



**KARUCO
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Rev. Fortunatus Singa Bijura was born and raised in the Karagwe District in the Kagera Region of Tanzania. He attended St. Paul's Senior Seminary in Tabora, Tanzania and was ordained to the Catholic priesthood in 1979 for the Diocese of Rulenge. He graduated from the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, in 1983 with a Bachelor's Degree in Education and Economics. In 2001, he earned a Master's Degree in Educational Organization and Leadership in Higher Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA. He earned a Ph.D in the same area from the same university in 2006. For the entire period of his priestly ministry in his homeland, he was engaged in education in the capacity of Principal of a high school, Rector of a Diocesan Junior Seminary and Diocesan Education Secretary. In the 1980s and 1990s, he initiated an education community project in his home diocese. In collaboration with the local peasantry, he established four community high schools in that rural and remote area. Currently, he is pastor of a small parish very close to the KARUCO project.