



Brother Gideon Justus KUBEBEA (scholastic)
(1986 - 2013)

*Died 14 May 2013, in a car accident on his way from Balaka to Mangochi (Malawi)
aged 26, with 3 years of Religious Profession.*

Rev. Br Gideon Justus Wandera Kubebea SMM, died on 14th May 2013 in Mangochi, Malawi at the age of 26. He died in a car accident when he was driving from Balaka to Mangochi. He was trying to avoid cyclists on the road when he finally hit an oncoming truck carrying cotton and Gideon who was alone in the car died on the spot at about 5:50 pm (17:50 hrs) in Mpima forest, shortly after St. Johns-DMI University, and before Mangochi town.

Br Gideon Justus Wandera Kubebea was born in Busia, a district in Western Kenya on 29th December 1986. He was the sixth born in a family of eight children (four boys and four girls). His father is Damian Wandera Ouma and his mother, Christine Narocho Ouma. Br Gideon went to Bwamani Primary School in Busia, Kenya where he did his Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (K.C.P.E) from 1993 -2000. He proceeded to St Peters Minor Seminary in Kakamega-Kenya where he did his Secondary education from 2001 -2004.

Gideon joined the Montfort Missionaries in 2005. He did three months Pre-Postulancy in Mbarara-Uganda (2005), three years Postulancy at Inter-Congregational Institute (ICI) the then Inter-Congregational Seminary (ICS) Balaka-Malawi (2005-2008) and one year novitiate (2008-2009) in Mbarara Uganda. He made his first profession on 7th August 2009 with Jailos Augustine Mpina, David Niwagaba and Dieudonne Bomalose. He did his scholasticate in Nairobi Scholasticate community and Theology at Hekima Jesuit School of Theology, a constituent College of the Catholic University of Eastern Africa from August 2009 to May 2012 and graduated with BA Theology. Then he was asked to serve in Malawi for one year for pastoral experience. He served at Sitima parish, Zomba diocese (July 17 2012 - February 1, 2013) and Namiasi Community, Mangochi diocese from February 2, 2013 to May 14, 2013 when he died. His application for Perpetual Profession was accepted by the superior delegate and his council. He died a month before the period of preparation for Perpetual Profession.

He was a jovial and friendly young man. We will miss his smiles and laughter. Due to his availability to peoples' needs, he was always the uniting figure in any community where he happened to be. If someone needed any help from Gideon, he was always ready to sacrifice his plans and give him full attention as if it were his own work. He was indeed "A man of the community." Always availing himself to others.

Gideon was an intelligent and wise young man. He was academically bright and the lecturers who taught him at Inter-Congregational Institute (ICI) the then ICS Balaka and Hekima College attest to it. He completed his Philosophical and Religious studies at ICS with First Class Honours and in the Jesuit School of Theology in Nairobi he was among the

best students in Theology. Gideon's intellectual abilities were not just in books, but it would be seen practically in the way he would speak, dialogue with people, analyze situations and the decisions he would make. He was also able to express himself eloquently and put across his views in a very palatable manner. This was clearly demonstrated when he was involved in the training of Catechists at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Nairobi where the participants in the course voted him the best facilitator and gave him an award for that.

Brother Gideon was sportive: He played Football, Volleyball, Basketball and Table Tennis. For example, in football at Hekima College he was the top scorer and the player of the tournament (2012). Br. Gideon was a focused disciplined, prayerful, critical and objective person. His untimely death is a very big loss to our Montfortian family and his biological family. Br. Gideon's favourite words were: "I am all yours and all I have is yours." (TD 233). Rev. Br Gideon Justus Wandera Kubebea SMM was laid to rest on 20th May 2013 at Montfort Cemetery Nantipwili -Malawi.