

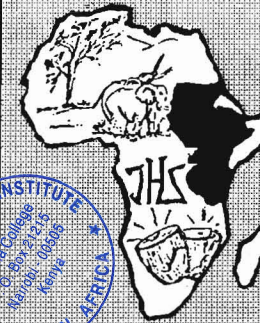
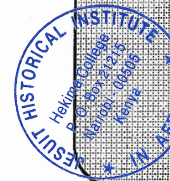
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Eastern Africa Province

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| Thu | 1 | Fratern Masawe |
| Fri | 2 | <i>Bl. Peter Faber - Optional</i> Joseph Pullicino |
| Sat | 3 | William Callahan+ |
| Sun | 4 | Joseph H. Boel+ |
| Mon | 5 | Peter Otieno |
| Wed | 7 | Joseph Kikonyogo |
| Sat | 10 | <i>Polycarp Toppo †1987</i> |
| Sun | 11 | Kevin Cullen*, Joseph Muruga |
| Thu | 15 | <i>Joseph G. O'Gara †1992</i> |
| Sun | 18 | Fidelis Moyo |
| Tue | 20 | Michael Evans+ |
| Wed | 21 | Peter Bwanali* |
| Mon | 26 | Gilbert Mardai |
| Tue | 27 | Mark G. Henninger+ |
| Wed | 28 | Matthew Kaputi* |
| Fri | 30 | <i>Merrill F. Greene †1978</i> |

Michael Czerny: What might one hope for, five or ten years from now, as a result of the **Initiative**? That another Ricci or Teilhard or Ellacuria shine in bringing the Gospel to his world and society, and that well-formed Jesuits and colleagues serve God's people, especially the poor, in transforming society "for building up a world at once more human and more divine". In the words of Fr. General:

My sincere hope is that, reflecting on what it means to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to society in the 21st century, we will discover, in more concrete ways than a General Congregation can, what the Society generally and the social sector specifically are called to contribute. (Appendix I)



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FROM THE PROVINCIAL'S DESK

Eastern Africa Region - Province:

We are twenty years old

On the 31st July 1976 Fr. General Pedro Arrupe published a decree setting up the Eastern Africa Region, and ten years later Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach set up the Province of Eastern Africa.

In 1977 there were 60 Jesuits working in the Region of Eastern Africa, 47 of them ascribed members. In 1986, when the Region became a Province, the total number of Jesuits was 138, of which 66 were ascribed members. Today, after the recent intake of 13 new novices, the statistics of our Province are as follows:

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|--------------------|----------|
| Ascribed members: | 142 |
| Applied: | 31 |
| Resident [approx.] | 58 |
| <u>Destined</u> | <u>1</u> |
| Total: | 232 |

It is interesting to notice the growth of the numerical proportion of the African Companions. At present,

among the 142 full members of our Eastern Africa Province, there are exactly 100 Companions born in Africa, which represents 70.4% of the members of the Province. After careful consultation of the catalogues of the other Jesuit Provinces in the Assistancy of Africa and Madagascar, we realised that we are among the first as far as the percentage of African Companions is concerned. Let us hope that the growth in numbers corresponds also to the human, spiritual and apostolic quality of our Companions!

For those of you who would like to know more about our Jesuit presence in Eastern Africa, consult the pages in our Province Plan and Acta Romana 1976, pages 903-906.

New Socius:

In the last issue of EASTERNET was inserted the letter of Very Rev. Father General appointing Father FRATERN MASAWA, S.J. as Socius of the Provincial of Eastern Africa Province.

Father MASAWÉ just finished his Tertianship in Detroit. He is currently being initiated into the secrets of his new mission and is living at Hakimani House. He will attend, together with the other members of our delegation, the Yaoundé Meeting on Formation.

Through the pages of EASTERNET I want to express my gratitude and the gratitude of all the Companions in our Province to Father JOSEPH A. PAYEUR, S.J. who has been Socius and several times Acting Provincial since January 1994. We all could witness his complete devotion to the service of all and his sense of organization in the office. I wish him a successful apostolate in the new mission assigned to him by V. Rev. Father General as Regional Director of JRS in Eastern Africa.

Welcome back to our Province!

Father PROTAS OPONDO is back from Boston [USA] after finishing two Master's Degrees in Pastoral Ministry and in Social Work. He was one of three students in the School of Social Work who received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award for the academic year 1995/96. PROTAS will be the Assistant to the JRS Regional Di-

rector in Nairobi, and he will also teach at Hekima College as a Visiting Professor. Welcome back!

Assistancy Meeting on Formation:

From the 17th to the 23rd July will take place at the Catholic University in Yaoundé, Cameroon, the Assistancy Meeting on Formation organized by JESAM. Father General will be present. Our Provincial Delegation will be composed of Fr. Provincial, Fr. Socius, Fr. Victor Jaccarini (Delegate for Formation), Fr. Leo Amani and Deacon George Kimonge. Fr. Provincial will remain at the same place up to the 27th for the annual meeting of JESAM.

Agenda of the Provincial for July:

June 30 - July 01: Meeting of the Commission on Ministries - Loyola House, Nairobi.

July 01 - 07: Annual Meeting of Young Jesuits at Mwangaza, Nairobi.

09 - 14: Visit to the Second-Year Novices and Vow Day at Arusha.

17 - 27: Meeting with Father General in Yaoundé [Cameroon].

During Father Provincial's absence **Fr. FRANCIS RODRIGUES, S.J.** will be Acting Provincial.

BISHOP CHARLES GOMES, S.J.

Bishop Charles Gomes is the retired Bishop of Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Bishop Charles has been associated with the former East African Mission of Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya from 1967 to 1971, when he had to return home to India due to ill-health. Bishop Gomes celebrated 70 years as a Jesuit on the 10th June. A fuller tribute will be paid to him in the next issue of Points of View.

Asante Sana, Mzee Mheshimiwa! Many thanks, your Excellency!

Ad multos annos!

FATHER SALVADOR FINALLY ENTERS ANGOLA

Fr. SALVADOR FERRAO worked at St. Mary's Parish, Meheba Refugee Settlement Camp, Zambia, for three years. After his contract in Zambia he applied in Solwezi for a visa to Angola, but that was not granted him until he left for Zimbabwe. Fr. Peter Balleis, S.J., who is in charge of JRS based in Harare, called Fr. SALVADOR so that he could try from there. From Harare, Fr. SALVADOR wrote to "Mbila":

"I was at a sundown party in Harare, where among the other VIPs was Fr. Dieter Scholz, our former coordinator for JRS in Rome; I was introduced to the Ambassador of Angola in Harare. Fr. Dieter spoke about SAL FERRAO from Zambia being around, searching for a visa to Angola. While this conversation took place, the Pro-Nuncio of Harare was present."

The following day Fr. Peter and Fr. SAL had an audience with the Ambassador of Angola. Interestingly enough, as the two entered his office, just before they could sit down, the first thing he asked them was whether or not they had got a visa.

"It's not a problem", he said, and the visa was given gratis (no payment). "I will pay myself", the Ambassador told the Consul lady.

I explained to the Ambassador my first

visit to Cazombo, where people were left without a priest since 1976. The Ambassador thanked me for taking this initiative. He said with a smile that during the rule of the Portuguese Government the place was known as "O fim do mundo" (The end of the world). He knew all about Meheba because he himself had been a refugee there, he mentioned."

The Angolan Ambassador was glad to hear that the Jesuits were looking after Angolan refugees in Meheba. He also appreciated Fr. SAL's future visit to Luanda and added that he would be in a better position to give the right information to the proper authorities about the present situation in Meheba.

As the two were leaving the office of the Ambassador, Fr. SAL said to him that he would offer Holy Mass for his intentions the following day: this the Ambassador appreciated with an embrace. As they departed they said to each other: "Natuliwana (we shall meet again)."

And so, on May 17, SALVADOR finally entered Cazombo in Angola. While there he will wait for the refugees who are going back home after 25 years of exile.

(From "Mbila", Newsletter of the Diocese of Solwezi, Zambia, May-June 1996)

NEWS FROM KIMWENZA

(received too late for the June issue of Easternet)

Everyone here is fine, and up to this moment everything is under control, though we are a bit busy. The weather here is very hot. Those who are not used to this climate are obliged to take a shower thrice a day. The Third Year men, after working hard to get their scripts ready before 15th May, are a bit relaxed, though the D.U. (De Universa Philosophia - examination on the entire Philosophy programme) is around the corner, waiting for them. We wish them all the best in their preparations.

Major events in our community for the two past months:

We have been having water shortages for the last two weeks, consequently we were obliged to use water from the swimming pool from time to time.

A week ago some people, in soldiers' uniforms, held Fr. Metena, the Provincial, in broad daylight, at gun point, trying to take away his car. Fortunately enough they weren't successful.

The feast of our patron, St. Peter Canisius, was celebrated very well. On Saturday, 27th April, we began with a solemn Mass attended by all the students of the Faculty and of the Institut Supérieur Afro-Vétérinaire, (ISAV). It was concelebrated with more than 17 priests. Most of them were the Rectors from different Congregations who have their Scholastics at our Faculty. The main celebrant was our Rector, Fr. Simon Decloux. Lunch for all followed immediately after Mass. We finished the day in our theater hall, which was not big enough to contain all the spectators who came to celebrate with us. Thanks to the cultural committee of our Faculty, we were privileged to watch a play; "Féticheur à la barre" (which in English means "The witch on the witness box"), presented by the Scheutist Scholastics, composed by Emmanuel Ndongala from Congo.

Last but not least, as you may know, the end of the academic year is approaching with full force, so everyone is busy for the preparation of the end-of-year exams, which are scheduled at the end of June.

Manyanga Raymond, S.J.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

For the repose of the soul of Mr. Charles Okumu, brother of Novice Jacob Okumu, who died early this month in Mombasa.

For Fr. GEORGE AIKARA who has had a bad bout of malaria and is still under the weather.

AS FR. SEAN O'CONNOR WILL BE IN EUROPE FROM THE 8TH JULY TO THE 10TH OCTOBER, PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO "EASTERNET" AND "POINTS OF VIEW" TO THE EDITOR.

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THE 28TH OF EACH MONTH**

COMMISSION ON MINISTRIES MEETING

After welcoming FRATERN MASAWE and STEPHEN MSELE, who were attending their first meeting of the Commission, we began the central work of our meeting held from 30 June through 1 July, namely, to work on the Supplement to the priorities of "Our New Province Plan" (ONAP). We began work on this Supplement at our January, 1996, meeting at the request of Fr. MEJIA. His idea has been that General Congregation 34 and the African Synod have been important gatherings which were significant events of discernment on the signs of the times for us, and it is imperative that we continue to discern how best to implement our Province priorities in light of these two landmark gatherings.

At the January meeting of the Commission, it was clear to us that the Province Plan is only two years old so we should not consider a reformulation of our priorities. Rather, the Supplement which would eventually be produced should be a discerned reflection on how to continue to implement our priorities in light of the Synod and

the Congregation. We have decided that the Supplement should have a reflective style in order to be an instrument for ongoing meditation and discernment as individual members, communities and the whole Province continue to strive to implement the apostolic priorities of the Province through our choices which we make in our ongoing ministry as well as in our planning for the future. We also want the Supplement to have many references to Synod and Congregation so that it can be an entree into appropriating their documents.

At the January meeting we were able to rely on reports of the recent Province Assembly which itself had considered the situation of the Province in light of these two events. We also benefited from the work of the Province Faith and Justice Network which had already reflected on the Province priorities in terms of the Congregation and the Synod. In January we produced introductory material which listed important dimensions arising from the Synod and Congregation in light of which we need to

consider our Province plan. We also developed a corresponding reflection on the Province Priorities.

We decided to ask the communities of the Province to reflect on the needs and priorities of their respective countries in light of the Synod and Congregation, and we also sent out the results of our initial work to the communities. We are grateful for the fine response of so many communities of the Province. At our recent meeting, the major part of our work was to review and collate the different responses as well as to revise the work the Commission had done in January in light of reactions from the communities. I will be spending some time in the next few weeks in editing the material into a coherent document which provides easy references to "Our New Province Plan" as well as to the documents of the Synod and Congregation.

The Supplement will then be reviewed by the Superiors and the Consultants at their upcoming meetings, especially to consider whether it needs further review by members of the Province or whether it already well reflects the discernment of our Province regarding our apostolic priorities at this juncture two-and-one-half years after the publication of ONAP. Eventually, the Supplement will be presented to Father General for his consideration and approval before publication.

In other business, we received reports from Fr. MEJIA concerning the efforts

of the Province to implement our apostolic priorities. The progress which is being made is striking, despite setbacks and limitations of resources, especially manpower.

We considered two requests, one from a bishop in Ethiopia and another from a bishop in Kenya. Although more information was needed in both cases, we were able to give some initial reaction to the requests.

We considered the upcoming Yaoundé Assistancy Meeting on Formation and how the Commission on Ministries can respond to the preparatory document of the meeting.

We decided to take up the area of "HIV/AIDS" (ONAP, 230) which is one of the Province priorities under the larger commitment to "Justice, Development and Peace". In addition to the specialized work through Nyumbani, which is primarily a medical response to the crisis, how are we able to minister in the crisis through pastoral and educational responses? How do we touch this great concern in the territory of our Province in our varied ministries? As a result we decided that, to gather information, each member of the Commission would interview ten members of the Province with a focus on two questions:

- (1) Are you able to implement the concern for HIV/AIDS in and through your apostolate? If so, in what ways?
- (2) Are there any ways in which the

| To | Assignment |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Hakimani House | Socius to the Provincial |
| Loyola House | Staff member at CUEA |
| Southern Africa | JRS Southern Africa |
| Rome | Theology Pont. Univ. Gregoriana |
| Harare | Philosophy at Arrupe College |
| Loyola Juniorate | Juniorate studies |
| Mwanza | Acting Parish Priest and Superior |
| Harare | Philosophy at Arrupe College |
| Dar es Salaam | Regency at Loyola High School |
| Harare | Philosophy at Arrupe College |
| Harare | Philosophy at Arrupe College |
| Australia | Tertianship |
| Dar es Salaam | Assistant Headmaster-Loyola H. School |
| United States | Return to his Province |
| Mwanza | Second year regency |
| Harare | Philosophy at Arrupe College |
| Ngara | Regency in JRS |
| Hekima College | Theology |
| Loyola House | JRS Assistant - Lecturer at Hekima |
| Harare | Philosophy at Arrupe College |
| Loyola House | JRS Regional Director - Vice-superior |
| JRS Somalia | JRS Education [temporarily] |
| Mwangaza House | Superior and Director |
| Dodoma | Acting Parish Priest and Superior |
| JSTB -Berkeley, USA | Doctoral studies in Theology |
| Harare | Philosophy at Arrupe College |
| Dublin | Licenciate in Spirituality |
| Arusha | Minister and lecturer |
| Arusha | Socius to the Novice Master |
| Zaire | Medical Co-ordinator for Refugees |
| Kampala | Regency |
| Kampala | Superior and Provincial's Delegate |
| Harare | Philosophy at Arrupe College |

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| Name | From |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 33. Masawe, Fratern | Detroit, USA |
| 34. Mascarenhas, Stanislaus | Loyola House |
| 35. McGrath, Thomas | JRS Ngara |
| 36. Missanga, Damas | Hekima College |
| 37. Mkenda, Festo | Arusha |
| 38. Mokuu, Elias | Arusha |
| 39. Msele, Stephen | Manila |
| 40. Mubangizi, Odomaro | Arusha |
| 41. Muna, Leodgar | Kimwenza (Zaire) |
| 42. Mutayoba, Deogratias | Arusha |
| 43. Mwaura, Pius | Arusha |
| 44. Ndong'a, Otieno | JRS Ngara |
| 45. Ochumbo, Alex | Kangemi Parish |
| 46. Odibert, Jerome | JRS Nairobi |
| 47. Ohure, John C. | Wau |
| 48. Okumu, Jacob | Arusha |
| 49. Omondi, Elias | Kimwenza (Zaire) |
| 50. Onyango, Charles | Khartoum |
| 51. Opondo, Protas | Boston, USA |
| 52. Otieno, Peter | Arusha |
| 53. Payeur, Joseph | Kangemi |
| 54. Ruhan, Antony | JRS Koboko |
| 55. Sequeira, Anthony | Kangemi |
| 56. Sunhwa, Gaspar | Berkeley USA |
| 57. Tarimo, Aquiline | Boston College |
| 58. Tesfay, Atakelt | Arusha |
| 59. Tesfaye, Groum | Arusha |
| 60. Thottungal, George | Bungoma |
| 61. Van Heucke, Ludwig | Dodoma |
| 62. Vjecha, Michael | Kampala |
| 63. Vuciri, Elias | Kimwenza (Zaire) |
| 64. Wach, Anthony | Kampala |
| 65. Wasilwa, Bernard | Arusha |

Province might help you in implementing this priority?

Commission members will report at the next meeting of the Commission, which is scheduled for 11 to 13 February, 1997. BUT no need to wait to be contacted: send any responses or reactions which you have on this Province priority to me at Hekima College or

through the Province Offices.

Our meeting was a little rushed because we wanted to finish in time for most of our members to attend the Province meeting for young Jesuits, but certainly the meeting was productive and consoling.

Terry Charlton, S.J.

VOCATION PROMOTERS LOOK AHEAD - THE NEWS IS GREAT

Our new Novices are now safe and sound in Njiro Hill Novitiate, Arusha. Our four Tanzanians were the first to arrive, followed by the two Ugandans and five of the Kenyans. I accompanied them from Nairobi by Davanu Shuttle Service all the way to the Holy Ghost Parish in Arusha. PETER OUMA, from Kenya, couldn't travel because of passport problems, but should be in Arusha in the first few days of July. TESFA-MICHAEL HAILE-MEHARI, of Eritrea, will travel a little later after he completes his Medical Course.

Fr. Provincial RODRIGO MEJIA has almost completed a first look at the examination of the 15 or so candidates for the next intake in July 1997. Please keep all these in your Masses and prayers.

And now looking well ahead. From the evening of Monday 4th November to the morning of Friday the 8th November we'll be having a different type of Vocation Promotion Meeting and Workshop at our Jesuit Novitiate

in Arusha. All our LOCAL Vocation Promoters in Tanzania as well as our five National Vocation Promoters are hereby invited to attend. Fr. Provincial RODRIGO MEJIA has also agreed to attend. This meeting will be very much a "hands-on" practical session as we need to standardize our ways of preparing candidates for the Novitiate. Again, the handbook on how to go about Vocation Promotion that Fr. LUDWIG VAN HEUCKE is putting together will be ready to be studied and commented on.

Fr. Provincial will also share with us a new emphasis on a mixture of academic and further practical training during the time of the candidacy.

A matter to consider will be how we can help in attracting more vocations to the Society of Jesus from Tanzania and Uganda. Again what about suggestions for suitable handout material?

Early in June I visited some families and parishes in Western Kenya, including a very short visit to Moi Uni-

versity, but I had to cut short the visit because of persistent amoeba problems.

Once again I'd like to thank my own Loyola Community for their continued support and for the evening liturgy and party on the day before our Kenyans and Ugandans left for Arusha. And of course, for the continued support of Fr. JONATHAN HASCHKA and the Juniorate Community for the very warm welcome they continue to give to the Jesuit can-

didates. Finally, to Fr. Rector and Fr. Minister and his Deputy, Fr. MICHEL ISTAS, of Hekima College, for once again housing and feeding our candidates in the days before their journey to Arusha. Finally a word of thanks also to Mr. S.K. Tororey of Midway Insurance Agencies - who is also the father of Novice TIMOTHY TOROREY - for considerable help in facilitating our getting the passports of our Kenyan Novices.

Sean O'Connor, S.J.

LOYOLA HOUSE

GERRY REBELLO turned 71 on June 5. He made his annual retreat at the Benedictine Sisters' Retreat Centre in Karen, June 11-19.

Sch. JAMES HORGAN (DET), a regent working for JRS as Executive Assistant and Director of the Parish Outreach Programme for the past two years, was given a simple farewell by the Loyola Community. On June 1st the Community was served wine in his honour at supper. On June 6th JIM left for Addis and Rome, en route to the U.S.A. At the end of August, after some weeks in his home Province of Detroit and time with his family, JIM will start his theological studies at Berkeley, California.

JIM has been an exemplary religious, faithful to his spiritual duties, living a simple and disciplined life, going about his daily tasks with clockwork precision and absolute dedication to

hard work, in the office or at home. We have been greatly edified by your gentle and friendly ways, JIM. We wish you great success in life, and an enjoyable and fruitful study of Theology. The Eastern Africa Province will welcome your return in due time. Thank you for everything, and God bless you always!

Mzee KAPPA on special assignment: our great KAPPA, "Titular Bishop of Kibera", Chaplain-General to the Brothers of Charity, Sub-Minister and Store Keeper at Loyola House, has gone missing since June 17. Interpol was alerted and he was picked up for questioning at the airport in Dodoma! It seems he has changed his name slightly by adding the letter "M" as a prefix, to read MKAPPA! The police had to let him go when he claimed that President MKAPPA had asked that he represent him in Dodoma, the

| To | Assignment |
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| Loyola House | Sciences - Univ. of Nairobi |
| India | Transcribed to Goa Province |
| Jimma [Ethiopia] | Work in the Apostolic Prefecture |
| Harare | Philosophy at Arrupe College |
| United States | Return to his Province |
| Jamaica | Return to his Province |
| United States | Return to his Province |
| Dar es Salaam | Minister, Procurator, Assistant Director |
| Addis Ababa | Major Seminary [one semester] |
| Khartoum | St. Paul's Major Seminary |
| Harare | Philosophy at Arrupe College |
| Adjumani | JRS pastoral work |
| United States | Return to his Province |
| Loyola House | JRS Africa |
| Rome | Regional Secretary |
| Harare | Philosophy at Arrupe College |
| India | Return to his Province |
| Addis Ababa | Regency |
| United States | Return to his Province |
| Nyenga [Uganda] | Minor Seminary |
| United States | Return to his Province |
| United States | Return to his Province |
| Hekima College | Theology |
| Kampala | Regency |
| India | Return to his Province |
| Brussels | Theology at Lumen Vitae |
| Harare | Regency at Arrupe College |
| Harare | Philosophy at Arrupe College |
| Manila | Tertianship |
| Khartoum | St. Paul's Major Seminary |
| Harare | Philosophy at Arrupe College |

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| 1. Afulo, Joseph | Dar es Salaam |
| 2. Almeida, Hector | Mwanza |
| 3. Altnöder, Anton | Germany |
| 4. Arunda, Gerald | Arusha |
| 5. Boel, Joseph | Mwangaza |
| 6. Brodley, Thomas | Dar es Salaam |
| 7. Burns, Patrick | Hekima College |
| 8. Byebalilo, Deusdedit | Nyegezi Institute |
| 9. Cassar, Joseph | Malta |
| 10. D'Souza, Richard | Dodoma |
| 11. Debrework Endashaw | Arusha |
| 12. Erinjery, Thomas | Kerala |
| 13. Evans, Michael | JRS Nairobi |
| 14. Fitzpatrick, Thomas | Campion House |
| 15. Gagnier, Jérôme | Mwangaza House |
| 16. Gikonyo, Josphat | Arusha |
| 17. Gomes, Levis | Mwanza |
| 18. Haile-Michael, Shumdehan | Loyola Juniorate |
| 19. Harrison, Jeffrey | JRS Nairobi |
| 20. Hattie, Eugene | Kampala |
| 21. Horgan, James | JRS Nairobi |
| 22. Howard, Edward | JRS Adjumani |
| 23. Ibutu, Timothy | Adjumani |
| 24. Ikunza, Ignatius | Kimwenza (Zaire) |
| 25. Irudayaraj, Aden | JRS Adjumani |
| 26. Kiyaka, Isaac | Hekima College |
| 27. Kiyimba, Kizito | Kinshasa |
| 29. Kyalo, Michael | Arusha |
| 30. Lello, Edmund | Mwanza |
| 31. Mallia, Paul | Kampala |
| 32. Mardai, Gilbert | Arusha |

unfinished capital of Tanzania. The Provincial assures the Loyola Community that MKAPPA will be allowed only a few months in Dodoma.

In his absence ERIC is obliged to work overtime, clearing dishes at meals, setting up for breakfast, checking on the store, etc. Of course, the Brothers of Charity in Kibera really miss his devoted ministry. KAPPA, we all miss you and are praying for you.

ANTONY RUHAN (AUSTRALIA), after completing his contract with JRS-Uganda, was on his way home. It would seem that our UNESCO-Somalia man, DEVADOSS, talked him into joining the force. So PAT is in the employ of the UN for Somalia. He left for Hargeisa, Somalia, on June 17, and is braving it out there.

ANGELO D'AGOSTINO took off on June 24 for the U.S., and will be there for three months, returning on September 17. During that time he will once again act as a tutor in the Christian Institute for the Study of Human Sexuality, which is a function of the Jesuit Educational Centre for Human Development. The Program is directed by Fr. James Gill, S.J., M.D., who initiated it in November 1994.

DEVADOSS left for Mombasa by train on June 28 for a two-week vacation.

MINISTRIES:

CHARLES MURPHY gave a retreat for the Daughters of St. Paul at their

Riverside Drive house, June 2-11. Later in the month the Novice-Master for the Congregation of the Brothers of Christian Instruction drove CHARLIE to Moshi for a seminar (June 15-21).

FRANCIS RODRIGUES gave a week-end retreat for a group of students from Kenyatta University (June 14-16). He was with the Camillian Sisters (Masai Lane) for a seminar on inculturation (June 21-23).

Confirmation Liturgy at St. Paul's Chapel, Nairobi: there were two for Baptism, three for First Communion and seven for Confirmation from the State House Girls' School, and these were instructed by STAN MAS-CARENHAS over several weeks. This year the Precious Blood School, Riruta, decided to join in and had six of their girls confirmed. Mr. Chris Mallia, Director of Religious Instruction at Consolata Primary School, brought along one Standard 8 girl for Confirmation. The Cardinal was unable to keep the appointment for 3 p.m. at St. Paul's, due to his exhausting four-and-a-half hours at Riruta Parish on the morning of Sunday, June 23. So STAN had to start the service and the Mass, and the Cardinal administered the sacrament of Confirmation to 14 girls after communion.

Our visitors:

Fr. RICHARD D'SOUZA, from Dodoma, May 28 - June 3.
Sch. PATRICK WAMBUA, from Harare, June 20-24.

Bro. FABIAN MBUNDA, from Dar,
June 22-26.

Fr. PIO CIAMPA, from Rongai,
June 13, 16, 19.

JRS Eastern Africa welcomes Fr. THOMAS ERINJERY, S.J. (from the Kerala Province, India), who arrived in Nairobi on June 20. Besides ecclesiastical degrees in Philosophy and Theology, Fr. THOMAS has a Doctorate in Sociology. Until recently he was the Principal of Loyola Post-Graduate College of Social Sciences, Trivandrum, Kerala. He has directed research in his field, published books and been editor of the "Loyola Journal of Social Sciences". While Director of Loyola Extension Services he was involved in some of the following programmes: Adult Literacy, Youth Ani-

mation, Women's Development and Urban Basic Communities for the Poor, sponsored by UNICEF.

He was in charge of a parish for "Dalits" (sub-caste people) and worked in six slums in Trivandrum. Again in Trivandrum he served as Spiritual Director at the Minor Seminary. To top it all, THOMAS was a missionary in Mizoram, North East India, among the Mongolian tribes, serving as parish priest of Lungeli Church and Principal of the Upper Primary School.

JRS Eastern Africa is privileged to have the services of Fr. THOMAS with his intellectual, pastoral and missionary experiences.

Stan Mascarenhas, S.J.

FROM ASUMBI

The latest news here is that the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph (whose chaplain I am) opened their 50th convent at Mbita. This is a Congregation founded in 1936 by Fr. Scheffer, a Mill Hill Father, a Dutch missionary. The early formators were the Mill Hill Sisters, but now its members are mostly Kenyans and a few Tanzanians. It was started at Asumbi, South Nyanza Province, and its goal was to care for the sick, the orphans, the aged, the youth and women. Now the Congregation has 256 members, belonging to many ethnic groups and tribes, and they have convents in eleven dioceses - ten in Kenya and one

in Tanzania.

They are in charge of primary and secondary day and boarding schools, dispensaries; they run nutrition centres, health centres and maternity homes. They work among the nomadic Masai in Ngong, and the Samburu at Maralal, Marsabit Diocese. In 1994 twenty-four novices took their first vows; in 1995 there were twenty-five. This year about twenty are to make their first profession. There is no dearth of vocations to this Congregation.

One can't say the girls are attracted by

video based on "The Church in the Neighbourhood", which was produced by Fr. Quinn of the Maryknoll Missionaries.

Money-generating breasts: one of the tourist attractions of Fort Portal, aside from the grand Mountains of the Moon (Rwenzori Range), is the Amabere Caves. Although I have been living in Fort Portal since February 1994, I only recently came to know of the Amabere Caves through visitors who took me there. It is said to be a private enterprise, conducted by the owner of the land there, a few kilometres out of town. On arrival, your eyes are greeted by a picnic spot with pavilions erected in rustic style. A pleasant walk down the hillside brings you to the first cave, which is fronted with a waterfall gushing from about five meters above. You can enter this cavern, but not without being refreshed by a fine spray from the waterfall. Some distance from

there around the hillside lies the main cave, more than adequate to provide shelter for the Holy Family and shepherds at Bethlehem. It is in this cave that the twin stalagmites of about a meter in length hang down in the form of "breasts" - or so the imagination of someone has fancied, and publicized as such. It is these "breasts" that give the caves the local name "Amabere" and help the owner of the caves to generate money for his support. Both stalagmites and stalactites are formed in these caves from the deposit of calcium carbonate formed by the dripping of calcareous water. The young guide explained the ins and outs of the caves. He mentioned that the place where the waterfall drops may be deepened and widened to provide a swimming pool. Already the water provides a plentiful supply for the outdoor swimming pool of the nearby Nyakusura boarding school.

Bob Mayer, S.J.

FR. RUHAN IN SOMALIA

Fr. ANTONY RUHAN, of J.R.S., went to Hargeisa in Somaliland as a UNESCO Consultant to assist in running a workshop sponsored by UNESCO and UNICEF. The workshop ran from 18.6.96 to 3.7.96, under the auspices of UNESCO-PEER [Programme for Education for Emergency and Reconstruction in the Horn of Africa]. In the absence of a Government in Somalia, six Somali educa-

tionalists from Mogadishu, six from the Somaliland Ministry of Education in Hargeisa, two UNICEF and one UNESCO Consultant from Nairobi took part. The twelve participants were to be trained as trainers of primary teachers and were to initiate the process of training throughout the territory in July, August and September.

Antony Ruhan, S.J.

Jubilee, and God's blessings on all your many jobs; and may He continue

calling you to greater desiring.

Charles Onyango Oduke, S.J.

FORT PORTAL

Greetings from the top of Saaka Hill! 39 Deacons came here on the 2nd June for an outing at Saaka from St. Paul's National Seminary, Kinyamasika. As you probably know, Fr. PAUL MALLIA teaches at the other National Seminary of St. Mary at Ggaba, Kampala. The first year Theologians all went to Ggaba this year, I think to help Kinyamasika out of a financial crisis.

On June 23rd, Fort Portal will have Vocation Sunday. It is a more suitable time than in May, because the students are usually away in May. Last year Fort Portal had exhibits of the various religious congregations and seminaries. This will be repeated, along with a representative exhibit for FAMILIES too! Our vocation team of Fort Portal had a meeting recently to plan out the celebration.

Last year Fr. TONY WACH gave me some handouts (about 100) which went like hotcakes at the time of the spectators making the round of the vocation exhibits. I don't know if he'll be able to supply me with some again for the exhibit this time. They are always useful for giving out - as also at Uganda Technical College.

Fr. TONY planned to go with Fr. George Winzenburg up to Adjumani

refugee land. I know Fr. TONY has been planning to go up there for a long time, but has not been able to spare the time for this. Maybe he will make it this time, or has already done so.

I came out of my annual retreat here at Saaka on the feast of Our Lady's Visitation. Hope the halo will eventually fit and not so easily slip off! Pray thus.

A brother helping a brother: Saaka Novitiate continues using "Welcome to the Bible" by Fr. PAUL MALLIA as a basic textbook. Assistance by another Eastern Africa Province Jesuit author, Fr. RODRIGO MEJIA, is also being given through his interesting book on Small Christian Communities, entitled "The Church in the Neighbourhood", which carries the telling and rib-tickling cartoons by artist Fr. LUDWIG VAN HEUCKE. Further assistance, this time gratis, comes from Fr. PIO CIAMPA in the form of Fr. Edouard Glotin's booklet, "The Pierced Heart of Jesus". A brother helping a brother is like a strong wall. Indeed, this is so. And novices and postulant Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker are the beneficiaries of the first two publications, published by St. Paul's Publications of Africa; the third is published by Fr. PIO of Nyeri, Kenya. In January 1996, in Nairobi, I was happy to view the

the affluent life-style of the Sisters! The novices cultivate maize, beans, potatoes and groundnuts and bananas on land leased (not owned) by the Novitiate, and produce more than enough food for themselves. In their formation agricultural operations seem to be as important as lessons on Spirituality, Scripture and Liturgy! The Sisters have a long-standing link with the Jesuits, starting with Frs. Fernandez and Miranda. Fr. Galea and recently Fr. Patrick Hussey were their chaplains.

Last year we undertook a project to help the poor children in the primary schools close by. One acre of land was taken on lease, and maize and beans grown on it. The school children provided the labour. The profit from this was used to help those who can't afford the school fees and can't purchase textbooks. The enthusiasm of the students and the staff has persuaded us to expand the scheme. This year five schools are involved and they are cultivating ten acres of land with maize

and beans. They have more land and so more produce; more children have helped. If the weather doesn't play foul, we should have a good harvest.

I have ventured out on a new small project. Around the chaplain's residence there is a small plot and I started out with growing tomatoes and cabbages, with the help of one or two boys from the neighbouring primary school. Now we have planted a dozen pawpaws and pop corn, maize and beans, American cucumber and a variety of bananas. They are all coming up. Some of the pawpaws have already flowered, and the maize cobs have appeared. Right in the middle of this plot is a pomegranate with dozens of fruits, some of them ripe and split, and showing pearl-like seeds! The latest addition is rhubarb and also cassava. I am surrounded with green vegetation in all its glory. Not only the heavens but also the green earth proclaims His glory. Come and see. Karibuni!

George Aikara, S.J.

MWANGAZA NEWS

May was wanderlust month for Mwangaza! At the beginning of May Sr. Mary Fisher went to Ireland for different ministries and was back close to the end of the month. JOE SMALL took off on his home visit to the States and will return only in August. For more ministries OZY went off to Uganda, returned to Mwangaza for a day and was off again to the Je-

suit Philosophate in Harare, Zimbabwe, to facilitate the Staff's annual evaluation of the academic year. It was a very "Jesuit time" for him! Elizabeth was away from April and returned to Mwangaza at the beginning of June, not from any wanderings but from Mombasa where she was operated for a growth on her throat. Having recuperated from her operation

pretty well, she returned with her smiling self resuming her gracious presence in the retreat house.

Meetings continue to be the order of the day here. The program for next year is on everyone's mind, and the meetings under TONY's guidance help to collate individual inspirations. Hopefully by the end of September our program-brochure for 1997 will be ready for mailing, a programme that promises to look very different from what Mwangaza has seen for a long time!

FR. KAPPA WRITES FROM DODOMA

My trip to Dodoma was good. We were three in the plane including the pilot. We started exactly at 2 p.m. It was very cloudy so the plane went very high. We could see nothing. We reached Dodoma at 4 p.m. Fr. RICHARD was at the airport.

On the 15th of June Fr. RICHARD went to Tabora to attend the Thanksgiving Mass of Fr. GASPAR SUN-HWA. I could not go. He came back on the 26th evening.

I am already fully in the work. I go nearly every day out to villages to say Mass. In one of the villages the Krishnagar Sisters are staying. They have a dispensary. At present they are only two but soon they hope to get one more.

I go to the Brothers of Charity to say

The rains continue to keep our surroundings beautifully green, with bright splashes of floral colour. GILLES PION with his team keeps the grass down and the flowers up. The donkeys that were part of the team have been returned to the KSPCA, to everyone's relief. Winter is well on the way in and retreatants are seen in all kinds of warm clothing. July through August is really the coldest time of year for us, so come up for a welcome warming!

Ozy Gonsalves, S.J.

Mass when they need me. They come and pick me up. I met Fr. Wilfred Don Bosco. He came with others to make a retreat. Now he is back.

When I was here last there were 10 villages we used to visit. Now there are more, and many jumuiyas (small Christian communities).

Dodoma has grown but the roads are the same if not worse. There is a great shortage of water. We can see people all the time going for water. We have not much problem.

Here there is no rain. It is warm. At night it is a bit cool. Fr. RAJ has built a nice Centre. It is near our house. He comes every day for supper. He stays there.

Dodoma is very sandy. It is a bit difficult to walk because sand gets into the

shoes.

I am keeping well. Hope all are well there. Please give my greetings to all. May the good Lord bless you all.

Please keep me in your prayers as I keep you all.

With best wishes and in union of prayers...

FROM MARYLAND (USA) TO SRI-LANKA TO THAILAND TO SUDAN

ED BRADY's fifty years in the Society have been characterized by hard, challenging and difficult, yet happy and joyful assignments. Earlier in his formation he had opted for Sri-Lanka, and that is how he ended up studying Theology in India. After a stint in Sri-Lanka circumstances led him to Thailand, and now the summons of obedience and the "Magis" find him labouring in the scorching desert of Khartoum.

Pope Paul VI's oft quoted phrase, "Wherever in the Church, even in the most difficult and extreme fields, at the crossroads of ideologies, in the front-line of social conflict, ... there have been and there are Jesuits", indicates a reality that is true of the Society as a whole but not always of every individual Jesuit; yet ED is one of those exceptional Jesuits. For him this reality has characterized his fifty years in the Society.

Despite being struck by the post-polio syndrome, he still goes about his work with extreme patience and dedication. He has a major concern for the displaced Southern Sudanese in the desert of Khartoum, and so he gives a

lot of his time, talent and attention to the "Vicariate of the Displaced". Also, due to lack of formation personnel in the National Major Seminary, he volunteered to be a spiritual companion to many of the seminarians. Not to mention his full-time teaching load at the Spiritual Orientation House, and the Peace and Justice seminars that he offers at the Theologate and elsewhere.

The Khartoum Jesuits do not live under the same roof but are dispersed in the various sections of the Seminary that they serve, yet ED in his many small ways contributes to maintaining a union of hearts and minds by adding life and joy to the weekly meetings and recreations. He is also one of those who are very much concerned about the future of the Society in the Sudan, and so with renewed vigour he has embarked on promoting vocations to the Society.

As a regent in the Sudan I personally thank Fr. ED for the formative role he has played in my formation by challenging and strengthening me in my vocation. "Mabrouk", ED, Congratulations as you celebrate your Golden