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Dear Confreres,

We are happy to announce that the Holy Father Francis appointed

Fr. Lazarus Vitalis Msimbe SDS

as **Bishop of Morogoro** (Tanzania)

Fr. Lazarus was born on December 27, 1963 at Homboza village, near Morogoro. He professed vows on December 8, 1987, and was ordained a priest on June 21, 1998. He studied Philosophy at the Major Seminary of Kibosho and Theology at the Major Seminary of Segera.

Apart from his formation required to become a priest, he earned a Masters degree in Canon Law at the London University and a Masters degree in International Civil Law at the University of the West of England in Bristol.

Our confrere has been a formator in several stages of the Salvatorian initial formation, being vocational promotor, formator of candidates, and novice master.

Fr. Lazarus was Provincial Superior of the Salvatorians in Tanzania for two consecutive mandates, from 2006 until 2012.

On 13 February 2019, while Fr. Lazarus was the vicar Provincial of the Tanzania Mission Pro-Province and formator of the scholastics at the International Formation House „*Mater Salvatoris*“ in Morogoro, he was appointed Apostolic Administrator *sede plena* for the Diocese of Morogoro, a service he has been accomplishing up to now.

We sincerely congratulate Fr. Lazarus, his family, the confreres of the Tanzanian Mission Pro-Province. We wish him all the best and God's blessing for this important service for the Church.

In Christ the Saviour,


Fr. Milton Zonta SDS
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