



# You're all invited to Welcome our New Pastor Fr. Stephen Okumu

July 2nd Saturday, after 5 pm Mass  
& July 3rd, Sunday after 8:30 and  
10:30 am Masses  
Dalton Hall

*Fr. Stephen Okumu was born and raised in Kenya. He is the 3<sup>rd</sup> in a family of 10 siblings. After completing high school, he entered the Seminary at St. Augustine, Kenya and studied two years of Philosophy and 4 years in Theology.*

*Fr. Okumu was ordained on July 26, 1986 at the age of 28 and ministered in Kenya for 12 years until 1998. Right after that, he came to the United States to pursue his extended studies and earned a Licentiate Degree (STL) from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley California with the Area of concentration in **Social and Cultural Studies**. He achieved his degree of **Theology in Social Ethics** in 2001-2002. His education continued and in 2006 he earned a Doctorate degree In **Social Ethics and Cultural Studies** from Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, California. (2002-2006)*

- *2007-Present: Came to the Seattle Archdiocese as an extern for the Catholic Diocese of Eldoret Kenya.*
- *2007-2008: Associate Priest – at Holy Rosary Parish, Edmonds (1yr)*
- *2009-2012: Priest Administrator – St. Therese, Seattle (5yr)*
- *2012-2016: Pastor – St. Bridget Church, Seattle (4yr)*

*In his spare time, Fr. Okumu loves to cook and enjoys playing soccer. As a pastor he believes that his purpose is to listen to the people and to minister to the sick and the homebound. His background in social ethics and cultural studies will fit just right to our diverse community.*

*Welcome home to St. Thomas More Parish Fr. Stephen Okumu!*