

Church seeks land to build health centre

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MOSHI Catholic Diocese Bishop Isaac Amani has directed the Executive Committee of Uru Parish to seek a plot for construction of a health centre and a modern house for priests.

He tasked the Finance and Planning Committee to do that after Uru parishioners who reside in Dar es Salaam offered to initiate the building of the facilities but there was no land available.

The offers and orders were made on Friday, during a ceremony to mark 100 years since the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish was established.

Dar es Salaam members volunteered to refurbish the church building, something that was well completed in time and had some materials left.

Bishop Amani commended the Dar es salaam Committee for a great job that he said was well done and challenged the Uru resident faithful to follow the suit, as they are duty bound to offer whatever they have to complete the projects.

The Catholic Diocese Head warned the local faithful against relying too heavily on those in diaspora, in hope that the remaining building materials would suffice to construct the health centre.

"Every faithful is supposed to fulfil their religious obligations as the early missionaries did 100 years ago by taxing their fellow faithful back in America for the sake of Catholic Church here in Uru," said

the top clergy.

Chairman of the Dar es Salaam Committee, Eng. Erasto Tarimo, said they had asked for a place to initiate the construction of the health centre so that they use the unused material that was meant for the church building.

Mr Lyamuya pointed out that they used 141,054,700/- for repair of the church building, and they were left with unused 160 pieces of boards, 200 corrugated iron sheets that would benefit the faithful at Uru on other projects.

Engineer Lyamuya said construction of a health centre is in the long term plans of the parish and they would like at the next jubilee the faithful and locals find themselves enjoying better health services.

He said the priests who serve at the parish also deserve a better residence with more conducive environment, and that is why they have initiated the projects that will befit the next generations as well.

The engineer said they have accomplished the plans for construction of the health centre and now are on course to prepare official architectural designs for it as well as the priests residence house.

Speaking during the occasion, Chairman of The Parish Guardians Council, Mr Peter Shayo, said apart from the health centre, they had planned to build and fortify prayer centres and some other projects so that the parish gets more income.