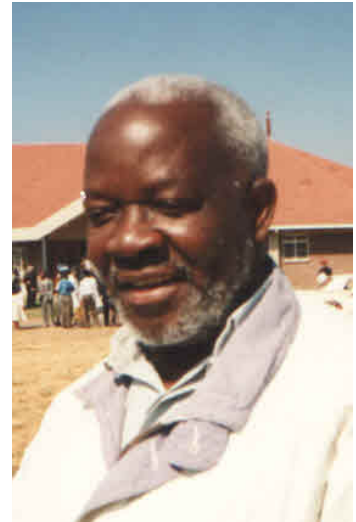


11 January

Br AUGUSTINE KANDAWASVIKA

24 May 1938 – 11 January 2021

Born in Chibaya, Hwedza, 150 kms SE of Harare, Augustine went to St Paul's school, Sanga, nearby for his primary education. Drawn to religious life, he joined the newly formed Claver Brothers Congregation which proved unsustainable and, when it was wound up in 1967, the brothers were free to make new choices. Augustine chose to apply to the Society and he was among the first to start the novitiate in Lusaka in 1969.



On returning home he was assigned to St Peter's Mbare where he did pastoral work in the township. He was there with Wim Smulders whose death in a car crash near Beatrice prompted 32 buses to be hired to take mourners to Warren Hills where Wim was buried. It was the old parish, somewhat bleak in appearance and spartan in life style, but it flourished.

In 1979, Augustine moved to St George's to study accountancy and book-keeping with a view to being a minister in one of our houses. After a year, he did in fact move to a succession of houses for this purpose: Waterfalls Novitiate, St Ignatius College, Prestage House, and Makumbe.

From 1992-94 he was minister at Arrupe Juniorate in Avondale in the old convent attached to St Anne's hospital, in succession to Br Franz Gabriel. When that work was subsumed into the new Arrupe College, Augustine moved to Makonde but he was unhappy there. Fr Christian Weichsel was the pastor and Augustine felt he was treated as a servant and was being forever supervised. After two years he moved to St Ignatius and, although he moved three more times, it was there that he spent his last days, finally succumbing to COVID in January 2021.

Augustine was never an active energetic worker and perhaps he had some underlying condition that drained his energy as he always seemed to be tired. He was a gentle, peaceful and seemingly contented man, never one to get over excited by events. Abiding memories of him would include his calming nature and quiet smiling presence.