



### LEONIDAH'S FINAL VOWS PROFESSION CELEBRATION ON 20TH AUGUST 2021.

Greetings from Nakuru, Kenya, where a spirit of rejoicing is still prevalent following my special day of celebration on the occasion of my final commitment. It was really a beautiful celebration and one of the happiest moments in my life a day of thanksgiving, an experience that brought my promises to the Lord to fulfilment. I thank the almighty God for it and for all that has happened over the past years and especially for sanctifying and dignifying the day itself with his plentitude of blessings despite the covid -19 challenges which is affecting all the people in the whole world me being part of the victim at some point I really thought that plans would change such that the ceremony and celebration would be postponed to a later date the way the things were going but I thank God for all his graciousness. It hasn't been an easy journey in many ways for me, but I know God was at work his love never fails. I had a privilege of attending a 4-day retreat in preparation for my final vows, this was a very special time for me, a time of transformation and healing.

On the eve of my profession, we had a beautiful and symbolic prayer ritual which was prepared by Sr. Goretti as a wonderful surprise instead of the usual evening prayer where I had to share my life journey symbol and after that the sisters and the postulants prayed for me and anointed me with oil of blessings accompanied with words of encouragement and sang for me the Franciscan blessing. I felt like a living saint. It was a prayerful and joyful evening.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021 the day I had longed for and desired to reach and I had imagined how it would be and in reality, it turned to be a successful day. I see a day as a special, consoling and uplifting gift in the midst of the dark days. My parents, family, friends, relatives and people from our church at home arrived very early in time which even made the day more lovely and joyful day for me. I was very glad that my mum was able to come to celebrate with me.

**SR. LEONIDAH'S MY MUM , UNCLE, BROTHERS  
AND SISTERS.**



**SR. LEONIDAH AND NIECES AND NEPHEW.**



**SR. LEONIDAH AND COUSINS**



**SR. LEONIDAH AND CHRISTIANS FROM HOME .**



Holy mass started at 11.00 a.m. the hour I eagerly waited, at the Christ the King Cathedral church where the church was beautifully decorated by our postulants by the support of the sisters: Goretti, Patricia and Sr. Joana the Incarnate word sister. Rev. Bishop Maurice Muhatia Makumba the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Nakuru was the main celebrant, Fr. Casmir Odundo Christ the King Cathedral Assistance, Fr. Brian Treacy Sps, Fr. Haron contemplative father, Fr. Moris Mokaya assistance parish priest Gekano parish and Fr. Geoffrey Thuo procurator catholic Diocese of Nakuru con-celebrated. At the beginning of the mass, I exchanged gifts with my family. I gave them a candle urging them to keep the light of Christ they passed on to me shining and a rosary to continue praying for me and everyone. Homily, reminding me of the importance of listening to the will of God in my life: **Speak Lord, for your servant is listening** with one simple act of obedience will change my whole life, being humble and open to the wonder of God's love, Bishops 's sermon was very touching and inspiring.

FR. BRIAN, FR. GEOFFREY,

FR. CASMIR, REV. BISHOP MAURICE MUHATIA MAKUMBA,

SR. LEONIDAH, FR. MOKAYA AND FR. HARON

MY UNCLE, MUM AND SR LEONIDAH DIALOGUE



The right of profession was very moving especially the part where I pronounced my vows. It is hard for me to find the words to describe how I felt. The choir, our postulants and novices were excellent with their melodious singing and dancing which raised our hearts to God and through their rhythmic music with angelic voice made us praise God twice and the participation of everyone at mass was motivating. During the time of the litany of the saints was being sung I felt the presence of the holy spirit in my life I was really felt like a bride of Christ my love was too large to him. It was the day to remember as all the people were full of Joy as we danced but there was no hugging, I missed it because of Corana, during and after mass I felt like a queen being cared for and loved.

**THE NOVICES, POSTULANTS AND THE SISTERS DANCING DURING BIBLE PROCESSION.**



After mass we had a wonderful and well prepared, decorated reception on the compound of Pounticula community. All the people who were at mass joined us for the reception except the bishop who was not feeling well. The meal was delicious which was prepared by our catering group from Love and hope center, we cut the cake, entertainments and gifts presentation. The day ended well and the visitors departed with joy.

SR. PATRICIA CUTTING THE CAKE WITH  
SR. LUCY, UNCLE, FR. MOKAYA, FR. CASMIR,

SR. LEONIDAH & HER MOTHER



SR. LEONIDA AND TRINITARIAN SISTERS,  
SR. FENENDES AND CATHERINE.



SR. EUNICE MOKUA LITTLE SISTER OF ST.FRANCIS  
SR. ESTHER OMBONGI SISTER OF ST. JOSEPH TARBES



I would like to express my deep love and gratitude to the congregational leader and team, thank you for accepting me to make my final vows to become a fully pledged member in FMSA family. The regional leader and team thank you for the opportunities, guidance and support. Sr Goretti thank you so much for accepting to receive my vows and for being there for me even during the worst moment of my life, you are a true servant of God you stood with me throughout day after day with great patience and concern. You have been a source of strength to me. May God bless you abundantly.

**SR. MARIA GORETTI RECEIVING**

**DIALOGUE WITH REV. BISHOP MAURICE MUHATIA**

**LEONIDAH 'S FINAL VOWS**



I wish to thank sincerely all our sisters, novices and postulants for your prayers, warm congratulations, best wishes, nice and encouraging words in beautiful cards, emails, phone calls, WhatsApp messages, beautiful gifts, valuable time and hard work with dedication all manifesting true unity in diversity that made my profession day grace filled, memorable and colorful. My family, relatives and friends, my parish, who have been with me in many ways over this period and those whose contribution made the day such an incredibly happy one in every way. In a special away I acknowledge the Pounticula community Sisters: Patricia, Goretti and the postulants, Kiamaina novitiate community sisters: Perpetua, Lucy and the novices and Greccio community with great love they reached out to make the day a happiest and eventful one, a long-lasting memory in my life for working so hard to make the day successful.

### **FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY SISTERS FOR AFRICA**

#### **FAMILY WITH THE BISHOPS AND PRIESTS**

#### **FMSA FAMILY**



I am truly appreciative of all the effort you made to make the day successful and colorful thank you so much and May God bless you all.

I conclude by asking each one of you to keep me in your prayers so that I may remain faithful to what I have vowed and continue joyously being instruments of love, mercy and compassion in the hands of God. May God bless us all.

With love and gratitude.

Leonidah Nyechero

