

## Interesting News from Saint Pius X Region, Malawi



### 1- Upgrading Our Capabilities (ASEC)

**African Sisters Education Collaborative** empowers women through education in Africa. Its mission is to facilitate educational opportunities for women Religious in Africa that enable them to enhance and expand access to educational, health care, social and spiritual services for the people they serve.

Eight of our Sisters participated in the ASEC programs. They worked hard to complete their courses, as there is no sweet without sweat. It took them three years of one month each year to complete the ASEC program. They started in 2019. They learned basic technology, finance, and administration among other topics. They are now happy to graduate and they are eager to make use of the skills they learned



From left, Sisters: **1- Prisca Mwausegha, 2-Tamara R, Nkhoma, 3-Olivia Katsabola, Gloria Tenthani, 4-Patricia Seleman, 5-Marietta Chalemera, 6-Adelaida Jere;** behind Patricia and Marietta : **7-Agatha Bwezani and 8-Constance Moyomsana.**



Sr. Gloria Tenthani, Regional Animator, invited at the ceremony to support them

### 2- Tribute to Sister Sellina Chimbindu



Sister Sellina Chimbindu was identified as one of the best Secondary School Teacher in Mchinji District and in the Central West Division in Malawi. The honor ceremony took place in Lilongwe at Crossroads Hotel, marking the World Teachers Day in October 2021.



Among the gifts received were:

- medals,
- a tablet for communication and for online classes and
- a Scholarship award for her Master's Degree in Education at **UNICEF University**

We are very proud of you Sister.  
We are wishing you all the best!

*Here receiving the gifts from the Minister of Education Science and Technology.*

### 3- ACSCO Annual Meeting 2021

From December 1<sup>st</sup> to December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, about 40 of our associates had days of reflection while holding their annual meeting at the regional house. At the end of these days of spiritual renewal, they reaffirmed their commitment. They also elected new office bearers to lead the group.



These men and women are who are attracted by the life of Mother Bruyere devote themselves especially in assisting the disadvantaged. They participate heartily in many different activities of the SCOs and of the Church. They help in fund raising and often voluntarily contribute financially. Many of them are coming from the parishes where the SCOs are working. We pray Mother Bruyère



A young associate with our dear eldest Sister, Azelina Phiri

to watch over them always. May they persevere in their mission of love and compassion.

### 4- Celebrating Saint Marguerite d'Youville With Special Guests

As we usually do every year on Oct. 16, we celebrated St Marguerite d'Youville's Feast again in 2021, but in a very special way. We invited over 80 men and women around Ludzi Parish. Among the chosen were the sick, the lame, the vulnerable and the elderly.



As the pictures reveal, they turned out in large numbers and they were very pleased by this initiative. Most important of all, we presented St Marguerite d'Youville to them and we explained the connection with Élisabeth Bruyère, our foundress.



They recognized that *today's gathering* was both beneficial and worthwhile. Many Sisters and some of those still in formation participated. They enjoyed being among the people whom Marguerite d'Youville cherished the most. We hope that they have found a new friend in Saint Marguerite d'Youville.