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NEGOTIATIONS

The Archbishop, the Most Rev. Bernard Ntahoturi, recently took part in a high level meeting of the government, the FNL group, civil society, religious confessions, and the international community that reviewed the implementation of the peace agreement between the Government and the FNL. Interviewed on national radio, the Archbishop congratulated the parties involved on the progress made so far and called on the international community to maintain its support to the country as the agreement continues to be worked out. "It is one thing to sign an agreement but another thing to translate it into action", he said.

PRIMATES MEETING

The Archbishop is attending the Primates' meeting in Alexandria, Egypt, from 1st- 5th February. Among their concerns are the Anglican Covenant, global warming and the global financial crisis, and Zimbabwe.

ORDINATIONS

Bujumbura diocese recently ordained 3 priests and 5 deacons. Ten senior clergy were made Canons. The Rt. Rev. Sixbert Macumi, Bishop of Buye, encouraged them in his sermon to serve as shepherds of God's people and to stand firm in the assurance that they are sent with the presence of Jesus.



ENVIRONMENT

All the dioceses are involved in projects to protect and improve the environment. Just over 3 million trees were produced in 2008 and during a national environment week many were planted out throughout the dioceses. The President of Burundi, on a visit to Bururi administrative Province, met with members of the environment club from the Lycée at Matana, a Church secondary school (see below), and saw the nursery beds for fruit trees that are part of a project with Christian Aid.



NEWS IN BRIEF

- A delegation led by the Archbishop that included all the bishops along with pastors and lay people attended the consecration of Nathan Gasatura Kamusiime as Bishop of Butare, Rwanda, on 11th January 2009. They took congratulations from the Province to the newly elected Bishop who had been development officer in the diocese of Bujumbura in the 1980s and ordained deacon by the Rt. Rev. Pie Ntukamazina, Bishop of Bujumbura.
- Training has been held for representatives from all the dioceses on transmission of HIV from mother to child.
- At the beginning of January Buye diocese held a crusade on transformation specifically for women. It was based on Romans 12 v 1-2. Over 600 women representing 28 parishes attended.
- A Provincial Synod was held 13th-14th January. It reviewed the work of the Province during the past 2 years and launched a planning process for 2010 - 2014.

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