

Cleric Simon Muema SDS

Background: Simon grew up in Kenya, Africa with six siblings. He lived in Spain six years, two in Portugal and seven in California. As a high school student in Kenya he was active in volleyball and basketball earning a starting player position. His favorite subjects were chemistry, biology, geography and religious/civic education. Simon participated in an intensive undergraduate Spanish class and is fluent in Portuguese. He pursued a double major at Riverside College in California in the fields of social work and nursing, and earned associates degrees in science and mathematics as well as humanities.

Simon shared that that his vocation to religious life was planted like a seed when he was in middle school. He felt drawn to it but was not in a hurry to act on it, saying he wanted to take time to grow in god's love and have the call to action be realized at the right time. He has cherished his desire to be a part of the religious life for some time and says his zeal to make the Savior known and loved is very important to him. Before joining the Salvatorians Simon worked at ALTA Company, Synergy and then Amada 24-hour homecare."

Why the Salvatorians: Simon said it was Fr. Jordan who inspired him in 2009 when he first learned about the Order and the founder's proclamation that all of us are called to be apostles. He shared that through baptism we are all called to accomplish God's mission and make Jesus known throughout the world so that "all may come to know the Savior.' He says that the inclusive nature of the Order encourages us to leave differences and barriers behind and to recognize our brothers in harmony and peace.

Hobbies: Volleyball, tennis and table tennis are favorites. He also enjoys playing pool and being with friends.

Favorite Dessert: Buttermilk chocolate pudding

Favorite Quote: "You must be the change you wish to see in the world."
– Ghandi

Favorite Bible Passage: "And we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good for those who are called to His purpose."
– Romans 8:28

