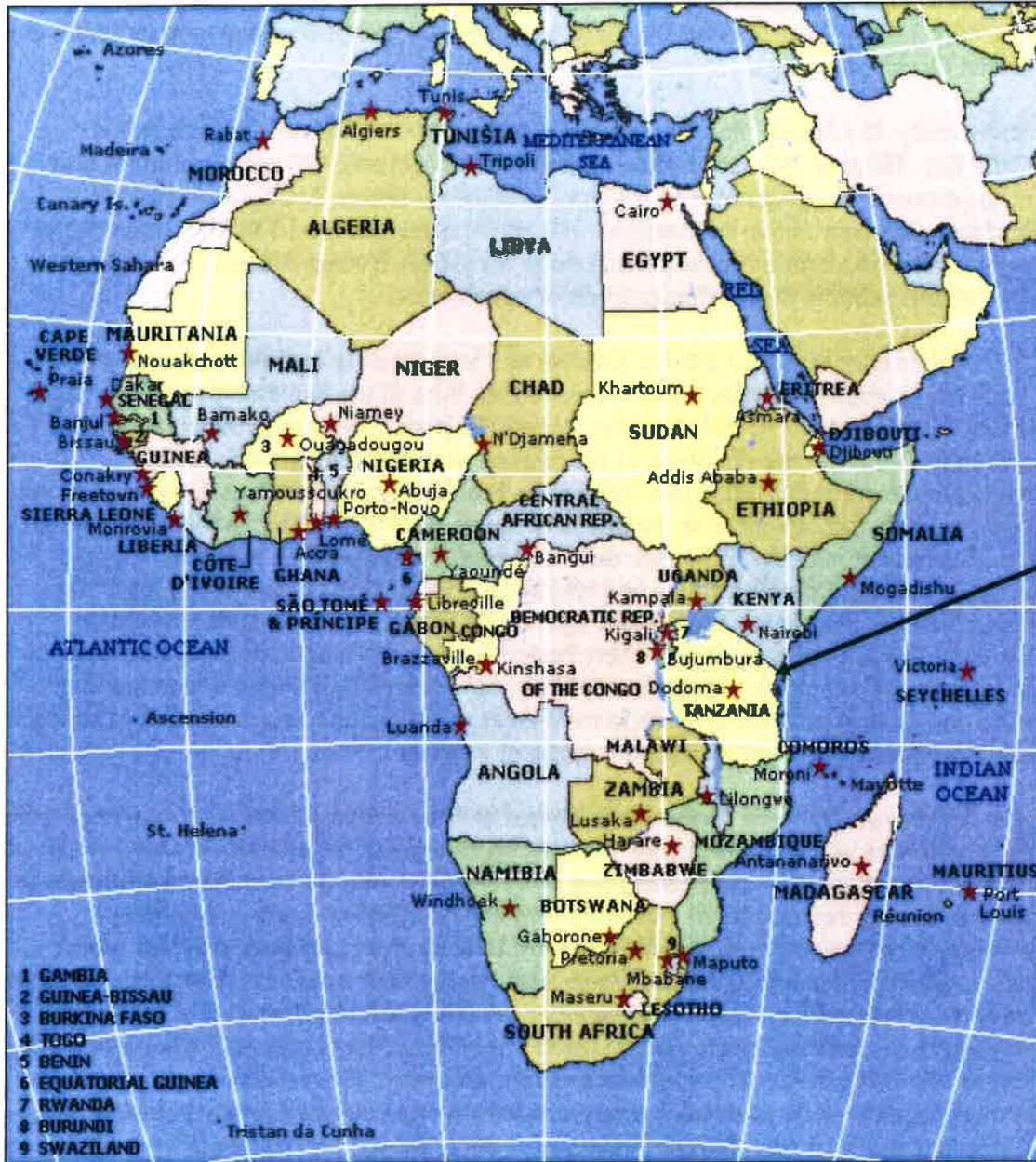


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LOCATION OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF TANGA IN TANZANIA



THE MISSIONARY WORK IN THE DIOCESE OF TANGA-TANZANIA

The Catholic Diocese of Tanga is in the Northeastern coast of Tanzania, East Africa. It borders Kenya and Uganda on its north, Rwanda and Burundi on its north-west, Republic of Congo on the West, Zambia on south-west, Malawi and Mozambique on its south, and Indian Ocean on its east.

Statistically, the diocese has the population of 2,500,000 of whom 10% are Roman Catholics. There are 65 native priests, 22 missionary priests, 480 native religious sisters of the diocesan congregation, 35 religious missionary sisters, 5 religious missionary brothers, 20 major native seminarians, 210 native catechists, and 150 high school level seminarians who aspire for the priesthood in the future. Bishop Anthony has more than 30 Catholic schools with different levels of education.

One of the major task the Catholic Diocese of Tanga faces is to make the presence of Jesus Christ and His Gospel known to more than 90% of the diocesan population which is not Catholics. Most of people in the diocese are poor. They are living on subsistent economy. Many people are living in the rural areas where they get very little opportunities for public education and public health. Even those who are living in urban centers where they are close to the public services, little is provided to them because of the government inability to finance those services. Every resource which the diocese earns is directed towards training and educating good church personnel to preach the Good News to the hungry souls, erecting catholic schools for thousands of children, conducting adult literacy classes where basic life skills are taught, opening dispensaries in villages for primary health care, erecting simple church buildings for worshipping, initiating clean tape water projects in rural areas, and helping to erect small food storages in villages to help peasants during the times of shortage.

The Diocese of Tanga in Tanzania is blessed to have a high school level seminary with the population of 270 seminarians who are on formation for priesthood in the future. It also has 30 young men graduated from this seminary who are in college seminaries in various college seminaries in Tanzania who are in different levels of seminary formation. 98% of all these seminarians are coming from very poor families which can't afford to financially support them undergoing their seminary formation expenses in paying their tuition and upkeep supplies. As the result the Bishop of Tanga needs to support these seminarians to nurture their vocations. This is why my bishop goes to the larger church to make financial and spiritual appeals to financially support these young people in their formation process to become well equiped future priests in our Catholic Church. Every donation received is going to support the education and formation of our poor seminarians.

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