

## FIELD OF APOSTOLATE OF MIDM

The field of activities of the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master is the establishment of learning centres of all levels, social communications media, training centres, houses of religious and priestly formation and all other fora of social interactions using all the available modern approaches and techniques according to new demands.

## SPIRITUALITY OF MIDM

Fervent Eucharistic and Marian devotions shall distinguish Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master. They shall strive always to foster and increase these devotions in themselves and promote and instil them in others, especially in the youth.

## FORMATION OF MIDM

Formation takes three stages: the first stage involves basic formation in three phases. First, there is Aspirancy, which lasts for one continuous and complete year. The second aspect is Postulancy, where a candidate is helped to attain human and spiritual maturity. The third phase is Novitiate, which aims to provide candidates with a deeper understanding of their divine call and vocation to the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master. The second stage is the juniorate, where candidates to Holy Orders proceed with theological studies, and professed

brothers undertake programs to deepen their knowledge and skills. The third stage is ongoing formation, where members earnestly strive to further their spiritual, doctrinal, and technical development throughout their entire life.

## REQUIREMENTS OF MIDM

The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master admit young Catholic men of balanced piety and stable personality who have a genuine intention to join the community freely. They should have successfully completed the Advanced level or graduated from any institute with at least a diploma in any field.

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# MISSIONARIES OF JESUS THE DIVINE MASTER



I AM THE WAY, THE  
TRUTH, AND THE LIFE"  
(John 14:6)

## NAME OF MIDM

The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master (MIDM)

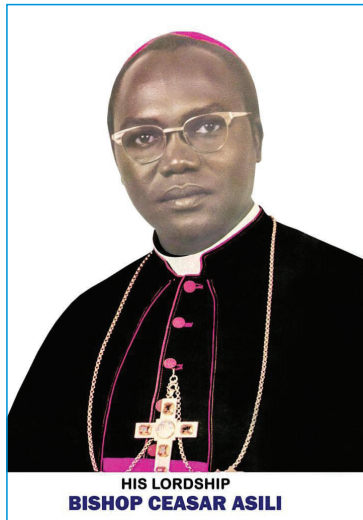
## MOTTO MIDM

To enlighten all men in Christ (*Illuminare omnes Homines in Christo*)

## FOUNDATION OF MIDM

The community of missionaries of Jesus the divine master (MIDM) was conceived and founded by Rt. Rev. Caesar Asili, the first Bishop of Lira Diocese. His Holiness Pope Paul VI blessed the foundation stone in 1969 during his visit to Uganda, marking a new chapter in the history of the African Church by urging Africans to be Missionaries to themselves.

Bishop Caesar Asili recognised the need for a religious Clerical Missionary Institute in response to the secular challenges of modern times to the Christian faith. First, as a school supervisor in the early 1960s, Fr. Caesar Asili witnessed and experienced the profound effects of the Government's policy of taking



control of schools from their missionary founders. Christian religious teaching and morals weakened in the national education system, with foreseeable dire consequences for the ethical values and practices in society.

Marxist, atheistic, and materialistic ideology was steadily and systematically growing among the educated elite who would be the leaders of society. The triumph of such irreligious ideas and values would lead to moral decadence and corruption of treasured human values that would surely kill societal conscience.

It was to neutralize, reverse, correct and prevent such a dangerous development that the foundation of a religious teaching Association was conceived, whose members are to throw their weight and influence in the education system at all levels and instill the healthy and health-giving principles of Christ in the minds, heart and integral lives of the educated youth whose influence in the society is immense. This is the historical context that gives meaning to the foundation of the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master (Teacher), entrusted with the Charisma and Mission in the Educational field as its peculiar and proper mode of pastoral work, and this Mission statement defines and gives reason for the existence of MIDM.

## CHARISM OF MIDM

Our charism is following Jesus – the Divine Master: who is the way, the truth, the life, and light.

## NATURE OF MIDM

The missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master, is Clerical in nature. But also admits lay men to be formed as Reverend Brothers. The members live a consecrated life and fraternal living in community. The brothers have equal membership rights as priests and deacons in the association, except in matters of sacramental ministry.

## PURPOSE OF MIDM

The purpose of the Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master is to seek first the kingdom of God through personal sanctification by observance of the precept of love of God and neighbour and the principle of the Gospel; secondly, to seek the sanctification of others by enlightening their minds-teaching them all that Jesus commanded and inflaming their hearts with Divine Love and Loving Service.

## APOSTOLATE OF MIDM

The specific apostolate of The Missionaries of Jesus the Divine Master is the pastoral responsibility of Christian Education and the Defense of Catholic Doctrine, which they carry out through any institutions of learning and other institutions as teachers, tutors, professors, chaplains, spiritual directors, administrators and respond to any other needs of the Church whenever possible and as the need may be.