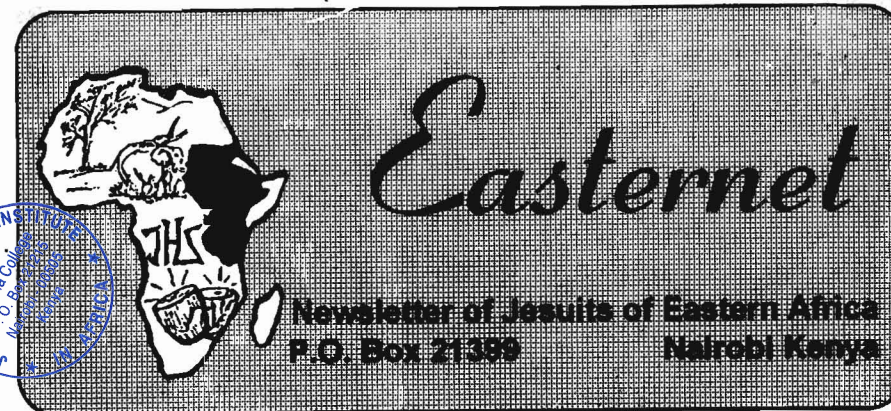


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1	Protas Opondo	1	Francis S. Cardoz, +Kenneth M. Kunert
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6	St. Paul Miki and companions - Memorial *Jean Roger Ndombi	3	Aloysius D'Souza, +Mudiappasamy Devadoss,
7	+George Thottungal	4	John K. Guiney
10	Paul Besanceney	14	Charles Lutambi
12	Marcel Gareau	16	*Jean-Jacques Luzitu Mukunda, *Jean de Dieu Randrianaivo, *Jean de Dieu Razafimahatratra
14	Roland Turenne	18	+Jonathan Haschka, <i>Mathias Toppo</i> †1990
15	St. Claude la Colombière - Memorial	19	<i>Guy Fortier</i> †1987
16	Bonaventura Balige, Charles Onyango	24	*John Bosco Sanyu
18	+Mani Nedumattam	26	Pio Ciampa, Jérôme Gagnier, <i>Alfred Fernandes</i> †1988
19	+Robert Mayer	27	Tarcitius Toppo, Ludwig Van Heucke
21	Buberwa Karongo, Amedeus Shirima	29	* Paul Béré
23	<i>Louis-Philippe Prévost</i> †1988	<b>THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER COPY TO REACH NAIROBI IS THE 28TH OF EACH MONTH</b>	
24	Groum Tesfaye, Elias Vuciri		
26	<i>Joséph Spiteri</i> †1981		
27	<i>Gilles Hardy</i> †1990		
28	Daniel Akau, Timothy Ibutu		



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### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS SENT BY FR. GENERAL TO ALL THE PROVINCES

As 1998 draws near, I wish you a Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year, and I thank you for your good wishes and prayers on this happy occasion.

In the context of the preparation for the Jubilee Year, 1998 is dedicated to the Holy Spirit. As true disciples of Saint Ignatius, we have every reason to welcome this invitation from the Holy Father. It is true that Ignatius, in the Spiritual Exercises, has little to say on the movements of the Spirit. He could not do otherwise, lest he be accused again of illuminism. On the other hand, a cursory reading of his Spiritual Journal is sufficient to perceive how much Ignatius is guided and led by the Holy Spirit in his life and especially in his government, a spiritual activity because it is inspired by the Spirit.

In 1998 also we will begin to prepare for the Congregation of Procurators and its extension, the meeting of the Provincials, as set down by the recent General Congregation. I count on your cooperation so that the Provincial Congregations be not merely matters of routine. May they rather be inspired by the Holy Spirit, in a process of prayerful discernment, towards a new apostolic thrust. The entire apostolic body of the Society, in each of its Provinces and Regions, must examine, in the light of the Spirit, the state of its response to the Mission of Christ in its members and in its

institutions. This should be our prayer to the Holy Spirit during this year consecrated to it; may it indicate to us what should be begun and closed, maintained and renewed, in a prophetic response to what "the Spirit is saying to the Church."

In thankfulness for your support and understanding, I assure you of my union with you in work and prayer.

Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.  
Superior General

Rome, December 10, 1997

#### FROM FR. HANS ZWIEFELHOFER, SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY

98/01 - To all Major Superiors, on the death of Fr. Michael Chu Li-teh

On 26 December 1997, Fr. Michael Chu Li-teh of the Chinese Province passed away peacefully in the Lord in Taipei, Taiwan. He was in his seventy-fifth year of life, and fifty-seventh in the Society.

Father Chu held a number of very important posts in the Society: Provincial of the China Province, Director of the Society's China Studies, Superior of America House in New York, General Counsellor until GC 33, Special Adviser on the Chinese Apostolate

to Father General, and Superior of the General's Curia in Rome.

In accord with Man. Pract. Jur., 304, par.3, no.3, I am writing to inform you of Fr. Chu's death and to urge the prayers of the entire Society for this former General Counsellor who devoted so many years of his life to the service for the whole Society and for the Chinese Apostolate. May the Lord grant him his well-deserved reward.

Rome, 20 January 1998

98/02 - To all Major Superiors, on a Substitute for Fr. General in

Later he did a two-week stint with a local book-binder and soon produced better work than his instructor. However, his great asset lay in his ever cheerful presence and his deep sense of responsibility. Within a few years he was also the College driver and could be sent on a great variety of requests. Sometimes our visiting Jesuits would say goodbye to me for having helped them in the Library and add: "give my greetings to the Brother" !

The funeral took place at his home at Vihiga, near Kakamega, with a large turnout of over 200 members of the local congregation of the Pentecostal Assemblies of God, led by four or five pastors, and with the local Chief, the District Secretary and the KANU Representative present.

Eddie Murphy, S.J.

25 January 1998

#### YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

⇒ For Sheila Ayeko (27), sister of IGNATIUS IKUNZA, who died on the 14th of August 1997. IGNATIUS got the news only on the 28th of December.

⇒ For Mrs. Phyllis M. Charlton, mother of Fr. Terry Charlton, who died in Indianapolis, U.S.A. on January 11th, 1998.

⇒ For Fr. Ignatius Chakkalakal, S.J., of the KERALA Province, who died last November at Kozhikode, India.

⇒ For Fr. Bill Lane, of the Zambia-Malawi Province, who died of a heart attack while travelling from Choma to Chilalantambo, in Zambia. Those who did their Jesuit Novitiate in Lusaka would have known Fr. Bill.

⇒ For LEODGAR MUNA, S.J., of Loyola High School, Dar es Salaam, who has had to have an operation to clean up an infection in his pancreas.

⇒ For Manase Muhandale, Library Assistant at Hekima College for several years, who died in Kakamega on the 19th January.

⇒ For Fr. GERARD GAGNON, Minister of the Jesuit Residence in Addis Ababa. On January 27th a call came from Ethiopia saying that he had pneumonia and that his condition was delicate.

⇒ For Mrs. Helen Ododa Baridi, the mother of Bro. GOERGE OCHIENG BARIDI, who suffers from a broken leg, and for GEORGE's uncle, Mr. Isaiah Olando Baridi, who died recently.

Mary, of Kakamega, for three-and-a-half years, and then teacher and spiritual counsellor at Starehe Boys School, Nairobi.

He had his first heart attack years ago while he was in a parish, and had been under treatment since then. Of late he also developed kidney complaints. The only thing that worried him during the last days of his illness was the pastoral needs of his parish. He was a real pastor of souls. He was a man dedicated to the people whom he served. He was a teacher and a spiritual guide. He had a special love for the poor and the downtrodden: he would go out of his way to help them spiritually and economically.

Last year he wrote a book in Malayalam entitled The Fragrance of Goodness. It was a fitting memento of his Golden Jubilee. Spreading fragrance he gently and slowly passed away from time to eternity.

His funeral took place in the presence of a very large gathering of priests, Sisters, relatives and lay people. His elder brother, a Carmelite priest, Provincial of a Northern Province, could not be present as he was away in Europe. The Bishop of Calicut was the chief celebrant of the concelebrated

Mass, and Fr. Provincial officiated at the last rites. May his soul rest in peace.

*George Aikara, S.J.*

#### **MANASE MUHANDALE (1956-1998)**

Manase, our only library assistant in Hekima College for the first few years, passed away after a short illness in Mukumu Hospital, Kakamega. All the signs were hopeful and he was expected to return to Hekima at the end of the month, but he took a sudden turn for the worse and died on Monday night, the 19th January. He leaves behind his wife and four children, the second oldest, a girl who has just completed her primary with such good results that there is good hope she will get a place in a national school.

Manase began as a gardener with Fr. POLYCARP TOPPO who shrewdly saw his potential and proposed him to me in late 1983 to work in the library, then housed in a large mansion on Kingara Road before it moved to the present Hekima.

He was very capable with his hands and taught himself to repair books.

the government of the Society.

From 27 January to 9 February Father General will visit Guatemala and Venezuela.

He has appointed Fr. Jacques Gellard, General Counsellor, to be his substitute for the ordinary business of the government of the Society during his absence from Rome, in accordance with NC 372, #1.

Rome, 10 January 1998

98/03 - To all Major Superiors, on a new edition of *Practica Quaedam*

A new edition of *Practica Quaedam*, norms for correspondence with Father General and other concrete business matters, approved by Father General on 27 September 1997, has been printed and will be sent to the Provinces very soon.

It is a revised edition... I ask you to have a look at the following numbers, which have been completely changed or added: 24, 26, 28, 33, 132-134, 250, 252, 285-287 and the Printed Forms 2-5, 26-27 of the Appendix.

Rome, 20 January 1998

#### **VOCATION PROMOTERS MEET IN NAIROBI**

Our Jesuit Vocation Promoters in Eastern Africa started off the New Year with a meeting at Hekima College, thanks to the welcome of Fr. Rector and Fr. TERRY CHARLTON, who was Acting-Rector while Fr. CECIL McGARRY was away. In addition to our National Promoters we were happy to have with us Fr. LEO AMANI MASAWE, Master of Novices, Fr. BOB MAYER (Uganda), Fr. HANS PUTMAN (Sudan), Fr. JACK MORRIS (Uganda), and Fr. JOSEPH

PULLICINO (Ethiopia), who was appointed some time back and was present for the first time. We were also very happy that Fr. Provincial RODRIGO MEJIA was able to share so much with us on the first morning.

Some of our thinking: All our Vocation Promoters are anxious to see our younger Jesuits more involved in vocation promotion. Again we would like to see more material written for publication by our young - and older - Jesuits. Hopefully, too, our Promoters will



be reporting much more of their activities in EASTERNET. Our meeting together showed us that there is a good deal of promotion in our different countries which the Province doesn't hear about.

#### 1998 CATALOGUE - MODIFICATIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Commission for Vocations: P. Pullicino, Joseph (instead of P. Gagnon, Gérard).

p.9 Hekima College, Jesuit School of Theology.

Add: Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Ndemi Gardens, Ngong Rd.

p.11 Correct: \*S. Rukomangana, Adélt (RWB).

p.12 Modified: P. Rusatsi, Andrew:

At CUEA: teaches Old Testament, Biblical Hebrew and Greek.

At Hekima College: teaches Hebrew and Forgiveness and Reconciliation in the Bible.

At the Marist Centre: teaches Old and New Testaments.

p.27 Correct: ACE \*S. Kabamba Kalimbiliro, Joseph.

p.42 Modify: JESAM SECRETARIAT: P.O. Box 545, Harare, Zimbabwe

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saw this as not being a favourable condition for our future apostolate. More than at any other time our continent needs a collaborative network if we are to survive in the centuries to come. The Society is not spared. It is by working together that we are going to succeed in building a Church that is truly Catholic and truly African. The time of having personal apostolates is gone. So we urged that all of us in formation learn to live together by accepting each other in all our differences. No one is all good or bad. We are what we are, called to put together our different talents for the service of the Kingdom.

We suggested that more opportunities, at the Assistancy level, be created for the young Jesuits to meet together for reflection. Five of us have decided that we revive the tradition of having a meeting every year for the Jesuits from Africa and Madagascar who are studying in the U.S. We agreed that Nthawie, Elisée and I will coordinate the coming meeting in December of 1998. We think this will help us to come closer, and also to learn some strategies from our brother Jesuits in the United States who have done so much for this country.

*Bonaventura Balige, S.J.*

**FR. IGNATIUS CHAKKALAKAL,**  
*S.J. - 12 August 1925 to 24  
November 1997*

Good Fr. Ignatius departed to his heavenly home during his Golden Jubilee year. He was conscious till the last moment and was following the prayers said for him. It was edifying to those who were present around him to see him surrendering his last breath as an offering to his Creator and Lord. On the previous day he had told his Bishop, Maxwell Norona, who visited him and prayed for him, he was quite prepared for his final journey.

Fr. Ignatius was born in 1925, as the fifth of seven children, of Ouseph and Thandamma, good St. Thomas Christians. He joined the Society in 1947. He was ordained priest in De Nobili College, Pune, and made his final profession in 1962. He ministered in various parishes, taught in different schools, and was the Principal of St. Joseph's Junior School, Calicut, a prestigious school. It was he who started an evening school for the poor children of the locality, while he was in Trivandrum. He was also the one who started C.L.C. in the Diocese of Calicut.

In Kenya from 1982 to 1987, he was the Chaplain of the Sisters of



went to Washington for a short holiday together with our own GABRIEL MMASSI. We all stayed at Gonzaga Community, which was very welcoming.

Our aim was just to get together and enjoy each other's company. Joachim and I had invited all the Jesuits from Africa who are studying in the U.S.A., but others could not make it because our invitations were late, and so they had other schedules.

Our four days were very fruitful as we decided that instead of just moving around we would devote at least an hour to sharing our experiences. One hour turned out to be more than twelve hours. It was a good experience for us as we recalled our past lives together in Kinshasa and Nairobi. We went on to share our experiences and the challenges we are facing in the U.S.A. We also examined the future of the Society in Africa.

Some points came up, one of which was the importance of constantly reminding ourselves that we do not belong in the United States. And so we did remind ourselves that as we go about what we are studying, we must keep track of how these studies will serve the Church in Africa. We all agreed that we have a big challenge of translating whatever we are learning into situations back

home. We appreciated the quality of the education we are receiving, and the many opportunities that are available here.

As for the Society in Africa, we observed that Jesuits in formation, especially during the early years, tend to be more like spectators and so the language of "we" and "they" is created. We suggested that more responsibilities should be given to people from the very beginning of their formation. The reality is that the Society belongs to all of us, from the Novitiate all the way to being fully professed. So we reminded each other that we need to be authentic and have faith in ourselves. It is the responsibility of each one of us to make sure we help each other to become what God intended us to be. We must say what we think and want, and so give each other space to do so. The preaching of the Kingdom of God in Africa needs men with clarity of mind and heart, so as to be able to read the signs of the times in our continent.

We noticed that at times there is not enough communication among Jesuits in formation. We need a lot of communication if we have to work together in the future. Some of us expressed feelings of being rejected by our peers in the Society because of what we are or think. We

**LEFT THE SOCIETY:** S. Marcel Pius Mtete, on the 19th of January, 1998.

\*S. Anthony Mpolokoso (ZAM)

\*S. Marie-José Anani (AOC)

\*S. Alain Ngudi Mpuni (ACE)

\*S. Joseph Lungu (ZAM)

**LEFT HEKIMA COLLEGE AND WENT BACK TO THEIR PROVINCES:**

### ANNOUNCING YOUNG JESUITS' ANNUAL MEETING

*The Young Jesuits' annual meeting for 1998 will take place at Mwangaza Retreat Centre from 17th to 21st May.*

will reach you my mid-February. Those who are to make their annual retreat will have an opportunity to do so at the same venue from 22nd May.

The program of the meeting and the themes of each day, together with the proceedings of the last meeting,

*Oduor Afulo, S.J.  
for the Organizing Committee*

### THE MEETING AT NGONG PASTORAL CENTRE

Once again Ngong Pastoral Centre was the venue for the December gathering of those interested in becoming Jesuits. This year there was quite a group from our Kenya Higher Institutes - Universities, Polytechnics - as well as from our Form IV school leavers. And this time we were fortunate in having Fr. CHARLIE MURPHY to lead off with a day of prayer to give the young men a good headstart. Fr. CHARLIE's much appreciated

prayerful input was followed by considerable help from Frs. JONATHAN HASCHKA, ERIC CONDILLAC, DAN KENNEY and MARCEL GAREAU - all from Loyola House. From Mwangaza we had the expertise on prayer of Fr. JOE SMALL. A very important part of these "get togethers" is the "meet-a-Jesuit" sessions on the last Saturday of the meeting, when our Young Jesuits from Loyola House of Studies and our Theologians

from Hekima College journey out to Ngong. Thank you one and all for your considerable help. And a special word of thanks to Fr. ERIC CONDILLAC for ferrying people to and from Ngong Pastoral Centre.

Bishop Colin Davies, MHM, of Ngong Diocese, was the main concelebrant at the Friday evening Holy Eucharist.

The other bit of good news from Ngong is that later in the year - from April on - there will be a much larger chapel which is being built

### THAT ROAD TO MOMBASA

In mid-January I was in Voi, which is normally a two-hour bus journey from Mombasa and a five-hour trip from Nairobi itself. But El Niño helped to make swollen the rather small rivers and in one place caused the area surrounding a bridge some 20 kms. from Mtito Andei to be swept away. I got to Voi on the Thursday but from then on the trouble began for hundreds of vehicles and, of course, for hundreds of people more who were unable even to travel as the bridge became too dangerous to accept heavy traffic. In Voi I managed, though, to meet a Jesuit aspirant who had a tougher journey from Mombasa to Voi. His family stays

behind the dining-room and in between the two large guest-houses.

The days after the retreat and workshop I was kept mighty busy meeting the new enquirers and those who have been longer in touch with us from up-country and elsewhere.

### AND AN APPEAL ONCE AGAIN

Let's hear what's the good news from your country. Let the members of the Province hear of the good work you're doing for Vocation Promotion in your country.

at Bura Station (named after the railway station) and not far from Bura Mission. After meeting his family I pushed on to the other Bura which is also where is found St. Mary's Teachers College. There too I met a Jesuit candidate as well as three other enquirers.

The return journey to Nairobi at first seemed possible by road but fortunately I didn't take the risk as first there were no buses using the route and later I learned there was a pile-up of traffic for anything between 20 and 30 kms., which could have meant more than 24 hours just waiting near the troubled bridge. The Principal of St. Mary's

are looking forward to a good harvest.

The month of January has also been characterized by sporadic incidents of discontentment around the country, especially in downtown Harare and its suburbs - apparently due to "ugali" food prices that suddenly began being hiked at a very high rate. For the first time Harare residents went on a rampage, looting and vandalizing. We are grateful to God that it is now safer to go downtown and its environs.

Ever heard of something marked "soli" (for the Provincial only)? Well, the presence of Fr. FRATERN MASAWA in the second half of January was part of the process to solve that puzzle. Each of us had at least an hour with him for a formal sharing that was sandwiched between two general sessions in which we were updated on the Province. Thanks for coming, FRATERN: we look forward to seeing you again soon!

WERE, BERHANU and DRASIGA have begun writing their synthesis papers, while ODOMARO, OTIENO, KYALO and MWAURA are well ahead in the middle of their theses. Please remember them in your prayers.

Nawatakieni kila la heri na baraka za Utatu Mtakatifu (I wish you all

the best and the blessing, too, of the Holy Trinity).

*Jacob Okumu, S.J.*

### BONAVENTURA BALIGE WRITES FROM BALTIMORE

Greetings from Baltimore! It is now four months since I came to the US. I live in Baltimore, Maryland, in a community of ten. The Provincial of Maryland and the Delegate for Formation for Maryland and New York Provinces live in this community. It is a very good community for Joachim (Nthawie, Zambia) and me. Since we came they have been very supportive. Baltimore is getting colder and colder. The temperature is between 4 and 3 degrees Centigrade. Very soon it will fall below zero. We are already prepared with heavy coats, gloves and hats. We will be on Christmas holiday from 12th December until 12th January. I am expecting to visit New York, which is four hours' drive from Baltimore.

We were blessed to have Elisée Rutagambwa, S.J., from Rwanda, who joined us from Boston and celebrated Christmas with us. Just after Christmas Emmanuel Orobator, S.J., from Nigeria, joined us from California, and four of us

JACK MORRIS made sure we stopped to pick up enough plums being sold at a reasonable price on the roadside, in order to make some plum jam. I stayed in Kampala long enough to taste it. It suited my sweet-tooth just fine! You can ask JACK for his recipe.

*Bob Mayer, S.J.*

#### FROM MADRAS

We have finished our end-of-semester exams and have already started the last semester of courses for both of us. Examination results are due to be published in January.

Just before the beginning of our exams, Fr. FRANCIS RODRIGUES paid us a two-day visit which we joyfully spent with him. We hope he enjoyed his visit. It looks as if he came with the rain. From the moment he visited Madras up until today, it has been raining, making the weather more pleasant.

After a process of discernment with the Provincial of Madurai Province and his Delegate for Formation, JEROME and I are finally back with the Jesuit Community after staying in the Student's Hostel for one-and-a-half years. We are happy at the change.

Recently JEROME and I were invited to talk about African Philosophy and the African situation today to Jesuit Philosophers studying in one of the philosophates in the city. We shared a lecture which both the teacher who invited us and the students to whom we talked appreciated.

On the same day JEROME represented AICUF-JRS-WSI at a conference organized by UNHCR on refugees in one of the big hotels of the city. During the conference JEROME talked about Sudanese refugees staying in India, some of whom are yet to be granted the refugee status by UNHCR.

*Binamungu F. Mukasa, S.J.*

#### NEWS FROM ARRUEPE HOUSE, HARARE

Greetings to all our Ours back at home, far and wide.

The second semester has almost run half its course, and apart from those who have to face the usual term-paper deadlines, most of the people in this part of Africa are basking in gratitude. Why? - El Niño. Most of us here expected drought, but the normal long rains are here, the crops are thriving and most of the farmers

College, Mr. Afwande, managed to get me a 2nd-class rail ticket to Nairobi for the Sunday night. In Voi on Sunday I stayed in the Parish House and also managed to meet several members of Scholastic

Josephat Shete's family before taking the night train back to Nairobi.

*Sean O'Connor, S.J.*

#### A NOTE FROM JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICES (J.R.S.)

Since I came to Nairobi almost a year ago, I have found myself busy - never busier! I have spent a lot of time trying to strengthen the administration of J.R.S. Along with other organisations, it often seems we take a step backwards to go forwards. Anyway I am very grateful for the help and friendly support of the Province.

The Province has had a good and an important part in the work of J.R.S. East Africa. I would like to mention two Jesuits in J.R.S. at the moment. The first is ELIAS OMONDI at Radio Kwizera, Ngara, Tanzania. OMONDI has done a highly commendable job in nursing this work (now for Burundian refugees and local Tanzanians) through a difficult period. We will miss him in June when he moves on. Secondly, ALEX OCHUMBO is the newly-appointed Director for J.R.S. Ethiopia. ALEX already has experience in the country and with

the early J.R.S. team there. The political stringencies in Ethiopia are growing again. Please pray for ALEX to do an effective job for the refugees there.

Thanks also to the Jesuits in Hekima College who have been helping with parish outreach programmes so well over the years.

J.R.S. needs, in the long-term, a good core staff of Jesuits and others who know the organisation and the refugee situations. Slowly this is happening and I am very happy to encourage the process. If any community or group of Jesuits would like to discuss the work of J.R.S. further, I would be happy to oblige - either by myself or with others. It's a difficult apostolate but many who go through J.R.S. have said they themselves have benefitted more than they would have believed.

*Stephen Power, S.J.*



## NEWS FROM...

### HEKIMA NEWS

We finished our exams on Friday, December 19. Some scholastics left Hekima for their holiday before Christmas Day. Most of the rest left between 25th and 28th December. All were expected to be back by January 6, 1998. Our triduum was due to begin the following day.

The Christmas celebration at Hekima Chapel was very lively. The evening Mass started at 21:30 hours. Fr. GERRY WHELAN was the main celebrant. Some of our friends from religious congregations as well as other friends joined us in celebrating the Emmanuel event. Just before the Mass Fr. CECIL McGARRY, the Rector, officially welcomed all those present at the celebration and invited them to join the Hekima community in the dining-hall for snacks after the Mass.

Our previous information concerning Hekima, in the December Easternet, read that the Provincial of Central Africa was expected to be at Hekima on December 4th for his canonical visit. This was an error. He came on December 2nd. Sorry for the misinformation.

Sch. MPUMELELO MOYO shares his apostolate experience with us. He is one of the Scholastics who have been actively involved in promoting CLC in Nairobi and surrounding areas. This is what he says: "I work with the Christian Life Communities. It has not always been easy, but very fulfilling. I have been able to give directed retreats and spiritual direction to the laity, and it has been a profoundly humbling experience. I have been touched by their openness to share about their struggles and pain. In their prayers they are zealous and ever seeking deeper knowledge of Christ in the context of their real needs and difficulties at home, in relationships and at work. It has often been a moment of grace for me. On an ordinary level now I am a group guide, currently helping JOHN CHACHU build a new group of CLCers at Loreto Valley Road. I give inputs on the Spiritual Exercises, and help the group to share and to discover new forms of prayer. There is a lot of hunger and thirst for knowledge of Christ and the Church. CLC is not just a group: it is a way of life."

Thank you, MPUMELELO

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morning rain might prevent the faithful from faithfully answering the call of the carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful!" For the originally-scheduled 10:00 a.m. Christ-Mass, practically no one showed up in the Saaka Village chapel. However there was a merciful letup in the rain for an hour or so. This allowed the congregation to assemble, gradually filling up the chapel. The choir was in good form. With the ceremony delayed by the rain, the choir sang and drummed to keep the Family of God from getting bored to death.

Regular Sunday ministers at Saaka Village chapel, two of my Novice Brothers, Ignatius Jackson Baguma and Joseph Ngabirano, had informed me in due time about my being invited to celebrate this Christ-Mass. But almost as an afterthought they also informed me, only the day before, that there would be some baptisms. And some baptisms there were after the homily: 19 sweet little Jesuses!

### NAIROBI RE-VISITED

The day after Christmas, I mini-bussed to Kampala, covering the 200 miles in about 5 hours. Arriving at Xavier House, Nsambya Hill, I was happy to see my Jesuit Community during the Christmas

season. On December 27, Fr. JACK MORRIS, Fr. KEN KUNERT and I drove off by a community car to Nairobi to attend the Province Assembly. I was the privileged backseat-driver all the way! Fr. TONY WACH followed on by plane. He figured it would be easier on his sensitive spine travelling by air and escaping the bumpy roads. But unfortunately he couldn't escape the bumpy air travel that was in store for him!

At our Province Assembly at the Dimesse Conference Centre in Karen, I appreciated the interesting and informative talks of the eight speakers that centred around the theme "Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation." It was a good idea to have country-wise meetings each evening before the Eucharistic Celebration. After the Assembly, I attended the Vocation Promoters' meeting on 1st-2nd January, genially chaired by Vocation Promotion Coordinator Fr. SEAN O'CONNOR. All five countries in EAP were represented in this meeting at Hekima College.

### NO TRAFFIC JAM - BUT PLUM JAM!

Our trip back to Kampala from Nairobi was pleasant enough. Fr.

teaches full-time at Lake Secondary School, and is also in charge of computer classes. Thanks to the help we got from Kangemi the number of computers increased from 3 to 6. MTETE's former pupils, Deo, Thigoma and Farida are conducting computer classes very efficiently. RAYMOND is in charge of the youth ministry and catechetical instruction in the secondary schools.

Brother ANDREW VUCIRI from Loyola House of Studies was with us for two months, studying Swahili. He also did very useful work in the house, specially helping Fr. D'Souza as a driver. We thank him for his help.

Fr. GEORGE KIMONGE, ordained some months ago, was with us for some time both before and after his ordination. As a deacon he did some pastoral work in the parish. As an engineer he was very busy repairing the cars, getting our TV sets in order, checking electric connections, radios, amplifiers, loud-speakers, etc. Unfortunately he was sick for some time and had to be admitted to the hospital for an appendicitis operation. Since his ordination he has been appointed as the Minister of the house and Assistant Parish Priest. He will be with us till June, when TONY D'SOUZA will return from his sabbatical.

Fr. OTIENO has left the JRS project in Ngara and joined the Mwanza Community. He works at Nyegezi Social Training Institute as professor of Mass Communications. He has set up at Nyegezi a huge tower for a radio station which has a radius of 100 kms. Fr. TED WALTERS is the Dean of Students at the Institute. Both TED and OTIENO come to our community on weekends to do some pastoral ministry. Nyegezi Social Training Institute will soon become part of St. Augustine's Catholic University, a great honour for the Church of Mwanza.

*Aloysius D'Souza, S.J.*

#### FORT PORTAL REPORT

CHRIST MASS - Our Saaka Novitiate Community joined the Holy Cross Novitiate Community for the Christ-Mass Vigil and sociable social afterwards. Our communities have adjoining property from the top of Saaka Hill down to Lake Saaka. Normally we gather together for Mass twice a week, and also on special occasions.

In the morning at 7:30 I celebrated Christ-Mass with the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker in our community chapel. It looked like the steady

MOYO, for your sharing. We will continue sharing our apostolate experiences from Hekima College. We wish you all a Happy and Successful New Year.

*Kifle Wansamo, S.J.*

#### LOYOLA HOUSE

December 21, 1997: The members of our student community left this morning for a Christmas holiday. We wish them a safe safari, a happy holiday and a wonderful Christmas. Already several Jesuits have come into Nairobi for the holidays, and we welcome all those who will stop over here. It seems that many people have already left Nairobi for the holidays. This, of course, will have an impact on the voting in the city.

This month a number of us have helped in SEAN's prayer-workshop for the candidates; and I have given retreats to the Brothers of St. Patrick, to four priests and five brothers of the Apostles of Jesus, and a directed retreat to four Evangelizing Sisters at Ongata Rongai; ERIC directed a Sister at Loyola.

FRANCIS RODRIGUES, with the occasional help of DAN, has

expertly steered us through the festivities of the Christmas holidays. Our decorating for Christmas was done in one hour with the expert help of visitor PACO. The time is running out for VICTOR, who is currently correcting many papers, the winding-down of his professorial duties at Nairobi University. We had a goodbye party for him two weeks ago, held the door open for him to leave, but he went to his room. He hates to leave, but will go to Mwangaza within the week. STAN is in New York with relatives at the present time. He may have a mini-sabbatical coming up. As we approach elections on December 29, Nairobi seems relatively peaceful, influenced certainly by the Christmas celebrations.

Tonight, December 26, Archbishop Ndingi, two of the pastors at the Basilica, RODRIGO, FRATERN and a few friends will be with us for dinner.

The Province Assembly on "Conflict Resolution" went very well, with RODRIGO saying it was the high point of his provincialate.

January 20, 1998: The elections are over, the losers and others claim widespread rigging, but there was minimal violence. Moi has selected

his new cabinet but, as yet, no vice-president.

January 29: The comings and goings have been many and frequent. El Niño has wreaked havoc all over the world apparently. Nairobi, with terrible floods about January 14-15, and the Mombasa-Nairobi highway, which had a bridge almost washed away, creating a 15km queue of lorries, buses and cars, were local victims of the temperamental El Niño. SEAN was trapped in Voi on a visit to candidates' parents and to a Teachers' College, but fortunately got a train-ride back to Nairobi while the trapped car queue was still very long.

An update on TOM FITZPATRICK's health from him, January 20: "I had a slight setback - an infection which my immune system was not able to fight off - so I had to enter the hospital last Tuesday, and only got out on Saturday. Thanks be to God, the antibiotics were able to do the trick and the fever subsided." TOM was diagnosed as having non-Hodgkins Lymphoma cancer some months ago, and is undergoing chemotherapy. In the update TOM continues: "Now the good news! I had a meeting with Dr. Smith on January 20 where the results of the

various CAT scans, blood tests, untra-sound were reviewed... The CAT scans show a considerable diminishment of the lymphoma." TOM continues to serve as JRS Programmes Officer - Africa, working with a modem and a FAX out of McQuaid Jesuit High School. The only thing ruled out: extensive travel in Africa.

A few recent visitors: VALERIAN SHIRIMA, FRANCIS CARDOZ, GENE KOLLASH (Wisconsin Province, 37 years in Korea).

If this letter is a little disconnected, the pneumonia I have had for one week may be a factor in the discontinuity. I have been under heavy medication but, thank God, am now much better. Happy New Year!

*Charlie Murphy, S.J.*

#### LOYOLA HOUSE OF STUDIES

After four months buried in the books we had a break at last. The semester, many would be heard saying, was heavy and full of unexpected demands. CHARLES KARUMBA, who was making his debut after the Novitiate, however, seemed to have fitted in

Community) has its own Mass at its community centre. As far as possible, baptisms, marriages, funerals, catechetical teaching and cultural activities are conducted in the Community Centre. On the last Sunday of the month in the afternoon there is "Sunday School" in the parish, but outside the church on the sports grounds, under tents, to provide shade and shelter. All the children are expected to take part but according to their "Small Communities". The Jesuit Scholastics, Canossian Sisters and leaders of the parish help "Baba Msele" to conduct the Sunday School, which consists of catechetical teaching, liturgical service and cultural activities.

People say that this is new to the parish. We celebrated the feasts of our holy founder St. Ignatius, Christ the King and the first formal Mass of Fr. GEORGE KIMONGE, but not with a liturgical service in the church in the usual way. On these special occasions there is only one Mass, not in the church but outside on the grounds, under the canopy of tents and shamianas (a kind of tent) to give us shelter from the sun and rain. Each Christian Community (Jumuiya) is "self-contained", having its own tent, furniture and carpets, food and drinks. There is

only one Mass. It begins at 9.30 a.m. with a colourful liturgical concelebration, with songs and dances followed by common lunch and cultural activities, all according to communities. Each community brings its own food and drinks, and all share with one another. It is a real "agape", a feast of love, where everyone has something to eat and drink. The function ends at 6 p.m.; but people are free to leave earlier, according to their programme and convenience.

Scholastics PIUS MTETE and JOHN CHACHU left us for their new assignments after completing their work in Mwanza. PIUS was in charge of the computer training and catechetical work. CHACHU was a full-time teacher at Lake Secondary School. Both helped in the activities of the "USEA" under Fr. MSELE. We thank them for their devoted service. Fr. TONY D'SOUZA was with us from January to July, and gave a helping hand in the pastoral work. His presence was very much appreciated, by both the Jesuit Community and the people. We expect him back here in June to continue his work.

Schols. RAYMOND MANYANGA and ELIAS VUCIRI have taken the place of Schols. PIUS MTETE and JOHN CHACHU. ELIAS VUCIRI



## MWANZA NEWS

It is nearly a year since Mwanza has appeared in the news of the Easterner. This does not mean that we have been inactive. The difficulty lies with the correspondent. Though retired he is too active and does not find time to record the news.

Did you hear about the mini-marathon, the first in the history of Mwanza? The Free Africa Radio gave much publicity to it, both before and after the event. It was organized by the Undugu Sports and Cultural Association (USEA) of Mwanza, sponsored by Pepsi-Cola and supported by some sports fans and businessmen of Mwanza.

The marathon covered 10 kilometres, passing through the main streets of Mwanza and ending at Nyamagoma Stadium. 91 gents and 42 ladies took active part in it. The winner took 90 minutes to complete it. The first two winners were awarded radio cassettes, the next two winners two pairs of sports suits, and the third winners got clocks. The others received Shs 1000 each. Every participant received a certificate. The Jesuit community of Mwanza, The Canossians and Theresians took an active part in the running of the marathon. The local government

leaders and especially the traffic police gave their full support. The man behind the scene was Fr. STEPHEN MSELE (Kaka Msele).

Our pastoral activities have also taken a new turn. The public oratory is evolving into a big well-established parish. The boundaries are not yet fully marked. The people want their wishes to be considered and parish friends their financial interests. With their long-standing connection with Nyakahoja, the people want it to be a full-fledged parish, but "sans frontières".

Just now we have seven different Small Christian Communities which are very active and meet regularly. Parish Priest STEPHEN MSELE has organized all activities - pastoral, spiritual and liturgical, catechetical and cultural, in a new and unique way as a Family of God - God our Father and Mother, Christ as our Big Brother and Saviour (not "Lord"), and the Christians as Sons and Daughters of God, all brothers and sisters of one big family.

The parish is the central Family of God, but divided into various Small Communities. Each Community is independent and responsible for its activities. All attend Mass in the parish church according to their convenience. But once a month every Jumuiya (Small Christian

comfortably. After just a short while he discovered that his taste for Maths had not been affected by the two years of spirituality in Arusha. Consequently, he affirmed that he intends to carry on the Maths legacy started by the Malaga group. At the same time the Third Years GEORGE, JAMES, KAPUTI AND PEDO felt that from January 1998 they were ready for teaching practice. They made the remarks after going through a successful semester of micro-teaching. GEORGE and KAPUTI are lucky, for they will not be robbed of their community support: both will be at Aga-Khan High School. JAMES will be in Ngara Girls, while PEDO, companionless, is preparing to be with the Aquinas Boys. All of these schools are in Nairobi. We wish them the best of luck and pray that they serve with the heart of Christ.

If you are familiar with the used-to-be-famous Muungano choir of Nairobi, you must be wondering whether their teacher re-emerged in St. Joseph Parish, Kangemi. No! give all the praise to ELIAS who has been working tirelessly with the group. Recently he disclosed to us that they have planned to participate in a series of regional competitions, and they seemed to be optimistic for nothing less than number moja (one).

Right now we have already done so much with our vacation. On the 21st December all of us except Fr. GAREAU made a trip to the coastal town of Mombasa. The journey was not very pleasant, owing to the conspiracy between El Niño and the Opposition Party to expose so much of the Government's failure to maintain infrastructure. However this did not interfere with our beautiful holiday at the beach. We were tickled a bit when it came to our knowledge that some of us could not stop behaving like stones in the name of swimming. But after a few lessons which, of course, did not leave us without a few swallows of the unpleasant sea-water, the guys realized that they could also be referred to as going through the act of swimming. Other minor problems were the dispersed complaints of recycled food, mainly octopus, that the Consolata priest availed to us frequently.

On the 27th we were back to be ready for the Province Assembly that was to commence the following day. One of the key events was an address by Mzee MARCEL GAREAU, who this year had celebrated his golden jubilee in the priesthood. The assembly expected to be addressed by Fr. SEAN as well, but it learned that it was not

possible due to a sudden sickness. Fr. GAREAU reminded us of the present and future role of the "young" in the Society.

On the 2nd January PEDO travelled home in order to see his mother who had been ill for some time. Grateful to the community for their prayers, he disclosed that she is now in good health. ELIAS and CHARLES also made a trip home. Fr. JONATHAN, since 2nd January, was busy in the vineyard accompanying young Combonis on an eight-day retreat. **HAPPY NEW YEAR !**

*Pedo Caspal, S.J.*

### MWANGAZA NEWS

On November 28th I dismissed a young gardener who would not obey my instructions. On that very day our VCR was stolen, obviously an inside job. On the next day, our power line was cut at 3 a.m. by a falling branch. That night, in pouring rain, JACK TREACY, tertian of California Province, arrived to be with us for five months. Fortunately, on Sunday the 30th, the sun came out, and the power line was reconnected. However the theft of the VCR affected us all. We were very suspicious of our maintenance

man, as he was a suspect in previous thefts of keys and money. So I dismissed him on December 2nd. I had to inform the police to get him to move off the premises.

On December 10th, CALVIN POULIN arrived from Lagos, to work here till July, while he applies for his residence permit for Nigeria. Unfortunately his wallet with money and some documents was stolen from his sling bag at the airport. He went back to the airport the next morning, but recovered nothing. On December 11th, Sr. Mary Fisher left for home on leave. For the last retreat in the year, MANI NEDUMATTAM joined our team. On December 15th, Elizabeth D'Souza went to Mombasa for a holiday with her sister and brother-in-law. On December 21st morning the retreatants departed, and the Centre was closed for the Christmas Break.

However I got news that the maintenance-man had taken a bunch of our keys with him. So on December 22nd, I drove two police constables to his first wife's house in Riruta Satellite, from which they recovered a large bunch of keys. Then we went looking for him and his second wife, near the race-course. Fortunately we found him walking on the road. From his house

Moshi. His detailed account goes to three printed pages, of which the following is an abstract:

### 1997 REPORT OF THE OUTREACH OF THE ON-GOING FORMATION TEAM, MOSHI

Team members: Francis Cardoz, S.J.; Sidney D'Souza, S.J.; Trevor D'Souza, S.J.

Associates: Sr. Tinie Holscher, MSOLA; Pastor Klaus-Peter Kiesel.

Trainees: Sr. Clothilda Ngua, MMMM; OSB Chipole; Sr. Rita Oscar MM, Tabora.

### STATISTICS:

No. of Programmes conducted: 54.

Types of Programmes conducted:

- ⇒ Directed retreats: 10 of 8 days, 1 of 7 days.
- ⇒ Preached retreats: 5 of 8 days; 1 of 7 days; 1 of 6 days; 3 of 5 days; 2 of 4 days; 1 of 3 days.
- ⇒ Thematic guided retreats: 6 of 8 days; 1 of 5 days.
- ⇒ Ecumenical retreat: 1 of 5 days.
- ⇒ Recollections: 1 of 2 days; 1 of 1 day.
- ⇒ Spiritual Direction Workshop for Formators: 1 of 11 days; 1 of 5 days.
- ⇒ Christology Seminars: 1 of

6 days; 3 of 5 days; 1 of 4 days.

- ⇒ Awareness Seminars: 1 of 6 days; 2 of 5 days.
- ⇒ Enneagram: 1 of 7 days; 1 of 5 days.
- ⇒ Discernment Seminar: 1 of 5 days.
- ⇒ Workshop for Superiors: 1 of 4 days.
- ⇒ Seminar on Ethos of today: 1 day.
- ⇒ Apostolic Prayer: 4 of 2 days.
- ⇒ Facilitation for Processing Experiences: 1 of 3 days.

### Outreach to Participants:

1 Bishop  
154 Priests  
132 Religious Men  
1002 Religious Women  
6 Pastors  
254 Laity  
1549 Total outreach

Fr. D'SOUZA also lists the individual Congregations of Men (12) and Women (52) who were served by the OFT Team, in addition to the retreats given to Diocesan Priests in 9 Dioceses.

the newly-appointed Apostolic Administrator of Arusha, Bishop Josaphat Lebulu. In attendance was Fr. LUDWIG as commentator, with five Novices flanking the Bishop as altar servers. Hovering over the pews, of course, was the paparazzo (GACHOKI, n.S.J.), clicking his camera.

On the 19th December Bro. VINCENT completed his 8-day retreat at the Burka Sisters, and according to impeccable sources he is really wonderfully changed.

#### In the House.

- We were privileged to have Fr. DORAIRAJ with us for a few days, while he was en route to Dodoma.

- The Regional Superior of Rwanda and Burundi, Fr. Tite Mutemangando, paid us a courtesy call for two days; we were all highly honoured to be at his service. His presence was an opportune moment to get an update on the current situation in the volatile Central African Region.

- In the second week of December we had Schol. LEODGAR MUNA in the house for his 8-day replenishing session. Sometime during the week Schol. RAYMOND MANYANGA made a flying visit as he ran some errands in Arusha.

We wish our visitors to know that the next time you come you will find our hands wide open to receive you, always better than before. **YOU ARE MOST WELCOME !!**

Watch out! With the current weather changes we are certainly getting a king-size share of the unexpected rains. Alongside this we are also getting a free generous share of the "mud dessert". We have a treacherous section of the road, about four kilometres, which without a 4-wheel-drive car you cannot manoeuvre at all. If you have the courage then make sure you have the right kind of costume as well.

Our heifer finally calved before time; and according to the chief mid-wife/husband (MACHARIA, n.S.J.), the calf will be known as "Stephen el Niño"

*Simon Gachoki, n.S.J.*

#### **MOSHI**

Fr. SIDNEY D'SOUZA has sent a very impressive report of the OUTREACH programme of the ONGOING FORMATION TEAM (OFT) based on our Jesuit House in

we recovered some more keys and some tools. He was brought to Hardy Police Station for detention and interrogation. This exercise took four hours. That afternoon, our driver had to move the first wife to a new location, as she feared her husband's anger. On December 23rd, I spent another five hours driving the police to find the gardener at the vegetable market (but in vain) as he and the other young gardener were accused of stealing from us in collaboration; and then to pick up the second wife for questioning, which we did. On December 24th, I went back to the Police Station and dropped the charges as long as I could get back our keys and tools. All this was hardly a preparation for Christmas for me. On December 26th JOE SMALL left by bus for Eldoret to spend time visiting till January 1st. On December 27th, JACK TREACY went on a camping safari till January 2nd. OZY GONSALVES was the only one who could attend the Province Assembly fully. I managed to attend two sessions. I dismissed the other young gardener when he returned from sick leave. Four casual workers attend to the garden and grounds.

On January 2nd evening, we started our first retreat of 1998, not only

with a full house, but with four more retreatants staying outside and coming in for direction. We welcomed VICTOR JACCARINI on our Staff. Unfortunately he still has to correct University exam papers, as he had to fill in for a colleague who died. On the 6th evening we had our first staff meeting of the year. On January 9th evening, we bade farewell to OZY with a party. We are grateful for the seven years he has worked at Mwangaza, and we wish him a fruitful and restful sabbatical. He will start in Tanzania, based in Moshi. In April he will go to Debre-Zeit in Ethiopia. And he will start his studies at Washington Theological Union in September. On January 11th, OZY travelled by coach to Arusha to give a retreat there.

El Niño has caused us some problems: leaking roofs, standing pools of water, an overflowing quarry pit, etc. We have had our share of the Nairobi flies too. Fortunately no one has suffered any harm from them.

We have started having meetings as a team, to share about retreats and ourselves. These will help particularly JACK and VICTOR, but we all profit from them. This semester, at Hekima, VICTOR will give a seminar every Thursday



afternoon, and I will give an elective on seven Wednesday mornings. I am also giving a course at CUEA: "Retreats and Discernment in Spiritual Direction" every Thursday morning.

Jesuits who wish to make their retreats here are requested to book early. We have had to disappoint some who delayed asking for a place.

What is remarkable this January is that, after a long time, we are five Jesuits by ourselves on the team! 1998 has started in earnest. There will be problems and difficulties; especially we will be short of staff when JACK and CAL leave us and VICTOR and JOE also go away, the former to St. Beuno's for training and both to celebrate their Golden Jubilees at home. Jesuits interested in helping out, particularly from July to September, are invited to contact me soon. Mwangaza will welcome their help.

*Tony Sequeira, S.J.*

#### **FR. PIO CIAMPA WRITES FROM RONGAI**

Inaugurating the Year of the Holy Spirit: On the 30th November, the Year of the Holy Spirit started. That

evening I began a 6-day retreat at Baraka (Molo) Retreat House, to the Servants of the Heart of Christ and of the Poor, Mexican Sisters who are working in the secondary schools of Subukia (Nakuru Diocese) and Roret (Kericho Diocese).

To help them become faithful disciples and zealous apostles of the Holy Spirit, I centred all the meditations on the Holy Spirit's presence and activity in ourselves (indwelling) and in the Church, making good use of the two Official Textbooks prepared by the Catechetical Missionary International Committees and printed in Nairobi by the Pauline Sisters. A four-page handbill with practical suggestions on how to be a disciple and apostle of the Holy Spirit has been published in collaboration with the Pastoral Centre and the Apostolate of Prayer of the Nakuru Diocese.

For the third consecutive year, on the 30th December, I started preaching the eight-day retreat to the 21 first-year Novices of the Contemplative Evangelizers of the Heart of Christ, here at Rongai.

*Pio Ciampa, S.J.*

#### **FR. ZACHARIAS WRITES FROM NYERI**

Fr. CHARLES MURPHY was delighted to come to Christ the King Major Seminary on the 10th January to direct the annual retreat for students of Philosophy. He taught them how to center prayer on love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, and to be "Home at Last" in the community of the Most Holy Trinity. The seminarians were equally happy to listen to his conferences, and are thankful for the help he gave them to grow in spiritual life. However Fr. CHARLES had to walk about 7 kilometres every day to the chapel and to the refectory and to his room. Frs. PIO CIAMPA and FRANCIS CARDOZ made a welcome short visit to this seminary on the 17th of January. And I am looking forward to Fr. Provincial's official visit soon.

*Zacharias Pazheparampil, S.J.*

#### **ARUSHA**

"Take Lord and receive". The feast of St. Francis Xavier finally arrived and the Novitiate chapel walls reverberated with the tunes of the

Suscipe. A journey was coming to an end, and the ultimate mission is right ahead of us. Six of us, First Year Novices, alongside a Canossian Sister (Catherine Thomas), emerged from the 30-day desert experience, with our hearts full of inspiration and gusto, ready to face the challenges that await us. It was a really great experience to be with the Lord for a pep talk, despite all the devious moments that were lurking in the shadows. Thank you all for your prayers which escorted us all along.

Two days later, half a dozen young men, Second Year Novices, reported back to their "service station" after spending two months on their different missions, where they had to take care of the Vineyard. For now they are jostling among themselves, ready for the home-stretch to the Vow day in July. The First Years are now replenishing their supplies, waiting to go on mission for their apostolic experiences from the 25th January.

Just before the Spiritual Exercises Fr. LUDWIG went for his home leave, and he is scheduled to report back at his base at the beginning of February.

The opening of the Canossian complex next door took place on the 11th October, presided over by the