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Father Fidelis Mukonori

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Fidelis Mukonori is a Zimbabwean religious leader of the [Roman Catholic Church](#). He is also the Executive Director of **Centre for Peace Initiatives in Africa**^[1]. He is known mostly for his proximity to political figures and for facilitating political events such as the burial of politicians accorded hero status.

Fidelis Mukonori

Fidelis Mukonori, Roman Catholic Church



Church	Roman Catholic
Personal details	
Born	(1947-07-15) July 15, 1947 (age 71)
Nationality	Zimbabwean
Denomination	Christian
Residence	Zimbabwe

In November 2017, after the [Zimbabwean military had taken over](#) control of the country, he was a mediator between President Mugabe and the military generals, in negotiations that saw the ouster of Mugabe as president of Zimbabwe.

Background

Fidelis Mukonori S.J. was born on 15 July 1947. He attended [Chishawasha](#) Mission. He holds a Masters of Theology (MTH) degree from Berkeley, California, USA (1977). He also holds a Diploma in Social

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Development (Canada), Diploma in Philosophy (Zimbabwe) and an Advanced Certificate in Conflict Resolution (RSA). He has attended several courses on Social Development, Philosophy and Mediation. Mukonori has experience in Productive Mixed Farming, Mass Communication and Election Observation. He has been a member of the [Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace](#) since 1974.

Career

He worked with [Silveira House](#) for 26 years from 1975 as Youth Coordinator, Youth Director, Leadership and Civics Trainer and Internal Auditor. In 1979 he assisted in the Lancaster House Conference from the background. He was a member of the African Development Committee (ADC/CAD), which was linked to and sponsored by the European Community (1980-1990). He was one of the Constitutional Commissioners who drafted Zimbabwe's proposed new Constitution. Mukonori served as a Provincial of the Jesuits in Zimbabwe for 11 years. He is currently the Priest for Chishawasha/Parish and Principal of Chishawasha Primary Boarding School. He is also a delegate for Chishawasha Estate to the Jesuit Provincial.

Chairman of St George's College

Fidelis Mukonori is the chairman of the School board of governors at [St George's College](#).

Appointment as Jesuits Provincial Superior

In 2001 Father Mukonori was appointed as the provincial superior of [Jesuits in Zimbabwe](#).

Kidnapped and Robbed

In 2001 Father Mukonori was kidnapped by a gang of men who went on to rob him of his \$300 000 vehicle and personal belongings. The gang dumped him near Mabvuku turn off and sped off.^[2]

His car was found in [Victoria Falls](#) a month later.

2003 Mediation between Zanu-Pf and MDC talks

In 2003 Father Fidelis Mukonori met with [Morgan Tsvangirai](#). It was reported that the purpose of the meeting was for Mukonori to hear the MDC's position and demands so that prior talks that had collapsed in 2002 would resume. The talks were centred on ending Zimbabwe's political and economic crisis.^[3]

Brokering a deal between War Veterans and Commercial farmers

With Mukonori's mediation War veterans and Commercial farmers agreed to a peace deal that would see the end of violence that was happening on farms occupied by war veterans.^[4]

Baptizing [Stephen Chidhumo](#)

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Fidelis Mukonori baptised notorious jailbreaker, serial killer and Serial rapist Steven Chidhumo before he was executed after being condemned to death for his crimes that shook Zimbabwe in the late 90s. Chidhumo changed his name from Steven to Fidelis after he was baptised at [Parirenyatwa Hospital](#) where he was receiving treatment for gunshot wounds.^[5]

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