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FROM THE EDITOR



Reality is an ever present and inescapable dimension of life. It comes upon us, welcome or unwelcome. We long for reality, yet we fear it. We resist reality, and then accept it. The prospect of reality causes all kinds of conflicting emotions to well up in us: discomfort, relief, uncertainty, hope, anger, joy, regret and happiness. In all this we can say like St. Paul, "what will separate us from the love of God..." (Romans 8: 35)

This RAFIKI issue comes with lots of realities which have been taking place within and outside this 'holy land.' The first years met with reality out there when they were missioned for two months experiments; Bravo to them for *they came back, came back full of joy...* Secundi on their part have been faced with the reality of vows which are now calling at the door. May God help them as they commit themselves to the reality on 30/06/2012. You will meet the fallen giants who were twice beaten and twice they became shy; a shocking reality especially in sports where pigmies were placed on the giants shoulders and happened to see further than the giants. Get more insights from the books being reviewed, puzzles and other realities taking place here!

I will finally like to notify you about the changes in RAFIKI board; Henry Karanja takes publishing work from Peter Omondi who has been missioned to India, Vincent Onyango remains to be in-charge of correspondence while I shoulder the editing work. Our gratitude to Peter Omondi for the work well done and to all who in different capacities have made this RAFIKI issue a success.

In all to Love and Serve!

Editor: Reuben Okwach nSJ,

FORMATORS DESK.....



Dear Friends,!

Pasaka furaha sana kwenu wote!

We are in the middle of the Easter season. A certain joy should always be a natural disposition of any Christian, especially during this season. The reason is 'the Lord is risen', and we worship Christ who is alive. Pope John Paul II put it so well, 'We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song'. St Paul's advice: 'Be happy at all times' (1 Thess 5:16). Is our happiness something outside us? Often one may imagine that, 'If I am posted to that place, or if I am placed with this person, or if I get that thing, I will be happy.' How mistakenly we link up our happiness with something outside us! The philosopher William James (1842-1910) has this to say: 'Our happiness depends not so much on what happens **to** us as what happens **in** us'. May you be happy always.

Soon the demography of the novitiate will change. It is the time of departures and new arrivals. Some of the Secundi will pronounce their First Vows here in June while three others will do in July, in India. The Primi will turn Secundi on 24 May, and on the same day we hope to welcome 16 young men to the novitiate. Our novices are happy to present you this issue of RAFIKI in which they share their personal experiences they have gained from the novitiate experiments. We appreciate and thank all those who have made a contribution to this issue. We hope you enjoy going through these pages.

Fraternally yours,
LOURDURAJ AROKIASAMY,S.J.

Novitiate Diary

NOVITIATE DIARY JANUARY, 2012 - MAY. 2012

16 Dec.-16 Feb. Fr. Drasiga went for his two-month holidays in Uganda.

14 Feb.-16 Feb. Fr. Provincial had a final meeting on missioning with the secundi.

23 Jan.-27 Jan. Novices attended seminar on Family of Origin facilitated by Sr. Thecla Ndegwa, at Canossa Spirituality Center.

31 Jan. Primi left the novitiate in pairs for Long Experiments in various places.

14 Feb. Sch. Paul Kalenzi and Diana Karua passed by novitiate on their way to Dodoma and Dar.

22 Feb.-24 Feb Diana visited the novitiate from Dar for the assessment of the projects carried out in the community and the construction of Mountain View Court.

31 Mar. Primi returned to the novitiate after a successful completion of a two month experiment.

03 Apr. Fr. Steven Nzyoki came to the novitiate to prepare the way for his new catch.

14 Apr. Formators within Arusha had a meeting held in the novitiate at Arrupe.

26 Apr. Novices joined other novices from various congregations at Augustinian Sisters for Umoja Day Celebration.

29 Apr. Novices Peter Linus Omondi and Cleophas Wekesa left for their home holidays as they prepare for their journey to India.

01 May. Novitiate subordinate staff went for Villa at Lake Manyara National Park.

03 May. Cornelius Ngala left the novitiate.

05 May Patrick Taban left for Sudan for his holidays in preparation to go to India for studies.



GET IT FROM WHAT I AM NOT SAYING.

By Reuben Okwach



How hard it is to take this; that generosity

is purely measured in what we are left with and not what we have given. Remember that poor widow in the Gospel who gave all that she had, and what did the rich do? Jesus Christ! How many of us then can raise the head above the water. Materially a coin can 'talk' of this if only the miracle happens for it; if stones can 'sing' when men and women go dumb, believe me then that the third side of that coin which is more important for generosity's sake will enable the coin to roll from one hand to the other and the sequence is endless. Oh! Remember, it is a coin and not a note 'paper money' – a word which caused Amin Dada to slaughter his minister for finance (sources say so). Paper money cannot roll and in a real sense they cannot even be heard, only the affluent knows their sound and can magically roll it. Come to novitiate which of course all if not most of us in AOR has been; you will be told there are threefold places which are easily accessible; your own room, chapel (La storta) and refectory (Agape).

Accessibility means a lot to both internal and external horizontal increase and decrease. As you enter 'Agape,' a place where stones have no space for singing because our tonal variation, pitch and key for songs are very clear. It is in your left that you find a weighing machine, ahaa! That small object which gives the truth and the only truth. What is it then that when for two years as a novice the 60+ is maintained; well, a lot can be said about but worse still is when the 60+ begins to go down. It is here that the word vocation will slowly find its way in the conversation. I am avoiding the internal (spiritual) matter at 'La storta' because I find it to be in the bone marrow and hard to extract unless we read the book of James 2:14-25. Yes, that part which lacks in other Bibles. It is believed that where God builds a church, there the devil would also build a chapel...thus is the devil God's ape. Now which spirit can claim all these people in the holy buildings; is it Holy, evil or perhaps human spirit? *Je pense c'est ton foi en question ici.* Maybe the ultimate wisdom will have a claim here, but wait a bit, I remember that the church or even the chapel for that matter has both saints and sinners; to be more clear we have then to read Mathew's gospel 13:24-30 and get it from the weeds and the wheat. *Maintenant, je ne connais pas* whether this wisdom is with those going to the East or those coming from the East. It is here that I sought for an answer from the Guru around us and his response favoured the latter. There is no doubt about it and even if there is any – *Roma, Talita Cuum.* Yes, that is a relative truth which only persuades you by teaching but can never enter into the room of teaching by persuading you.

Talking of the 'truth,' I find it even more challenging to expound it, for a lot has been said about this word but only in relation to something else. Jesus Christ was asked what it meant but was never given the chance to respond; meaning we have no answer from Him and therefore left to guess His only answer. Still that is not easy and may seem even dangerous, therefore like mice in a building which is about to fall, I desert this page.

Roman msime, overseeing the goat roasting!



AND ALL WAS GOOD!

BY REUBEN OKWACH



Reuben giving lessons to some youths

Whatever God created, He saw it to be good and on the sixth day he lastly created human beings. This is the Biblical creation story. Different cultures have even more interesting stories to tell of the creation story. The man and woman created were already of advanced age. Should we assume that it was their “birthday” and begin counting their age from there. I will only want to assert that they were beyond face look of teens. I feel shy to express age matter especially when I want to speak about young people. This is explicitly because different countries have different age limit for grouping who a youth really is. As a hot pan I beg to drop the age issue from this article.

For almost two years now I have been privileged to engage to a good level with the youths in Njiro-Korona (an outstation of Holy family Parish in Archdiocese of Arusha). It is one of the fastest growing outstations around here. In most countries, the highest population of the people falls in the category youth. Korona as an outstation is not an exception. The initiative to work with the youths began with the question posed to one of the then second year novice. He then shared

the information to a few of us then in first year. Immediately we sat down and gave it a collaborated effort. Why the outstation and the Parish was also an open option for us to clinch on? Charity begins at home was the only answer that we had. In a week's time a clear plan was drawn and contacts made to the relevant authorities after seeking advice from the novice master. As it is said, “where there is will there is a way too” all went as planned.

There is this famous Biblical quotation from Mathew 22:14 “Many are called but few are chosen” indeed this is what vaguely happened. A crowd and I call it a ‘crowd’ of more than fifty youths attended the first meeting. The following meetings have been stabilizing between fifteen to twenty members. This is due to their commitments in colleges and the like. Yes, the fifty and above came and saw and felt called but dropped along the line leaving it for the chosen ones to pursue this demanding commitment.

Blessed John Paul II was old in age but youthful in mind, he was a great friend to the youths and really did a lot to see that the youths feel that they are part of this Holy Catholic Church. Turning the telescope to the Society of Jesus ;(GC 35, D.3, n.23) tells us that, “we need to walk with the young people...to joyful integration of our lives with God and others...” These and especially the latter have been a driving force to that fire behind which propels me to work with the youths as we help each other to grow.

Little was known about them then but as I write this article, they have with the help of God structured themselves and this has won them recognition in the Parish and Diocese level. Within the outstation they are a source of joy to the Christians. They engage them-

selves in most activities which include; cleaning the church, reading on Sundays, some are in Choir, making the ceremonies held at the outstation and outside a success through decoration and entertainments. Outside the church they have engaged themselves in visiting the sick both in different hospitals and in homes, helping the poor to have a place they can call home and food to eat and many other things which even to their amazement have been fruitful. These successes I attribute to their commitment to prayer life too; having recollections, bible sharing sessions and seminars to help them grow solidly. Economically they are stable too, thanks to their initiatives of selling brochures and sacramentals to the Christians. From the look of things it is clear that their presence can no longer be written in winds and running water but rather has been inscribed in the hearts of the Christians.

Working with the youths in this outstation have been a challenge but the consistency of wanting to see them come out of their comfort zones and assume their place in the church have been my consolation. Just as pigmies placed on the shoulders of giants see more than the giant themselves; these youths have too grown more in the spirit of *magis* and not only see but act appropriately for the love of God and their neighbors.



INTERVIEWS...

"THE EXITING REGENT"

MACHARIA NJERI, IS AN OUTGOING REGENT WHO HAS WORKED IN THE NOVITIATE OF GONZAGA GONZA AS A MINISTER. HERE HE SHARES WITH US SOME OF HIS SENTIMENTS ABOUT HIS TWO-YEAR STAY AND THE ROLE HE PLAYED TO MAKE THE NOVICES A HAPPY LOT.



Could you tell us in brief about yourself?

As you already know, my name is George Macharia Njeri. I come from a family of four brothers with no sister. Obviously, I am a young Jesuit scholastic in the Eastern Africa province of the Society of Jesus. I am a Kenyan and now in second year of regency at Gonzaga Gonza Jesuit Novitiate assisting as a minister.

What prompted you to join religious life and more so the Jesuits?

First, let me clarify your question. I was not in any way particular about joining religious life, I just wanted to be a priest, partly because I did not know the difference between religious and diocesan priest. Joining the Jesuits was accidental because I did not know that such congregation existed but I was just introduced to the Society by my spiritual director and the vocational promoter, the late Fr. Sean O'Connor, received me warmly.

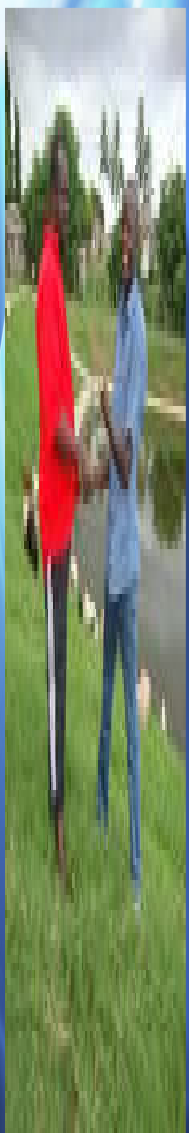
However, my desire for priesthood can be traced during my secondary school days. At some stage I asked myself – what can I do to repay the Lord for his goodness to me? I was brought up by my mother single handedly and despite the challenges we faced as a family, she managed to take us through. All my brothers got married and it is at this stage that I started to discern my life seriously.

When you were appointed the minister of Gonzaga Gonza novitiate, what were your first impressions?

It was a great surprise. At Arrupe college where I studied philosophy, the rector had hinted to me about the possibility of being a minister there, in South Africa, I had been requested if I could work with the Jesuit Missions of SA, and in St. Joseph parish, I knew that there was a possibility of being the projects director. When I met the provincial and he asked me to consider coming to the novitiate, I was a little bit surprised because I had not thought about such an apostolate. My reservations in accepting this mission is because of the fact that I had just finished the novitiate two years back and I felt I did not have enough spiritual and emotional capital to be a minister, leave alone a formator in this holy place.

What were some of your ambitions and have they been fulfilled so far?

My greatest ambition was and is to fulfil my mission with dedication and love. Sometimes I feel this objective has been achieved and at other times no. My guiding principle in life is to be as productive as possible. In addition, I have an ambition of being a Jesuit and indeed I am a Jesuit though not a fully formed member. My biggest challenge is to define the kind of Jesuit I want to be. This is an area that I am still reflecting and working towards.



INTERVIEWS...

Your experience

My experience for almost two years now is punctuated by moments of consolations and desolations. It was a bit tough in the beginning and I was nervous to see the reality that I had to administer all aspects of the house. Just like anyone else, at this stage of my formation, I experience a number of challenges too, some of which are obvious – I am the only un-ordained formator in the novitiate, the age difference between the novices and myself is so small and actually some are older and more experienced than me and consequently they could probably do better. It pains me whenever there is a problem in the novitiate due to my incompetence or lack of knowledge on certain issues: - Shortage of water, sickness, subordinate staff and the general development of the novitiate compound poses a great limitation on my side but I hope to conquer some of these challenges with time.

You are still young, how has it been for you as a member of the formation team in the novitiate?

I have been privileged to get to know how the Society of Jesus operates. I am lucky to work with experienced and model Jesuits who have been very supportive. In fact, I have not felt as if I am the only un-ordained and inexperienced member of staff. Of course, there have been challenges especially when I make decisions that are not popular with some in the house but decisions that I believe are important for the common good in the novitiate. As a member of the formation team, we are graced to have managed to work as one and I look forward for such a community in my future ministry.

A number of projects you have initiated have picked up well. In this regard, could you share with us the secrets behind their success?

I would not say that the projects we have are a success because I am convinced we could do better. For your information, our primary intention of revamping these projects is formational and partly self sustenance. I do not know how much we have achieved this but to some extent we have attained some objectives.

I try to be present in the projects in order to supervise all the operations. Whenever I have time, I work in the projects and as a result, our workers have developed a positive attitude towards the operations in the projects. At present, I feel that the workers can comfortably manage the projects with minimum supervision from the minister.

I hope that the little we have done is just the beginning of greater things to come. These projects imply a commitment to the integral development of Jesuits in formation. Thus, it is in line with our province vision of self-sustainability and financial empowerment by making maximum use of locally available resources. By emphasizing an integral formation to our novices, we will be equipping them with appropriate skills in life; this perspective has a long time multiplier effect to novices in their respective future ministries.

If you do not mind, please share with us briefly about “Mount View” Project.

Mount view project is an Eastern Africa Province project located in a 16 acre plot opposite the novitiate. This plot has been idle for a long time. When I joined the formation team, there was a debate about developing the plot. We kept on brainstorming ideas every now and then. A decision had to be reached. After discerning, consultations and deliberations, I was given a go ahead to propose some drawings and how best the plot could be utilised. The fruit of all these work is the MVC. Our aim is that MVC will in future subsidize the novitiate budget.

Finally, is there anything you would like to address the readers of this publication?

Courage in your vocation!

JOURNEY TO SELF ACCEPTANCE

'If you can accept and embrace that you are who you are, if I can accept that I am who I am' writes Braden, 'that I feel what I feel and did what I did and if I accept it no matter how painful it can be then it means that I love and accept myself. To me this realization will save us from wasting our energy trying to pretend to ourselves and to others that we are who they want us to be but not who we are.'

I must say that there are some moments in life when we do things that we feel no one can understand why we did what we did. Due to other people's perception, it becomes confusing and we also fail to understand why we acted in such a way. This makes us to bear many tags, we are 'baptized' and we do it to ourselves too but my view is that it's not reasonable to define ourselves with such moments. I am not what I did, I am who I am. A Hindu proverb says 'there is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us that it's absurd to condemn any of us'.

In the gospel of Luke, Jesus is giving us a picture of the merciful father to show us how unconditionally God love us. This same love we should apply it to ourselves so that it becomes easier to embrace others. The commandments say that we should love our neighbor the way we love ourselves. This implies that we must love and accept ourselves first before accepting and loving others.

Yes, we may have some limitations but we should also embrace them as well. To be conscious of limitations, accepting them, accepting ourselves with equanimity and composure is the shortest and more lasting way to overcome them. One sign of maturity is to accept that we are limited. This awareness humbles us and it allows us to give others chance to fill us.

By JOSEPH MATHENGE

In a way makes it for others our lives together. one answer would vulnerable us and this beginning healing

Often I we allow people to trol over We con- them so much important. If I do this, what my friend will say, what will be their reaction, how will they be viewing me. If you keep on doing this you are definitely a slave of others unaware.

I feel that it's high time that we wake up and move out of this cocoon. Let's realize and acknowledge that 'I' matters most in my life, 'you' are the only one who matter most in your life.

We need to love and accept ourselves just the way we are. Personally I am proud of who I am. We need to have friends in our lives who love us just the way we are. The merciful father never put any condition to his prodigal son as he returned but ran to embrace him with his dirty torn garments that he was using to attend to the pigs.

Let's learn then, in a way that we love and accept ourselves so that we accept others. Lastly we should not feel obliged by others to be what they want us to be. Life is ours and it's precious. Let's enjoy It



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MENTAL HERESY!

John and Jane were both patients in a mental hospital. One day as they were walking past the hospital swimming pool, John suddenly jumped into the deep end. He sank to the bottom of the pool and stayed there. Jane promptly jumped in to save him. She swam to the bottom and pulled John out. When the head nurse director became aware of Jane's heroic act, she immediately ordered her to be discharged from the hospital, as she now considered her to be mentally stable.

When she went to tell Jane the news she said, "Jane, I have good and bad news for you. the good news is that you are being discharged; since you were able to rationally respond to a crisis by jumping in and saving the life of another patient. I have concluded that your act displays that you have sound mind. The bad news is that, John, the patient you saved, hanged himself in the bathroom with his bathrobe belt right after you saved him. I am so sorry, but he is dead. Jane replied. "He did not hang himself; I put him there to dry. How soon can I go home?"

DOMINIC MUTUKU

GREEN FAITH

Ours is an era of 'greenisation'. Everything is going green; green energy, green cars, green agriculture, name them. Yet our faith is stuck somewhere even as God intended that faith should be green when He created the universe.

God, in Genesis, commanded men and women to have dominion over his creation. Of course He did not intend that we be above it and destroy it, rather that we be good stewards, being part and parcel of it. We entirely depend on it for our provisions. She is our Mother- Mother Nature. Therefore our relationship to planet earth should be mutual by enriching. We benefit from it as much as we conserve it to enhance its life sustaining ability.

Over the years we have failed in our responsibilities. We have allowed it to get eroded, diminishing its ability to sustain life. And the consequences are all over to see. I do not need to mention, for almost all conflicts in the world are rooted in the scarcity of resources.

The Church being an advocate of justice around the Globe should render justice to Mother Nature. Or in other words, encourage reconciliation between people and Mother Nature. It should preach green faith. I mean it should encourage its pulpits to encourage people to plant trees as a means of restoring the life sustaining ability for future generations.

The faithful should be sensitized on matters environmental right from the pulpits. Green faith should be Good News for everyday in these times. Yes, Good News, because the world is in need of it. Otherwise if this situation continues unchecked, then our Mother Earth will

grudgingly subdue us and forever keep us on our knees.

Let us sort it out as we sort ourselves. Let us preach green faith and allow our mother nature remain green retaining its ability to sustain us. That is our salvation.



By Cleophus Wekesa

FROM MAGIS TO TRIUMPH

From of old, the paradigm of the Magi visiting the little manger that seem to be useless place has remained paramount flame to me. For this drives me crazy at work; they took all the risk to come and see the Lord at all cost, and they saw him. Those three magi came from the East. Remember how far the east is from the west where I presume the manger was, Herod was very close to the center of their journey. Why East? The sun. Why the sun? The light. Why the light? The direction. Why the direction? Not to stumble. Why not to stumble? Not to fall. Why not to fall? To stand firm. Why to stand firm? To support another. Why to support another? That is the way of 'wisdom'. This is where, I guess, the three magi got their heroic titles of, "wise men from the East." They didn't only realize those highlights but "MADE STEPS FORWARD." These steps forward is what characterizes a companion of Jesus I guess. The Novitiate for almost two years now, has been helping me to see sense in making steps forward. Our father General always emphasizes whenever he goes these 'steps forward' through Research, Depth and Excellence. Always as I try my best at work, I carry these as my special helmet. However, making steps forward is not a guaranteed smooth road, but involves crossroads, Herod, disappearance of a guiding star, desert, and a great distance to cover among others, and in the end to sure triumph.

The magis of the sun as it triumphs over the moon, one of my favorite African legends, amazes me too in this context. "The moon originally superior to the sun and far brighter, never learnt of the sun's quest for dominance. One day, as part of their appreciative entertainment to their maker, the sun proposed wrestling and the moon priding on its power accepted the gymnastic. They requested their maker not to intervene. Note that the sun intended and was fighting for a destiny while the moon was a joke. Which one succeeded? The maker then appreciated the sun and commanded it to rule over the day, "Be superior over the moon, and shine forth for kings and princes". And the moon? To rule over the night, "Be subject to the sun, and shine forth for thieves and witches."

By OKENY EMANUEL



'Pastor' Imma contemplating in the garden now!

REFLECTIONS

Are you still.....

Without understanding, remains one of the fundamental questions asked by Jesus. I think the Jesuits are never understood by outsiders. Many questions are raised on the Society of Jesus. Why the long formation, why no sister congregation, why the 'back pope' and many more questions. The Jesuits are being perceived as free masons, popes' mercenaries and the list continues.



Who is to shine some light on these "misunderstandings"?

Jesuits understand themselves better and will never bother what is being said about the Society of Jesus. No wonder it was suppressed after two centuries of its existence. The misunderstandings were, are and will ever be as long as the society exists. They led to the suppression of the society those times and the question remains, will the society be suppressed again? In his prayer of peace, St. Francis of Assisi prays; **O Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek to be understood as to understand.**

Does that mean that Jesuits do not understand who they are? That remains a mystery. Some people even claim that of the things God does not know, one is what a Jesuit is thinking about if at all he thinks.. I suppose this continues and it will read something like this:

A JESUIT IS NEVER UNDERSTOOD

If he is happy.....he is a nuisance
 If he is austere.....he is bad tempered
 If he is handsome.....why didn't he marry?
 If he is ugly.....nobody loves him
 If he is fat.....he eats too much
 If he is thin.....he is stingy
 If he is tall.....he looks down on people
 If he drives a car.....he likes material things
 If he walks.....he is old fashioned
 If he visits the faithful.....he meddles in other people's business
 If he stays in the community.....he is an introvert
 If he talks about heaven.....he is modernist or 'too heavenly for any earthly use'
 If he talks about hell.....he is a jansenist
 If he preaches long sermons.....he is boring
 If he preaches short sermons.....he doesn't want to get tired
 If he speaks normally.....you can't understand what he says
 If he raises his voice.....he shouts
 If he asks for donations.....he is greedy
 If he doesn't ask for donations.....his bank account should be checked
 If he is young.....he lacks experience

If he is old.....he should retire

If he is in between.....he is at critical age

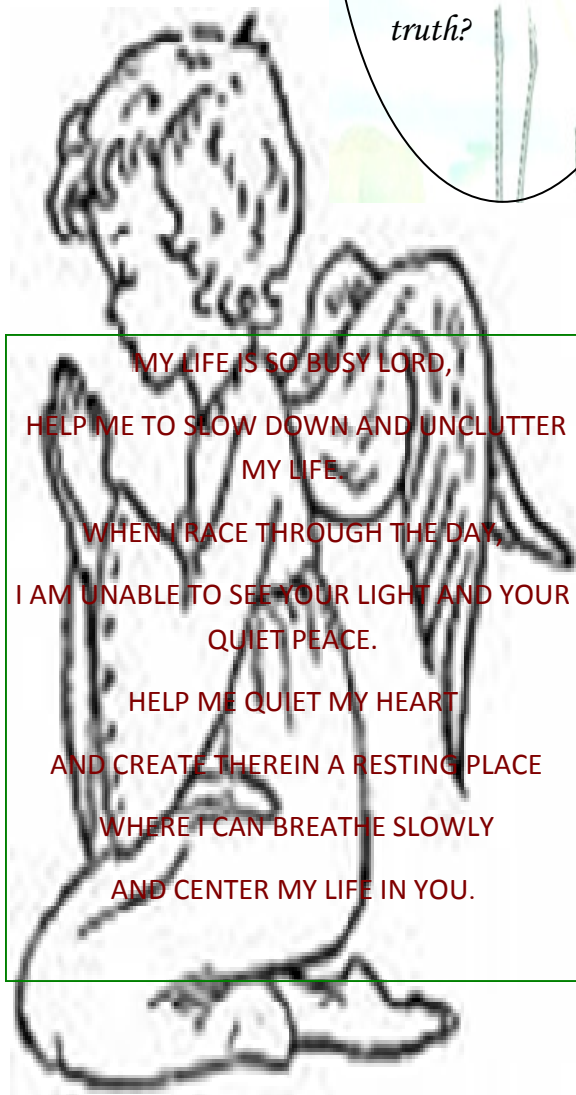
But if he leaves.....who will take his place?

(Adapted from Quotations, Reflections...Resurrection Garden-Nairobi)

Dominic Mutuku!

Blessed are you when you face misunderstanding from your own community or others for the sake of your fidelity to the truth?

MY LIFE IS SO BUSY LORD,
 HELP ME TO SLOW DOWN AND UNCLUTTER MY LIFE.
 WHEN I RACE THROUGH THE DAY,
 I AM UNABLE TO SEE YOUR LIGHT AND YOUR QUIET PEACE.
 HELP ME QUIET MY HEART
 AND CREATE THEREIN A RESTING PLACE
 WHERE I CAN BREATHE SLOWLY
 AND CENTER MY LIFE IN YOU.



BY THE WAY!

There is one question that has always beaten me! Was Judas quite necessary for the arrest of Jesus? I highly doubt that: The Pharisees were hell bent to kill Jesus, so one way or the other they had to arrest Him. Remember when he is arrested in the garden of Gethsemane he asks them: wasn't I preaching in the synagogues in broad day light, why weren't you arresting me then! So, sometimes I tend to wonder, was his arrest really in need of Judas intervention! Well I leave that for you to ponder too. Judas as a man is depicted to be a very evil person. But I tend to look at him as one of the Zealots. Zealots were a group of bandits/ gang/fanatic/puritans /rebels/ nihilists/al-shabaab like who fought for what they believed in. They rebelled against the Roman rule and also dealt with the Jews who were purported to be Roman collaborators. They wanted a pure Jewish race ruling them with no foreign powers interfering with them and that culture wise, religious wise, social wise, economic wise e t c. Now here comes a man called Jesus, a true Jew who speaks his mind, castigates the wrongs of the Pharisees and the Sadducees, a man who cares for his people, one who cures, raises the dead, and commands a multitude, a man who brings sanity to the already rotten society. The messiah, the one promised by God, one who would deliver the Israelites. But Judas wondered why on earth this messiah is taking that long to claim what is rightly his. So Judas hastens the plan of the Pharisees and Jesus is arrested. But to his shock, Jesus doesn't fight back; he just surrenders himself to them. I can imagine the thoughts of Judas; ***"You are the messiah, do something, this is the time for you to show your real self, you have been camouflaging for too long"*** but that doesn't happen. In the end, **Jesus betrays Judas!** Judas sees how Jesus is maltreated in the hands of the men he brought along; he returns the 30 silver coins to the chief priest and elders and hangs himself. Surely, if Judas' intention was money, why return it! He had made a kill by selling Jesus; he should have fled and started life afresh if that was his intention. But he realizes: **all along I lived, talked, and laughed with Jesus, but I didn't actually know Him. The sense of guilt couldn't let him live.**

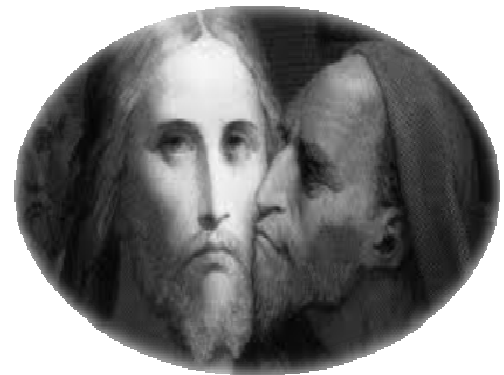
Jesus through His resurrection fulfils his words in LK 4:18-19, the words he read from the scroll of Isaiah in the synagogue when he started his ministry:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind, new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favor

Now, my companions: Every year we commemorate the death and resurrection of Christ! It has become a routine just like the way we go to church every day. But for once shall we just sit down and think what it really means!

During our lifetime, there are those people who have lived the meaning of this death and resurrection: look at Mahatma Gandhi; initiated the fight of equality among the races in South Africa which later led to the fight against apartheid, secondly fighting for the freedom of India until it got its independence, but how did he end up, assassinated. What about Martin Luther king Jr. he said 'I have a dream, that one day America will no longer be a country divided among the whites against the blacks, but it will be a country unified by one thing, Humanity. What happened to him? Malcolm X became a Muslim and followed the principles underlying the Islamic faith, that of Brotherhood, where all men are brothers regardless of color, race, status e t c, fought for that with all his life, but what happened to him? Let's go local, in Kenya, this man J.M. Kariuki little Known by my contemporaries. The rich and elite in his country, that is Kenya, were buying and hoarding big chunks of land for their own selfish reasons.

But he, seeing the danger behind these acts, used his own money to buy land from the white settlers who were going back to their homeland, and divided it among the poor. He didn't keep quiet; he spoke up his mind against the big men of the country! What happened to him? He



was found in Ngong forest, mutilated. To this very day, no one knows who was responsible. Let's consider Bishop Oscar Romero who fought for the rights of the poor, rub the wrong feathers. What happened to him? Shot dead while offering mass! What about the Jesuits who fought for the rights of the Guaranis men like Gabriel and Brother Mendoza with companions? They were gunned down together with the weaponless locals!

What is so special about all these people I have mentioned, plus many more, that I am not able to recall. They fought for the poor, fought for the rights of the marginalized, they fought for the Truth. **THESE ARE THE JESUS OF OUR TIMES, THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR THE TRUTH, AND THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR THE TRUTH.** Therefore I urge you, be the Jesus of today, fight for the Truth, and be assured, you will rise with Jesus at the end of time. For once, give this resurrection of Christ a meaning.

JESUIT RELIGIOUS LIFE: A FORM OF CONSECRATED LIFE

All started from the tragic Pamplona's battle of May 20, 1521 in which the great man St. Ignatius of Loyola was one of the subject matters. This in the later season instigated the idea of "what value is it to gunner the world yet the destiny is eternal punishment". In a regular interval of times, it costs the prominent soldier to desire not the fame of the world but of heaven. Overtimes it then flourished into the institution of the least society yet graced exclusively with men who have committed their life to the service of Christ in a more radical manner, described by the living of the evangelical counsels in the midst of other works of charity attributed from the legacy of all the old Jesuits right from the time of the inauguration of the universal society in the year 1540.

No wonder, the Jesuit formation is apparently long to many viewers yet this does not matter to Jesuits. In fact, many would embrace it with cheerfulness, joy, challenges, mention them. The intensity of this discernment in my point of view is not just a matter of whiling away time; in fact it is an avenue to get edified in the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This spirituality if well assimilated in to a Jesuit, then one would live this life without regret and this only happens when you live faithfully by the constitutions of the Society of Jesus.

Many of us are at all times in doubt and confusion about the Jesuits who are living the true Jesuit life, yes, we should indeed learn from them to live this life faithfully. Similarly, people often say in jokes that smoke does not come without fire. Fine, to light a cigarette needs fire and so do we. Actually it is individual sole effort to adapt this faithfulness of this Jesuit life. It is kneeling before anyone else which makes you kneel before God. This is not just a minor practice which everyone does, really it requires great humility. Romans 12:12 tells us to rejoice in hope and endure in affliction. And this is one of the inspiring verses in the bible which keep us faithful to this life.

I am often very much inspired by the contemplative life lived by the Jesuits. Unlike other faithful people of God, the Jesuits spent hours and hours contemplating God's will in them. A secular person would not comprehend this experience unless he becomes one like them. For the Jesuits, each and every moment is meant to pray. Many would think of only going to church as the best manner of praying. This, to the Jesuit is not a big deal; the most prominent aspect is; are you present with God more especially in mind and body? This attribute is typical of the Jesuits and that is why most Jesuits engage in various apostolates such as schools, spiritual guides in the retreat centers, Parish ministry, youth ministry and the like.

All they do is none other than seeing God in whatever is entrusted to them by God through the superiors. Really, I would not hesitate to compliment the works of Jesuit in this competitive world. The Jesuits in a rear circumstances remain satisfied with their endeavors. Normally they strive to do greater things not merely to show up but to make use of the gifts given to them by God. Otherwise suppressing the potential charism available in their life would be interpreted to some as disobedient to the creator. In fact I conceded this idea with regard to the principle and foundation of creation. Practically, whatever the Jesuits do, comply with this principle and it is proven true with their experiences of praise, reverence and service to God alone our lord. Why like this? Of course St. Ignatius of Loyola jointly with his earlier close companions had stressed on this matter and they became witnesses to it, not only talking about it but living it. The services of the Souls right from the time of St. Ignatius of Loyola emerged tremendously with positive responses from the then Jesuits. This legacy remained very prominent and sacred in the society so long as it is the same society founded by St. Ignatius. Thus no one is obliged to put asunder to it.

The fact is that, embracing the Society of Jesus exclusively with all its faculties of tribulations and prosperity would mean accepting Christ who for our sake went through severe pain and suffering to the point of accepting death, not

any other ordinary

death but

death on the cross. As you already know death on the cross according to the Jews was reserved only for the grave criminals and unfortunately they misunderstood Christ as well. In all, Jesuits for many centuries have been victims of this as martyrs, prisoners, enemies to other faithful and the like. Well and good, ours is the fact not any other complements. These would always be our cross whether we like it or not.



By Tonny Kumakech

Sammy Wafula, going further still

Roman Msiime

A real eye opener to my vocation

"Then I heard the voice Of the Lord, "whom shall I send, who will go for us? Then I replied, "here I am Lord; send me" **Is. 6:8**

On the 28th Jan we the primi, were missioned to different places for our two-month apostolic experiment. Oscar and I went to Dodoma. We worked in the home of orphans and the mentally handicapped children. I worked in the orphanage and was involved in a number of humble tasks. I offered myself whole-heartedly and did my best. Also I helped the children both academically and spiritually. These children had lost their parents and some of them were abandoned at their young age. They felt their real self when they had someone to care for and show them love. "If the bud of a flower is injured by hostile forces, like an unseasonal frost; it will never open. So too a human person who feels ignored and is without warm encouragement of love and who must also endure the chilling absence of praise and affection will remain closed in him/herself" **(J. Powell)**

These experiences ;first the Thirty- day retreat then, the two-month apostolic experiment have radically amplified my choice of living an ascetic life especially as a brother in the society of Jesus.

It requires deep reflection and prayer for one to be imbued with the spirit of doing these humble tasks. It is by Grace and with the same spirit that propels us to be kind and act justly to our fellows no matter how temperamental we find them to be.

God created us to love one another, respect one another and above all to work together just like feet and hands do. If we really develop this companionship stoutly, then, we shall be able to accomplish our tasks as religious people. The book of **Ecc. 4:9-10** tells us that: Two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one; they get a better return for their labor. If one falls, another one can reach and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in trouble". Also, the prophets, especially Amos and Isaiah, remind us that living luxuriously while neglecting the poor and the down trodden is completely against God's will, that religious worship and apparently good actions like fasting and penance, are useless and unacceptable to God if one ignores the vulnerable sections of the society **(like the orphans, widows, strangers and the oppressed)**. In this way the prophets remind us to be with authentic, to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God". **(Mic6,8)**

If Christians wish people to believe in their redeemer, they should look a little more re - deemed. (Nietzsche)



Gripped by Ignatius' vision and schooled in our way of proceeding which is a reliable way, we should be able to follow Christ in all circumstances along the winding

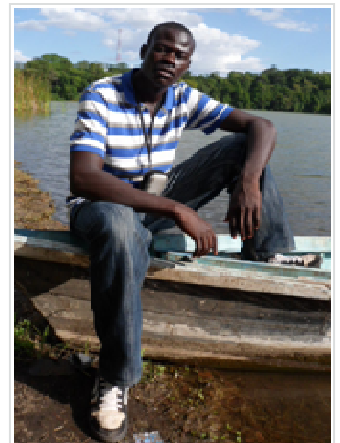
road. Treading the winding road needs humility which we ask everyday during prayer in order to imitate and serve the Lord better.

As we are celebrating twenty five years of the existence of our province, there are many things that the province has passed through and individuals of the province have passed through also.

There are thousands of youth whom we teach in our schools and those whom we encounter in our everyday mission stations. They all need our help in one way or another. In our teaching and other ministries we help them learn that, within them lies an invincible spring even if they are in the depths of winter. It is right and just to celebrate jubilee of 25 years of achievements and time to go further still.

The further we move the more challenges we face, be they positive or negative. There are many more we are going to deal with and these call up on us to tighten our belts. Let us not ask ourselves: why me?

There are many projects started and still many more to be started. All these are for the greater glory of God, and for the province's growth. The projects need the support of all formed Jesuits or those who are in formation. In doing this which is the "Our way of proceeding", we will be following Christ more closely as per the grace we asked for during our Spiritual Exercises





THE EXPERIMENTS

BY VIN ONYANGO.

GOD'S GREAT LOVE FOR US



My First Apostolic Experiment was an eye opener in my life in February and March this year at Bugando Medical Hospital in Mwanza. It was a very inspiring experience. It helped me to be really aware of my own self.

I will not be telling the truth if I say that I managed the two months successfully on my own. God's Grace enabled me to overcome fear and gain courage in my daily activities.

The Long retreat was the source of all this and it is absolutely right to say that "the root of humility in the Society of Jesus originates from the Spiritual Exercises." Christ's suffering is not derived from the divine intuitions but through serving the suffering in their of difficulties.

Attending to the sick in the hospital, the work that one has never done in his life, is not an easy thing. First, it was a great challenge to see many innocent children with major Cancer and severe burns while I live here a happy life. The question that came to my mind was, 'why am I the Way I Am?' Is it that God Loves me more than these young kids suffering from painful ailments? What about the adults who do not have anything to offer after treatment but are kept in the hospital until they settle their bills? I failed to understand God's way of doing things especially during that time. I witnessed daily deaths and accidents in the hospital, which nurses and doctors took as a normal routine.

The most tragic incident which I witnessed in Bugando was the report of a house that went into a blaze killing three children with their parents and leaving four other children with severe burns. One of them passed on a few days later in the ward. You can imagine the lives of the three orphans who are not certain of their future since the burn was of the highest degree.

It is our task to emulate God's unconditional love towards one another. Our body is absolutely nothing. We should never idolize it since today we enjoy good health while tomorrow we may be grieving in pain cursing the rapid depletion of our body structures. Life without love is worse than death since it limits our social life which fosters one's positive growth both physically and spiritually.

Our novitiate community is a school of prayer, house of formation and not forgetting it being a home of Love. I thank the Society for this opportunity



that I could witness to Christ through helping the suffering in the hospital. I am convinced that God is caring for everyone. He calls upon all of us to be His servants and serve Him joyfully to wherever we are missioned.

*If any one insists to seek his or her own happiness and fulfillment he will never find them. If one finds his happiness and fulfillment it will be because he has forgotten to seek the happiness and fulfillment of those around him. If a person seeks not to receive love, but rather to give it to others he will be lovable (C.S Lewis).

Q: Why cant Anglicans play chess?

A: Because they cant tell a Bishop from a Queen!

BOOK REVIEW

By William A. Barry, S.J.

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

Barry then gives a detailed account of the miracles performed by Jesus; these range from exorcism, healing, restoration and nature (75-108). This claim is supported by Meier's reference to a Gallup poll of 1989 which found eighty-two percent of Americans polled (some of whom may be scientists and professors) believe that "even today, miracles are performed by the work of God".

In Chapter 6, Barry explores Jesus and Discipleship. He clarifies the point that discipleship, in spite of the fact that the word's Latin root refers to learning, did not mean becoming a student of Jesus the way young men became students of rabbis. Jesus peremptorily called his disciples whereas, the rabbis did not call their students; the students chose them. He then shows that following Jesus entailed the willingness to carry one's cross daily; a condition which did not appeal to many. Furthermore, he states that Jesus did not call saints, rather ordinary men and women: one of the twelve betrays him to the Jewish authorities; Peter, in cowardly fashion, three times denies knowing Jesus; and all of them run away (119). To conclude this topic, Barry narrates a story, a novelistic treatment of two real Jesuit priests; Jim and Fred, both of whom before joining Alcoholic Anonymous, virtually destroyed their lives through abuse of alcohol. These two characters who initially had big ambitions in life: great writers, great poets, found their vocation and happiness in serving alcoholics. This they attributed to their encounter with Jesus, albeit, in unique circumstances.

In summary, Barry has shown through his work that one need not be a scripture scholar to know, love and serve Jesus. Knowledge of Jesus can be attained by meditatively reading through the scriptures and the willingness to defend gospel values at all costs as was made manifest by Oscar Romero, the martyred Archbishop of San Salvador.

Ave Maria Press: Notre Dame, Indiana, 1996

This volume, published in 1996, is the work of a spiritual guru who is also a most respected scholar of Clinical Psychology. The book consists of a brief preface, introduction, followed by seven chapters and a bibliography.

Barry wrote this book in response to several requests by Bob Hamma of Ave Maria Press, for reflections on Jesus that uses some of the modern works of Christology. While doing so, he used John Meier's two-volume work, *'A Marginal Jew'* as the main source.

To begin with, Barry presents faith experiences of the following persons: Betty J. Eadie's dedication of her book, *'Embraced by the Light'*, to "the Light, my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ..." The book is an ingenious account of her near-death experience and its aftermath (14). At the same time, he highlights Reynolds Price memoir *'A Whole New Life'*, in which he imaginatively discusses the latter's encounter with Jesus, after a protracted battle with cancer and paralysis. (14). Moreover, in Teresa Whitfield's third book, *'Paying the Price: Ignacio Ellacuria and the murdered Jesuits of El Salvador'*, a campesino is quoted saying that for them; Jesus is a guide, a leader who sacrificed himself for the salvation of mankind (15). Thereafter, he draws the reader's attention to research findings on "quest for the historical Jesus" by a group of scripture scholars, the "Jesus Seminar", who have found approximately eighty-two percent of the sayings attributed to Jesus in the gospels to be inauthentic.

However, quoting from Raymond Brown's book, *'An introduction to New Testament Christology'*, Barry contends that the group's methodology is characterized by the assumption that Jesus could not have had extraordinary powers, a position that contradicts the earliest traditions about Jesus, who was vividly remembered as a man who precisely had such powers (16).

Each chapter is introduced by drawing the reader's attention to the "Second Week" of the *'Spiritual Exercises'* of St. Ignatius of Loyola. That is' the desire to have an interior knowledge of Jesus Christ, so as to love him more intensely and follow him more closely (Sp Ex 104).

Barry's research from the work of Meier shows that a Jew named Yeshua (Jesus) was born around 7 or 6 BC, to a family that was imbued with a simple type of Jewish piety that was widespread among peasants of Lower Galilee (Meier, v.ii, 1039). He further notes that Jesus was trained as a carpenter, presumably by Joseph, spoke a popular version of Aramaic, with its peculiar characteristics. For instance, in Mark's gospel, Jesus says to Jairus' daughter, "Talitha qum" (Mark 5:41). He also points out that one thing that made Jesus atypical among his contemporaries is the fact that he never married (35). In addition, Barry at a great length shows the immense influence John the Baptist had on Jesus, which culminated in the latter's baptism and above all, John's humility in accepting that he was not the Messiah but a forerunner.

SPORTS CORNER

By Jaryekong'a

THE FALLEN GIANT

Once upon a time, there grew in the village of Njiro-Korona a strong-fierce cub. He grew into a big lion, strong enough to conquer the whole area. He roars terror to the creatures in the neighborhood from humans to plants, not even trees could withstand the thunderous voice, and they all shook with fear and great trembling seizes them. Indeed; he had conquered a vast territory and the result can be visibly seen in the cubs roaming around in the village and beyond, going about with their heads held high in such a great esteem in a triumphant mood.

The lion had grown in confidence and felt ready enough to tackle whatsoever comes across his way. Undoubtedly, each time there was a battle, the result was pretty clear even before the encounter. This only made things worse and nothing there had the courage to desire an encounter with him. This was good for his reputation and yet made him overconfident that the lion thought, "It was really Blessed and favored by the Persons above."

What did not happen, he decided to extend his territory and without any collision, the lion went in full-swing currying along with him his traditional - old machineries with minimal preparation to taste the strength of another cub. This was smaller, though with a larger contingent of both regular and artillery forces. In fact it went not only to taste but with an assurance of winning. I assure you; this time things were never going to be the same again.

'Ignitiarians vs ilborians!' Your guess is right, ha ha! They were hammered!!!



This encounter was in the open field with many spectators – some worried and scared with such a confusion that they could not imagine how this small cub will be tumbled on, in fact they were too scared to watch the fight even though they know quite well that a village giant can easily fall into the hands of a young lad who grew up in the streets. This was to be proven true. Some were quite optimistic from the start and cheered the young lad with the much needed enthusiasm.

No sooner did the battle begin, the giant's strength was already disintegrating like a lead exposed to a fiery furnace. Things were tough I tell you! One, two, three times and many more, the giant was being repeatedly thrown onto the ground. Bones were cracking my friends; not only the spectators but also the passers-by as well could hear the sounds. The captain was left confused with literally no idea of what to do. Up to the sixth time, it was more than clear! No more proof needed, the confirmation was so clear that the only thing left was to admit defeat. The Giant had indeed fallen!

Even with this, it was not yet over!

Of course the bragging rights were withdrawn with immediate effect which ordinarily would trigger a deeper search for better "Examination of Conscience" that leads to none other than God. As the Jesuits say, "Finding God in all things," it was time to find

him. So desperate did the former giant was desirous to find God in this all important but a lost battle. From conquest, it became the battle for friendship, ambition for success -a school for humility, a thrashing, the gate to spiritual growth. To be precise, the 6-0 walloping in foot ball at the hands of Ilboru S.S. some time back in January of this year led to the discovery in the novitiate that, sports are not only for physical fitness but very important for spiritual growth as well.



Reuben! I know how it felt, I was there!

BY MUTUKU DOMINIC

My little grandson came in from Bible Study and I asked him what they studied. His reply was "Nothing." I asked him "Didn't you study Jesus?" His reply was "No, he wasn't even there."

A Sunday school teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Abraham bought himself a fancy new computer. He was showing it to Isaac one day. "Look at all the wonderful programs it has on it. And look at all the neat things it can do..." Isaac was impressed, but a little concerned..."But dad, I don't think your computer has enough memory." Abraham said "Don't worry son; the Lord will provide the RAM."

A man stopped by the local church to talk to the Pastor. He told the Pastor "I stole a turkey this morning on my way home from work". The Pastor told him "That was a terrible thing to do". The man replied "Yes, I know that now, do you want it?" The Pastor replied "No, take it back and give it to the man that you stole it from." The man replied "I tried to give it back but he refused it". The Pastor told him "In that case you keep the turkey". The man thanked the Pastor and went on his way.

When the Pastor arrived home later that day he discovered that his turkey had been stolen!

A father was reading a Bible story to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

Psalm 23 for Tech Heads

The Lord is my programmer, I shall not crash. He installed His software on the hard disk of my heart. All of His commands are user friendly. His directory guides me to the right choices for His name's sake. Even though I scroll through the problems of life, I will fear no bugs, for He is my back-up.

His password protects me. He prepares a menu before me in the presence of my enemies. His help is only a key stroke away. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and my file will be merged with His and saved forever. Amen

HELLO, I AM YOUR CANDLE

*I would like to accompany you on your way
More than a present
I am a silent witness
at your house of love.*

*If the sun is shining,
I don't need to shine for you.
But if it is getting darker,
if a storm is coming up,
You can light me.*

*If your thoughts are moving back to your
homeland
if you are having a hard time with worries,
You can light me.*

*If you need help because your strength is
growing weaker,
if you need someone you can speak to,
but you don't find the right words,
you can light me.*

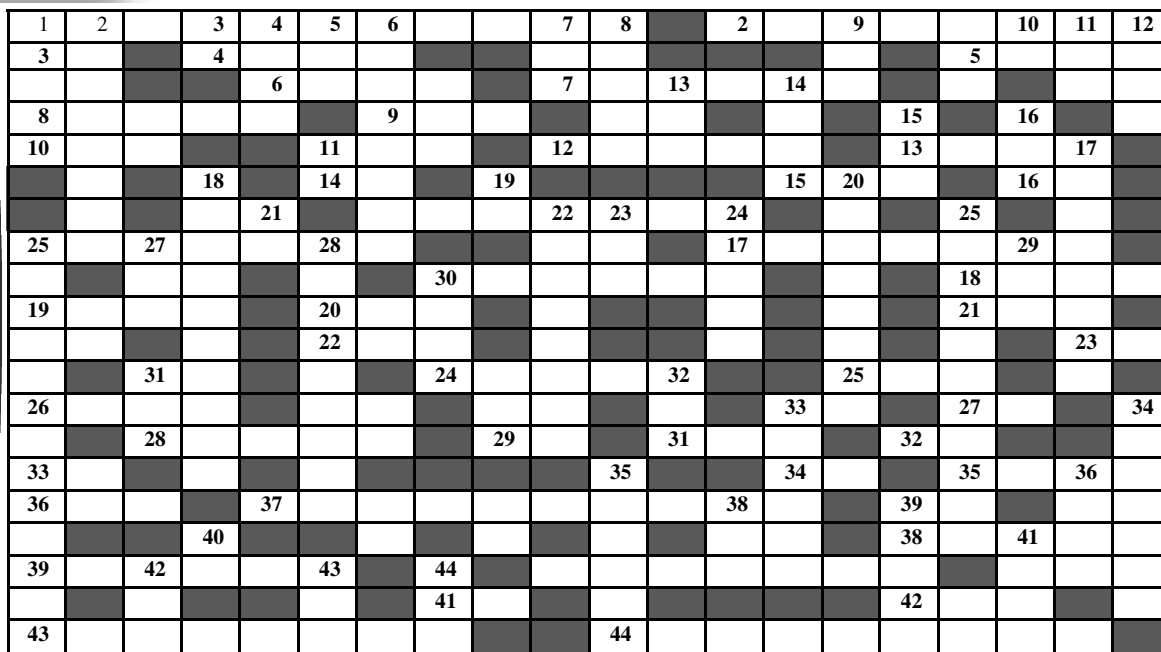
*My light is a sign, which is bright and clear,
it is speaking with simple words, which you
will understand soon.*

*I am your candle, and I love you.
Let my light shine,
Whenever it may be and how long it will
take,
until you feel able to blow out my light.
Then I will say thank you
until next time.*



LEISURE

Cross Word Puzzle



SUDOKU PUZZLE

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TO SOLVE THE SUDOKU PUZZLE, YOU HAVE TO FILL IN THE REMAINING SQUARES SO THAT EVERY ROW, COLUMN AND 3x3 BOX CONTAINS EACH OF THE NUMBERS FROM 1-9 EXACTLY ONCE. YOU ONLY NEED PURE LOGIC TO SOLVE THIS PUZZLE BY FILLING IN THE MISSING NUMBER. SORRY BUT IT IS TRUE, YOUR MATHEMATICS AND GUESS WORK MAY BE LIMITED IN SOLVING THIS PUZZLE.

1. The teaching body of the church
2. A vessel for burning incense
5. to walk or run fast
7. The administrator of a diocese
8. A Jewish religious leader
9. A long wooden seat in a church
10. The day or evening before an event
11. Jesus name in Greek
12. Formed when water boils
13. Five in French
15. Ocean
16. 27 across
25. Jesus was crucified here
17. To lead or be in charge of a meeting
30. Patron saint of novices
18. Stand in a lazy relaxed way
22. Japanese form of Buddhism
23. Television
24. Quality of appearing very attractive
25. National Basketball Association
26. This is the king of the Jews
27. Used to give a negative reply
28. A tool for picking and holding things
31. Organization of African Union

32. This appears at the end of a Jesuit's name
34. Tuberculosis
35. May it be so.
36. To draw as in a game
37. A representative in a province congregation
39. Solid objects with round flat base
40. A gift of the magi to Jesus
42. An overflowing priest's garment
43. General name of the three similar gospels
44. A minor prophet

DOWN

1. Tall pointed hat worn by bishops
2. The longest serving general for Jesus
4. Half
5. A beverage
6. A feast in the church calendar
7. A System for connecting equipments to a computer
8. Wet
9. united republican party; abbr
11. Abraham's nephew
12. used in bibliography after names
13. Diocese
14. Used to measure electrical resistance
15. Kenya College of Accountancy; abbr

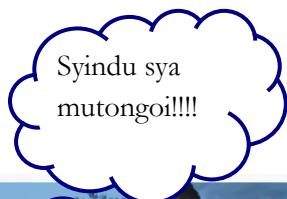
16. Hotel
17. Ecclesiastes
18. Apocrypha
19. Centimetre; symbol
20. The largest mammal
21. Not applaiaible; abbr
22. A large church
23. Ear, Nose and Throat; abbr
24. The home country of st. Ignatius
25. Largest peak in Africa
26. A document in the Society of Jesus
27. Side that provides shelter from the wind
28. A cardinal who's the pontiff now
29. First sol-fa notation
30. A playing card with picture of a king on it
31. Skill
32. A place where wild animals are bred
33. To run faster than somebody
34. The book with creation story
35. The 2nd superior general
36. The home of Adam and eve
37. Overtime; abbr
38. Mineral rock
39. Sea
40. The country with 22 martyrs
41. Mountains found in Sudan
42. The unit of currency in Japan
43. Amount that remains when everything has been taken away
44. Catechism of the Catholic Church; abbr

RAFIKI PICTORIALS...

WHAT COULD THEY BE SAYING?



Shikamoo jito!
what's gone on
here?



Syindu sya
mutongoi!!!!



Ei! Omera, unaniaibisa! Utamalisa diel
msima bila kunipa!



Alleluyaa! Salvation is here!

He he he he heeeeeeeee!





“THE SOCIETY OF JESUS HAS CARRIED A FLAME FOR NEARLY FIVE HUNDRED YEARS THROUGH INNUMERABLE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE CHALLENGED IT INTENSELY TO KEEP THAT FLAME ALIVE BURNING. THINGS ARE NO DIFFERENT TODAY.”

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WOULD YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW LIKE TO CONSIDER LIVING A LIFE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS? THE JESUITS FATHERS AND BROTHERS FOUNDED IN 1540 BY ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA AND SERVING IN OVER 127 COUNTRIES WORLD OVER, OFFER YOU OR THEM THIS OPPORTUNITY OF SERVICE TO OTHERS. JUST PRAY DAILY AND DO NOT DELAY TO CONTACT ONE OF OUR VOCATIONS PROMOTERS OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE.

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