

# **FEBRUARY 1996**

*Eastern Africa Province*

Thu	1	Protas Opondo
Sun	4	St. John de Brito <i>Bl. Rudolph Acquaviva and companions; Bl. Francis Pacheco, Charles Spinola and companions; Bl. James Berthieu; Bl. Leo Mangin and companions</i> - Memorial
Tue	6	St. Paul Miki and companions - Memorial Jean Roger Ndombi*
Wed	7	George Thottungal+
Thu	8	Cyril Latzoo*, Anicet Setako*
Sat	10	Paul Besanceney
Mon	12	Marcel Gareau
Wed	14	✠ Jan Caers: 50 years in SJ, Roland Turenne
Thu	15	St. Claude de la Columbiere - Memorial
Fri	16	Bonaventura Balige, Charles Onyango
Sun	18	Mani Nedumattam+, Emmanuel Orobator*
Mon	19	Robert Mayer+
Wed	21	Buberwa Karongo, Amedeus Shirima
Fri	23	Louis-Philippe Prévost †1988
Sat	24	Groum Tesfaye, Elias Vuciri
Sun	26	Joseph Spiteri †1981
Mon	27	Jerome K. Odbert+, Gilles Hardy †1990
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## **SOCIETY AND PROVINCE**

Father Provincial is doing his annual retreat (January 9-18) in Nakuru, at St. Mary's Pastoral Centre. Since we do not want to postpone the printing and dispatching of this first Newsletter of 1996, I am adding some items of information apart from wishing you all a very happy and fruitful New Year.

### **NEW DEPENDENT REGION IN AFRICA**

On November 14, 1995 Rwanda-Burundi was erected as a new dependent region within the Central African Province. Father Alexis Habiyaambere, 56, has been appointed Regional Superior of the new Rwanda-Burundi Dependent Region. Let us recommend this new region to the Lord.

### **MODIFICATIONS TO THE 1996 CATALOGUE**

Inside cover: 50 years in the Society: Fr. George Aikara, June 30.  
pp. 11, 28, 38: S. Moyo, Mpumelelo Fidelis.  
p. 13: P. D'Agostino's E-mail no: nyumbani@tt.gn.apc.org  
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p. 21: S. Gomes, Levis (GOA), teaches literature, structure and religion in Lake School, works with the youth and street kids.  
p. 25: - P. George German.  
p. 35: Aikara, George: Entered: 30 Jun 46 Ordained 24 Mar 60  
Last Vows 02 Feb 63.

- p. 38: Muange, Anthony Kilulu: Born on 02 Nov 75.  
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Schol. Novice Leonard N. Kasugi left the Novitiate on January 15, 1996.

The following have left the territory of the Province since November 17, 1995:

- Fr. Thomas Brodley (NEN), who went back to Jamaica on December 4;
- Fr. Thomas McGrath (NYK), who went in December to Harare, Zimbabwe, to join JRS - Southern Africa;
- Fr. Michael Vjecha (DET), who went to Goma, Zaire on December 16.

I do hope that you have all returned home safely after the intensive weeks of meetings in Nairobi. These were days of grace and inspiration. May the Lord give us the strength to implement all that we have so courageously and prayerfully discerned.

*Joseph A. Payeur, S.J., Socius*

### ACCORDING TO OUR VOCATION ...

I will be in Tanzania to help set up a Jesuit Vocation Promotion Network. The time-table will be as follows:

Wednesday	7th Feb.:	fly from Nairobi to Mwanza;
Wednesday	14th Feb.:	fly from Mwanza to Dodoma;
Sunday	18th:	travel to Dar es Salaam;
Friday	23rd:	travel to Moshi;
Monday	26th:	travel to Arusha;
Thursday	29th:	return to Nairobi.

The interviewing of candidates for the Novitiate in Arusha starts this month in Kenya but the final interviews throughout the Province will only take place in March and April, after Fr. Provincial returns from Europe.

The annual meeting of the Jesuit Vocation Promoters will take place in May in Nairobi as usual.

*Sean O'Connor, S.J.*

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

### RISQUEE?

Everyone here (at Kimwenza) is fine. Fr. Ronald Hidaka, Provincial of Zambia-Malawi, came to visit his people on 12th December. On the same day the Dean, Fr. Theoneste Nkeramihigo, left for Rwanda. He is going to make his contribution to the development of his motherland by teaching Philosophy in the major seminaries.

On the 20th December we started our Christmas holiday. On the 21st evening we started our triduum, which was animated by Fr. Kupelesa Max. The theme was "La foi comme fidélité risquée" (Faith as risky fidelity). We ended with the renovation of our Vows during the Midnight Mass of Christmas. After Mass we had a community

get-together. In general the day was wonderful. On the 27th some of the Scholastics started a session on the computer programme that lasted three days. The feast of ending the old year and welcoming in the New Year was well prepared. In the evening of the 31st December we had a thanksgiving prayer; on the 1st January we had Mass for all the Religious in the Plateau. On the same day the Scholastics of EAR had a chance to meet many people from almost every part of East Africa. On the 5th January we started classes again. Now we are preparing for examinations which will start early in February.

*Manyanga Raymond, S.J.*

### KENYAN CHURCH GROWS

There are to be two new Dioceses and a new Vicariate Apostolic in Kenya.

**KERICHO:** Fr. Philip Anyolo, professor of dogmatic theology at St. Matthias Mulumba Seminary, Tindindyo, is to be the first Bishop of Kericho. Fr. Anyolo has been till his new appointment secretary to Bishop Cornelius Korir of Eldoret, as well as being chaplain at Moi University.

**KITUI:** Fr. Boniface Mathitu Lele is to be the new Bishop of Kitui in succession to Bishop William Dunne. Fr. Lele has been the Vicar General of the Diocese until this new appointment. Bishop Dunne became Prefect Apostolic in October 1956 and Bishop in February 1964.

**ISIOLO:** Fr. Luigi Lucati, the parish priest of Isiolo, is to be ordained Bishop of the Vicariate Apostolic of Isiolo.

The ordination dates for the three new Bishops will be during the first week of February.

## WELCOME RAIN

That which was so much awaited for finally made its way to us. For the last couple of weeks, Harare and indeed other parts of Zimbabwe received some rather good rains. It has been a welcome relief for a land whose throat had been so dry and whose lips so cracked. The coming of the rains has been received by an outpouring of excitement. The Children in Mosvingo, 350 kms from Harare, were justified when they sang and danced in the rain.

One of us, FIDELIS UDAHEMUKA, the other day had a narrow escape when he was involved in a nasty accident on his way back to Arrupe House. Apparently UDA was turning in at some point when an oncoming vehicle swept him off the road, throwing him off his bike. Luckily there were some traffic policemen within the vicinity of the accident, thank God. They administered the necessary first-aid before having UDAHEMUKA driven off to hospital. He suffered a fractured ankle, a grazed shoulder and a cut on the forehead that needed some stitches. UDA spent a couple of days in the hospital and is presently at home recuperating. He still has to see the doctor to ascertain that he did not incur some

serious head injuries. At the moment, UDA is as jovial as ever. He just needs to have a place to comfortably place his plastered foot before he begins telling us his stories.

The beginning of the end has come. Arrupe College is finally free from the "iron grip" of Arrupe House. The 8th December saw the shifting of not only the Faculty offices but also of the entire library. Come the 21st December, the Arrupe Community will move to the new academic centre. In line with all the movements, the end of semester examinations will thus be written in the new academic center between the 11th and 21st December. This will mark the end of the first semester in this academic year. Lined up for us during the break is a triduum that begins on the 26th. Visits to various parishes/missions will follow, with Scholastics going out in groups of three or four. Classes are set to resume on the 12th January, when we begin the second semester.

Keep Arrupe College in your kind prayers and in particular remember UDA, that he may have a speedy recovery.

*Moses Were, S.J.*

**GC34, 24:** *The Church, whose mission we share, exists not for itself but for humanity, bearing the proclamation of God's love and casting light on the inner gift of that love. Its aim is the realization of the Kingdom of God in the whole of human society, not only in the life to come, but also in this life. We exercise our Jesuit mission within the total evangelizing mission of the Church.*

## VICTOR'S VISITS AND NEW CONTRACT

With the trip to Arusha from December 20-24 to interview the Second Year Novices I completed all the visits for 1995 to our young men in Africa as well as India and the Philippines. In fact, my December visit to Arusha was the second one in 1995. Out of consideration for Fr. CHARLES MURPHY, who accompanied me, the travel was made by car all the way, Fr. REBELLO driving us to Namanga and Brother BYEBALILO providing transport for the Tanzanian half of the trip. The only rough part for CHARLES was through Arusha town and the last bumpy few kilometers to the gate of the Novitiate.

The fifteen Second Year Novices were all agog to discuss with me their apostolic dreams and their immediate future training. Unfortunately I could not stay for Christmas as there simply was too much work to clear up before the Province Assembly and my trip to Harare. I set out on this latter on New Year's Day in the pleasant company of Fr. V. SHIRIMA, who was anxious to get back to his flock. This was my second trip to Harare in less than twelve months, but I made it a point of seeing our men before I resumed duties at the

University of Nairobi. I had just signed a new contract with my old employer and would start teaching there in January.

I saw great changes in the Philosophate infrastructure. Fr. SHIRIMA proudly showed me round the newly occupied Arrupe College. The bright new buildings, namely, Community House, Staff Offices and Academic Block comprising the impressive library and classrooms are now ready, but the landscape is still reminiscent of the lunar surface. I discussed with the Rector and the Dean of Studies the coming year's programmes for different categories of newcomers from Arusha. Those already in Harare are doing well academically, and seem to be happy with their studies and teachers and growing as Jesuits. The Second Year men were keen to learn of their apostolic assignments during their visit to the home Province in the long vacation after their second academic year. I met all the EAP group together to give them news about the Province: assignments, assembly, destinations, personnel movements and apostolic ventures.

*Victor Jaccarini, S.J.*

**GC34, 8:** *As pilgrims on Christ's mission, we are ready to be dispersed to any part of Christ's vineyard, to labour in those parts of it and in those works which have been entrusted to us. ...*



## LET'S CELEBRATE

**ANNUAL RETREATS:** V. JAC-CARINI, Dec. 9-19 at the Camillian Sisters, Masai Lane, Karen; SEAN O'CONNOR, Dec. 15-23 at Dimesse Pastoral Centre.

CHARLIE MURPHY got the green light from his three doctors to travel to Arusha and left Loyola on Dec. 20. He is giving a seminar to about 90 novices (ours included) on how to make a retreat. From all reports reaching us, CHARLIE is on cloud 9!

**CHRISTMAS PARTIES:** Dec. 16: Loyola Communities welcomed EAP Scholastics to drinks and dinner. Dec. 22: the office and domestic staff joined the Community for a special lunch. Bertha Muia, secretary at the Holy Family Basilica, joined us as well. Dec. 23: Jesuit members of staff were our guests for drinks and dinner. Dec. 24: the anticipated midnight liturgy at 9 p.m. was presided over by BERNARD MALLIA with 9 concelebrants. 5 Sisters of Mary of Kakamega (our neighbours) were also present.

**CHRISTMAS DAY:** For the 12-noon liturgy there were 18 Jesuits (Loyola A, B and guests) and one special guest, Leonard Royan, an old boy of St. Joseph's, Bangalore, India, and a friend of the Ahmedabad Jesuits (and now ERIC CONDILLAC's friend). JONATHAN HASCHKA was the main celebrant. The lunch was prepared and served by the Juniorate

Community. Loyola-A hosted the Christmas convivium, with TONY, DAN (Basilica), MANI (CUEA) and JEROME (Campion) joining us. Later the Community and guests sat around in the lounge for some Christmas carol singing.

Dec. 26: all Jesuits in town were invited to Hekima College for a big family get-together for Christmas at 6 p.m. Later in the evening some proceeded to Mwangaza Retreat Centre in readiness for the Province Assembly (Dec. 27-29).

Dec. 31: Ascot, our regular cook, and Joash, the day-askari, left on Dec. 31 for a month's vacation. Peter Mulusa is replacing the cook and Protas Litawalia is manning the gate. During the Community visit after supper we had a short prayer service in thanksgiving for all the graces and blessings of 1995, ending with the Te Deum. STAN MASCARENHAS led the midnight liturgy with 7 concelebrants, to welcome in the New Year, 1996.

Jan. 1, 1996: Frs. PROVINCIAL and SOCIUS joined us for the liturgy at 12.15 p.m., with JONATHAN HASCHKA presiding.

Jan. 7, Feast of the Epiphany: Fr. PROVINCIAL was supposed to be the main celebrant but was advised to go home due to a bad cold and cough. The SOCIUS stepped in to fill the vacancy.

once said to prisoners in Rome, "You fine tablefare for the community, aided were not able to visit me, so I came to by our cook, whose family had all been visit you." with us at the Christmas Eve celebra-

Fr. EDOUARD TRUDEAU and tion. We missed having Fr. GENE Fr. BILL CALLAHAN held the fort at HATTIE, who was on retreat in Nsambya, providing morning Mass for Nairobi. the visiting congregation, and ensuring

*Bob Mayer, S.J.*

Sonnet composed during Province Assembly at Mwangaza, on feast of St. Thomas Becket, December 29, 1995.

### BUILD MY TEMPLES

"You are a builder! You can build my Church!"  
Lord, give me the strength and all the needed means.

"I give you power - for what else do you search?"  
Your Church is shaking - see how much it leans!

"You are my temple - trembling yet intact."  
Lord, sand requires cement to fortify.

"I give my Spirit - what more do you lack?"  
Nothing, if you promise to be nearby.

"You are to keep my temples in repair."  
Lord, I have but two hands and but two feet.

"I give you heart like mine, willing to dare."  
I feel your love burn more than any heat!

"Be built and build up with all, hand-in-hand."  
Lord, implement whatever you have planned.

*"By our ministry, the kingdom of death and sin is to be destroyed, and Christ's kingdom is to grow into a holy temple in the Lord, held together by faith and increasing holiness." (From St. Thomas Becket's letter given in Divine Office on his feast day, December 29).*

*Bob Mayer, S.J.*

concelebrated Mass to mark the Silver Jubilee of their entrance into the Society. LEO and VALERIAN started their candidacy at Mwanza, working as day paid labourers.

*Aloysius D'Souza, S.J.*

## COWBOY BOB

Five days before Christmas was a day of celebration as Saaka Novitiate, Fort Portal. Our teenage cowboy, Tomweeni, was baptized **Robert**. He herds our dozen longhorns and dozen progeny. Propitiously, a bovine offspring arrived safely only a day earlier. I learned of it while out hoeing when Tomweeni excitedly broke the news, "The cow has produced!"

Our cowboy is given quarters in the novitiate compound. He is like a member of the family to us. Farm and dairy manager Brother Selvanus Mugume, SJW, had duly instructed Tomweeni in the faith, and the pastor of Kitumbi granted permission for the baptism at our novitiate. It was scheduled for December 20, just a day before I left for Kampala on the way to the Province Assembly in Nairobi.

That blessed morning at 6:30, the Mountains of the Moon heralded the event with three successive rumbles. The three tremors were cited in the baptismal homily as symbols of the divine power being worked in our cowboy by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Godfather Josefu was on hand as prime witness to this empowerment of divine life. But, unfortunately, Tomweeni's parents failed to receive his message five kilometers away in

Gama village. So we waited in vain for them to come. They would have to be content with only photos of the event taken by Brother Bonaventure, SJW. Holy Mass was in Rutooro, with suitable hymns and accompanying drums and shaker. Tomweeni was not only baptized, but he also made his first Holy Communion. Instead of eating as usual in the kitchen, he was treated to sit at our community table in the dining-room - not only at breakfast but for lunch and supper as well. He must have felt like one of the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker. In fact, he was now a member of the Christian Family.

For the first time, I spent Christmas with my Jesuit community at Xavier House on Nsambya Hill, Kampala. Fr. KEN KUNERT presided at the Christmas eve Mass in our packed chapel. He made the Infant Jesus very real for us. Externs joined Ours for refreshments afterwards. In the morning, Christ-Mass was provided for prisoners in various places. Fr. TONY WACH and I concelebrated at one prison. Meanwhile Fr. PAUL MALLIA and Fr. JOHN LEGGE offered masses at different places in another prison. As Pope John XXIII

## LOYOLA VISITORS:

- During the days of the visitation (Dec.1-9) Fr. PROVINCIAL here.
- E. TRUDEAU (Dec. 9-15) for the Finance Committee meeting and medical check-up.
- Novices GILBERT, BERNARD, LEONARD, from Arusha (Dec.9-11).
- GEORGE THOTTUNGAL (Dec.11-Jan.10) for holidays.
- BERNARD MALLIA (Sudan), Dec.21-Jan.6, for a short holiday, Province Assembly and Province Consult.
- MIGUEL GARCIA (Ethiopia), Dec.24-Jan.8, for Province Assembly and Consult.
- PAUL MALLIA (Uganda) Dec.29-Jan.8, for Province Consult.
- EDMUND MALLYA (Mwanza), Dec.30-Jan.8, Province Consult.
- GENE HATTIE (Kampala), retreat, Province Assembly plus holiday (Dec.15-Jan.2)
- KEN KUNERT (Kampala), Dec.20-Jan.2.
- OTIENO NDONG'A arrived from Ngara, Tanzania, on Dec. 26 for the Province Assembly. On Dec. 30 he had friends (Mr. and Mrs. Benedetti) from Massachusetts, U.S.A., visiting

Kenya. They stayed at the J.R.S. guest house. OTIENO rented a car to drive his friends to Nanyuki (Mt. Kenya) and to Nakuru. The Benedettis' left on Jan. 7 for Masai-Mara and OTIENO left for Ngara on Jan. 8.

- NEDUMATTAM MANI (CUEA) spent Christmas with us (Dec. 24-26).
- ALEX OCHUMBO has been in and out several times. Among other things, he attended the Province Assembly and in early Jan. the meeting of the Commission on Ministries. He is destined for Loyola School, Dar.
- Special guest Tim Shepperd (Detroit Prov.), Delegate for Formation, to visit his subject, Schol. JIM HORGAN (J.R.S.), Dec. 9-16. JIM and Tim took a trip to Masai-Mara Game Park (Dec. 13-15).

**Special item:** ERIC CONDILLAC met with an accident on Jan. 2, returning from the airport. The person he knocked down suffered a broken leg and was admitted to Kenyatta Hospital. Except for a smashed wind-screen and slight damage to the front lights, there was little other damage to the white station-wagon. ERIC himself was unhurt.

*Stan Mascarenhas, S.J.*

**GC34, 8:** *Yet all of us are called to be servants of Christ's universal mission in the Church and the world of today, to adapt the Society's apostolic priorities to our cultural situations and to our way of proceeding.*

## OZY EXCLAIMS

The best we can offer our readers on Mwangaza at the beginning of 1996 is a summary of the activities during 1995 at Mwangaza with the number of "beneficiaries", that is, our retreatants!

Mwangaza counted 7,579 "retreat days" in 1995, most of these in 8-day guided retreats, a few less than 8 days and some in 30-day retreats! In all there were 916 retreatants from 53, yes, fifty-three nationalities!! Truly Mwangaza is an international retreat house!! Of the 916 retreatants, 34 were 30-day retreatants! Sisters numbered 491 of the total! For these and other statistics not given here, much gratitude is owed to our Volunteer Administrative Assistant, Elizabeth D'Souza!

All these were ministered to by a team of 7 retreat directors! Talking about the directors, it is now clear that JIM MCCREADY will not be returning to Kenya. JEROME GAGNIER left Mwangaza and Kenya to take up his new assignment in Rome in March; before that he will spend time with family and friends in Stoney Point, Canada.

The last event that took place in Mwangaza and is still talked about in the Province is the Province Assembly

1995! On an average 56 Jesuits attended each day... at least that was the count for the meals!!! Yes, GILLES PION and his kitchen staff readily rose to the challenge, for challenge it really was! Mwangaza caters to an average of 30 at any meal!! OZY, assisted by BALIGE and GROUM on the Coordinating Committee, had begun preparing for this assembly from June, and was more than glad to see it coming to a head after Christmas! All's well that ends well, and this was beautifully true for the Assembly with the final Eucharistic Celebration presided over by our first three African Jesuits of the Eastern Africa Province!!! Yes, LEO AMANI, VALERIAN SHIRIMA and GROUM TESFAYE with this Eucharist brought to a fitting end a well-attended, well-planned and much appreciated Province Assembly. THANKS TO ALL!!!!

The new brochure for 1996 has twenty-nine eight-day retreats scheduled for the year! 30-day retreats will be accepted by the different directors as requested!

With that we move forward to 1996!! Support us and our ministry with your intercessions !! Thank you!!!

*Ozy Gonsalves, S.J.*

**GC34, 14:** *Ultimately, the Society of Jesus is the mysterious work of God, calling us to live and labour in the vineyard of Christ our Lord. We can and should be good instruments revitalizing our lives and renewing our ministries. But, finally, we must stand in surrender ..., trusting that God will sustain this Society which bears the name of His Beloved Son.*

## Team Members:

Full-time: Francis Cardoz, S.J., Sidney D'Souza, S.J., Trevor D'Souza, S.J.  
Associate: Sr. Tinie Holscher, MSOLA, Groum Tesfaye, S.J., Joe Pulicino, S.J., Leo Amani Masawe, S.J. Others welcomed!

## MWANZA AT MWANGAZA

One of the changes that strikes a visitor to the Jesuit Residence in Mwanza is a new boundary wall on the Makongoro Road. The old rickety wall with pigeon holes for ventilation has been replaced by a new one with solid cement bricks, higher and stronger. Besides keeping trespassers from getting inside our property, the new wall prevents a lot of dust coming inside our house and the noise of the traffic disturbing the peace of the Residence.

In the beginning of August Schol. PIUS MARCEL and Br. BYE-BALILO DEUSDEDIT joined the Mwanza Community. Br. DEUSDEDIT was already a member of the Community, but he was coming to Mwanza Community only at weekends as he was taking an Accounts Course at Nyegezi Social Training Centre. MARCEL PIUS is not new to Mwanza. He did his Form 5 and 6 at Lake Secondary while working as an army man in the afternoons. He joined the Novitiate soon after completing Form 6. In the army he was a radio technician, receiving and sending radio messages and calls to different stations. This experience helped him to set up radio call stations at the J.R.S. residence at Elemera Mwanza, Ngara

and Kabalisa. Last December he went to Zambia to make a long retreat again under his old Novice Master Bishop PAUL LUNGU at Lusaka. Br. DEUSDEDIT passed in flying colours in his Diploma Certificate in Accounts and received his certificate at a graduation convocation at Nyegezi Centre last November, presided over by Mwalimu Julius Nyerere. Br. DEUSDEDIT is now doing a two-year Materials Management Course at Nyegezi. Soon after graduation he left for Arusha to make his annual retreat.

In early October three Novices, MUTAYOBA, OTIENO and ATAKELT came to Mwanza for their hospital experiment at Bugando Medical Centre. The doctors, nurses and above all the patients appreciated their sterling services. They brought a new youthful spirit to our community and shared in the social and pastoral activities of the parish.

Four of us, Frs. TED, HECTOR, ALOYSIUS and Schol. LEVIS attended the Provincial Assembly at Mwangaza, the largest contingent from our Province. The Assembly was well organized and all appreciated it. On the last day three Jesuits of our Province, LEO AMANI, VALERIAN SHIRIMA and GROUM TESFAYE

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3rd January: Fr. CHARLIE MURPHY begins his seminar on prayer with the Primi (first year Novices) and Canossians. The Primi are seen enthusiastically perusing Fr. Murphy's book "Coming Home". On the same day Fr. GROUM leaves for Dar and is expected to come back with Fr. LUDWIG, the new Socius for our Novitiate, on 5th January.

5th January: Fr. LUDWIG VAN HEUCKE, the new Socius for the Novitiate, arrives, accompanied by Fr. GROUM and Schol. LEVIS GOMES. The Novitiate Community gave him a warm and cordial welcome with songs and dancing. In his welcoming remarks, Fr. AMANI reiterated the importance of key Jesuit tools: mission,

availability and companionship. While delivering his maiden speech, Fr. LUDWIG presented to the Novitiate a gift of two wall clocks. Handing over a gift which he himself had received, was "a striking example of humility and abnegation", Fr. LUDWIG humorously remarked. One novice was overheard saying that the gift of two clocks simply means that "we should keep time twice as good as we have been doing!" As for the welcoming cake, Fr. GROUM the outgoing Socius fed the new Socius and the liturgical Committee distributed the rest of the cake to the other members of the Community. Indeed this was a historical evening! Karibu, Fr. LUDWIG, and feel at home!

*Mubangizi Odomaro, N.S.J.*

### Ongoing Formation Team in 1995

Statistics:

**Programmes conducted:** 61.

**Outreach to participants:**

70 Priests 121 Religious Men  
1031 Religious Women 73 Laity  
Total Outreach: 1295 People.

**Diocesan Priests served from:** Iringa, Mbeya, Mtwara, Same, Shinyanga, Zanzibar.

**Religious Congregations of Men served:** Apostles of Jesus, Benedictines, Consolata, Don Boscos, Rosminians, Society of Jesus.

**Religious Congregations of Women served:** Assumption Sisters, Charles Borromeo Srs. (Dar), Charles Borromeo (Singida), Consolata Sisters, Daughters of the Holy Redeemer

(Mtwara), Evangelizing Sisters, Franciscan Sisters, (Maua), Franciscan Sisters, (Asumbi), Holy Cross Sisters (Morogoro), Immaculate Conception Srs. (Ivrea, Veyula, Dodoma), Immaculate Heart of Mary Srs. (Dodoma), Mary Queen of Africa (Sumbawanga), Medical Missionaries of Mary, Missionary Benedictine Sisters Tutsing (Ndanda), Our Lady of Africa Sisters (Mbeya), Our Lady of Kilimanjaro Sisters (Moshi, Mwanza, Dar), Our Lady Queen of the Missions (Machakos), Our Lady of Usambara Sisters (Tanga), Pallotine Sisters, Precious Blood Sisters, Salvatorian Sisters, Sisters of the Blessed Virgin, St. Anne's Sisters (Morogoro, Tabora), Teresian Sisters (Bukoba).

### NOVICES WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR

On 21st December Fr. VICTOR JACCARINI, Delegate for Formation, started meeting the second-year Novices. This apostolate went on up to the 23rd. On the 24th, Novices dispersed to various outstations for Christmas Vigil Masses where Fr. AMANI, Fr. GROUM and Fr. PULLICINO were the respective main celebrants. On Christmas day, Fr. CHARLIE MURPHY, who was visibly happy in spite of all his troubles, presided over the Holy Eucharist for the Novices.

While Fr. AMANI and Fr. GROUM left for the Province Assembly in Nairobi on 26th December, the Novices went out for various apostolates. The apostolates included visiting Aids patients, visiting our neighbours and visiting the sick in hospital. The group that visited the hospital also sang Christmas carols for the patients. As the carols went on, one patient demanded to be baptized and arrangements were made. Having seen that the patients appreciated the carolling, (we had fears that the patients would not welcome noise), MUTAYOBA gave a brief homily in the ward!

28th December was Novices' Day and the venue was at the Canossian premises just across the fence. Always available for the "Magis", our Novices took an active part if not the leading role. JOSEPH MARY KIKONYOGO ably presented the Jesuit charism and spirituality to an august audience of about 80 participants. The group con-

sisted of MSOLAS, Little Sisters of Jesus, Canossians, Salesians, Diocesan Seminarians and ourselves, the Jesuit Novices.

The new year started with special blessings. Fr. PAUL MALLIA paid us a visit stretching from '95 to '96 (31st Dec.-2nd Jan.). Fr. David Rowan, S.J., the Novice Director of the South African Novitiate, also arrived on 1st Jan., in the company of Abba GROUM. He brought us a gift of the autobiography of President Nelson Mandela. On the 2nd of January we were blessed by the arrival of five young Jesuits - LEVIS GOMES, FABIAN MASSINA (Hekima), JOSEPH AFULO and CASPAL PEDO. PEDO gave a "meet a Jesuit session", the first in 1996, and he was also the first from his group of juniors to get such an opportunity. Scholastic FABIAN MASSINA also gave a "meet a Jesuit session" on the 3rd, in which he underscored the role of community life and prayer in a Jesuit's life.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

26th December: Novitiate workers invited for a luncheon. A great moment to have seen our workers and their families at home in our refectory - collaborating with the laity also entails feasting with them!

1st January: first fruits from the piggery project tasted. Thanks to Fr. PULLICINO, PIUS MWAURA and SIMON ESIBO.

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