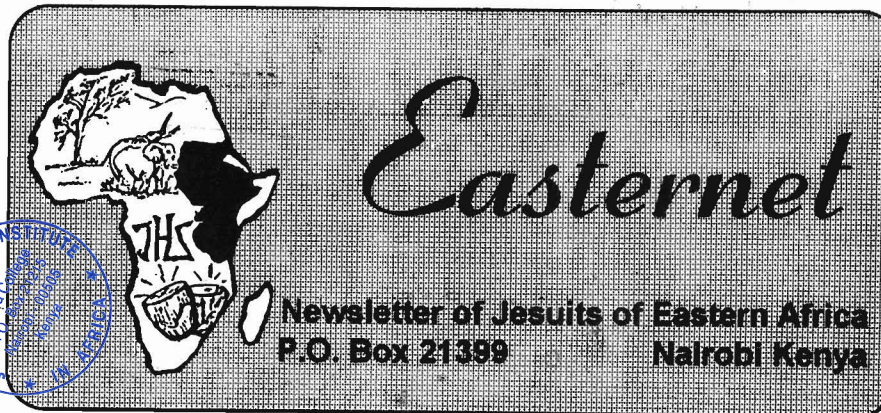
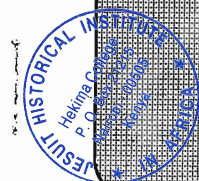


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Mon	1	Sts. Edmund Campion, Robert Southwell and companions - Memorial
Wed	3	ST. FRANCIS XAVIER - Feast ❖Salvador Ferrao: 25 years of Priesthood
Thu	4	-George German
Sun	7	Valerian Shirima
Mon	8	*Jaonah Herimalala
Wed	10	*Ngarukiye Bayingana
Fri	12	Caspal A. Pedro
Sun	14	Charles Karumba
Mon	15	Deusdedit Byebalilo
Tue	16	Sidney D'Souza
Sat	20	Miguel Garcia
Thu	25	CHRISTMAS Jan Caers, *Emmanuel Nkeng
Fri	26	<i>Ernest Sorelle Died in 1979</i>
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Tue	30	Raymond Manyanga
Wed	31	*Dathol Berilengar



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From the Provincial's Desk:

Preparing the Province Assembly 1997:

The Commission on Ministries has been very active in the preparation of the forthcoming Province Assembly. We are very happy at the high registration of 65 Companions who are ready to come to Nairobi to participate in the Assembly. This is a clear sign that the topic chosen "Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation" is relevant and timely for our mission in the Province of Eastern Africa today.

As it was emphasized throughout the planning, this Assembly is viewed not only as a time of reflection and sharing on this topic, but also as a time for us to meet together and build our union of

minds and hearts, even at the level of our socializing. In order to facilitate this purpose I want to encourage all the efforts made in order to stay together at Dimesse Centre from Sunday evening, 28 December, until Wednesday morning 31 December. Shopping and visit of friends in Nairobi city can come earlier or after...

Schedule for December:

- ⇒ 4 - 5: Annual Meeting of the Religious Superiors Conference of Kenya
- ⇒ 7-20: Retreat and Pastoral Session to the Diocesan Clergy of Maputo and some days of rest.
- ⇒ 28-31: Province Assembly

MORE GOOD NEWS ABOUT VOCATION PROMOTION

Maybe you haven't heard about the Open Day our Jesuit Novices put on in Arusha on the 13th September. Over 20 young men attended their "Come and See" programme. Father General's recent letter on Vocation Promotion hadn't reached them by that time, but their initiative and zeal is very much in agreement with what he is asking of all Jesuits - a much more active and "aggressive" vocation promotion campaign. The Novices have shown not only that "small is possible" but also that "LOCAL is possible". As I wrote before, please encourage the rest of the Province by other local "aggressive" Open Days.

Fr. General has just completed a strong appeal, mentioned above, to all Jesuits to be more active and "aggressive" - his words - in our vocation promotion. His short address of two printed pages has a lot in it and does need studying, reflecting on in prayer - and definite action. So, too, is his short interview with Brother Charles Jackson, now special advisor to Fr. General in Rome, on the whole issue of the Brothers' vocation. The first letter of Fr. General was printed in the October issue of EASTERNET, and in this issue we now print his interview with Brother Charles J. Jackson.

For three days in October I was so glad to be able to get back to the beautiful area of Meru while visiting the family

and parish of a Jesuit aspirant. Believe it or not, there are 200 secondary schools sponsored by the Diocese of Meru alone. On my first night in Meru I stayed in the house of Bishop Silas Njiru, who once again urged me to visit some of the 200 schools his diocese sponsors. I plan to do something next year as I have also been invited by the Diocesan Youth Chaplain to attend some of the large youth assemblies organized by the Diocese. Would any of our younger Jesuits be prepared to attend these meetings scattered throughout the year?

I attended the 9th Annual Meeting of the Vocation Promoters of Kenya, which was held once again at Dimesse Sisters Centre, Karen, from the 27th-31st October. Eighty representatives attended from all over Kenya, with a few from Tanzania and Uganda. A feature of this year's Assembly was the opening session given to the consideration of the religious vocation and work of Brothers. Brother Eugene Kabanguka, Rector of the Marist International Centre in Nairobi, and our own Brother CASPAR PEDO, provided us with fine insights into the Brothers' vocation. Their contributions were warmly appreciated. Once again many at the Assembly requested a special session to be devoted to giving more practical help and advice to those who are new, or fairly new, to the important work of vocation promotion. The representa-

A.T. yet another great model for Jesuits

A.T. was 46 years old. He entered the Society of Jesus at the age of 17 and was ordained in 1981. He took his final vows in 1991. Bright in studies, he became an enthusiastic student of Liberation Theology and he admired and respected in a special way those Jesuits and people who had given their lives for the poor and oppressed in Latin America and other parts of the world. He has now joined his brother Jesuits in martyrdom, and is no less than them in his love of the poor, in his commitment to change the unjust

social structures like castes, which are the bane of Bihar and many other parts of India. He will be remembered for his courage, his humour, his love of friends and his total commitment to the oppressed. He is indeed a true martyr. St. Ignatius and Fr. Pedro Arrupe must be proud of him. Jesus Christ, the liberator of the poor and oppressed, is surely proud of him.

Phil Crotty, S.J.

(Forwarded by Michael Czerny, S.J., from "Jesuits in Europe")

♥ YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

- * For John Wasilwa, the father of S. BERNARD WASILWA, S.J., of Arrupe College, Harare, who died early in October. R.I.P.
- * - Also for Ruth Naliaka, BERNARD WASILWA's elder sister, widowed mother of four school-age children, who had already died and was buried before he came home to console his family.
- * - For TERRY CHARLTON's mother, who has a tumour on her lung.

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untouchables to achieve basic literacy. There was no way that they would be able to seriously attend the local schools because during the day their parents needed their labour, so Thomas and his companions started night schools and gradually developed a network of such schools through the environs of Hazaribag. When he and his teachers sat with the village people at night they had to listen to horrendous stories of injustice, and they gradually became involved with the people in their struggle to find some degree of justice in a deeply unjust world.

Going back a few years

A few years back A.T. supported the harijans in their bid to cultivate a piece of land which had been unjustly grabbed by a higher caste group in the neighbourhood. To their surprise they managed to win the case in court and some members of the upper caste group were imprisoned for forcible land grabbing. This was a victory for the harijans and a tremendous loss of face for the upper castes. They went to jail, but they never forgot who was behind their imprisonment. Eighteen months ago A.T. was sent to Manila to do further study in Sociology. Just a month ago he returned to India and the villages around Hazaribag to complete work on his thesis. On the morning of Friday, October 24th, he was with a Jesuit companion, George Thomas, S.J., in a school they had built in Rajhar village. George returned to

Hazaribag and then A.T. decided to go to Sirka village about 3 kms away. From this point on the news is largely hearsay, but it seems that he arrived in Sirka in time to find a group of people dressed in police uniform beating up one of the villagers. When A.T. went to find out what was going on, one of the "police" said, "this is the man who sent me to jail". He was surrounded and taken away at gunpoint, even though the villagers protested: "He's a good man, let him go." It turned out that the "police" were in fact a breakaway group of insurgents, who under the guise of a people's movement were busy extorting money from one of the villagers. The news of A.T.'s kidnapping got to Hazaribag that night, but the Jesuits moved with much caution, because they knew that a precipitous move by the police would only result in further trouble for the villagers and A.T. himself.

On Saturday and Sunday all possible venues were explored in order to find out where he was and whether there was to be a demand for ransom, which is often the case in this type of kidnapping. By Sunday evening the strong rumour was that he had been beaten and killed. This morning (Monday, 27th October) his decapitated and battered body was seen in a river-bed not far from Sirka. The police were informed, and as I write this the body is being brought to Hazaribag for postmortem and burial. Up till now his head has not been recovered.

tives from the Archdiocese of Nairobi have decided to hold such a session locally.

On the last morning, the 31st October, I was asked to be the main celebrant at the Liturgy. I felt it very appropriate that I should speak on St. Alphonsus Rodrigues, our Jesuit Brother saint, just as we had also begun our Assembly

considering the vocation of Brothers.

An interesting note, and one mentioned at the meeting, was that a tribute was paid to Fr TONY SEQUEIRA and his team, who started the Annual Assemblies nine years ago.

Seán O'Connor, S.J.

ANNUAL MEETING OF JESUIT VOCATION PROMOTERS

AT LOYOLA HOUSE
ON THE 1ST AND 2ND JANUARY, 1998

FATHER GENERAL ON BROTHERS' VOCATIONS

In June of last year the Society of Jesus commemorated the 450th Anniversary of Exponi Vobis, the document by which Pope Paul III granted the Society permission to accept coadjutors - both priests and Brothers - to share in its life and ministry.

Brother Charles J. Jackson, consiliarius peritus of Father General for Brothers, interviewed Father Kolvenbach on the subject. Excerpts follow:

We should not forget that Brothers were already very active in the Society before this letter was written. We have clear indications from Coimbra that Brothers were already working in the communities. My impression is that

even at that moment they were already sharing fully in our life and were already men sent on mission. They were called "coadjutors." "Adjutor," a word which means "helper," shares a root with "ayudar" [to help], a verb which St. Ignatius liked very much. Brothers were "to help" people encounter Christ. They were coadjutors, co-workers like everyone in the Society in this mission. The Brothers, who were very gifted people, were already leading missions. The Brothers' ministry, like that of Alphonsus Rodriguez who was also a spiritual guide, was quite broad and not limited to the domestic tasks as later developed.

On the decline of Brothers' vocations

It is a problem that is not limited to the Society. Rather, it is a problem

confronting the whole Church and many religious families. It is important that we not forget that the vocation of the brother is to follow in a radical way the message of the Gospel. It is, as the Lord himself said, the "narrow road." It is, as the documents of the General Congregation remind us, religious life "in its essence". So it is really not a vocation that will attract a large crowd. Thus we cannot expect a tremendous number of Brothers IF the brother's vocation is really lived out as it should be. We should also acknowledge resistances in social life and even in religious life that make the brother's vocation difficult. The Holy See, especially during the Vatican Council, continues to stress that the brother's vocation is complete, and that a man doesn't become a brother because something is lacking in his religious formation or in his human characteristics. It is a "complete" vocation and it needs nothing else - nothing is lacking. It is really a "full" vocation and a "full" mission.

This is not always acknowledged - many times under social or cultural pressures. And on this point, from our side, we have to do everything we can so that within the Society itself this vocation is considered and treated as a complete vocation in the Church and for the Church... The brother's vocation is open to everything that does not involve the Sacrament of Holy Orders, and for that reason we should leave everything open and use all the possibilities before us. The Lord invites

us to promote the vocation of the brother in the Society so that he can be a full partner in the mission of the Society of Jesus. And on this point, I think that we should respect our differences - we are not the same. The Lord had called each one of us by name - each one of us is different. This is, as the General Congregation said, a diversity which should not be seen as an obstacle but as a reason to be more united as an apostolic body.

The Jesuit Brother in the last General Congregation

During the General Congregation, even with the best will, there would not have been sufficient time to reflect upon this important issue for the whole Society. Since a General Congregation must treat so many topics, it would have been very difficult to write the decree on the brother's vocation without the preparation provided by the Loyola Symposium. On the other hand, was something lacking? Perhaps not enough was said about the promotion of the vocation of the brother. This can very easily be forgotten, especially among provinces which have not received brother vocations in years, and the promoters of vocations can easily forget that the Society is not complete without the vocation of the Brothers.

The formation of the Brothers

I am sometimes surprised that Provincials do not know that the Brothers have a formation program

the safe return of the old members of the community and to welcome the new ones.

This year the Bellarmino community has 100 members, of whom 4 are Jesuit Brothers, 75 are ordained priests, one of whom has just finished his novitiate and is ready to take his vows, 2 are scholastics and 9 are ordained deacons. The one hundred members come from 39 Jesuit Provinces in 27 countries of the world. The number of members of the African Assistancy has increased to 12: 5 from Madagascar, 1 from the Nigeria-Ghana Region, 1 from the Eastern Africa Province, 3 from the Province of Central Africa and 1 from the Rwanda-Burundi Region.

The celebrations of Mass and supper were concluded by a community meeting at which the community project for this year was presented by the Rector. Among other things the Rector insisted on the building of a Jesuit community that will promote dialogue among the members, which requires our knowing each other and other Jesuits in the International Houses of Rome, participation in different works of the community and really trying to stress each one's responsibility for the running of the community. The members were also challenged to cultivate an interest not only in what each of us has come to do but also in what others are doing. Members were urged to be ready to help each other in studies and in other difficulties such as those of language, integration, organization of apostolates

in the community, etc. In order to help us to be more concrete in this endeavour the community has formed small groups with a maximum of ten people in each, who will meet now and then to share in the joys and difficulties in the community and also outside the walls of the Bellarmino.

Damas Missanga, S.J.

JESUIT IN INDIA BEHEADED IN THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE

This evening, Monday 27th October, news was received by phone from Hazaribag, India, that Father A.T. Thomas, S.J. had been beheaded in a village just 30 kms. southwest of Hazaribag. As far as we can work it out, the story is this. Thomas had just returned to Hazaribag from Manila where he had gone to do studies which would help in his work for the Harijans (untouchables) of the villages close to Hazaribag. Work among these people had been pioneered by Fr. Peter Doherty, S.J. about 25 years ago. He was followed by Fr. Tony Herbert, S.J. and then by a number of young Indian Jesuits who had joined our Province.

Prominent among these was Thomas, affectionately known as A.T., who had been in theology during the heady days of decree 4 and had joined in the work for the "dalits" (the oppressed) which had been initiated by Peter and Tony. He was particularly interested in trying ways of getting the children of these

exams are due from the first week of November

Recently the Second Refugee Students Convention was held, which brought together all the refugee students studying in different universities and colleges of Madras. The first convention of the kind was organized a year before by the All-India Catholic University Federation (AICUF), in collaboration with JRS, and it resulted in the formation of the Refugee Students Association which, in collaboration with the aforementioned organizations, organized this year's convention.

JEROME and I, being part-time collaborators of JRS, took an active part in organizing the convention, which was highlighted in the sharing of experiences by the refugee students from Sudan, Tibet and Sri Lanka. The Chief Police Commissioner of the State of Tamil Nadu was the chief guest, and he delivered an inspiring inaugural address in which he assured the refugee students that the Government is concerned about their plight. Since one of the objectives of the Convention was advocacy, it was thought essential to invite a man from the Security or Police, given that one of the major problems refugee students face here is police harassment regarding their permits to stay in India.

An Official from the UNHCR Office in Madras delivered a talk on refugee laws and protection, after which the students

asked many questions which the Official answered well.

In the afternoon there was a Principals' panel where two Principals from Madras' most famous colleges, one ladies' college (Stella Maris) and the other a men's college (Loyola) answered questions from the students regarding another problem faced by them, that is, of difficulty in getting admission into colleges. However, knowing already that both colleges had admitted many foreigners including refugees this year, the Principals promised to be even more sympathetic to refugees during the time of admission.

The Convention, which lasted for 8 hours, ended at 5.30 p.m.

Binamungu Mukasa, S.J.

FR. DAMAS MISSANGA WRITES FROM ROME ABOUT THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR THERE.

The opening of the new academic year was held on Saturday, 10th October, with the Mass at the Church of St. Ignatius, and a colourful reception thereafter in our community of the Bellarmino College. This was also the eve of the beginning of community life in the Bellarmino for the academic year 1997/98. So, on Wednesday 15th October, we celebrated our first community Mass, presided over by the Rector, Fr. Londoño, to thank God for

exactly in the same way as the scholastics have. There was always this problem: the scholastics knew that they moved from the novitiate to the Juniorate, from the Juniorate to philosophy, and so on - yet the Brothers had the impression that after the novitiate nothing was fixed. Now, this time is over. There is an official formation program. Unfortunately, this was not sufficiently studied or addressed during the Loyola Symposium. Perhaps there was not sufficient time for it. But this formation program is closely linked with the brother's becoming a full partner in the mission of the Society and what will be his specific mission in the future.

On the Juridical Status

I really believe that the General Congregation - backed by the Pope, because he took a few initiatives in this field - changed quite a few points in the brother's juridical status in the Society. I think at the end of the decree on the Brothers you will find a whole list of changes that were made in our law to better specify the role of the brother in the Society. I see now, for example, that "indifferentes" are once more entering the novitiate. This is something very new. In some provinces there is a tendency that only scholastics enter the novitiate. I am pleased that this change has been made because every year there are more scholastics discovering that their vocation is to be a brother than there are Brothers discovering that their vocation is to be

a priest. On another topic, it was our Holy Father himself who took the initiative that Brothers could be "full" members at a General Congregation.

Brothers were, for the first time, "present" at the General Congregation and could participate in all the work of the Congregation, but it was not possible for them to "elect", for example, the General Councillors. This is now changed: in the next General Congregation they will be able to be "electors" and will be able to elect the General and the General Councillors, like any other member of the General Congregation. Juridical equality is a question that is still not solved. The Holy Father did not speak out. He only promised a commission to study the problem, and I must confess that for ten years I have been a member of a commission that has been studying this problem. Until now, the only juridical problem has been: Can a brother be a superior in a community in which there are priests? If there are only Brothers in the community, there is no problem. But if there is a priest, then immediately there is a juridical problem according to the law of the Church as it now stands. They are still reflecting on it. It is not an easy problem. I know that the Holy See is already making exceptions.

NEWS FROM ...

LOYOLA HOUSE

A 60th anniversary celebration of his entrance into the Society of Jesus was had on October 4 for SEAN O'CONNOR. EDDIE MURPHY gave a beautiful homily centered around SEAN as referee, which he once was. CECIL McGARRY presented SEAN with an honorary Doctor of Athletic Letters, making up for the notable lack of publicity for his booklet on "How to Referee Football."

SEAN, not resting on his laurels, attended a week-long meeting of Vocation Promoters in Dimesse, and then returned to his never-ending work of seeing candidates. DAG had an open house celebrating a gift from the Japanese Ambassador, who had visited Nyumbani a year ago and had seen children studying in a tent. As a result of that visit he gave DAG \$51,500 for a new building so that the children would have an adequate place to study. A Montessori program is underway which will be a big help to the HIV+ children who do not get a great welcome in public and private schools. The Ambassador gave a fine talk, explaining the history behind the gift.

JONATHAN continues his ongoing work at Loyola, and just finished the direction of two Holy Rosary sisters in a 30-day retreat. They resided at Tumaini during the month. GERRY is

pounding the pavement every morning (better put perhaps: is turning the wheels) in his ministrations to religious communities around the area, and performs countless time-saving trips for all of us to embassies, government offices, the Cardinal, the post office, and on and on.

We are trying again to have a weekly community Mass at 5.45 p.m. on Saturday. The other week the Mass was for TOM FITZPATRICK who is now in Rochester, New York, where a condition of adult non-Hodgkin's lymphoma cancer has been diagnosed. He has begun aggressive treatment (chemo-therapy) against it. His original return date to Nairobi in November has been pushed back to Easter time. I know you will join us in continued prayers for TOM.

CHARLIE gave a directed retreat to four SMA men (one priest, three to become deacons) at Resurrection Gardens, and then went to Tanga, Tanzania, with 13 Pallotines. The trip in was on Monday, October 20: rain, heavy rain, one puncture, but with the four Land Rovers he got through to the Rosminian Centre at Tanga on the ocean.

On October 31st Loyola hosted our Jesuit Brothers: Mass and everything else together. A word from VICTOR JACCARINI: Education is what is left

to which Arrupe College is now associated. Bikes were conveniently provided for each one of us to commute daily to and from our various small communities. You should just watch how NJUGUNA cruises with a grateful smile on his face each morning into the College compound. And talking about communities, there are nine small communities consisting of 8-15 members each, situated in the surroundings of the College. If the verse "He will gather all peoples from all nations together" has never been fulfilled in front of your eyes, then come to Arrupe College. The scholastics come from different African countries; and it's really a miracle that all these men live peacefully in the same community. Every Wednesday evening we have the College Mass followed by a social hour.

We had a meeting for the Eastern Africa Province scholastics, to welcome the new members, evaluate our life in Arrupe College, and to elect some leaders. OKUMU, MAGHALI and DEO were elected.

S.O.S.: After the rigorous mid-semester exams we had a picnic at Seke Dam, accompanied by Fr. MADRA, who had recently arrived. The picnic became highly apostolic with the scholastics coming to the rescue of an Air Force team who had crashed on one of the rocks during a landing exercise. OJARA and LOMULEN were first on the scene and managed to salvage one of the pilots who had been thrown out

of the helicopter into the bush. With the help of KIZITO the other two pilots, who were unhurt, coordinated with the base and directed them to come to their rescue. LUTAMBI, waving a red T-shirt, managed to direct the rescuers to the scene of the accident. Mission accomplished, we went back, enjoyed our meal, danced the legendary "mwana wa mberi" and other popular dances, including a xhosa (South African) dance which made even the limp leap with joy!

Mission: The scholastics were involved in various apostolates: OKUMU and AKAU with the refugees, UDAHEMUKA with the CLC, DEO and LOMULEN with the children at an orphanage. There is now a priest in charge of apostolates, and the process of incorporation in one or the other of the apostolates is on.

Note: Scholastic WASILWA lost his father. Please remember him and the family in your prayers. Tatenda! Thank you!

*Josephat A. Shete, S.J.,
Arrupe College*

FROM MADRAS

Our contribution to J.R.S.

JEROME and I are busy preparing for our examinations, to mark the end of this semester and ultimately enter into the last semester of our courses. The

Our annual Nairobi-area three-day directed retreat was held at the Carmelite Monastery in Langata, 9-16 October, with 26 retreatants. This time only two directors were Jesuit and four were lay. The lay directors are a fruit of Ozy's work for three years to prepare a number of CLCers, who had completed the full Exercises in Daily Life, to direct the Exercises. In fact, this group will complete its training by December, and we hope to constitute a second group for training next year.

Over 20 Nairobi members have completed the full Exercises, and some 5 more are in the process. We recognize that if the Exercises, which so fundamentally root our CLC spirituality, are going to be readily available to all of our members, especially outside Nairobi, we must rely on CLCers as directors of the Exercises. As a first step to eventually preparing members outside Nairobi to direct the Exercises, we are trying to make the opportunity of making the full Exercises available to them where there are usually no directors available to provide the Exercises in Daily Life. We have begun a programme of offering the full Exercises to members in three 10-day periods with the same director over the course of one or two years. Although difficult, indications are that this option is at least viable for some members for whom a continuous 30-day retreat is not.

Preparation is underway for the CLC World Assembly in Itaici (near Sao

Paulo), Brazil, in July, 1988, to which CLC Kenya is invited to send three delegates. The preparation will be the widest ever, with all members asked to participate through their small group. In order to receive feedback on a variety of topics, the Kenyan Preparation Team has prepared a 12-page booklet which has been placed in the hands of each member.

We were asked to give some statistics about CLC Kenya. Exclusive of the four new groups for which we do not yet have statistics, there are 184 members, of whom 90 are women (49%) and 94 are men (51%). There are 10 Jesuits, 6 Sisters, and two diocesan priests working with CLC. There are 16 established groups plus the 4 new ones for a total of 20. Of these, 10 are in Nairobi. The others are in Bungoma, Eldoret, Kisii, Kisumu, Machakos, Mombasa and Nakuru. Five of the groups are composed of university students, and 15 of working people.

Terry Charlton, S.J.

NEWS FROM HARARE

Since we stepped on this land of Comrade Mugabe many things have happened. Our orientation programme included introduction to computers, an overview of the history of Zimbabwe, and visits to various areas in Harare, including the University of Zimbabwe,

after you have forgotten all you learned. GEORGE AIKARA and GEORGE THOTTUNGAL were with us for a few days. PACO came in from Ngara for a few days of rest; and LUDWIG, whose turn it is to go on home leave, stopped here on the way from Arusha. It's always good to have the brethren come in from the hinterland.

Charlie Murphy, S.J.

MWANGAZA MATTERS

The months of September and October have had their individual highlights, with GILLES PION's departure on the 17th September, and October highlighted with its 30-day retreat, from the 1st to the 30th.

GILLES keeps in touch with letters and keeps us informed about his plans and activities. His last says his Provincial in Quebec is still biding his time to give him his next assignment, until GILLE's doctors give him the green light to get back to normal, regular duties.

There were 14 retreatants on the 30-day retreat: 11 sisters and 3 priests. Of these 14, seven were Kenyans and the rest, expatriates. Naturally, the 30-day retreat becomes a time of special graces for retreatants as well as directors!

Srs. Margaret and Jane have been designated "Supervisors" on the staff

and have taken charge of their respective departments with the proverbial cleanliness that goes with new brooms. They have begun to stay in Mwangaza and that saves them the walk from where they were before, the AOSK House at the head of Masai Lane. It also helps us to know that they are around and can be counted upon at all times. True to their name and charisma, Mwangaza will be another "Nazareth for the Holy Family!"

The personnel crunch continues to afflict Mwangaza. Right now TONY is wearing three hats: Superior, Director and Administrator! Occasionally he puts on the retreat-director's cap. We are fortunate in having Sr. Anna Marie, MSOLA, with us, and for all the time/s she has been with us she looks like a permanent member on the directors' team. With VICTOR JACCARINI's eventual coming, we hope the crunch will lessen. We do hope also to have some temporary help from November to April.

Mwangaza's program for 1998 is out, and people are calling in with their bookings for the coming year. Knowing that "hope springs eternal in the human breast", there are some who still call up for a place in November and December of this year. This deepens our belief that MWANGAZA MATTERS !!!

Ozy Gonsalves, S.J.

SUDAN BRIEFS

Most of May-August is taken up with the long break from schools, since the Khartoum Jesuits are all involved in seminaries. This year it coincided with three home-leaves and with some Province-business travelling, so that for much of the time only two or three of us continued the Jesuit presence. None however escaped completely the extraordinary debilitating heat.

But with the remnant, ministry continued: helping to direct some retreatants (ED BRADY, PAUL MALLIA); organizing and teaching in the Diploma Programme in Christian Educational Leadership (cf. ED BRADY's write-up below) for headmasters and headmistresses of the Catholic primary schools of Greater Khartoum, for the displaced (ED BRADY AND PAUL MALLIA); assisting the Sisters of the Sacred Heart (Sudan) in their assembly (ED BRADY); PAUL BESANCENEY getting things ready in time for the opening of the new academic year; and PAUL MALLIA trying to finish a booklet for publication begun some five years earlier!

A new year at the seminaries

On July 1st St. Paul's Major Seminary, both Sections, opened its doors to start a new year. Students returning from Juba Archdiocese, where they had spent the long break on pastoral work and some holiday, impressed us: all

looked so thin, confirming what we had been hearing about the scarcity of food there.

The Theology Section now has 134 seminarians, and the building is no longer able to house them all. The fourth year, 25 of them, use a rented, barely sufficient building, about half a kilometre away, mainly for sleeping.

The so-called Orientation Course, the pre-Major Seminary, where Fr. RICHARD D'SOUZA is in charge, has this year thirty students. St. Augustine's Seminary, the minor seminary of Khartoum Archdiocese, has been the base for Fr. HANS PUTMAN's ministry. At present HANS is both the Spiritual Director and substituting for the Rector. This does not stop him from his other various ministries. At present he has been conducting a theoretico-practical course in prayer (two-hour sessions). Three Thursdays a month. after 4.00 p.m., you find him at PALICA Centre with some fifty catechists, as they listen to him or watch him or join him as he leads. The course is in Arabic.

At the JRS Regional Workshop on Education for Refugees. Fr. ED BRADY has long been connected with refugee education in various capacities. In the July meeting in Nairobi he was there to learn and to share his experience.

A visiting lecturer. The little get-together of our Community on St.

Movement form of government or to have a multi-party system. Newspapers often refer to the SW rebels as Tabliqs. But President Yoweri Museveni denies that the rebels are waging a Muslim war. At the same time he claims the rebellion is being

sponsored and fanned by certain fundamentalists in Sudan. He describes the ADF as an Alliance of Devil's Forces! (New Vision of September 27, 1997, page 2).

Bob Mayer, S.J.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY KENYA REPORT

The last several months have been ones of harvest for CLC Kenya. Since our last report in June, four new groups have begun. In Nairobi, a new group for adults and a third group at CUEA bring the total Nairobi groups to ten. In Eldoret we have added a group based at the Cathedral parish to our groups at Chepkoilel Campus and Main Campus of Moi University. A group has also begun in Bungoma. (We have also received word that a group under the guidance of Novices HILLARY LIVOMBOLO and JAMES MACHARIA has begun in Arusha).

In addition to TERRY CHARLTON and OZY GONSALVES, who have become standbys in CLC work, eight Jesuits in formation are working as guides of small groups or are training to do so: JAMES WABWIRE and CHARLES KARUMBA from Loyola House, and FRANCOIS D'ASSISE ALLEGBE (AOC), JOHN CHACHU, LAWRENCE DAKA (ZIM), MOYO MPUMELELO (ZIM), and EVARISTE RAKOTONDRAZANANY (MDG) from Hekima College. Other Jesuits have been generous to assist on an

occasional or more limited basis, for example, in working with a CLC'er for the Exercises in Daily Life or for spiritual direction.

I have been my usual peripatetic self during the last several months. I have been present for formation weekends in a variety of areas. The purpose of these weekends has been to share the experience of, and to follow up on, the English-speaking Africa International Formation Encounter in Johannesburg last April. One or more of the lay delegates has always been present with me to give each of the formation weekends which have been in Nakuru during June, in Kisii and in Kisumu during August, and in Nairobi and in Eldoret during September. I visited Mombasa during July to see about reconstituting our group there, which had fallen on hard times, particularly in terms of low membership; happily, the group is thriving again with some nine members. During a July weekend, there was a first meeting of our new National Executive Council, chosen at the National Assembly held in June.

encamped right across the country road from Saaka Novitiate. Still present in October, these same 20 DPs represent a much larger number that fled for their lives after sporadic raids by rebels in June. Among those who have fallen victims to the rebels was the brother of a local catechist. He was beheaded in the nearby subparish of Harugongo.

On Tuesday, June 16, ADF (Allied Democratic Force) rebels sprang a surprise attack on Nundibugyo town for four hours. The New Vision reported a month and a half later that 59 civilians had been killed up till then in the area. Among those abducted was a headmaster, brother of the former parish priest of our local parish of Kitumbi. Sisters, as a result, have been withdrawn. Bundibugyo District borders on Zaire, now called the Democratic Republic of Congo. Fort Portal Diocese is comprised of Bundibugyo and Kabarole Districts.

Even closer to home, on Thursday, August 28, ADF rebels raided the trading centre 10 km away from Saaka. About a dozen citizens were killed. In that early morning attack, two watchmen were also killed at Uganda Technical College (U.T.C.), Kichwamba, where I provide Sunday Mass twice a month. At the time of the attack, the trainees of UTC were on holiday. At least one rebel was reported killed. A pursuing soldier was killed by an anti-personnel mine.

The 10 abducted seminarians of St.

John's in adjoining Kasese Diocese are still missing after the August 16th raid by rebels. Small consolation for the minor seminarians' parents to be informed by the rebels that their dear sons are being well cared for - and would probably be sent abroad for training as soldiers! (Or so goes the report in "The Monitor" of the 14th September, 1997).

Why "rebellitis" ? According to newspaper accounts, rebels entertain various motives for being swept up by "rebellitis". Some have no choice when they are abducted: they are forced to join the rebel ranks, or else they will be shot to death, unless they are lucky enough to escape. One of the rebels captured in the Rwenzori Mountains said he started out in the NALU (National Army for the Liberation of Uganda). A Congolese, he was in the bush for 6 years before being taken as an instructor by the ADF. A rebel captured in Bundibugyo District (South West Uganda) said the person who recruited him from Luwero District (South -Central Uganda) promised the ADF was going to take over the government in six months' time. What is more, the ADF leaders told recruits that even if they died while fighting, they would resurrect immediately when the government fell into rebel hands. A certain rebel captain said he had been promised millions if the ADF toppled the present Movement Government. By the end of the century, Ugandans will vote in a referendum to determine whether to continue the National

Ignatius day served a double purpose: that included wishing Sch. CHARLES ONYANGO a happy return to Hekima College. He was among us for almost a month, on a pastoral assignment Hekima students undergo. In his case he came to teach African Philosophy as a crash course, and every morning he was giving two periods on the subject. But the rest of the time he was busy doing repair jobs on staff computers, puzzling out how to prepare library cards by computer, and other electronic jobs that made many happy. No wonder that that day he had had two send-offs before ours started!

Bernard's baggage. When our Community Superior returned from the Nairobi meetings in August, he discovered that his three pieces of luggage had obeyed their misdirection and went on to Cairo. Then started the inquiring, and the contacting, and the "come back tomorrows" - all nice people, those in the offices. But by the end of two weeks the bags were back in the right hands, even with a nice compensation by Kenya Airways for the trouble.

Some Church News

- The Sudanese Bishops have recently had their ad limina visit, and while in Rome they also had the plenary meeting of the Episcopal Conference.
- Archbishop Irwin Ender, the Pronuncio, has ended his term in the Sudan. He served here since June 1990, a year after the Revolution of National

Salvation, under General Omar El Bashir, seized power.

- Thirty-five Sudanese youths were sent to Paris for the World Day of Youth and their meeting with the Pope.

Paul Mallia, S.J.

STILL ON SUDAN

Seminar Students' inquiry answered by the Secretariat of State: Members of the Theology Student Seminar on Justice and Peace, while studying the Holy Father's Message for the World Day of Peace entitled "Offer Forgiveness and Receive Peace", were troubled by the heading appearing over Section 5 of the document, which stated that "Truth and Justice are Prerequisites for Forgiveness." As one of the students blurted out on first reading the heading, "But Jesus on the cross didn't demand truth and justice; He simply said "Father, forgive them..." Since the theme of the seminar was "Forgiveness and Reconciliation", the concern for clarity continued through the semester, and was further heightened by a visit of a delegation from the Church in South Africa, one of whose members was on the Government's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

All this led to an inquiry for clarification being made of the Apostolic Nuncio (who lives next to the Seminary). He in turn suggested that the request be put in writing, which he

then sent for clarification to the Vatican Justice and Peace Commission. In reply a member of the Justice and Peace Commission noted that the Commission was not responsible for the drafting of the Holy Father's Message. So the request for clarification was sent on to the Secretariat of State. In August, a detailed reply was received, in which it was acknowledged that the student's insights were quite valid and also offered how the statement could be interpreted in the broader context of "social forgiveness", which enters the process of reconciliation, etc.

So our thanks were offered to the Apostolic Nuncio for his concern in taking the request seriously, and for the replies of the Secretariat of State and Justice and Peace Commission as well.

This academic year, the student Justice and Peace Seminar has the theme of "Human Rights and Reconciliation," which will continue into the next academic year in preparation for the 50th anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights, to be held on 10th December, 1998.

Peace Education in Catholic primary schools for the displaced in Greater Khartoum: In Greater Khartoum there are 80 primary schools sponsored by the Church which care for 45,000 displaced children. These schools are necessary because the government schools are already overcrowded, and government educational authorities

over the years have shown no readiness to care for these children. For the last four years, ED BRADY has helped organize seminars in Christian Educational Leadership during the major holidays for the headmasters of these schools, and now is continuing with in-service sessions during the present academic year. Because of the Islamic pressure on Christians, particularly the displaced, most of the participants show ready appreciation for such seminars and sessions that help them deepen their understanding of and commitment to the Catholic way of life.

This group of educators were shown some Peace Education Materials of UNESCO, which Fr. DEVADOSS, S.J. and his associates developed for use in Somalia. They and the Administrators and Inspectors of the Catholic Schools for the Displaced readily agreed that the materials should be adapted for use in Khartoum. The theme of the materials is "Let Peace Begin With Me", and the premise is that each student learn how to become a "peacemaker", using the school curriculum as the learning context. The content is designed to enable students to deal with their own range of conflicts in ways that don't involve violence. Key points in the content are: Building a positive self-image and self-acceptance; Appreciation and Respect for the other; the Ability to communicate - which includes the ability to listen respectfully to the other; Simple techniques of conflict

ordination of Jesuit Deacon Elias. He shared with us the refugee camp situation in Tanzania where he is now working. He also went up to Arua to visit refugee friends from his JRS work there.

In June NICHOLAS BUNYIGE came through on his way from Harare to Kigali.

GABRIEL RAZAFIANDRIAMAHELA came from Hekima for a few days in Kampala. JEAN DE DIEU RANDRIANAIVO and Jude Bruno came in to do three weeks of AIDS ministry work at the Mobile Clinic. Fr. TED WALTERS from Mwanza and Fr. Jude Bruno from India came in to attend a week-long communications workshop here in Kampala.

In July Mr. ADELIT RUKOMANGANA, a scholastic from Kigali, arrived for a month's study of English before going on to Hekima. Mr. ELIAS VUCIRI, Mr. JOSEPH MARY KIKONYOGO and Mr. PIUS OJARA came through on their way to home visits. Fr. Gatarayihni Gaetan, a novice, and Niyoyita Kizito came from Christus Centre in Kigali for a few days as they applied for visas to Italy. Bro. KIZZA CHARLES came in from Dodoma on his way to visit relatives. BUNYIGE NICHOLAS returned from his French language experience in Rwanda. Of course all of these visitors returned overnight on their way back to their houses of origin. Bro. JAMES WABWIRE came to Xavier House because of difficulties he had as he

tried to get to Rwanda. PATRICK JAKI came through on his way to visit in Soroti. MNUBI CHARLES spent two weeks with us as he came in from Harare for two weeks of pastoral AIDS ministry.

In August Bro. VUCIRI ANDREW returned from his visit up North on his way back to Nairobi. Kassiano came in with a friend and former JRS co-worker from Rhino Camp for a little Rest & Relaxation. After the activity of the rebels up North, R&R is much needed.

In September THOMAS ERINJERY came in from Adjumani for the JRS country meeting and then to spend a few days of R&R with us here.

In October GODFREY KAYEMBA came from the Arusha Novitiate to collect his education transcripts. He reported that Novitiate life is much less hectic than was his running for a Parliamentary MP position against a well established government minister before he entered the Novitiate.

Ken Kunert, S.J.

FORT PORTAL REPORT

Not easy here with all the rebels around. One disconcerting thing I noticed here at Saaka Village upon my return from America in July was the presence of displaced persons (DPs)

drivers (at the suggestion of the policeman directing the compounded traffic) that we would leave the settlement of damages to the insurance companies as would be done in the U.S. Our insurance company decided the costs of repairs were too small to go and fight it out in court. "Live and learn the African way". It also took a month to get the car back from the dealer that repaired it as our car "was held hostage" to get the insurance company to pay up a number of past unpaid repair bills.

Our gray Hyundai got crunched in October while JOHN LEGGE was responding to a policeman's stopping oncoming heavy traffic so his backed-up lane of traffic could make their turns. Unfortunately an oncoming driver did not pay attention to the policeman's signal to stop. So he is in jail and we are back to see what our insurance company will do to get his insurance company to pay the bill. This time it is worth going to court for - or so it seems.

And a little more trouble: In September a piece of our chapel roofing came off during heavy winds. David - Bill's "factotum" worker, son of Sarah Grace, our house-keeper, replaced it with the aid of a workmate before the rains came that night. He had noted to BILL a number of times previous to this that the roofing nails about the compound are becoming loose and need to be re-nailed. "Thank you Lord for a timely solution!"

Our big water tank overflowed in July, creating a marshland near our workers' house. After eventually getting the correct water-supply faucet shut off, David corrected the problem by replacing the worn-out control. Xavier House's age is beginning to show. In September the Minister's student workers began repairing the roof of our staff house as well as cleaning and repairing two of our house's hot-water heaters.

Our many Jesuit transient Visitors: Our three Rwandan scholastics, Gasigwa Fabian, Kabahizi Francis Regis and Mugabe Marcellin, completed their four months learning of English and returned home before heading off to Harare. During their stay they also took driving lessons and now each possesses a Ugandan driver's licence. They also joined JEAN-PAUL DE CLERCQ and BILL CALLAHAN to visit the source of the Nile, Bujagalli Falls and the White Fathers in Jinja. They have learned from experience that Jesuits are "on the go" people as they had to escape from the Rwandan Novitiate at the time of the genocide and then leave Zaire when the revolution came there.

In May, DANIEL OPIO AKAU and FIDELIS UDAHEMUKA came in search of relatives and friends in Kampala and then left respectively for Moyo to visit a brother and then moved on to Sudan and Rwanda to seek out relatives there. Fr. FRANCISCO "PACO" ORNELAS came in from Kigali where he witnessed the

resolution; Basic ideas of justice and responsibility in the community.

Headmasters have recently begun the work, along with ED BRADY, who some years ago worked with primary and secondary school teachers in developing similar materials while with the Department of Education at St. Joseph's University, in Philadelphia, U.S.A. Since the Sudanese government curriculum for the primary schools allows for religious education, specifically Christian religious educational materials are also planned to be developed for these classes. The materials will be adapted for use in Sudan, and other materials, particularly local songs and stories, are expected to be added. As the materials are translated into local Arabic, they will be pilot-tested and then revised as needed. Then the plan is that the materials will be produced for use in all the schools. Teacher training sessions are also being planned so that the teachers concerned can put the materials to best possible use.

It is hoped that in the beginning of the next academic year, in July 1998, the materials will be available for use in all the Catholic primary schools. In addition, there is interest that the materials be adapted also for the higher grades. There is also an inquiry about their possible adaptation for use with the small Christian Communities in one of the camps for the displaced.

Ed Brady, S.J.

Note: In order to be more accessible to the Headmasters of the schools for the displaced, with whom I have taken up several initiatives, I have been given a room at Comboni College, near the central bus stations in the heart of the town. If you have need to contact me directly, the phone number is: 249 11 772 564; FAX: 249 11 770 233. The mailing address is: Comboni College, P.O. Box 114, 11111 Khartoum, Sudan.

Ed Brady, S.J.

FROM ARUSHA

*WHERE DO YOU STAY? -
COME AND SEE*

On Saturday, 13th September, we welcomed 23 young men from three different secondary schools to what was an "open house". All of them were enthusiastic and eager to have an insight into who we are and what the Society of Jesus is all about. On arrival at 9 a.m. they were shown around, and this was followed by the Liturgy. Later on there were talks: by Fr. AMANI on "Finding your way", and "Religious life, one way to live one's baptism"; by Fr. LUDWIG, popularly known as Baba Msosi, on "The Jesuits today". And to crown it all, Fr. THOTTUNGAL gave a recipe for "The upward thrust of youth".

As the day drew to a close the visitors' appreciative faces showed that their thirst had somehow been quenched. They expressed their appreciation and willingness for even more encounters. Talk of the Magis ! Just before they departed, Fr. AMANI whispered that the Apostolic Nuncio was due to pay us a visit in a moment, as he was visiting the religious houses. You should have seen the local paparazzo - GACHOKI, n.S.J.- running up and down, hugging his camera and fixing lenses as he patiently waited to click. And all over again it was another waiting. It was fare-thee-well to the young aspirants, and shortly afterwards the Apostolic Nuncio, his Excellency Francisco Xavier Lozano, arrived with his entourage. Fr. Master took him on a short tour and later he inspected a guard of honour mounted by the "12th Njiro Battalion" led by "Commander General" G. Kayemba, n.S.J.

What we say...

In the first five months we have hosted a number of visitors:

- Fr. PLAMONDON AND FR. RICHARD CHERRY came on their way to Dar es Salaam, alongside Fr. PAYEUR who made a stopover on his way to Dodoma.

- In a unique way Deacon - and later on Father - DAMAS MISSANGA stayed with us, first inviting us to his priestly ordination and later on coming to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. I must say that it was striking to see him wearing a stole over both shoulders and not

diagonally across his chest.

- Fr. Tshibamfumu, S.J., the Master of Novices from the new Democratic Republic of Congo, stayed with us for a few days on his familiarisation tour

- Three days before the end of August we were blessed by the visit of Fr MARCEL MATUNGULU OTENE, S.J., Assistant to Fr. General for Africa. It was a great moment for us to be with him, especially at the Meet-a-Jesuit session. He enlightened us about the position and aspirations of the Society today, in regard to our Continent of Africa. To spice his visit, the tunes of "Mwana wa mberi" (First born) and "Happy Birthday" filled the air as he emerged from his fiftieth anniversary with the guns blazing away, ready to live beyond a century.

- Scholastic Donatien Mushamalirwa, S.J., spent his time with us for his 8-day retreat. Congratulations!

- Our house has also hosted members of different religious groups, notably: three Sisters: Sr. Mary A. Uisso (Our Lady of Usambara Srs.), Sr. Ansila Macha (Our Lady of Mt. Kilimanjaro Srs.), and Sr. Mary Rosa Madege (Teresina Srs.). Since the beginning of August they have been translating two books into Swahili, namely: 1. "Fraternal Life in Community" (Pauline Publications); 2. "Consecrated Life" (Vita Consecrata) by Pope John Paul II. The work is being done by courtesy of the Association of Religious Sisters of Tanzania. We continually offer them our service and support.

renewed at the Institute of Teacher Education at Kyambogo and at CalTec Academy for another two years.

Mr. ALEX JUMA OCHUMBO came for a few days in June to prepare for working with the evaluation of having a JRS urban refugee program in Kampala. He returned here from Dar in August to join the community and to look at developing a JRS refugee program. He and Kassiano, a former brother candidate now working with JRS in Adjumani, and Xavier (our gate guard) visited "Trudeau Village" - the area near Xavier House where most of the Rwandan refugees that ED TRUDEAU has been helping, marrying and baptizing are living. In September he went to Adjumani and Nimule to begin his research on the JRS project. Later he took over ministering to the refugees here in Kampala who have been under the care of ED TRUDEAU.

Fr. JACK MORRIS joined the community from the Oregon Province in August to help in giving retreats and in vocation work. He has had a number of meetings with candidates already, and in September he gave 8-day directed retreats to the Sisters of Mary Reparatrix in Entebbe. He then gave a 5-day Enneagram workshop in Jinja.

With the coming of rains, JACK MORRIS and ALEX OCHUMBO began digging, preparing and planting a fruit and vegetable garden. We will look forward to the "fruits" of their

labors come the Christmas and New Year holiday season.

Spiritualia: BILL CALLAHAN made his annual retreat in May in Kigali. When he returned he shared with us his experiences of the Jesuits and others there living the experience of the genocide. JOHN LEGGE, who celebrated his 61st birthday on July 1st, made his annual retreat at the Carmelite Monastery in Bitendi in September. KEN KUNERT made his annual retreat in September at the Sisters of Mary Reparatrix Convent in Entebbe. (He grew up as an altar server at their Convent in Detroit and frequently said Mass and conducted retreats there in his years in Detroit after ordination in 1957).

Not our day: some trouble with our cars: The community got a new Hyundai Accent in May. Within three weeks it was parked in a busy section of Kampala. In front of lottery sellers and others it was broken into, a pair of glasses left in their case on the front seat and the spare wheel and tire from the trunk were carried off.

Caught in heavily backed up three-land traffic after charitably driving JEAN-PAUL DE CLERCQ and Herman de Weerd to Namugongo to give retreats, KEN KUNERT in the white Hyundai was crunched between a small cab-truck and a huge lorry in June. Not wanting to spend three hours waiting for reports to get filled out painfully slowly at the police station, the settlement was worked out among the

A recent letter reveals his medical adventures. "Had both knees replaced on September 4. Could have been released a week earlier except my temperature kept dancing between 97F (37C) and 105F (40C) for no apparent reason. Doctors took an ultra-sound of the legs, kidneys, gall bladder and stomach, and finally X-rays of the chest, but nothing showed. Many doctors came in and said that I was an enigma. (No surprise to us here). One day during therapy I began to shake violently and they had to stop therapy. The same happened the next day. I casually mentioned that I had had malaria many times, and that set everyone into action... an infectious-disease expert came in immediately... took a blood smear ... announced I had a rare type of malaria hidden in the liver... so I was put on to the malaria capsules and treating the anemia that the infection caused." He then went home to his youngest sister, whose "husband had knee surgery a year ago, to continue recovery with therapy and the lavishing of Tender Loving Care."

Fr. ANTHONY WACH left for a three-month home visit on August 26. He is home in Wisconsin for the Baseball Pennant and World Series playoffs, which occupies much of the American football season, and the start of the NBA basketball season; lots of Sports TV and visiting friends, relatives and benefactors - and good cold Fall weather and even some snow before he gets back with us.

"Meanwhile, back at the ranch..." (Movie jargon).

Apostolic : Fr JEAN-PAUL DE CLERCQ and his Belgian Jesuit confrere for many years in the Sudan, Herman de Wierdt, joined together, giving directed and preached retreats at Namugongo and then up North to religious priests in May and June. In June Herman returned to Kigali and Kinshasa. JEAN-PAUL returned to his Province in late June after 41 years working in Africa.

Fr. TONY WACH held a number of meetings for Jesuit candidates and helped Robert Esuruka, a candidate who just finished teacher's college, get a teaching job with the Brothers at Lweza School for the coming year. He attended an all-day meeting of Major Superiors at Aru House in the end of May. He gave a retreat for Fr. Joseph Lukyrmuzi from Fort Portal in June. He did a week's Faith and Justice workshop at Nkokowjeru in July. He saw Fr. Andrew Kahenda from Kabale diocese regarding AA work in August.

Fr. BILL CALLAHAN gave an Enneagram Workshop to the Novices of the Comboni Sisters in June. In August BILL added the work of Community Superior to his job of Minister while TONY went on home visit. As a former JRS Adjumani worker he attended the final day of the JRS country-meeting in October and offered a period of recollection for them at the end of the meeting day.

Fr. JOSEPH LEGGE had his contracts

- Fr Bert Ebben, O.P., was with us, directing a triduum from 17th to 20th September. The theme was the Eucharist, and according to impeccable sources, the Eucharist was seen with "interior eyes" - come to think of the mystical experience of Ignatius.

To all the beloved guests we say WELCOME! KARIBU. KARIBU TENA! Welcome again!

N.B. The second years went for their experiments on the 6th of October, and they will come back in the first week of December. From the 1st of November to the 3rd of December six of us in our first year will be living the great experience of the Spiritual Exercises. We kindly appeal to you to accompany us with your prayers. Thank You!

Simon Gachoki, n.S.J.

THE LONG RETREAT STARTED ON THE 1ST NOVEMBER.

PLEASE ACCOMPANY OUR NOVICES IN YOUR PRAYERS.

AT LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL DAR ES SALAAM

On 28th October, Fr. Provincial was in Dar and able to sign the certificate of "practical completion" of Phase III, part 2, of the development programme of the school. The buildings had

actually been declared "practically completed" two weeks earlier. What remained was the signing of the formal document. And it was fitting that he who had signed the contract for the Society now did the same at its formal successful conclusion.

It is appropriate to remember the several phases. Phase I was the building of the retaining wall and the fence around the 5.5-hectare property. Phase II was the earthworks and creation of level areas for buildings and playing fields. Phase III was the erection of five buildings: the Jesuit Residence, the class-cum-laboratory building (Block V), the Administration Building (Block I), the library-cum-classroom building (Block VI) and the electrical sub-station for the transformer and the generator. During this time, part of the cafeteria was also erected.

The number of students, which now stands at about 420 (half boys, half girls), will go up to 560 in 1998 when Form III is added. Some 800 candidates sat for the entrance examination at the end of September and 140 will be selected for 1998.

Recently, and a little belatedly it must be confessed, two additional science labs (biology and chemistry) were set up and partly equipped with the help of a sizeable grant from the Canada Fund of the Canadian High Commission in Dar. The grant cheque was presented to the school during a visit of the



A RECENT PHOTO OF THE LOYOLA SCHOOL BLOCK IN DAR

A view of the Loyola High School from the side of the main gate on Kigogo Road as you came to the entrance. The bay and side of the School logos can be seen in the gate. The Administration block is in the left, the Library building (and classrooms) is on the right. Behind and also linked to it by elevated walkways is Block V with plaincase.

Canadian Minister for International Cooperation, Madame Diane Marleau, and the Canadian High Commissioner to Tanzania, Ms. Verona Edelstein. (The event was reported on TV and in the newspapers the next day.)

While Fr. Provincial was busy signing the documents marking the "practical completion" of the contract (what remains is the defects liability period of

six months during which the contractor must repair and make good what is not right), some 31 Headmasters were holding their regular monthly Heads of Schools meeting in our new library. Fr. V-L. ODHIAMBO was the host, as it was the turn of our school to be the venue for such a meeting.

In the pipeline, there is another contract coming to put up the multi-

purpose hall and maintenance shops-cum-warehouse and garage for the school. USAID-ASHA has made another combined grant of one and a half million dollars to fund what can now rightly be called Phase IV

XAVIER HOUSE, KAMPALA

"Despite our absence since May, we are alive and well.."

Home Visits: Fr EDOUARD TRUDEAU was home in Montreal for three months visiting family, relatives and friends and benefactors. He and his brother celebrated their 80th and 79th birthdays with their family. They were born the same date a year apart. ED arrived back in time to begin distributing school fees to Sodidarity Fund's 500 students on September 5th.

Fr KENNETH KUNERT was home to Detroit and Cleveland for three months. As the John Carroll Community was moving out of its Residence of 60 years (being given over to the University) to new and smaller quarters, KEN spent much of his time sorting through boxes left there, throwing out 30 years of work and memories, repacking boxes for storage there over his next year(s) in Kampala. He had celebrations with friends in both cities for his 40th anniversary of priesthood. He celebrated his Canadian Jesuit first cousin's 50th anniversary of

priesthood also while home. He attended the American Psychological Association's Annual Convention in Chicago and got many promises from American book companies to send outdated copies of books, revised this year, to Makerere University's Department of Psychology. This should update our bookbank's psychology books from the 1970's through mid 1980's to the mid 1990's. It will be nice (when they arrive) to be teaching up-to-date psychology again. Fr. KENNETH got good medical reports from the Cleveland Clinic allowing him to return to Africa with a clean bill of health (and revised prescriptions and a year's supply of them) for one to three years.

Fr ROBERT MAYER was home for two months for health checkups and family anniversaries. After a brief visit with his home community in Kampala he returned to Fort Portal to continue his Novice and Tertian instruction work with the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker. He came to Kampala in September to present Bishop Kalanda with the New Proposed Constitutions for the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker, to take to Rome with him during the Ad Limina visit of the Ugandan Bishops.

Fr. EUGENE HATTIE was home for three months to visit friends, relatives and benefactors, and then for another three months to get knee replacements done in Canton, Ohio before returning for work in the minor seminaries here.