



Fr. David Paul Baltz, MCCJ, the second of 13 children, grew up on a farm in Florissant, MO, where he was born in 1940. Joining the Comboni Missionaries, he studied in Michigan, California, and Italy, before his priestly ordination in 1967. After ordination, Fr. David worked 7 years in a missionary seminary in Michigan before serving 13 years in Uganda among the Logbara and Alur tribes, including 3 years living in a hut with his people in refugee camps in Congo. Called back to the USA in 1987, again for formation ministry in the seminary, Fr. David also served as vice provincial of the North American Province of the Comboni Missionaries. In 1997 he returned to the West Nile area of Uganda, with missionary service for the next 20 years, again among the Logbara and Alur peoples, and as chaplain for the many refugees from neighboring South Sudan. Reassigned to the North American Province in 2017, he concluded 33 years in Africa, where he pedaled 51,026 miles on his bicycle to reach the chapels, schools, and villages in his parishes. He lives now in the Comboni provincial community in Cincinnati, where he helps with priestly ministry, shares his mission stories, and thanks God in eucharistic adoration and prayerful gratitude for many years of joyful missionary priesthood serving the people of God!