

**SEPTEMBER 1995**

Feastdays - Birthdays - + Anniversaries

<b>MON</b>	4 Anton Altnöder
<b>TUE</b>	5 RODRIGO MEJIA
<b>WED</b>	6 Salvador Ferrão
<b>THU</b>	7 Anthony Sequeira
<b>SAT</b>	9 <b>St. Peter Claver - Memorial</b> Ignatius Ikunza Elias Omondi
<b>SUN</b>	10 <b>Bl. Francis Garate - Optional</b> Kifle Wansamo
<b>TUE</b>	12 Hector Almeida Gilles Pion Fidelis Udahemuka
<b>WED</b>	13 Trevor D'Souza
<b>FRI</b>	15 Jorge Ramirez
<b>SUN</b>	17 <b>St. Robert Bellarmine - Memorial</b>
<b>TUE</b>	19 Gaspar Sunhwa
<b>MON</b>	25 Lucien Matte †1973
<b>THU</b>	28 Bernard Massot †1990
<b>SAT</b>	30 Narciso Rutta †1973

**PROPOSAL**

This calendar reminds us of significant Jesuit and Province dates. It will be printed a month ahead so that it reaches each community in time.



# Newsletter

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**VOW MEN: JULY 16TH 1995**

Back Row: George Ochieng, James Wabwire, Fr. Leo Amani,  
L to R: Daniel Akau, Fidelis Udahemuka, Francis Kitope.  
Middle Row: Charles Lutambi, Nicholas Bunyige.  
Front Row: Emmanuel Ngabirano, James Lomulen, Caspal Pado.

**NEWS FROM ROME**

Fr. General has appointed the following new Provincials:

- Fr. Godfrey de Rozario as Provincial of Gujarat Province. He has assumed office from 29th June 1995.
- Fr. Jan Bronsveld, Provincial of the Near-East Province. He will assume office from September 8, 1995.
- Fr. Guillermo Rodriguez-Izquierdo Gavala as Provincial of Baetica (Andalusia) Province. He assumed office on June 23, the Feast of the Sacred Heart.
- Fr. Jose Adan Cuadra as Provincial of Central America.
- Fr. Isidro Gonzalez Modrono as Provincial of Castille.
- Fr. Hans van Leeuwen as Provincial of the Netherlands.
- Fr. Louis Rabotoson as Provincial of Madagascar.
- Fr. Lojze Cviki as Provincial of Slovenia.
- Fr. Jesus Renau Manen as Provincial of Tarragon.

**FR. PROVINCIAL'S AGENDA FOR AUGUST**

- 29 July - 1 August: Meeting with JRS Directors Frs. MARK RAPER and MIKE EVANS.
- 15-16: Meeting of Local Superiors
- 18-20: Province Consult

**LEFT THE SOCIETY**

- Schol. Mesfin Jekale left the Society on July 11, 1995.
- Schol. Thadei Mwereke left the Society on July 13, 1995.

**Fr. Rodrigo Mejia, S.J.**

**UNEXPECTEDLY BLESSED**

On October 1st 1995, the Society will have two more BLESSED on its list. Fr. **Joseph Imbert** and Fr. **Jean-Nicolas Cordier** are martyrs of the French Revolution. They died in 1794 on the Rochefort Prison Ships.

They will be beatified together with 62 other priests. Fr. General's letter (*see insert*) throws some light on their lives and deaths.

**ANTONY KILULU MUANGE**

I am a young man aged 20 years old from Kenya. I come from a family of ten members, I being the seventh born. I attended St. Paul's Primary School Nairobi from the years 1982-1989, and then in the year 1990 proceeded to Dandora Secondary School for my secondary education, which I completed in the year 1993.

I got my inspiration to be a priest from my long-time association with priests as an altar boy. I applied to

join the Society of Jesus in 1993 after having read about them in a book called "Men of Courage" published by R.S.C.K. As a candidate I did my apostolate at Kenyatta National Hospital, visiting the sick and assisting the Chaplain. My hobbies are swimming, playing football, making new friends and keeping old friendships. As St. Ignatius had his own vision, I too have my vision and my vision is to set the whole world ablaze with God's word.

*Our Martyrs, in rejecting the Revolution's laws aimed at stripping the Church of her freedom, her means of maintaining unity, and her fidelity to the faith, appealed to a different law and to a divine authority - a law, an authority, and a faith which, far from being opposed to liberty and fraternity or to justice and human rights, actually guarantee and ground these ideals. "We are exposed to the temptation of thinking that our human rights are fully maintained only when we are detached from all norms of divine law. But when this path is followed, human dignity, far from being preserved, vanishes." (Gaudium et Spes, 41,3).*

(From Fr. Kolvenbach's letter on our new Beati.)

playing soccer.

My desire to be a priest is traceable back to early 1980s, and then I came to a decision of joining the Jesuits in 1992 after meeting with Fr. PIO CIAMPA who actually motivated me in various ways.

My hobbies are listening to music, singing, watching movies, reading magazines and novels and also

In my candidacy programme, I worked in Dr. Barnardo's orphanage home and with the Salesian Don Bosco parking boys in a period of one year and six months. My dying anxiety is to be a good Jesuit of the future.

### JOSEPH MARY KIKONYOGO

I am a Ugandan, 23 years old, born near Mityana, 30 miles west of Kampala. Both of my parents are teachers. Dad owns a small school up to Primary Four, just next to our house. At the same time, Mum runs an Adult Literacy Programme most of whose participants are the parents of the little kids Dad teaches. From 1986 to 1992, I was in a minor seminary. Thereafter I did Philosophy in the Major Seminary at Gulu.

My active contacts with the Jesuits started in 1993, after years of search for them in vain. I had been attracted by their intellectual training, spirituality, and mature priesthood.

One of my elder sisters (I have four sisters and two brothers) is a nun, the other an aspirant, and our "Benjamin" is in the minor seminary, but all of them, together with especially my Mum and friends, at first were uneasy about my prospect of becoming a Jesuit. For, to them, aspiring to become a Jesuit priest means aspiring to become an old man!! Hardly have they seen young Jesuit priests and old age is naturally feared.

I have had several chances of teaching in both primary and secondary schools during my vacations and then for pastoral work in the seminary. I enjoy scouting, debating, music, dance and drama.

### HEALTH CARE HINTS

#### MEDICAL INSURANCE

On a trial basis, 10 Jesuits are covered by MEDIVAC under their Inpatient Medical Insurance Scheme. Hekima College is trying out the AAR Insurance Firm. After a year, medical insurance will be reviewed. However medical insurance for those over 65 years is not available in Kenya.

#### DENTAL CARE

Many Jesuits have serious problems with their teeth and these cost the Province thousands of shillings. Our Dentist says that in very many cases, improper dental hygiene or drinking untreated/not boiled water is the culprit. Brushing and rinsing the mouth after food - e.g. after eating nyama choma, sweets, etc., - is helpful in reducing the dental problems. Our Dentist also suggests that any one who has problems with more than two teeth should consider a partial denture as an easy, affordable, long lasting alternative.

#### TRANSPORT FROM THE AIRPORT

Those who hire a TAXI from Jomo Kenyatta Airport to Loyola/Hekima/down town are requested to negotiate the fare beforehand. Fare indicators:

- Airport to Loyola House/Hekima College:
 

Ordinary taxi	Shs 900
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- Airport to downtown: Shs 700
- Wilson Airport to Loyola/Hekima: Shs 400

Add Shs 200 if you engage a Kenatco Taxi.

If you do not have much luggage take the Kenya Bus (STAGECOACH) for just twenty shillings.

*Fr. Francis Rodrigues, S.J.*



**THE BIG DAYS**

For the new group of 14 entering the Jesuit Novitiate, the 15th July was the Big Day. From Nairobi Fathers TONY WACH, FRANCIS RODRIGUES, and SEAN O'CONNOR accompanied 13 of these - the 3 from Uganda and 10 from Kenya. For the days before, the Jesuit candidates were accommodated in Hekima College thanks to Fr. Rector and especially to Fr. MICHEL ISTAS.

The royal welcome of the new men in Arusha started at the Holy Ghost parish at Njiru Hill. Fr. LEO AMANI was there along with Brother VINCENT SORENG and many of the Novices - along with the Novitiate cars.

That same evening of the 15th July there was also a special liturgical welcome for the 14 right on the eve of the Vow Day. Next morning, the 16th, all were present at the Vow Mass presided over by Father Provincial. Fathers TONY WACH, TOM BRODLEY, FRANCIS RODRIGUES, JOSEPH PAYEUR, SEAN O'CONNOR as well as several others from the Passionists, Apostles of Jesus, Spiritans and diocesan clergy, also concelebrated along with the Novitiate Staff. I'm sure the occasion made a deep impression also on all of the new Novices.

On the 17th July I left for Nairobi along with Fathers PAYEUR and TONY WACH and with several of the new Jesuits who were starting a short holiday with their families prior to beginning their studies.

Two days later I was on the road again but this time to Mombasa and as usual to visit the families and parishes of Jesuit candidates. It also happened that Archbishop John Njenga was celebrating 25 years as a Bishop, so I made sure to attend what turned out to be a very inspiring liturgical ceremony in Tudor parish on Sunday the 23rd. But the surprising unseasonal rains did interfere somewhat with my programme of family visits.

*Sean O'Connor, S.J.*

**THE DEADLINE  
FOR THE NEWSLETTER COPY  
TO REACH NAIROBI IS  
THE 28TH OF EACH MONTH**

readings I have made on Ignatius, Claver, Xavier and many others have helped me enormously.

Prayerfully I decided that the legacy of Ignatian spirituality to his followers is a gift that I should live. Thus I felt called to serve - may God's will be

done - in the Society of Jesus.

I have also been teaching catechism to high school students, tending the sick, orphans and working with the youth. God bless all my formators ! Lord, walk with me so that I may learn to walk your way.

**CHARLES KARUMBA MWANGI**

I was born in Nairobi, Kenya 21 years ago. I come from Nyeri District in the Central Province of Kenya. I'm the second born among the seven children in our family. I was brought up in Karatina where I had my primary and secondary education. I finished the secondary course in 1992.

During my primary education as an altar boy, I got a special attraction towards the religious ministry. And soon after I entered secondary school I started to consider priesthood as a possibility in my life. Once I completed secondary, I took up voluntary work in Karatina Parish Youth Office where I came to know about the Je-

suits through some reading materials. I then contacted the Jesuits the same year, 1993.

I felt the desire not to just know about them but even to know them. Motivated by the desire to serve unlimited, I went for apostolic experience in 1994 at Kip Keino Children's Home situated in the outskirts of Eldoret town. This preceded my longer stay in Mwangaza Jesuit Retreat House. In these two places, I got an invaluable treasure, to learn to be a man for others.

As I move on to join the Novitiate, I look forward to discover and live all that God has kept in store for me.

**JOSEPH KIARIE MUBUGA**

I am a Kenyan citizen aged 21 years. I come from the Rift Valley Province, Nakuru District, Mau Narok location. My papa and mama are Kikuyu by tribe. I am in a family of four brothers and three sisters,

I being the second last born. My parents are small farmers in a three acre plot. I had my primary education in Ndos'wa and Ngwatarino school, and joined St. Francis Secondary School up to form 2. I then transferred to St. Mary's Boys High School in Nyeri.

charism and his exemplary life so much so that I decided to state clearly to my Seminary superiors and diocesan superiors about the vocation I felt was mine.

In September 1994 I left the Diocesan Seminary. I had already applied to join the Society of Jesus and so Fr. O'CONNOR sent me to Mombasa to work in the SOS Children's Village

for my apostolate. The SOS experience was very important for my preparation to join the Novitiate.

I like reading, talking to people, listening to people and being with people. I also like playing basketball, volleyball and athletics. Above all I love prayer as the source of all my energy.

### **SIMION OMAADA ESIBO**

I am 21 years old, a Kenyan by birth from the Western Province, Busia District - Amukura Hills - Bungoma Diocese. Both of my parents are alive and they are small-scale farmers. I am in the middle of nine boys and three girls by birth. I learnt in two primary schools before joining Amukura St. Paul's high school, in which I did my K.C.S.E. exams in 1992.

In 1993 I started communicating with the Jesuit Vocations Director, Fr. SEAN O'CONNOR. In the candidacy programme, I had two wonderful apostolates. The first was working with the physically disabled at Limuru Cheshire Home, and then assisting Fr. Minister at the Jesuit Retreat Centre in Nairobi.

I love sharing, singing, listening to music, playing volleyball, football and weight-lifting.

### **JAKI PATRICK MARIE**

I am a Ugandan of the Iteso tribe from Soroti in Eastern Central Uganda, the eldest son in the family of ten, four are deceased including my mother. I was born in 1967. I graduated from Makerere University in 1993 with a BA (Education). Besides teaching, badminton, hockey, volleyball, reading classical literature, poetry and cooking are my other areas of interest.

Fred, my brother, took his first religious vows in June this year, after his novitiate with the Apostles of Jesus. Meanwhile Charles is an undergraduate at Makerere University. Dad is retired from the civil service but is active in community projects.

I first associated with the Jesuits after I had watched a film on Fr. Miguel Pro, S.J., seeing in him the fulfilling of Our Lord's command: "Be perfect as your Father in Heaven is". The

# **NEWS FROM THE PROVINCE**

## **LOYOLA HOUSE**

ERIC CONDILLAC was given a few days off from "ministerial chores" while giving a retreat to the Sisters of Mary Immaculate next door (July 17-24).

GERRY REBELLO is back after his home leave in India, having returned on July 24.

This being the Centenary of Cinema, STAN MASCARENHAS (Chaplain, State House Girls School) organized a youth rally at Upper Hill Shrine, Nairobi. A booklet was prepared for the occasion entitled: Celebrating a Century of Cinema: A Christian look at Cinema. About 350 boys and girls from Nairobi schools and parishes were in attendance.

The feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated at Loyola House when about 50 Jesuits in town gathered for the Eucharist and dinner. Each community contributed an item for the meal. Mzee KAPPA, the main celebrant at the concelebration, exhorted the brethren to live up to the Ignatian motto: Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam.

OTIENO NDONG'A, our Communications man, was back from Ngara, Tanzania, where he has been busy setting up a radio station. He took off again on July 12 for Ngara.

Student members of Loyola B Community - Sch. SHUM, Br. CHARLES KIZZA - are on a visit to their families. Br. ANDREW VUCIRI is back already. They joined some others for the annual retreat at Subiaco House.

JIM HORGAN (J.R.S.) came down with malaria at the end of July and was confined to his room for a good 10 days. He managed to stay out of hospital, except for 2 visits to the doctor for a proper diagnosis and treatment.

Work on the Loyola B extension has slowed down considerably after the first spurt of construction activity. The place should be ready by the end of August, hopefully.

*Fr. Stanislaus Mascarenhas, S.J.*

**FIRST VOWS AT THE JESUIT NOVITIATE, ARUSHA, TANZANIA**

"This may be the largest Novitiate in the world, but most certainly the largest in the African Continent". With these words Fr. LEO AMANI, the Novice Director, welcomed the 14 newly arrived young men to the Novitiate during the Eucharistic celebration on the 15th July 1995. On that material day, there were 39 Novices (10 second years, 15 first years and 14 new arrivals) and 4 Jesuit staff members bringing the total to 43. It was indeed a day of joyful thanksgiving to God. Those who came to "KUSINDIKIZA" - in Kiswahili means to see them off - were three fishermen from Lake Victoria whose waters are shared by Kenya Uganda and Tanzania. The Master Fisherman, Fr. SEAN O'CONNOR accompanied 10 men from Kenya, TONY WACH (Wisconsin, Uganda) had a haul of 3 and TOM BRODLEY (New England, Tanzania) representing Fr. HECTOR ALMEIDA, had one but a most precious one (we were told that he just missed two other chances due to inadvertence). Around the fishermen gathered with sentiments of gratitude were our Provincial Fr. RODRIGO MEJIA, Fr. JOSEPH PAYEUR, his Socius, and myself, the Province Treasurer, calculating in my mind how much it would cost to feed and form these 43 hungry Jesuits.

Shifting quickly from my pecuniary thoughts, I realized the wealth of man-

power we had. We were Jesuits from America, Canada, Ethiopia, India, Ireland, Kenya, Malta, Tanzania and the Sudan. Remarkable indeed.

Shifting again from thoughts of world representation, I moved to African values of Hospitality. The first year Novices had vacated their rooms and were sleeping in a dormitory, thus offering their rooms to the 14 newcomers for the next two days, to demonstrate fine African Values.

The Following day (July 16th) was the Vows day. The little chapel was filled with Jesuits, relatives and friends. There must have been some 90 participants in the chapel built for 50. Those who were to take their vows were dressed in African attire ready to be initiated into a life of commitment and courage.

In his homily, Fr. Provincial compared the vows that the young men will pronounce to a radical way of living the Baptismal Vows. The Baptismal Vows, he said, are expressed through Faith, Hope and Charity and are deepened in a radical way through the vows of Obedience, Poverty and Chastity. In his short theology class he assured us that there would not be a written or oral examination at its end, except for a living commitment to God in the Church through service.

**FIRST YEAR NOVICES**

Standing: Charles Mwangi, Dominic Mulla, Patrick Jaki, Ambrose Kituyi, L to R. Fr. Leo Amani, Simion Esibo, A.S. Kimani, Josephat Wangira, John Wambua.

Sitting: Francis Ndung'u, Pius Ojara, Joseph Kikonyogo, Anthony Muange, Joseph Muruga, Tiberius Barasa.

**TIBERIUS BARASA**

I am 25 years old born in the western part of Kenya in a family of 4 girls and 7 boys. My father is a retired clinical officer and my mother is a farmer. I had my primary education in a village school at Mundika near Busia and close to my home from 1979 to 1986. I went for my O levels to a minor seminary called St. Peter's Mukumu for 4 years from 1987 to 1990. Since I still felt that I was called to be a priest, I went to the National Major Seminary Molo for one year - a period of spiri-

tual formation. After Molo I proceeded to St. Augustine's Major Seminary for philosophy, a course which took 2 years, from 1992 to 1993. After that I went to St. Thomas Aquinas' Major Seminary in Nairobi for theology, which lasted for 6 months.

All along, I was feeling a great need to become a Jesuit, after reading about the Jesuits and being in touch with Fr. GEORGE THOTTUNGAL, who was my professor in the philosophicum, as well as my spiritual director. I was very much attracted to the Jesuit

the Archbishop to see what he wanted me to do with the Permanent Deacons. Now I will have to put that on the back burner until I get the rest of it organized. Since BERNARD has asked me to be Bursar for our little Community here, I'm trying to get my hands on that as well. Meanwhile I've applied for a Sudan driver's license. (Expensive!) And it takes a while just to find out where things are in town and how to get common supplies. (Getting a couple of large bath towels was quite an exercise.) Little by little I'll settle in.

As I've said, GEORGE is expecting to fly to Wau tomorrow on a small plane chartered by the Diocese. (TARCI is still waiting here for the renewal of his work permit before he can apply for a travel permit and then look for transport.)...

ED BRADY is trying to enter into his role as Vocation Promoter (Sudan), and we discussed that also at our meeting... We're all looking forward to the arrival of CHARLES in the first part of August; and, of course, we'll want to know when JOHN CHACHU can be expected.

It's nice to be back in Sudan, although Khartoum is a bit intimidating under the present circumstances. And I won't have much time in the coming months to work on the Arabic. But everyone has been wonderful in helping me to feel at home again. I'm glad to see also that my former students are now working well for the Church in Sudan...

Health wise I'm in pretty good shape. As I mentioned in my letter to the L.H. Community, my blood pressure dropped dramatically after I arrived here (and I don't have any tendency toward a bloody nose.) I've been sleeping more soundly than I did in Nairobi. The new problem that I have with the pain in my foot is still with me, however... As it turns out I'm practically the only one who has approval to use the elevator in the Theologians' Section. Such is life when the years begin to add up beyond 70.

I guess that's about enough news for now...

Your Brother in Christ,

*Fr. Paul Besanceney, S.J.*



The 10 who expressed their desires to offer their vows were questioned by the Provincial to ascertain their willingness. They presented their giftedness through bread and wine at the Offertory. Finally, they offered their total commitment to God through their vows just before communion as is the custom in the Society of Jesus. Before the conclusion, the vows crucifix and the constitutions were presented to the new Jesuits.

The Eucharistic meal was continued with a 3-course dinner in the courtyard. The usual singing, praising, communal dancing, drumming and shairi (verses of praise and pranks) continued for the next three hours.

Night supper was for Jesuits only (except for 4 externs). More entertainment and distribution of certificates of merit and demerit to the newly vowed graduates, by the University of Njiro Hills (Where the Novitiate is situated) by the self-appointed Vice Chancellor, Gilbert Mardai and his panel of profes-

sors (from among the 2nd year Novices), to a job well done.

As the Vice-Chancellor and his renowned team were rehearsing their lines, that morning, the goat that was to be led to the slaughter escaped. The periti had no other option than to chase the goat for a mile or so till they brought the goat to its feet. Carrying it on their shoulders they fastened it securely for the final oblation and consumption (Nyama Choma).

The following day (July 17) the new Jesuits wished Kwaheri ya Kuonana (Bye till we meet again) as they made for Nairobi. NICHOLAS BUNYIGE, who had some problems with his travel documents was allowed to cross the border on the strength of his certificate of Merit, "Summa cum cauda" which is one step ahead of "Summa cum Laude", granted by the University of Njiro Hills.

*Fr. Francis Rodrigues, S.J.*

#### BROTHER VINCENT SORENG

When our 14 young men were marking their first day at the Arusha Jesuit Novitiate, Bro. VINCENT SORENG marked his 40th year as a Jesuit Brother, having entered it on 15th July 1955. "Action-Contemplation-Action" seems to have been the driving force behind Bro. VINCENT's success. His faithfulness to daily prayer, his dedication to farm work, his capacity to attract the young Jesuits to cooperate in farming activity and his simplicity - all this and more, has made him a role model for many young Jesuits.

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**SIXTH ANNUAL YOUNG JESUITS' MEETING**

The sixth annual Young Jesuits' Meeting this year was held at Mwangaza from Monday till Saturday, July 3-8. Nineteen Scholastics and Brothers took part representing Theology (5), Regency (9), Special Studies (4), and a Brother in the apostolate, two of the Special Students being Juniors who had belonged to the Southland Community. Fr. Provincial presided at the opening liturgy on Monday and later in the week gave a report on the State of the Province and spoke inspiringly on his apostolic vision for EAP. New developments in the formation programme as well as an update on special studies and apostolic orientations were covered by Fr. VICTOR. Fr. VALERIAN SHIRIMA reported on his experience of GC 34 and stayed on to celebrate his 25th SJ anniversary together with his two contemporaries from Lusaka days, Frs. AMANI and GROUM. Fr. AMANI also spoke about our Novitiate at Arusha. Many Young Jesuit rapporteurs offered first-hand accounts of the joys and tribulations, the gains and losses, of our men in various stages of formation. Fr. OTIENO dealt in a very personal and straightforward way with the challenges faced by Special Students. Fr.

JOHN GUINEY spoke movingly on the parish apostolate and Fr. J. BOEL questioningly on retreat work deepened our appreciation of two of our apostolates. Mrs. Kungu, Assistant Head of Kangemi Primary School, produced a deep impression on her listeners as she spoke frankly yet respectfully on the topic: What do lay people expect of religious? All in all the meeting was a great success, not least because of the frankness and charity of the exchanges of all participants. The traditional outing and evening "nyama choma" on Saturday brought the proceedings to a happy conclusion.

**REGENTS' RETREAT**

From July 12th till the 20th, eight of the participants at the Young Jesuits' meeting had their annual retreat at the Missionary Benedictine Sisters in Karen under the guidance of Fr. CAL POULIN. Sincere thanks to Fr. CAL for providing a wonderful and spiritually enjoyable experience. The Benedictine fare was also pronounced very good.

*Fr. Victor Jaccarini, S.J.*

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED**

Fr. George Soares Prabhu (Bombay Province), who died recently as a result of a road accident, was well known to many of our Jesuits from India and to those who have studied there. He had been a Professor of Theology. R.I.P.

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Bro. VINCENT worked in the Sudan, Zambia, Kenya and Tanzania and made the land green and productive. The Novices of Zambia, the Retreatants at Mwangaza and Jesuits and Novices at Arusha, where he is now working, continue to enjoy the fruits of his labour of love.

"I am very happy here in Arusha" says VINCENT. "I like the place, I like my work, I like the Formation community and I like the Novices".

Bro. VINCENT is continuing and complementing the work done by Bro. JOE SHUBITOWSKI and Fr. JOE PULLICINO on the farm. "The Novitiate will be self sufficient in food i.e. maize, beans, bananas, eggs, milk, chicken and pork" says Bro. VINCENT proudly. Currently, the Jesuit Novitiate has 33 members (29 Novices and 4 Jesuit formators).

Bro. VINCENT has launched an ambitious plan of building a dam to collect rain water. If this project succeeds, it will compensate partially for the 3 unsuccessful boreholes sunk in the property.

*Fr. Francis Rodrigues, S.J.*

**FROM A LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PROVINCIAL**

July 16, 1995

Dear Rodrigo,

It seems to be time for me to fill you in on what is happening here in Khartoum. In doing this I'm still trying to master the process of using a computer... I guess that I'll learn eventually!

Where shall I start? I guess that the main news for myself is that the Archbishop requested a few days ago that I be asked to replace GEORGE as Dean of Studies in the Theology Section. Such a thought had not crossed my mind. Of course, I could hardly say "No". So GEORGE has been handing things over to me as he prepares to fly to Wau tomorrow morning. To be in contact with students on that side, I'll be teaching Social Morality in Th. II. That's in addition to the following for the Philosophers: Political Science (Ph. I), Speech (Ph. I and II), and the weekly Spiritual Conference until mid-August when the new Spiritual Coordinator should arrive. Before all of this was arranged, I had been trying to see