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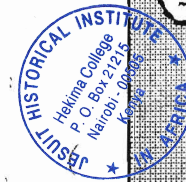
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challenging workshop. It encouraged teachers to use special features of the Pedagogy such as : stressing personal care of the student, learning rather

than teaching, with the teacher as a guide, accompanying the student in learning, emphasis on affective learning, etc.

*Alex Juma Ochumbo, S.J.*



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## FROM THE PROVINCIAL'S DESK

### Appointments by Father General:

Fr. Arturo Sosa Abascal, S.J. - Provincial of Venezuela, starting on 1st September.

Fr. Emilio Magro Moreira, S.J. - Provincial of Bahia (Brazil), starting on 14th September.

Fr. Daven Day, S.J. - Provincial of Australia, starting on 8th December.

Fr. Adam Janos - Provincial of Hungary.

Fr. Thomas Michel (Indonesian Province) has been appointed Secretary of the newly constituted Secretariat for Inter-religious Dialogue; he will assume office in November 1996. The main goals of this Secretariat are:

- \* helping Jesuits to become more aware of the importance of inter-religious apostolate,
- \* contributing to the formation of Jesuits so that the Society of Jesus can play a more effective role in the Church and in the society at large,
- \* favouring communication and cooperation among Jesuits and others engaged in inter-religious relations,
- \* promoting an inter-religious dimension in all our apostolates,
- \* coordinating interreligious activities throughout the Society.



**WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: FAITH AND ORDER**

**Plenary Commission Meeting held in Moshi, August 10-24, 1996.**

As a Younger Theologian I was invited by the Pontifical Commission for Promoting Christian Unity to attend the Plenary Commission Meeting in Moshi. The aim of "Faith and Order" is "to proclaim to all the Churches the oneness of the Church and the goal of visible unity in one Faith and one Eucharistic fellowship, expressed in worship and in a common life in Christ, in order that the world may believe".

The primary task of the Plenary Commission, as set out in our by-laws, is theological study, debate and appraisal. We were expected to "initiate the programme of Faith and Order, lay down the guidelines for it, and share in its communication to the Churches".

The main task of the Plenary Commission was to discuss and debate the work undertaken since the Fifth World Conference on Faith and Order in Santiago de Compostela. This discussion took place on the basis of the studies which had already been completed, and which were evident in the meetings of the Standing Commission and Board and in the

various Faith and Order papers which had been sent to the participants.

Four papers were sent to the members: a draft text on the Ecclesiology study; a draft text from a consultation on Ecumenical Hermeneutics; the Apostolic Faith Study Guide, and the papers from the third phase of the Ecclesiology and Ethics Project, which came to fruition in June at a consultation in Johannesburg.

We were encouraged to consider these studies in the light of what is happening of significance in terms of the visible unity of the Church in our own region; what are the blocks to "Koinonia" that our Churches experience, and what are the insights that enable these blocks in our experience to be overcome; what has been achieved in the context of the National Council of Churches in our area on issues such as: worship, ecclesiology and ethics, hermeneutics.

We were also asked to come prepared to consider the question of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: at various points through its

a number of congregations would disappear for lack of relevance. It is up to us to take the call of the 34th General Congregation seriously and truly be companions of Jesus on Mission. The mission of Jesus cannot become irrelevant; it rather has a way of creating new challenges according to the needs of the Church and of the times. Fr. Provincial urged everyone to reread the Decrees of G.C. 34, especially Decree 26, the conclusion, which deals with the Characteristics of Our Way of Proceeding. The Society will be relevant if it answers the needs of the Church and of the world in an Ignatian way. After communion, Fr. Provincial announced that Fr. Joseph Payeur was taking charge as Vice-Superior of the Loyola House Community as of July 31st. That day also marked the 10th anniversary of Loyola House, which had been blessed by Cardinal Otunga on July 31st, 1986.

**Ministries:**

- STAN MASCARENHAS helped with a retreat at Mwangaza (July 10-19).
- 29 girls from State House Girls' School were at Mary Ward House for a retreat (July 28-30). STAN was assisted by Brother Teófilo Minga, of the Marist Brothers.

- CHARLES MURPHY was at Mwangaza for a retreat (July 21-30).

**Home leaves:**

- SEAN O'CONNOR left for London and Dublin for his home leave on July 8.
- GEORGE THOTTUNGAL arrived back from India on July 31st. He looks well rested and ready for his new assignment at the Novitiate in Arusha.

**Our Visitors:**

- STEPHEN MSELE (July 1-5).
- Bert Otten (Missouri), July 8-14.
- ANTONY RUHAN (July 4-21).
- PACO ORNELAS (Mexico) arrived on July 2 with a suspected irregular heart beat. He was admitted to Nairobi Hospital for a check-up. A pacemaker was inserted, and on July 17 he returned to Kampala in very high spirit.
- Mark Raper, from JRS Rome (July 7-17).
- FRANCIS LADO (July 4-8; 18-23).
- PABLO ALONSO (July 18-25).
- MICHAEL SCHOPF arrived from Germany on July 22 to collect some data on refugees for his thesis. MICHAEL was here as a regent with JRS in 1994-1995.
- PATRICK WAMBUA (July 22-24).

- MANI NEDUMATTAM, from CUEA, directed the retreat for the Junior Brothers at the Benedictine Pastoral Centre, Karen (July 11-18). He was at Loyola House for his vacation until August 19.

- Fr. PAUL MALLIA (July 1-2; 11-13).

- Bro. FABIAN MBUNDA was here from Dar (July 22-24).

- Fr. GEORGE AIKARA, at work in Asumbi, arrived on July 30 with an Australian benefactress. GEORGE invited MANI to accompany his friend on their trip to "His Beatitude ZACHARIAS", of Nyeri fame.

#### Special Events in August:

- The month of three Superiors! Fr. JONATHAN, the regular Superior, left for Mombasa on August 1st for his retreat, to return on August 13th. Fr. JOSEPH PAYEUR, who had just been appointed Vice-Superior of Loyola House on July 31st, took off on August 2nd for Kigali, Rwanda, to attend a JRS seminar. In his absence VICTOR JACCARINI was Acting-Superior.

- ERIC CONDILLAC, our Minister, was on the sick-list from the middle of July with a bad cold, nagging cough, vomiting and lack of appetite. In mid-August he spent a few days at the Nairobi Hospital for tests and treatment. GERRY

REBELLO was Acting-Minister from the beginning of August, and was joined by JONATHAN. Both of them shared the work of the Minister. ERIC is now back on his feet, and most of his health problems are things of the past. He looks weak but is gradually getting back to normal. He had many visits from so many of his Sister-friends from various Congregations! They have nursed him back to health with special soups and foods, and most of all by their kind prayers. Thanks to the many "female good Samaritans!"

- On August 28 JONATHAN dared out to Naivasha in the old Nissan Datsun. Due to car trouble, he had to spend the night in the car. He is supervising the construction of a house for Mama Alice, our cleaning-lady. He was back on August 29.

- FRANCIS RODRIGUES, our Province Bursar, has been on a business trip to Europe (August 17 - September 2).

- Sch. CHARLES ONYANGO, with JRS for the past three months and staying at Loyola, moved to Hekima College on August 25.

- GEORGE THOTTUNGAL left for the Novitiate, Arusha on August 10, to take up his new assignment as Minister and Lecturer.

- TOM FITZPATRICK: his

conversation is always around those "good old days" of 1945, after World War II, and the years after Vatican II.

On July 31st, feast of St Ignatius, one of the Fathers put up a sketch about the Society of Jesus. He came with a black beret, a black cassock, sandals and a walking stick, and said that was the Society before World War II. Then he came with the black cassock and shoes but without a stick, and said that was the Society after World War II. And for the Society of today he put on sneakers, blue jeans and a T-shirt, and an American cap.

I have already visited a few Jesuit communities around here, and was struck by the general atmosphere I found in those houses. After a general introduction I felt at home with everybody, even with the house workers who are not Jesuits. There is a sense of being at home, and I did not find it different from paying a visit to a Jesuit house in Dodoma, Lusaka or Kinshasa. There is a sense of trust, fellowship and belonging which is identical in all the Jesuit communities I have been in, here in Italy or in Africa.

*Damas Missanga, S.J.*

#### IGNATIAN PEDAGOGICAL PROJECT WORKSHOP

A Project Workshop on Ignatian Pedagogy was held at Hekima College from 4th to 14th August. The workshop was organized and directed by Frs. James Kuntz, S.J. (NIGERIA), Pierre Lecuit, S.J. (ZAIRE), Nicolas Pesle, S.J. (MADAGASCAR) and Bob Slattery, S.J. (INDIA). Twenty-nine participants (Jesuits and lay teachers) from Jesuit schools across Africa attended the workshop.

As Fr. Slattery explained to the participants, "Pedagogy is the way in which teachers accompany learners in their growth and development". Ignatian Pedagogy is a basic text for development programmes being conducted in schools run by Jesuits and other organizations throughout the world. It is a pedagogy which is

based on reverence for freedom, on the right and power of individuals and communities to create a different life for themselves.

During the workshop the aims of Jesuit Educational Institutions were presented, and sessions held on the teaching-learning model facilitated group discussions of the five elements of the model, namely: CONTEXT, EXPERIENCE, REFLECTION, ACTION, EVALUATION. In addition, journaling was used as a way of reflecting on and evaluating what was done each day, through writing and sharing these reflections with one of the participants.

It was a very informative and  
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### KIMWENZA, ZAIRE

Greetings from Kimwenda. All of us here are fine. The big events in our community in July:

- On the 5th we finished our annual exams; the same day was the departure of our brothers OMONDI, MUNA and ELIAS VUCIRI, who were returning to our Province. One of them could not travel with the others because of some small problems at the airport.

- On the 7th, at the Parish of Our Lady of Kimwenda, five members of the Province of Central Africa were ordained priests (Alimasi, Mambi, Kajingulu, Kipupu and Naniakweti).

- On the 15th we ended our academic year. As you may know, in Jesuit life there are no holidays as such, only a change of activities. So TAMENE BERHANU was missioned to Boboto Community, to take a computer course and French at the Alliance Franco-Zairoise. KARONGO BUBERWA remained at St. Peter Canisius, doing mechanics and taking a course at the driving school in town. MANYANGA

RAYMOND was at St. Peter Faber, Gombele, doing the same as KARONGO.

- On the 31st, feast of St. Ignatius, all the Jesuits who were in Kinshasa were invited by the St. Ignatius Community. The ceremony was very well organized. The Holy Mass started at 18h.15. Fr. Provincial presided, and the key word of his homily for that day was that Jesuits are not monks. Our houses are the world, so he asked all of us to go to the world and set it on fire. The Mass was followed by supper that we had together. The status for the Province came out the same day.

On the 2nd of August, our brothers DANIEL AKAU, CHARLES LUTAMBI and JAMES LOMULEN, who had been with us for two months practising their French, left for Harare, ready to start their new academic year. We wish them all the best in their studies.

*Manyanga Raymond, S.J.*

### DAMAS MISSANGA WRITES FROM ITALY

It is now more than a month since I came here in the company of Scholastics BONAVENTURA BALIGE and BERTRAND DJIMOGUINAN, who came to work with Vatican Radio. After a week in the "Casa dei Scrittori" (next to the Curia), I proceeded to Genova, 517 kms from Rome, where I am following an intensive course in the Italian

language.

I stay in the "Chiesa del Gesù" community with thirteen other Jesuits, whose average age is between fifty-five and sixty. Somebody told me that I am too young to be in this community! It has been very interesting for me to know more about the Society of Jesus, since the

whereabouts from August to November 1996: August 2-10: in Kigali, Rwanda, for the JRS Seminar. August 20: departure for London, Dublin. August 28: visit to his mother and family in Rochester, N.Y. In September: cataract operations in Rochester, N.Y. He hopes to return to Nairobi in mid-November.

#### Ministries:

- CHARLES MURPHY: August 1-10: preached retreat; August 11-20: second preached retreat, both at Nyabururu, Kisii. August 21-September 2: directed retreat at Mwangaza.

- STAN MASCARENHAS: directed retreats at Mwangaza: August 2-11 and 13-21; preached retreat for Philosophy students of the Camillian Congregation at Dimesse Pastoral Centre, August 21-24.

#### Our Visitors:

- MANI NEDUMATTAM spent about a month at Loyola. He joined GEORGE AIKARA on a trip to Nyeri in early August. Later he went to Meru with TIM IBUTU for two days. He returned to CUEA on August 18.

- GEORGE AIKARA, from Asumbi, brought along his Australian benefactress and

traveled to Nyeri and other places with his friend. He left for Asumbi on August 5.

- TONY WACH came from Uganda, and MIGUEL GARCIA from Ethiopia, (August 11-23) for the Local Superiors' Meeting, for the Province Consult and for a short holiday.

- AMEDEUS SHIRIMA was here (August 5-9) from the U.S.A. after his studies, en route to Dodoma.

- Sch. TIM IBUTU was here (August 3-10), and left on August 10 for three weeks, to visit his family in Meru.

- OTIENO NDONG'A came from Ngara, Tanzania (August 19-22).

- JOSEPH PULLICINO came from Arusha (August 18-23).

- Sch. MICHAEL SCHOPF, from the South German Province, left for Kigali, Rwanda on August 2, with Fr. JOSEPH PAYEUR, to attend a JRS seminar. He is now in Tanzania, collecting material for his thesis on refugees.

#### Wolfie is dispatched to dog-heaven:

On August 27, feast of St. Monica, dear Wolfie was quietly lured into the car by VICTOR JACCARINI and driven away to the vet to be put to sleep. He had served Loyola House faithfully for over 10 years. His last months were painful, as he

could not stand up or move except with great difficulty, with his hind legs weakening by the day.

Wolfie was simply the best dog in town, gentle and well behaved. He never came into the house except when there was thunder and lightning. Nor would he leave the compound, even if the front gate were open. Knowing the old rule of companion, he would wander out into the street, pretending to say the rosary with ERIC!

With his great big bark, Wolfie put on a show of being a fierce dog, and scared thieves away. Little did any stranger guess of his inner trepidation at the least threat. He succeeded in fooling most people and did his guard duty well.

Jonathan was his best friend in the house, who cared for him and lavished much affection on him. Wolfie followed his master everywhere and slept under JONATHAN's bed at night. The spot by the computer room was one of the familiar places one could find Wolfie, which meant JONATHAN was in there. When JONATHAN was in the chapel, especially at night, Wolfie would sit by the sacristy door. Wolfie, it seems, used to report to JONATHAN about

members of the community that were absent for the visit after supper.

We all miss Wolfie very much, but JONATHAN must be feeling the most pain! If God created such a beautiful dog like Wolfie and many others besides, would he not also provide a "dog-heaven" for them? Good-bye and thank you, Wolfie. We hope to see you somewhere, some way. Maybe you will be "re-incarnated" in another wonderful dog, and come back to Loyola!

#### **STOP PRESS:**

Mzee Kappa, whom we had "lent" to the Dodoma Community on June 17, came back to Loyola House on September 2. More about him in the next issue of Easternet.

In the May issue of Easternet, the calendar for June announced that Fr. GEORGE AIKARA would celebrate 50 years in the Society on June 30. The celebration in community had to be postponed because Fr. GEORGE was sick. This celebration is now set for Saturday, October 12, starting with Mass at Loyola House at 12.00 noon.

*Stanislaus Mascarenhas, S.J.*

said those mines are for the vehicles and not for the cyclists or pedestrians. On another road there was a land mine, said to be for the tanks: the cars are still passing. Near to danger means closer to the Eternal Mission Land.

The Cazombo Mission area for pastoral workers is double the size of the one which we were covering in Tore, South Sudan. It reaches on one side to Zaire, on the other side to Zambia. One is never able to do a satisfactory service on "walking safaris" or on bike rides. Will the roads ever be opened? Will bridges ever be constructed?

It might take some six or more years to revitalize the Faith of the people. We are one priest and a half, that is, my second priest is still to be ordained in Venezuela and will join us by the end of the year.

The General Congregation says that a Jesuit is never satisfied with the "status quo", is always searching "ad extra" with "apostolic aggressivity". The EAP could send more outreach-service missionaries, as we had, like Mike Schultheis and others in Mozambique, who did a very good job. Since "for us frontiers and boundaries are not obstacles or ends", (G.C. no. 561), the EAP could offer extra-Province mission-field workers.

I hope that very soon "sweet memories" will become realities. When I go to Lusaka to preach a retreat to the diocesan clergy of all Zambia, I am the

opening batsman, the Pro-Nuncio of Zambia-Malawi will close the retreat, which will last from 2nd to 6th September.

Once Fr. Provincial of Zimbabwe gave me a lift from Zambia to Harare. After some miles only the two of us were left in the car. He said: "Father, as you entered in my car I said to myself: "How attached I am to my comfortable room as you move from country to country!"

STOP PRESS: Once, when Fr. PAUL BESANCENEY visited me in Zambia, he was telling me why God had given him long ears. When he became Provincial, he said, they were to listen more.

When I was 7 years old, I had a photo taken holding a racer bicycle. I did not know why, until here in Cazombo, Angola, I have covered miles on bike to go and say Mass: one-day-and-a-half journeys, stopping where there is water, sleeping under the trees.

I remember Fr. ED. TRUDEAU telling the JRS Superior not to give me a two-wheel vehicle: if they would like to give me one, a four-wheel vehicle would be better. Here we have Land-cruisers, Mitsubishi trucks, but we cannot use them since there are no bridges, and rivers everywhere. We will be confined to two-wheel bikes for 3 years at least. Any volunteers to do preaching from a bicycle?

*Salvador Ferrao, S.J.*

## FR. SALVADOR FERRAO WRITES FROM ANGOLA

On July 31, I began my day without "mata-bicho" (without breakfast). I had to go to bring the Queen of Angola for the feast of Ignatius. By the time she could dress up and walk over the broken bridge, the time to celebrate the feast of the "converted soldier" had come. We had over 1000 kids celebrating the Eucharist under the shade of many mango trees. Close to the altar, beside the Queen, there were the Governor Colonel and the Chief of the Police Force, and soldiers in the assembly.

I offered them St. Ignatius as their patron-saint, since he was a soldier, a front-line warrior and a "rebel" struggling for the reformation of the Church. A beautiful poem from the Breviary of the day was read, with words like: soldier, sword, battle, etc., a fitting vocabulary for them. I gave them some examples: when I was captured by Sudanese rebels, the commander of the battalion brought his machine-gun with a rosary over it to be blessed; American soldiers, before starting land-battle in the Gulf War desert, were shown saying the rosary, etc. I told them everything has its end: Ignatius ended his soldier's career being a soldier of Christ and forming an army for the Eternal King. Today the world needs "converted soldiers".

After hearing the Word of God, instead of going on empty stomachs, we all ate. My Ignatian evening meal was with a

mentally unbalanced young boy. He ate with me at table, very quiet, called, me "Padri zangi yami" ("My beloved Padre"). I went to sleep listening to the tape "I have a dream, a song to sing." It was my first ever feast of St. Ignatius in this part of the world. The soldiers were really honoured to have St. Ignatius for a patron-saint, as they told me later on.

Cazombo, in the Lwena Diocese, Angola, once had 65 priests; now there are only six. Cazombo is a God-forsaken place. Once a week I walk 14 kms to and fro to say Mass in an outpost. Once I walked one day and a half to offer the Eucharist in villages where no priest had ever reached since 1974. Bridges are broken, and only an amphibious car could perhaps spare us the "walking safaris". We are hoping to get bicycles to help us cover outlying villages.

I am in a house twice as big as Loyola House. When I last left the place there were cockroaches, rats and ants. A good breakfast with bread and margarine, or a good room, will remain sweet memories until we renovate the house, and that will take months. We hope to be some eight religious there. The EAP is doing well sending outreach-service missionaries.

There are land mines in the area. When we walked with the catechists they showed me some on the road but they

## NEWS FROM MWANGAZA RETREAT HOUSE

The months of July and August have been months of comings and goings. GILLES went for his annual retreat and returned, followed by Elizabeth, also for her retreat. It is now TONY who is away in the Seychelles, guiding a retreat and making his own annual retreat before he returns. Sr. Mary Fisher will have returned from Ministry in Zambia by the time you get this. JOE SMALL has returned from his home leave in the States, even as JOE BOEL is getting ready to leave Mwangaza on September 5th, almost to the day he arrived three years ago! JOE returns to his Chicago Province to take up his new assignment as Superior in the Novitiate Community at Berkeley, Detroit.

We could not let JOE go without a community celebration of his 50 years since joining the Society on September 7th, 1946; and celebrate we did on his 69th birthday, on August 4th. To grace this multiple celebration Fathers RODRIGO MEJIA, ANDREW RUSATSI and DAVID HOLLENBACH joined the community at Mwangaza to appreciate JOE's presence and ministry here and to say "Thank you" and "Farewell". JOE's celebration of the evening Eucharist on the feast of St. Ignatius, in the presence of the community, was also an item in this multiple celebration.

July 20th will be remembered by OZY very specially for the one-day recollection he directed for a group of about 35 lay men and women from Nairobi. They spent their full Saturday in private, personal and community prayer, ending the day with the Eucharistic celebration. Some of this group came with their spouses!

The evening of August 9th saw a large group of visitors, lay and religious, from several African countries, on a quick visit to Mwangaza. They were at Hekima, participants at a seminar on Ignatian Pedagogy.

These months also saw another kind of "goings-out": A tape-recorder kept in the retreat-house dining room was stolen. At night in the third week of August thieves stole some electrical fittings from the pump-room, making it impossible for us to use the electric pump in the bore-well. Repairs and replacements had to be done at considerable cost.

At the time of writing the 8-day retreat has a total of 24 retreatants from 11 different nationalities! Sr. Carol Kane, F.M.M. and our own CHARLIE MURPHY are guest directors on this retreat.

Finally, on a very different note, an Italian Sister brings her doctor-friend from Italy to Mwangaza on a visit. Within a few minutes of walking

quietly around on the grounds, the doctor says to the Sister: "This is a place where you can come to find

yourself!" You too, dear reader, are welcome to do the same!

*Ozy Gonsalves, S.J.*

### ARUSHA NOVITIATE THREE REPORTERS LOOK AT BIG EVENTS

#### "HERE I AM, LORD..."

On July 14, 1996, fourteen of us pronounced our Apostolic Evangelical Vows. The colourful two-hour celebration was presided over by Fr. RODRIGO MEJIA, Provincial, who in his homily unveiled the mystery of the three nails present in the Society's logo. He equated them to the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. The Novitiate chapel was not spacious enough for the big number of guests who turned up, including some parents, family members, relatives and friends of the

vow men.

After the liturgical celebration all were invited for lunch accompanied by thrilling entertainment. The hosts at one point ran short of chairs, and the only alternative was to resort to sofa sets.

Many Jesuits wished us well, while some others honoured us by their physical presence for the occasion. Among these were Frs. FRANCIS RODRIGUES, FRATERN MASAWA, EDMUND MALLYA, BART MURPHY, JONATHAN HASCHKA, FRANCIS CARDOZ,



shopping" in the capital city. Fr. JOHN LEGGE proved to be his usual dependable informative self in the community, when not zooming out to teach Physics at two different institutes or for other ministry.

I might well have missed seeing Fr. GENE HATTIE, since he had migrated from Nsambya to Nyenga Minor Seminary near Jinja, to join the staff there. However, the community delegated Fr. KEN KUNERT (my onetime co-novice) and me to convey birthday greetings to GENE. Being greeted thus by us, GENE responded that the previous day, July 18, had been his birth anniversary. Anyway, I gifted him with a box of Family biscuits imported from Kenya. The three of us made use of the limited time to "chew the fat" together, as well as literally chew and drink a delectable dinner. On the way driving down to Nyenga, Prof. KEN of Makerere University made a useful contact at Mukono regarding the project he is conducting concerning pastors as popular counsellors of their flock. Parish priests may at times feel inadequate to meet the psychic needs of the faithful who heavily rely on them for "expert" advice. It is hoped that the project may pave the way for counselling training to make pastors more adequate experts in this aspect of

their ministry. You visited me in my prison: On July 14, Fr. Matthias from Paderborn Diocese, Germany, and I ministered unto the inmates at Katojo Prison, Fort Portal. Visiting Fr. Matthias offered the Sacred Liturgy for the ladies, and I for the gents. At the Mass he celebrated in English, he was delighted to baptize a six-month-old baby. After his celebration in the women's sector of the prison, Fr. Matthias came and sat in on the last part of the Mass I was celebrating in Rutooro for the men, who had turned out in good number. After Mass, when the prisoners' chairperson offered thanks for our coming, he also listed some of the inmates' pressing needs. A lady from St. Charles Lwanga Town Parish (under which the prison falls juridically) had accompanied us as the parish secretary. She dutifully noted down the requests, and in turn Fr. Matthias graciously promised to meet at least some of these requests at his own expense later on, through this secretary. I was glad to hear also that one of the town parish curates has planned a basket-weaving project (self-help) for the lady detainees, to help them out financially.

*Bob Mayer, S.J.*

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had been singled out to drive. As it happened one of the rebels told her: "I've already met you". She didn't remember then, but from what he kept saying, she gathered that he had been one of the two armed thugs that had held her up and had taken her car less than a year before.

My assistant came from his hut, one km north of the compound: he had sneaked through the bush in the dark from the moment he heard the first shots. He told us that six strange people had been seen around the trading centres of the area, and that two of them seemed to be showing the other four around.

Around five the next morning, I heard the Director's car as it was stopping outside the gate of the compound. I hurriedly dressed to go and see our people back. They had been asked to take the rebels to Koboko, first via Ladonga. They had found a bridge fallen and had to go back and around some fifty extra kilometers. They then took a short cut to the Zairian border, which they crossed at some point, and once they had reached a certain point inside Zaire the rebels let our people return unharmed. As they parted the rebels told them: "We shall meet again."

*Francisco Ornelas, S.J.*

#### FORT PORTAL REPORT

Kampala revisited: Letters from Jesuits in Kampala, 200 miles East of Fort Portal, reminded me that I was a member of the Xavier House community there. I took the hint and had an enjoyable visit from July 16th to 20th. My last visit had been at Christmas in view of the then impending Province Assembly in Nairobi. Though I suddenly arrived at Xavier House when it was overflowing with guests, Minister Fr. BILL CALLAHAN somehow made the Kisubi Room available for me, stressing the fact that, after all, I was a member of the Xavier House community! As Fr. Pedro Arrupe once put it, local communities are important; but THE community for Ours is the Society of Jesus, no matter

whether we live in a local community or isolated individually in a far-off mission.

Of course physical proximity only helps to cement companionship. It was my first chance to meet Fr. TONY WACH since he became my "local" superior, the Provincial's Delegate for Uganda and EAP Consultor, though we had exchanged letters after he succeeded Fr. PAUL MALLIA in these official capacities. While I was in Kampala, Fr. PAUL MALLIA at last received his visa for Sudan via FAX. This will enable him to take up his new appointment at St. Paul's Major Seminary at Kobar, Khartoum. Fr. ED TRUDEAU made it possible for me to do more than "window

Schols. PASCHAL MWIJAGE and SYLVESTER NSAMA (Zambia). A number of persons from other Religious Congregations also turned up to bring us joy, especially those with whom we shared the inter-novitate study programme.

On behalf of my companions, I wish to express our heartfelt sentiments of gratitude to all those who contributed and devoted themselves in preparation for that memorable day when we said "Here I am, Lord". In particular, we thank the MARDAI family that not only represented our parents but also, in generous support, gave each of us precious gifts. Asanteni Sana!

*Elias Mokuu, S.J.*

the chapel and come out a Jesuit? It is said that a Novice looks holy but is not; that a Scholastic does not look holy and is not. Then what should we say of a Novice who enters the chapel and comes out a Scholastic? The answer provided the Vow Day with meaning,

humour and flavour.

Having pondered long and deep on whether they had enough spiritual capital for their undertaking, each of the fourteen handsome, energetic and hope-provoking young men, trusting in the help of the Holy Spirit, gave an affirmative and yet humble "yes".

During the meal and entertainment that followed, inability to laugh would have been a big misfortune. In the neighbourhood of the chapel one of the new arrivals to the Novitiate exclaimed: "This faith-filled occasion

#### HOLINESS IN THE MAKING

Isn't it surprising for a Novice to enter





gives me added optimism and zeal in my desire to be a Jesuit".

The following day was that of a goodbye to the new Jesuits. It was an occasion of sweet sorrow. There was sorrow about parting, and joy for what life will bring. Everyone present seemed to tell the others: "Thanks, companions. God bless you. We love you and will always love you."

*Pius Ojara, n.S.J.*

### **NEW ARRIVALS, FOUNDER'S DAY, AND HARD WORK**

A sigh of relief is on the lips of the Arusha Jesuit Novitiate Community after the busy months of July and August that saw the arrival of new novices, Founder's Day and maize harvesting.

The new Novices arrived on June 30,

and they spent the whole week getting into the rhythm of the Novitiate. They also underwent a 12-day probation that ended on July 13, with a Mass celebrated by the Province Socius, Fr. FRATERN MASAWA. The primi were now officially Novices of the Society of Jesus.

On July 31, the feast of St. Ignatius was another happy occasion as the Novitiate Community, with invited guests, joined other Jesuits worldwide in commemorating this saintly day of the Founder of the Society of Jesus. It started with a colourful Mass, and later a dinner blended with traditional and modern songs, dance and plays.

After the merrymaking days the Novices rolled up their sleeves and mercilessly attacked the maize plantation; and in three days the rich

fifty meters from the office, the shots sounded pretty strong.

We were later told that after taking all the keys of the cars and stores from the main office, and stuffing their pockets with them, the rebels drove everybody in the office to the gates and made them lay there. With the German girl as their forced guide, they "found" some 500 US dollars worth of Ugandan shillings at the Director's house (we had all been told to keep a credible amount ready just in case, not to infuriate the assailants by denying them any money), and asked for all the radios available. They took many handsets. They also tried to break into the radio room, but the Program Director unlocked it for them to take the radio.

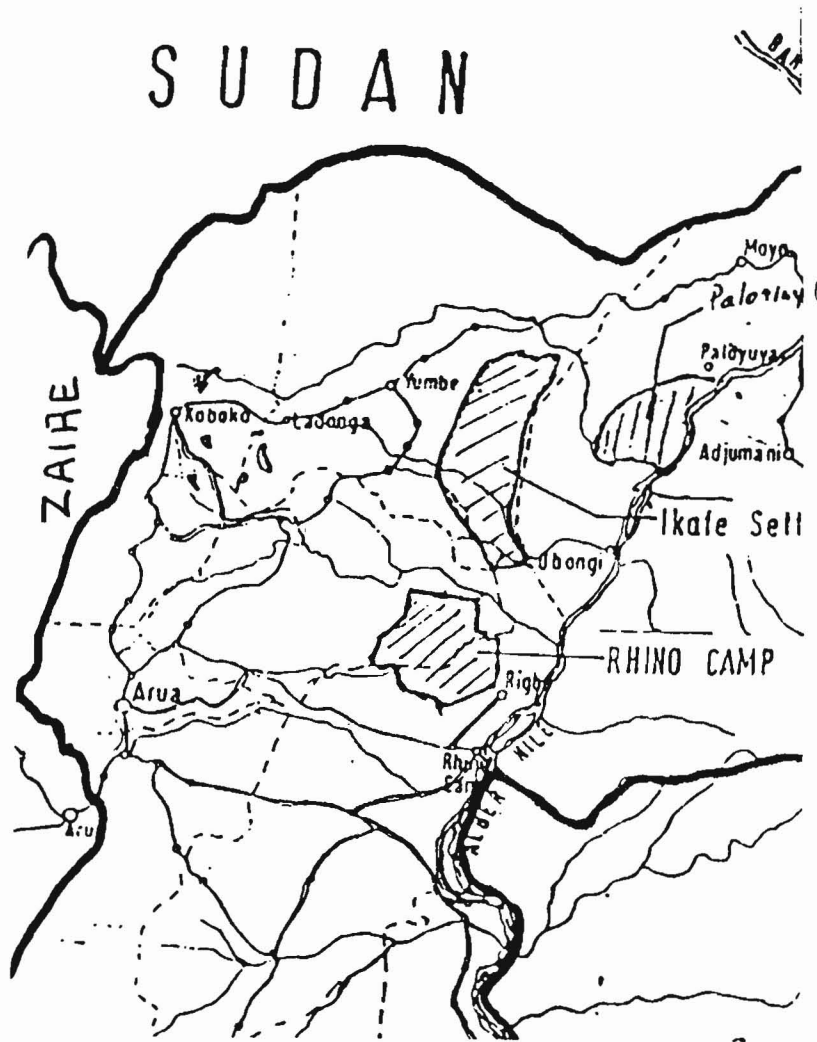
While collecting the money from the Director's house they came dangerously close to the houses of some of the African staff, and from the local doctor's house they carried away at least a large cassette player and a radio. At the guest house they spotted an American volunteer who came out of the bathroom and was greeted by the rebels with a half-ironic half-serious "Good evening, Sista", as she was entering the guest house. The other nine "wazungu" present in the compound were not spotted.

The rebels then asked for a vehicle and chose the best there was in the compound. The Program Director was

asked to drive, accompanied by her cook, a Lugbara girl who knows Arabic. Although they were obviously Lugbara from Uganda, these rebels were seemingly more familiar with Arabic, which is understandable since they were trained in Sudan.

As they were leaving they spotted the three JRS cars, two of them with tall aerals. Since they were looking for radios and had no keys to unlock the doors, they shot through the windows and removed the radio from one of the cars. When they could not dismantle the one from mine, they destroyed it with four bullets. They also shot at the tires of the big lorries parked by the gate. Then, hearing voices from the booth of one of the lorries, they ordered those who were there to come out. When nobody complied, they shot at the cab also. In fact nobody could oblige since the voices the rebels had heard came from a radio.

Then the rebels were gone. The "visit" had lasted one hour. But our Program Director and her helper were still in the hands of the rebels. We started gathering outside the main office and tried to put the whole story together, with the help of the people who had had to deal with the rebels. It was 9.50 p.m., and the car had left less than ten minutes before. Some of the senior staff, experienced Ugandans, were sure that the two women who had been abducted would be released unharmed; but we still wondered why the Director



Director since January 1st, and for whom it was the third time to be attacked in twelve months.

It became known later that four self-appointed rebels had called at the gates for a vehicle. One of the guards had

then gone to convey the rebels' request to the Director, but apparently the rebels followed the guard and barged in the main office and proved they meant business with the first shooting that startled everybody within a radius of more than two km. For us, at scarcely

harvest was safely in the store. Fr. JOE PULLICINO, who has a penchant for introducing new projects in the Community, has constructed some bee hives so as to harvest honey in a few months' time. So far the bees have made their presence felt when one of the Novices had a puffy face one morning. This was after a hive-shifting job went wrong because of a loose string in his headgear that let in one bee. And when he tried to remove it, you can guess what happened as the others found their way in. That novice is now well, after two days of deformation. Malaria also attacked

two primi Novices but they have now recovered, after being incapacitated for two weeks.

Fr. GEORGE THOTTUNGAL arrived on August 16, and the Novitiate Community is very happy to receive him as one of our formation staff members. He will soon be given an official reception.

*Timothy Tororey, n.S.J.*

**STOP PRESS:**

TESFA-MICHAEL HAILE MEHARI entered the Novitiate on Saturday, August 31.

**LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL, DAR ES SALAAM**

On Tuesday, 27 August, Father of the plans and has forwarded to PROVINCIAL signed a contract with Nandhra Construction Company for the construction of our second classroom building and an administration building. On the same day work began, preparing the site for the construction of the two buildings. The classroom building will contain fourteen classrooms, a library and a computer laboratory. We expect the new additions to be ready for occupancy in August 1997. When this additional space is available, Loyola will have enough space for five classes of 140 students each, or enough to serve the needs of the school through the end of the 1999 academic year.

Loyola, through the Detroit Province, the first \$300,000 of their \$1.5 million grant.

In mid-August, the Loyola Community said "Kwa Heri" to ODUOR AFULO, who completed his very successful regency and has moved to Nairobi to begin special studies. At the same time, we said "Karibuni" to ALEX OCHUMBO, who has quickly moved into the office of Assistant Headmaster, to DEUSDEDIT BYEBALILO, our first Minister and also the Assistant Project Director, and to LEODGAR MUNA, who is beginning his regency by taking over the mathematics classes that AFULO taught, and managing the bookstore that AFULO founded. All three have been most welcome additions to the community and to the

ASHA (American Schools and Hospitals Abroad), the agency funding the new construction, has approved all

school staff. GEORGES KIMONGE has joined the community for the months of August and September, and is busy putting some order into the large collection of library books and textbooks that we received in three containers from Detroit.

During July and August, our remaining six guest rooms were occupied much of the time by Jesuits visiting Dar and by five International

Volunteers on their way from the U.S. to Mwanza, where they will be working for the next two years. Among our Jesuit visitors were BART MURPHY, EDMUND LELLO, AMEDEUS SHIRIMA, RICHARD D'SOUZA, MZEE KAPPA, and several Hekima theologians on their way to and from their summer pastoral assignments.

*Dick Twohig, S.J*

#### NOTES FROM XAVIER HOUSE, KAMPALA

June, July and early August have seen the permanent residents active and "on the go". Fr. TONY WACH gave a Day of Recollection to the Uganda Bishops on June 6, during their Annual Plenary Meeting at Ggaba National Seminary. He gave a workshop on Peace and Justice to Sister Novices at Katikamu as part of their formation course on June 13. He and Fr. ED TRUDEAU visited Fr. GENE HATTIE in the diaspora at Nyenga Seminary, near Jinja, shortly before his birthday in mid-July. On July 29, he went to Mbarara to give the ordination retreat to 10 priest candidates and 10 deacon candidates of the Kabale Diocese, at the invitation of Bishop Gay. He returned from the retreat in August, bringing an Aspirant for the Society, Patrick Kwesiga, who stayed with us for 5 days. On

August 10 he took off for Nairobi to participate in the Superiors' meeting, the Province Consultors' meeting and the Faith and Justice Committee meeting. However the Community has not been acephalic in his absence, as Fr. BILL CALLAHAN has added the Acting-Superior's hat to his hat as Minister during these times.

Fr. PAUL MALLIA led a busy life his last few months here in the Community and in Uganda, before departing for the Sudan. On June 7 he was honored at the Diploma Day of the National Seminary at Ggaba for his years of service there and for his 20 years of teaching in the seminaries of Uganda. It was announced to those present that he would be leaving for his new assignment to the Seminary of

given to the students for the President's election). He has continued to pursue his mental health awareness interviews with Roman Catholic and Church of Uganda Priests and Reverends, Church of Uganda. Lack of telephone connections has turned a once seemingly simple task into a number of necessary extra trips to set up appointment and then go out to do the four interviews. The reality of the Third World situation is quickly demolishing First World imagination and planning. Live and Learn.

KEN and BOB MAYER went to

#### REBELS AT RHINO REFUGEE CAMP, NORTH EASTERN UGANDA

(Excerpts from a report sent in by Fr. F. Ornelas on August 7)  
... On Monday, June 24, my assistant and I drove to Koboko after consulting with the UNHCR Office in Arua, and left, with the 27 Rhino camp students we are helping to support there, the food for July assigned to them by the WFP in Rhino Camp. It takes a cautious and slow pace to drive those 50 km, all the time looking around for recently removed dirt, not yet trodden by any vehicle, that would indicate a mine freshly planted.

We came back to Rhino Camp in time to celebrate the Eucharist so as to

celebrate GENE HATTIE's birthday with him on July 20, the day after his birthday. They saved him from a bean and posho lunch by taking him to the Jinja Sunset Hotel for their luncheon buffet. It was a complete change from "posho and beans". He is willing to accept wishes for a few more years, but not for a "long life". It has been a busy couple of months. Things should settle down for a bit, with everyone returning to normal schedules. But, if you get a chance, stop and visit us. It is always good to get first hand information on what is happening in the rest of the Province.

*Ken Kunert, S.J.*

thank for the visit of the new JRS Regional Director, Fr. JOSEPH PAYEUR, and of the Country Directors for Tanzania and Uganda. A low-keyed nice dinner followed in the garden just outside our dining room. At around 8.45 p.m. a short but uncomfortably-near fusillade of about ten bullets was heard from what we tentatively identified as the area of the central coordination office. Most of us rushed to the kitchen, turned the lights off, and the long wait began. We tried to follow the movements of the assailants, whose voices and pacing were mingled with those of the DED girl who has been the Acting Program

while Rob put the finishing touches on the work he was leaving behind with Bro. Francis of the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker. Their visits with the boys were always a joy for us and got us into playing some cards and games we have not done in many a year.

Fr. Herbert Miller from Zimbabwe was with us for two days when he came for the inauguration of a German-sponsored clinic in Beeradere (Mbale). Fr. ED TRUDEAU represented the Community at the Catholic Secretariat's farewell to Msgr. Alex Mukasas as Secretary General, and for the greeting of Fr. Joseph Obunga who is succeeding him in office.

Fr. BILL CALLAHAN has found the Minister's job includes a number of unusual tasks. Our male dog Jinga somehow seriously injured his hind quarters, so he was barely able to walk. A trip to the vets got him a shot, but it did not improve matters. After a number of days, seeing the dog lying there not eating, it became BILL's task to perform the act of charity of despatching Jinga from this world when he could not get a policeman to come and put Jinga out of his misery with a quick and merciful bullet. Even for dogs,

mercy killing is not a pleasant Jesuit task. The job of guarding our compound is now left to his faithful female companion, Entebbe. BILL's latest problem is dealing with recalcitrant urinals which somehow seem to get clogged up with roots of surrounding vegetation. He just mentioned that he never expected to be having to clean urinals on Sunday afternoons. The "Lord's work" knows no time schedules. To top things off, our small washing machine gave up its wash cycle, what with all the sheets and towels it had to do with all the visitors. It was meant for small family use, not "hotel" size demands. Once again it becomes clear why the Minister's job is one of those we are allowed to seek in the Society.

John Bosco Ngaya, an aspirant to the Society, visited us for some days. Fr. BILL CALLAHAN directed a three-day retreat for him, and he talked over vocation variabilia with TONY WACH. Fr. Thomas, from Soroti Diocese, spent two days with us here to do a little business in Kampala and get some rest and relaxation.

Fr. KEN KUNERT finished up another year of teaching at Makerere on July 12 (classes extended because of the teachers' strike and the week

Khartoum in the Sudan. On the 20th he went to Fort Portal to attend the Inter-Seminary Annual Meeting at St. John's National Seminary, Kinyamorika. While in Fort Portal he visited our diaspora group there of Rob and Karen Doucette and their three sons, Jesuit Lay Associates of the Wisconsin Province, and Fr. BOB MAYER, who is the Novice Master there for the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker. On June 30 he went to Arusha (after some plane flight time mixups) by way of Nairobi to give a retreat at the Canossian Sisters' Retreat Centre. While there he visited the Novitiate and stopped off at Nairobi on the way home for a bit of rest and relaxation before settling into his final work on the house library and the books he got from the States for seminaries, etc. and his own packing. Like all of us today, he is not able to just pack breviary (now four volumes) and cassock, as Xavier supposedly did when he set out to India.

From August 10 to 15 Fr. PAUL MALLIA scurried to clear his room of the remnants of his books "gathered for seminaries and other crusades" which was supported by Fr. BOB DIETRICH of the Detroit Province over the years. He even got to put in some time in personal packing. On the 14th the Community had a Farewell-God-Speed-and-Blessings dinner for PAUL, giving him some mementos of his years here as he got set to leave on the 16th for Khartoum. Fr. Girard Kalumba, Rector of Ggaba Seminary, Bro. Bruno, Bursar of Ggaba Seminary, and Brother Al Westerman of Lourdel House were his guests, invited for the farewell social and dinner. PAUL led us in the Vigil Mass of the Assumption in his final time as principal concelebrant here in the Community. Fr. ED TRUDEAU gave a send-off message of gratitude and well wishes, and presented him with the Memorial Medal Pope John Paul II passed out on his first visit to three countries in Africa.

On July 13 PAUL arrived home with four Hekima Scholastics, LUC LUSALA LU NE NKUKA (ACE) and JEAN DE DIEU RAZAFIMAHATRATRA (MDG), who were on their way to their pastoral experience with JRS in Adjumani, and YVON CHRISTIAN

On August 16 the Community cheered PAUL off with "abbracci" as he left for the Sudan after some 25 plus years working for the Society's apostolates in Uganda. HI & GOODBYE. The Long Vacation (I was told this is the word for Summer in Uganda, where Summer is a 12-month period) has seen Xavier House acting as the Xavier Hilton of Uganda, with a plethora of visitors and transients. SIMON SAM DRASIGA arrived in June from Arrupe College in Harare for home visit in Maracha, W. Nile, an area threatened by the rebels. He spent some days here while the situation was surveyed for a safe passage. He finally was able to get home after doing some AIDS ministry at Nsambya Hospital Home Care Unit. He also did a three-day course in Behavior Change at Katikamu while here. GODFREY KAYEMBA stopped by to greet us while on his way to enter the Novitiate. In July ISAAC KIYAKA, Scholastic Deacon, arrived on his way to a home visit before going to Lumen Vitae for Pastoral Education in Brussels. The same day three Theologians from Hekima, all from Rwanda, ELISEE RUTAGAMBWA, ANICET SETAKO and EUGENE BAYINGANA, stopped by on their way to home visits. On July 8 Schol. SIMON DRASIGA left for the West Nile to visit home. On the 16th the new vow men, ODOMARO MUBANGIZI and DEOGRATIAS MUTAYOBA, came through on their way to home visits. Schol. KIZITO KIYIMBA arrived on the 19th, after finishing Philosophy, for home visit here in Kampala. On the 24th ANDREW MADRA left by air (road travel no longer safe) for Moyo and home visit. ISAAC KIYAKA passed through after home visit, on his way to Nairobi and Brussels. DANIEL OPIO AKAU arrived on August 7, on his way to the Sudan where his mother had died earlier this year. On the 9th he left for Mbale and Kotido to visit relatives, on his tortuous attempt to get into the Sudan to visit home where his mother died. This is truly a case where we pray "Vaya con Dios". On August 9 Fr. ANDREW MADRA returned safely from his home visit, with tales of the situation with the rebels along the W. Nile. He stayed for a few days before traveling on to his next assignment. On August 16 DANIEL OPIO AKAU returned safely from his attempt to get to Sudan. He was able to visit some close relatives up North, but conditions were too unsafe to get to

Sudan. It was good to have him safely back with us. He left for Harare on August 19. doctors at Mullago found out did not really answer all of this arrhythmic problems. He has occupied part of his time here with Masses and talks to Sisters of the local area Congregations. PACO, CELSO, Srs. Margaret and Maureen joined the Xavier House Community for the celebration of St. Ignatius' Feast Day.

### JRS in Diaspora

With the rebels making the situation up North less than pleasant, we have been privileged to share support with a number of the JRS staff who have honored us with their presence. JOSEPH PAYEUR passed through here on his way to visit the Rhino Camp and the other Camps up North on June 18. Just two days before, Sisters Margaret and Veronica stopped in and reported the rebels had been very near them and had looted the compound and destroyed vehicles and radios, etc. They will be staying at Claver House until things settle down in the North. Fr. PAYEUR experienced the rebels the fourth day of his visit, and returned with all the JRS people on the 25th, after 4 rebels had attacked the UNHCR compound at Rhino Camp the previous evening, shooting up cars and trucks, smashing radio transmitters and demanding money. A little "Welcome to the North" greetings to JOSEPH PAYEUR! Fr. PACO ORNELAS joined us here at Xavier House during JRS's dispersion from the North. In July PACO went to Nairobi for medical attention and then returned to us with a new pacemaker - which

### Quiet Days at Xavier House

Fr. George Winzenburg, of the Wisconsin Province, spent two months here in Uganda at the invitation of TONY WACH, doing pastoral work in the Fort Portal and Mbarara Dioceses and visiting the JRS refugee camps up North. After a very enjoyable visit he left us for Europe and then for his new assignment as Pastor of Gesu Parish in Milwaukee. He would like to come back someday after his tour of duty is finished back home.

Two priests were here from the Kabale and Fort Portal Dioceses for counseling and prayer with TONY WACH during the first part of July. Our Lay Jesuit Associates came to home visit time in July. Karen Doucette and sons Philip (3) and Josh (8) left on the 9th so Karen could be home for her aunt's surgery. Robert and son Joel (10) left on the 18th after spending two days with us