

NOVEMBER 1995

Wed	1	Paul-Emile Filion †1992
Thu	2	Sosthenes Luyembe
Fri	3	<i>Bl. Rupert Mayer - Optional</i>
Sun	5	ALL SAINTS AND BLESSED OF THE SOCIETY - Feast
Tue	7	Fabian Mbunda, Andrew Vuciri
Sat	11	Geroge Ochieng
Sun	12	Joseph Payeur, Thomas McGrath
Mon	13	St. Stanislaus Kostka - Memorial Ozy Gonsalves, Stanislaus Mascarenhas
Tue	14	St. Joseph Pignatelli - Memorial Josaphat Wangira
Wed	15	Patrick Wambua
Thu	16	Sts. Roch Gonzalez, John de Castillo and Alphonsus Rodriguez- Memorial
Fri	17	Simon Esibo
Sun	19	Thomas J. Brodley, Deogratias Mutayoba
Mon	20	Leonard Kasugi
Tue	21	Damas Missanga, Joseph H. Small
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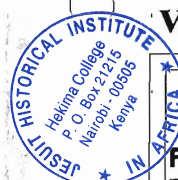


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FLASHES

From Rome

Father General has appointed Fr. Simon Pierre Metena, S.J. as the new Provincial of the Central African Province, a Province with which we have close connections because of members (present and former) of PAC among us. Congratulations to the new Provincial!

Father General has appointed Fr. Juan Diaz Martinez, S.J. as the new Provincial of Chile, a Province with which we have a special link through the presence of Fr. MIGUEL GARCIA, S.J. Congratulations to the new Provincial, and thanks to Fr. Guillermo Marshall on leaving the office after six years of fruitful work.

On the 8th of September there came a letter from Fr. Francis Case, Temporary Vicar during the absence of Father General, announcing the approval of Fr. General of the appointment of Father LOUIS PLAM-ONDON as Local Superior of the Loyola High School Jesuit Community at Dar-es-Salaam.

By a decree of the 14th of September Father General canonically erected the Jesuit Community of Kobar, Khartoum, at St. Paul's Major Seminary. The Jesuits working in Wau are considered, for the time being, as members of this same community but residing in that city.

From the Assistency

The 25th Annual Meeting of JESAM (Jesuit Superiors of Africa and Madagascar) took place in Chishawasha, close to Harare (Zimbabwe).

Besides the usual revision of the developments in Jesuit Formation, the participants drafted the statutes of JESAM to be submitted for approval to Fr. General. Fr. VALERIAN SHIRIMA has taken over from Fr. KAREKEZI for the planning and co-ordination of the Assistancy Meeting on Formation, and Fr. RODRIGO MEJIA was appointed to be its facilitator. The meeting will take place in Yaoundé (Cameroon) from 18 - 26 July 1996 (followed by the meeting of JESAM at the same place). The steering committee will gather in Hekima College, Nairobi, from 27-31 December 1995 for a detailed planning.

Sad News from Yaoundé

On the 11th of September Father Henry De Decker, founding Rector of Hekima College, was attending a seminar on Justice and Peace at the Department of Philosophy of the Catholic Institute of Yaoundé when he had a massive heart attack. Even though the doctor arrived just 15 minutes after Father De Decker started feeling pain in his chest, he could not do anything to save his life. Father De Decker was born in Antwerp in 1927 and entered the Society in 1945. In 1953 he first came to Africa (Zaire) for his regency. After his theological studies he obtained a doctorate in Social Sciences. He came to our Province in 1982 to prepare the launching of Hekima College, and in 1991 he went to teach Sociology at the newly opened Catholic Institute of Yaoundé. We recommend Father De Decker to the prayers of all the members of the Eastern Africa Province.

Welcome back to our Province:

Father ANDREW RUSATSI, from the United States after his Master's Degree in Religious Education and his Specialization in Addictions' Treatment.

Father ANDREW MADRA, MR. FRANCIS LADO, MR. FRANCIS BIRYAHU AND MR. JOHN CHACHU OHURE, from India after their Masters' Degree in Philosophy.

Father Provincial's Schedule for October:

- 02 Opening of the Academic Year at Hekima College
- 09 - 12 Canonical visitation of Mwangaza Retreat Centre.
- 13 - 16 Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Loyola High School (Dar-es-Salaam).
- 17 - 18 Meeting with the AMECEA Country Directors of Pastoral Departments

Rodrigo Mejia, S.J.

the prediction of an engineer who had claimed that the pump would never be able to do the job intended, the faithful pump did just what Brother William told it to do. Since then we always have water for washing purposes, while rain obediently drains down from the corrugated iron-sheeted roof into a couple of other tanks for cooking purposes and for drinking after boiling.

The final touch was quite recently put on the powerhouse. It had stood as an open roofed-over shed, not sufficiently protected from lashing rains and mischievous vandalism. However, at last, brick walls have been erected and plastered, with barred windows and metal door. It is a secure home for the precious pump.

Bob Mayer, S.J.

HARARE

Our academic year began in earnest on the 23rd of August. The occasion was marked by the new Provincial, Fr. Konrad Landsberg, leading us in celebrating the Mass of the Holy Spirit. Fr. Provincial had lots of good advice for the community.

The new arrivals here settled in rather well. MAGHALI SAMUEL says Harare is "a bit" different from Kangemi. No potholes and that kind of stuff. KAYENDA LOMULEN is making steady progress in Shona while KITOPE is determined to master the language of the Queen of England. AKAU is now able to "dish out" a few French words, at least to ask for a cup of water; and so is EM-MANUEL NGABIRANO.

Fr. Provincial, RODRIGO MEJIA, was among the Provincials from the African Assistancy who were in town for their deliberations. Just before taking off for the venue of the meeting, Fr. Provincial was able to see each one of us. Later he briefed all of us on the new developments in the

Province. Fr. Provincial left on the 17th for Nairobi, having spent some memorable time in Harare.

The work at our Academic Center surges on. The shelves have already been moved into the proposed library and so have the books. We still have to keep our fingers crossed on the possibility of having the classrooms ready by mid-October. On the other hand, work on the fourth small community house is in its final stages. Very soon an additional five people will move from Arrupe House into the new house. Among these will be our brothers WAMBUA and UDAHE-MUKA.

Harare, as indeed the whole of Zimbabwe, is still going through a drought. However, the forecasts are on the brighter side. Water rationing still continues.

Let us continue praying for each other and especially for rain in this part of Africa.

Moses Were, S.J.

work for five to six weeks with the Home Care Unit for AIDS patients at Nsambya Hospital. It was a demanding experience including doing their paper on the experience the last week. They added youth and vigor to our community. Bro. CHARLES KIZZA spent four weeks working with the AIDS patients at Kamwokya.

JOHN LEGGE went to Butende on September 5 for his annual retreat. Fr. KEN KUNERT left for Loyola and Mwangaza on September 9 to make his retreat and see more than zebra crossings as part of the animal kingdom of Africa.

Pot Pourri: PAUL MALLIA got the community a VCR on July

14. It was christened on the Ignatius Feast Day evening showing the community the movie "City of Joy". He was also asked to give the trophies to the winning teams of the football and netball tournament organized by our RC section, Nsambya Gogonya on Sunday July 23.

Rob and Karen Doucette and sons Joel, Josh, Philip arrived from Wisconsin to work as Jesuit Associates in Fort Portal Diocese. They shared meals with the community for a week. Fr. TONY introduced them to Kampala and Uganda during the week, as well as guiding them through the beginnings of the work plans.

Kenneth M. Kunert, S.J.

Cardinal Wamala visits Fort Portal

A royal welcome was accorded Emmanuel Cardinal Wamala by Fort Portal Diocese on August 26 and 27. This was his first official visit to the diocese since being raised to the cardinalate. As the sole Jesuit in sight, I represented the Society of Jesus in welcoming His Eminence as he entered Kabarole District.

There was something specially warm and friendly about this visitation, as the Cardinal himself commented. One of the underlying factors, aside from the natural geniality of the people, was the fact that the Cardinal is a personal friend of Bishop Kalanda. They had been ordained together in Rome on December 21, 1957.

Powerhouse completed at Lake Saaka

Saaka Novitiate of the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker rests like a square crown atop Saaka Hill. The property extends all the way down to Lake Saaka. A water project was already planned about 15 years ago to pump lake water half a kilometre up the hill. Since my arrival as Novice Master in February 1994, I have seen this project take shape step by step.

After a sizable tank had been manufactured at St. Joseph's Workshop near Fort Portal town, it was installed high and mighty just outside the Novitiate building. Meanwhile, Brother William Sabiiti, SJW, had installed a pump down at Lake Saaka, and had fitted the pipeline. Defying

ON BOTH SIDES OF KILIMANJARO

For those who know the map of Kenya, Loitokitok is right under Mt. Kilimanjaro and with wonderful views of Mt. Mawenzi and Mt. Kibo. But to get into the town of Loitokitok visitors - and inhabitants - have to pass through the Kenyan Immigration Office. I was there with James Ayaga, one of our Jesuit candidates, for three days to visit his family while staying in the Catholic parish.

The following week I was on the other side of Kilimanjaro, but quite a long way from it. I was visiting our Jesuit Novitiate once again and spent three very pleasant days there, meeting everybody and checking too on the improvements being made by Brother VINCENT in the garden, the piggery and the making of a small dam.

Earlier in the month I had returned to Nzakioni in Machakos where JOHN WAMBUA, n.S.J. comes from, to meet his family once more and meet again several of the Small Christian Communities he used to visit weekly. My guide this time was Alphonse Mutisya, also a Jesuit candidate. I met his family

and his group of Small Christian Communities.

A week later I was back again in another area of Ukambani - the land of the Kamba. This time it was to Masii, where I stayed first of all in the parish staffed by the Holy Ghost Missionaries. And next day I visited the home of Steven Nzioki, a candidate whose apostolate is at Dr. Bamardo's Home in Nairobi.

Two other of our Jesuit candidates, Andrew Oluoch and Timothy Tororey, took time off from their regular visits to the patients at Kenyatta Hospital to accompany two groups of Jesuit Theologians to Korogocho and Eastleigh, in the poorer parts of Nairobi. This was all part of the orientation programme Fr. TERRY CHARLTON had organized for the First Year Hekima Theologians.

While Fr. PROVINCIAL was on visitation in Moshi, he also interviewed three Jesuit candidates with a view to their being accepted for the Jesuit Novitiate next July.

Sean O'Connor, S.J.

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

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

September of this year has been exceptionally eventful for the Jesuits who are at work in Ethiopia, since they were celebrating fifty years of Jesuit presence and apostolate in the country. The first two Jesuits to arrive in 1945 had landed in Addis Ababa on August 18th, but the celebration of this anniversary was postponed until mid-September, so as to allow more of the people concerned to attend.

In order to manifest the solidarity of the Society at large, Jesuit participants had come from other countries: from Canada, Fr. MARC BROUSSEAU, who brought the greetings and good wishes of Fr. JEAN BELLE-FEUILLE, the Provincial of French Canada; Frs. GROUM TESFAYE and LOUIS PLAMONDON from Tanzania, Scholastics KIFLE WANSAMO and SHUMDEHAN HAILE-MICHAEL, and Fr. MARCEL GAREAU from Kenya. Five of the pioneers, now in Canada, had written to the Jesuit Community, sending their congratulations. They were: Frs. LEON ZIPFEL and GUILLAUME BELAND, who had come to

Ethiopia in 1945; Fr. PIERRE GOUIN and Bro. MARCEL CHARPENTIER, who had arrived in 1946; and Bro. REMI LAFOREST, who had arrived some years later. All the Jesuits present in Ethiopia signed a letter of appreciation that was sent to each of them.

The core of the celebrations extended over a period of five days, from the 13th to the 17th of September. Before that, a workshop took place with the Catholic Youth of Addis Ababa, moderated by Sch. SHUMDEHAN HAILE-MICHAEL. It dealt with a brief history of the Society in Ethiopia, with who a Jesuit is and with the nature of the mission entrusted to him (based on the film - The Mission). On Wednesday, September 13th, Fr. MARCEL GAREAU gave a conference, telling the story of how the Jesuits came to Ethiopia 50 years ago, and how their service to the Church started in an unusual way, with 30 years of almost exclusive service to the Ethiopian Government in the field of education. On Thursday, Fr. CLAUDE SUMNER told his audience about his personal experience

Ignatius Sch. NGABIRANO arrived during the Eucharist back from home visit. August continued these comings and goings. On August 3, Schols. NGABIRANO and AKAU bussed off to Nairobi. Sch. FIDELIS UDAHEMUKA arrived back from Kigali to seek his relatives. He left on the 4th for Nairobi. Nov. LEONARD KASUGI (who with FIDELIS spent a night here on their way to Kigali) returned from Rwanda. He found his mother and three brothers there. He left on the 5th for Nairobi and then Arusha. Akamba Bus Company must love the Jesuits. On the 24th, Sch. ISAAC KIYAKA, after staying for a few days to get over malaria, left for Nairobi. This is a privileged place to meet and share with our young Jesuits.

Patres Graviore: Fr. Karl Voelker (WIS), came on June 13th for two months apostolate, giving priest retreats, etc. with TONY WACH. The 13th was not a Friday, but Karl got stomach problems, malaria, and other ailments including a stay in Nsambya Hospital to take up his spare time. He left for Wisconsin on August 17. He did get to spend time at Butende monastery with TONY, visited Fr. Ernest Sievers's School for Evangelization, and visited our communities in Nairobi and Arusha. So he got a good taste of Jesuit East Africa. Frs. CALVIN POULIN and VICTOR JACCARINI also graced our home and brought us up to date on Nairobi happenings. Fr. VICTOR also shared with

us on the Rwandan situation in Kigali. Fr. MIKE VJECHA, who went to Kigali on July 27 to make a presentation on AIDS at the JRS meeting, had told about the experience of witnessing the skulls and bones at the church there when he returned on August 1. Fr. BOB MAYER came in for a health check-up in July. Fr. Alberto Campos, O.F.M., came on September 4 to join us for three weeks while he studies Runyankoli to work in Mbarara Diocese.

Apostolic Endeavors: PAUL MALLIA and GENE HATTIE attended the blessing and opening of the Regional House (Kampala-Kujinda-Masaka Region) of the Little Sisters of St. Francis at Nsambya. TONY WACH and Karl Voelker attended the final profession of a St. Peter Claver Sister at Kisubi. The community added Ignatius' prayer for generosity to night grace from July 22 to 31 as our Ignatian novena. TONY WACH gave spiritual conferences to two diocesan priests who stayed with us for a week. He also went to Soroti at the end of August to give guided retreats to the priests of the Soroti diocese. He also talked to the students of Teso College, and had contact with nuns running a boys senior school in the area which he sees as a prospect for vocational presentations.

PETER McISAAC (Canada) and EMILE RANAIVOARISOA (Madagascar) arrived from Hekima on July 15 to

(Western Ethiopia) came especially for this celebration. It was attended by some 150 persons and was presided over by Fr. GROUM TESFAYE, who gave the homily. The Missionaries of Charity had prepared breakfast for all the participants.

On Saturday afternoon, a cocktail reception brought together some former students and staff members of Tafari Makonnen School, the Government institution where the Jesuits were in charge over a period of thirty years. The function was attended, among others, by a former gate-keeper, by Weizero Gete, who had been for years in charge of the school clinic, and by Mrs. Genet Zawdie, now Minister of Education, a former student of the School.

On Sunday morning, in the beautiful setting of lake Babogaya, in Debre-Zeit, a Mass was celebrated at Galilee Centre, a retreat house that has been organized by the Jesuits. Fr. MIGUEL A. GARCIA presided at

the concelebration and gave the homily in a chapel yet to be completed. The Mass was followed by a picnic-style lunch for over 150 persons, mostly members of religious congregations who keep recalling all that the Jesuits did for them over the years, v.g. "We are still using the furniture you gave us when we started years ago..."

Among those who participated in some or all of these events were Msgr. Kidane-Mariam, Bishop of Adigrat, Abba Gebre-Mariam, Dean of the Addis Ababa Presbytery, the Provincial of the Salesians, several Spiritans, Christian Brothers, Sisters of many Congregations whom the Jesuits have helped, and a few dedicated lay Catholics.

What happened during those days was very significant. It will help the Jesuits now at work in Ethiopia to keep building on the foundations laid in the past, and to plan for the future.

Marcel Gareau, S.J.

*Marcel Gareau has written a special book for the occasion of the "Fifty Years of Jesuit Presence in Ethiopia" called **MAKING ALL THINGS NEW**. The layout was by Miguel Garcia, and it was published on July 31st 1995 in Addis Ababa. Inside the back cover is a complete list of Jesuits who worked in Ethiopia. Congratulations on a well-documented history!*

VISIT TO JESUIT HOUSE, MOSHI

The visit to Moshi Jesuit community actually started at Namanga border, where RODRIGO, SIDNEY D'SOUZA and myself were collected by TREVOR D'SOUZA.

At the well-swept and well-kept and structurally solid Jesuit house we were welcomed by Fr. FRANCIS CARDOZ and shown around. At dinner, the exhibits of special culinary abilities of FRANCIS CARDOZ found approval by all.

The Provincial had ample time to conduct individual and community meetings. A few financial clarifications - the distinction between apostolate and community, recurring and capital expenses - made a lot of financial sense. Jesuit presence in Moshi Diocese took the centre stage in one community discussion.

The high point of the visit was the presence of Moshi Bishop

Amedeus who celebrated the Eucharist and shared dinner with the Jesuits. The Bishop said that it was his first time to celebrate the Eucharist at the Jesuit House. He was very appreciative of the work done by the trio - SIDNEY, TREVOR AND FRANCIS.

Moshi is not only famous for Mount Kilimanjaro, the sweet water, the rich fertile soil for bananas and coffee plantations, but also fertile ground for vocations to the Society of Jesus. Fr. FRANCIS CARDOZ, who does local vocation work, had lined up three prospective candidates to meet with the Provincial.

At the end of the four-day visit the Moshi Community members confessed that it was a proper, canonical, spiritual and financial visitation after almost six years.

Francis Rodrigues, S.J.

FROM J.R.S. IN NGARA, TANZANIA

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all well. After being somewhat silent for a number of months I think I owe it to you all to keep you informed of what I have been up to, albeit briefly. Since June I have been very busy setting up the Refugee Information Network [RIN] in Ngara, Biharamulo District. This network comprises four parts, namely Radio Kwizera, a Newsletter, a Public Ad-

dress system and Billboards.

Radio Kwizera took up a great deal of my time to set up. We had to install the equipment, recruit and help train personnel and make plans for the programs. At present we have succeeded in getting a chief technician, three sound engineers, one presenter, one full-time producer (religious affairs) and three part-time producers. We transmit twenty-five

ter the other in good spirits. LADO started his apostolic activities as soon as he got off the plane. He is teaching religion in various secondary schools and running up and down with the local altar boys. MADRA, who is a priest already for those who didn't know, will have to spend some time at the feet of a good Swahili teacher to master the sweet language well.

VICTOR LUKE ODHI-AMBO has been busy following several police and court cases in the lower courts of Dodoma. We had the misfortune of having been robbed and broken into and cheated by the most innocent-looking youngsters. Some could have been our altar boys. Also Fr. RAJ, the

National Director of the Apostleship of Prayer, lost some kitchen equipment and a VCR.

On the bright side we can break the news that the Airport Parish has an excellent Parish Council now, with competent and committed parishioners. This helps a lot to reduce the blood pressure of Fr LUDWIG, who continues to be a busy parish priest in a tough environment.

Also helping is a good harvest of home-made wine which can keep even the most bitter person happy for the next three months or so. Welcome.

Ludwig Van Heucke, S.J.



Bishop Amedeus Msarikie in our Moshi chapel with Sidney D'Souza, Francis Cardoz, Rodrigo Mejía and Trevor D'Souza. (Photo: Francis Rodrigues.)

Introducing the Society of Jesus to the Catholic Youth in Addis Ababa

One of the characteristics of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church is faithfulness to its traditions at all costs. Hence, re-reading history is an important job of the church scholars and the educated elders, who want to preserve their identity. Amongst the numerically few Ethiopian Catholics and the majority of those belonging to the Orthodox Church, some still have misconceptions about what the Society of Jesus is and who the Jesuits are, mainly because of what happened in the country in the 17th century. A few informed youth, mainly from the University, who turned up for the session, seemed to reflect this phenomenon. On the other hand, the majority of the Ethiopian Catholics and those from the Orthodox Church don't have the foggiest idea about the Jesuits.

The objective of the whole afternoon session was to introduce the Jesuits and what they have been doing in the country for the last half of a century. The fact that Jesuits were in the beginning exclusively working for the Government of Emperor Haile Sell-

assie I, and later, even up to now, working largely with the other religious Orders, makes them least known to the laity, especially to the youth. Therefore it was necessary to explain briefly who a Jesuit is, his mission, and the Jesuit apostolates in the country now.

The Program was supported by the film: "The Mission" which greatly attracted the attention of the youth, and by some posters with pictures of Jesuits working at the former Teferi Makonnen School, at the University College, at the Galilee Centre in Debre-Zeit, and in other places. The whole session of introductory briefs, questions, answers and clarifications was done in Amharic, the national language. At the end a brochure specially prepared for the occasion was given to each of the participants.

About 120 youth participated in the program. Despite the time limitation, this program was satisfactory and allowed us to meet our objective.

Haile-Michael Shumdehan S.J.

LOYOLA, NAIROBI

Pope John Paul II's visit to Nairobi, Kenya

Before coming to the individual Jesuit contributions to and presence at the Papal functions in Nairobi (September 18-20), we would like to report on the invaluable contributions in effort and

money on the part of the Holy Family Basilica Parish (under Jesuit management). I quote TONY D'SOUZA, the Parish Priest. "There were a lot of people from our Holy Family Basilica Parish involved in the preparations for the Pope's visit. Several members of

our Parish Council, starting with the Chairman, Egidio Wahome, along with other parishioners, were involved in the various committees of planning, liturgy, security, finance, et. They sacrificed a lot of their time as they were required to meet frequently to discuss what was needed to be done and to make sure that all went according to plan. Members of our three choirs joined the masses and choir for regular practices every Sunday afternoon, preparing for the Solemn Mass at Uhuru Park.

Our parishioners contributed most generously towards the expenses of the Pope's visit. We were asked to raise a minimum of 30,000 Sh. What we actually raised, along with a special contribution from the Parish Council, was over 300,000 Sh. We are proud of all of you, proud to see the generosity with which you responded. May God continue to bless you!" (From the Parish Bulletin, October 1995).

We are pleased to report that among the many gifts presented to the Holy Father at the Offertory at Uhuru Park was Fr. RODRIGO MEJIA's latest book, "The Conscience of Society - the Social Teaching of the Catholic Bishops of Kenya, 1960-1995" (Paulines Publications, Africa, 1995).

Nine Loyola Jesuits joined in the concelebration at Uhuru Park, thanks to GERRY REBELLO who somehow managed to obtain the required passes. STAN MASCARENHAS had two passes for the Papal

function at the Resurrection Gardens, and KAPPA was happy to go along there, as he could not join in the celebration at Uhuru Park due to his bad back.

Golden Jubilee

in the Society of Jesus:

ZACHARIAS PAZHEPARAMPIL (1945-1995). Loyola celebration on September 27, 1995. The Jubilarian chose the Mass of the Trinity, in imitation of St. Ignatius who had a great devotion to the Trinity and whose prayer to the Father was: "Place me with your Son". The reading from Philippians was meant to remind us of Paul's response to the call of Christ: "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain". The Gospel from St. John recalled the words of Christ: "I have chosen you that you should go and bear fruit, fruit that will last". The Jubilarian invited the congregation to join him in thanking God for the triple vocation to be a Christian, a Jesuit and a priest, and asked for prayers for continued faithful and generous response to the call of Christ until death. JOSEPH PAYEUR took Fr. PROVINCIAL's place at the liturgy and read out the jubilee greetings and message of Fr. General.

GEORGE AIKARA spoke at the end of Mass and revealed some of the secrets known to him, since he was a college-mate of ZACHARIAS at St. Joseph's College, Trichy, India, and later in the Novitiate and through formation. ZACHARIAS' family, we

projects are jointly supervised by Fr. JOE PULLICINO and the Novices. We have a vegetable garden which, with Br. VINCENT SORENG's coming, has improved tremendously. The maize field from which we get maize for our uji and ugali is one of our projects as well. We should not forget the bee-keeping project from which we expect to extract some honey very soon!

The work done by Br. VINCENT with the novices is a radical step towards self-reliance. Just this month we opened a new orchard which we hope will soon provide many fruits for the community. To assure that the fruits and the vegetables will not suffer from a shortage of water, Br. VINCENT with Peter Fanuel, our worker, put up a water tank in the centre of the garden. This will supply water for irrigation without curtailing the water supply for our own domestic use. The garden is producing vegetables in plenty and part of the old orchard is supplying us with very sweet pawpaws. We are not only establishing projects for our food but also some

projects are for the conservation of our environment. We have planted lots of trees. We try as much as we can to maintain them by irrigation. To be able to do that even more efficiently for the future, Br. VINCENT, with the help of Novices, is constructing a dam which will be supplying water for irrigation.

There is a lot that Novices learn from these projects. One important lesson is that we should not take life for granted; work is very necessary and very important. If we are to live our vow of poverty, then we should develop this attitude of trying to earn our living by the work of our hands as well. We hope that this is the attitude we shall develop as long as we take seriously this part of our formation here for the greater glory of God.

We ask you for your prayers and support so that these projects may turn out to be successful, both in making the community more self-reliant and in improving the quality of our formation here. Asanteni sana!

Gigi Mardai, n.S.J

DODOMA

It is an invariable custom for a correspondent to excuse himself after having failed for several months to hand in his contribution for the Newsletter. I am breaking with this practice here. There's no justification for my behaviour. My conscience is perfectly at peace. For half a year we

were only two priests working at the parish, which means plenty of apostolate but less community life to report.

However, the sun broke through the clouds with the arrival of two scholastics coming from their philosophy in India. ANDREW MADRA and FRANCIS LADO arrived one af-

course on Awareness II. We celebrate his birthday and we bid him and the three Sisters farewell.

15: Who is my neighbour? The Jesuit Novitiate Community and the Canossian Sisters are neighbours. We are making ourselves neighbours to each other. Today we attended the celebration of the first vows of one Canossian Novice, now Sr. Cecilia, next door. Fr. LEO was the main celebrant with Frs. JOE and TREVOR, plus other priests as concelebrants. We sang and danced together and it was beautiful.

16: "Whenever and wherever we are associated with lay people, whether they are young people or adults, we must give an example of lively faith, charity and a genuine fidelity to the Church, always testifying to the high value of religious life". [GC 31, doc. 554, pg. 252] Some Novices were invited to sing at a wedding Mass celebration at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Arusha for Gideon and Jessica. It was a very touching experience for the Novices since they said what they are leaving behind for the greater glory of God. The Mass was celebrated by Frs. TREVOR D'SOUZA and LEO AMANI.

17: The day long-awaited by the Secundi came today. Fr. LEO AMANI announced officially our places for our apostolic experience experiment. Here are the appointments:

□Dar: KYALO, MWAURA and EN-

DASHAW.

□Moshi: MKENDA and OKUMU

□Dodoma: ARUNDA and GIKONYO.

□Mwanza: MUTAYOBA, OTIENO and ATAKELT.

□Kangemi: MUBANGIZI and MOKUA

□Kampala: KASUGI, WASILWA and MARDAI.

20: A day of recollection with the theme: "My place in my community."

23: The Provincial stops by here on his way to Moshi with Fr. TREVOR. Along with the Provincial were Frs. SEAN O'CONNOR and MARC BROUSSEAU (GLC), who have come to visit our community. Karibuni sana!

25: Fr. MARC BROUSSEAU leaves for Moshi and eventually will go to Dar. Yesterday he shared his story with us in a meet-a-Jesuit session. Thank you, MARC! Karibu tena!

Self-reliance Projects

If there is anything that our Province is encouraging all our houses to have, it is the self-reliance projects. It is very important to realise that it is time we at least attempted to support ourselves with the resources available where we are.

In responding to this call, our community has established quite a number of projects and intensified some which already existed. We have a livestock project which comprises dairy cows, pigs and chicken. These

were told, are a close-knit one, full of love and concern for one another. ZACHARIAS has five of his sisters in religious life. It seems the Jubilarian's special appearance and modesty won him the nickname of Blessed Virgin Mary in the Novitiate at Shembagnur. Other visitors who came for the Jubilee were GEORGE THOTTUNGAL, THEODORE TOPPO and PIO CIAMPA.

STAN MASCARENHAS decorated the chapel and prepared the programme for the liturgy. Sch. ROGER RANDRIANARIMALALA from Hekima played the organ. ERIC CONDILLAC, the Acting Superior in the absence of Fr. JONATHAN, supervised all the arrangements for the drinks and dinner. Sr. Elsa (St. Joseph of Tarbes), a Keralite friend of ZACHARIAS, made "payasam", a liquidy sweet preparation, for the occasion. Fr. PROVINCIAL came in from Moshi towards the end of the liturgy and joined in the reception and dinner.

Ministries: Our itinerant retreat preacher, CHARLES MURPHY, was away in Kisii from August 1st to September 3, and for a retreat at Dimesse from September 9 to 17. JONATHAN HASCHKA helped in the retreat at Sagana (September 19-29) to the Jesuit Theologians.

Special Visitors:

- MARC BROUSSEAU, from French

Canada, who represented the French Canadian Provincial at the Golden Jubilee celebrations in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, stopped in Nairobi (September 19-23). He then went on to Arusha and Dar es Salaam.

- KENNETH KUNERT came from Kampala (September 9-18) for his retreat and a short holiday.

- MARIANO DORAIRAJ came from Dodoma (September 4-11) for a cataract operation on his left eye. The operation seems to have been a success.

- ANDREW RUSATSI arrived from the U.S. on September 20 and has already moved to Hakimani House in Kangemi. Welcome back, ANDREW!

Loyola Juniorate:

- MARCEL GAREAU was in Ethiopia from September 9th to the 29th. He was there for the Golden Jubilee Celebrations, about which he is reporting in this issue.

- During the absence of JONATHAN, CHARLIE MURPHY was the Acting Superior.

- CHARLES KIZZA is at Kangemi for a carpentry course.

- ANDREW VUCIRI made his retreat with the Theologians in Sagana (September 19-29).

- SHUMDEHAN HAILE-MICHAEL was in Eritrea on home leave, and then went to Ethiopia.

Stan Mascarenhas, S.J.

Some applicants to the Society have 'a deep sense of respect for officials'. One addressed a Provincial as "Very Reverend Father Sacristan". Another ended his request 'humbly' addressing a Vocation Promoter as "Your Majesty".

THREE MONTHS IN U.S.A. AND IRELAND

Fr. D'AGOSTINO returned to Kenya after a 3 months absence spent mainly in Boston, Mass., where he acted as a tutor in the Christian Institute for the Study of Human Sexuality which is a function of the Jesuit Educational Center for Human Development. The program is directed by Fr. James Gill, S.J., M.D., who initiated it last November and is described as "a place where persons involved in the ministry of developing others can spend a month in an educational program focused on anatomy, physiology, psychology, pathology and spirit in relation to human sexuality". Physically it is located on the grounds of St. John's Diocesan Seminary next to the residence of Cardinal Law, who is a generous sponsor. Essentially, the program consists of one month of tutored study with access to an outstanding special library of books, journals, audio and videotapes, etc. The students meet with a tutor twice weekly for about an hour and attend a minimum

of lectures by a clinical psychologist, a moral theologian and a director of a spirituality institute. They are all housed in a former seminary building.

Students include priests, Bishops, seminary rectors, religious formation directors of men and women, and they are from a variety of countries, i.e. Australia, Philippines, Singapore, Africa, Scotland, England, Ireland, Central and South America, etc. Its goal is to provide persons in religious leadership positions to screen, teach and counsel their charges in the area of sexuality in order to maximize their human and spiritual growth.

On August 15, Fr. D'AGOSTINO presented a paper with Sr. Mary Owens, IBVM, at the World Federation of Mental Health Conference in Dublin and later visited several shrines in Ireland, including Knock where he celebrated Mass in the church of the Apparition.

Angelo D'Agostino, S.J.

JESUIT NOVITIATE, ARUSHA

The following are a few major events:

August:

25: The JRS Country Director (Tanzania), Sr. Noelle, IBVM, arrives with three other Sisters and with Fr. ALAIN THOMASSET, (GAL) from Chabalisa Refugee Camp in Karagwe, Kagera, Tanzania.

26: We bid farewell to Sch. JULIAN N'GUESSAN. It was really

good to have you here, JULIAN, we hope you will come again. Karibu sana!

28: Fr. ALAIN shares with the novices his experience of working with the refugees in Chabalisa. We thank him and wish him the best as he begins his Tertianship in Paris now.

Thanks to Fr. JOE PULLICINO's tireless efforts, today the Mu-

nicipality of Arusha officially extended our land towards the gorge. Now we can plant more trees! Asante, JOE!

30: In preparation for the Long Retreat for our First Years, and for better praying for the rest of us, today we begin a series of Tony de Mello video clips on Prayer: "The Way to God for Today", for half an hour per week.

31: Villa day: This is the first villa day since the First Years came. Not only did we enjoy the beauty of Lake Duluti, the trees and the cool breeze from the lake, but also we enjoyed the company of each other. One of the most interesting parts of it all was the general knowledge quiz. We had two groups named St. Francis Xavier and St. Peter Canisius. Whether it would be the same in heaven, God knows, but Canisius won 39-33 points over Xavier.

September:

02: Fr. ANDREW MADRA arrives here for a short visit, en route to Dodoma via Dar. Novices begin music lessons every Saturday, with a Mr. Ngalianguo. Our singing has improved tremendously as a result of the lessons. Three Charles Borromeo Sisters arrive here to prepare themselves for their final vows: Srs. Carola, Beatrix and Chiara from Singida.

08: Fr. MADRA, in a meet-a-Jesuit session, gives his experience of life particularly from when he entered the Society as a priest. Thank you!

Fr. OZY GONSALVES arrives in the morning and starts straightway the seminar on Awareness I with the Primi and the Charles Borromeo Sisters.

04: Kitchen experiment! "When anyone begins to perform the services of the kitchen or to aid the cook, with great humility he must obey him in all things pertaining to his office, by showing him always complete obedience". Gen. Exam [84], pg. 101. The Secundi are back again for yet another serious kitchen experiment.

05: The Primi complete their course on Awareness I with Fr. OZY and we had a farewell Mass followed by a special supper for Fr. OZY.

07: Fr. CECIL McGARRY arrives for a very brief visit here.

Our wood stove arrives today.

09: We celebrated the feast of St. Peter Claver. PIUS MWAURA gave a well-researched presentation on the saint. Also we had a special intention during the Eucharist to pray for the Provincial who celebrated his birthday on 05/09. We also had a special supper for the MSOLAs who took their first vows yesterday.

11: Fr. TREVOR D'SOUZA arrives in the morning from Moshi and he straightway begins the course on Awareness II with the Primi and the three Sisters. The Secundi begin seriously studying the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus. They are now treating the Formula of the Institute.

14: Fr. TREVOR completes the