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CONGRATULATIONS!

To MARCEL GAREAU who celebrates his **80th** birthday on February 12th this year - still painstakingly exact in his work!
To JAN CAERS on his **Golden Jubilee** as a Jesuit on February 14!
To TREVOR D'SOUZA on the **Silver Jubilee** of his ordination on March 27th!

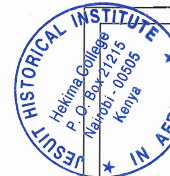


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PROVINCE UPDATES AND UPDATING

Fr. Provincial's Safari

Yes, Father Provincial is now in Rome, attending a special workshop for the new English-speaking Provincials. We surely pray for them, because we know how much they need God's assistance in their delicate work. After the workshop, he will visit possible donors to help replenish our Arca Seminarii. He will conclude his European begging tour in Malta, and be back with us on February 24th.

New Superior-Director for Mwangaza

We have just received a letter from Father General approving the nomination of Fr. TONY SEQUEIRA as the new Superior and Director of Mwangaza. He is replacing Fr. JEROME GAGNIER, who will soon go to Rome to start on his new as-

signment as Regional Secretary for Africa. May God bless both of them.

Pan-African Faith and Justice Meeting

From March 3rd to March 9th, Hekima College will host a Jesuit Pan-African Faith and Justice Meeting. Famous people will be attending: Michael Czerny from Rome, Michael Linden from Washington, Peter Balleis from Zimbabwe, Pete Henriot from Lusaka, just to name a few. JOHN GUINEY is heavily involved in the Steering Committee.

Province Assembly 95 and Country Assemblies 96

It was a beautiful experience to get together with the EAP Jesuits of the diaspora. We all returned to our ordinary occupations with a greater desire to deepen more seriously our

knowledge of the Decrees of GC 34, and of the Norms as soon as they are published.

Now the Province Consult suggested that Province Assemblies alternate with Country Assemblies. And so the Delegates of the various countries of EAP are invited to plan their own country assembly for December 1996. Even though attendance will remain optional, all Jesuits are strongly invited to join in their respective country assembly. The travelling expenses will be covered by the various communities but the Province will assume the "per diem" (daily cost) of those attending.

Followup of Province Assembly

The communities already have received, or will receive in the near future, a questionnaire from the Commission on Ministries. That Commission has produced the draft of a Supplement to "Our New Apostolic Plan" that takes into account the propositions of GC 34 and of the Apostolic Exhortation "The Church in Africa". **Your comments are welcome.**

The communities are also asked to look into the country priorities of "Our New Apostolic Plan" and try to enrich them a little in the light of GC 34 and "The Church in Africa".

Your comments and suggestions will be discussed by the Commission. **The sooner you react the better.**

Formation of Ours under Scrutiny

L'Institut Catholique de Yaoundé will host a meeting on "The Formation of Ours" from July 17th to 27th. About 50 Jesuits will attend. Just after that meeting the members of JESAM will have their ordinary meeting, since they are all going to attend the special session on Formation. VAL SHIRIMA is the Chairman of the Steering Committee. There will be 4 to 5 representatives from each Province, and Fr. RODRIGO MEJIA, our Provincial, has been asked to be the facilitator.

Gitanga Road New JRS EAP Center

It seems nearly certain that JRS EAP will centralize its offices and services (except for those of Wood Avenue) on Gitanga Road, just opposite AMECEA. JRS EAP is now concluding the purchase of a 1.3 acre plot with a house on it. With the addition of some prefab constructions, practically all the services and offices can be moved to the new premises. A few months from now, adieu Kayahwe, adieu Kilimani Road.

BERNARD was in Nairobi for the Consult and Province Assembly. While there he managed to pack 31 boxes of books for our library. Thanks to EDDIE MURPHY and his team and to JONATHAN for help with the transport and packing.

The scanty news we have from Wau is that GEORGE, TARCHI and CHACHU have moved out of the Health Training Institute and are now living in the old

Jesuit residence, in what used to be Nazareth Seminary. Even though the place needs a lot of renovation it seems that as long as we cannot get back our Loyola School, we will have to content ourselves with Nazareth.

As I write this, I am being visited and intimidated by our mosquito friends and consequently with some malaria which has kept me down for four days.

(Name withheld)

GOOD COOKS AND ENTERTAINERS

Many greetings from Harare. We resumed our classes on the 11th January, after an eventful Christmas-New Year break. And for the first time we had our formal classes in the new academic center buildings. Although the workers are still around, putting in some finishing touches, much of the major works seem to have been completed.

As part of the Christmas break, the sons of E.A.P. organised a picnic at a place just a few kilometers from Harare. Besides the Scholastics, we also had Fr. VAL SHIRIMA and Fr. MARK HENNINGER with us. And what a picnic that was! Pat and Baba Rector did a good job with the roasting of the meat (nyama choma). NICK BUNYIGE made use of his vast experience from Kayole and later at the Novitiate in preparing the meat. Not that SAM MAGHALI and FIDELIS UDA were unemployed. Far from it. They kept us busy with endless jokes and stories. They contributed in mak-

ing it the great day that it was. To ensure that the day was not lost to the future generations, EMMANUEL NGABIRANO, alias Chivubi, alias Zacharia, had a couple of snaps taken. But the man of the day was Baba DRASIGA, who organised the picnic almost singlehandedly.

It was a pity that Fr. JACCARINI could not join us. He was flying out the same day, 7th January, having completed his visitation. Besides seeing each one of us individually, he also met us as a group and gave us an update on the latest developments in the Province.

Fr. Konrad Landsberg had his visitation of Arrupe College between the 9th and 13th January. Fr. Konrad is the Provincial of the Zimbabwe Province.

We continue to ask for your prayers as we begin the new semester.

Moses Were, S.J.

NYERI SPIRITUAL MINISTRY

From the 13th to 22nd of December, 1995, Fr. JOE SMALL and myself helped 12 Sisters of the Mary Immaculate Congregation to make their annual retreat at Kagio, near Sagana, in the Diocese of Murang'a. From there Fr. JOE SMALL had his first glimpse of the snow-covered peak of Mount Kenya.

On Christmas day I celebrated two Holy Masses for men and women prisoners in the central prisons in Nyeri. On the previous day, thanks to the efforts of the zealous catechist Simon Wambugu, 24 prisoners were baptized and welcomed into the Catholic Church. Mr. Simon Wambugu is a former student of mine at St. Thomas

Aquinas Seminary. Also at the request of the prison Chaplain, I help the prisoners with Holy Masses on Sundays whenever I am free from duties in the seminary. There are over 1500 prisoners in Nyeri central jail.

On the 16th January, Rev. Fr. Rex Oakers, S.J., from Sri-Lanka, gave a seminar on the formation of seminarians to the staff of Christ the King Major Seminary. One of the staff members, Bro. Lucius Boraks from U.S.A., commented that the talks were excellent. Fr. Rex's talks on the formation of seminarians were based on cybernetics model of management (MBO).

Zacharias Pazheparampil, S.J.

OF TRIBULATIONS AND CONSOLATIONS

It all began with anonymous letters addressed to PAUL, with the intention of framing him for being a spy and an agitator. These malicious letters were all posted from various cities in the US, even though the probability is that they were written here. As this matter was still under scrutiny by the relevant authorities in this land, PAUL was not given an exit-reentry permit to Nairobi and so could not be present for the Province Assembly and Christmas.

PAUL did not allow this to interfere with his plans for having a good

Christmas, and so, in collaboration with the Canadian "Prêtres des Missions Etrangères" (PME), he took the initiative to organise a staff get-together on Christmas day.

Over the Christmas break ED and I were able to put out an English edition prayer leaflet with the intentions of the Apostleship of Prayer for 1996. Prior to this ED had already printed and distributed several thousand copies of the Arabic translation. Meanwhile he is trying to get out a leaflet in Arabic about the Society for vocation promotion.

Jubilee of Brother Jan Caers

The cake is usually served at the end. Yes, Brother JAN CAERS will mark his 50th year in the Society of Jesus with a Mass of Thanksgiving. The Mass will be celebrated in the chapel of Nazareth Girls School in

Addis Ababa on Saturday, 17th February 1996, at 7.30 a.m. May the Lord be thanked for giving us the precious help of Brother Jan!

*Joseph A. Payeur, S.J.
Acting Provincial*

ADDITIONS TO THE 1996 CATALOGUE

- p. 9: Hekima College - new FAX : (254-2) 570.972
- p. 51: Secretary - Education: **P. Codina Mir, Gabriel**
Secretary - Social Communications: **P. Roberge, Gaston**
Secretary - Promotion of Ignatian Spirituality: **P. Tetlow, Joseph A.**

"They also serve who only stand and wait"

Except for one brief outing to the family of a Jesuit candidate in Nyeri, I was very much confined to barracks to make sure the examination of our Jesuit candidates went off well. And this annual affair did just that thanks to the great cooperation of so many Jesuits in Nairobi.

In addition this year I had the considerable help of Mama Domitila Kieti, our receptionist in the Province Offices, who photocopied the relevant documents from the files of fourteen candidates.

So, only at the end of the month was I able to stir out of Loyola House to have a look at the various apostolates of our candidates in Nairobi. Right in the middle of the month, I did attend a meeting of the Vocation Promoters for the Archdiocese of Nairobi.

Sean O'Connor, S.J.

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

COMMISSION ON MINISTRIES

Members of the Commission on Ministries met from January 6th to 8th. Fr. GROUM TESHAYE completed his term as Chairman of the Commission and Fr. TERRY CHARLTON was elected as his successor. Many thanks to Fr. GROUM for his service, and best wishes to Fr. CHARLTON.

Our thanks to all who participated in the Province Assembly for their contribution on various topics, and to the "Representatives for Faith and Justice" for their detailed work. Our challenge was to bring to our "Province Priorities" new dimensions in the light of the African Synod and GC 34. The outcome of the meeting will be sent to each community for communal discussion and discernment, after which a supplement to our "New Apostolic Plan" will be prepared.

Alex Ochumbo, S.J.

GC34,97: *As the greater part of our men work within their own cultures, they will, in the service of faith, enter into dialogue with their own cultural world, witness to the creative and prophetic Spirit, and thus enable the gospel to enrich these various cultures - and, in turn, be enriched by its inculturated presence in different contexts.*

GC34,101: *One way of serving God's mystery of salvation is through dialogue, a spiritual conversation of equal partners, that opens human beings to the core of their identity. In such a dialogue, we come into contact with the activity of God in the lives of other men and women, and deepen our sense of this divine action. "... for as we open ourselves in dialogue to one another, we also open ourselves to God." We try to enable people to become aware of God's presence in their culture and to help them evangelize others in their turn. The ministry of dialogue is conducted with a sense that God's action is antecedent to ours. We do not plant the seed of his presence for he has already done that in the culture; he is already bringing it to fruitfulness, embracing all diversity of creation, and our role is to cooperate with this divine activity.*

LOYOLA TRANSPORT

House Cars

The Minister's station-wagon (Toyota), damaged in an accident, looks like new, having received a face-lift with a new windscreen.

The red Fiat-UNO is mechanically "dead" since Jan. 15, and will not be replaced! It was bought second-hand in 1987 for the Chaplain at Starehe Boys Centre. FRANCIS CARDOZ used it while Chaplain there until 1993. Then the Fiat-UNO became one of the house-cars at Loyola.

Our regular cook, Ascott, is back after a month's vacation. Peter, his replacement, did a fine job in the kitchen through January, and will be missed.

ALOYSIUS D'SOUZA returned to Mwanza on January 12, after his retreat and medical check-up.

Distinguished Visitor

The Provincial of Malta, **Fr. Charles Caruana**, was here for 10 days (January 12-25) to check on the Maltese Quartet in the Province: **VICTOR JACCARINI** here; **PAUL MALLIA** (Kampala); **BERNARD MALLIA** (Khartoum, Sudan) and **JOSEPH PULLICINO** (Arusha Novitiate). His homeward journey was via Addis, Cairo and Beirut, to visit his men there.

Fr. CHARLIE MURPHY came back from Arusha on Thursday, February 1st. He looks several years younger.

Stan Mascarenhas, S.J.

NOTE

The Loyola Juniorate new telephone number **57 11 00** is already in use for some time.

"Authority in the Church is a service not an honour." - Paul VI

Word Play

Nostalgia: when you find the present tense and the past perfect.
Plaintiff: a simple argument.
Backward: a hospital unit for slipped disks.

Ligourian