



RT. REV. MAURICE ANTHONY CROWLEY

THE BISHOP, CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF KITALE,

the current local ordinary of the Catholic Diocese of Kitale-Kenya was born on 11th May 1946, at Berrings Location, County Cork, Ireland to the late Denis Crowley and the late Nora Crowley. He is the second born in a family of nine. Msgr. Crowley attended Tullig National Primary School, Coachford, for basic education and St. Colemon's College, Fermoy for secondary school studies from 1952 to 1963. In 1964 he joined St. Patrick's (Kiltegan) Missionary Society. After his theological studies with the Kilteigans, he joined the University College Cork where he later graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1968.

Msgr. Crowley was ordained priest for the St. Patrick's Missionary Society on June 4th 1972 at Kilamoate Church, Kiltegan and celebrated his first Mass at St. Mary's Church, Berrings, Co. Cork, Ireland the following day. The young Fr. Maurice Anthony Crowley was assigned to Kenyan province of the Society by his superiors. On arrival in Kenya, he was posted to the Catholic Diocese of Eldoret in 1972. He was sent to Mokwo Parish, at the edges of the Keiyo escarpment presently in Elgeyo-Marakwet County, where he was stationed until 1974. During his time at Mokwo, he served as an assistant parish priest and also taught in Kitany Secondary School. Later he was promoted to become the Headmaster of Kitany Secondary School. He was then transferred to Iten Parish where while engaging in pastoral work as an assistant parish priest, he also taught Mathematics and Physics at St Patrick's High School, Iten in 1975.

In 1983, Fr. Crowley, as he was commonly known, was appointed the Rector of Mother of Apostles Junior Seminary in Eldoret by Bishop John Njenga (now deceased), who was then the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Eldoret. After Bishop Njenga was transferred in 1988, Fr. Crowley continued to serve as the Rector of the minor seminary under Bishop Cornelius Kipng'eno Korir (now deceased) who took over from Bishop Njenga. While performing his duties of teaching and forming young seminarians at Mother of Apostles Junior Seminary, he was elected by his fellow principals of secondary schools as treasurer and later Chairman of Uasin Gishu Secondary Schools' Heads Association. He also served as the Vicar-General of the Catholic Diocese of Eldoret from 1993 to 1998. On 27th April 1998, Fr. Crowley was appointed as a Bishop by the Holy Father, now St. John Paul II. Msgr. Maurice Anthony Crowley was subsequently consecrated on 15th August 1998, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as the first Bishop of the newly created Catholic Diocese of Kitale, which was cut out of the Catholic Diocese of Eldoret, and which now occupies the administrative counties of Trans-Nzoia and West Pokot. In November 2017, following the death of Bishop Korir-Catholic Diocese of Eldoret, Bishop Crowley was appointed the Apostolic Administrator for the Catholic Diocese of Eldoret by the