwe chete inodanana sehama nehama.

C1 Tumaiwo Mweya wenyu
atinatse kuti tive venyu narini,
tizofara kudenga nemi pamwe naMariya muvirigo. amai vaYesu
Kristo, Mwari Mwanakomana, pamwe naJosefa Musande,
pamwe navapostori navamatiri
navasande vose, vatinovimba kuti vanotireverera.

C2 Mwari Baba vedu,
Ipaiwo vanhu vose ruwadzano norugare
nesimba romupiro uyu wakatiwadhanisa nemi.
Ipaiwo isu vana vesangano renyu tichiri parwendo,
chitendero chakasimba norudo rwakasimba.
Ipaiwo zvakare chitendero chakasimba norudo
rwakasimba Papa wedu Francis,
nomubhishopi wedu Raymond Mupandasekwa

namabhishopi ose navapristi navanhu vose vakaitwa vana venyu naKristo.

Baba, inzwaiwo minamoto yedu,
isu mhuri yenyu yamati iungane pano.
Tinokukumbirai kuti isu
navamwe vana venyu vari pasi tibatane,
tive vamwe.

C3 Zaruriraiwo denga vatenderi venyu vakafa
navamwe vose vakafa vaiita kuda kwenyu,
vafare nemi vachikuonai.

Tinotarisa kusvitswa ikoko
naYesu Kristo, Mambo wedu,
nyakutisvitsa zvinhu zvose zvakanaka.

CC Tinokurumbidzai, Mwari Baba, nomuromo waKristo!
Tinokurumbidzai, Mwari Baba, tiri nhengo dzaKristo!
Tinokurumbidzai, Mwari Baba, naMweya anogaramatiri!
Tinokurumbidzai, Mwari Baba, kwemisi isingaperi!
V Amen.

Communion Rite

M Muponesi wedu pachake ndiye akatirayira,
akatidzidzisa chinamoto ichi:
kudaro ngatinamatei, tichiti:

V Baba vedu muri kudenga,
zita renyu ngarinamatwe;
umambo hwenyu ngahusvike,
kuda kwenyu ngakuitwe pasi sokudenga.
Tipeiwo nhasi kudya kwedu kwezuva,
mutiregererewo zvatakakutadzirai sokuregerera kwatinoita
vakatitadzira,
musatirege tichiwira mune zvinotiyedza,
asi mutinunure kune zvakaipa.

- M Tinunureiwo, Baba kune zvakaipa zvose.
Tinzwireiwo tsitsi,
kuti tigarike murupenyu rwedu, mutibatsire nguva dzose,
kuramba tichinzvenga matadzo nokukunda matambudziko,
takatarisira kuuya
kwoMuponesi wedu, Yesu Kristo.
- M Nokuti ndimi Mambo,
V Ndini Samasimba, mune mbiri narini narini.
- M Mambo wedu Yesu Kristo,
makati kuna vapostori venyu;
Ndinokusiyirai rugare, ndinokupai rugare rwangu;
regai kuringa matadzo edu,
muringe chete chitendero cheSangano renyu,
mupe vana varo vose rugare
nokugarisana schama nehama:
Imi Mwari, munogara muchitonga kwemisi isingaperi.
- V Amen
- M Rugare rwaMambo ngaruve nemi narini.
- V Ngaruve nemiwo.

The bishop takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:

- M Mambo wedu Yesu Kristo, tibatsireiwo isu tose
tava kugamuchira muviri neropa renyu
kusvika kuupenyu husingaperi.

Agnus Dei: Hwayana yaMwari (Fr. Ribeiro)

The bishop says quietly, with hands joined:

M Mambo wangu Yesu Kristo,
ndava kugamuchira muviri neropa renyu, ini munhuwo zvangu.
Regai kundirasa, asi garai neni muchindichengeta.

When the concelebrants have taken their hosts in the hand, the bishop genuflects, raising the host slightly over the paten, he faces the people and says aloud:

M Onai Hwayana yaMwari,
onai nyakubvisa matadzo apasi.
Zvavo avo vakakokwa kumabiko eHwayana.

V Mambo, handikodzeri kuti mupinde muneni, ingotaurai izwi
chete, mweya wangu uponeswe.

They say quietly:

M Muviri waKristo ngaundichengete kusvikira kurupenyu
rusingaperi.

They reverently consume the body of Christ; meanwhile the communion song is begun.

Taking the chalice. the bishops say quietly:

M Ropa raKristo ngarindichengete
kusvikira kurupenyu rusingaperi.

He reverently drinks the blood of Christ.

He then goes to the communicants and says:

M Muviri waKristo.

V Amen.

Communion Hymns

1. Yesu mununuri mauya nhasi
2. Ngatitende Kristo wakatidzikinura
3. Mwari Rudo
4. Mambo Yesu Kristo mununuri wangu
5. Mununuri Yesu
6. Kwaziwai mununuri wezvokwadi
7. Yesu muri kuuya
8. Mangwanani nemanheru
9. Rudo rwaTenzi rukuru
10. Mweya waKristu ndisandisei (Chishawasha)



Prayer after Communion

- M Mwari Baba vedu,
muviri woMwana wenyu wamunotigutsa nawo,
nezwi renyu rinogara munzeve dzedu
ndizvo zvinotiraramisa.
Titaririreiwo isu vatenderi veDunhu reMasvingo neSangano
rose. Tiiteiwo vatenderi chaivo, vakabatana, vanodanana,
vano unhu, imi Nyakugara narini narini.
- V Amen.

Speeches

1. Very Rev. Fr. Kenneth Mapanda (Chinhoyi)
2. Very Rev. Fr. Samson Mutsvanga (Masvingo)
3. Mr. Simon Parwaringira (DPC Chairperson Masvingo)
4. Most Rev. Archbishop Robert C. Ndlovu
5. ZCBC President
6. Monsignor Filipe Fabiane Charge' d' Affairs Apostolic Nunciature
7. Rt. Rev. Raymond Mupandasekwa

Vote of Thanks: ZCCL Chairperson - Mr. S. Gwatirinda

Announcements: Gokomere Mission Chairperson - Mr. M.C. Masakadza

Final Blessing

- M Mwari Baba,
munochengeta vanhu venyu nomoyo uno mutsa.
Munovatonga muchivaratidza rudo.
Ipai Mweya wenyu woungwaru kuna avo
vamakadana kuti vave vadzidzisi vechitendero
navafudzi vavanhu.
Ngavadzidzise mhuri yenyu, ive noutsvene chaihwo,
vagofara nokusingaperi.
- V Amen
- M Ndimi munoziva mazuva
anogara mumwe nomumwe wedu pano pasi.
Tarirai norupfave mabasa atinoita,
mutipe rugare muupenyu hwedu.
- V Amen.

M Vose vamakada kuti vave mabhishopi
 ngavaite basa ravo nomutoo unokufadzai.
 Vatenderi vose navapikiri
 ngavave norudo kuvabhishopi
 sokuda kunoita hwai mufudzi wadzo;
 mabhishopi vadewo vatenderi vavo
 sokuda kunoita mufudzi hwai dzake.

V Amen

M Mwari muna masimba ose,
 Baba + naMwanakomana + naMweya Mutsvene +
 ivai navana venyu ava, muvakomborere,
 mugare navo misi yose.

V Amen

M Mupiro wedu wapera

V Tinotenda Mwari

Eucharist Prayer 111

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The priest with hands extended says:

M You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:

CC Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts, we have brought to you for consecration,

He joins his hands and makes the sign of the Cross once over the bread and chalice together, saying:

that they may become the Body and + Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

He joins his hands.

at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

In the formulas that follow, the words of the Lord should be pronounced clearly and distinctly, as the nature of these words require.

For on the night, he was betrayed

He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

He himself took bread, and giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it,
for this is my Body,
which will be given up for you.

He shows the consecrated host to the people, place it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

After this, he continues:

In a similar way, when supper was ended,

He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

He took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the chalice of my Blood,
the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.

He shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

M The mystery of faith.

And the people continue, acclaiming

V We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:

CC Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving
Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and
Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second
coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living
sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and,
recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to
reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who
are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with
Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

C1 May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may
obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with
your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs (with Saint: *the
Saint of the day of Patron Saint*) and with all the Saints, on
whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for
unfailing help.

C2 May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord,
advance the peace and Salvation of all their world. Be pleased to
confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with
your servant **Francis** our Pope and **Raymond Mupandasekwa**
our Bishop; the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire
people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of the family, whom you have
summoned before you:
in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all
your children scattered throughout the world.

C3 To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory

He joins his hands.

Through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

He takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, raising both, he says:

Through him, and with him, and in him,

O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

The people acclaim:

V Amen.

Then follows the Communion Rite

Recessional Hymns

1. Yesu akadana vadzidzi vokutanga
2. Mai vedu kwaziwai
3. Yeukai Virigo

MASVINGO DIOCESE BRIEF HISTORY

The Diocese of Masvingo was established on the 24th of April 1999 when Gweru Diocese was subdivided into two Dioceses. The first Bishop of the Diocese of Masvingo, Rt. Rev Michael D. Bhasera, took canonical possession of the Diocese after previously laying the foundation of Gokwe Diocese from 1991 to 1999. The Diocese of Masvingo has an area of approximately 70,000 square kilometres and population of about 1,997, 450 people, of these, about 241, 126 are Catholics which is almost 12% of the total population.

The Catholic Diocese of Masvingo is located in the southern part of the country bordering South Africa and Mozambique. It comprises eight civil districts, namely: Beitbridge, Bikita, Chivi, Gutu, Masvingo, Mwenezi, Zaka and Chiredzi. There are four main towns, namely Masvingo, Chiredzi, Beitbridge and Mpandawana. There are a number of growth points such as Jerera, Nyika, Neshuro and Chivi. There are also semi-urban areas like Mashava, Ndanga, Triangle and Rutenga which fall under farming Region Five which has poor rains and hence poor crop production.

The Diocese is divided into nine (9) deaneries which are; Gutu, Lowveld, Masvingo, Zaka, Bikita, Southern, Mwenezi, Chivi and Masvingo South and sub-divided into 20 Missions and 9 Parishes.

The Catholic Diocese of Masvingo has seventy (70) Priests, (68 Diocesan Priests and 2 Oblate (OMI) Priests). It has 3 Brothers of the Sacred Heart. The Diocese has Minor Seminarians, those who are in the pre-major Seminary and 24 Major Seminarians. It also has 61 Sisters of the Child Jesus and 23 Sisters of the Holy Cross.

The Diocese is dedicated to the Queenship of Mary as its Patroness and a Shrine has been built at Gokomere Mission in honour of Mary Queen of Peace whose Feast Day is celebrated yearly on the 22nd of August. At the Shrine there is a stone bell - a mystery that astounds many pilgrims.

