



State of the Diocese

24th August 2020 was scheduled to hold the elections of our Diocese (SED - South Eastern Diocese), the day was a pure success as the bishop (Dean Nkosinathi Myaka) was elected along with his Diocesan Executive Council members which included the chairperson; deputy chairperson; two Priests to represent Priests of the Diocese in the Diocesan Council. I am delighted to inform you that I was in contest for the bishop's election but was elected as one of the Priests to represent Priests of the Diocese in the Diocesan Council, furthermore I was elected as an alternate Priest to the Church Council (structure above the Diocese). Our bishop elect will be consecrated roughly in a month's time so he can resume his duties completely and officially. DC (Diocesan Council) is still incomplete as we need to elect the Deans and then the bishops deputy.

State of the Circuit

Positive developments in the Diocese has instigated nomination of the Dean's in our Diocese, so we are looking forward to Dean's elections in our circuit (Durban Circuit) in the near future (roughly two months). Once the Dean's elections are completed it will trigger the completion of the DC (Diocesan Council).

State of Ntuzuma Parish

Ntuzuma Parish is one of the Parishes which was shaken immensely by the lack of leadership in the upper structures of the church, which was the main reason I was brought here last year (in April 2019) to establish balance while the church was still trying ways of restoring leadership in the upper church structures. I am pleased to say my Parish Council managed to instil stability in the Parish.

As we were working on developing on the stability that has been established in the Parish we were suddenly hit by a huge wave of the world pandemic in the form of covid-19 in March 2020. I must say God has been with us through this difficult time because as we encountered challenges we also saw more pleasant or positive encounters.

I am still motivated to see our Parish members working together with the Parish Council doing all they could to comply with the health regulations and were not just complying with the regulations but they became the custodians of the regulations during this covid-19 era, as a result no one was infected on our church premises and church events, in general the impact was very minimal. Our Parish members went out of their way to keep things afloat in terms of

everything that concerns the Parish. I also witnessed our friends from Arenshorst coming through for us here at Ntuzuma Parish with remarkable sponsorships, friendship, and caring, through this covid-19 era.

I should applaud the Parish in working together to gain stability and panic free ground while still under the covid-19 shadow, we always record and publish sermons to our Parish members, we still manage to host Parish meetings, we are able to take care of our bereaved families, and we continue to find innovative ways of continuing the Gods work.

The Parish has already written to the circuit informing them of our readiness to reopen our church houses for services on the 14th October 2020, this decision came after a series of assessments and engagements. The Parish sees a need to open its church doors to assist with our community projects like the soup kitchen and the food parcels. We do have other projects inline but for now we are giving priority to the soup kitchen and food parcels.

The Parish welcomes all the help we can get to keep the momentum going for more people and for a long time. It always surprises me and it is worth mentioning that my friend from Germany Susan is always interested, proactive, and goes a long way to make sure that Ntuzuma Parish is happy and well taken care of, things you and our friends in Arenshorst do for us are exceptional, may God continue to bless you in abundance.