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# Homecoming Mass of Fr. Martin Onyango

Martin was born on the 12th March 1983 in Nairobi, son of Vitalis and Marcella. Vitalis is a university professor in Mathematics and Marcella is a teacher. They have ten children and Martin is the 4th born.

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Martin studied a Bachelor in Business and Information Technology in Strathmore University.

He graduated in 2007. He had joined Opus Dei in 2004 when he was a student. After some years working with *Bureau Veritas* he left for Rome in 2010 to pursue his theological studies, as he felt God may be calling him to the priesthood.

He was ordained to the priesthood on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 in the Basilica of Saint Eugenio in Rome by Bishop Javier Echevarria, Prelate of Opus Dei. He celebrated his first solemn Mass in Kenya on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at the parish of St. Catherine of Alexandria in Nairobi, shortly after his arrival back into the country.

Since his ordination in 2016 he completed a doctorate in Theology in the University of the

Holy Cross in Rome. He also spent six months in Santiago de Compostela (Spain), a famous place of pilgrimage. Many thousands of pilgrims go there every year

following the famous *Camino de Santiago* (“The Way of St. James). There he exercised his priestly ministry among students and married people.

He will be based in Strathmore University (his *alma mater*) where he will be assistant chaplain, as well as helping out in other pastoral work as needed.

We wish Fr. Martin a very warm welcome and a very fruitful priestly ministry!

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