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### 46<sup>th</sup> Virtual Graduation Ceremony

18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020



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#### THE ROLE OF PHILOSOPHY IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF POST-PANDEMIC SOCIETY







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### CIP 46th VIRTUAL GRADUATION CEREMONY

**THEME: THE ROLE OF PHILOSOPHY IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF POST-PANDEMIC SOCIETY**

18th September, 2020

**Guest of Honour:** His Excellency Archbishop Bert Van Megen,  
*Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya and South Sudan.*  
*Permanent Observer to UNEP and UN-Habitat*

#### Programme

09.15am	Inauguration and blessing of the Statue of Our Lady Consolata
09:30am	<b>Gathering at the CIP Edith Stein Hall</b>
09:40am	<b>Kenya National Anthem- English</b>
09:45am	<b>Opening Prayers:</b> Representative of Formators: Rev. Fr. Geoffrey Kiria IMC
09:50am	<b>Welcome note, Constitution of the Assembly,</b> CIP Rector: Rev. Fr. Dr. James Kabata OFMConv.
09:55am	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Entertainment- CAPUCHIN T.V</b>
	<b>Speeches:</b>
10:05am	Representative of the Graduands- Lawrence Kavita Kiseli CSSR
10:15am	Formation Council representative- Rev. Fr. Dr. Bernard Muthomi SSC
10:25am	Rector- Rev. Fr. Dr. James Kabata OFMConv.
10:35am	Regional Superior- Rev. Fr. Peter Makau IMC
10:45am	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Entertainment- CAPUCHIN T.V</b>
10:55am	Guest of Honor: H.E. Archbishop Bert Van Megen
11:15am	<b>Awarding of Diplomas:</b> Dean of Studies- Rev. Fr. Josephat Mwanake IMC
11:45am	<b>Recognition of Best Performers:</b> Fredrick Maina Wambugu & Othieno John Bosco
12:00 pm	<b>Vote of Thanks:</b> Head of Dept. of Religious studies-Rev. Fr. Jude Katende IMC
12:10 pm	<b>Closing Prayers:</b> Dean of Students- Rev. Fr. Deogratias Mtika IMC

**General Logistics:** Rev. Fr. Alex Mwake IMC  
Mc: Dr. Michael Kariuki, Moi University



## CONSOLATA LANGUAGE CENTRE

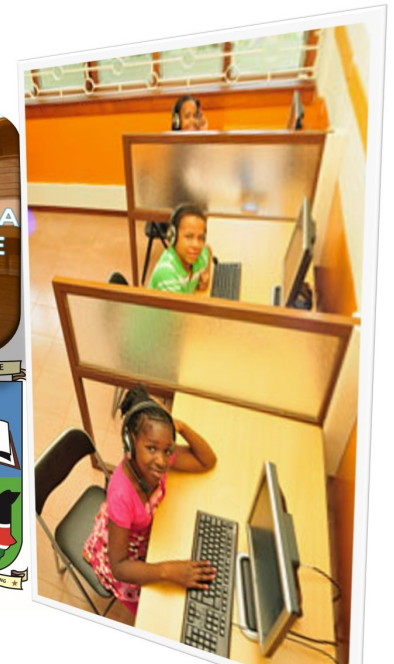


#### Languages taught in CLC

- English
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- Latin
- German
- Spanish
- Italian
- Arabic
- Sign Language
- Chinese
- Kiswahili
- French

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## CIP IN PICTURES



From Left.: Fr. Alex, Fr. James ,  
Fr. Peter and Fr. Cantore during the  
launching of Online Library

CIP students having a  
good time during Cultural  
Day



CIP students following a  
proceeding during  
Philosophy Day

CIP students following a proceed-  
ing during the launching of  
E-Library



## BRIEF HISTORY CONSOLATA INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY

The Consolata Missionaries in Kenya, following the directives of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and the encouragement of the AMECEA Conference (Lusaka 1970), decided to start the construction of their own Seminary.

In 1970 the recruiting of African Candidates for Religious Missionary Priesthood began.

The building of the residence (near to St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Langata) was started in 1971 and in 1972 part of it was ready. The Philosophy students began attending classes at the nearby Kenya National Diocesan Major Seminary, but in 1974 it became necessary to have classes and other facilities for Consolata students, since the Philosophical course of the National Seminary was transferred to Mabanga, in Bungoma District.

Thus a two-year course in Philosophy was set up at Consolata Seminary, ending with the award of a Diploma in Philosophy and Religious Studies.

In order to meet the needs of an increasing number of students both from the Consolata and other Congregations, new buildings were added in 1980 and the curriculum was revised into a 3-year course to prepare for affiliation to Urbaniana University in Rome, which was granted in 1982, enabling the students to obtain the First Degree in Philosophy (Baccalaureate) recognized by the Church and is in line with other Ecclesiastical Universities all over the world.

In 1996 a decision was reached to make Seminary and Institute of Philosophy two independent institutions so they could better develop each in its own way. A new building for the Institute was erected in 1997 and inaugurated in January 1998. A library has been built in 1999 and a hall added in 2003.

For the information of civil authorities, students and the public at large, it should be clearly understood that the main purpose of our Institute is to prepare candidates for the priesthood and religious life with a view to proceed to theological studies. Therefore, our B.A. in Philosophy is mainly for ecclesiastical purposes, to qualify the student to enter a Theology College or Seminary for priestly academic formation. In view of the history, the needs for formation, and future development, the Consolata Institute of Philosophy has renewed its Affiliation to Pontifical Urbaniana University for 5 years.

A special mention has to be given to the late Rev. Fr. Joseph Bertaina whom since its inception till his untimely death in 2009 served as the Rector. Others who served in the same positions include; Fr. Dr. Stephen Okello, IMC, Fr. Dr. Tarcisio Maina, IMC and currently Fr. Dr. James Kabata OF-MConv.

This year's graduation is honoured by Rev. Archbishop Hubertus Matheus Maria van Megen, Titular Archbishop of Novaliciana, the Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya and South Sudan.

This year's graduation will see 105 students graduating with Diploma in Philosophy and Religious Studies. It has been themed as **"The Role of Philosophy in the Reconstruction of Post-Pandemic Society."**

### MISSION

The Consolata Institute of Philosophy offers academic formation program that brings together scripture, theology, the humanities and especially philosophy in the preparation for the ministry of the word in the Catholic Church. To this end all courses are integrated into the Mystery of Christ so that each course has its truth-value and role within that mystery

### VISION

The purpose of the philosophical courses is to form the students as a human being by introducing him or her to a radical self-worth by the way of reflection. This is done by enabling the students to recognize the true dimensions of the world in which one lives, particularly one's own African experience, and to bring him or her to the awareness of God as the one who sustains all.





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YEAR 2020 DIPLOMA IN PHILOSOPHY GRADUANDS

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105	2739	AMBROSE SIKUKU BARASA	LOWER SECOND CLASS HONOURS







61	2747	SUSAN NJOKI NDUMA	UPPER SECOND CLASS HONOURS
62	2717	SILVESTER KUYA SAKWA	UPPER SECOND CLASS HONOURS
63	2706	FRANCIS KELI MUNYAO	UPPER SECOND CLASS HONOURS
64	2722	JOHN KIOKO KING'OLA	UPPER SECOND CLASS HONOURS
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68	2928	DUAGBATA ELINAMA SIMON KPATAKPO	UPPER SECOND CLASS HONOURS
69	2740	MUNSEBI MUMENE RUBIN	UPPER SECOND CLASS HONOURS
70	2705	NG'ANG'A STANLEY KIARIE	UPPER SECOND CLASS HONOURS
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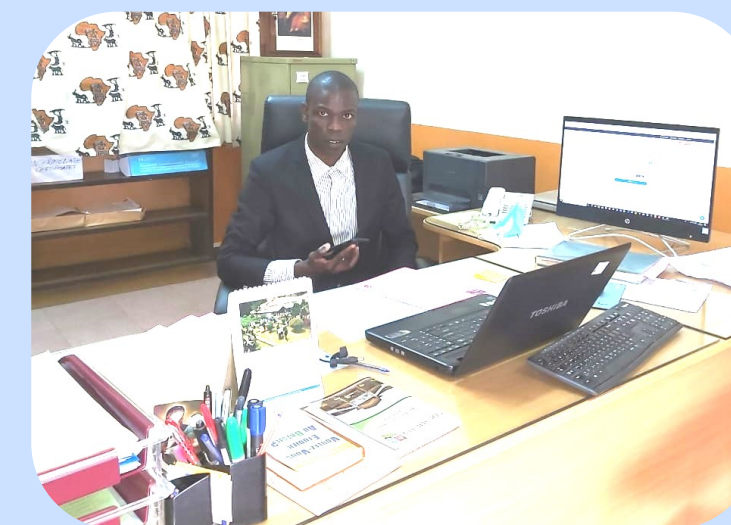
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**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S SPEECH****LAWRENCE KAVITA**

The chief Guest, Your Excellency Arch-bishop Hubertus Maria Matheus Van Megen, the apostolic nuncio to Kenya and South Sudan, Regional Superior Consolata Missionaries Rev. Fr. Peter Makau, Rector C.I.P Rev. Dr. James Kabata, the entire administration body of the Institute, the C.I.P teaching staff, our Guest of Honour this day, class of 2019/2020, Religious men and women present, invited guests, students, men and women of good will, Good morning? I would like to take this opportunity in this great occasion on behalf of my brothers and sisters, all the graduands present and in absentia, to pay our tribute to all men and women who have worked tirelessly to make our academic journey in Consolata Institute of Philosophy a reality.

Well, time comes and goes, moments come and go and before we all realize it, we are already bringing a number of things to an end while others find their beginning. On one side, it is true that at a certain time and space some things have to start, on the other side, it is also equally true that at certain time and space some things have to be brought to an end; an end that can well be described as “An END for a NEW BEGINNING.” Now, this explains the change and transitions that we all make in life at different developmental stages. In fact, this reality is indispensable in life. Ladies and gentlemen, it is time for us to thank God for taking us through this academic journey; it is also time for us to thank Him for the gift of our life; of each other and our different Religious Communities. Furthermore, it is time to be proud the journey that we have made both as a class and as individuals in our different ways. Indeed, it is also a time to bid farewell to the Institute. Now, while it is time to say all these, it is also time for us to start new life, at different spaces and times.

Definitely, today is the culmination of the academic endeavors that we have undertaken in this phase of our life; undoubtedly, it is also a time for us to gather and celebrate our scholastic accomplishments. The journey that commenced on 21<sup>st</sup> of August, 2017 (in the academic year 2017/2018), has come to an end today. Certainly, we covered and accomplished our course work as expected. Additionally, we acquired adequate information through various intellectual and academic arenas which the institute provided to us. Again, we interacted, discussed and studied different philosophical, religious, and scientific problems. What is more, the contemporary trending issues were not left behind. Indeed, we shared our lives, gifts and talents in our classroom set ups, presentations and in various discussion groups. I now without fear of contradiction affirm that we have made a great step in our intellectual development and by extension other dimensions. For sure, the journey has not only been informative but both formative and transformative; definitely, all this is manifested in how we relate ourselves in the real world; this is something worth to be proud of.

Of course, this is not the graduation ceremony we envisioned; we have been dreaming about walking across the stage, cheered by both our families and friends. The fact is that today there is no pomp because of the circumstances in which we are. Despite vicissitudes of time, we are invited to look at life with hope; courage, purpose, vision and passion. Philosophy as an instrument invites man for introspection; discover the true essences of his being in the world through doing what is humane. Furthermore, before this pandemic Philosophy, as a human instrument of reflection becomes relevant as humanity asks the fundamental question: After Covid-19 what would be a proper way forward for humanity?



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30	2751	NCHORE K. GRACE	UPPER SECOND CLASS HONOURS



The afore mentioned question is naturally philosophical that needs a proper answer. Certainly we can think of this pandemic because we are alive. Note, Rene Descartes affirms; “*cogito ergo sum*” I think therefore I am. Now, this covid-19 pandemic threatens our existence and the very possibility of thinking about it. The fundamental question is: What has Philosophy to say about this reality? Obviously, philosophy reminds us that human being is one; this man can be dignified but also suffer in the humanity. Another last philosophical lesson is the following; solidarity is the way to go. Brethren we are morally challenged to go make a difference in the world; as philosophers we shouldn't engaged ourselves in blaming the darkness but be a candle in the darkness.

At this juncture, I would like once again thank God who showered us with his graces, secondly thank our families for their love and care, thirdly our congregation and all friends for their unconditional, moral, spiritual and economical support. May God bless you all, once again we say *Asante sana!* Additionally, we are not going to forget Our CIP working staff and dear lecturers. You have really been our mentors; thank you so much.

To you my dear brothers and sisters, I want to urge you live and put into practice whatever we learnt from our dear mentors. Never forget the Socratic dictum: ***Unexamined life is not worthy living.*** A final observation that I would like to underline and with this I conclude; philosophy is the only science which can give meaningful answers to the ever fundamental human questions about life ,death and suffering. Let us also never forget to put into practice the spiritual, social and moral values that philosophy has taught us.

May the Almighty God bless us and keep us safe in all our endeavors. Long live Consolata institute of philosophy.

**Never forget the Socratic dictum: *Unexamined life is not worthy living.***




**CHAIRMAN OF FORMATORS' SPEECH : Rev. Fr. Dr. Bernard Muthomi Mukiri SSC**


On behalf of the Formation Directors, I hereby congratulate all the finalists graduating today wherever they are. We know we are living in abnormal times and therefore, this graduation is also being done in abnormal way, otherwise this place would be packed to the capacity with friends and relatives of our graduating students. That does not stop us from congratulating and wishing all graduating class the best wherever they are.

In this occasion, we as formators' Council wish also to register our gratitude to the management of CIP, the lecturers, non-teaching staff, for all the effort they have put to make sure that

the academic year 2019-2020 successfully comes to conclusion. All what could not have happened without collaboration the formators of various religious houses present at CIP. To the formators I hereby reiterate: ***You are truly the most important stakeholders of this institution and CIP relies on you for its existence.*** You have brought students at CIP because you are convinced that CIP remains faithful the original philosophy upon which this institution was founded, that is, to provide holistic formation to students who are basically students in the journey of priesthood. Here at CIP, minds are sharpened through philosophical studies, character is formed through subject in humanities like psychology, sociology and human development, faith is imparted and nourished through religious studies. Through extra-curriculum activities like cultural day and sports, students not only socialize, but also learn to appreciate multi-cultural world that we are living today. This is the richness of our Institution that aims at preparing all round priests and religious, ready to face all sorts of challenges in the missionary fields in their future assignments. We trust that this is happening as we assure this Institute of Philosophy (CIP) of our support. To this end, we wish to take the opportunity to welcome new formators who have joined us this academic year 2020-2021 and assure them that good things are happening at CIP.

Let me make some few remarks as far as our work as formators is concerned. We are aware that the world is moving very fast and times have changed. While the digital world makes some things easier, makes studies easier and brings all the world together, it also presents a big challenge in the area of formation and consecrated life as such. Young people, brought up in the digital world -no longer have the capacity to listen and contemplate God in various aspects of creation. Creation no longer presents wonder to them.


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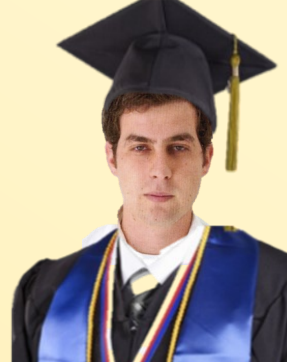
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This affects their thinking capacity, because instead of solving the riddles of the world and life, they want to look for easy answers in the digital platforms. For digital world everything is instant: Instant photos, instant coffee, instant money, instant copies, instant answers. It is the world of input and instant output. In such a scenario it's important to reiterate that enduring values of Christian life such as patience, courage, sacrifice, mortification are no longer fashionable. This mentality has very negative impact on religious formation.

The Church is aware of the above scenario and has called upon the formators to up the game. The *Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic life* reminds us formators that *New Wine requires New Wineskins*. Changing times require changing tactics, methods, language, values, goals etc. So, we formators are told by the said Congregation:

We must always keep in mind that formation cannot be improvised and that it demands remote and continuous preparation. Without a solid formation of the formators, the prepared and trustworthy brothers and sisters of this ministry would not be able to provide the youngest members with real and promising accompanied. For formation to be effective, it must be based on a strictly personal pedagogy and not limited to just solution for all values, spiritualities, times, styles and ways. We are faced with the challenge of a personalization formation where the initiatory model is recovered. Initiation requires contact between the master and the disciple, walking side by side in trust and hope.

Lastly, Pope Francis has told us: "We must not form administrators, managers, but fathers, brothers, travelling companions" and "Formation is a work of art, not a police action." Ours is not forming one to conform to the traditions and customs of our Religious Institutes, but a continuous building, stone by stone, forming a free heart to learn from the story of each day throughout life in the style of Christ to be of service to all. It is Christ Jesus, who remains the foundation stone, the exemplar of every master or mistress in formation, and the goal to wish our work as formators looks at. **ASANTENI**

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### RECTOR'S SPEECH

#### THEME: THE ROLE OF PHILOSOPHY IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF POST-PANDEMIC SOCIETY

Your excellency, Rev. Archbishop Hubertus Matheus Maria van Megen, Titular Archbishop of Novaliciana, the Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya and South Sudan, Rev. Fr. Makau, the superior of consolata missionary Kenya-Uganda region, Rev Fathers, our Deans, Directors, priests, religious brothers and sisters, staff, the virtual audience, and the graduands, families and their guests. I extend the heartfelt congratulations of our entire Consolata Institute of Philosophy community to you graduands for this

great milestone of history we are writing today.

To our graduands, the diplomas you receive today point to the heavy labor you have put into your scholarships, and all your academic pursuits. This day brings an extensive grin to your faces from wherever you are live streaming us, indeed it is an inordinate bliss in our hearts too. How apt that it is correspondingly a time of corona virus too; a global pandemic that has been threat to us, a blessing to us and also an opportunity to exercise the rational component of our being in offering solutions to this global problem. This is only possible when we engage philosophy as a tool into understanding and finding solutions to this problem with the help of the divine illumination. We also want to show honor to all of your family, Formation Directors, Lecturers and friends who have helped and sacrificed a lot to get you to this day.

Indeed you are joyful and happy for the achievement that you have accomplished in you academic journey and truly we share in your happiness, however, we would like call to your attention that true happiness does not come from the academic paper. This reminder serves to keep you in truck in pursuit of the true and absolute happiness that we are ontologically oriented toward, so that this natural desire to behold the absolute happiness might not be suppressed by temporarily achievements. Aristotle, in Nichomachean ethics reminds us that *eudaimonia*, that is, happiness is the ultimate purpose of the human existence and on same line, St. Augustine reminds us that happiness is the purpose of the human life and action. Dear graduands, this ultimate purpose of the human existence and life can only be fulfilled when we behold the absolute happiness, which we find only God.

In the course of your stay here at the Consolata Institute of Philosophy you have learned in the Thomistic thought and sense that happiness is the perfect and supreme good for human beings; it has a character of an ultimate end and that human beings are directed to it by interior principles. In concordance to this thought, dear graduates, I urge you to let the happiness of your achievements which is accorded in the conferring of these diplomas to propel and ignite a profound desire in you to venture in new epistemological horizons in search of the ultimate and absolute principles and ends that human nature is made for and finds it full realization in.

The profound search for the ultimate principle and end do not allow us to assume the materialistic lifestyles that makes us rob the society of its resources for our sensual and egoistic search for the happiness at the detriment of our brothers and sisters. It neither allows us to adopts the nihilistic kind of ethics that deprives us of the moral responsibility in relation to our actions towards our society nor does it permit us to assume utilitarian moral attitudes that justifies manipulation and exploitation of the common good for the benefit of an individual.

We are all marked by a deep irrepressible desire for happiness, and it is that desire that drives everything we do. On occasion, perhaps even often at times, it drives us in the wrong direction. But that is because of the mistakes made on our part; the supreme good that we long for is precisely that, the supreme good, but on account of our impaired vision and judgment we do not always seek it in the right places.



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**MWANGI BENSON**



**MATHEW KARISA**



**ATURIA GERALD**



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Buddha claimed that desire is the source of all man's woes. It is only so if it leads us to pursue ends which are unbefitting of our true nature and destiny. The secret is not to try to suppress the desire, for that puts the emphasis where it does not belong. In any event, it is impossible for us to suppress the natural desire, for even if we were to reach what we supposed was a desire-less state we would then naturally desire to remain in that state.

The secret is to direct desire toward what is truly desirable, the absolute. It is in fact man's destiny to reach a state where he is completely without desire, but this is something that he can never bring about on his own. Man will be completely without desire only when he is in complete possession of the one thing which is capable of perfectly fulfilling his desire, the beatific vision of God.

Our society is punctuated with a lot of problems that need your philosophical participation as scholars like in the case of covid19. We strongly believe that the philosophical formation that you have undergone in our institute has equipped you with speculative, critical and contemplative tools that enable you to be part of the solution making. Therefore, as we send you out, we mandate you to be good ambassadors of the values and virtues that uphold a just and harmonious society which is governed by the imperative principles of equity and common brotherhood. You already know from the platonic society as presented in his republic, the principles on which a just society is founded and built on.

Dear graduands, this mandate is not an easy one and its achievement does not depend solely in the philosophical knowledge that you have attained, you have to open up and project yourselves to the Transcendent, the Supernatural, the Supreme and Divine Being who has revealed himself in his logos, that is, his Divine Word, Jesus Christ. This is an invitation to you to establish an intimate relation with the divine logos in your speculative and contemplative philosophical activities so that the said activities may radiate to the society a knowledge marked with absolute and ultimate characters that can transform and re-establish it in realism and absolutism.

Again, in order to emphasize the importance of the search of the divine logos and wisdom in our philosophical speculative activities, I would like to quote a philosopher who says that, "And in the New Jerusalem, what finally happens in the last chapter of human history is a wedding between the Lamb and His bride. Deprived of this Jerusalem, we must buy into Babylon. If we do not worship God, we will worship idols, for we are by nature religious as John Mbiti puts it. So [then], what is the cure [for all that ails us and our society; e.g. covid19? It must be stronger medicine than philosophy, [he went on] so I can give you only three words in answer to this last and most practical question of all. They are not my philosophical argument, but God's biblical demands. Confess, sacrifice, adore and philosophize the problems that ail us I know of no other answer.

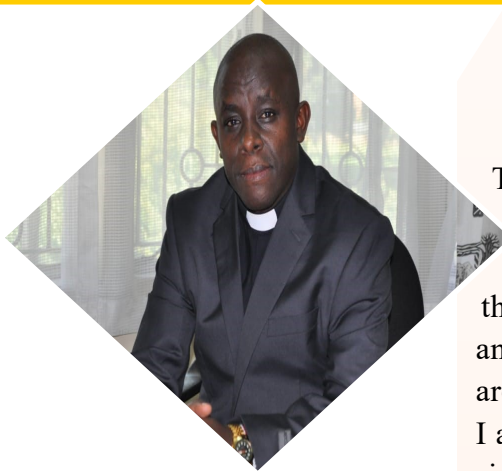
Therefore, use the diploma you have earned today and go forward with the Consolata's spirit to help address our contemporary problems especially the most recent one, the COVID-19 challenges, and many other ills in society, with the idea of being a part of the solution. In the process, we can be sure that our efforts will be in the right direction, for we will have set our sights on the good and come to realize the Truth in the vision of pure beauty and blessedness. And then your degree will have been more than worth it, for you will have gained eternity. God bless all of you and the work you do in His name.

Regarding the theme that dominates our day today on the role of philosophy in reconstruction of post COVID-19 society. I would like to begin by saying that; due to the nature of philosophy as an abstract intellectual discipline, many people tend to consider it as an extraneous discipline, which has no practical significance. However, despite of this misconception, philosophy has always played a critical role over the epochs in the reconstruction of the human society and still retains its relevance in the contemporary society marked by its challenges.

The traditional philosophical method of critical analysis and elucidation are still very relevant and applicable in our COVID-19 stricken society. It is only through critical analysis of the nature of COVID-19 crisis and posing fundamental philosophical questions on it, that we can come out of this crisis with solutions that will enable us to reconstruct our society.

I believe that the covid-19 came as a human problem and therefore it needs a human solution. This does not mean that we exclude God in finding the solution; on the contrary, we know that human person by nature is a spiritual being and therefore, in search for solutions to his problems, he transcends the cosmological and anthropological horizons to the theological or divine horizon. In fact, this transcending capacity is in concordance to his nature as an incarnate spirit, as the philosophical anthropologists define his nature. It is the nature of philosophy to enable the human mind or intellect to purify itself from superficial tendencies in search for solutions. It does this by equipping the intellect with the capacity to transcend from the natural-physical world and to the metaphysical world, the world of the transcendence in search for everlasting solutions. Again, I congratulate you for your academic achievements. Thanks and God bless you.





## REGIONAL SUPERIOR'S SPEECH

### Rev. Fr. Peter Makau, IMC.

The guest of honour His Excellency Archbishop Bert van Megen, the Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya and South Sudan, the Rector Rev. Fr. Dr. James Wangai Kabata, the Vice Rector, our Deans, the representative of the formation Council, our esteemed professors and lecturers, Graduands, families and friends, and all those who are following us online, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am delighted to be here with you today on such a significant occasion in our graduands' lives. To each of you, our esteemed gradu-

ands, wherever you are following this virtual graduation, I offer my heartfelt felicitations. Today in your lives something has definitely changed just to acknowledge the Heraclitus' proposition that *change is everything*. You are now stepping on a different river from that of yesterday, a new beginning where what you have learnt will be seen in praxis in real daily life confrontation with the world. We celebrate this change brought by your interminable constant efforts.

At this juncture I also thank the administration, the academic and professional staff who have been unquestionably dedicated to helping you achieve your learning goals. They have served not only as teachers but also as your mentors with their Socratic midwifery skills, bringing out the best in you.

Consolata Institute of Philosophy under the Consolata missionaries has always aimed at offering a holistic formation touching all the dimensions of the human person. Indeed, this centre of philosophy has an impeccable refutation all over the world for its seriousness in quality preparation of our young people who in turn become great mentors wherever they are sent or work in the globe. Here, our young philosophers in potency are given a chance to examine their lives and thus introduced to a perpetual journey of knowing themselves as can be observed in one of the Delphic maxims: *know thyself*.

Our Institute of Philosophy gives the value of knowledge a priority. Our training overcomes the mere transmission and accumulation of information, as it provides a highly valuable element for our personal and professional development, in equipping us with a much more complex and profound understanding of reality. In addition, it makes us less vulnerable; gives us security, makes us less manipulatable and therefore owners of our destiny.

Here we offer a comprehensive and quality training to students, who are able to motivate and awaken in it a permanent concern for knowledge and wisdom that has an impact on daily life. Here the minds of our young students are challenged and hence awakened from the long slumber of ignorance enabling them to question themselves critically through a constant dialogue with great thinkers and philosophers over the ages.

Our learning centre has an accredited teaching trajectory indeed, a trainer of excellent students, where one is given an opportunity to receive a multilingual teaching that educates in solidarity the defense of critical thinking and personal reflection, in which one becomes a protagonist of his/her learning. As I hinted, our formation here is all encompassing but above all geared at inculcating good values necessary for coexistence with the other who is different from us. We help the student live these values in the first place as a habit as Aristotle would echo in his ethics, "*We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit*".

I want to challenge the scientists and may be some of you with extreme philosophical minds who believe that it cannot be maintained that philosophical or empirical science can provide a comprehensive clarification on the human problems devoid of faith. These two interplay towards the quest of the reality as a whole. If we reason only within the limits of the science with hope of finding solutions to problems like covid-19 without having room for spiritual space, we will not grasp the ultimate meaning of our purpose of things and our problems.

To conclude, let me encourage you once more to maintain the tenacity of that zeal you had applied in your victory today in your coming life with the same spirit of cooperation and fraternity which have made today's achievements possible. I urge you to work together in unity and singleness of purpose for the future growth of this great continent and the world at large for the freedom, the prosperity and the happiness of the peoples who are out there waiting for the diplomas you have earned yourself today and for the peace and brotherhood of all mankind. May God be with us in our great undertakings, and may this academic Covenant you signed today last a thousand years.

**Thank you and be blessed**

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We are indeed proud and happy to celebrate this day with you. I give credit to all the people who have made you achieve this hilarious milestone. I return my congratulations to them and also thank you for your needed sacrifice to attain this great victory which you offered pretty well. Uphold the spirit of this ceremony which from now on stands as a landmark in the history of your lives. Consider what Keller said, “never bend your head. Hold it high look the world straight in the eyes.” Therefore if you want greater success than this then you must seize your own opportunity as you go. I agree with Jonathan Winter who says “I could not wait for success -so I went a head without it.” This is the mindset that I want you to have, that it is not yet until you go ahead of it. Hellman affirms this by saying, “it is best to act with confidence, no matter how little right you do it” Therefore, remember that the journey is always bumpy, uphill road that leads to heights of greatness, the road is not clear you must prepare for a puncture or two. But keep moving with God, as you turn your doubts to questions; turn questions to prayers; turn prayers to God. I also agree with Hallesby when he said, “begin to realize more and more that prayer is the most important thing you do. You can use your time to no better advantage than to pray whenever you have an opportunity to do so, either alone or with others; while at work, while at rest or while walking down the street. Anywhere!”

We celebrating this day amidst hard moments and in times that we need your philosophical and scholarly inputs to respond to this great problem. Speaking in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on March 27 2020, Pope Francis advised that “COVID-19 is not God's judgment, but a call to live differently. Indeed it is a call to live differently by being prudent both in our human behaviors and our thinking. It is with your efforts as philosophers to guide the world in that direction. Philosophy plays a central role in reviving our ravaged society if we use well our reason to respond to this problem through the divine illumination. It is noteworthy from Pope Francis who put this more succinctly, “We want to respond to the pandemic of the virus with the universality of prayer, of compassion, and of tenderness.” As philosophers you play a very fundamental role in using your intellectual solidarity to confront what the Pope Calls 'epochal challenge' posed by the coronavirus pandemic. We need your faith and the knowledge you have gathered more urgently in times like this. Have faith in God, as Pope Francis in *laudato si* tells us of the power of faith saying, “Faith allows us to interpret the meaning and the mysterious beauty of what is unfolding.” We need both faith and reason to help us in interpreting human problems. This is because Human beings, endowed with intelligence and love, and drawn by the fullness of Christ, are called to lead all creatures back to their Creator. As the Catholic Church you know we are open to dialogue with philosophical thought; this has enabled the Church to produce various syntheses between faith and reason. The development of the Church's social teaching represents such a synthesis with regard to social issues; this teaching is called to be enriched by taking up new challenges.



Our present world is faced with continuous absurd realities, not to forget the novel covid-19 pandemic which has challenged our scientific and philosophical knowledge totally. But then, this is our world, the *best world* as Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz would put it, “*We live in the best of all possible worlds*”. This is our reality today where each person is called to become a co-creator and participate in the never-ending process of bettering our universe. Our young philosophers here are made aware that *life is a project* where each person is called to actively give a hand in making this best world indeed be the best.

This is not a place of cowards but a place of learning where the mind is challenged to think big towards a perpetual search and discernment. It is a nursery bed of true philosophers as lovers of wisdom and ready not only to offer answers but also be aware that our answers today might become further questions tomorrow. It is a place to learn not to be frightened by the mysteries and absurdities of life, but to accommodate them. I cannot say it better than Bertrand Russell would put it, “*This is patently absurd; but whoever wishes to become a philosopher must learn not to be frightened by absurdities*”.

As the Chancellor of this Institute of Philosophy I can once again testify that our philosophical and religious formation is holistic and it is in line with what the Church and the world of today needs. Am sure if the founder of the Consolata Missionaries, Blessed Joseph would step here, would be delighted to see the good work in progress. Our founder would always insist on *doing the good without making noise* because good work will definitely speak for itself. We are pleased with the great support and collaboration received from the universities where we are affiliated, just to mention here the Catholic University of Eastern Africa and the Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome.

Mine is a call to our young people and everybody to love philosophy because it's a tool which prepares us to think big by immersing us in a perpetual search for knowledge and the philosophical truth as Rene Descartes would put it. It prepares us to search for answers even for the most absurd questions and situations of our lives. Once more I acknowledge the great work done by our graduands and I honour them with warm congratulations. May Mary, Mother of wisdom and Our Lady Consolata always accompany each one of us. Long live Philosophy; long live Consolata Institute of Philosophy.

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## CONSOLATA INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY 46TH GRADUATION CEREMONY



### THE CHIEF GUEST

**His Excellency Archbishop Bert Van Megen,**  
*Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya and South Sudan.*  
*Permanent Observer to UNEP and UN-Habitat*

Dear, Rev. Fr. Makau, Rev Fr. Rector, The Deans and Heads of Departments, priests, brothers, sisters, staffs, our viewers watching, and our students, families and their guests. This is indeed a momentous and historic day for our graduands and for all the Consolata Institute of Philosophy community. We stand today on the stage of world academic affairs and before our live audience writing this historic achievement. We have come together today to assert our role in the direction of world scholarship affairs with the hope that this will equip our today's graduands to discharge their duty through what they have learned in responding to problems that punctuate our world today.

We live in the world that is in ICU and need people with positive scholarship to deliver us from these adversaries like the COVID-19 that is ripping us apart. With the diplomas that you have earned yourself today we are glad that you are among the people that pope Francis referred to in his address of the COVID-19, **"How many people every day are exercising patience and offering hope, taking care to sow not panic but a shared responsibility."** Indeed you're the people who have sowed those fruits today. If we acknowledge the value and the fragility of nature and, at the same time, our God-given abilities, we can finally leave behind the modern myth of unlimited material progress. A fragile world, entrusted by God to human care, challenges us to devise intelligent ways of directing, developing and limiting our power, as Pope Francis encourages in *laudato si*. As philosophers this heavily falls on your domain as lovers of wisdom to conserve our society.

The steps we are making in these challenges we are experiencing today, are signs of a better transition for a better tomorrow. We must act, to shape the future and leave our imprint on events as they slip past into history. On behalf of myself, the Church and Consolata Institute of Philosophy, I take this great occasion to thank all of you for your kind invitation to today's ceremony you so generously offered to me. Indeed, the spirit of hard work and dedication to the cause of today's event has given us all courage and faith for a better future. At the time when you decided to write this historic moment, you did it with the determination to succeed and indeed it is right here with us. Congratulations for your joint determination. It is also my presumption that experience has taught you that no matter how much one would endure hardship and struggle by oneself, one would not survive or unravel one's problem alone; it is through prayer endurance and communal zeal. Only in the collective willpower of our persistence through our individual will can we solve together the problems that we are facing. It is through this will power that we can discover the strength and wisdom to guide us beyond the horizon wherein lies a better life for our people. Let not what you have earned yourself today be your own obstacle in discharging your duties by being greedy or being obsessed with the profit than using them to serve the needy. Pope Francis again reminds us saying, **"Greedy for profit, we let ourselves get caught up in things and be lured away by haste. We did not stop at your (God) reproach to us, we were not shaken awake by wars or injustice across the world, nor did we listen to the cry of the poor or of our ailing planet."** I urge you; use well your philosophy to listen to the needy of our society especially in this time of COVID-19.