

## After a long drought, the rain drops fell upon us

The 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2022 will be a great day of jubilation when after more than decade the South African Province of the Priests of the Sacred Heart will see the ordination of one of its own when Rev. Deacon Zachaeus Tembo sej to the sacramental priesthood. What a day to look forward to and indeed we are glad because after “years of drought the rain finally fell on the desolate land and watered it”.



This is a moment of joy; it is our *kairos*; it is our decisive moment in the SCJ history in this part of the globe. The historical trajectory has been altered and we hope the rains shall continue to fall so that new life in the South African SCJ Province may sprout out. This is the genesis of a new and vibrant generation of the SCJs in South Africa, a new dawn which is upon us. Filled with hope, temporally professed SCJ Brothers in formation look up to this moment and will carry from it strength to persevere until the end.

We congratulate Rev. Zachaeus and we entrust to God our prayers for him so that his ministry may be fruitful and bring new insights into the Congregation and into the Church wherever he may be sent. This moment is an encouragement to all. The Lord has regarded us and has blessed us. May the good Lord increase the laborers in the vineyard!