

AUGUST 1997*Eastern Africa Province*

Fri	1	Fratern Masawe
Sat	2	<i>Bl. Peter Faber - Optional</i> Joseph Pullicino
Sun	3	William Callahan+
Tue	5	Peter Otieno
Thu	7	Joseph Kikonyogo
Sun	10	<i>Polycarp Toppo †1987</i>
Mon	11	Joseph M. Kiarie
Fri	15	<i>Joseph G. O'Gara †1992</i>
Mon	18	Fidelis Moyo
Thu	21	Peter Bwanali*
Mon	25	Andrea Luhogi
Tue	26	Gilbert Mardai
Thu	28	Matthew Kaputi*
Sat	30	<i>Merrill F. Greene †1978</i>

- Seminaries: 11 institutions, with a total of 932 students, where 34 Jesuits are at work.

= **SOCIAL APOSTOLATE:**

- 9 institutions, where 55 Jesuits are at work.

= **PASTORAL WORK:**

- Churches and Parishes: 114 churches and parishes, where 238 Jesuits are at work.

= **RETREAT HOUSES:**

- 14 Retreat Houses, where 42 Jesuits are at work.

= **SPIRITUALITY CENTRES:**

- 2 Spirituality Centres, where 2 Jesuits are at work.

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FROM THE PROVINCIAL'S DESK

Appointments by the Holy See:

Fr. Thomas Michel [Director of the Curia Secretariat for Interreligious Dialogue], was appointed Consultor of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

Fr. Gilles Langevin [Canada] member of the Pontifical Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church.

Fr. Heinrich Pfeiffer [Germany] was appointed counselor of the above Commission.

Fr. Giuseppe Pittau, Rector of the Gregorian University, was appointed Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and Social Sciences.

Appointments by Rev. Fr. General:

Rev. Jean-Noël Audras, S.J. was appointed Provincial of France.

Rev. Andrzej Koprowski, S.J. was appointed Provincial of the Polish Province of Greater Poland and Mazovia [PMA]

Priestly Ordinations in Our Province:

• On the 3rd of August Deacon DAMAS MISSANGA, will be ordained a priest by Bishop Bernard Mabula of Singida Diocese. The ordination will take place at Ntuntu Parish Missanga's home parish.

• On the 24th of August Bishop Niwemugizi of Rulenge Diocese, will ordain a priest Deacon GEORGES KIMONGE at Bushangaro Parish, his home Parish.

Our sincere congratulations to the two new priests



Letter of Fr. Provincial to Cardinal Otunga

June 19, 1997.

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To His Eminence

Maurice Michael Cardinal Otunga

Archbishop of Nairobi

P. O. Box 14231

NAIROBI

Your Eminence,

The peace of the Lord. This is the last letter I address to Your Eminence as Archbishop of Nairobi. In two days time Your Eminence will retire and will have a very much deserved rest. I cannot, however, let this occasion pass without expressing my feelings to Your Eminence.

The gratitude of the Society of Jesus towards you needs no long explanations. It is thanks to your warm welcoming that we the Jesuits are in Kenya and particularly in Nairobi. It is thanks to this same attitude of yours that Very Rev. Father General decided that our School of Theology, Hekima College, should be located in Nairobi.

Your confidence in our Jesuit institutions, your entrusting to us the new Parish of St. Joseph The Worker [Kangemi] and the running for five years of the Holy Family Basilica are but clear signs for us of your appreciation for our humble work.

On our side, we have tried to do our best to serve the Archdiocese of Nairobi as much as we could. However, human failures are unavoidable and for them we ask the Lord and Your Eminence forgiveness.

May the Lord who called you in such a special way to lead His flock, continue bestowing His graces on Your Eminence. On our part, even if you will be no longer our Archbishop, you will always be our Guide, our Elder and our dear Friend.

May God bless Your Eminence,

Signed : Rodrigo Mejía, S.J.

Provincial

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Society. The contributions were forwarded to our representative in the Congress, Fr. MASAWE.

It was a meeting of dreams. Fratern, as the sitting Delegate for Formation, shared about his dreams in that capacity. It was encouraging that he was sharing about these dreams with the subjects of dreams.

There was an evaluation of the proceedings with very encouraging remarks on points of consolation and desolation. The new team was asked to look into all these. PROTAS OPONDO celebrated the Eucharist.

2nd July was a repose day.

Oduor Afulo, S.J.

JESUIT PRESENCE IN AFRICA – 1997

PROVINCE	SCHOLASTICS	BROTHERS	PRIESTS	TOTAL
C. AFRICA	140	145	251	436
W. AFRICA	63	17	104	184
E. AFRICA	64	11	58	133
MADAGASCAR	72	55	140	267
ZAMBIA	32	10	72	114
ZIMBABWE	22	25	75	122
TOTAL	393	163	100	1256

MORE IMPORTANT APOSTOLATES**= EDUCATION:**

- Primary and secondary: 19 schools, with a total of 13,231 students, where 130 Jesuits are at work.
- Technical: 6 schools, with a total of 1,128 students, where 20 Jesuits are at work.
- Universities: 2 universities, with a total of 551 students, where 8 Jesuits are at work.

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Rescue [AAR]. At the end of the meeting when we visited Mzee, we found him in his usual jovial mood in Luke Ward 29. Fratern was quick to counter a claim that this was a part of the scripture. Even if you round off, the chapters in Luke do not come to 29! , he insisted. He was right. This was the bed number.

On the 28th June, the regents shared their experience of insertion in the apostolic communities. They appealed for a need to be understood and to be helped to be integrated in the community life particularly by the superiors. The appeal surrounded the light moments and the dark moments of their respective experience.

In the afternoon there was a sharing from the philosophates. KARONGO assisted by MANYANGA presented a moving description on the "Falling of Kinshasa" and the Jesuits in the "Presidential School". At the end of it people just said "karibuni nyumbani". We then had a sharing from Harare. There were mixed feelings about whether Kimwenza is a closed chapter.

On 30/6/97, Fr. George Damball, a Pallotine gave a moving first-hand experience sharing on "substance abuse" - a challenge to each of us to be aware that those who suffer from substance abuse are often in a state of denial and really need others to intervene and give them

help.

Mrs. Sophie Wainaina, of the Province Offices, came in with a personal opinion on self-reliance. She becomes the Nyerere of EAP. She gave several proposals. With these multiple alternatives, people had to revisit their dreams. Some even dreamt that a Self-reliance Commission had been set up in the province some years ago. They seriously asked for the Commission's progress report. They had to be reminded that it was only a dream that should one day come true. It was unanimously agreed that it is only through self-reliance that "the Province" can be a Province. They recommended a relaxed posture for the donors who already suffer from the "Donor fatigue". Cal Poulin of Hekima joined us and presided over the Eucharist to end the day.

On the 1st July, the Brothers study community shared about their community and their vision. Their thrust was that a Brother has to remain a Brother but they have to be empowered. I wish you were to hear Brothers articulate their position. It is our task to share in this vision, it is our pride to have people who dream such dreams.

There was a rehearsal for the Vocation Promotion Congress. It agreed that each Jesuit is a vocation promoter. It is by word and example, through charity and love that we bring people to God and finally to the

Letters from Father General:

V. Rev. Father General has sent one Letter to the whole Society on the Fourth Centenary of the Death of Blessed José de Anchieta and two letters to the Major Superiors: One on the Updating of Faculties referring to

Financial Matters and the other on his substitutes in Rome while he is on travel. You will find the text of these Letters in the Appendixes I to III enclosed with this issue of EASTERNET for our local Communities.

- ⇒ Has left the Society: Schol. Patrick Wambua on the 6th of June.
- ⇒ Has left the Novitiate: Mr. Timothy Tororey on the 5th of July.

CLC : KENYA REPORT

Taking advantage of the holiday weekend, the bi-annual CLC National Assembly was held from 31st May to 2nd June with some 65 members in attendance. This meeting is an opportunity for the Christian Life Community to enter into a communal discernment process by reviewing its progress over the last two years, reading the signs of the times and orientating itself for the period ahead. A new roster of members showed that membership has grown to 190 with groups in Eldoret, Kisii, Kisumu, Machakos, Mombasa, Nakuru and Nairobi. Outside speakers were Ms. Marren Akasta-Bukachi of the Institute for Education in Democracy on civic education and Bishop Alfred Rotich who called us to the mission of evangeliza-

tion. Deacons ELISÉE RUTAGAMBA and PETER Mc ISAAC each served at one of the Eucharists. At the end of the Assembly, a new Executive Council was chosen to take special responsibility for implementation of the Assembly's discernment.

Terry Charlton moved to Nakuru the following weekend to help give the first formation weekend to share the experience of the International Formation Encounter held in Johannesburg on Ignatian Spirituality. These days provided a deeper experience of how we live the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises not only while on retreat but in the experiences of our daily lives. On the 30th June, PETER Mc ISAAC journeyed to Molo to direct CLC members, principally

from Nakuru, in a weekend of Exercises.

As CLC Kenya has grown over eight years, it has become clear that good formation materials are needed to ensure growth of members and small communities. Thanks to materials supplied by CLC in Nigeria which we re-worked and supplemented, CLC Kenya has published two booklets which together provide material for 48 meetings of a small community. The first booklet introduces Christian Life Community and

provides the basics so that a group can decide whether it wants to become a CLC community while the second provides formation on themes of Ignatian spirituality, mission and community. We hope that these booklets will serve to support the integral development of Christian Life Community within the borders of Kenya and beyond [a hint to Jesuits of the province].

Terry Charlton, S.J.

Province Assembly: 28-31 December, 1997.

Venue: Dimesse Sisters' Centre, Nairobi.

Topic: Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation.

After consultation on this proposed topic, the Commission on Ministries, which was asked by the Provincial to plan this Assembly, has confirmed the choice of this topic. At our recent meeting, the Commission started to plan the Assembly in such a way that it will address the needs of the members of the Province in terms both of our Jesuit Community life and of our ministries. We list below the prospective themes for the sessions:

- ◇ Areas of misunderstanding conflict between Religious

and Clergy.

- ◇ Experiences of Conflict: Perspective of Women Religious.
- ◇ Conflict in Civic Society: Causes and Means of Resolution.
- ◇ Reconciliation in Traditional Culture and in Religious Life Today.
- ◇ Skills for Resolution of Conflicts in Religious Life: a psychological approach.
- ◇ Skills for Resolution of Conflicts in Civic Society.

The Assembly will begin with an Opening Eucharist presided over by Fr. Provincial on 28 December at 6:00 p.m. The departure will be after breakfast on 31st December. As it

YOUNG JESUITS' MEETING

MWANGAZA -- JUNE 27 - JULY 2

The annual Young Jesuits Meeting was held at Mwangaza Retreat Centre from June 27 to July 2. Fr. Provincial, RODRIGO MEJÍA, presided over the opening liturgy. This was followed by his presentation of the "Provincial's dreams for the Province." The dreams were formulated in the light of *Our New Apostolic Plan/Supplement and the Complementary Norms*. There is so much that is expected at the end of the day. There were dreams that gave quite a number of the young Jesuits a nightmare and day dreams as they continued with the meeting. This enthusiasm requires to be sustained so that those who continue with the dreams may live to have them come true.

On 28th June, the Commission of Ministries was invited to lead its defence as the interpreters of the dreams on ONAP/Supplement and the Complementary Norms. This team was headed by TERRY CHARLTON who is the Chairman of the Commission. He was flanked by his lieutenant, KIFLE WANSAMO. The participants were then invited to share aloud their dreams. If all these dreams can come true, then the province will find itself well-positioned to welcome the 21st century.

Fr. Rodrigo had to come back

in the afternoon to clear away some fog that apparently hindered a proper interpretation of some "pharaoh" dreams. He promised to leave no stone unturned to have all the dreams that can come true be accomplished. Terry helped in closing the day by presiding over the Eucharist.

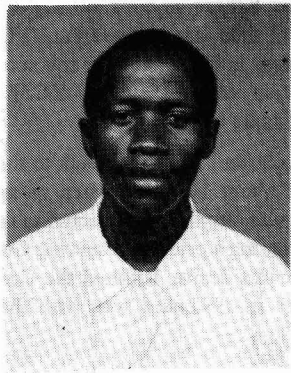
Kifle shared about his experience in theology. He was helped by the Hekima theology students on some common grounds. The question about the alternative theologate and the unity of Africa as envisioned by Fr. Pedro Arrupe, featured strongly. To many, the idea of keeping Africa together was "the thing".

Earlier in the day, the Mwangaza complex was shaken by a sudden arrival of an ambulance. In the Jesuit community, Mzee GILLES PION found himself being forced to sleep by being denied the most abundant commodity - "air". This made Fr. Rodrigo remember his good old days when he was a sprinter somewhere in Colombia. On arrival at the scene, he found the sister who had been called upon appealing for viaticum. His discernment was spontaneous: "Priority is oxygen", he asserted. He ordered the oxygen mask to be fitted. At the blink of an eye, the mask was fitted and Mzee was zoomed to Nairobi Hospital. The doctors declared that he had arrived "on time". Thanks to the Africa Air

had already during the course in philosophy and I also spent my afternoons while at Karen helping at Nyumbani Children's Hospice. I pray to God that I may eventually prove to be a worthy servant as I continue with my vocation to become a Jesuit priest.

Simon Gachoki Nyamu:

It was in August 1975 in Machakos District, Kenya, when I was born, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Nyamu. I am the fourth child and the first son in a family of eleven children: four sisters and six



brothers. My father is retired and my mother works at the parish. In 1980 I was baptized and then two years later in 1982, I joined St. Paul's Primary School until 1989 when I sat for my KCPE. The following year I joined the Apostles of Jesus Minor Seminary, Kiserian, but afterwards in 1992, I transferred to Maroko Secondary School at Athi River where I graduated from Form IV [KCSE

exam] in 1993. In 1995 I graduated with a Certificate as a court clerk and later from early 1996 to mid-1997, I attended a computer course at Eastleigh, Nairobi.

My desire to be a priest started a long while before 1987 when I first vested in the red and white altar boys' attire. However later after the two years in the Minor Seminary I hated and forgot about the idea completely and my only concern was to be a good christian. Unknowingly in 1995 I attended a six-day retreat at the Marist International Centre, Karen Nairobi, and it was then that the old flame was re-kindled again. Afterwards, in the same year [1995] I talked with my Parish Priest, Fr. Francis Breen M.M. and I asked for his opinion from the several options I had in mind already. Like a prepared answer he highly recommended I join the Jesuits. He gave me an introduction letter and the contacts to get Fr. Seán O'Connor and since then I haven't had any regrets about it especially after getting acquainted with the origins and the "modus operandi" of the Society of Jesus.

I really thank God for my family, friends like Fr. Dave Lemkuhl [MM], youth in Athi River, Machakos Diocese, and the National Catholic Youth Centre for their support and prayers which accompany me each day. I like sports, music, theatre, reading, writing, making friends among others. With the many god-given gifts I pray that I will be able to use them as He wants and may He mould me into the person He deems fit, that all I am may be A.M.D.G.

was announced earlier, the Assembly will be residential in order that it may be an occasion for members of the Province to grow in union of hearts and minds even at times of informal sharing and socializing as well as times of formal sessions. Thus, all participants are requested to be present from the evening of the 28th until the morning of the 31st.

Because we need to know in advance, as accurately as possible, the number

of those attending [so as to avoid paying for unused rooms], please give your name to your Local Superior by the 10th August if you intend to participate in this Assembly.

We look forward to a meeting which will help us as members of the Eastern Africa Province, grow in our ability of being Ambassadors of Reconciliation [see 2 Cor. 5:20-21].

Province Commission on Ministries

LOCAL TREASURERS' SEMINAR IN ARUSHA

The Local Treasurers met from 4-7 June in Arusha. The Treasurers from Ethiopia and Uganda could not make it. Sophie Wainaina, who was one of the resource persons, could not make it either as she lost her travel documents in the fracas that took place in Nairobi on the 31st May.

Francis gave the input on Basic Bookkeeping and Accounting Procedures, went through the relevant points from the Instructions on Temporal Administration that speaks on Training the new Treasurers. The Chart of Account was discussed by all and those areas difficult to understand, were explained. Ludwig gave a demonstration on one computer-accounting program and the group was able to discuss accounting programs that are user-friendly, and those others which are professionally designed for big organizations. GILLES PION spoke on the Salaries

and Wages with a special reference to the Mwangaza Staff situation. The Province directive on a fair Minimum Wage became a major point of discussion. Francis concluded the seminar with reflections on Investments and Self-Reliance.

The presence of GILLES PION [ex Province Treasurer] and PAUL BESANCENEY [ex Provincial] was a great help as they could supplement information from experience. The presence of treasurers from three parishes - Mwanza, Dodoma and Kangemi, was also very helpful. They were also new and willing to learn.

During the last review, all agreed that a seminar of such a nature was important and at least two out of three officials, i.e. Superior, Minister, and Treasurer who are concerned with finances of a community, should be present.

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

On the 6th evening we had a get-together with the Jesuit Community to express our mutual thanksgiving. I am grateful to LEO AMANI and LUDWIG for making our short stay so comfortable. That may be the reason,

that the venue for the next seminar is selected to be the Jesuit Novitiate, Arusha, Tanzania.

Francis Rodrigues, S.J.

PROVINCE PRIORITY FOR HIV/AIDS MINISTRY

As many of you will know, the Province Commission on Ministries wanted to support the province priority of HIV/AIDS [*Our New Apostolic Plan*, 230] which is one aspect of the second Province priority of "Justice, Development and Peace". We agreed that each member of the commission would ask several members of the Province about this, see our needs, about our involvement in the HIV/AIDS ministry and about how we can better be supported in this work. The reports on these conversations served as the basis of an extensive discussion, and we would like to share the fruits of that discussion.

We were very impressed by our extensive involvement in this ministry. In addition to the fine work with HIV+ babies done at Nyumbani where Fr. D'AGOSTINO is an active collaborator, our parishes are engaged in extensive pastoral care of those suffering from AIDS as part of our care for the sick. Work with victims also involves such areas as answering factual questions, helping them receive assistance with rent or school fees of children, and supporting them

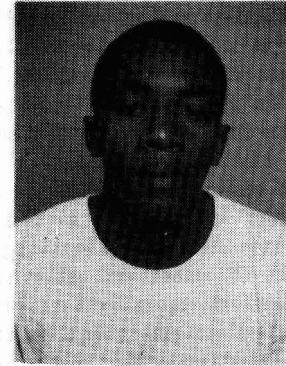
in informing family members of their status.

We are also doing good work in AIDS awareness and behavior change in our parishes and school. Much can be done through poems, dramas, posters, and so forth, most specially with youth. We were informed that the attitude has been taken at Loyola School that too much cannot be said about this topic, and repetition is necessary for the message to sink in.

We want to recognize and keep doing what we can to address the deeper causes behind the AIDS crisis. This includes our ministry in the service of the family and the support of the family values and our work for the dignity of women [*Supplement to Our New Apostolic Plan*, 20]. Structural adjustment programs result in the further marginalization of those already poor and result in the sexual victimization of women and children. We want to keep stressing these connections.

Our projection suggests that 20% of adults in East Africa will be infected with the AIDS virus by the turn of this century. As Pope John Paul II has

Njue, of Embu, who took me to the diocesan seminaries [St. Mary's, St. Augustine Philosophicum, and St. Mathias Mulumba Theologicum.] For over four years, I longed to be a missionary. I contacted various congregations and I found affinity with the Jesuits. During those years, I was in contact with Fr. George Thottungal, S.J. and Fr. Seán O'Connor, S.J. who counselled me. These two simple and dedicated priests greatly inspired me all the more during my time in and out of the



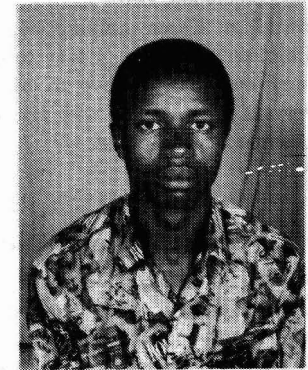
seminary, both as an aspirant and as a candidate.

During this past year I was privileged to work with Fr. Alex Zanotelli, a very dedicated Comboni missionary who actually lives full-time in Korogocho. I helped him in his very demanding parish work. Earlier this year I was fortunate to be able to do a computer course at the Kenya Christian Industrial Centre [KCIC] at Eastleigh, in Nairobi.

Stephen Nzioki:

I was born on the 20th of April, 1973, a son of two strong Catholic Christians

from Masii Parish of Machakos Diocese,



Kenya.

I attended my Primary School at Katheka Primary School where I did my KCPE in 1987. I then joined Pope Paul VI Junior Seminary in Machakos for my secondary education where I did my KCSE ["O"] level exams in 1991.

My vocation I feel dates back to the early age of about 10 years when as an altar boy, I was very much attracted to the idea of becoming a priest and serving God. To further this desire, I joined the Consolata Fathers in 1992 and was with them till 1994.

The Jesuit life of dedication to do everything for the greater glory of God and their fourth vow of unreserved disposition to the Holy Father the Pope, appeared to be the kind of priesthood for me.

In January 1995, I got in touch with Fr. Seán O'Connor who helped me nurture my vocation through our dialogues together and literature on the saints. This has seen to the growth of my vocation up to now. Once my philosophy course at Consolata Seminary was completed, I did a short computer course at Don Bosco Training Centre, Karen, to add to what I

Peter].” While I was in the University I then contacted Fr. O’Connor who has been of great help in providing relevant information about the Jesuits. He is a “great” man. Fr. Dan Kenney has also been of great help especially in spiritual matters. He can walk as well as climb to give guidance where it is necessary. He is a real “monkey” priest.

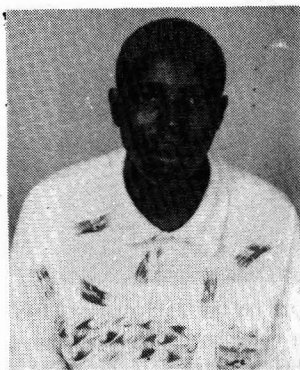
I have done apostolates in the Korogocho slums for three months, the house of the aged in Mombasa for seven months, Dr. Barnardo’s orphans’ home for eight months. I also taught in Manunga Girls’ School and St. Catherine’s Mountain View Academy -- all Secondary High Schools. In all those girls’ secondary schools, I mainly taught Maths and Chemistry. The apostolate plus the teaching have given me good experience. I hope this experience will help me to be a happy Jesuit and a man of justice as I discern God’s will mainly through my superiors. My hobbies include football, dancing, swimming and debating on intellectual subjects.

Isaac Kiregu Mwangi:

I was born in 1972 in Rorian, Burnt Forest, near Eldoret, in Kenya. My parents are Mr. and Mrs. Mwangi. I am the sixth-born in our family of nine children, three girls and six boys.

I did my Primary School studies in Tarakwa Primary from 1979 to 1988. Then I joined Arnesen’s Secondary School from 1989 to 1992. During our religious studies in secondary school, we learnt about St. Ignatius of Loyola. After completing my “O” level studies, I contacted our parish priests who gave me

more information about the priesthood and religious orders. In 1993, I wrote to Fr. O’Connor. He replied and from then we continued to communicate. Furthermore, he gave me reading books



about Jesuits. Once Fr. Provincial accepted me for the Novitiate I was also able to do a very valuable computer course in Nairobi. I did my apostolate in Korogocho helping mainly in the family health program of visiting the homes, many of whom were suffering from Aids. It was in 1988 that I feel my vocation started. I pray that God will help me live the vocation as a priest

Athanas Njeru:

I was born in Mombasa in 1970 to Mr. and Mrs. Faustine Karuga. They were blessed with seven boys and three girls. My parents are now farming and having a business.

I went to Inamurai Primary School, Nyangwa School, where I was schooling in Form Two. I wrote to the Parish Priest expressing my desire to be a priest upon completing school. The Parish Priest passed on my name to the Bishop, John

said, “The battle against AIDS ought to be everyone’s battle” [*The Church in Africa, 116*]. There is a sense in which HIV/AIDS ministry is thrust upon us, yet we recognized the crying need for help and have chosen it as a priority. All of us deal with persons with the AIDS virus, whether we recognize or not [including those whose other ministry is limited by the apostolate of studies.] This suggests two conclusions: first, it is important that we know the facts about the virus so that we can overcome false fears, e.g. “I’ll talk to the person, but I won’t shake hands.” Secondly, it is important that we process our feelings in working with people with the AIDS virus and give one another the opportunity to do this. One Commission member said, “When someone I accompany in spiritual direction, someone I consider a friend, told me he was HIV, I wanted to get away from the relationship out of feelings of loss.” Unless we are able to deal with such feelings, we will find ourselves less free in engaging

effectively in this ministry.

By way of conclusion, we want to suggest the importance of sharing for our effectiveness in this ministry. Those doing similar work, for example pastoral ministry, can benefit by learning from the experiences and programmes of one another. In our communities we can also share information or helps we have found beneficial as well as work to provide an environment where we can share our concerns and feelings regarding HIV/AIDS. Concretely, we would like to suggest the video *Born in Africa* [available in English and Swahili]; it could be watched by our Jesuit communities and lead to a fruitful sharing as well as be used for educational purposes [Contact us if you need a copy]. If you do have any additional suggestions to the Commission on Ministries, please contact any one of us.

Province Commission on Ministries

Several of Our Jesuit Communities have not been heard from in recent issues of EASTERNET and yet many of us know that fine apostolic work is going on there. Why not write and encourage all of us by sharing with your Jesuit Companions the fine work you are doing -- but let's share it regularly.

*Your Editor
Seán O'Connor, S.J.*

INDIA - TRULY A GREAT NATION

I have just come back from India, the land of gods and goddesses, as our great man GERRY REBELLO would put it. I saw many men and women made of flesh and blood, but I guess my eyes were not good enough to see the gods and goddesses GERRY has been talking about. Who knows if they were all incarnated in the live-human beings I saw. Nevertheless I was really impressed by the land of gods and goddesses. I was impressed especially by the rickshaw drivers: they drive rhythmically on the packed roads and they appeared to me as persons who know when the next opening or rather where the next pot-hole will be on the lane they drive on, they will be there before it opens and with a bit of klaxonning, they are moving on. These men have the power of the gods.

What do I remember most about my trip to India? Now that I have to write a short business report - Is it friends that I should concentrate on or places? - Yes I did meet quite a number of friends in different places: Fr. Vincent Vaz in Mumbai [I used to hear of Bombay and not Mumbai from my geography teacher]. At first I thought the pilot had made a terrible mistake and landed in some other place in the Indian Ocean until I saw the face of Vincent Vaz]; JEROME MANYAHI, who has been missing his companion FAUSTINE BINAMUNGU for some

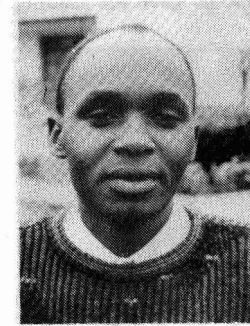
time, in Chennai [for your information names of cities change also, Chennai is the former Madras]; Hector Almeida and Levis Gomes in Goa [the land of the remains of St. Francis Xavier] and of course, George Camilleri [former Minister of Hekima College], in Calcutta. Or should I say something about the meal I shared with the father of OZY GONSALVES and his brothers and sister-in-law? All in all, I had a great time. And I believe, given the chance you could do the same, but you may dream differently afterwards. I had a good dream, which I would like to share with you.

The heavy air-storm really shook our plane

Just after take-off, the pilot on our plane announced there was a storm over Calcutta. "Fasten your seat belts. Sit erect." The air hostesses had no time to wish us the customary "Namaste". Everyone of us was praying silently to his or her god or goddess. I was praying hard to hold on to my seat and pressing my feet hard on the floor of the plane. In fact I was desperately looking for anything that was not shaking, the seat I was sitting on was not firm enough. Some of the cabin luggage was falling down, The cabin crew had to remain seated and belted like everyone else. The normal passenger services had stopped except for my stomach butterflies that were more active than ever, - perhaps they

BIOGRAPHIES OF NEW S.J. NOVICES

Andrew Luhogi Ngonyani:



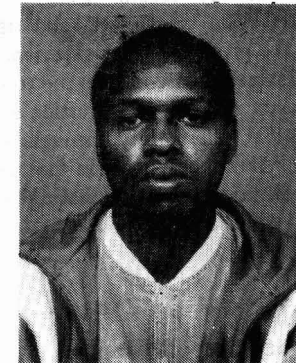
I was born on the 25th August, 1967, in Zanzibar. I was baptized in the same year, 1967, at Nambanje Parish by then, in Zanzibar. My First Communion was in the Archdiocese of Songea, in Ruvuma Region, on the 8th July, 1977. On the 16th November, 1980, I was confirmed at Matogoro Parish in the Archdiocese of Songea.

Educational background: I attended Primary school at Matogoro Primary School from 1995 up to 1981. I received my secondary education of Ordinary Level at Hanga Seminary from 1983 to 1987 from Form I up to Form IV. In 1989 up to 1991, I studied for my Certificate in Education at Songea Teachers' Training College. From 1991 to 1993 I did my Advanced Level Secondary Education at Uru Seminary in Moshi. From 1993 to 1995 I underwent two years of Diploma Course in philosophy and Religious Studies at the Apostles of Jesus Scholasticate in Nairobi. From August 1995 to 1997 I was doing a Diploma Course in Education at Dar es Salaam Teachers' Training College. Personal hobbies and interests: I like music:

playing the organ, singing and composing new songs. I play football and volleyball. I like learning new languages, reading and teaching.

James K. Macharia:

I am the first-born child in the family of seven boys and one girl. I was born on the 5th March 1971 in Nyahururu, Kenya, and baptized on the 1st April the same year. My father is a teacher while my mother carries on a small business. I



attended Karaba Primary School from 1977 to 1983 and then proceeded to Nanyuki High School where I sat for my "O" and "A" levels in 1987 and 1989 respectively. I then proceeded to Egerton University for a course in Dairy technology from August 1990 to April 1994.

The feelings of my vocation can be traced back to 1982. That was after a vocation awareness talk by a Comboni Sister in our local church. I came to know of the Jesuits after studying "The Story of the Three Friends [Ignatius, Xavier and

tions and pronunciation especially those exercises that involve distinguishing terms: like *tu* and *Tout*. Meanwhile our S.J. community here consists of Spanish, French, Belgian, Nigerian and Ghanian varieties -- a real *mchuzi mix*. I cannot help but wade through a French ambience *tous les jours* [all the days] -- and so far it is an experience of 'that they may hear but not understand' but nevertheless 'blessed be the name of the Lord.'

It actually took me a week to get into Chad. Well, there was no traffic jam in the air except a few bad bumps way up in the air and a strong headwind that made the pilot fly a little higher. As a result, we used all the fuel we had and the crew had to move on to Congo and eventually to Gabon for refuelling. In Gabon the take-off was delayed for a couple of hours because the crew had no bilingual personnel who could bargain the fuel price in good time with the Francophone Gabonaise merchants. Thus we

missed the connecting flight from Douala Cameroun -- a blessing in disguise for the three days in transit in Douala allowed me to be with Festo and Mbiri who are in Douala and Yaounde respectively. The N'Djamena-Sarh route took a grueling 14 hours drive in a cramped taxi, in spite of the faithful stops for our brethren to heed to their five-hour of prayer en route.

Nevertheless there is an edifying Jesuit presence here. The Society is with and for the Chadian people especially the poor and young, for there are limited social amenities and no jobs -- given the last 20 years of civil war here. Assuming that there will be no more traffic jams between N'Djamena and Paris, please God, I fly to Paris on the 27 July, then continue to Harare the next day.

*Okumu Jacob, S.J.
Sarh--Chad*

Fr. Pio Ciampa writes from Italy:

Fr. Pio preached the "Month of June" in his home Parish Church at S. Agnello [Sorrento] in the evening and in the Cathedral of Vico Equense in the morning.

The book: "PRAYER OF THE HEART" by Andrea Gasparino, which Fr. Pio published in Kenya in 1996, has been reprinted in India and published by St. Paul's, Mumbai [pp. 164; Indian Rupees 60.00]

*Greetings and love to all.
Pio Ciampa, S.J.*

were trying to get out. Nevertheless, it was as if an entire crew of the Boeing 747 was all working inside me. I felt them flying down to my waist and up to my throat, while others were reaching my heart and sending horrible messages to the spinal cord which in turn was telling the brain to announce a total Parkinson disease for the whole plane. For an entire half hour, I felt so close to my maker that I had to say something sensible. I made all the vows a good wise man would make to his maker including a promise never to travel again by air at the beginning of the monsoons.

And the Dream after the Storm was over

That half hour seemed like the whole of eternity. Most modest people would say the flight was just a bit bumpy. Personally, I believe most pilots are optimists. Without exaggeration, the plane was shaking like a straw in spite of its weight and its speed. I thought our Captain would have announced a life-threatening storm over India instead of a storm over Calcutta. But as he was a real experienced pilot he kept climbing steadily through the ups and downs until we [over two hundred passengers] reached a safe haven. At that point I slept soundly. I had a modest dream. I saw twenty thousand Jesuits each being given a thousand students to teach: a total of twenty million students. I was impressed of what we could do. But what is twenty million people in a nation of one bil-

lion people where one cannot get a decent job without a college degree! There must be other institutions which are working equally hard to educate the rest of mankind. While we are making a very modest contribution to the world: with 110 High Schools, 23 University Colleges and 19 Technical and Language Institutes, we can reach only a fraction of the population. Coming to Eastern Africa, we have only one school: of course some contributions are more modest than others. As I was feeling real small, assimilating the lesson on modesty, I saw in an open-air market of education, four benches, which for various reasons attracted my attention: JEROME MANYAHI crowned in a Tamilian-style as the Patriarch of Computers in the International House technical bench in Madras calculating how many and what type of technocrats we will need in Africa in order to be self-sufficient; Hector Almeida and Romuald D'Souza on the Management bench with arms-oustretched uttering "Karibuni, GIM" [Goa Institute of Management. Within two years you can graduate with a Masters Degree], and with the generosity of Gregory Naik, you will feel at home; P. C. Mathews on the economic bench, like the prophets of old saying "Send men to West Bengal - Xavier's College to study in the Honours program." "You are most welcome to our Province", adds Aelred Gomes. The Theocratic bench had a cautionary note to international scholars, car-

ried by George Mlakuzhyil, the Rector of Vidyajoti who was sitting with men from Gujerat and Pune, contextualization and recognition could pose temporary problems. At the moment we are not officially recognized by the University of Delhi or any other University. But our institutions and their neighbourhoods are open to the training of all the "crats" you can think of "Sociocrats", "Bureaucrats", "Philocrats", "Theocrats" and "Democrats". There is room for you. "We will stay with them", says Edwin Daly [Acting Regional Superior]. I am impressed by this commitment and moreover what do I hear: "The Jesuit College thus aims at making its own contribution towards a transformation of the present-day social condition so that principles of social justice, equality of opportunity, genuine freedom, and respect for religious and moral values, may prevail, and the possibility of living a fully human existence may be open before all."

My dream for Africa continued as I returned to Kenya where our solid men - serious and committed to their faith and to the Society of Jesus, with the appropriate societal attitudes, knowledge and some basic skills in the area of interest to take up these opportunities.

We need in Africa not only trained men but also trained pilots. Like the pilot of the Boeing, I flew in, they will have to be determined people to pilot us through the continuing storm over Africa. Our needs in technology, economics, politics and management here in Africa, are so great. And then the noise from the wheels of our plane landing at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, really woke me up. But I was still only half awake and dreaming of a future: "take time to dream: it is what dreams are made of."

Fratern Masawe, S.J.

The traveller grounded -- well, not quite

Due to the well-earned home-leave of Fr. JONATHAN HASCHKA, I have taken on the extra role of Acting Superior of Loyola House of Studies for our Jesuit Brothers which means, in turn, that I's grounded at least for the month of June. In July, our Jesuit Brothers will

have moved to Rwanda to continue their French insertion, or to Dar es Salaam to work with Radio Tumaini, or to work in Mwanza and again with JRS. So in July I'll be able to resume my travels to the families and parishes of Jesuit aspirants, Novices and Jesuits.

have it, I had an attack of "vivax" malaria right at the outset. Bishop Paul Kalanda, Bishop of Fort Portal and Superior General of the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker, was more concerned about my health than I was. He immediately had me whisked away from Saaka to Fort Portal, and from Fort Portal to Kampala by one of the tertians, Bro. Charles Agaba, the Assistant Superior General. With the professional medical advice of Fr. Mike Vjecha, Fr. PAUL MALLIA sent me literally flying to Nairobi for further consultation at Nairobi Hospital. By February 17, I was back in the saddle again way out West in Fort Portal, fortified with 30 tablets of primaquine to be consumed 2 a day. For the tertians' fortnight retreat of 1995, Fr. TONY WACH came from Kampala to co-direct it with me. On the 9th day of the retreat, one of the tertians decided to opt out of the fortnighter and out of religious life. Eight remained to complete the retreat and to win approval from the Superior General for final vows on May 1, 1995. It was a historic moment for this developmental Brotherhood.

In 1996, there were only two tertian Brothers. One decided to leave religious life towards the end of the three months. The other faithfully committed himself to service of the Family of God as a Brother for life.

This time in 1997, there were three tertian Brothers. I had the honour once again of being tertian instructor, while continuing at Saaka as postulant and novice director. Postulants have been trained here at Saaka since October 1995; formerly they were trained in town at Virika, and the Tertians fortnight retreat began on Ash Wednesday. During the three-month program, several guest speakers have come to share their life-experience and expertise with the tertians. Among these were Holy Cross Brothers; a former Brother of St. Joseph the Worker; a lady doctor; the bishop. Bro. Jim Nichols, CSC, showed the video "The Days of Wine and Roses" [B/W], starring Jack Lemons. It is a real indictment of alcoholism, professionally presented for sober reflection.

Bob Mayer, S.J.

JACOB OKUMU WRITES FROM CHAD

I am actually not very far from the Province but the fact that the lingua franca here is French, the distance is transformed into 'light years', [to borrow Prof. Kiyimba Kizito's philosophical terms]. Furthermore, the Jesuit

house at Menelik Road is GMT 2 hours ahead. That, now means something, for when Fr. Mejia is just about to have his tea-break, [I am assuming that he does have one], it is when I begin to work on my French conjuga-

made available as a guest-room specially for Jesuits who in the past wanted much to come to Mwangaza at short notice but could not; however as much notice as is possible to give, will still be useful for us as well as for you, our guest.

May 27th began the first 30-day retreat of this year with 15 retreatants; June 27th will see its end. The next 30-day is fixed to begin 30th September through to the 30th October.

Once again "the waters of life" [and for a few other things besides] threatened to cut short an 8-day retreat in May that didn't happen, though thanks to GILLES and the cooperation of the electricity guys who put back the transformer into working order to give power to the pump.

TONY SEQUEIRA is still

away on home-leave and due back at the end of July; Dick Smith, our Maryknoll team-member is away in the U. S. A. for medical treatment: his chances for returning look slim, says a latest communique from his Regional Superior; we keep upholding him in our prayer.

Isaac is our new "cooker" in the kitchen to replace Tito.

We are grateful to STAN MASCARENHAS who supplied here for nearly four and a half months; grateful too to Fr. MANI, Srs. Anna Marie, Bernice, Stephanie and Maire for their help also in the past few months; we continue to count on their cooperation.

Mwangaza matters! Pray for Mwangaza!

Ozy Gonsalves, S.J.

FROM UGANDA

Fort Portal Reporting

Tertians for the third time

1997 marks the third year that I have directed a batch of tertian Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker Congregation. So far, the tertianship has been limited to three months. It is chiefly meant as a period of serious discernment in view of possibly pronouncing

final vows in the Brotherhood. The venue is Saaka Novitiate, 7 kilometers outside Fort Portal town.

In 1995, the tertianship was conducted for the first time since the founding of the Brotherhood in 1973 by the late Bishop Serapio Magambo. Brothers who had made their first commitment from 1980 to 1985 were invited to the three-month program. Nine came. As providence would

I did manage to fit in two short visits to the families and parishes of STEPHEN NZIOKI, in Masii, and now in the Jesuit Novitiate as well as to Athi River Parish where the parishioners said farewell to SIMON GACHOKI, also now in Arusha. But a good deal of the month passed in the inevitable preparations for the five Kenyans going to Njiro Hill in Arusha.

Once again Hekima College through the courtesy of Fr. Rector, CECIL MCGARRY, and Acting Minister, Brother GEORGE BARIDI OCHIENG, our five Kenyans were accommodated there at Hekima and made so welcome. It made my job that bit easier and pleasanter for those waiting for the big day of departure for Arusha. And it did come eventually. On Monday the 30th June, our Davanu shuttle bus picked us up - all five plus Fr. Emmanuel from Uganda, a friend of Novice DOMINIC MULLA, due to take his vows on the 2nd July; Tabitha, sister of SAMUEL MUTHUMBI, Sister Lucy and Mary from Manunga Girls' Secondary School where Samuel had been teaching. Fr. BART MURPHY and myself

also travelled and later, we picked up Fr. Provincial in town. On other pages you can read the short biographies of the five Kenyans and of ANDREW LUHOGI NGONYANI, from Tanzania.

Procedures on both sides of our Kenya-Tanzania border were quite simple and quick and then we proceeded to Arusha where Fr. LEO AMANI met us briefly before continuing on to Njiro Hill Holy Family Church. There in the evening at the end of Mass Fr. Leo formally welcomed the new candidates to their 1st Probation and presented each of them with a Bible, a liturgical prayerbook and a copy of the Constitutions.

At a meeting of the Young Jesuits at Mwangaza, I presented a report and a request for a much more serious campaign in our Jesuit communities for Jesuit Vocation Promotion. I would like to be able to have here in our EASTERNET reports from time to time of how your Communities are going about a much more active Vocation Promotion.

Seán O'Connor, S.J.

LOYOLA HOUSE OF STUDIES

The diaspora: JONATHAN HASCHKA is in the States for his home-leave. Our elder, Fr. MARCEL GAREAU, is in Canada for a similar reason. JAMES WABWIRE was at

"Ingo" [home] and is now in Rwanda. GEORGE OCHIENG is in Hekima assisting the Minister, meanwhile attending French classes downtown at Alliance Francaise.

MATHEW KAPUTI has picked up a contract with JRS. He doubles as the house minister in Jonathan's absence. David is back to his home country, Nigeria.

PEDO and myself resumed classes after a one-week holiday. The one-month intensive third semester, otherwise known as "the summer classes elsewhere" not only enables us to widen our knowledge but also take more subjects in the course of the whole programme.

PEDO also is scheduled to

travel to Rwanda for French insertion in early July and so joins WABWIRE. I will have the honour of realizing the "collaboration with the White Fathers" in Dar es Salaam in their Radio Tumaini as from mid-July.

My prayer is only one: that when we are all back in August, we will be able to speak not in tongues "mais Anglais" [but in English].

Bonne chance!

Elias Mokuu, S.J.

NEWS FROM ETHIOPIA

GÉRARD GAGNON left for home-leave on Thursday 12, June, looking forward to meeting his companion, MARCEL GAREAU, with whom he would travel the section Amsterdam-Montreal. The day after, only God knows why, Professor SUMNER left us for the same destination: Montreal! Therefore the Jesuit Residence has been deprived of its senior members, only to get immersed in a long rainy season that has just started.

JOSEPH PULLICINO has finally got his work permit in Ethiopia. He will join us on 1st July. Now we can say that our community has a new member, indeed. Joe will be learning Amharic most of the year, 1997-98. Then he will be teaching Scripture, giving retreats, and helping in forma-

tion of both religious and laity.

This pastoral year has been especially relevant with the youth work that SHUM and MIGUEL have started in Galilee Centre. Four seminars on Scripture and Ecclesiology and five week-end retreats were offered to Addis Ababa Catholic youth. The experience has been so positive that there are people queuing up for next year. Worth commenting on are the week-end retreats, where university students and young adults are introduced to Ignatian prayer in silence. Next year we plan to offer four days to those who have had the week-end experience already.

PAUL MALLIA'S best seller "On Human Rights" was translated into Amharic by the Ethiopian Catholic

tions, it was quite appropriate that the program was conducted. He views it as just a beginning of what should be happening to the catholic youth all over the world: unfortunately, this is not the case.

There were, however, some shortcomings in the program. It is a little demanding to take consecutive Saturdays of any university student. Following this foreseen difficulty there was a lack of continuity in terms of those who attended. Only a few students attended most of the sessions. Some alternative arrangements could be made if the program is run in another campus. Many students recommended that in spite of the shortcomings, the program needs to be conducted in other universities and colleges.

As a personal observation, after interacting with the university students closely for one year, there is a dire need of more people being in-

involved in the programs related to pastoral care and the spiritual welfare of students in colleges. It is sad that there is no official care of the spiritual needs of students in various colleges in Nairobi area.

What are the future plans? This is a project that cannot be abandoned. It is only my hope that we shall have more people volunteering to take care of the students' spiritual needs in the seven campuses of the University of Nairobi. We shall devote more time to these students and to be more available for their needs. We are open to the possibilities of taking up the programs in the TTCs and other middle level colleges such as the Medical Training College [MTC], the Central Training Schools for the Railway and Post and Telecommunications among others.

J. Oduor Afulo, S.J.

MWANGAZA MATTERS

The month of May in Mwangaza was noted for the way the colours came up to greet the visitors even as they drove in through the gate. The rains did the trick for the flowers as well as the grass. The flowers with their riotous colours and the green-green plate on which they are all so carefully placed by GILLES and his workers, matter much for

Mwangaza's attractive atmosphere! Some of these flowers do find their way "back to their Creator and Lord" in a vase in the chapel the result of someone's death-dealing devotion.

Mwangaza mattered much for Fr. Ivo Marche who was our guest here to recuperate from an operation on his leg. Talking about guests, we now have a free room that will soon be

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primary phase of the organization of the Youth Centre Library. Some interested youth have now started visiting the library in order to begin to acquaint themselves with the complex structures inside the library. IKUNZA is also almost through with

Apostolate with the University Students

Since the 24th April this year up to the 21st June, together with John Bosco Musinguzi of Nyundo Diocese, I have been running a program with the Kikuyu Campus catholic students. This takes place on Saturdays at the campus. We have had a total of eight sessions.

The topic to be treated came from the students during a meeting with the Catholic student leaders of the campus. They also suggested various facilitators for the different topics proposed. For the topics that the proposed facilitators were not available, an alternative facilitator was slotted in. Some of the themes that we treated in the sessions were:

Leadership and leadership styles. Together with Bosco, we facilitated this session.

Different movements in the Catholic Church was facilitated by Solomon Okumu Ndiawo who at present is a CLC member. He had been the chairperson of the National team

the familiarization process in the community's apostolates' centres in the secondary schools and the Business College in Dodoma.

Andrew Madra, S.J.

of YCS. He also worked in the YCS Pan-African office. He presented his life experiences as a YCSer and a CLC member. There was also an input from International Movement of Catholic Students [IMCS]. Fr. Peter Lwaminda, of AMECEA, facilitated a session of the Role of the Youth in the Light of the African Synod.

In an evaluation of the program at the closing session, on the question of any other recommendations, some of the students said that, "Generally the Catholic Christians have poor formation in their faith such that when they are faced with challenges, they cannot withstand. In this respect, an outreach team could be set up and more emphasis be given to Bible study."

He recommends that "such a program should in future be set up at Deanery or Parish level for the youth during the holidays."

Another student in appreciation of the program said that as those who will soon take leadership posi-

Justice and Peace Commission. This is the first translation ever on Human Rights into Amharic. It is hoped that such a venture will make an impact on the present Ethiopian milieu.

In a related event, we are celebrating another publication: "Thy Kingdom Come," the Pastoral Letter of the Bishops of Ethiopia and Eritrea to Ethiopian Catholics. Their last address was some six years ago. On the

occasion of the forthcoming Jubilee 2000, our pastors want us to reflect on the present journey of the Catholic Church in Ethiopia, with its enormous challenges and hopes for the future.

The Addis Ababa residence now has a new electronic address [e-mail] in cyberspace. So please, for further electronic sharing, address all correspondence to: mgarcia@telecom.net.et

GIFTS FROM ABOVE

"Ah! even King Solomon in all his splendour could not afford the beauty I see before my eyes", exclaimed MULLA MALESA as he stared at the lush green manicured lawn and the yellow, pink and red blossoms of the flowers in front of the chapel. Philosophically, OJARA enters into a long treatise to explain the principal and foundation and how gifted we are by God.

Have you seen our new acquisition? You should have been here to see the reaction of the novices when they saw it. One immediately rushed to see it and was found mesmerized by its appearance. This is the new car which was donated by our benefactors Kristof and Hans who visited us recently. In fact one commented that it was his first time to hear Jesuits singing in the whole of his life after the novices entertained them with an

African traditional song.

The secundi [currently voventes] presented their papers on the vows. It was an enjoyable task as novices debated, questioned and argued until you could see beads of sweat and throbbing veins on their foreheads. Later we went through the Constitutions, newly enlarged by the Decrees of GC 34, under the direction of Fr. LEO AMANI. Fr. GEORGE wound up the course on the History of the Society and he is set to continue with the last part of the course for the first years later on.

BARASA, our political analyst, gave us a lecture on the Kenyan situation as we celebrated Madaraka Day on the first of June. Amid the sound of drums and melodious ululations during the celebration of the Feast of Ugandan Martyrs, our new heifer, Narok, gave birth to its first-

born late at night. Lwanga is its name. The money-men [treasurers] from all over the Province came to witness the birth as they held their meeting here. With them came the gift of a computer from the Provincial's Office. Thanks a lot.

Among other gifts as usual are our vistors who transform our flora and fauna. Scholastic IKUNZA, on retreat, later had a memorable "meet a Jesuit" session with us. Fr. Mike O'Sullivan from Ireland, a close friend of Fr. Leo from his student days, enlightened us on women's issues. Scholastic SOSTHENES LUYEMBE and his relatives, who are close friends and neighbours of our community, supped with us on one of the evenings together with Sian who works with the street children in Arusha. Sr. Maricruz [MSOLA] was here on retreat and so was Laurencia

ARUSHA: VOW DAY CELEBRATIONS

We started with pomp and pageantry amid the sound of drums and ululations as the procession glided along with song and dance towards our Jesuit Novitiate Chapel in Arusha. This marked the beginning of the Vow Day celebrations for thirteen young men who were accepted to take their first but perpetual vows in this least Society of Jesus.

"Twende sote nyumbani mwake" [Let us all go to His house] rang in the air as the choir made up of

Matunda [a sister of Scholastic MK-ENDA] who was scheduled for a retreat but had to postpone it for she fell ill with malaria.

The great blessing this year is the gift of thirteen young and strong men who have offered themselves in the service of God beneath the banner of the cross in this least Society of Jesus. They had an enriched and spirit-filled vow retreat in Sanya Juu [Moshi] accompanied by Frs. LUDWIG and EDMUND MALLYA. They are now set to take their vows on the 2nd July. The six *Novi* are already here and have embarked on their probation period for the next two weeks before they are officially accepted as full novices. Thanks be to God.

Josephat Shete Wangira, S.J.

Jesuit and Canossian novices, the large congregation who had come, the voventes and the priests raised their melodious voices to the joyous tune of the day. The variety of songs was remarkable ranging from Luganda to even Bemba!

During the homily, Fr. Provincial went mystic as he related the three vows to the Trinity. Ignatius had visualized them as three keys but producing one harmonious sound. Enough theological reflections! Rela-

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To	Assignment
Nairobi - Kangemi	Assistant Parish Priest [ad tempus]
Spain	Back to his Province
Nairobi	Theology at Hekima College
Harare	Teacher at Arrupe College
Mwanza Church	Regency in the Parish
Mwangaza-Nairobi	Retreat Ministry [ad tempus]
Nairobi - Kangemi	Regency in the Parish
Harare	Philosophy at Arrupe College
Harare	Philosophy at Arrupe College
Dublin	MA Spiritual Theology
Mwanza	Lecturer at Nyegezi Institute
Harare	Philosophy at Arrupe College
Kampala	JRS
Nairobi	Theology at Hekima College
Harare	Philosophy at Arrupe College
Ngara	JRS
Dodoma Parish	Assistant Parish Priest
Philippines	Back to his Province
Addis Ababa	Lecturer at the Major Seminary
Harare	Philosophy at Arrupe College
USA	Back to his Province
Mwanza	Regency at Lake Sec. School

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23. Lello, Edmund	Manila -Tertianship
24. López, Elías	Ngara - JRS
25. Luyembe, Sosthenes	Nairobi - Kangemi
26. Madra, Andrew	Dodoma Parish
27. Manyanga, Raymond	Kimwenda Rep. Dem. Congo
28. Mascarenhas, Stanislaus	Loyola - Nairobi
29. Mtete, Pius	Mwanza Church
30. Mulla, Dominic	Arusha Novitiate
31. Muthumbi, Anselm	Arusha Novitiate
32. Mwijage, Paschal	Nairobi -Hekima College
33. Ndong'a, Otieno	Australia - Tertianship
34. Njuguna, Francis	Arusha Novitiate
35. Ochumbo, Alex	Dar es Salaam
36. Ohure, John C.	Mwanza
37. Ojara, Pius	Arusha Novitiate
38. Omelas, Francisco	Uganda
39. Payeur, Joseph	Loyola Nairobi
40. Poulin, Calvin	Nairobi - Hekima College
41. Pullicino, Joseph	Arusha Novitiate
42. Shete, Josephat	Arusha Novitiate
43. Twohig, Richard	Dar es Salaam -Loyola H.S.
44. Vuciri, Elias	Kampala

tives of the vow men offered symbols of a spear, shield and a traditional stool which were explained how they related to the vows. As usual the vow men after profession were presented with the crucifix and the Constitutions; in an African gesture, they also put on an elders' garb [Rubega].

Entertainment during the reception was marvellous. Scholastic CHACHU showed his prowess in the

African dance as he joined us in our joyous mood. At the end of the day, all agreed that it was a well-organized and lovely occasion. Thanks to all for their support and prayers. We wish all the vow men the best on their new mission.

J. Shete Wangira, S.J.

NEWS FROM DODOMA

From Easter to the end of its season, the Airport Parish has been busy with the preparation and the examination of more than 500 of its young parishioners for the reception of First Holy Communion.

From June 15-19 GASPAR SUNHWA was in Dar es Salaam for Vocation Directors' meetings, but earlier on June 2nd to the 10th, he was in Arusha for the Province Finance Committee meeting.

In the middle of April and the whole of May, MADRA was downed first by acute malaria and late on by some typhoid fever. He's much better now. It was a miracle to anyone of us here to see LADO able to replace his expired Sudanese passport with a new one only in Dar es Salaam without going to the dreaded Khartoum. Furthermore, surprisingly, he managed to obtain a visa to enter Kenya with relative ease - a thing undreamt of by most

Southern Sudanese in the diaspora around the world.

Brother KIZZA has been relatively steady with his carpentry studies at the Don Bosco Technical Institute. But sometime last month all of us were shocked and KIZZA himself terribly distressed when he got the news of the untimely death of his younger brother, John Baptist Kagwa, who died on April 10th, and this news reached us after two months. KIZZA'S brother is survived by a wife and three children. May you include them in your prayers.

The local sponsor of our youth, Dr. Massimo, and the entire parish were happy to see that the basketball court of the parish's Youth Centre has come near completion, which is Small Christian Community-based, is scheduled for July and will take place at the Airport Parish Youth Centre grounds. IKUNZA has nearly completed the

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Name	From	To	Assignment
1. Alonso, Pablo José	Ngara -JRS	Spain	Back to his Province
2. Balige, Bonaventura	Nairobi - Hekima College	Baltimore	MA Pastoral Counselling
3. Barasa, Tiberius	Arusha Novitiate	Harare	Philosophy at Arupe College
4. Berhanu, Tamene	Kimwenza Rep. Dem. Congo	Harare	Philosophy at Arupe College
5. Changanacherry, Joseph	Adjumani - JRS	India	Back to his Province
6. Cullen, Kevin	Kampala - JRS	USA	Back to his Province
7. D'Souza, Anthony	Cathedral - Nairobi	England	Sabbatical at Heythrop College
8. De Clercq, Jean-Paul	Kampala	Belgium	Back to his Province
9. Esibo, Simion	Arusha Novitiate	Harare	Philosophy at Arupe College
10. Henninger, Mark	Arupe College -Harare	USA	Back to his Province
11. Ikunza, Ignatius	Kampala	Dodoma Parish	Regency in the Parish
12. Jaki, Patrick-Marie	Arusha Novitiate	Harare	Philosophy at Arupe College
13. Jesuraja, Paul	Madurai	Harare	Lecturer at Arupe College
14. Karongo, Buberwa	Kimwenza Rep. Dem. Congo	Dar es Salaam	Regency at Loyola High School
15. Karumba, Charles	Arusha Novitiate	Nairobi	Loyola Juniorate
16. Kenney, Daniel	Cathedral Nairobi	Nairobi	Loyola House - Sub-minister
17. Kiarie, Joseph	Arusha Novitiate	Harare	Philosophy at Arupe College
18. Kikonyogo, Joseph-M.	Arusha Novitiate	Harare	Philosophy at Arupe College
19. Kilulu, Anthony	Arusha Novitiate	Harare	Philosophy at Arupe College
20. Kimonge, Georges	Hekima- Nairobi	Dar es Salaam	Loyola High School
21. Kituyi, Ambrose	Arusha Novitiate	Harare	Philosophy at Arupe College
22. Lado, Francis	Dodoma Parish	Nairobi	Theology at Hekima College