

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S**  
SOROTI CATHOLIC DIOCESE



**PARISH MUKONGORO**  
P.O.BOX 235 KUMI, UGANDA

## **PROFILE OF ST AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC PARISH**

### **BACKGROUND OF THE PARISH**

St. Augustine Catholic Parish is located in Mukongoro sub-county in Kumi District. It is 20kms South of Kumi, along Pallisa Road. It covers an area of about 205.08 sq. kms with a Christian population estimated at 33,850.

It was first started as an outstation at Oleicho village during the rule of Kakungulu in the early 1900's. After the departure of the Baganda, it was then moved to Oladot village by the Parish Chief of Oleicho called Olinga, son of Okoboi. It was then transferred to Mukongoro at the present site of Mukongoro Rock Primary School. After being moved to the Parish Chief's land next to Mukongoro High School, it was then moved to its current location.

The idea of elevating it to a parish status dates back to Rev. Fr. Boonen Simon (RIP), a Mill Hill Missionary in 1945. From then, St. Augustine Catholic Church has been one of the 53 outstations under St. Paul's Catholic Parish Kumi. Due to the vastness of the Parish, the earlier conceived idea of Fr. Boonen had now gotten fertile soil to yield its fruit. At the time of its carving from Kumi Parish, it had four zones and two sub-counties of Mukongoro and Kanyum. Currently however, it has eight zones of Oladot, Onyakelo, Kakures, Mukongoro, Ogosoi, Kadami, Omurang, and Kanyum. It has twenty nine outstations with one chapel.

### **PRIESTS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE PARISH.**

Mukongoro was officially pronounced as an independent Parish on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2014 by Bishop Emmanuel Obbo. Rev. Fr. Deogratius Tembo Okonye was appointed as founding Parish Priest. On 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017, Rev. Fr. Samuel Okiria was appointed as Assistant Parish Priest of St. Augustine Catholic Parish. He served the Parish till 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 when he was appointed Bishop's Private Secretary. Rev. Fr. Joseph Onyait, the current Parish Priest, was appointed in August 2019. St. Augustine Mukongoro Parish was officially dedicated by Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Echiru Oliach on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

## **PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS BORN OF THE PARISH.**

The Parish promotes vocations and currently has three Priests born of the Parish, two Religious Sisters, two major seminarians and five minor seminarians.

## **ZONES AND CATECHISTS**

<b>Zones</b>	<b>Number of Catechists</b>	<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>
08	43	03	06	34

The Parish has Eight Zonal Catechist Coordinators, Twenty-two Area Catechists and thirteen Assisting Catechists.

## **REGISTERS**

	<b>Infant Baptism</b>	<b>Adult Baptism</b>	<b>Holy Matrimony</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>	<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>
<b>No.</b>	43,063	5,044	148	1,099	1,762	93

Since the inception of the Parish, there has been a steady growth in faith and number of Christians.

## **DEVOTIONS AND MOVEMENTS.**

The Parish currently has a very strong charismatic movement. Legion of Mary, Divine Mercy devotion, the devotion to Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows, and the Missionary Childhood have also been introduced.

## **EDUCATION**

In the Education sector, the Parish has ten (10) Catholic-founded primary schools and one technical institute.

## **PHOTOS**

**Bishop Joseph Eciru Oliach with the Priests and Catechists in front of the Parish House after the dedication of the church.**



**The Parish Church**

