



Mafinga, Tanzania - 15 February 2010 - A new training course for 26 catechists has just begun at the Salesians' Training Centre for Catechists in Mafinga-Makalala in the East Africa Province, under the direction of Fr. Joseph Minja, SDB. The catechists-to-be come from the dioceses of Iringa, Songea, Mbeya, Dar es Salaam, and Njombe. Two of the challenges these lay people have to face are the family and basic formation. In order to undertake the training, many of them have to leave their families for some time; others have to integrate Christian formation with a basic preparation which sometimes they stopped at primary level. Motivating them in this task is the certainty of having been called by God to carry out the mission of catechists. The Training Centre for Catechists was founded by Fr. Edward Liptak, a Salesian missionary from the U.S.