

Most Reverend Paul R. Ruzoka

Archbishop of Tabora
(Tanzania)

+ Archbishop Ruzoka's Life

- 2007** Installed as Archbishop of Tabora by Cardinal Polycarp Pengo and Archbishop Joseph Chennoth
- 1990** Ordained as Bishop of Kigoma by Pope John Paul II at Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome
- 1975** Ordained a Priest
- 1948** Born in Nyakayenzi, Kakongo Parish, in Kibondo, in the district of Kigoma, Tanzania

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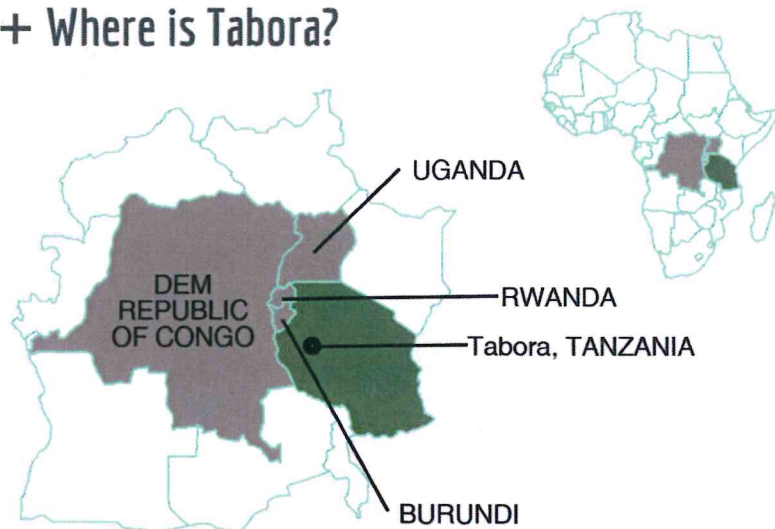
LECTURE ON REFUGEES

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Please join us for an informative evening with the Most Reverend Paul R. Ruzoka.

Archbishop Ruzoka's experiences while serving as Bishop of Kigoma, Tanzania, and now as Archbishop of Tabora, Tanzania, have given him unique first-hand perspectives on the plight and suffering of refugees, the pressures facing the host countries, and the need for the Church to advocate for the most vulnerable members of the world.

+ Where is Tabora?



Western Tanzania is no stranger to the issues of refugees. In the 1960's, Congolese and Rwandan refugees fled political violence into western Tanzania. In 1972, a 'coup d'état' in Burundi forced refugees into Tanzania. In 1994 in Rwanda, mass killings of the Tutsis by the majority-Hutu populace drove Burundi and Rwandan refugees into Tanzania. In 1996, more refugees fled political turmoil in Congo into western Tanzania.

+ Archbishop Ruzoka's Work

- Archbishop Ruzoka is currently a member of the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People
- In response to the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, Archbishop Ruzoka took the role of Vice President of the Joint Commission on Refugees, seeking to address the complications of the many Burundi refugees fleeing violence in the neighboring countries.
- Archbishop Ruzoka continues to support the vulnerable in Tanzania - including raising awareness of the plight of Albino people in Tanzania. He is currently working to raise money and government support to build a sanctuary for hundreds of albino and other vulnerable children in Tabora, Tanzania