

Holy Father, Pope Francis, a position he held until 1st February 2020 when Bishop Dominic Kimengich was installed as the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Eldoret.

Over the years as a teacher, educationist and administrator, Bishop Maurice Anthony Crowley has taught and mentored many persons most of whom now occupy different esteemed positions in the public, civil service as well as in the private sector. As a spiritual leader, Bishop Crowley has formed and ordained many young men into priesthood, who are now serving as diocesan and missionary priests in Kenya and in other parts of the world. Among his students are formators in Major Seminaries, Vicar Generals and Bishop Joseph Obanyi Sagwe of the Catholic Diocese of Kakamega.

As the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Kitale since 15th August 1998, Bishop Crowley has initiated and overseen tremendous growth in the diocese pastorally, spiritually and socio-economically. Parishes have increased as is the number of Christians and local priests. At its inception in 1998, the diocese had only 16 parishes, while 2020 it has 34 parishes. The number of the local clergy in 1998 stood at 15 as compared to 68 in 2020. As the Chair of the Board of Management of Kitale National Polytechnic, St. Joseph's Boys National School, St. Bridgid's National School, St. Anthony's Boys Secondary School, St. Monica's Girls Secondary School in Trans-Nzoia county and Weiwei-Psigor Boys Secondary School, St. Cecilia-Chepararia Girls Secondary School in West Pokot county, Bishop Crowley has contributed immensely in the development of physical infrastructure and facilities, and improved education standards in those schools. Through his leadership, the diocese has helped build a significant number of classrooms in public primary and secondary schools in Trans-Nzoia and West Pokot counties. As at now, there are over 500 Catholic sponsored secondary and primary schools spread over both counties.

As an educationist, Bishop Crowley served at the national level from 2011 to 2012 as a member of the Task Force on the Realignment of the Education System to the Constitution of Kenya, which recommended for the Competency Based Curriculum in the Kenyan education system. He has also served as the chair of the Commission for Education and Religious Education, and the Commission for Seminaries of the Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops. Currently, he is a Council Member of the Tangaza University College as well as the Catholic University of Eastern Africa – CUEA. Other than education and together with the late Bishop Korir, Bishop Crowley has worked and continues to work for peace in the North-rift, in particular along the border of West Pokot, Elgeyo-Marakwet and Turkana counties, through grass root peace initiatives and activities, and humanitarian assistance to warring communities. In January 2020 under his leadership, the CARITAS department of the diocese in partnership with Catholic Relief Services, provided emergency relief to households affected by landslides in West Pokot county. Together with partners, Bishop Maurice Anthony Crowley continues to be instrumental in uplifting the standards of living of the people of Trans-Nzoia and West Pokot counties in the Catholic Diocese of Kitale, by nurturing their physical and spiritual life.
