

## ANGLICAN CHURCH OF BURUNDI

### DIOCESE OF RUTANA



#### LOVE ONE ANOTHER

The Diocese of Rutana is situated in the South-eastern part of Burundi. Its seat is in the central town of the Province of Rutana. The Diocese of Rutana was born on August 19th, 2017. It is one of the 9 Dioceses which compose the Anglican Province of Burundi. The Diocese of Rutana is made of **three Archdeacons** namely: RUTANA, TIMBURA and NTAHO. The Diocese of Rutana started with **14 parishes** and **94 local churches**. It started with a total number of **Christians of 25.468**.

Below is the photo of **Rt. Rev. Bishop Pontien RIBAKARE** and his Wife **Eularie NDAYIRORERE**



#### Existing Departments in RUTANA New Diocese

Apart from the **Diocesan Secretariat** that covers all the existing departments, the diocese of Rutana has already various departments as shown below:

1. *Projects Coordination Department*
2. *Mothers' Union Department*
3. *Communication Department*
4. *Christian Education Department (Evangelism)*
5. *Financial and Accounting Department.*
6. *Youth Department*

#### NEWSLETTER OF APRIL 2018

1. The Diocese of Rutana has sent **two persons representing the youth in the Youth Congress held in Nairobi-Kenya** from 9th-14th April 2018. That Congress was organized by CAPA and it took place at MMU. Almost 270 people from various African countries participated. The leading **theme during that Congress was about** "Releasing Youth Potential, Realizing possibilities for Africa: Mathew 17:20". The Anglican church of Burundi was represented in this congress by **eleven (11) young people**. Below is the picture delegates of Anglican Church of Burundi to the congress



2. On Sunday, April 22th, 2018, The Bishop of Rutana Diocese Accompanied with his wife, the Mothers' Union Coordinator, the Diocesan Secretary and the Communication Officer visited the Parish of Gatongati in Timbura Archdeaconry **just to share the word of God with the Christians of that Parish**. His teaching was based on **John 3:13-18** when teaching on True love which must characterize the church members. Gatongati parish has 1767 people as a total number of Christians gathered in 6 local churches. The Christians were very proud to receive Bishop as their Guest of honor along with the team he went with, and filled with joy and happiness, the Christians gave a gift to the Bishop. **Below is the picture of Bishop with M.U members**



3. From 27 to 29 April 2017, the Diocese of Rutana has received a mixed team called **REVIVAL SEASON TEAM** made of almost 60 Christians from Kinindo and Ngagara Parishes in Bujumbura Anglican Diocese. During that period, so much has been done such as workshops, prayer meetings, home visits, and a very big Christian Crusade was the closing event. The main theme during that period was "**All of us together, let's stand up and take the Gospel wherever God wants us to go to**" Biblical references 2 chronicles 7: 14-20, acts 9:31, Luke 12-35, Romans 12:1-2, Nehemiah 1:4-7, Galatians 5:13-26, below is the picture of Christians praising the Lord during the Crusade.



**Below is a Photo of mass choir with all Christians on Sunday of 29<sup>th</sup> april 2018**



**Prayer Request:** The diocese of Rutana strongly asks for constant prayers and support. It is concerned to get a car which can be used by our guests as they come for visit and want to go into different parishes. Much as some of them are remotely located. May the Lord bless you all!

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