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*"We can't row the canoe fast with one paddle"
(African proverb)*

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Dear fellow coordinators,

New Superiors. The process of electing new Superiors in AFRAM is still going on. Last March we had the list of the new Province of **Togo** and the Region of **Madagascar**. This April we have the line-up of the **Congo** Province: Provincial Bernard Ilunga wa Ilunga, Vice-Provincial Willibrord Kamion, Admonitor Valerian D'Souza, Councilors Théotime Ubole and Piotr Handziuk; **Mozambique** Mission: Superior Kondrad Jozef Klich, Vice-Sup. Rolando Reyes, Admonitor Bruno Yirzie; **Kenya** is back to its full status as Province: Provincial Eusebio Managbao, Vice Provincial Carlos Lima, Admonitor Martin Cingel, Councilors Justus Ruttuk and Peddy Castelino. We thank sincerely Fr. John Rock Serrao the outgoing Provincial delegate of Kenya and his Council. The superiors of Togo, Madagascar, Mozambique and Congo have been reelected. We congratulate them for the trust the confreres have given them to continue their ministry for their respective province, region and mission.

First African Apostolic Nuncio assigned to Africa. There are only two African Apostolic Nuncios so far. The first one is assigned to Madagascar (distinct from Africa). Very recently we have a second one who will be assigned to an African country! We got the information during our courtesy visit to our confrere Apostolic Nuncio, Mgr. Michael Blume last February. His name is Mgr. Léon B. Kalenga of the Democratic Republic of Congo (diocese of Luebo), assigned as Apostolic Nuncio to Ghana! He was appointed on the first of March but the information was not disseminated until the confirmation of the Ghanaian government. He will be ordained bishop in May 1 in Rome and is expected to be in Ghana in the end of the same month. The office of the Symposium of the Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM) is actually in Ghana.

Mgr. Kalenga has been serving in the Nunciatures of several African countries: Zambia, Malawi, Egypt and Zimbabwe (where he got to know our Provincial Bernard Ilunga wa Ilunga). He was also in Haiti, Brazil and most recently in Japan. His motto is "Soyez forts dans la foi!" meaning, « Be strong in faith! ».

Workshop for formators. The preparations for the coming Workshop for formators set for July 28 – August 2 in Lusaka, Zambia are going on. Fr. Omir Oliveira our host coordinator is taking care of the visas, contact with the participants and the organisation of the seminar. The participants are those working in the Noviciate and Pre-Noviciate levels.

Fraternaly yours in the Divine Word,
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** Thanks to Bro. Guy Mazola for the logo of the SVD AFRAM Zone (see letter-head).*