

# News from the Capricorn Africa Province

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Greetings to everyone from the Faith and Light Communities in Capricorn Africa. There has been much activity, where Faith and Light is active in the following countries: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), South Africa and Zimbabwe. Communication with these countries has been strengthened.

We are committed to re-energize the communities in the province. To this end, I visited several of them and organised various formation sessions to bring together representatives from each community in South Africa and Zimbabwe. We were delighted to be able to meet in the best possible conditions despite our limited resources.



Unfortunately, I was unable to travel to the DRC for logistical reasons, but the good news is that she has been able to connect and talk to the Faith and Light leadership in that country and has let them know they are very much a part of the province. The Vice Provincial Coordinator, Bruno Ngoy, shared experiences of losing beloved members, facing accidents, and the journey to full recovery for those affected. Despite their difficulties in getting together, due to the various tensions in the country, but they remain hopeful and we continue to hold them close in prayer always.

Two Formation/provincial gatherings were also held quite recently:

**1. The first one took place from 26 to 28 September 2025** at the Norbertine Priory in Kommetjie, Cape Town. I led this meeting with the coordinators of the four communities in South Africa, in the presence of other members. The weekend was devoted to prayer, discussion, sharing of the positive and challenges within their respective communities, team building, revisiting the Charter and Constitution, priorities, and looking towards the future plans.



We also had an opportunity to have a time of fiesta with the St Martins Community and celebrate the countries Heritage Day celebration in music and dance.

We are also delighted to share the great news that the Fish Hoek Community held a discernment and Elize Harris was called into the role of Community Coordinator to accompany the community as they officially asked to be recognized after a period of more than 2 years in formation whilst building the foundation of a community life in Faith and Light. Congratulations Fish Hoek Community!



- **The second provincial gathering in Zimbabwe that I facilitated from 3 to 5 October 2025**, took place in the Harare region, where nearly 100 representatives from the communities of Harare, Kwekwe, Bulawayo and Gweru gathered in a humble yet magnificent setting in Kwekwe, in a true spirit of Africa. We were also delighted to welcome Reverend Brian Munobvanryi, the new chaplain of the Gweru community, to the meeting.

All delegates were given various handbooks such as the Charter and Constitution and the 2025-2026 guidelines. They discussed on and shared their challenges and on fundraising, the reasons for their involvement in Faith and Light, the spirituality of the movement, the role of the chaplain, and worked on developing priorities for each community for the coming year.



Throughout the weekend, deep sharing was held, lots of music, dance and simple instruments such as an ordinary plastic tub, could become an instrument of joy. The need is always to find the gift within and to share it, as well as discussing how to overcome the challenges experienced in the country, and individual community needs.

It proved to be a time of openness and understanding of what Faith and Light's mission is to the world and to the Communities in Zimbabwe. The Jesuit community were very supportive, thanks extended to Fr David Harold-Barry, and Artkin Muwishi, Lorraine Lunga and the communities of Kwekwe, for logistical support and preparation within the country, on-site organisation, meals and refreshments, which contributed to everyone's well-being.



We pray for continued growth to revive all the communities as the Holy Spirit leads. We pray for continued growth to revive all the communities as the Holy Spirit leads. May Jesus guide us and hold us close.

Thank you to all the communities, who via solidarity support were able to play a huge role towards enabling our formation sessions to become a reality in our province, where it was needed most. And to the South African communities for stepping in, to ensure we can contribute towards the goal of giving in many ways. Encouraged by everyone's generosity and international support, we are wholeheartedly committed to the mission of Faith and Light in our province.

Blessings and much Love to all.