

December 22

Br. Matthieu Gombo Yange

Br. Matthieu was born at Botela, Democratic Republic of Congo on November 12, 1964. He entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Custody of the Congo on August 16, 1983. He was ordained to the priesthood at Bwamanda by Bishop Joseph Kesenge on August 16, 1992. Between 1992 and 1994, he studies pastoral theology at the “Faculties Catholique de Kinshasa”. He then taught at the local seminary 1995-1997.

In 1994, he is named as the first definitor of the Vice-Province of Congo. In 1999 he was appointed to serve at the Padre Pio Institute of Religious Studies in Petroria, South Africa, where young Capuchins from various countries in East Africa were educated. In 2010, he enrolled in a doctoral program in pastoral theology in Rome at the Lateran Pontifical University and graduated with a doctorate.

During the summers of 2008 and 2009, he came to the Diocese of Nelson to serve in replacement ministries. In the summer of 2010, he came to the Diocese permanently and in 2011 was appointed pastor of the Trail parishes. Subsequently, he was appointed director of Seton House of Prayer. He also served for extended periods in Castlegar and Summerland B. C.

He died of cancer at Kelowna General Hospital during the evening of Tuesday December 22, 2015. The liturgy for Christian Burial took place on Saturday January 16, 2016 at 10 a.m. at St. Philip Neri Parish, Toronto, Ontario. He was interred in Evergreen Cemetery alongside our Capuchin brothers in the Capuchin section of Evergreen Cemetery in

