



23 August 2023
Fr Daniel Kamuzyu, SJ
(1982 – 2023)

He was 41 years old and 13 years in the Society of Jesus, and in his first year of Priesthood.

Ort. 20 Aug 1982

Loc. Nat. Masabuka, Zambia

Ingr. 08 Jul 2010

Loc. Ingr. Lusaka, Zambia

Ord. 06 Jul 2022

Loc. Ord. Lusaka Zambia

Defunc. 23 Aug 2023

Loc. Defunc. Zewe, Angónia, Tete, Mozambique

Date of Funeral: 02 Sep 2023

Place of Funeral: Kasisi, Zam

Prov. SAP

Daniel was born in 1982 in Mazabuka and went to Mukasa Minor Seminary for his secondary schooling. There he met on the staff the Jesuit scholastics: Christopher Nyirenda with his enthusiasm; Peter Bwanali who later as provincial would admit him into the Society; and Nathan Miti who became his novice master.

After Mukasa, he was not chosen by the Monze Diocese to continue to the major seminary. He tried the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) for a while but did not stay long. He then went to Charles Lwanga Teachers Training College. On completion of his course, he was immediately given a position in Mulongaalwini School. However not long afterwards he was transferred to Chikuni Basic School because of his ability in the literacy program. He soon became the zonal coordinator of the program. He had a special gift with children and found it easy to gather them as his friends wherever he worked. He had quite a full and fulfilling life even before he entered the novitiate.

He joined in 2010 and did his philosophy in Arrupe College (2013-2015) and then went on to regency at St Ignatius College Lusaka (2016-2017). Later he would complete his regency while taking a break from theology (2018-2019), working first at St Ignatius parish and then in Chikuni at Canisius Secondary School as school chaplain. He was ordained in 2022 and served as an assistant chaplain in UNZA for six months while he waited for his work permit to go to Mozambique. He taught at St Ignatius Loyola Secondary School (ESIL) in Angonia. It was while he was being driven back to the school at night by the scholastic Belmiro Molande, from a session Daniel had run in Malawi, that the car overturned on the road and both of them died.

His fellow Jesuits will remember him as a person who was dedicated and hardworking. He never indulged in gossip, was never part of any clique and always had a kind word for everyone. Three things characterized him: his love for other people that helped him bring out the best in them; his kindness towards other people that lifted them up when they were down; and his boundless joy that brought him through the most trying times and helped him carry others as well.