



Reflection on the Rooted in Jesus Training held in the Diocese of Mzimvubu

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Spiritual Hunger and Thirst

Generally speaking, one of the clear indications that something is physically wrong with someone is when they lose their appetite. It is the same spiritually. To hunger and thirst for God is the very root of our being. It is just the way God made us. Because this hunger and thirst is very basic to human nature, we constantly find ourselves seeking fulfillment somewhere else rather than in God. Unfortunately the replacement object leaves a void in our lives.

This spiritual hunger and thirst manifested itself in the number of priests that we had at the training. We had about 11 priests who attended the event together with their congregants. The following were priests present at the training:

1. Ven Swazi Matomane
2. Ven Thatho Kholungoane
3. Ven Tshepang Ntseare
4. Revd P.P. Mbatha
5. Provost Lungile Cengimbo
6. Dean Mzukisi Nomatshila
7. Ven Mzamane
8. Deacon Khayaletu Junqwana
9. Deacon Nolitha Qotyana
10. Revd Pulwana and Revd Canon Luthando Xhamlayo.

The other sign of people who are hungry and thirsty for God manifested itself in the manner in which all attendees carried themselves. They participated fully and actively.





A changing context and a changing church

These are exciting yet challenging times for the church of Jesus Christ as it continues to face massive shifts that are taking place throughout the world. These shifts generate fresh opportunities for new ministry. At the same time, these changes introduce disruptions into long-standing practices. If we harbor any ambitions of not being swayed by anything in our vocation, we ought to be well established and rooted in the Lord and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

A fresh encounter of the gospel for the Diocese of Mzimvubu

Through the training on Rooted in Jesus, the Diocese of Mzimvubu sought to do the following things namely:

- Discerning how the Triune God is at work in the world and how we might participate as the church.
- Navigating strategies and methods for evangelizing the world.
- Recovering the faith
- Recovering the church
- Renewal and renewed leadership

