

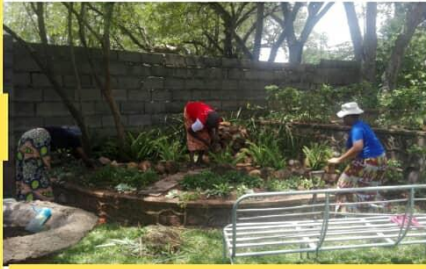
# NOVITIATE VICTORIA FALLS



Our Novitiate is situated at the Zimbabwean side of FMDM Southern Africa in Victoria Falls. The novitiate was opened in 1982. The young women who come here are from Nigeria, Zambia and Zimbabwe for an international experience of formation. Our life in the novitiate is centred on Prayer and other activities such as classes, gardening, celebrations, shopping, accompaniment, bursary, cookery, gardening and cleaning, just a few to mention.



**Ruth**



**Gardening**



**Clare**



**Prisca**



**Cleaning**



**Liziwe**

**Sanitizing the Church after Mass**



**28th June**



**2020**



**Home made sanitizer for the Church**



Zimbabwe has been on lockdown since March 2020 and during this time we have been doing various activities such as Zoom Masses and Zoom Classes.

The regulations of COVID19 have been relaxed or lifted a bit by the government. We are able to go out to do essential shopping and necessary things around. Churches were opened towards the end of June. In Victoria falls the faithful can only attend Sunday Masses. After Zoom Masses which we made a closure to on 4<sup>th</sup> July, we are now so blessed to have Fr. Similenkosi coming over to the novitiate to celebrate daily Mass.

We have also been engaged in activities such as making homemade sanitizers and given them to the Church and actually participate in cleaning the Church after Sunday Masses.

In normal circumstances the novices are out every Friday for pastoral work to visit the poor in homes, old people's home and the Hospital. On Sunday's they work with the Youth.



We have been involved in different activities during COVID19 pandemic such as visiting the poor people's homes and the COVID19 Centres. On behalf of the congregation we have donated food and other bits in kind. We feel this is an opportunity for us to expand our Franciscan hearts.



**Donation in kind**



**2020**

**COVID 19 Activities**



**Homemade sanitizer**



**Sanitizing the Church**

**Novitiate community**



**Visiting Quarantine places  
And poor homes**

