

Growth and Development of Capuchin Missionary Work in Zambia

As illustrated by the foundation of Mission Stations - 1931 - 1979.

In October, 1930, a letter was received from Most Rev. Archbishop Salotti, Secretary of Sacred Congregation of Propaganda, inviting Irish Capuchins to work in Barotseland, the western part of the Broken Hill Prefecture, 'in which there has been no mission whatsoever'. The area was situated in the western part of what was then known as Northern Rhodesia.

Fathers Casimir and Alban went north to interview Monsignor Wolnik, the Polish Prefect Apostolic, in whose territory Barotseland was, and as a result of their visit it was decided to accept. In the following year, 1931, Fathers Casimir, Declan and Killian went to Livingstone to begin work.

1931. Frs. Casimir, Declan and Killian arrived in Livingstone to start work in Barotseland. Fr. Killian got an old hall which he re-conditioned as a Church and Fr. Casimir started what was to be later the pro-Cathedral of St. Theresa. Meanwhile Fr. Declan started off alone to explore Barotseland. In several journeys, mostly on foot, he visited, first, the Sesheke district, including Loanja, and then later Mongu. Same year Frs. Phelim and Seraphin arrived and a mission church was opened in the police compound at Maramba.

1932. On August 15th, the first mission station was set up at LOANJA - closed in February 1935 and moved to SICHILI.

1935. Second station opened at KANGOMBE on the Kabompo river, changed to SILEMBE and later changed to Lukulu.

Area declared an independent mission and later raised to the status of a PREFECTURE - Vivtoria Falls.

1950 - Prefecture changed to a VICARIATE APOSTOLIC.

with Fr. Phelim O'Shea as bishop.

Mission Territory erected into a diocese, the

DIOCESE OF LIVINGSTONE (1959)

Map c.

IRISH CAPUCHIN MISSIONS IN AFRICA -

Capetown and Zambia.

R. Niger

R. Cong

Equator

Z A I R E

TANZANIA

ANGOLA

Z A M B I A

Malawi

• Lusaka

Mozambique

• Livingstone

(Namibia)

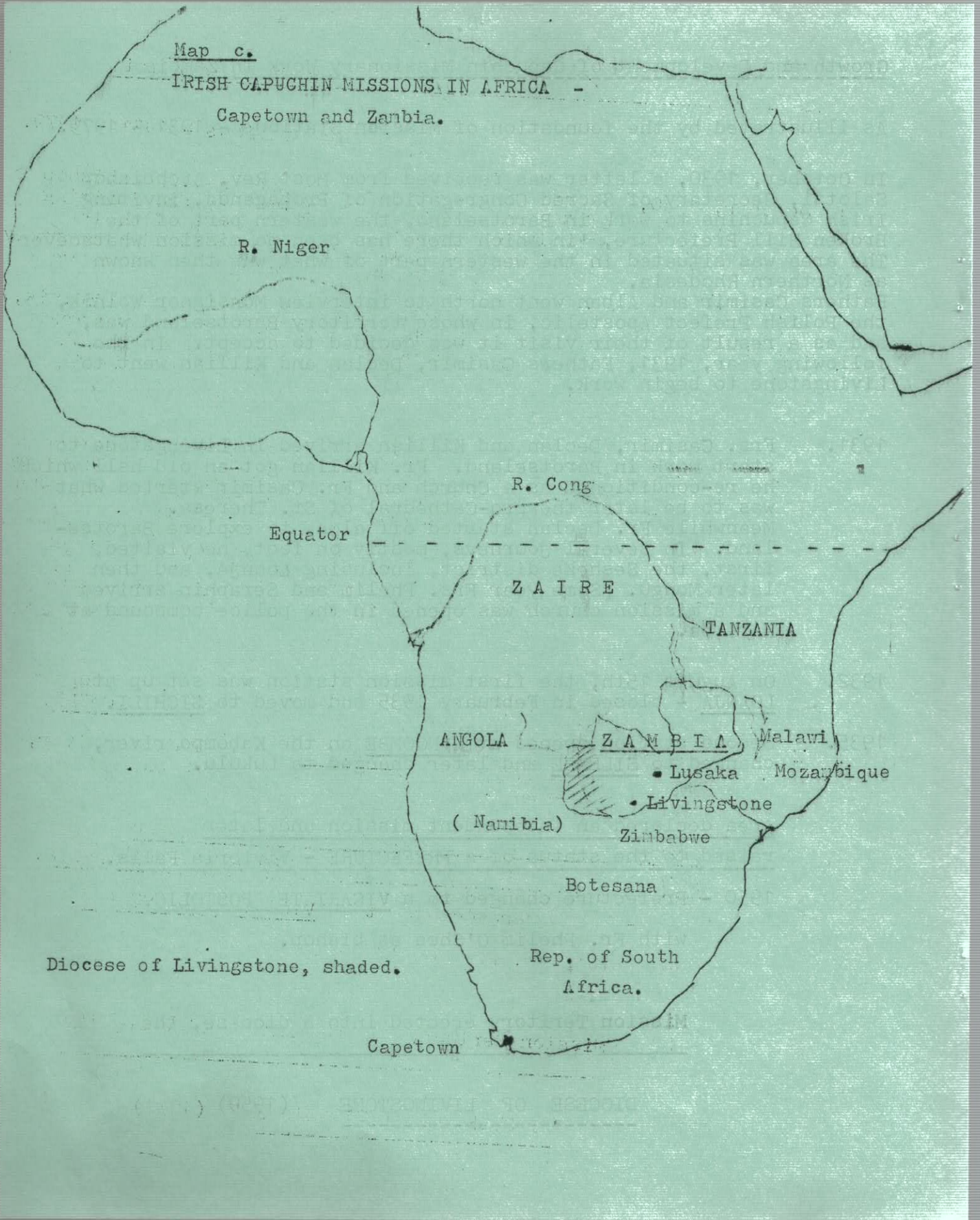
Zimbabwe

Botesana

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Africa.

Diocese of Livingstone, shaded.

Capetown



MISSION STATIONS IN THE DIOCESE

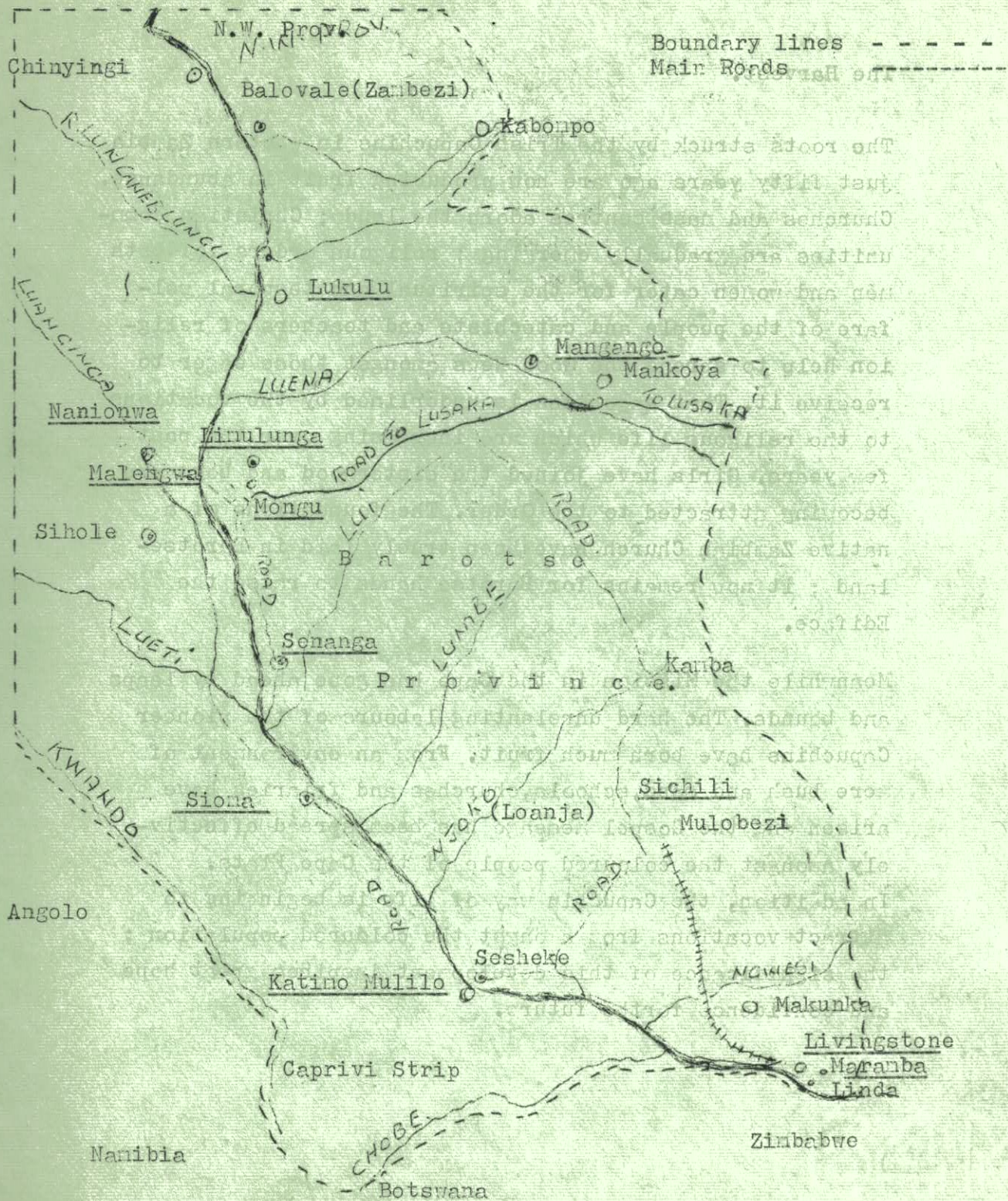
OF
LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA

(in the order in which they were established)

- 1931 - Settled in Livingstone. Fr. Connor Brady.
- 1932 - LOANGA, transferred to SICHILI, 1935. Fr. Noel Brennan.
- 1935 - KANGOMBE, later changed to SILIMBE. Fr. Malcomy Bressi.
- 1936 - LUKULU Fr. Luke Browne.
- 1938 - MUKINKIKI, later transferred to MANGANGO Fr. Regus Bugg.
- 1940 - MARAMBA Fr. Benjamin Buckley.
- 1943 - SIHOLE Fr. James Coffey.
- 1944 - KATIMA MULILO Fr. Phillip Connor.
- 1947 - MALENGWA Fr. Xavier Cox.
- MANGANGO, transferred from MUKINKIKI Fr. Hugh Davis.
- 1953 - SIOMA Fr. Francis Daly.
- 1951 - CHINYINGI Fr. John Grace.
- BALOVALE, later called ZAMBEZI Fr. Roman Herlihy.
- 1959 - LIMULUNGA Fr. Cornelius Herlihy.
- KATONGO Fr. Vincent Holmes.
- 1960 - NALIONWA Fr. Macartan Hyland.
- 1961 - MUKUNKUM Fr. Damien Houghrey.
- 1965 - LINDA *Fr. Peter Dolly.
- 1966 - SESHEKE - BOMPO - SEN/NGA Fr. Patrick Lynch.
- 1967 - MONGU (township) - MOKA
- 1972 - OUR LADY'S LIVINGSTONE.

Map d.

The Diocese of Livingstone, western Zambia



The diocese of Livingstone, some 65 square miles in area, comprises the Barotse Province, parts of the N.W. province and the Southern Province of Zambia and a small area of Namibia - the Caprivi Strip.