

## DON ORIONE FRIENDS' MEETING.

Don Orione friends (Kadisi) is a group of people from Kadisi and its environs who support Don Orione Training Centre's work with the youth and children with intellectual disability in different ways, namely; volunteer work, inviting new members to know the centre, financial support, ideas, amongst others.

This year, the Don Orione friends seek to deepen and share the Orionine Charism amongst themselves and other new members in a different way: by focusing more profoundly on the theme of family life. In this regard, the Don Orione friends hope to be meeting once a month. In such meetings, the Holy Mass, formative sessions, sports and recreation, a shared meal would be some of the activities.

The inaugural meeting of this form went down on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at the Don Orione Training Centre, Kadisi. In attendance were over 50 families, who included couples and their Children. In total, the attendance was about 200 people. The meeting started with Holy Mass led by Fr. Alex, the Director of the Centre. After the Mass, those present interacted briefly over some snacks. This interaction was vital since it served to introduce a number of new friends who were in attendance to their peers. The interaction was followed by a formative session for the adults given by Fr. Alex. The topic was on the *'importance of family in our congregation'*. While the adults were in this session, the kids and the youth indulged in fun and games; the bouncing castles, cycling, amongst others.

After the formative session, recreation and sports followed. In this area, there was no shortage of interesting disciplines where one could have showcased his or her prowess; from football, volleyball, dancing, to gym activities. Though there was a bit of showers, that did not dampen the mood of the participants, everybody appeared engrossed and enjoying in their choice sports. After the recreation, it was time for a bite, and there was no disappointment in this regard; a most tantalizing and exquisite meal was served for all.

In the ensuing two meetings, the themes would be; *family life and finances*, and *spirituality and work*. These meetings will take place in the last Sunday of every month at the Orione Training Centre.