

NOVEMBER 1996

Eastern Africa

Province

Fri	1	Paul-Emile Filion †1992
Sat	2	Sosthenes Luyembe, Anthony Muange
Sun	3	Bl. Rupert Mayer - Optional
Tue	5	ALL SAINTS AND BLESSED OF THE SOCIETY - Feast
Thu	7	Andrew Vuciri
Mon	11	Karl Herrman*, George Ochieng
Tue	12	Joseph Payeur
Wed	13	St. Stanislaus Kostka - Memorial Ozy Gonsalves, Stanislaus Mascarenhas
Thu	14	St. Joseph Pignatelli - Memorial Josephat Wangira
Fri	15	Patrick Wambua
Sat	16	Sts. Roch Gonzalez, John de Castillo and Alphonsus Rodriguez- Memorial
Sun	17	Simon Esibo
Tue	19	Deogratias Mutayoba
Thu	21	Damas Missanga, Joseph H. Small+, Bertrand Djimoguinan*
Fri	23	Bl. Miguel Augustine Pro - Optional
Sun	25	David Ehimandre*
Tue	26	St. John Berchmans - Memorial
Thu	28	Alain Ngudi Mpuni*, Jacquelin Saucier †1967

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FROM THE PROVINCIAL'S DESK

Appointments by Very Rev. Fr. General:

Fr. **Redemptus Hardaputranta** S.J., has been appointed Regional Superior of Thailand.

Fr. **LEO AMANI MASAWA** S.J., has been appointed Province Consultor and the Provincial's Delegate for Tanzania, in replacement of Fr. **EDMUND LELLO MALLYA**, S.J. Father General writes: "Please, thank Fr. Edmund Lello Mallya for his generous services to the Province. May he be assured of my prayers for a profitable tertianship in the Philippines". Congratulations to Fr. **LEO AMANI** for this new work added to his mission...

Fr. **Socius, FRATERN MASAWA** S.J. has been admitted to pronounce his final vows. The ceremony will take place at Hekima College on the 8th of December, 1996. Sincere congratulations!

Recent appointments by Fr. Provincial:

Fr. **FRATERN MASAWA** has been appointed Provincial's Delegate for Formation. The process of taking over the office from Fr. **VICTOR JACCARINI** is completed, and Fr. **MASAWA** will visit our Scholastics in Harare in October. I want to express my own gratitude and the gratitude of the Province to Fr. **VICTOR JACCARINI**, who has been in this office since 1988 (with a break of about one year when Fr. **VALERIAN SHIRIMA**, S.J. was in charge). I thank Fr. **JACCARINI** for his devoted and persevering service to the Province.

Fr. **GASPAR SUNHWA** S.J. has been appointed Vocation Promotion Coordinator for Tanzania, in replacement of Fr. **HECTOR ALMEIDA** S.J., who returned to Goa, his home Province.

Fr. **LUDWIG VAN HEUCKE** S.J. has been appointed Representative

of Tanzania to the Faith and Justice Network of our Province, in replacement of Fr. EDMUND LELLO MALLYA, S.J.

Following a request to the Provincial of the Near East Province, Fr. Provincial, Jan Bronsveld, S.J. has accepted to mission Fr. HANS PUTMAN S.J. to reinforce our Jesuit team in Khar-toum. Fr. PUTMAN is currently working in Alexandria (Egypt). He is waiting for his entry permit to Sudan to be processed.

In consultation with the Provincial of the Central Africa Province, I have decided to transfer Schol. BERHANU TAMENE from Kimwenza (Zaire) to Arrupe College in Harare for the continuation of his philosophical studies.

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Welcome to our Province:

Father DAVID HOLLENBACH S.J., from the Maryland Province, has come to teach at Hekima College during the first semester. His teaching is part of his research programme, sponsored by the Fullbright Scholarship. Father

HOLLENBACH is a professor of Social Ethics at Boston College, and has been a theological advisor of the Bishops' Conference in the United States.

Schol. ELIAS LOPEZ P. S.J. from the Baetica Province (Spain) has been missioned by his Provincial to do his regency in the JRS apostolate in our Province. He has already completed his theological studies. He has been assigned by the JRS Regional Director to Ngara (Tanzania).

Jesuits' Country Meetings:

As suggested in the evaluation of our Province Assembly last year, this year the Jesuits of each of the five countries of our Province will have their own local meetings.

The meeting for the Jesuits of Tanzania is being organized by Fr. LEO AMANI in Arusha, from the 26th December evening to the 30th morning.

For the Jesuits working in Kenya the meeting is being organized by Hekim College from the 27th December in the morning to the 28th in the evening. Local Superiors are requested to send the list of the participants to Fr. Socius before the 15th of December. More details on the main topic and on the speakers will be given in the next issue of Easternet.

Modifications to the Status 1996 as presented in the July Easternet:

CHIEA during his visit to the Campus on November 3, 1992. CHIEA thus became CUEA. The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences was already begun, with the departments of Philosophy, Social Sciences, History, Geography, English, Mathematics, Commerce and Business Administration, Religious Studies and Social Ethics. Postgraduate diplomas are now offered in Education and in Planning and Management. Only postgraduate courses are available in Theology and Philosophy at present.

Problems and Prospects

The new University has successfully come through the first stage of its growth. The present strength of the University is about 1000 students, with an almost equal number of female and male students. A large majority of the undergraduate students follow either the B.Ed. course with two teaching subjects, or the B.Com. program.

The early response from the participating bishops, the Catholics of AMECEA countries and benefactors from abroad to this University project had been very positive. Further developmental projects however are still awaiting the needed finance for execution. A hostel for male students, a larger library building and an administrative building complex are among the priorities at present. The "Friends of CUEA" are making consistent efforts to raise funds locally, since foreign assistance for higher education projects has become difficult to obtain.

Being a private university, CUEA depends wholly on the fees from students for its running expenses. The required fees of Shs. 50,000 per semester for the two semesters of each year is beyond the means of the lower income group families. The University has only a very limited scholarship fund to help deserving

candidates.

Another anomaly in the development of CUEA seems to be the waning enthusiasm for the Departments of the Theology Faculty. For example, no courses in Spiritual Theology, Canon Law and Church History are conducted this semester, due to the paucity of applicants. Most Departments in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences have more than enough applications for the facilities available at present.

CUEA is still in its early stages.

Conscious efforts are being made to come up to the high standard expected of such an institution. Streamlining the administrative set-up is among the suggestions made by the Government Commission for Higher Education. Modalities of coordination with the two constituent Colleges, Tangaza College and Hekima College, are still in the process of being perfected. A number of changes in the administration personnel were effected between the end of the last academic year and the beginning of the current year. The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor/Rector, Vice-Rector, Registrar, the Deans of the two Faculties, the Dean of Students, the Bursar/Administrator - are all new appointees! But changes often bring about improvement.

Now to end with a word about Jesuits connected with CUEA: besides the two names mentioned among the Founding Fathers - Fr. Edouard Trudeau and Fr. Victor Coulombe - a few others have taught in the Faculty of Theology as visiting professors. Fr. Rodrigo Mejía, Fr. Cecil McGarry and Fr. Angelo D'Agostino are among these. Fr. Mani Nedumattam joined the resident staff as Acting Chaplain and Lecturer in History last year. Fr. Andrew Rusatsi has joined the Theology Faculty this year as a non-resident staff member.

Mani Nedumattam, S.J.

The Plenary Assemblies of the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM) deliberated on this challenge for some time, and finally, in 1976, a committee was set up to pursue the proposal to erect a College "to suit the needs of African students in an African setting". Archbishop (now Cardinal) Arinze was its Chairman. Fr. Edouard Trudeau, S.J. was appointed Director of Planning the next year. After visiting various theological seminaries and consulting National Episcopal Conferences, the Director submitted his report to the Episcopal Conference of Anglophone Africa held in Nairobi in 1987. The proposal to set up two Higher Institutes, one for West Africa and the other for East Africa, was approved by the Sacred Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples in 1980.

Serious practical work to build the Catholic Higher Institute of Eastern Africa (CHIEA) now began. The Kenya Episcopal Conference gave fifteen acres of land adjacent to the St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Langata. Rev. Fr. Paul Kalandia (now bishop) was already appointed Acting Rector. The various committees for finance, building, staffing, etc. were set up. A library fund was started and Fr. Victor Coulombe, S.J. appointed librarian. Funds from several agencies and generous donations of books began to come in to help the CHIEA project. Most of the needed teaching staff was obtained through the cooperation of the AMECEA bishops and superiors of missionary societies. The appointment of Bro. Jos Boerkamp, MHM as full-time Bursar-Administrator helped to speed up the building program.

On September 3, 1984, Bishop M. Mazombwe, the AMECEA Chairman, officially declared the Catholic Higher Institute of Eastern Africa open, after a solemn thanksgiving Mass in the new

chapel, which was concelebrated by Maurice Cardinal Otunga, Laurian Cardinal Rugambwa and several bishops, in the presence of many friends and visitors. The next year, on 18th August, His Holiness Pope John Paul II formally opened the Institute on the occasion of his visit to Nairobi for the International Eucharistic Congress.

From CHIEA to CUEA

The name "Catholic University of Eastern Africa" had already been suggested before the opening of the Institute. But the Executive Committee was given, by the Cardinal Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, the advice that such a name could be used once the academic centre had developed further and had at least three Faculties. The first step in the process of growth was the authorization from Rome to raise CHIEA to the status of an autonomous Faculty of Theology that could award Master of Arts degrees in specialized areas of Theology, and later, in 1987, to begin Ph.D. programs in the same Faculty.

Efforts to obtain the civil university charter from the Government of Kenya were simultaneously begun. Complying with the provisions of the University Act of 1985, CHIEA applied in 1986 for recognition as a private University. During the next six years all the procedures required by the University Act were gone through. This included visits to the Institute by members of the Government Commission for Higher Education, to evaluate the academic programs and various facilities available at CHIEA. In the mean time more adjacent land was purchased; two more blocks of buildings for lecture rooms and a large auditorium were constructed. And finally it was Kenya's President Daniel Arap Moi himself who handed over the University Charter to

Delete:
Cassar, Joseph (not coming);
Ruhan, Antony (back to Australia).
Add:
Kimonge, Georges: 4th Year of Theology at Hekima College;
Elias Lopez P. (BET), from the Baetica Province, in Southern Spain, who is going to Ngara.

Changes at the Novitiate:
The following candidates did not start their novitiate:
Mr. Richard Karanja,
Mr. Andrew Luhogi.
First Year Novices left the Novitiate:

nS. Anthony Mugambi, on 26th August 1996.
nS. Evarist Baimu, on 12th September 1996.

Fr. Provincial's Schedule October:
28 : Meeting in Nairobi with the Guadalupe Missionaries.
29-31 : Prospective meeting in Arusha with the Vocation Promoters (to be confirmed).

Fr. Socius' Schedule for October:
06-10: Visit to the Second Year Novices in Arusha
15-26: Visit to our Scholastics in Arrupe College (Harare).

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

BUDGET FOR 1997 IS DUE ON 18 NOVEMBER 1996

Please discuss your budget in a special community meeting for its effectiveness. Kindly indicate your FACSI contribution so that the amount can be sent to Fr. General by the end of November. Province contribution remains at 5% of all your total ordinary expenses.

NOTICE: COMPANION TO THE SUNDAY MISSAL, YEAR B

Fr. PETER EDMONDS, the author, who teaches New Testament at Hekima College, is frequently asked for copies of the notes he has published on this topic. The system is one Sunday, one page; one column on the readings before the Gospel; one column on the Gospel reading itself. They are not homilies, they are simply background notes on the Scripture. A shorter version of these notes is published in the Nairobi Archdiocesan Newsletter. Note that Year B begins at the end of November 1996.

Fr. EDMONDS has a limited number of reprints, done in Zimbabwe, and says he will be pleased to send them to anyone interested. He was charged the equivalent of 90 Ksh a copy for them.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GITANGA ROAD?

In short, visitors and visits.

Visitors: Our new Guest House and its excellent cook have been kept quite busy lately. After the August JRS Meeting in Kigali, four Liberians (Zubah, James, Elsie and Chester), in charge of JRS Liberia, spent a few days with us, exploring and looking at our various projects. Then they went back to their troubled country, accompanied by our good wishes and prayers. Others came from Bukavu, Australia, Rome, Tanzania, Eritrea and Ethiopia. But the most appreciated was Elias Lopez P., S.J., who is polishing his English and being introduced to Swahili for about one month, as a preparation for his going to Ngara, to join Radio Kwizera. Finally there was Chinua Ejeka, a young Nigerian living in Germany with his parents and studying Social Economy at a University in Hamburg. He spent more than two months visiting and helping and learning in Mwanza, in Kyabalissa and here. He made many friends during his stay among us. Who knows? He may be a future recruit for JRS EAP! Meanwhile Michael Schopf, S.J., in his own discreet way, continues his investigations in Kyabalissa (Tanzania).

Visit to Ethiopia: For the Regional Director, the most important event during September was his visit to Ethiopia. Quite a positive experience! First of all, to meet people in a country

that he had reluctantly left in 1977. Secondly, getting acquainted with the whole of JRS-Ethiopia, present and... future. He visited the projects in Addis Ababa and in Debre Zeit. The striking note was the nearly completed Ethiopianization of the JRS staff. Apart from the Country Director, Fr. Jan Ermers, Vincentian, and Fr. Richard Baker, Maryknoller, who is working in Gambela, the whole staff is made up of competent and generous young Ethiopians.

The majority of JRS workers are now in Addis Ababa. Apart from the Support Office, there is a flourishing and most active Refugee Counselling Center (RCC). Numerous activities attract hundreds of urban refugees: counselling sessions, various courses in Amharic, English, French, on the use of computers; for the younger ones, tutoring as well as entertainment; and for the artists, music, painting, and more: a beautiful array of activities coordinated by the devoted Weizero Seble Makonnen.

In Debre Zeit, there is also a project for the Eritrean wives of former Ethiopian soldiers who fought in Eritrea. It is a project that will be phasing out in the next two years, but which did and is still doing a lot for the eight hundred beneficiaries who keep being supported in one way or another by our JRS team.

establishing a committee whose role was to advise RSAT on faith and justice issues in Tanzania: "To assist members of RSAT to identify and research pressing social issues; to give practical suggestions in dealing with these issues and to encourage implementation". Recently, however, there has been a significant development in that the role of the faith and justice committee in RSAT has changed from simply that of advisory to an independent body that acts in the name of RSAT.

In 1996, the main challenge that came from the faith and justice committee was centred upon refugees. Though many of our religious groups already have men working in the refugee camps in Ngara and Karagwe, the faith and justice committee challenged all the religious superiors to make a personal visit to the camps and thus gain personal and first-hand information about the problem of refugees. JRS-Mwanza can help with travel arrangements to the camps by air through the help of UNHCR.

The committee members visited the camps this year. They noted that despite the fact that there were numerous NGO's

that dealt with refugees in terms of food, shelter, medicine and other services, the continued presence of so many people (700,000) in the camps for such a long period continued to be very hard if not inhuman and contrary to human dignity. According to Amnesty International, the possibility of a rapid return home is not feasible. The next option is the question of resettlement. However, is this the desire of the refugees themselves? According to the present policies of Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Zaire and even the United Nations, resettlement is not possible. In fact right now, the refugees in the area of our discussion and the pastoral workers there are not allowed even to discuss the issue of resettlement.

In the light of the African Synod and this year's focus on justice and peace, this committee requests an urgent support in drafting a joint appeal by the Tanzanian Episcopal Conference (TEC) and RSAT to the United Nations and the governments of Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and Zaire, asking that the option of resettlement in Tanzania be considered as an alternative to the present situation.

Fr. Edmund Mallya, S.J.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA

The Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA), situated in Langata, Nairobi, is the fruit of years of planning and gradual execution, and it stands as a sign of the maturing Church of the AMECEA region. Today it is a fully accredited University, having received its Charter from the Government of Kenya in 1992, with two Faculties preparing students for the various university degrees/diplomas.

A HISTORICAL NOTE

The Catholic bishops of this region were

encouraged by the official statement of Vat. II in 1965: "The Sacred Synod earnestly recommends the establishment of Catholic Universities and Faculties strategically distributed throughout the world (GE no. 10). Then, during his visit to Africa in 1969, Pope Paul VI further challenged the Church in Africa to develop its own identity, asking the ecclesiastical leaders to adapt the Christian life in the field of pastoral, ritual, didactic and spiritual activities so as to make it truly "African Christianity".

FRANCIS engaged in a deep exchange carved out in French; or perhaps JAMES LOMULEN recounting his experiences in Kinshasa to, FIDELIS UDA. The Sons of the Soil are now almost fully fledged francophones!

Those who went for their home visits are also back. DRASIGA SIMON has good things to say about Kampala. He says that he was fully occupied during his apostolic experience / home visit. PAT WAMBUA, the Son of Machakos, said he enjoyed his stay in Ngara. Those who were to join us have also arrived, but not without a bit of drama at the airport in Nairobi. When only GILBERT MARDAI's luggage was beyond the required weight, we thought that we could "salvage" the situation. But then OTIENO's, MKENDA's, ARUNDA's and MUTAYOBA's luggage was also declared to be suffering from the same "ailment". So we were really stuck. But, as we say, where there are elders, things would not go out of hand. The manager, after considering that we were travelling as a group, allowed all of us to travel with our excess luggage. Who didn't breathe a sigh of relief after that? Anyway, the new group is here, and how well they have settled into the Arrupe College family! ODO's exhilarating quips are gently becoming an outstanding feature of our life. ARUNDA, not to be kept behind, is giving Shona all that he has got. GIGI is already on the way to establishing a "steady rela-

RSAT FAITH AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

On the 18-19 July 1996 I attended a two-day meeting of the men Religious Superiors of Tanzania at Mbagala Spiritual Centre in Dar es Salaam. One of the main topics on the agenda dealt with how we involve ourselves in issues of faith and jus-

tionship" with French.

The Mass of the Holy Spirit marked the beginning of the new academic year. The main celebrant was the Nuncio, Archbishop Prabhu, while the Provincial gave the homily. It was a very inspiring one. The singing was just wonderful. Imagine Baba Provincial gently swinging to the rhythm of the songs, and smiling as if saying "yes, this is really good stuff".

Turning to sports, the new group is certainly superior to the combined team of the veterans. In the first match, the veterans lost 2-3, while in the return match they lost again 1-2. Some of us blamed the weather while the rest laid the blame on pork. Yes, pork. That some of the veterans have put on a bit, just a bit of weight is an open secret. Plans however are at an advanced stage to see to it that the situation is seriously addressed.

Stop Press:: The "Ministry of Public Works" announces that the building of the canteen in Arrupe College has begun. It is expected to be ready for use by next August, but from past experience one cannot help but be skeptical about that promise.

Keep us of Arrupe College in your kind prayers, most especially AKAU DANIEL, who lost his mother in August.

Moses Were, S.J.

tice as a body of religious superiors.

Since its inception in 1989 the Religious Superiors' Association of Tanzania (RSAT) has always given priority to faith and justice issues. This was first done by

So much about the present. How about the future? There are two main projects that are in the cooking pot: the first one is in Gambela, and the second in Addis Ababa. In Punyido Camp, located in Gambela, and which we visited, there live some forty thousand Sudanese refugees. The Ethiopian Government is inviting us to help them, especially in the sector of Community Services. We are now negotiating a presence that would be of help to those refugees and in accord with our JRS mission. As for the second project, it could be classified as a Parish Outreach Project. There are thousands of urban refugees in Addis Ababa, and

some suffer a lot. As we are doing in Nairobi, we would like to try to help through the local structure of the parishes, Ethiopian Orthodox or Catholic. Fr. Ermers (Abba Yan, as he is called there) is planning the launching of that project.

Next time there will be more visits to report on; and I guess the main one will be the visit to Uganda, from October 10th to 23rd. Please say a prayer for us: nowadays Northern Uganda is one of the most unsettled areas in Eastern Africa.

Joseph A. Payeur, S.J.

LOYOLA HOUSE

First Year Theologians at Loyola: On September 9, 14 newcomers to Hekima, together with Fr. EMMANUEL NKENG, their Minister, joined the Loyola Communities for the Eucharistic liturgy and a grand agape after.

Vacation: VICTOR JACCARINI, in the company of DAN KENNEY, spent a week in Mombasa (September 5-13). VICTOR provided the wine, it seems, and DAN the wit, to make for an enjoyable time on the beach.

Journeys: JOSEPH PAYEUR, Vice-Superior of Loyola and JRS Regional Director, was on a JRS business tour in Ethiopia (Sept. 9-22).

FRANCIS RODRIGUES, Minister of Loyola House and Province Bursar, went to Dar and Dodoma on official business (Sept. 9-16).

Great ERIC CONDILLAC filled in as Acting Superior in the absence of JOSEPH and FRANCIS.

D'AG (ANGELO D'AGOSTINO) re-entered East African air space and landed in Nairobi on September 17, after orbiting the European and North American continents for three months. We shall have some account of his journeys, conferences, workshops, etc., and perhaps of his mendicant successes! A van full of baggage, loaded to capacity, arrived with him from the airport. Rumour has it that a whole container is on its way to Mombasa. I hope I am not giving out too many secrets!

Annual retreat:

VICTOR JACCARINI was at the Benedictine Sisters' Retreat Centre, Karen, for his retreat (September 16-25).

Ministries:

CHARLES MURPHY seems to be on regular loan to the Mwangaza Retreat House for directed retreats. Of course, he is a veteran in the business! Retreats given in September: 4-13; 21-30.

JONATHAN HASCHKA joined the Jesuit retreat team of five for the Hekima Theologians' retreat at Sagana (September 16-25).

ERIC CONDILLAC conducted the retreat for a group of priests of the Archdiocese of Mombasa at the Dimesse Pastoral Centre, Karen (September 22-27).

Our visitors:

- Schol. ELIAS LOPEZ PEREZ (from the Baetica Province, Spain), after an initial stay of eight days at Loyola, moved to the JRS complex on Gitanga Road; but he likes to come to Loyola for the week-ends.

- EDMUND M. LELLO, until recently the Superior at Mwanza and the Provincial's Delegate for Tanzania, spent three days here on his way to Manila, Philippines, for his Tertianship.

- TREVOR D'SOUZA, from Moshi, was here in early September, on his way to Zimbabwe for some Enneagram workshops. He came back to

Nairobi on September 21, en route to Moshi.

- PROTAS OPONDO's stay at Loyola was short-lived, as he was suddenly called upon by the Provincial to replace JORGE RAMIREZ, (Province of Central America) at Kangemi Parish, the latter having decided to return to his own Province.

- MANI NEDUMATTAM, C.U.E.A. (Chaplain, who finds it more difficult to be absent from the campus this year, managed to spend the September 21-22 week-end with us.

- PIO CIAMPA came from Rongai (September 4-5; 26-29).

- Donald Ward, of the Maryland Province, was here (September 17-24). He has worked in Chile for several years in parish school ministry, and is presently in a parish in Camden, New Jersey. He came to Nairobi to visit the JRS-East Africa set-up, and was obliged to stay for a few more days than planned, as the JRS Regional Director was away in Ethiopia. If everything comes together for him, he could be working for JRS-East Africa in the near future.

- From September 16 to 18, Gilbert Col, a candidate from Mauritius for the Province of France was our guest, before proceeding to the Cameroon to begin his noviceship there.

- RICHARD D'SOUZA came from Dodoma and was with us for a few days (September 23-25; 27-30).

- Special visitors from JRS Headquarters, Rome: Mr. Adrian Lyons and Ms

FORT PORTAL REPORT**Retreats for All Seasons**

Saaka Novitiate is novitiate, postulant house, tertianship and retreat house all rolled into one. Retreats are not just conducted for Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker here in their motherhouse (brotherhouse?), but for others too. For instance, look at recent months. On July 20, Bro. Charles Agaba, SJW, took up a 6-day retreat for three Postulant Brothers, assisted by me.

July 28 brought Fort Portal Diocese seminarians ranging from theologian-neophytes to ordinands. Out of the 15 gathered here by diocesan formator and radio-homilist Fr. Joseph Wamara, I had to preach a 5-day retreat to two priest-ordinands and three deacon-ordinands just before their ordinations in August. Simultaneously, I directed a 7-day retreat for a diocesan priest. Fortunately at the time, Ignatian Associates Karen and Rob. Doucette, who have been making a 19th Annotation retreat over the last several months, were on home leave in Wisconsin, USA.

August 19 witnessed not only a triple tremor within an hour from 9 a.m., but also the beginning of a triduum for Sr. Angelica Birungi, CSC just before her final vows of August 24. She became the first Ugandan Sister to make the final commitment in the Holy Cross Family. Her

triduum concluded, the triduum of newly-arrived Postulant Evarest Behangana began, thanks to the direction of Bro. Charles Agaba, SJW, shortly before he resumed his Kisubi Spirituality Formation Course.

August 25 found a priests' retreat in session here till August 30, followed on September 1st with a 5-day retreat for Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker who could not attend the April retreat. Our Saaka community helps provide the infrastructure for all these retreats, even when we are not directly involved in directing/preaching them. A computer might come in handy, if we had one, to figure out how to fit in normal classes for Postulants and Novices while others are here making their retreat! Happily, Saaka Superior Brother Tarcis Baguma, SJW and I somehow or other find a way. I still vividly remember providing "infrastructure" for retreats for laymen at the Milford Retreat House when I was a Novice at Milford Novitiate in Ohio, USA over 50 years ago. It was our exclusive apostolate as Novices in those days. We would read and wait at table and wash the dishes, among other things, during those weekend retreats for laymen, down at the Rock House, while bunking in the barracks that had originally served as the novitiate building.

Bob Mayer, S.J.

NEWS FROM ARRUPPE COLLEGE

The way time moves! It was only the other day that some of us were to go for their French insertion programme. And wasn't it also the other day that some of us were bubbling about our home visits? And weren't we also, just the other day, so ex-

cited about our brothers who were to join us from Arusha?

Those who went for their French insertion are already back, seething with French. Picture AKAU DANIEL and KITOPE

time helpers to Fr. STEPHEN in his youth activities. The Undugu Urafiki net-ball and foot-ball clubs have begun league tournaments. They are well attended by Regional Officers, parents and sports fans as spectators and well wishers.

The other visitors to Mwanza were Bro. GEORGE OCHIENG and Bro. ANDREW VUCIRI, who spent some days with us. Mr. Chinua, a Nigerian who is studying International Politics in Germany, also spent a few days with us before going to Chabalisa to do some education work among the refugees. Like the Theologians he participated in all our youth activities.

Bro. DEOGRATIAS BYEBALILO, after visiting his family in Bukoba, left for Dar es Salaam to begin his new assignment at Loyola High School. As a student at Nyegezi for two years he was a member of the Mwanza Jesuit Community. We wish him success in his new work.

In the absence of Fr. Deogratias Rwey-ongeza, the Director of Nyegezi Social Training Institute, Fr. TED WALTERS has been very busy doing much of the administration work. He flew to Dar es Salaam twice and also to Harare, Zimbabwe, to attend some important meetings. He is soon going again to Dar. Three more Jesuit Volunteers from America have arrived in Mwanza. They work in Nyegezi, Koleana Boys' Centre and Lake Secondary School.

Schol. JOHN CHACHU has begun to teach at Lake Secondary School as full-time teacher, and Schol. PIUS MTETE has increased the number of computers and new programmes. Computer classes are very much in demand, but the number of computers and Pius' time are limited. Both CHACHU and MTETE are helping Fr. MSELE in his youth activities.

The most important event at Nyakahoja was the departure of Fr. EDMUND MALLYA to Manila. He was here just for two years, but within that short period he endeared himself to all classes of people. Mwanza is a cosmopolitan city, and it is not easy to please all. The number of farewell parties organized in his honour by various groups is an indication of his popularity and of the admiration people had for him. They praised him for his availability to all at all times. After his heavy schedule at Mwanza, Tabora, Dar, Arusha and Nairobi, he returned to Mwanza only a week before his departure. The time was short for the many farewell programmes that lasted till midnight, even on the eve of his departure. There were many warm handshakes, heart-breaks and tears shed. Fr. EDMUND left Mwanza on Monday, 26th August, early in the morning, via Arusha, Dar and Nairobi. We wish him a grace-filled and fruitful Tertianship.

Aloysius D'Souza, S.J.

Anthea Weble were our guests at supper on September 24. They are on a fact-finding tour of the JRS-East Africa operations. Since they are in the communications field, their special

interest would be to help the Ngara Ratio Station personnel improve their reporting skills.

Stanislaus Mascarenhas, S.J.

LOYOLA HOUSE OF STUDIES

Schol. SHUMDEHAN HAILE-MICHAEL, who had been with us for two years, left for Ethiopia where he begins his regency after completing his philosophical studies at C.U.E.A. We enjoyed your presence and companionship all the way from the then Southland Community. All the best, and karibu tena, SHUM.

Our community was smaller after SHUM's departure, but it has increased again by two: Schol. JOSEPH ODUOR AFULO and ELIAS MOKUA are the new members. They were warmly welcomed by the Loyola House Superior, Fr. JONATHAN HASCHKA, by Fr. M. GAREAU, the elder member of the house, and by the whole Community. AFULO came from Loyola High School in Dar es Salaam, where he had been teaching as a regent. ELIAS had completed his noviceship in Arusha.

August 28 was a colourful day for us. We joined MATTHEW KAPUTI in order to celebrate his birthday anniversary, and we welcomed CASPAL PEDO back to school after his recu-

perating from a bout of malaria that had confined him to bed for three days.

The First-Year Hekima students paid us a courtesy call. In our "chapel" (sitting-room) we had a beautiful Mass presided over by Fr. JONATHAN and attended by Frs. FRATERN MASAWA, FRANCIS RODRIGUES and our dear Fr. KAPPA ("elder brother to President Mkapa of Tanzania"), besides the Hekima guests and ourselves. It was followed by a convivium in our garden, before we moved to the other side of the Loyola compound, where we had supper and entertainment. Fr. JONATHAN thrilled us with nice artistic numbers produced from his banjo.

Fr. JONATHAN was away to Sagana for an eight-day retreat with the First-Year Hekima students. This also turned out to be a good time for him to discern whether he would need another "Wolfie".

Elias Mokua, S.J.

NEWS FROM MWANGAZA

Recently Mwangaza scored a "first" with its Staff Formation Program, from the 26th to 28th September. On the first day we had Bishop Cornelius arap Korir of the Eldoret diocese. For his theme he chose: "You shall be my Witnesses" from the Synod document on "The Church in Africa". He spoke about being witnesses to Christ in a continent that is going through economic, social, cultural and religious transformation; and in religious transformation the challenge of Islam was highlighted. He pointed out that particularly Sisters were very welcome with their socio-economic projects for transformation in those areas, in which self-reliance is an important factor. The witnesses are also agents of evangelization, and there is a need to pay much attention to their formation, especially that of the laity and the catechists. The same need was highlighted in the difference that now exists between the early missionary priests and today's priests.

Highlighting some problems Bishop Cornelius focused on cultural traditions which have often superseded Christian traditions. For instance witchcraft was very easily practised by Christians to fight illnesses. Traditional circumcision rites took the place of Confirmation; traditional marriages were first entered into, many years before Christian marriage. Given these realities, it is important to note the cultural background of the retreatant

coming to Mwangaza. Poverty was indicated as another serious problem. He mentioned suicides due to poverty. Many of our Catholic youth are "lost" to other denominations, being paid for crossing over. In the face of these problems the Faith of the prophets is needed. The Church as a sign of hope must therefore stand against evil: against evil in politics; against the cultural biases even of Church personnel, openly discussing ethnic issues in the pastoral ministries of priests in multi-cultural groups.

During the discussion that followed, among other things Bishop Cornelius stressed the need for close collaboration between Mwangaza and the Diocese, and especially with the seminaries in the Diocese.

On the second day Mrs. Phyllis Muraya, a woman versed in Ignatian spirituality, introduced herself as wife, mother, teacher and counsellor. Mrs. Muraya's approach was to look at the needs of the laity and to invite us to discuss those needs and the possible ways in which we here in Mwangaza could respond to them. Amongst the spiritual needs she highlighted knowledge and reading of the Bible. The laity need help, she said, to "feel at home" with Sacred Scripture and to familiarize themselves with the Bible. Reference was made to other denominations that have structured Bible Study Courses as a possible way for us

The Church

We have witnessed the ordination of Bishop Rudolph Deng of Wau, as well as the ordination of 23 new priests who were graduating from St. Paul's Major Seminary. On 10th October Sudan will start celebrating a Comboni Year in honour of Bishop Daniele Comboni, who was beatified recently. An important one-week seminar was held recently for all the Justice and Peace Commissions of the parishes of the Khartoum Archdiocese. Visas for in-coming Church personnel are now being granted with relatively greater ease, at least for the time being.

A new Assistant Bursar for the Khartoum Archdiocese, Fr. William Nilo, has been appointed in the on-going effort towards a further Sudanization of Church offices; a Sudanese Spiritual Director has been appointed to succeed Fr. ED BRADY next year at the Orientation Course of the Major Seminary; Fr. Michael Ukollo, a Sudanese, has also been appointed Vice-Rector there, while parishes vacated by foreign missionaries are being handed over to the diocesan clergy. This is all due to the good turn-out of new priests over the last few years, and it gives greater hope to the Church of Sudan.

Bernard Mallia, S.J.

MWANZA CALLING

(July-August)

The extension of St. Francis Xavier's church was completed in a very short time (8 weeks), thanks to Fr. EDMUND and his team of helpers and the contractor, who worked round the clock every day. What now remains to be done is the painting of walls and providing furniture.

We had many VIP guests during July and August. First came Fr. JOSEPH PAYEUR, the new JRS Director in Eastern Africa. His was a short and quick visit during which he surveyed the JRS institutions and works in Mwanza and Ngara. Then came the Provincial of Toledo in Spain, who went to Ngara to see Schol. PABLO's work among the refugees. Fr.

FRATERN MASAWÉ, the new Socius, came on a short official visit during which he managed to see a few of his many friends and admirers. Fr. MARIANO DORAIRAJ spent a few days with us on his way to Musoma and back, to preach a mission.

Theologians from Hekima, SEBASTIAN MALAMBU and ALEX RAKOTOZANANY spent their holidays with us very gainfully. They took part in various activities, cultural, social, in games and sports, a soil sampling survey and tree planting. They also received training as referees and coaches. ALEX made himself a name as an efficient Chinese net-ball coach. The other net-ball teams were afraid to challenge his team of Capri Point fame. The two Theologians were full-

JESUITS IN THE SUDAN

The main event in our life these past months is that we have been graced with the prospect of more fellow Jesuits working with us in Sudan, first of all to answer the need for teachers in the main sections of St. Paul's National Major Seminary. Two lecturers, one of them Schol. CHARLES ONYANGO, had left the Philosophy section last April, while in the Theology section no replacement was yet available for Fr. GEORGE UKKEN, who had been assigned to Wau. Besides, we were not sure whether Fr. ED. BRADY would return and be available for the Orientation Course.

Happily, Fr. PAUL MALLIA, who had until now been working at Ggaba Major Seminary in Kampala, Uganda, obtained an entry visa, to be turned into a residence permit upon his arrival. He landed in Khartoum on 16th August, and will replace Fr. GEORGE UKKEN as Scripture teacher and also as librarian in the Philosophy section at St. Paul's Major Seminary.

Another man we count upon is Fr. Johannes Putmann, of the Near East Province, who may come to work in Sudan for at least three years. This assignment still has to be confirmed.

Frs. PAUL BESANCENEY and ED BRADY returned from home leave on 7th July. ED is in better shape, and will be available to the Orientation Course again this year. He will then

see whether he can stay on and work for the displaced, or else have to go back to the United States.

On the Wau Jesuit Community scene there is clearer planning of our present and near-future pastoral commitment in the area. His Grace Rudolph Deng, Bishop of Wau, would wish that the Jesuits take up the responsibility of the Preparatory and Senior sections of John Paul II School, formerly called "Old Loyola". This school had been started in preparation for the "New Loyola", which functioned for only one year until the buildings were taken over by the military, who still occupy them. Fr. GEORGE UKKEN is in charge of the John Paul II School this year, and it is hoped that by next year we would be able to accept full responsibility there. For this purpose at least two more Jesuits would be needed.

Along with the Secondary School, Bishop Rudolph Deng is asking the Wau Jesuits to take responsibility for the Teacher Training Institute. This promising development is in line with our option for commitment to education in Sudan. The educational institutions in Wau are in dire need of help, and the Government there does not insist on Arabic as the medium of instruction. If two or three Jesuits came to Wau, the community would be in a better position to receive scholastics in the future.

in Mwangaza. Another spiritual need identified was a lack of commitment to God and to Faith. The Catholic laity in Kenya has not made, and is not making any impact on Kenyan secular society, and therefore this laity cannot be described as the "salt of the earth". The laity thinks that the Church belongs mostly to the clergy, to some extent to the religious, and hardly to the laity.

Mrs. Muraya pointed out that the laity as a whole will be only as good as the individuals in it, and here she stressed the need to encourage individuals to do directed retreats. Understanding the Faith and maturing in it is a related need. In this context Mrs. Muraya pointed out that the majority of the lay people stop growing in their Faith when they stop school. For this reason a deeper understanding of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and a more mature practice of the same, need to be developed. The Church's stand on social issues in the world is hardly a reference point for lay people involved in these same issues, which indicates a lack of maturity in their Faith response to these social issues. Witnessing to the Faith in a secular world does not come easily to the laity, which indicates the need for a very strong personal commitment to God and to Faith. Learning to pray is yet another spiritual need of the laity: really praying, in the full sense of that word, is to be developed, and not just "saying prayers".

Another interesting topic that caught us somewhat unawares was what Mrs. Muraya called "demystifying Mwangaza". Mwangaza is not really known by the laity, she asserted. A friend of hers living only one kilometre away believed Mwangaza to be exclusively for priests and sisters! To change this notion she suggested that our brochure be simplified for use by the laity and be sent to our parishes, thus popularising Mwangaza amongst the laity there. Another way of making Mwangaza's ministries effective would be to have them targeted on specific groups: youth, the aged, young married couples, Catholic professionals and others. This, not only on a one-time basis, but in an ongoing manner. Finally, Mrs. Muraya invited us to explore the possibilities of using the electronic media.

On the third day, in order to help us minister to retreatants in the context of social justice issues through the Spiritual Exercises, Fr. DAVID HOLLENBACH, S.J. invited us to recognize the place of grace and sin and the Cross, present in the three dimensions of human experience: intra-personally, inter-personally and societally. Every human being is located in these three dimensions. Solidarity as a Christian virtue is what communion is all about. Every human being, however adult, is inter-dependent. Inter-dependence can be seen vertically where there is domination and subordination, and this would be seen as sinful; whereas inter-

dependence in a horizontal structure would indicate equality and mutuality, indicating grace. Conversion would then mean moving from the domination/subordination structure to equality/mutuality.

Helping us to understand sin in Genesis he indicated that the reality of sin is to be noted in all of the first eleven chapters. God created a good world, a good society, a good people, who later moved to distorting their goodness. The "it" in Genesis refers to all of human creation in its distorted form. The "original sin" was for the people to go beyond the "image and likeness of God" to desire to become God; for instance, the people in Babel wanting to build a tower reaching into the heavens, to make a name for themselves. Therefore original sin is not the personal sin of just two individuals, but is corporate and communitarian, a sin against solidarity.

In talking about the Cross Fr. DAVID pointed out that it can be misused as a call to endure injustice. The Cross, especially in our modern world, must be recognised in the suffering of the people caused by progress in science and technology. Every form of progress includes the power for good, and ironically also for evil. It is into this evil that God enters with the Cross, which is God's way of saying He is in solidarity with human suffering. In embracing human reality in the Incarnation God has entered into all that is broken

and suffering in human experience, including death. This entry into the human is to set us free for our divinisation. The Cross is a "seeing", an acknowledgement of human injustice; it is also a response to this suffering and injustice, but not to dominate them in order to eliminate them. Thus the Cross is a response of hope, not futility.

The mornings of these three Staff Formation Days were given to inputs by the Hierarchy, the Laity and Religious, all of which go to make up our Church. The afternoons were given to Community matters. KUDOS to our Superior-Director, Fr. TONY SEQUEIRA !

Just as Mwangaza had a first in these Staff Formation Days, our volunteer Elizabeth also had a "first" of dubious sorts... on Tuesday, 17th September, around 12 noon, she was held at gun-point in her office and was robbed of her cash collection from the previous day. It was quite a lot of money for the robbers! There were two men, one with the gun who asked her to lie down on the floor, which she did very obediently! They asked for the keys of the money-box, which is fixed to her table, and standing up she opened the box for them. Then they went into her bedroom and looked for some more money, which they did not find, and for fear that they might get caught by someone coming in to Elizabeth's office they quickly left and got into a

waiting car and were driven off. Her sister Esta and her brother-in-law from Mombasa came to visit her recently. Elizabeth has gone through the experience quite well, woman of Faith

that she is! With her we too are very grateful to God for her precious life. Do join us before God in this gratitude.

Ozy Gonsalves, S.J.

JESUITS IN THE SEYCHELLES

On my return to the Seychelles after 15 years to give a retreat to nuns, I found many happy changes. Corruption is minimal; the public utilities have improved considerably; the roads are very good; new public buildings have gone up. Above all the social security system, with free education, free health care and a pension scheme, and a living minimum wage, made me feel I was in Europe. Creole is now an official written language. To all appearances the natural wealth remains unchanged: clean beaches, clean seas, coral reefs, good fishing, etc. But there are complaints of severe and rapid destruction of reefs by boat anchors. Tourism is the main industry, and is well served.

We now have three Jesuits on Mahé Island: Fr. Fitzpatrick (Ireland, Zambia), Fr. Edward Jeganathan (Madurai, Mauritius), and the Bishop since 1995, Rt. Rev. Xavier Baronnet (France). Fr. Fitzpatrick was on leave. Fr. Roland Pichon (France) is there for a few months, replacing the parish priest of Praslin Island. They send greetings to all of us.

Tony Sequeira, S.J.

SPECIAL MINISTRY IN NYERI

Every month I visit the Nyeri prison in order to help the prisoners with spiritual ministries, such as hearing their confessions and celebrating Holy Mass for them.

On the 13th of August I administered the Sacrament of Penance and gave Communion to two prisoners who were condemned to capital punishment. They had requested such spiritual help, and after receiving the sacraments they had a glow of peace and joy on their faces.

About 200 prisoners attend Holy Mass in the Nyeri prison. At their request I have given them over 50 rosaries. They were also happy with fruit drops (Kenya sweets) I had bought for them.

Zacharias Pazheparampil, S.J.