

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF BURUNDI DIOCESE OF RUTANA



LOVE ONE ANOTHER



Departments of RUTANA 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*

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1 On **7th September 2018** the **Youth Department** Office with the Youth Committee **organized a farewell party** whereby students in holidays were ending the activities they have been doing under church supervision. This was planned by the Youth Department Office in order to usefully occupy students during their holidays. On that particular day, Christian songs presented in traditional dance were sang and other presentations as well. The speaker of the day was Reverend **Augustin Nsengiyumva** who was invited **to speak on 'Love without worries'**.



2. This **period** has been marked by the **confirmation services** conducted in different parishes where many Christians are being confirmed. On **2nd September 2018**, there were confirmation ceremonies in **Mihama Parish**, the smallest parish in the diocese of Rutana. Surprisingly for the first **time 22 people were confirmed**

Besides that, a new **Deacon** was officially introduced to the **congregation** and he is going to lead the Parish while the former priest was appointed to lead another parish called **BUTEZI**. The parish of **Mihama** doesn't have a Church building that can contain all Christians. The new parish leader make a very long distance of more than 30 km while having no a bicycle to ride on.

On **9th September 2018**, there was a confirmation service held in **Kivungo Parish** **where 101 Christians were confirmed**. The parish is surrounded by strong rivers that always destroy bridges and Christians were so glad to see such event happening in their church after many years without having it because of the difficulties to get there due to destroyed bridges.



On **16th September 2018** there was a confirmation service in **NTOBO parish** where **75 people were confirmed**. The same services were done on **30th September 2018** in **Gitaramuka Parish** where **92 people were confirmed**. At the same time, a new Deacon was introduced to the Parish as the leader of it. The same things happened in **Gitaba New Paris** on **7th October** when the Bishop accompanied with many pastors and the diocesan staff first officially opened a new parish called **Gitaba** and **therefore confirmed 51 people**. According to regular reports, **the number of Christians increases rapidly both in number and in Faith**. The new diocese of Rutana started with almost **26.000 Christians** but the recent statistics showed that the number has much increased within one year of its existence and now the number has gone **lightly beyond 30.000 Christians**.

On **14th October 2018**, the same service was conducted in another new parish officially opened on that same particular day and finally a **LADY Deacon** whose name is **LEA NSABIMANA** was **appointed** to lead that particular new parish called **KIGUNGA**. On that day **150 Christians were confirmed**. **The three new parishes are GITABA, MUKUYO and KIGUNGA**. The diocese of Rutana has started with **14 parishes** and now it **has 17 parishes**. This year the Bishop has decided to make visits and conduct confirmation in all diocesan parishes and only four of them are remaining to close this confirmation activity.

Prayer*Request

1. **To finish building the Cathedral so that our Christians can be released for other things.**

2. **Pray for our new Deacons' success who are going to work in different parishes**