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Dear Oblate Brothers of the Delegation of Zambia,

Thank you for taking the time to participate in the consultation for our new delegation superior, the first straw vote has been completed, and the results were compiled. We received a total of 62 responses, which is an excellent rate of return! In the coming weeks, we will be holding one-on-one calls with those who requested private consultations. We are reading and discerning all the very helpful feedback that you have taken the time to complete.

As a body, over 75% of the delegation members feel it is time to move forward and become a province. Though there is no set timeline for this, the new delegation superior will begin the process of studying and planning how this can become a reality in the near future. It is an exciting time in the life of the province and the delegation.

The feedback and concerns expressed on what qualities the new superior should have and develop contained some common themes we would like to share with you. Though there was diverse and extensive feedback, some of the common traits you see in a new leader are as follows: Someone who will be a **Unifier**, an **Administrator**, a **Visionary**, a **Fraternal or Father figure**, have a deep love for the **Oblate Charism**, and finally one who **Listens**.

With these qualities in mind, we present you with the delegation members' top five choices for Delegation Superior in alphabetical order by last name.

- Chibesa Chishimba
- Like Sakubita Lawrence
- Musaba Chiti Michael Kasonde
- Mutale Nebby Chanda
- Sauti Lewis Chilembwe

The final consultation ballot will be sent out within the next three weeks. You may still write in any name of your choosing at that time or choose from the list above. Please take the names presented here, along with the desired qualities, and bring them to prayer for discernment. This will be one of the most significant consultations you will have as a delegation because the man chosen may be the one to lead you into the future as a province.

Once again, thank you for your feedback. You will remain in our prayers and have our continued support during this process and beyond! If you have any questions, please let us know.

In Christ,

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