

14 August 2025

Br Jonathan Jacob Chazura

15 March 1958 – 14 August 2025

He was 67 years old, in his 68th year of life; in his 49th year in the Society; and in his 34th year of Final Vows.

Ort. 15 March 1938
Loc. Nat. Chirau, Diocese of Chinhoyi
Ingr. 13 June 1977
Loc. Ingr. St Francis Xavier Novitiate,
Lusaka, Zambia
Mag. St Albert's Mission ('82) Gurube St
Joseph's ('83')

Stud. St George's (1981)
Tertianship 1991, Pymble, Australia
Grad. Formed Brother (FF)
Loc. Grad. Makumbi Mission
Dies. 01 January 1992
Defunc. 14 August 2025

Loc. Defunc. Harare, Zimbabwe
Date of Funeral 18 August 2025
Place of Funeral: Chishawasha Mission, Harare, Zimbabwe
Place of Burial: Chishawasha Cemetery, Harare, Zimbabwe
Prov. SAP



Brother Jonathan Chazura, S.J., died peacefully on 14 August 2025 at Richartz House in Harare in the 68th year of his life, the 49th year of his Jesuit vocation, and the 34th year since his Final Vows. He was surrounded by devoted carers and medical staff who had accompanied him during his final months.

Born on Saturday, 15 March 1958, Brother Jonathan entered the Society of Jesus on Monday, 13 June 1977 in Lusaka, Zambia. He pronounced his Final Vows on Wednesday, 1 January 1992.

He served in many apostolates across Zimbabwe. After his novitiate in Lusaka, Zambia (1977–1979), he returned to Zimbabwe to work in parish ministry in Sinoia (1980) and studied at St George's College (1981). He then began a long period of service in rural mission stations: at St Albert's Mission in Mount Darwin (1982), Gurube's St Joseph Station (1983), and St Albert's Mission in Centenary (1984–1990). In 1991, he undertook his Tertianship in Pymble, Australia.

Returning to Zimbabwe, he served at Makumbi Mission (1992–1997) as Administrator and Vocations Promoter, and then at Musami Mission (1998–2006) in the same capacities. From 2007 to 2011, he lived at Emmaus House in Mount Pleasant, Harare, serving as Vocations Director, Guest Master, and Bursar at Arrupe College. He was Administrator of Chishawasha Mission (2012–2020), Pastoral Worker at St Stephen's Parish in Dzivarasekwa (2021), and from 2022 until his death, Director of the St Peter Faber Jesuit Spirituality Centre at Silveira House, while also serving as Guest Master, Admonitor, and House Consultor.

Brother Jonathan faced illness with courage, patience, and deep faith. For the last ten months of his life he lived with advanced cancer of the stomach, a condition that gradually weakened his strength. In his final five weeks, the illness spread and caused severe liver and kidney failure, leaving him increasingly frail. He also lived for several years with diabetes and congestive heart failure, which made his daily life more challenging but never diminished his warmth and generosity of spirit. There was a sudden decline in the last few weeks. Though he spoke little, he welcomed visitors and family with quiet gratitude and growing acceptance of his frailty. He passed away peacefully at 11:10 a.m. on 14 August 2025, entrusting himself entirely to the Lord he had served for nearly five decades.

May he rest in the peace of Christ whom he served so faithfully.

Extracts from the Province Catalogues for Brother Jonathan Jacob Chazura, S.J.

1977/8	Lusaka	Entered novitiate in Lusaka, Zambia on 13 June 1977
1978/9	Lusaka	Novice
1980	Corpus Christi Church, 20 Garrard Drive, Sinoia	Collab apud paroeciam
1981	St George's Collge	Studet
1982	Mt Darwin - St Albert's Mission	adj admin scholae
1983	Chishawasha - Guruve St Joseph Station	adj in miss, Catech
1984-1990	Centenary - St Albert's Mission	adj in miss
1991	Pymble, Australia	ag an tert prob
1992-1993	Makumbi Mission - Visitation Residence	adj in admin
1994-1995	Makumbi Mission - Visitation Residence	Administrator
1996-1997	Makumbi Mission - Visitation Residence	Administrator, Vocations Promoter
1998-2006	Musami Mission - St Paul's Residence	Administrator, Vocations Promoter
2007-2008	Emmaus House - Mount Pleasant	Vocations Director, House Consultor, Bursar at Arrupe College
2009-2011	Emmaus House - Mount Pleasant	Guest Master, Vocations Promoter, Bursar at Arrupe College
2012-2020	Chishawasha Mission	Administrator
2021	St Stephen's Parish and Residence - Dziwarasekwa	Pastoral Worker
2022-2025	Chishawasha - Silveira House	Retreat Ministry, Director St Peter Faber Jesuit Spirituality Centre (since 19 Sep 2022); Guest Master; Admonitor (since 2021); Consultor (since 2021).

Brother Jonathan had previously been admitted to Richartz House, the Province Infirmary in Harare, from 20-26 June 2017. Some years later he also visited Cape Town, South Africa for cardiac care in October-November 2023 and was later recuperating at Richartz House from 16 December 2023 until his death on 14 August 2025. Whilst at Richartz House he continued what work he could until his declining health made that impossible. He was much beloved and very popular both in and outside of the Society.

May he rest in the Peace of Christ