NOVENA WITH THE PIONEER MISSIONARIES TO MOTHER MARY

The Joyful Mystery of the Visitation

This Novena was officially inaugurated by the Archbishop of Kampala, Dr. Cyprian Kizito Lwanga, on the 12th May 2017 the day on which we celebrated the 127th death anniversary of Fr. Simeon Lourdel Mapeera. It was at Mapeera-Nnabunnya Pilgrimage Centre. It will, each year, start on the 25th June the day for the annual pilgrimage to Nnabulagala to commemorate the first Mass in Uganda, and end on the 2nd July as did our Ancestors in the Faith in 1879. NB: During that time, i.e., between 1263-1969, the 2nd July was the Feast of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, hence the subtitle of our Novena “The Joyful Mystery of the Visitation”. Since 1969, this feast was changed to the 31st May.

A booklet explaining this Novena has been published and is on sale at UG-Shs 3,500/=.

The two major objectives of this Novena are:

- At the example of our Ancestors in the Faith and together with them, we go to the school of Mother Mary to learn the will of her Son and how to put it in practice.
- To pray with Mother Mary for the beatification of the two Servants of God, Fr. Simeon Lourdel Mapeera and Bro. Amans Delmas.

DAILY THEMES

- DAY 1: Mary, Full of Grace
- DAY 2: Mary, Mother of Africa
- DAY 3: Mary Queen of the Apostles
- DAY 4: Mary, Queen of the Martyrs
- DAY 5: Mary, Mother of Good Help
- DAY 6: Mary, Mother of Sorrows
- DAY 7: Mary, Queen of Peace
- DAY 8: Mary, Star of New Evangelization
- DAY 9: Mary Immaculate