

## **Pastoral Training Centre Bukedea**

**Establishment and Mandate:** Pastoral Training Centre Bukedea is an inter-diocesan institution for on-going formation of the laity. The Centre was established in 1968, three years after the end of the Second Vatican Council, with the purpose of providing *a means of ensuring a trained and continually updated lay leadership within Soroti Catholic Diocese and Tororo Archdiocese*. In the year 2018, on the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, the Pastoral Centre celebrated a golden jubilee (1968-2018) of humble service to the Catholic Church in Soroti and Tororo.

**Programs offered:** Pastoral Training Centre Bukedea offers two types of programs namely Basic and On-going formation. These are implemented by means of residential and outreach programs. Basic training programs are designed for lay leaders who have not had initial training in their respective fields of apostolate while ongoing formation programs are tailored to benefit all those who have received basic formation either at the Pastoral Centre or at St. Paul's Catechists' Formation Centre Kidetok.

### **Basic training programs:**

#### **1.1 Training of vernacular catechists.**

This category of catechists constitutes 2/3 of all catechists. They are chosen by local Christian communities and presented to Parish Priests who appoint them to serve as area catechists. They are directly responsible for the day-to-day administration of local Christian communities. The Pastoral Centre offers this group of catechists a four-week's workshop based course tailored to equip them with basics on the Church, the Bible, Liturgy and social leadership. At the end of their training they are commissioned by the responsible Pastoral Coordinator and awarded certificates in catechesis and social leadership level I.

#### **1.2 Training of grade II catechists.**

Basic training for grade II catechists takes five months: three for academic input and two for pastoral practice. The three months for academic formation are broken down into phases of monthly residential training followed by a month of pastoral practice in the home parish of the participant.

At the end of their training, the participants are commissioned by the Bishop during a Eucharistic celebration and officially given the canonical mandate to present the Gospel teaching, engage in liturgical worship and in works of charity as explained in the Code of Canon Law (**Can.785 par.1**) in the capacity of grade II catechists. The catechists receive from the Bishop a Bible-a major tool in their apostolate, a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and a certificate in catechesis and social leadership level II.

Specific competences and program outcomes of catechists who have completed this training include:

- ✓ Leading Sunday Word Celebrations and burial rites in the absence of a priest
- ✓ Instructing catechumens prior to Christian Initiation

- ✓ Instructing parents in preparation for infant baptism
- ✓ Forming and maintaining Small Christian Communities
- ✓ Instructing couples in preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of matrimony or renewal of marriage vows.
- ✓ Visiting and praying with the sick and preparing them for the sacraments of the sick.
- ✓ Collaborating with other catechists in their day to day pastoral engagements.
- ✓ Some of these catechists are appointed and commissioned to serve as Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion as local needs may call for.

### **1.3 Training of Parish Pastoral Councils**

All Parishes in Soroti Catholic Diocese and Tororo Archdiocese have Parish Pastoral Councils. Members of these councils serve for a period of three years and thereafter new ones elected. For effective leadership, the newly elected members are trained by the Pastoral Centre in collaboration with the Diocesan Pastoral Coordinator, through the outreach arm of the program, and commissioned by the Ordinary of the Diocese.

### **1.4 Training of Choir leaders/Liturgy Organizers**

This is a practical course designed for people who animate liturgy in parishes. By this training they are helped to understand the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (SC) and how to apply its principles in planning and celebrating the sacred liturgy in their respective parishes.

### **1.5 Training of leaders of Small Christian Communities**

Formation and maintenance of Small Christian Communities still remains one of the pastoral priorities in both dioceses. The Pastoral Centre trains parish animators of these communities who in turn reach out and train other animators at grass root levels.

### **1.6 Training of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

In order to respond to the ever-growing thirst for Holy Communion among the faithful especially the sick, the elderly and in large congregations with limited number of Ordinary Ministers, the Pastoral Centre in consultation with the Ordinary of the Diocese has introduced an annual training program for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

#### **On-going formation programs:**

These include of refresher courses, workshops/seminars and retreats facilitated at the Pastoral Centre and tailored to benefit all those who have received basic formation.

#### **Program beneficiaries:**

The average annual intake for program beneficiaries during residential courses, retreats and seminars is between 35 and 50 participants.

### Leadership of the Pastoral Centre over the years

1968-1976:	Rev. Fr. Andrew Burm mhm Victor Ojangole James Akol	-Founder Director -Facilitator and Deputy Director -Facilitator
1977:	The institution temporarily closed down due to political instability	
1978-1980:	Rev. Fr. Augustine Opolot	-Director
1981-1991:	Rev. Fr Bernard Charles Phelan mhm Joseph Waswa (1991-1994)	-Director -Facilitator and deputy director
1992 to date:	Boniface Khaukha Charles Ongwara (1994 to date)	-Director - Facilitator and deputy director

### Work plan and budget for 2020

SN	ACTIVITY	DURATION	AMOUNT	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
01	Staff retreat	April	1,180,000	Retreat Director
02	Phase I of training for grade II catechists Soroti & Tororo	May	7,337,000	Staff
03	Basic leadership course for grade I Tororo	June	7,287,000	Staff
04	Phase II of training for grade II Catechists Soroti & Tororo	June-July	7,337,000	Staff
05	Basic leadership course for grade I Soroti	July-Aug	7,287,000	Staff
06	Phase III of training for grade II Catechists Soroti & Tororo	Sept-Oct	16,160,000	Staff and visiting facilitators
07	Leadership course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion- Shift one	Oct-Nov	9,412,000	Staff and visiting facilitators
08	Leadership course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion- Shift two	Nov-Dec	9,412,000	Staff and visiting facilitators
09	Administrative costs	Annual	12,525,957	Director
10	Salaries and wages	Annual	16,960,000	Director
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>94,897,957</b>	

