

1971 - 1997



*The Servant of God,  
Maurice Cardinal Otunga*

1997-2007



*Archbishop Ndingi Mwana a Nzeki*

2007- 2021



*His Eminence John Cardinal Njue*

2021-

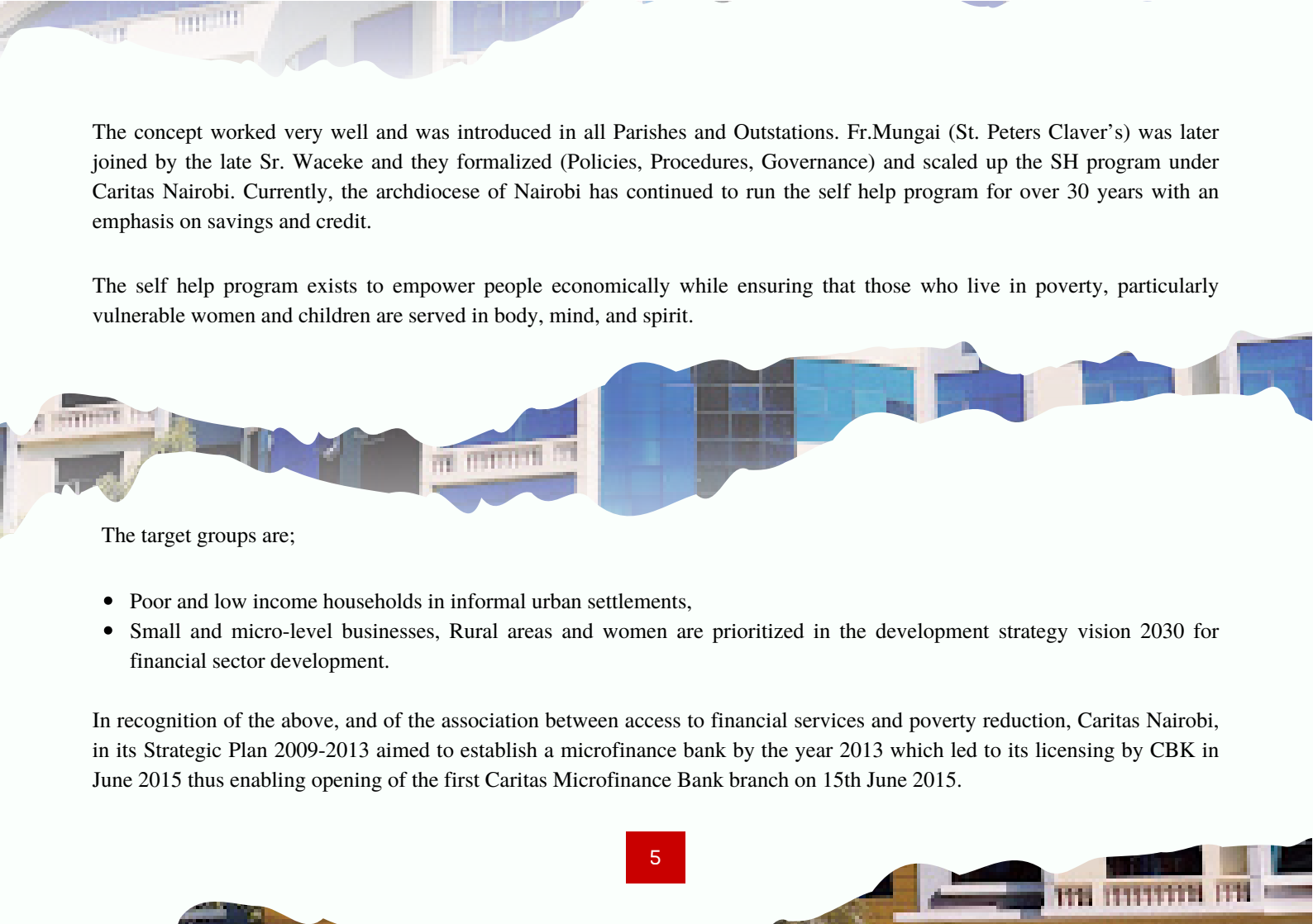


*Most. Rev. Archbishop Phillip Anyollo*

# OUR HISTORY

The history of the Bank dates back to 1983 when the 1st African Bishop in Kenya, Cardinal Otunga, met a number of Families in need of socio-economic needs. He encouraged the spirit of Self reliance by initiating the 1st Self Help Group/Initiative at Kiriko Parish, Gatundu North.

Through the Cardinal, Fr. Mukui and Kiriko Parish Christians contributed Kes. 20 each a total of Kes. 680 was collected that Sunday and banked at KCB Thika Branch. This marked the beginning of self Help Group concept that has inculcated the spirit of self help amongst Christians.



The concept worked very well and was introduced in all Parishes and Outstations. Fr.Mungai (St. Peters Claver's) was later joined by the late Sr. Waceke and they formalized (Policies, Procedures, Governance) and scaled up the SH program under Caritas Nairobi. Currently, the archdiocese of Nairobi has continued to run the self help program for over 30 years with an emphasis on savings and credit.

The self help program exists to empower people economically while ensuring that those who live in poverty, particularly vulnerable women and children are served in body, mind, and spirit.

The target groups are;

- Poor and low income households in informal urban settlements,
- Small and micro-level businesses, Rural areas and women are prioritized in the development strategy vision 2030 for financial sector development.

In recognition of the above, and of the association between access to financial services and poverty reduction, Caritas Nairobi, in its Strategic Plan 2009-2013 aimed to establish a microfinance bank by the year 2013 which led to its licensing by CBK in June 2015 thus enabling opening of the first Caritas Microfinance Bank branch on 15th June 2015.