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From the Editor

The 2nd quarter publication is here! Dear Reader this publication is filled with excitement, hard work, sacrifice and interesting picturesque views. Our publication this time will



Brian Madongonda

The humbling experience of our office being visited by the Jesuit Delegate of formation Fr Emmanuel Nshimbi SJ, his reflections on the power of media as it gave him reminiscences

of his early years of vocation. This publication is also full of anticipation, the 2nd term is here and it is as usual the most exciting term, for those who love soccer like me, this is the time when the inter house competitions will be a joy to be a part of, keeping to tradition we hope to emerge victorious in the inter schools competitions, for examination classes this is the time when you make or break your academic future.

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From Mission Superior's desk

As we welcome the 3rd Issue of St Rupert Mayer Mission Newsletter, we remember with joy what God has done for us. It has been exactly six months since the arrival of Fr Peter Paul SJ and the departure of Fr Clemence Mutimutema. It is now four months since the first Issue of this noble Newsletter saw the light of publication. We have received visitors from within the Jesuit Province of Southern Africa and far beyond. We have witnessed improvements in our pass rates records for both the Primary School and the High School. All the four structures in the Mission, that are, the Parish, the Primary School, the High School and the hospital begin to feel that they have one heart. Thank you very much everyone, thank you very much the media team for the noble work you are doing, communication is development, communication is unity, communication brings hope and is the vehicle into the future we all desire and hope for.

Our house mantra remains the same *"The new and the future full of hope and success, optimism and joy, a future no one would choose to be left behind is here."*

*Fr Peter Paul SJ*

With this mantra the editorial team felt very much equipped to expand the news coverage, as indicated by this Issue, to report on all the four structures in the Mission, these are, the Parish, the Primary School, the High School and the hospital. Maybe not only the above extension, but one discovers through this Issue that our news coverage has also given space to the major historical events taking place roundabout us. Such great events as the coronation of kings, as demonstrated by the preparations to the coronation of King Charles of England become news for the whole world, thus, the coronation of Chief (king) Chigaro, apparently ahead of King Charles, makes great news in our life and time as St. Rupert Mayer Mission.

At present, the Mission looks forward to the implementation of projects which are meant to reciprocate and augment the major projects which our friends in Germany through the Jesuit Province of Southern Africa are spearheading.

These projects include the construction of the hostels for our beloved children, the state of art canteen, teachers' houses, the school laboratories and classrooms, the solar system in the Mission, the water system, to name few. Subsequently, the Mission Superior is of the idea that the Schools, the hospital, the Parish begin fish farming, dairy, goat project, piggery, fowls project, to mention a few, projects which would support the major and noble projects that our German friends are funding. In his view, this holistic and radical approach to St. Rupert Mayer Mission will most likely hasten the "new future" the future in which self sustainability is enshrined, the future of reciprocation, the future indeed no one choose to be left behind as the wise of all the time say "Where you sit when you are old shows where you stood in youth."

*Fr. Peter Paul SJ**Mission Superior**Saying of the day :*

"If you do not have patience you cannot make beer. " Ovambi proverb.

"A bird does not sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song."



Article on Chaplaincy

The Chaplain and chaplaincy are like oil in a car engine in an institution. Remove chaplaincy in the Catholic schools, the engine which is the common life in a school or a hospital begins to safer visibly. What then is the work of the Chaplain and chaplaincy in the Catholic Mission where there are schools and a hospital? What are the core responsibilities of a Chaplain in Catholic institutions? What is expected of the Chaplain as a leader? Are there values expected from a Chaplain as a professional? This article seeks to outline the expectations laid on the shoulders of Chaplain in a Catholic School and Catholic institutions.

The work of a Chaplain in a Catholic school is to enable the school to serve as a witness to the Catholic faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Part of the work of the Chaplain and the chaplaincy is to make sure that the school is distinctively Catholic in all its aspects. Chaplain normally refers to both ordained and non ordained or lay Chaplain. A Chaplain, therefore, can be safely described as a devoted Catholic who has been appointed by the Bishop or religious Superior. The Chaplain is very important figure in a school, hospital or any institution because their roles are to witness to the Gospel of Jesus through their work; they contribute to the spiritual and pastoral care of all members of the instructions under them. The Chaplain will occupy a central role in implementing the school vision statement and work with the Head Teacher in leading and developing the Catholic life of the school or rather of the institutions put under his or her care. The Chaplain nurtures the faith formation and liturgical life of the school community and or institutions that he or she is put in charge. Chaplains may also work to enhance the religious Education curriculum where appropriate.

A Chaplain has some core responsibilities that are expected of him for his work to be objective. For instance, a Chaplain has to help people under his or her care to recognise God's love for them. It is his duty to help people too to recognise their need for God. He or she is expected to be a person capable of inspiring people through example.

He or she ought to be able to encourage staff members and pupils to live their faith by being involved in the projects relating to social justice and global citizenship. The Chaplain ought to be visible and approachable. His other work is to accompany pupils and staff members at particular stages of their journeys through life. They play a central role in pastoral system. They ought to be interested in the people they work with to an extent of knowing them individually in order to journey with them. The other role that a Chaplain fulfill in a school is to support the Headmaster or mistress, and Mission Superior in their roles.

The Chaplain is a leader. Leaders are expected to have a certain decorum and manner of proceeding which are tangible both on qualitative and quantitative levels. For instance, the Chaplain has to develop and support the spiritual, religious and liturgical life of the school. As a leader he or she uses collaborative style of ministry that encourages a team approach to chaplaincy to develop and lead a chaplaincy team. He has to exercise fairness by offering opportunities of prayer to both staff and students. If the Chaplain is a Priest, they have to celebrate Masses for the students and the staff, if it is a lay person, they have to organise with priests so that Masses are celebrated for the school. The Chaplain being a leader would also need to be creative in developing suitable activities to mark and celebrate the major Feast days and seasons of the Church.

It would also be a quality of a leader for the Chaplain to support staff and pupils in their planning, preparation and leading of liturgical and collective worship. A Chaplain as a leader can also help with the provisions of suitable resources for the prayer life and worship of the school.

They also celebrate and share the faith life of the school with the wider community. Leadership promotes inclusivity, thus, the Chaplain makes sure in his leadership that he organises inclusion of parishioners in the School celebrations where appropriate.

The Chaplain is also a professional hence all roles and qualities that are expected from a professional hinges on the Chaplain too. For instance, it not uncommon that the Chaplain is expected to have input into the school development plan, it's operation and review. He or she is expected to advise the school head and the Mission Superior where possible. The Chaplain is also expected to be able to challenge bad standards and support good standards as a good leader rewards unreservedly good working behaviour and punish severely unwanted behaviour at work. A professional Chaplain knows that they report to and work with the school head and the Responsible Authority or Mission Superior. The Chaplain organises and lead workshops on Catholic ethos for both staff and students. He does this recognising the professional practice of being accountable to the leader of the chaplains through attending meetings that are called by the chains leader.

In conclusion, this article attempted to outline the roles, core responsibilities of a Chaplain and the expectations of a Chaplain as a leader and a professional. The author also attempted a working definition of a Chaplain. The article also unequivocally established that the figure of a Chaplain in schools or in any Catholic institution is indispensable.

Fr Peter Paul SJ



Chaplaincy Office in Action



Do not run away from Home

In this country I think street begging should be reduced by many things. They are many solutions to reduce cases of street begging. Street begging is increasing in our country day by day especially in Harare.

People should be educated, if I was the President I would provide everything for my citizens. Education is the key to life, without education you are at a disadvantage. Orphanages should be more so that all street kids can have shelter, food and clothes. We should build more so that we can accommodate all homeless children. Street kids are kids that have refused to go to school and have been chased away from home or have run away from home. Some of them would have lost their parents and left as orphans, or their parents would be mentally challenged.

If you move around in Harare Town you will see other people pretending to be blind, to be wheel chaired persons and a lot more. That's why they say money is the root of all evil because others do not want to work hard to get money. They want easy jobs, so we need to give people jobs so that they remain off the streets. Jobs are not easy to find these days because of companies closing down. Our population is growing and the jobs are getting fewer. Also, street children have a habit of running away from orphanages looking for drugs because of the drug addiction they developed, so some need rehabilitation first before they are taken to an orphanage, drugs like mandrax, marijuana and glue, especially glue. I think children need to be taught basic work like doing laundry, washing dishes so that they do not see it as a punishment or abuse and they run away from home to live in the streets. Please get educated and have a good life. Do not run away from home because of drugs. No to Street begging! Get a job and make life easier.



Leslie Gijimani Form 2 Blue

Some would have been abandoned by their parents due to separation, divorce or lack of care. After divorce they will not want the child.

If I was the President I would not allow street beggars. This would reduce street beggars, street beggars should be banned as part of child protection.

Most children are now running away from their homes, living in streets, so they need good counselling and guidance. They should be taught to resist peer pressure, some children think that street life is good when they see other kids stealing. Even some adults who are parents also live in the streets.

Some live in the street because they can not afford a house.

We should build more so that we can accommodate all homeless children.

Also more Non Governmental Organisations (NGO) are needed to help those who cannot afford to take their children to school.

They should educate the children and they will be no street begging. Non Governmental Organisations should try to buy food for the children and clothing as well.

They also need a home to stay, like the Mathew Rusike home for the disabled. The community should also support the orphanages with a lot of things, so that they cannot be at a loss for anything. God will give you blessings if you help the poor. Orphanages are another important way to reduce street begging. Others pretend to be so that they get money but that is not the way to get money.

Leslie Gijimani (2 Blue)



Hello everyone,

my name is Marlene I am 18 years old and I am about to graduate from the Carl Spitzweg Gymnasium near Munich, Germany when I first drew this logo, I was in 7th grade and about 12 years old Now, it has been the logo of this amazing project for almost five years! I feel really honored to be a small part of it and would love to hear about you and your school in the future ' I wish you guys all the best and send you many greetings from Germany!



Hopefully hear you soon,
your Marlene



My School

My name is Tinotenda Masara aged 14 and I am in form three right now. As a student at St Rupert Mayer High I have learnt different kinds of things which made me feel at school. I started learning here during first term of form three but I felt like I already had learned there. It is because of the way we do our things, the way we respect each other and the way we learn as a school. It was a great opportunity for me to be here because I am now someone new and different from the person I was before. The reason being I now have good behaviour, great attitude and better standards in school work. I was mostly excited when I was amongst the top ten in academics where we all see where we are and how best we can move. It is my wish as a student to be someone successful in life not because of money but because of who I am. As a student at St Rupert Mayer High School I want to represent my school as the BEST.

SCHOOL TIMETABLE AND DRESSING

At school we have our own way of dressing which is not just a dress code but a unique way of being smartly dressed. In all schools they have their own way of dressing which they do and we as students at St Rupert Mayer High School we also have our own way. At our school we dress in school uniform according to daily the plan. On Mondays girls put on pleated skirts with long sleeved shirts. As for boys they will be in their grey trousers and also long sleeved shirts with grey socks. This kind of dressing is also done on Fridays.



Tinotenda Masara Form 3 O

On Tuesdays we wear our full pleat skirt and short sleeved shirt with white socks and for boys they wear their grey shorts with also a short sleeved shirt. This way of dressing shows that we are a school of good grooming and have smartness in our brains. At school we usually have our specific times of learning and studying. We usually start school at 7.15 and have our breakfast at 9.30. After break we then continue our lessons until 1.00 when we go for our lunch and then after lunch we go back to school for our afternoon study until 4.00. It is only on Weekends when we have our breakfast at 10.00 and we usually have what we call "special meal". At school we are a mixed school including day scholars and borders. We have assembly on Mondays and Fridays every day scholars are supposed to be at on time and coming for school late is an offense that can lead to you in trouble with the head mistress and all the staff members, so for that act a person is given a punishment whether you come from afar or there is a problem. It is a must for every student to come to school on time and not miss any lesson.

ENTERTAINMENT

It is something nice to feel like you are at home whether you are at school because in life they say 'A GOOD BEGINNING IS A GOOD ENDING'. At school most of the time on weekends we have entertain-

. We usually have a movie of Guidance and Counselling where the form 3 to 4 are required to write a summary. We do not just write a summary but it will be marked by the Chaplain Father T Mhaka who will be teaching us how to write compositions and speak English as well as to understand life from day to day life experiences. As for now he has given us two compositions for us to write and we are working hard for it and we are improving. During the weekends we do not have a movie we have a disco party. Most learners prefer disco. On this kind of entertainment they will be challenges of dancing, singing and much more. We usually have a great time doing all this and we hope for the best in our daily lives.

DAY TO DAY MASSES

As we all know that our school is a Catholic Mission School, we usually have our masses every day except for Fridays, Mondays and Saturdays. These are days when we will be having entertainment except for Monday there will be an assembly that is why. On Tuesdays we have a combined mass of form one's and two's, on Wednesdays we have again a mass of form three's and four's and lastly on Thursday we have a combined mass of form 5 and 6. Lastly on Sunday we do our combined mass where we will be attending as a whole school and before we have our mass on Sunday we have our mass practise which when we practise we have duties and give each other chances. Am happy to be among those who are able to save during masses.

By Tinotenda Masara 3 Orange



Save Your Environment

Be either a champion or soldier in safeguarding, protecting, conserving in addition preserving the environment for the future generation. I suggest measures that people can take into account in order to save the environment. I encourage people to make wise exploitation of resources such as the use of stoves and make sure that the stoves are efficient. Taking for example the use of cheap “*totsotso*” stoves that help to reduce the amount of wood used for cooking that is reducing deforestation which may lead to desertification and climate change.

Encouragement of people to do afforestation and reforestation this helps to minimize the amount of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere that is reducing greenhouse effect and on the other hand promote the carbon to sink. Environmental assessment should be taken into account before the launching of the project, this helps in the set up of projects in a manner that does not harm the environment.

New and renewable energy sources must be used such as the using of biogas (from animal and vegetable waste), solar energy and charcoal though to a limited extent because it contributes to the greenhouse effect but it heats better than wood.

I encourage the youth to start up, income generating projects such as broiler production rather than depending on mining in the form of panning and quarrying which harm the environment. Moreover, I encourage people to make use of public transport or walking whenever possible to minimize the release of exhaust fumes into the atmosphere. In addition government should impose a carbon tax to reduce the emission of harmful gases into the atmosphere. The Environmental Management Agency should partner with institutions, for example my school, to help enforce its laws and regulations so as to conserve and protect the environment for future generations. *A level Student*

Samuel Kiniroso

A Pleasant Surprise



As the sun kissed the mountain the weather was cool as a cucumber promising to be a good day which it turned out to be. It was a calm day and the weather was gently blowing from east to west. It was on Monday the 20th of January and I was waiting for my Grade seven results. It was my Birthday. I woke up early in the morning, I did all my house chores sad because no one had wished me happy birthday.

I thought that they had forgotten and I took a bath and I told my mother that it was my birthday but she pretended to be unaware. I was so disappointed when my mother embarrassed me. As you know that a bad beginning makes a good ending. I went to my bedroom and I slept. When I was sleeping they decorated and prepared everything. When I woke up again, I saw everyone dressed in red and white clothes and they were all looking pretty. The moment I saw these, my heart skipped a beat. There was a huge cake. I was as happy as a child and I was in cloud nine. In addition, my mother gave me a white dress and black heels and a gold belt written in capital letters HAPPY BIRTHDAY. I wore my new clothes and I was called to pray for the food. We ate the food and it was delicious, they sang a song for me while I was cutting the cake, everyone was very happy. Then we went to board the car. I was so excited and I did not know where we were going, the birds were singing their melodious songs in the forest. In addition, the road was so greenish and from nowhere I saw a poster written “Hwange National Park”. I was shocked and I cried because of joy. My heart pounded like a drum because of joy. I saw the security guards and they gave us instructions. My dream had come true, at Hwange gamepark I saw a pride of lions, a leopards and geese. Finally we went home and it was indeed an enjoyable day indeed. This was the day I will live to cherish and remember for the rest of my life.

Tinaye Marime Form 2 Blue

Why Climate Change is a Cause for Concern?



Climate change refers to the shift of the long term climatic conditions of an area. In recent years there is global warming which is an increase in temperature due to greenhouse gases being trapped in the stratospheric ozone. Greenhouse gases are the gases that retains heat and capture it for a long time for example carbon dioxide methane and nitrous oxides.

Human causes of climatic change include, burning of fossil fuels like coals produce large volumes of carbon dioxide which causes ozone layer depletion. Increase in the number of poorly serviced vehicles which pollutes the natural atmosphere. Veld fires, they release carbon dioxide which causes global warming. Use of wood as a source of fuel also increases the rate of climate change, because smoke is produced during combustion of wood.

The effects of climate change are that it results in droughts because of abnormal warming of the seas which perturbs the general circulation of the atmosphere. This at the end blocks the south east trade winds which brings rainfall.



Mr M Maurikira

It generates heat waves, high temperatures are experienced due to global warming causing abnormal temperatures on the earth. Such heat can lead to the melting of ice which results in the destruction of other polar areas such as the Antarctica, as well the can lead to the drying up of water sources. There will be biodiversity loss due to excessive evapotranspiration in which plants experiences water stress conditions. This can cause animal extinction, due to shortage of water and food some animal species migrate or can die due to climate change.

Ways to mitigate climate change include, use of environmentally friendly fuel sources such as solar and hydro electricity which are less pollution.

“ There will be biodiversity loss due to excessive evapotranspiration in which plants experiences water stress conditions. ”

Introduction of water harvesting methods such as borehole drilling and dam construction to induce water shortages.

Growing drought resistant crops such as Rapoko and millet, improving food storage to reduce food shortages. Conservation of wetlands and our natural forest which acts as carbon sinks and reduces the presence of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Evidence of climate change in our local community of St Rupert Mayer Mission, include premature crops due to the early disappearance of rainfall, the decrease of vegetation cover on the local forest, decrease of the water table, an increase in the number of people being affected by dehydration due to heat wave, shortage of grazing lands due to limited vegetative growth.

Mr Maurukira M.T

*Geography Teacher
Senior Master St Rupert Mayer High School*

A visit to Makonde

It was a quite cold and rainy winter in Germany when we received the first newsletter from our partnerschool St. Rupert Mayer High school last year. We were happily surprised and very impressed by the topics adressed and the great layout , so my husband, myself and our architect-friends from the Technical University of Munich decided to go there for a visit, to get the chance to meet the editorial crew and all of the teachers, students, priests and anyone, who would like to talk to us in Makonde.

After a very long journey of about 30 hours we arrived at St Rupert s on April 12th and received a very warm welcome from Father Tinashe Mhaka SJ, Brother Edward Mangape SJ, Mr. Brian Madongonda, and Mr. Maurice Maurukira. The next morning we were shown the mission by all of them and we got to visit the garden, animals, solar installations, waterpump, dormitories, church, media Center, hospital, primary school and the highschool with its new scienceblock.

Over the past 17 years the team of architects has been to Makonde multiple times to design and construct buildings in the school-area. They all had been working there for several months and knew the area well by now. However, for my husband and I it was our first time there and since he is a doctor and I work as a highschool teacher in Germany we were both especially eager to visit the hospital and school of course.

The sisters showed us around the Hospital and we got an idea of how much effort they make every day in order to give the best care to the patients, especially to all those women, who come to the mission s hospital to give birth there. We became aware of the circumstances under which the understaffed nurses are giving their best every day. More nurses and a doctor would make a big difference and so we hope, that there will be further support regarding manpower soon.

Dearest greetings from the Carl-Spitzweg-Gymnasium, Germering

Daniela Meyer-Bender



Daniela Meyer-Bender

It was a pity that we could only make the trip during our Easter holidays because all the students in Zimbabwe were on holidays, which didn't allow us to attend some lessons at the school. Being that as it was, Mr. Madongonda and Mrs. Mudzingwa asked some students from the area to come in for some interviews, so we were very, very happy that we got to meet some lovely girls and boys that came by wearing their beautiful school uniforms the next morning.

Father Peter Paul SJ the Mission Superior who on the day of our arrival was away writing exams arrived the same day and he welcomed everyone very kindly, and "the ice" was quickly broken, we even got to see an impressive breakdance performance by one of the students!

We took some official photos and presented some gifts from our school in Germany. Our chess teacher at our Carl-Spitzweg-Gymnasium in Germering for example, sent his best regards and a game of chess with a workbook to the

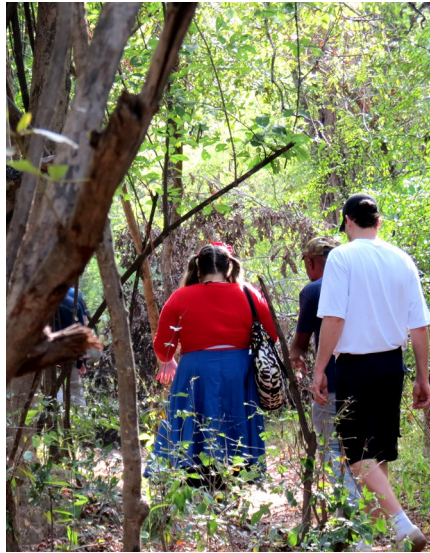
chess team in Makonde, because he read about the last success at the Makonde District Chess Championships in the last newsletter. We also brought a flag, which was designed and painted by a student at our school. The elephant logo is used for all activities at our school that are related to St. Rupert Mayer High School. Some of the students from St. Rupert Mayer High School also tasted our Fairtrade chocolate, the wrapping was specially designed for this project by some of our students.

So - what are these activities that we host at our school? Since 2016, for example, we have been organizing several concerts or a charity run, baking cakes and muffins to sell them at parents' evenings, all to raise money for St. Rupert. So far, the money has been used for the construction of all school buildings. We have now come to get in closer contact because students and teachers at our school want to know more. We hope that the connection will be more than just financial support in the future. We want to produce and share small videos of how we all live and learn, we want to organize email contacts to understand what you think about specific topics and what you like and don't like. It would be great if we could learn from each other!

During our very short stay , we experienced many differences from our life at home and of course we saw some difficulties such as the bumpy road or the water pump problems. But overall, we were left with an overwhelming feeling of having met some of the most kind, powerful and caring people that all work so hard together and make St. Rupert Mayer Mission a very special place. The reality we found was even better than the newsletter and we look forward to you sharing your stories with us!

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Rotaract Harare Dawn

Wow, on the 12th of May 2023 the school was blessed with a visit of St Rupert Mayer Club members of the Rotary Group, Rotaract Harare Dawn.

The members are namely :

Nyengeterai Mahaka- President

Martin Mavesera

Tafadzwa Katemauswa

Viola Dondo

Chipo Ndudzo

Priscilla Primrose Mtombeni

Tafadzwa Sihlahla

Omega Mugumbate

Martha Mangwiro

Michelle Nongogo

Allan Midiwa

The group arrived at the school with an enormous donation of packs and packs of pads, roll on in particular for the Girl Child. They did not leave out the boy child. The boys also received packs of tooth brushes, colgate and roll on. We would like to applaud them for their generosity.

School Co-ordinator Sr Donato





St Rupert Mayer Hospital Staff members

"The hospital provides opportunities for Nurse Aide students and they always get placements from time to time"

Medical Facilities

St Rupert Mayer Mission hospital is a Catholic Institution which is under Chinhoyi Diocese. It is situated in Chigaro area under Headman Chigaro, Chief Makonde, Mashonaland West Province, Makonde District, 90 kilometers from the nearest town Chinhoyi. It serves a population of 3750 and has a capacity of 85 beds. The hospital is a referral center of six (6) clinics namely Hombwe, Naison Dip, Runene, Chipfuwamiti, Zumbara and Mukohwe.

Apart from the aforesaid clinics, it serves clients or patients from Chegutu 6 resettlements which is under Chegutu District. Services provided include curative, supportive, preventive, rehabilitative and spiritual support. The hospital has the following operative departments namely, Outpatient which incorporates Family Child health, Opportunistic Infection, Testing and Counselling. Other departments are Rehabilitation, Wards, Laboratory, Kitchen, Laundry, X - ray and Ultra Sound Scan, Administration, Pharmacy and Theatre.

STAFF ESTABLISHMENT

The hospital is facing a major challenge of absence of medical superintendent. It has gone for 5 years without one. Other critical posts that need to be filled include Clinical Officer, Pharmacy Technician, Health Information Officer and more nurses since we only have 12 out of 19.

ATTACHMENTS

The hospital provides opportunities for Nurse Aide students and they always get placements from time to time. There are other opportunities for Human Resource, Accounting, Finance, and Administration attachments as well.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUNDRIES

Most of the equipment is in good shape. The X -Ray Department may receive the digital machine anytime time soon. The theatre is well furnished only that the absence of a medical superintendent and anesthetist makes it remain idle.

They is a need for more funding. The expenses are always high and in most cases the services being provided always end up not being the expected ones.

TRANSPORT

In terms of vehicles, the hospital has 3 ambulances and a canter truck. Of the three ambulances 2 are land cruisers and one is a JMC. The hospital is currently relying on one land cruiser ambulance the other two ambulances need to be serviced. The truck needs to be serviced as well.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Most of the buildings are still intact and in good shape, only few areas need regular upkeep repairs since the buildings are now old. The government in partnership with UNDP recently constructed a new pharmacy block which is now functional.

ACCOMMODATION

Staff is sharing accommodation, therefore there is need for more houses. In terms of electricity power cuts are still a big challenge. Out of the 12 months, staff members always go for 5 to 6 months without electricity especially during the rainy season. A backup solar plant is a necessity.

Mr B Chaparadza

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PROJECTS

The hospital recently embarked on a project oriented program with the intention of improving the income and possibly create a better position for luring medical superintendents. Currently the hospital has a goat project that is showing positive signs, a community tuck shop that is functional, it provides most of the grocery items and very soon we hope it will expand into clothing for the newly born babies. The chicken Broiler project is doing well and the major market is the high school. All is set for the layers project.

The hospital also has a small farming project that is ongoing, we hope this will expand. The projects are being carried out at a small scale level, the main challenge being lack of enough capital.

Mr B Chaparadza

St Rupert Mayer Hospital

Administrator

The Rehab Department

The St Rupert Mayer Mission Hospital Rehab Department is run by Rehabilitation Technician , Mr Mordicai Mujazi, the department has sections which are:

The Gym, where heavy exercises are done especially to clients who have fully recovered but need extra muscle strength for discharge.

The treatment room for major therapy activities and procedures.

The office where paperwork and departmental administration is done.

The kitchen for occupational therapy 2 storerooms

The hydrotherapy pool which is unfortunately not operational at the moment

The restroom where the Hydrotherapy pool pump is also housed.

As a department we are specialised in rehabilitating clients with physical problems in order to bring them to normal , that is to the functional position considered normal for a human being. There is a lot of therapy sessions which are being done in the department to assist patients and clients in our community.



St Rupert High School First Aid

Sr Chaparadza (Left) Mr Mujazi (Centre) Sr Mandikudza (Right)

The department also assists the High school with First Aid during sporting activities, that is we assist with management of Sports injuries. The department also trains school children basic First aid. In the past few weeks the department has trained at least 15 students on basic first aid and expertly know how to manage minor injuries. Although not fully equipped the department is operating satisfactorily and up to standard.

St Ruperts Rehab department will continue proudly to work alongside the high school to promote quality and expert health care to students and parents.

Mr Mordicai Mujazi

Rehabilitation Technician

Coronation of the Substantive Headman for Chigaro

Shona Article

Speech Extract by Minister For Provincial affairs and Devolution

Mambo Nemakonde, Mhuri yekwaChigaro Provincial Secretary for Provincial affairs and devolution Mr T Jaji Varwi verusununguko, vana Baba nanaMai Vadiki vose varipano, vana vechikoro .Hama neshamwari muripano.

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Headman Innocent Dzorani



Senator P. Mupfumira



Community members of Chigaro village





“Be Part of the solution, not the Pollution”

Among the seven goals of Laudato-Si' ecological education is about re-thinking and re-designing curricular and institutional reform in the spirit of integral ecology in order to foster ecological awareness and transformative action. A proposed set of actions to make progress towards this goal includes developing Laudato Si learning opportunities by implementing a Laudato-Si' education plan and by ensuring that all members of the community are familiar with the local ecosystem, the science and social dimensions of the ecological crisis and ecological virtues". (Overview of the Laudato-Si-Goals and Actions.)

In support of this goal, Save Your Environment, an ecology project running in the mission working with the school health coordinator Mr Imedi P organised an ecology open day for the learners. The day was fully packed with different ecological activities from learners like poems, songs, games, quiz and a cleanup campaign. The gathering was officially opened by Mr Suruvai, the head of the school. He emphasized more on the need for the care of our common home and declared zero tolerance to litter environment.

Ms Zhou on behalf of the school health department highlighted on the importance of a clean and safe learning

Some learners creatively composed songs encouraging others to shun the throw away culture. Mr Machakaire an active parish youth represented the Save Environment team explained the theme of the programme **BE PART OF THE SOLUTION NOT THE POLLUTION** using tangible examples and illustrations. Best performing learners were given some awards based on their creativeness, relevance and originality of their items. Atanashiah and Emmanuel walked away with t-shirts for their best performance in poet and song of the day. The quiz competitions was won by St Paul house who took the trophy. The Save Environment Club displayed their hand made crafts from recycled materials. The day ended well with a school grounds cleanup campaign. Littering makes the world bitter so lets STOP IT!

Save Your Environment Programme

Facilitator





ZERO-TOLERANCE TO LITTER

*A step towards reducing pollution by 95%, by year 2024
in St Rupert Mayer Mission*



SAVE YOUR ENVIRONMENT
BE PART OF THE SOLUTION NOT THE PROBLEM

**KEEP YOUR ENVIRONMENT
CLEAN**

**SAVE YOUR ENVIRONMENT BY 2024
PROGRAMME**



A Cowrie of Hope

It will be surely unfair if I were to reflect on my High school memories without mentioning and appreciating the role played by St Rupert Mayer High School and Mission at large in shaping me to be a better student during my time at school and consequently who I am today. I was at the school since form 1 and have very fond memories from this period going forward but my most memorable part of high school life is between the period 2016-2017 when I passed my Ordinary level public examinations which then allowed me to proceed to Advanced level and pursue an academic combination of my choice, whilst studying as an A Level student I was honoured to be chosen the school Headboy of St Rupert Mayer High School.

At first I was hesitant but owing to the Jesuit values we had been taught of becoming more (Magis) I decided to take the challenge head on. As I reflect, I would like to express my gratitude towards the Mission Superior then Fr Chrispen Matsilele SJ, Fr Frank Taruwona SJ who was then Chaplain, the school Headmistress Mrs K Mudzingwa and all staff members for entrusting me with the responsibility to lead.



Takudzwa Machakaire

To be honoured as Head boy was an inspiration and motivation to improve my individual growth and by extension that of my peers, as we were especially guided by the Jesuit values of Magis and Giving back to the community. The inspiration of these values together with the commendable efforts put by the teachers helped me not only as a Head boy but also academically as a student to pass my A Level with better grades.

Apart from my individual pass personally, I also broke the school record of the highest pass mark from all the previous Head boys at the school. Bidding farewell to high school life after completing A Level was a painful experience since I was enjoying good relations with both the students and staff. Nonetheless it was a necessary move since I had to pursue my studies so that I could set an example for my fellow young brothers and sisters within the mission.

“My dream was fulfilled in the year 2021”

With the help of the Jesuit funding program, I secured a place at Midlands State University to study towards Human resource Management, much gratitude to Fr Clemence Mutimutema SJ who was the Mission Superior then. When I started my studies, my next mission and dream was to come back at the school as a volunteer teacher giving back to the family and community that helped shape my life. My dream was fulfilled in the year 2021-2022 when I got my first chance to join the institution as a voluntary teacher and I must say it is an enriching experience.

I now feel that I have a bigger part to play in the Mission after my studies and look forward to continuing helping the institution, by the Grace of God if I manage to secure funding for the last semester of my Undergraduate degree.

Takudzwa Machakaire

*St Rupert Mayer High School
Headboy*

2016-2017

2023 TERM 2 COMMENCES

Creative Writing



Poems By Ginah Being A Teenager

I am a teenager!
 They say:
 Read books do not play too much
 I used to be in bed by eight
 Now I am older I can stay up late

Being a teenager is simple;

There are lumps, bumps and the occasional pimples
 My moods are strange
 I am adapting to the change

Age brings priviledge
 Until,
 Daily chores. Fun is no more
 Though its not difficult as it sounds
 Its hard to land both feet
 On the ground

I am now a teenager
 That's what I will be
 Until I eventually turn

Twenty!!!

LIFE

Life is a song, sing it
 Life is a struggle, accept it
 Life is a tragedy, confront it
 Life is an adventure, dare it
 Life is luck, make it
 Life is too precious, do not destroy it
 Life is too precious, do not destroy it
 Life is life, fight for it
 Life is an opportunity, benefit from it
 Life is beauty, admire it
 Life is a dream, realise it
 Life is a challenge, meet it
 Life is a duty, complete it
 Life is a game, play it
 Life is a promise, fulfil it
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