



### **Anglophone Delegation opens Bro. Mathurin Pre-postulancy Community**

**BALAKA, Malawi** - On the solemnity of the immaculate conception of the blessed virgin Mary, the Anglophone delegation officially opened and blessed a new pre-postulancy house called *Brother Mathurin Rangeard Pre-postulancy Community* in Andiamo, Balaka.

The function took place in the premises of the community, and it was presided over by Fr Davie MAMBO, Vicar General of the diocese of Mangochi along with priests from various religious congregations. It all started with the blessing of the eight-room gorgeous house and climaxed by a colorful Eucharistic celebration. Also in participation were men and women from various religious congregations around Balaka parish, local church leaders and neighboring lay faithful.

Speaking towards the end of the celebration, both the vicar general and the superior delegate underscored the relevance of this initial formation house to the greater mission of the Church.

“We cannot talk of the Catholic church in Mangochi diocese without the Montfort Missionaries...this house represents a continued hope for the future as far the presence of the Montfort Missionaries and their efforts to sharing the Good News is concerned.”

On his part the Superior Delegate, Fr. Paul MASHONGA, SMM hinted on what a joy it is now that the delegation has a settled formation community. He went on to thank Fr. Piergiogio GAMBA, SMM who was instrumental to the construction of the premises and the realization of

the Anglophone plans. Fr. Paul announced that this community shall also be a home to people that need spiritual refreshment and nourishment through moments of prayer.

After years of its construction, the pre-postulancy house was first occupied by Fr. Francis MUHANGI, SMM and Fr. Innocent MWANOKA, SMM on 27 September 2022. The two were shortly joined by three candidates: Alloys AGABA and Edwin NUWAHA both from Uganda and Alexander LIHOWA from Malawi. These three candidates will pioneer the delegation's new arrangement of doing pre-postulancy for a year henceforth.

The community has been named after Brother Mathurin Rangeard, the first follower of Montfort in his missions, to emulate his spirit of total self-giving, extra-ordinary humility and a burning zeal for the mission. We continue to pray that the brother Mathurin formation house is indeed a true home to all children of Mary who wish to follow the footsteps of Montfort in the likeness of the poor Apostles.

*Fr. Innocent MWANOKA, SMM*