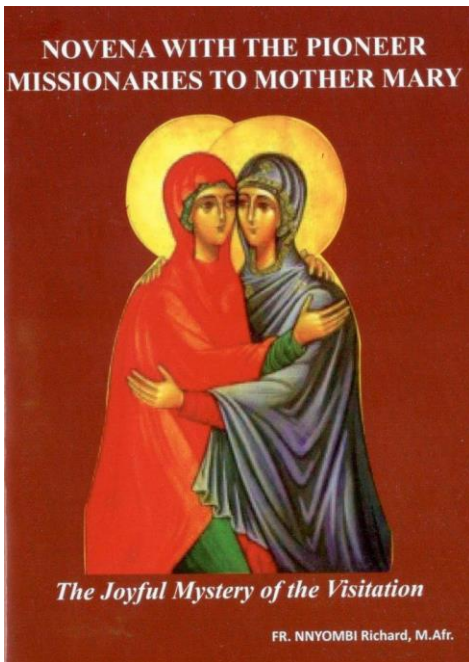


NOVENA WITH THE PIONEER MISSIONARIES TO MOTHER MARY

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-Nnabunya 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/=. It briefly takes us back in the history of the devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers), to whom belonged the Pioneer Missionaries to Uganda. Some inspiring and challenging reflections on Mother Mary from Pope Francis have been included in this booklet to enrich our prayer and meditation. The text of the

visit of Mary to Elizabeth (Lk. 1: 39-56) and the reflection of Pope Francis on the same are the key texts for for this Novena.

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 (25th June)
- DAY 2: Mary, Mother of Africa (26th June)
- DAY 3: Mary Queen of the Apostles (27th June)
- DAY 4: Mary, Queen of the Martyrs (28th June)
- DAY 5: Mary, Mother of Good Help, (29th June)
- DAY 6: Mary, Mother of Sorrows (30th June)
- DAY 7: Mary, Queen of Peace (31st June)
- DAY 8: Mary, Star of New Evangelization (1st July)
- DAY 9: Mary Immaculate (2nd July)

