



DIOCESAN VOCATION DAY

On Monday, **28 April 2025**, the **Diocesan Family of Mzimvubu** hosted a spirit led, fun filled, and energetic day of raising funds for those at the College of The Transfiguration!

The idea was born through thoughts, prayers and collaborations between Fellowship of Vocation, Dean of Studies office, Canon Theologian's office and Diocesan Youth (AYSA)



FUNDRAISING



**FUN AND
SPORTS**



**FELLOWSHIP
AND WORSHIP**

**"Come and see what
the Lord has done"**

(Psalm 46:8a)

A lot of preparations took place before the actual day, from setting up targets per parish which were X30 tickets costing R3000, to exciting prizes to be won from raffle tickets, to hiring out stalls to local businesses, all in the name of raising funds for Vocation



FROM THE **BISHOP'S** CORNER



"Forge forth Oneness of this Diocese"

Bishop ***Phumzile*** expressed his gratitude to the team that organised this successful event, he further encouraged the Diocese to rally around good formation of those called to Ordained Ministry

Also, he highlighted the importance of working together as the Diocesan family in ensuring that generations to come can inherit a Diocese that is not only ***Unified*** but one also led with ***Love*** and ***Oneness***

FUN, SPORTS AND GAMES



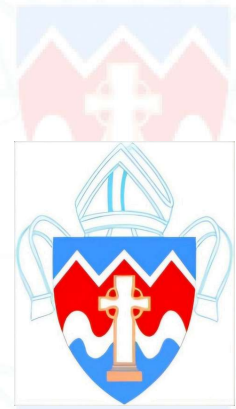
"In Christ we are all winners" but some get to keep trophies as proof.



In an intense game between the Clergy of the Diocese and the Young people of Mzimkhulu Archdeaconry; the youth came out victorious. Fortunately no injuries were sustained. In the second game between St Francis young people and winners Mzimvubu young people, again Mzimkhulu sealed the winning deal.



On the other hand the ladies enjoyed a game of netball between Mzimkhulu youth and St Francis (Kokstad) youth, when referee blew the final whistle, St Francis was leading and became the champs. Our Priests also entertained the crowd with singing amagwijo and harmonised 'Amen' to the tune of Lyngham



THE SEMINARIANS AT COTT

In the process of being Formed • Informed • Transformed

Who Was All This For?

Currently the Diocese has 5 students at the College of the Transfiguration in Makhanda, three are first year students and the two are on their second year of Theology studies. Even though this was the first of its kind initiative to raise funds for Vocation, there are others like the Lenten appeal and Confirmation Service giving going towards training for Ordained Ministry. In previous years, it was Lent Offering that was used to ensure that those called to ministry get trained, Dean Nomatshila highlighted it in his talk too.

Mr Siseko Msani got an opportunity to share about college life and the importance of undergoing Vocation training for Ordained ministry.



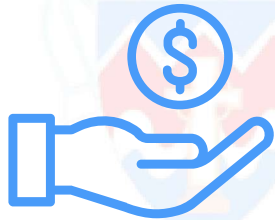
MR SISEKO MSANI, SECOND YEAR STUDENT FROM ST PHILIP'S PARISH MFUNDWENI, IN MZIMKHULU ARCHDEACONRY

MR SIKHO BERA, FIRST YEAR STUDENT FROM ST STEPHEN'S PARISH, MATATIELE ARCHDEACONRY

MISS NONTOKOZO MVUNELU, FIRST YEAR STUDENT FROM ST CURTHBERT'S PARISH, TWAZI IN HOLY CROSS ARCHDEACONRY

MR KUNGAWO SOQASHE, SECOND YEAR STUDENT FROM ST CYPRIAN'S PARISH, DANGWANA IN HOLY CROSS ARCHDEACONRY

MR SIYAVUYA MARHAWU, FIRST YEAR STUDENT FROM LUXOLWENI PARISH IN HOLY CROSS ARCHDEACONRY



THE FUNDRAISING "Caching-Caching"



The organising team is grateful to each person who donated towards the success of the day, through cash and kind. The set target for this year was R150 000 that was to be collected through ticket sales of each parish and individuals, renting out space to local businesses and pledges to those feeling more generous. On the day an amount of R75 700 was already deposited to the Diocesan Vocation Fund, which marks 50% of the targeted threshold. This would not have happened without any of God's people.

The principal of our Diocesan School Mr Graham started the pledging phase with a commitment to give towards this worthy cause. He shared how in his vocation as a teacher he always places the success of the school when some students choose teaching as a calling, for him, he says, that means they are doing a great job of instilling character that sees students visioning themselves to be like their teachers. He echoed the same with Ordained ministry, that if young people sees it as a calling, it means that the Church is in the right direction.

Revd. Bonani Mbedle led this session successfully and encouraged those present to give cheerfully. The total amount of pledges to be collected by end of June 2025 is R46 800 as at 28th April 2025. The remaining ticket price from parishes are to be claimed back to get more fees. More pledges are welcomed.

R75 700

Parish Contribution

+

R46 800

Pledges

=

R122 500

Contribution after pledges



YOUR GENEROSITY *"Cash or Kind"*

ARCHDEACONRY CONTRIBUTIONS



R3 000

Cathedral

R3 000

Collegiate

R2 100

Holy Cross

R4 900

Lusikisiki

R0

Flagstaff

R6 100

Rokstad

R9 000

Bizana

R5 000

Maluti

R3 000

Mt Ayliff

R1600

Mt Fletcher

R6 000

Qumbu

R12 000

Mzimkhulu

R6 600

Mt Frere

R13 400

Matatiele

R75 700

Total amount deposited to the Diocese by
27 April 2025

Additional tickets were sold at the venue, and few parishes brought cash which was deposited later, the final amounts will be communicated



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

"Siyabulela"



Enkosi to everyone that contributed and came to the event, you are much appreciated, special mention to just a few as an encouragement also to others to join in on this moving train as this will now be an annual event, brace yourselves, **asidlali la, 2026 siyeza!**

The Principal of **St Monica's Diocesan School** **Mr Graham** and his daughter who came all the way from Johannesburg to plant a seed in this beautiful garden, for their generosity of selling popcorn and donating all sales to Vocation Fund.

To **Rest Assured BnB** for donating jumping castles for the fun of little ones. **St Mary's Catholic school, Mrs Mkhathane** for giving us their school grounds for free as part of their giving back and Ecumenical bonds strengthening

To the Programme director, **Revd. Nolitha Qotyana**, siyabulela, you did a sterling job.

All parishes, Priests, Archdeacons, Dean and Provost and Diocesan Bishop together with all those who bought tickets and those that pledged, some anonymously, **MAKWANDE!**





MEDIA CORNER

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