

JULY 1996

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OF SOCIETY AND PROVINCE

Substitutes appointed by Fr. General for the ordinary business of the government of the Society during his absences from Rome:

Fr. Valentin Menendez, General Counsellor, while Fr. General was meeting the Major Superiors of the US Assistancy and visiting some Provinces (12-21 May, 1996)

Fr. Jacques Gellard, General Counsellor, while Fr. General will meet the Major Superiors of the African Assistancy and visit some Provinces (3-22 July, 1996).

Welcome back!

Fathers **GASPAR SUNHWA**, **FRATERN MASAWÉ** and **JORGE RAMIREZ** are back to our Province. Father **SUNHWA** will celebrate his Thanksgiving Mass in Tabora on the 23rd of June and then he will go to Dodoma, Airport Parish. Father **MASAWÉ** is currently Acting Socius to the Provincial, and he lives at Hakimani House, Kangemi. Father **JORGE RAMIREZ** is Assistant Parish Priest at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Kangemi.

Father **SUNHWA** finished his Master's Degree in Moral Theology, and Father **RAMIREZ** obtained his Master's Degree in Social Anthropology. Fr. **MASAWÉ** finished his Tertianship.

To all of them, Welcome back to our Province.!

Fr. Provincial's schedule for June

During the month of June, Fr. Provincial will remain in the Office at Loyola House.

Fr. General's visit to Africa from the 3rd to the 22nd of July, 1996

- 04 - Arrival in Lilongwe, MALAWI.
- 05 - To Beira, MOZAMBIQUE
- 06 - To Maputo
- 08 - To Johannesburg, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
- 09 - To Cape Town
- 10 - To Merrivale
- 11 - Return to Johannesburg
- 12 - To Lagos, NIGERIA
- 13 - To Abuja
- 14 - Return to Lagos
- 16 - To Douala, CAMEROON
- 17 - To Yaoundé
- 18 - 26: Assistancy Meeting on Jesuit Formation, and Meeting of the Major Superiors of the Assistancy
- 22 - Return to Rome

JRS EASTERN AFRICA is moving... is moving... has moved!



Blessing of new JRS premises on June 2: Fr. Joseph Boel, Er. Caspal Pedro, Br. George Ochieng, Fr. Rodrigo Mejia, Fr. Joseph Payeur

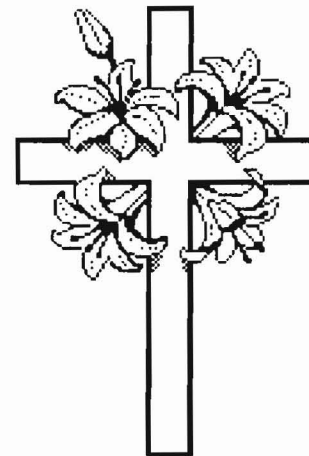
CELEBRATING A BIBLE WEEK

Five Sessions on *Catholics and the Bible*

By Rev. Peter Edmonds, S.J.

Father Peter Edmonds, Dean of Studies of Hekima College, has recently published a booklet of 40 pages with guidelines destined to those who want to know more about the Bible and how to approach it. In a simple way and in an understandable language, the booklet is conceived in order to conduct five sessions: 1- What is the Bible? 2- The Bible in the Catholic Church. 3- Praying with the Bible. 4- The Bible and the Liturgy and 5- The approach of the Fundamentalist. The booklet makes part of the collection called "Celebrating Series", published by the Paulines Publications, Africa. These booklets are meant to help the Christians to prepare themselves to better celebrate the Sacraments and the Word of God. "Celebrating the Bible" is a very useful booklet for lay Christians. Small Christian Communities and youth groups. The price is of KSh 50.00 at the Catholic Bookshop in Nairobi.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED



For Mr Cyprian Shirima, brother of Fr. Amedeus Shirima, who died on the 29th of May at Rombo Mkuu, Tanzania, and for all the members of his family

For those who died in the drowning disaster of so many in M V Bukoba in Lake Victoria, at a short distance from Mwanza town.

Pray for those who died in the Sunbeam Supermarket disaster in Nairobi, and for their families.

I attended primary school at Matogoro and Namabengo from 1975 to 1981, and secondary education at Hanga Seminary, 1983-1987. I then attended Songea Teachers' Training College, 1989 to 1991.

In 1991-1993 I studied for the Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education at Uru Seminary. From there I joined the Apostles of Jesus Seminary in Nairobi, where I studied for a Diploma in Philosophy and Religious Studies, from August 1993 to May 1995.

My vocation background has its roots from 1975 when I was an altar boy. My desire to become a priest was enhanced more at the seminary. In 1985 the idea of becoming a religious came up when a seminarian talked about the Society of Jesus. And his explanation had such an impact on me that I longed to know more about the Jesuits. It is now ten years since I first heard about the Society of Jesus, and in between I have met many Jesuit priests who have helped me through discussion and material to know so much more.

Among them has been Fr. JOSEPH PAYEUR, S.J., whom I met in 1992 at Moshi. He gave me reading material on the Jesuits. Later I met Fr. TOM BRODLEY, S.J.; who directed me to Fr. SEAN O'CONNOR, S.J., the Vo-

cation Director in Kenya. I also had quite a contact with Fr. HECTOR ALMEIDA, S.J., of Mwanza, with whom I talked much of my vocation.

I know that the Jesuit vocation is not an easy life. It means leading the life shown to us by Jesus Himself. I have no hesitation at all in my wish to become a religious in the Society of Jesus.

GODFREY KAYEMBA

He comes from Masaka, in Uganda, where he was born in June 1966 to Catholic parents. His secondary education has been at Bukalasa Junior Secondary from 1982 to 1985. From there he went to Katigondo Senior Seminary where he obtained a degree in Philosophy.

Godfrey was attracted to the Society because of its being mission-oriented, because of its training and because of the way it has helped to defend the Church so much in the past. Two diocesan priests had a great influence on him: Frs. John Mary Waliggo and Caesar Bunule. And he was greatly helped by the example of Fr. PAUL MALLIA, S.J. Godfrey applied to join the Society in May, 1991. He comes from a large family of six brothers and four sisters. Godfrey left the Novitiate in 1993, of his own wish, to reconsider his vocation. Welcome back, Godfrey.

On May 29, 1996, there was a lot of activity between Kayahwe and Gitanga Road. Lorries were seen carrying goods, desks, beds, and cupboards to new premises located just across from AMECEA offices. Called CAMPION HOUSE, they will bring together the offices and services of JRS EA in Nairobi. First, Sister Carmel (Kayahwe guest-house) stepped into the former ambassadorial residence. Her move was closely followed by MIKONO CENTRE. Fr. JEFFREY HARRISON, who has so professionally developed that project, was not there to see the move, but Sister Josephine Kenny replaced him quite efficiently. On May 26, it was the move of the Education Program devotedly run by Sister Luise Radimeier.

Finally, on May 29, the day after the departure of Fr. MICHAEL EVANS - the Regional Director returning to De-

troit after five years of very devoted service, the offices of Kayahwe and Campion House followed courageously, under the supervision of Fr. JEROME ODBERT, who is going back to the USA on May 31, and of Fr. THOMAS FITZPATRICK.

It was a major operation in which some of our young Jesuits cooperated: MATTHEW KAPUTI, CHARLES ONYANGO, ... The coming of FRATERN MASAWA allowed me to be released and start looking at how to organize my new office.

Come and see for yourself. If you like the new Campion House, then please give Fr. Eugene Birrer a pat on the back, for without him the project would never have been realised. You will probably still see him there tending to the trees and flowers.

Joseph A. Payeur, S.J.

THE LAST LAP OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Since last month many activities have taken place at Hekima. We successfully celebrated the Diaconate Ordination event of April 11. Our deacons are now busy preparing for their final comprehensive exam, which will start around June 20. We ask for your prayers for them to end their third year of theology successfully and go take up the apostolates that follow.

April 22nd, the Feast of Our Lady, Mother of the Society of Jesus, Seat of Wisdom, Patron of Hekima College,

marked the end of our Easter holiday and the resumption of classes. On that day, in the morning, the volleyball and basketball "show down" proved the First Year students as better players compared to their rivals, the Second and the Third Year students. The former were awarded two trophies by Fr. CECIL MCGARRY, the Rector of the College. Towards midday, we all (students and professors) celebrated the Eucharist, followed by lunch. We had also a social evening to conclude

the day. At the moment, students are busy with their research and seminar papers. We will be finishing this academic year on June 30.

On May 3, we received Fr. Provincial of EAP who came for the canonical visit. He left Hekima on the 9th of the month.

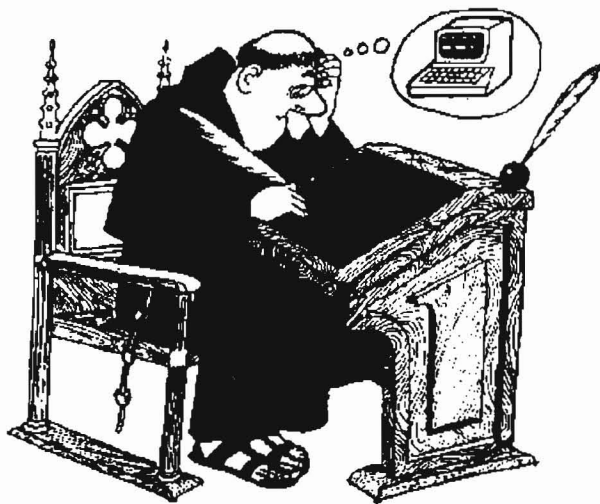
On May 7, a representative from the Bible Society gave us information about the organization and its aim of making available the Word of God for all people. It stands for being "ecumenical" in the sense that it doesn't represent only one particular Church. Every Christian can be an active member of the organization through prayers and contributions which he or she can make in order to bring home the Work of God to all people at an affordable price. After the presentation, the representative of the Bible Society blessed us with a copy of

the Greek New Testament and the Hebrew Bible, and encouraged us to translate the Bible into vernacular languages in the future. We appreciate very much the efforts which those working in the organization are making, and we thank them.

Fr. ALEX HABIAMBERE, S.J., the Regional Superior of Rwanda-Burundi Region, made his canonical visit at Hekima from May 10 to 14.

Apart from theological studies, Hekima Jesuits are involved in apostolates like CLC, working with the students of Kenya Science Teachers Training College, Secondary School students, single mothers, meeting refugees through the JRS parish outreach programme, visiting the sick, working with the youth in the parishes, and spiritual formation of the lay people.

Kifile Wansamo, S.J.



MORE NEW NOVICES

JOSEPHAT LEANDER KABUTA

I was born on the 12th October 1967 in Arusha, Tanzania. My father, L.M. Kabuta, was at that time a Labour Officer but is now teaching at Ilboru Secondary School at Mbulu. My mother, Rosa Omari, has retired from teaching, does some farming at home but also runs a small nursery. I am the sixth born of eight children in our family.

I went to Sombetini Primary School for my Standards 1 to part of 6, and then went on to Endagikat Primary School for the rest of the time. My secondary education was at Ilboru for the Ordinary Level (Forms I-IV) and then at Umbwe High School for the Advanced Level, which I completed in 1990. After that I continued on to National Service for one year at Oljoro JKT. I then entered the University of Dar es Salaam where I studied for a Bachelor of Commerce degree, completing it successfully in 1995.

As far as my vocation is concerned, I remember that when I was a boy of below ten years of age my mother once said to me: "I wish one of my children would become a priest." Later, when I was in Umbwe Secondary School, I joined many apostolic groups like the YCS, the Apostleship of Prayer (AOP), the Pioneers, a Vocation Club. I learned a lot about the Jesuits

through the AOP and from Fr. MARIANO DORAIRAJ, S.J. and was also helped by Fr. HECTOR ALMEIDA, S.J. It was then that I made up my mind - if I am to be a priest, then I will be a Jesuit. Fr. MARIANO also put me in touch with Fr. FRATERN MASAWA, S.J., who was the Vocation Director for Tanzania.

After my year in National Service (1990-91) I joined the Jesuit candidacy programme in Mwanza. At the end of that year I was advised to go to the University in Dar es Salaam and take a B-Com. course. Towards the end of my time in the University I proposed to work with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) for a year immediately after my studies, as I thought this would be a good time for me to plan for the future and then apply again to join the Society of Jesus. In September of last year I was told that I could be considered to join the Jesuits.

ANDREAS NGONYANI LUHOGI

My name is Andreas Ngonyani Luhogi. I was born on 25th August 1967 in Zanzibar, at Nambanje Parish. We are a family of five boys and four girls. My father has been a long serving policeman and my mother is a teacher. They are both alive and are currently residing in the Archdiocese of Songea, at Matogoro Parish.

AD MULTOS ANNOS - HONGERA

Most of us associate Fr. GEORGE with two of our Major Seminaries here in Kenya. From 1980-1983, he was Professor of Theology at Sr. Thomas Aquinas Major Seminary at Langata in Nairobi, and for a few months in 1987 he was Acting Superior of our Jesuit Community in Mwanza. Immediately after that short stay in Tanzania, Fr. GEORGE went to St. Augustine's Major Seminary, Mabanga, in the diocese of Bungoma, Kenya.

Fr. GEORGE entered the Society of Jesus in June 1936, and he spent a large share of his early years at Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur, where he did his Novitiate, Juniorate and Philosophy. Then followed his Regency during which he did an M.A. in English at Presidency College of Madras. Then Fr. GEORGE went to St. Mary's College in Kurseong for his Theology.

From 1958-68 he was associated with teaching Juniors and then acting as Prefect of Studies at Loyola College, Madras. For four years [1965-1968] he was Principal at two of our colleges - St. Xavier's College, Palayankottai

and St. Joseph's College in Trichy. Then from 1969-71 Fr. GEORGE went to Oxford, U.K., where he did an M.A. in Literature. His final posting prior to coming to Africa was from 1971-77 when he was Vice-Provincial for Education. In 1979 Fr. GEORGE was chaplain to the Assumption Sisters' Novitiate at Mangu, on the Thika Road near Nairobi.

In my first years as Vocation Promoter here in Kenya I was always glad to call on Fr. GEORGE for help during the usual retreats and workshops, in those days at Dimesse Sisters' Centre, Karen. And his talks were well remembered for long after. But it was as a lecturer and counsellor at Mabanga Seminary that I began to hear so much more about him. The needs of the Seminarians were his great concern and he felt deeply for them.

In May Loyola Community decided to anticipate the celebrations in honour of his 60 years as a Jesuit. The highlight of the day was the Mass at which Fr. GEORGE reminisced quite a lot about his past.

Sean O'Connor, S.J.

Congratulations!

YOUTH CELEBRATE THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

The Christian family is more than relatives only. This was witnessed on the 1st of May this year when the Christian family of St. Joseph the Worker parish, Kangemi, celebrated with joy their 11th anniversary and also the feast day of their patron, Sr. Joseph, the beloved spouse of our Mother Mary.

The future of the Church in the world, and Africa in particular, depends greatly on our youth. In emphasizing this the Parish Council and our parish priest, Fr. JOHN GUINEY, dedicated this day to the youth of our parish.

Kangemi Parish youth surely made it their day. Led by Rev. Deacon ALEX OCHUMBO, S.J. and Sr. Piedad Molina, MSOLA, they inculturated the feast day in the African Kikuyu tradition very colourfully. Going by the theme: "The Role of the African Youth in the Church", the youth showed their desire to become authentic witnesses to the Gospel.

In line with inculturation the liturgy

was celebrated in the Kikuyu traditional way of thanksgiving to "Ngai" (God). The celebrant and the concelebrants were vested in lessa and shuka of mediators with God. Come purification time, a blessed twig was dipped into a calabash of holy water and sprinkled on the congregation. During the readings the lectors were composed into a family; a married couple, senior youth and junior youth. Incense during petitions was burned, expressing all the human desires, especially to do all that the Lord wills.



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The offertory was the climax as the African sacrificial altar was laid out with banana leaves so as to keep offerings pure. On offer were the projects carried out in the parish by our dispensary, our technical workshops, school, printing press and "Jumuiyas".

As per the African tradition a respected elder presented these offerings to God for blessings on behalf of the

community. After the final blessing the national anthem was sung, symbolizing our unity.

Come lunch time, and the traditional Kikuyu food of fermented porridge and mokimo was served. To cap it all the youth presented some entertaining plays and prize games which raised funds for the Youth Bag.

JUBILARIAN GEORGE

The Loyola House Communities had an informal celebration for GEORGE on May 18, with an evening Liturgy in thanksgiving for his 60 years of outstanding service, first in India and then in Eastern Africa.

The Jubilarian started off with the story of a Protestant pastor in England who, instead of his usual lengthy, boring sermon, had this to say to his congregation: "Dear brethren, I regret to inform you that my well-prepared sermon was eaten up by my dog. In the name of the Father..." A parishioner from a neighbouring parish is supposed to have approached the pastor with a request for a puppy of the "sermon eater", to present to his own pastor!

No such thing could good Wolfie (the Loyola dog) be accused of doing to GEORGE's jubilee sermon, because there was no prepared text. "Much fuss is made", remarked the jubilarian, "when a Jesuit celebrates 50 years in the Society, but 60 doesn't mean

At the end of it all one could not fail to feel the intercession of Saint Joseph the Worker, the patron saint, in making the day a success. Our special thanks go to the clergy and lay Christians who participated, especially the youth who saw to it that it was a memorable anniversary.

*Terry Bernard Ngugi,
Vijana Kangemi Parish*

much". But he was grateful that the Loyola Communities had arranged for the mini-feast in his honour. He recalled how from the age of 15 he had felt a calling to the Society when a freshman in St. Joseph's College, Trichy, India. Some exemplary Jesuit mentors had nurtured that vocation, giving him a strong sense of identity and a clear direction in life. He could only sympathize with modern youth who suffer from an identity crisis! It was both edifying and highly significant to hear that all his 60 years in the Society had been happy years and that the "Cross" had been mysteriously missing. The Jubilarian wondered if one could go through life with no conflict or suffering, and still be worthy of heaven!

Congrats, GEORGE, on being a happy religious, a gentleman, a scholar and a saint! You are a great credit to the Society, for the greater honour and glory of God. AD MULTOS ANNOS!

Welcome to JOSEPH PAYEUR, the

NGABIRANO and AKAU DANIEL are also much involved with the JRS apostolate here in Zimbabwe. Every afternoon of every Friday, the two go to the transit camp to be with the refugees. Their work is mainly pastoral. The refugees come from different African nations, namely, Sudan, Zaire, Rwanda, Burundi, Angola, Uganda, Kenya, Somalia, etc. The majority of them come from Rwanda, Burundi and Zaire. Their daily cry is "NGOs, and Church, give us food, employment, education and shelter!". So, please, pray for these unfortunate brothers. They are really needy indeed.

Last but not least is my short interview with two scholastics: WERE MOSES and BUNYIGE NICHOLAS. When asked how he feels about going to Kenya after two years of absence from his country, WERE gave a short answer: "I am happy to go and join both my Jesuit and blood families in East Africa. I also expect to find some drastic changes in the socio-economic and political situations in Kenya". The next target is NICHOLAS, who is destined for his French studies in Chad. "NICHOLAS, how do you feel about

going to Chad for French studies?" - "I am not very anxious or excited. I am indifferent to whatever happens to me there, but what is important for me in this mission is the knowing and experiencing of the other side of the 'coin' of Africa", NICHOLAS answered. He said that learning the French language and being able to speak it is not the cause of his excitement at going to Chad, but it is that golden chance of being able to interact with other Africans in a francophone country. "It is not wise and fair that I know more about Britain, and the U.S.A, and yet not know my neighbour, Zaire", Bunyige said. I guess this fellow is becoming another Nkrumah, one of the founders of Pan-Africanism.

In summary, the preceding paragraphs give you an idea of what is happening here in Zimbabwe, and how our scholastics are doing academically and socially. More news and other pieces of information about the College and scholastics' welfare will be communicated to you in the next issue or at the start of the academic year in August. Please, your generous prayers and best wishes are highly needed.

Akau Daniel Opio, S.J.

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

HUMBLE YET HONOURABLE IN HARARE

Greetings from Harare. I hope you are all fine, and that things are moving very well. I will ask you to stop for a moment and get ready to know what is going on now, here in Zimbabwe.

First, we are entering into the cold season. The weather is now chilly and unfavourable for some of us; but not for some of the scholastics who seem to be resistant to it. I overheard one of them saying: "Adaptability to any weather is one of the qualifications to be a Jesuit and a universal person".

Second, we are at present battling with books. Most of our scholastics have become more scholarly than before. One proof of this is the dedication and determination of some of us like LOMULEN KAYANDA, BUNYIGE NICHOLAS and WERE. Our richly stocked library seems to be their daily best friend. They and others are determined to accomplish the expression: "Bookshungu", literally meaning "our deep desire for books". In addition, some of them have become specialists in "Nkrumaism" and "Nyerereism".

As I write here, most of us are in the examination mood: they have just begun two days ago, that is, on May 9, and will end on May 17, after which the Second Year scholastics will go for their home leave. Please pray for MOSES WERE, PATRICK WAMBUA and DRASIGA SIMON

who will be joining you and their families in Kenya very soon. Two weeks later, the First Year scholastics will leave for francophone countries to perfect their French language. Please, your prayers for them are also needed. Among the scholastics travelling to francophone countries are: UDAHEMUKA FIDELIS, KITOPE FRANCIS, to Yaounde, Cameroon; MAGHALI SAMUEL, to Congo; BUNYIGE NICHOLAS, TO CHAD; and finally AKAU DANIEL, LUTAMBI CHARLES MNUBI and LOMULEN KAYANDA JAMES, to Kinshasa, Zaire.

Another point of interest is about some of our humble yet honorable scholastics here in Arrupe College. MAGHALI SAMUEL and DRASIGA SIMON are certainly some of these nice guys. The two have unanimously been elected as class representatives on the Academic Board of Arrupe College School of Philosophy and Humanities. The former is the first year's class representative and the latter is the second year's class representative. Congratulations! Hongera !!! to SAM and SIMON. Please, know that the election has been fair. Next is Mr. NGABIRANO, one of the energetic scholastics, full of dreams of serving souls in his field of social work. He is also a good friend to books. His jaw-breaking terminologies have increased considerably. In addition to this,

new Regional Director of JRS, and to TOM FITZPATRICK, the newest members of the Loyola Community.

STOP PRESS: On May 24, the feast of Our Lady of the Wayside, ERIC CONDILLAC completed 74 years. The day would have gone unnoticed but for MANI of CUEA mentioning it to STAN, who alerted the Community. A giant cake was ordered for Pentecost Sunday, and the Community wished our Minister many happy returns! OVERHEARD: "Thank you for your SOUND (advice)! (T. Fitzpatrick to Gerry Rebello)

OUR VISITORS

- GROUM TESFAYE, May 14-16, who left for Dublin on May 16 for further studies.
- GEORGE THOTTUNGAL, May 18-22, who left for India on home leave on May 22.
- GEORGE AIKARA, May 20-26.
- JOSEPH PULLICINO, from Arusha, made his retreat at Mwangaza and spent a few days at Loyola (May 25-29).
- Schol. CHARLES ONYANGO arrived on May 24, back from his holiday with his family. He is presently with the JRS and is putting his computer expertise to good use at the new JRS offices on Gitanga Road.
- BERNARD MALLIA, from the Su-

dan, was bumped off the flight twice before making it to Khartoum on May 17. St. Paul's Seminary should be grateful to BERNARD for the time and effort put in collecting and buying books for the library, and having them shipped via the Comboni Procure.

- JEROME ODBERT, JRS Bursar for 2 years, moved into Loyola on May 29, as the old Campion House was closing down on May 31. JEROME bade farewell to Eastern Africa and left for his home Province of Detroit on May 31. Thank you, JEROME, for your hard work and for your quiet and friendly ways. All the best in your new assignment.

- RICHARD D'SOUZA was here from Dodoma (May 29- June 4).
- Fr. Joseph Kalathil, Provincial of Jamshedpur Province, India, spent two days here (May 18-20) on his way back to India from Nigeria. He was in Nigeria-Ghana on a fact-finding mission, in view of future collaboration with that Region.

APOLOGIES. Sorry, we missed mentioning the departure of Schol. LEVIS GOMES in mid-April. LEVIS was a regent in Mwanza and he passed here, en route to India, for Theology. Thank you, LEVIS, and we wish you happy and fruitful years in Theology.

Stan Mascarenhas, S.J.

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 ■ JESUIT NOVITIATE ■
 ■ The Vow Day this year will be on July 14th. ■

EASTER WITH JOY AND APOSTOLICITY

Holy Week: The month of April was quite eventful. As part of the preparations for Easter, Fr. PULLICINO gave the Novices a course on the "Passion Narratives" from the 1st to the 3rd of April. Among the participants were the Canossian Sisters, MSOLA and "Little Sisters". On Holy Thursday the Novices joined, according to a long tradition, the Spiritans for the Eucharist followed by an Agape-meal. As for Good Friday the Novices joined the rest of the Christian faithful at the outstations where Fathers AMANI, PULLICINO and LUDWIG VAN HEUCKE assist for Mass. The Easter Vigil was brightened by the presence of Frs. PLAMONDON and DICK TWOHIG from Loyola High School in Dar es Salaam. Fr. PLAM applied his best voice in singing the Exultet in the liturgy. This celebration was followed by refreshments, songs, jokes and indoor-sport contests.

Easter Apostolates: On Easter Monday all the Novices, full of paschal enthusiasm, zealously stormed Arusha town with various pastoral activities. These included visiting patients at Mount Meru Hospital, animating street-kids, talking with slum dwellers in their houses and comforting AIDS patients. The first Sunday after Easter apostolic exposures gained prominence as Novices were seen three by three plunging themselves into the neighbouring villages to witness to the Resurrection.

Visiting Professors: Fr. SIDNEY D'SOUZA gave a course on "The Church Today in the Light of the African Synod". Fr. SIDNEY kept his packed audience spellbound for four days as he enlightened them with the Ecclesiology of Vatican II and its implications for the Church in Africa. The over 60 participants came from seven religious congregations including Canossians, Spiritans, Passionists, Little Sisters of Jesus, MSOLA's, Medical Missionaries of Mary and Jesuits.

Fr. BARTH MURPHY came from Hekima College to share his wisdom about the History of the Church with Jesuit Novices only. Fr. AMANI facilitated the study of Decree 8 of GC 34 (Chastity in the Society of Jesus). The premise in this study was that community life is vital for living chastity and that listening is a must in community life.

Sr. MARIE-PAUL from the MSOLA Sisters also shed another light on the History of our Mother the Church. She came between 29th of April and 3rd of May.

Venit Hospes, Venit Christus: "When a visitor comes, Christ has come". In that way we were blessed with the arrival on the 13th April of Schol. BAYINGANA EUGENE from Hekima, together with Schol.

PREACHER IN FORT PORTAL

First and Final Vows at Saaka: Last year the first chance was given to the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker to take final vows. This chance was given to eight Brothers who had made their first commitment from 1980 till 1985. They were prepared by a three-months tertianship which included a two-weeks retreat. On May 1, another took his final vows: Bro. Joseph Aligonza, SJW. At the same Eucharistic Celebration, Novice Deogratias Ngabirano took his first vows before Superior General Bishop Paul Kalanda and the congregation, gathered at the outdoor "cathedral" in front of Saaka Novitiate at 10 a.m. Included on the after-Mass programme was a short drama in Rutooro on the initial vocation of St. Joseph.

The Preacher who Really Preached! Directed retreats have become more and more in vogue, and thanks to Fr. TONY WACH and Fr. BOB MAYER, the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker have appreciated this personalized type of retreat. However, this year the Brothers requested a preached retreat. And it was a preached retreat that the 26 Brothers got at Saaka, April 22-27! Fr. George Winzenburg (Wisconsin) delivered three talks daily, conducted a discussion after supper, and preached at the evening Sacred Liturgy. Some videos were viewed, viz. on Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Fr. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.'s famous movies on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary. Fr. George and Fr. BOB

MAYER were available during the retreat for personal interviews and for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Fr. George Winzenburg has been spending a good amount of time consoling AIDS clients in the town and in villages. He has offered his services in various places in Fort Portal, from the end of March till mid-May.

Brothers as Election Monitors: Fort Portal Diocese has responded favourably to the request of the UJCC (Uganda Joint Christian Council) National Office to join in the civic education exercise in view of the Presidential and Parliamentary elections. The UJCC aims at enlightening the citizens on their rights and duties in accord with the new Ugandan Constitution - and specifically on election procedure to help ensure a free and fair election. Brother Musiga Lawrence Rusoke, SJW, is the Coordinator for Kabarole, Bundibugyo and Kasese, the areas that fall within Fort Portal and Kasese Dioceses. Bro. Lawrence is the Assistant Superior of the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker. Bishop Paul Kalanda is the Superior General. Our Saaka Novitiate Superior, Brother Tarcis Baguma, SJW, has also joined in this exercise after receiving some training. This civic education exercise is not only for a time of elections, but is meant an ongoing process to help citizens become more civic-minded.

Bob Mayer, S.J.

vacation during theology break; Bro. ANDREW VUCIRI was also here for term-break vacation. Fr. Roland Lesseps came for a break to study birds in Uganda on his way from the Jesuit Mission in Zambia for his three months' R&R back home in the New Orleans Province. Fr. George Winzenburg, from the Wisconsin Province, came to Uganda to do pastoral work in Fort Portal and retreat work with TONY WACH for a few months from March to July, to check out the mutual fit between himself and Uganda as a possible future assignment. His eight weeks' work in Fort Portal gave him the flavor of Ugandan culinary styles and the need to take in his belt an inch or two. He enjoyed the pastoral work there and brought back a number of interesting experiences to share with us.

Changing of the Guard: On March 19th, without a change of chairs in the dining room (the former American way of doing it when the superior had a special place in the dining room), Fr. ANTHONY WACH became superior of the Xavier House Community and its JRS satellite communities here and up North. Before leaving office Fr. PAUL MALLIA had visited the JRS communities in Northern Uganda. Although delayed by the rebel activities there he did make it back safe and sound of limb and life.

Members of the community have also been involved in various spiritual works - retreats, Justice and Peace meetings, communication seminars,

etc. - for different groups of Sisters and Priests in the neighboring dioceses as well as Province meetings in Nairobi. The revolving door of Xavier House has not had any time to gather rust the past 8 months.

A late note: KEN KUNERT joined the Faculty strike at Makerere University as a participant observer the last two weeks of April. He also kicked off his research project, on the clergy's knowledge of Mental Health Issues, during this time. He visited Cardinal Wamala of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese and Bishop Ssekkadde of the Church of Uganda diocese of Namirembe and Assistant Bishop Gnahasa of the Church of Uganda Kampala Archdiocese to get their approval (" blessings?") for interviewing priests and pastors in their respective dioceses. "It is an ill wind..."

Kenneth M. Kunert, S.J.



LUYEMBE SOSTHENES, a regent in Kangemi (Nairobi) and Josephine Okumu, the sister of one of our Novices, who came on the 18th April to inform herself personally about the well-being here of her brother JACOB. On the 20th April Fr. Joe Daoust arrived with not a small delegation of Lay Jesuit Collaborators from the USA. The visitors toured our various self-reliance projects. They were entertained at supper by an inculturated program. MUTAYOBA, nSJ, in his capacity of Beadle or coordinator of the Novitiate, thanked Fr. Daoust for promoting inter-and-supra provincial collaboration.

On Mission: Fr. LUDWIG left on 19th April for a personal meeting in Nairobi with Fr. O'CONNOR about vocation promotion and also attended an ecumenical retreat at Maua-Moshi in the following week. Among the 19 participants of this happy event were

two Sisters of Our Lady of Kilimanjaro, two Sisters of the Sisters of Maua, a Lutheran nun and various pastors and lay collaborators from both the Catholic and the Lutheran Church.

Celebrations: On the 26th April we celebrated the Union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar. In addition to the obligatory prayers on such an occasion Novice FESTO MKENDA, our politico-economical expert in his own right, offered a lucid exposé on the possible why's and how's of such a Union. Led by our choirmaster MARDAI GILBERT, all sang solemnly Tanzania's national anthem: "Mungu ibariki Africa" - "God bless Africa".

Our own St. Peter Canisius was celebrated on 27th April with a solid presentation of his life history by the able Novice NJUGUNA FRANCIS.

Mubangizi Odomaro, nSJ.

HOME MAKERS FOR MOSHI

The mobile Ongoing Formation Team (OFT) is made up of three Jesuits and two lay people. For all of them mobility seems to be the key. Whereas the three Jesuits (SIDNEY D'SOUZA, TREVOR D'SOUZA and FRANCIS CARDOZ), are always on the move to provide spiritual food through retreats and formation courses, the two lay staff, Mama Scholastica and Miss Donata, who commute daily from the hills, provide the much-needed nour-

ishment to the Jesuits and enable them to execute their duty as pastors, teachers and preachers. The three Jesuits are often called upon to conduct formation courses organized by the Religious Superiors' Association of Tanzania. Fr. FRANCIS CARDOZ, besides giving some retreats, does vocation direction and looks after two outstations of Moshi Diocese whenever he is in town. The two lay people take care of the Jesuit house and of those priests

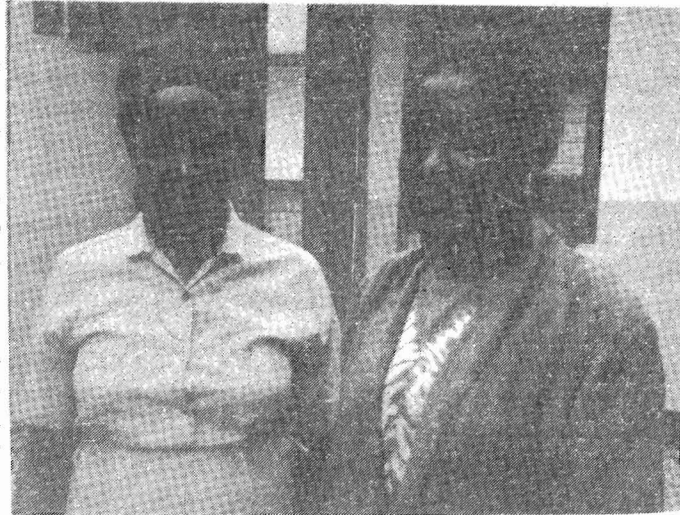
and sisters who come to spend a quiet, prayerful day.

GC 34 has stressed the need for lay associates to make the Jesuit charism and apostolate more effective. Where do we find these lay associates? One can look for them in our schools, colleges, parishes and apostolic works, but we can also find them in our own communities, those among our Office staff or Domestic staff. The Moshi Jesuits seem to give us a clue.

Mama Scholastica is a mother of six children, and hails from Kirima, near Kibosho. Her husband has a small job and the two of them take care of a shamba (garden) that provides the family with enough food. Mama Schola was trained by a group of sisters and is a culinary expert. She joined the Jesuits' staff in 1988 and is in charge of the house and the property. She receives Jesuits and visitors and provides for their needs. She takes a special interest in the forma-

tion of young Jesuits, both Scholastics and Novices. She has a motherly influence on them and encourages them to do their religious duties well. All this with a smiling face and a firm spiritual outlook.

Donata Kimaru is a niece of Mama Schola and a trainee. Donata has finished Form IV, and instead of remaining at home she is learning to cook



and care, pray and be a companion to Mama Schola. Such help is needed especially when Jesuits are out

of Moshi for a few days to a few weeks, and it is too risky for Mama Schola to be alone in the house. On weekends Donata does sewing and influences the Jesuits and visitors with her charming smile and good and mature behaviour.

For Mama Schola and Miss Donata, the day begins at dawn. They take a bus from the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro and arrive in Moshi town at about 8.30 a.m. The first item of the day is

place. God is good!

Frs. Herman De Weerd, now Minister at Bukavu, and Jean-Paul De Clercq, both from Zaire by way of Belgium, have been with us off and on doing retreat work at the Comboni retreat house in Namugongo and elsewhere. They also "entertained" us with happenings and experiences in Aru and Zaire, as they got refurbished here between assignments. Jean-Paul has now gone back to Belgium for medical care. We hope and pray the Lord will see him back to work with us in Africa. He has been working in Africa for 40 years.

The community had two discussion meetings on the Apostolic Plan in the light of GC34 and the African Synod at the end of last year.

A number of Fort Portal priests have come for retreats and other help from TONY WACH over the past few months. He also worked with a priest from the Kabale Diocese.

Fr. PROVINCIAL made his Community visit to JRS and to the Community in November. Fr. BILL CALLAHAN, who came to us from JRS in Adjumani, replaced Fr. ED TRUDEAU as house Minister after the Provincial Visitation.

Jubilees: PAUL MALLIA and KEN KUNERT attended the 100th Year Celebration of St. Peter's Nsambya Parish. This also celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the coming of the Mill Hill Fathers to Kampala. PAUL MALLIA and BOB MAYER attended

the Silver Jubilee celebration of the Ggaba National Seminary. ED TRUDEAU and Jean-Paul De Clercq went to Mbuija to represent the community and Jesuits at the Comboni celebration for the beatification of their founder, Daniel Comboni.

Visitors: Fr. FRANCIS RODRIGUES; Second Year Novices BERNARD WASILWA and GILBERT MARDAI for two months' experiment working with AIDS patients in October and November. First Year Novices PATRICK JAKI, ANSELM SAMWELL MUTHUMBI KIMANI and FRANCIS NJUGUNA NDUNG'U did their two months' experiment working with the AIDS patients in February and March. Theologians JULIEN N'GUESSAN and YVON ELENGA came for a few days'



KAMPALA CHRONICLES

Yes, we are still alive and functioning though I have not sent notes for some time, so I will pick the highlights.

In September Mr. Robert and Mrs. Karen Doucette, Jesuit Lay Associates from the Wisconsin Province, arrived with their sons Joshua, 10, Joel, 8, and Philip, 2, for work in Fort Portal Diocese. Rob has been working for the Fort Portal Diocesan Development Department, joined with some Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker, in its concern in farming and farm marketing in the area. Karen, a Nurse Educator, has been working helping the diocesan hospital in health matters: They are doing home schooling for the boys. Work has progressed relatively well for them despite all the struggles and inconveniences of adapting to Ugandan cultural differences. The family is well, quite happy, and relatively successful in their labors.

GENE HATTIE departed the house in February to go to work at Nyenga Seminary to teach CRE and English to the O-and-A-Level students. His reports indicate he is getting generous opportunity to practice patience, poverty and generosity. His sense of humor lightens the inconveniences considerably.

Personal retreats found TONY in Buntende, PAUL at Namugongo, and ED working the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life. After his check-up in Montreal ED got his doctor's placet to

return to us. ED's health is holding up well as he keeps extremely active working with the refugees, people in need of medical treatment, and school fees for students. A recent day in May he saw 49 requesters.

MIKE VJECHA finished up his work with Case Western Reserve University AIDS Project in December, returned to the United States for consultation on working with an U.S. NGO and the Rwandan refugees in Zaire. He became Medical Director for the Rwandese Refugees in the Goma area in January. His father and mother have come through operations and cancer treatment with good prognoses in the last 6 months.

TONY WACH's father underwent carotid surgery and then a colostomy in late February. He came through both operations well, with the aid of good doctors plus much praying here at Xavier House. We are all more relaxed now after these various successful treatments for family members back home.

The New Uganda Constitution was finally approved and promulgated on October 9th, 1995. Since then planning for elections, campaigning, and elections have been a major concern over the end of last year and especially from March through May of this year. We now have a newly elected President without any serious violence, rioting or other traumatic events taking

morning prayer, Scripture reading, reflection and intercession. Often Jesuits and visitors join in this. Housework then begins. Sisters and diocesan priests and Jesuits who visit the house are well looked after, in the appropriate atmosphere for prayer and recollection.

Come evening, the food is prepared

and preserved, and the long journey back to the hills begins. When Jesuits are around the return journey is early. When they are absent, the arrival of the night guard is a signal for them to leave. A visit to the Blessed Sacrament, and goodbye and good night to the Jesuits, whenever they are around, brings the day to an end.

Francis Rodrigues, S.J.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME

The month of April was a time of farewells to Fr. HECTOR ALMEIDA and Schol. LEVIS GOMES. HECTOR was in Tanzania for 26 years, serving the people of God in Bukoba, Mwanza, Dodoma, Tabora and Moshi. As Vocation Promoter and charismatic retreat preacher he visited many places in Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya, and even South Africa. His departure is a great loss for the Eastern Africa Province. The number of farewells he received, and many tears shed, are an indication of the love and respect people had for him. We wish him success in his new field of work.

LEVIS GOMES was with us just about a year and a half. Within this short time he had won the hearts of many, especially the young. His main work was at Lake Secondary School as a teacher of English Language. But he spent the afternoons and evenings with the young people. He co-directed games, music and singing for the youth. He animated the English and Liturgical Services with his magic

guitar. Like HECTOR he received many send-offs. We wish him a good time in his study of Theology, and hope he will come back to us after his ordination.

During Lent we had many recollections for the secondary-school pupils and their teachers. The English-speaking Community, too, had a recollection and penitential service, and we had all the Holy Week services with a "get-together" after the Easter Vigil.

Fr. STEPHEN MSELE arrived here just before Holy Week. Within a few weeks he has contacted the youth of Mwanza and has organized cultural, religious groups and sports teams in Mwanza. Just now he has 28 boys' and 18 girls' groups. He has started a "ndugu" office at the Students' Centre and is available in his office throughout the day, especially in the evenings. The costs of footballs and netballs were raised soon after STEPHEN's arrival in Mwanza.

The church extension work has started and is going on at full speed. The Christians who used to have to stand outside the Oratory can now look forward to comfortable seats inside the church. The Archbishop of Mwanza was at Nyakahoja, our Jesuit Oratory, for his pastoral visit last week. He wants to make Nyakahoja a full parish.

Fr. PROVINCIAL came for his visitation last week. He paid a flying visit to our dispersed community among the Rwandan refugees at Ngara.

Scholastic JOHN CHACHU OHURE has just arrived in Mwanza. We wish him an active and fruitful regency

BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS IN DAR ES SALAAM

Loyola High School opened its doors for its second year of operation (the first full year) on Monday, January 22, 1996. During the last December-January break, three ground-floor classrooms that had served as a temporary canteen in 1995 were outfitted with blackboards and desks, and work was begun on a new canteen building that was subsequently completed in late May. A new Pre-Form I class of 71 boys and 68 girls joined the returning Form I students (72 boys and 66 girls) to give the school a student body numbering 275.

The new class was selected from a group of 775 Standard VII leavers

here among the youth. He will be a great help to his ever busy co-scholastic PIUS MTETE, who has no time even for his meals.

Lake Victoria Region had a great tragedy last week when "M.V. Bukoba", carrying about 800 people and crew, sank just before it reached Mwanza port. Two Brothers from Kampala, three Canossian Sisters and two Mabinti Sisters lost their lives. The body of one Filipino Sister was recovered and sent to Arusha for burial in the Canossian cemetery. The search is still going on for other bodies. Tanzania has had a mourning for three days

Aloysius D'Souza, S.J.

who had taken the entrance examination the previous September. Thirty of the students whose parents had registered them for the class and had made a down payment of fees opted to enroll in government schools after the results of the Standard VII examinations were published. Their places were filled fairly quickly with well-qualified second-selection students. At the end of September this year, we will conduct an entrance examination for the next entering class; we expect upwards of 1,000 students to register for that examination.

Staff members who returned for the second year included Fr DICK

CHERRY and Scholastic JOSEPH AFULO, Canossian Sister Calista Ponnudorai and three Tanzanian lay teachers. New staff members are Fr. VICTOR-LUKE ODHIAMBO, Canossian Sister Yvonne D'Souza and four Tanzanian lay teachers, giving the school a total professional staff (including the Director and Headmaster) of fourteen.

The first term will end on June 7, the second will begin on July 8. In August we are looking forward to the arrival of LEODGAR MUNA, who will begin his regency by taking over JOSEPH AFULO's classes when the latter leaves to continue his studies in Nairobi.

Also during the second term, we expect work to begin on our second classroom building -- "Block VI"-- which will house the library, a computer laboratory and fourteen classrooms, and the Administration Building, both financed by a grant of \$1.5 million from ASHA (American Schools and Hospitals Abroad), a division of U.S. AID. The addition of these buildings will give us the room we need through the end of the 1999 school year. Completion of these two buildings is projected to be around the

end of October, 1997. Six general contractors have been chosen to present tenders for the project. One of the six will be selected in June.

In early May, the community hosted Fr. Joe Daoust and his guests from the United States. Loyola High School was the final stop on their two-week safari. They spent the Friday of the first week of May visiting with the students, the staff and the Jesuit community at Loyola.

On May 23 the Zonal Chief Inspector of Schools and four of his assistants spent several hours at Loyola; this visit was part of the process leading to the registration of the school. At the conclusion of their visit, they assured us that they saw no problems that would keep Loyola from being registered. So, after acquiring the property, constructing the buildings, and being licensed as owners and managers of the school, we are finally looking forward to being registered.

We have eight guest rooms at Loyola, a good cook and three TV channels, and we're always happy to entertain Jesuit guests. Come and get acquainted with Loyola.

Dick Twohig, S.J.

