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♥ YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

- For Esther Wanjũgu, cousin of CHARLES KARUMBA.  
She died on the 12th of February



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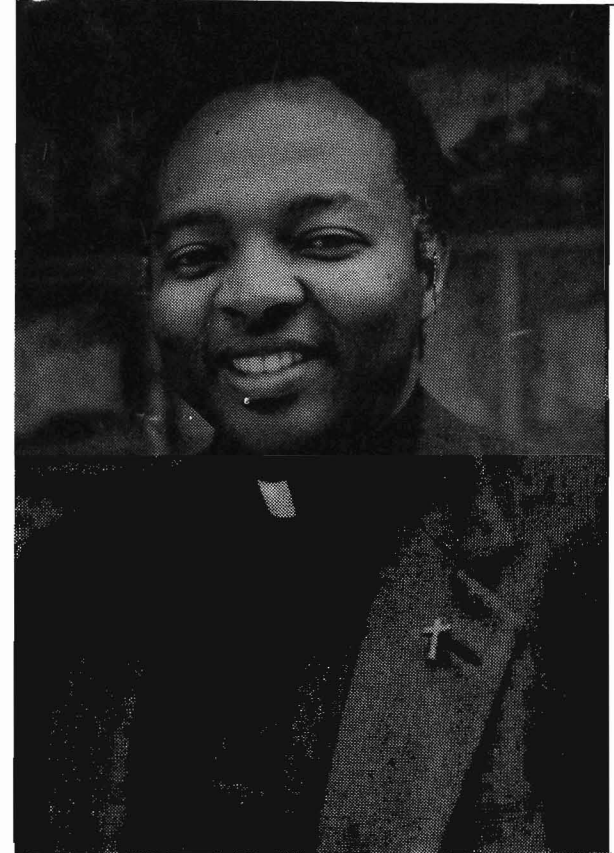
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V. Rev.

**FRATERN  
MASAWE,  
S.J.**

New Provincial  
of the  
Eastern  
Africa  
Province

1st May 1998



## A NEW PROVINCIAL FOR OUR EASTERN AFRICA PROVINCE:

By his Decree of 20th of February 1998 Very Rev. Father General has appointed Rev. FRATERN MASAWA, S.J. as Provincial of the Eastern Africa Province. Father MASAWA is a Tanzanian Jesuit born in 1956. After his Priestly Ordination he went to Belgium in order to obtain a Licenciate in Pastoral Theology at the Lumen Vitae Institute. He was Parish Priest and Local Superior in Mwanza and at the same time Provincial's Delegate for Tanzania and Province Consultor from 1990 to 1994. In 1994 he was appointed Country Director for the Jesuit Refugee Service in Tanzania. After finishing his Tertianship in Detroit [1995-1996] he was appointed Socius to the Provincial, the office he currently holds. Father MASAWA will take office on the 1st of May 1998 the feast of St. Joseph The Worker.

CONGRATULATIONS!

## NEWS FROM ROME

**Fr. General has made the following recent appointments:**

- Fr. Romeo J. Intengan, 56, the new Provincial of the Philippines.
- Fr. Alfred Darmanin, 58, of the Province of Malta, has been appointed President of the Conference of European Provincials and Major Superior of the European Common Houses and Works. He will take office on March 25.
- Fr. Jerzy Karpinski, 48, is the new Regional Superior of Russia. His term begins on 29th June.

formed well and are now in our "last" semester, which comes to an end in April.

Scholastics belonging to this community went to Kuppayanallur (a few kilometers away from the city) for a triduum in mid-January, during which we had our devotional renewal

of vows. The three days happened to be public holidays here.

Last but not least, we wish you all a happy and apostolically rewarding new year 1998.

*Faustine Binamungu Mukasa, S.J.*



had also just been buried, leaving his mother with their now five orphan children to care for.

**Community:** Fr. GENE HATTIE returned from six months in the U.S. after his home visit and having surgery on both of his knees. While he is recuperating he is busy cataloguing the boxes of books JACK MORRIS had sent here from Oregon to update our spiritual library when he came to join the community. Both JACK and KEN have been waiting for six months to receive the M-bags they sent themselves from the U.S. this past summer. And they used to think the "Pony Express" was slow in the middle of the last century in the U.S.!

On March 2 BILL CALLAHAN leaves Xavier House where he has been Minister and Consultor. He will go to Nairobi before moving on to JRS when he returns to Claver House on March 21. So we wish him well as we say "Goodbye BILL. Thanks for your fine service as Minister the past two years. God's blessing on your new mission and work for the Lord."

Have a good Lent, and the best of Easter wishes.

*Ken Kunert, S.J.*

## NEWS FROM MADRAS

Christmas is over, and the new calendar year for the College started on the 5th of January, after a well-deserved fortnight Christmas holiday.

Christmas passed peacefully and the community here organized a Christmas get-together along with the workers after the New Year. It could not be held before, due to various holiday and "ministerial" engagements of most of the members.

New Year struck with a sad note for the Province of Madurai when Fr. Joe Britto (46), Superior and professor of theology at the Arul Radal Theologate here in Madras, was killed in a road accident on the first day of the year. He happened to be the third young priest, with a promising future for the Province and at the peak of academic achievement, to have met with a tragic death in this Province within the space of two years. His funeral was held at Loyola College on the 2nd of January, and was attended by hundreds of mourners from within and out of Madras. He was laid to rest at the cemetery adjacent to the College church late that evening. Our condolences to the entire Province!

Our results for the November 1997 semester examination have just come out. Both JEROME and I have per-

- Fr. Ramon A. Salomone, 65, of the New York Province, has been appointed Regional Superior of Nigeria-Ghana.
- Fr. Jerry Sequeira, 51, Provincial of Gujarat, has been appointed in place of Fr. Godfrey De Rozario.
- Fr. Ernesto Cavassa is the new Provincial of the Peruvian Province. He will start his activities as Provincial in the second week of March.

## FROM THE PROVINCIAL'S DESK:

### JESAM MEETING

From the 23rd to the 24th of February took place at Hekima College an extraordinary meeting of the Jesuit Major Superiors of Africa and Madagascar (JESAM). Two main points were in the agenda: the

composition of a team for the new Rector of Hekima College and the Planning Process of the future Theologate of the Assistancy in Abidjan. The Major Superiors could attend the Ordination of Deacons of Hekima College on the afternoon of the 24th.

### CANONICAL VISITATIONS:

From the 25th of February to the 3rd of March Father Provincial completed his canonical visitation to the Noviciate Community in Arusha started earlier in January. During the visitation Father Provincial interviewed the candidates for the Noviciate this year. So far two candidates from Tanzania and two from Kenya have been officially accepted to start their Noviciate on the 1st of July 1998. From the 23rd to the 28th of March he will visit the Jesuit Community in Addis Ababa and will also interview the potential candidates there.

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN POSTAL ADDRESS:

The Jesuit Refugee Service in Tanzania has a new postal address. Kindly direct all mail to P., O. Box 634, Mwanza, Tanzania.

Left the Society: S. Nicholas Bunyige, on the 9th of February, 1998.



## OUR VOCATION PROMOTERS REPORT

*From Uganda*, BOB MAYER writes on "Eyeing Potential Candidates":

The Provincial's Delegate for Uganda, Fr. TONY WACH, has delegated me to promote vocations way out West. I'm on the Fort Portal Diocese Vocation Team. Some contacts have been made in local schools and at Uganda Technical College Kichwamba, where I'm Chaplain, besides a few outside contacts through correspondence, thanks to referrals. While going on safari to my Novices' homes, September-December, I kept my eyes and ears and mouth open regarding vocations-in-life for youth along the way. Some personal contacts were made through addressing student groups or congregations. As the saying goes, "It pays to advertise." And as Fr. General once admonished Ours, "Why are we Jesuits at times so slow to publicize our least Society?"

*From Sudan*, HANS PUTMAN has this good news of his vocation efforts:

I am in contact with four young students who want to know more about the Society of Jesus. I gave a 3-day retreat in El-Obeid for the youth (about 100), and several boys asked me about the Society of Jesus. I'll send you my pamphlet on the Jesuits as soon as it is finished.

*From Ethiopia*, Fr. JOE PULLICINO reported early in January the considerable progress he is making. He writes: "We planned a weekend for the aspirants and two candidates last November. Each of them had a different schedule. We left from our community at 2.00 p.m. for Debre-Zeit, which is around 70 km away. We were six altogether. Three of them are University students, one is finishing Form Four and the other has been at the University but had to

Province Consultors' meeting.

KEN KUNERT broke in the New Year interviewing and doing psychological testing for SEAN O'CONNOR's five candidates, four from Kenya and one from Sudan. BOB, JACK and KEN had a semi-leisurely drive back to Kampala through rain and sunshine in Kenya's Rift Valley, sharing the joys and memories of the Province Days with our far-spread Scholastics Brother and Fathers.

BILL CALLAHAN spent four days in January giving an Enneagram Workshop to the Comboni male first-year Novices. After his conference with Fr. Provincial, during Fr. RODRIGO's visitation with us, BILL shared the glad news that he was assigned to become Project Director for JRS in Adjumani. He looks forward to the warm and dry sunny weather there to ease his arthritis woes so enhanced by Kampala's damp, cool and rainy weather the last four months. BILL left for Adjumani on 17th February, to spend a few days to survey the situation there before he takes over as Director, and to check out his "digs" for the next couple of years.

With BILL's departure from Xavier House, the community will be planning for the distribution of the Minister's duties among them. BILL has done a good job of getting things into

ship-shape order over his two years here. Maintenance was well taken care of for Xavier House during BILL's stay. Thank you!

*Non-Jesuit Visitors:* Fr. Alberto Campos, O.F.M., a missionary from Mexico, has been with us for two short visits. He just came by 18th February and informed TONY that he has just been appointed Bishop in the Amazon region of Peru. Fr. Simon McGurk, O.S.B., here from England, joined us for a few days to tour Kampala and the surrounding area. Brothers John Flood and Jim Nichols, Holy Cross, came in from Fort Portal and stayed with us during the school-year break. Fr. Augustine Minoni, an advisor to TONY WACH on work with alcoholics, came for a retreat and a few days' rest. Fr. Udalko, a diocesan priest from Fort Portal, came in for a few days as did Fr. Neil Ryan, Holy Cross, while conferring with the Uganda Football Committee, of which he has long been a member.

*Jesuit Visitors:* EMMANUEL NGABIRANO, a Scholastic from Harare, came and visited for a few days as he went on his safari to Kigali for French studies in early December. He got the sad news, when he stopped to see his mother to console her on the loss last August of his sister Kovina, that another sister, Virginia Byakire,

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN NUMBERS:

- 1 Dar es Salaam Jesuit Community : FAX No.: 400 081
- 2 Dar es Salaam Loyola High School: TELEPHONE No.: 400 054

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

**RECEIVE CALLS ONLY.** We thank Our Lady of Lourdes for this partial breakthrough. Since October **ED TRUDEAU**, **BILL CALLAHAN**, Eugene Matovu (our Factotum), and then **TONY WACH** after his return from home visit on November 30, have plagued the Post Office staff and management with letters and personal visits to get our phone back in operation. There is still work to be done, but it is good to hear the phone occasionally ringing again.

**Apostolic:** Twice Fr. **JACK MORRIS** returned to his former JRS haunts up North to give retreats. He enjoyed returning to Rhino Camp and seeing the good pastoral work of **Kassiano Ofezu** (a former Jesuit Brother candidate) with the 32,000 refugees now there (It was 13,000 when **JACK** left.) **PACO ORNELAS**, who had also been there, begged funding from Mexico to buy a new Honda 125-cycle for **Kassie**. As **JACK** says, "He is delighted and so are we." While **JACK** was giving a retreat at **Ladonga**, a landmine exploded a mile from the retreat center. He also visited **Adjumani** and **Nimule** (Sudan) to do some spiritual ministrations for JRS. After he gave a retreat recently in **Lira** the Sisters thanked him with: "Not everyone is willing to come this way because of **Kony**." (It was near **Lira** that **Kony's** "thugs" abducted 135 girls from a school run by the

**Comboni Sisters** - 25 of whom are still in captivity a year later.) Beginning March 2 **JACK** will give a retreat to the assembled Bishops of Uganda. He asks for prayers. **JACK** also works with **TONY WACH** in promoting vocations. On November 7 he hosted seven local Jesuit aspirant university students to Sunday Mass, lunch and an afternoon sharing session here at **Xavier House**.

**ALEX OCHUMBO** was with us, evaluating a possible urban JRS center in **Kampala**. At the end of October he went to **Busia**, Kenya, to attend the Golden Anniversary celebration of his aunt and two other Sisters. On All Souls Day he returned with a lovely cake from the celebration, for the community to bask in. **ALEX** left us on December 22, on his way to **Nairobi** for JRS meetings and his retreat. **ALEX** left us again for **Ethiopia**, his new assignment with JRS, in the middle of January. "Bon voyage" and "Vaya con Dios!" We miss him!

Fr. **TONY WACH**, after his home visit, besides plaguing the phone company, held a number of meetings with Jesuit candidates in December and January, getting ready for Fr. Provincial's visitation. He attended the Province Assembly over the Christmas holidays, and he returned to **Nairobi** again in February for the

stop the course and is now applying again. The weekend recollection was held in silence. I met them twice a day to give them "points" or some help for two half-an-hour personal prayer. In the morning prayer before breakfast I introduced them to the "Breviary", and after supper we prayed in silent adoration for half an hour. In the meantime I had time to see them one by one for over an hour. Their reaction was positive. They highly appreciated the silence and the recollected spirit around that beautiful lake."

*And from Kenya* the news of our Vocation Promotion is also encouraging. This month there was a very interesting breakthrough, with Scholastic **TIMOTHY MURUNGI IBUTU**, S.J. joining me in **Meru**, very much his home territory, for a well-attended Y.C.S. Seminar, at **Nkabune Technical College**, of six Colleges and Higher Institutes. **TIMOTHY** was asked to speak on his own Jesuit vocation and training, which he did, and a few days later he again spoke to students at **St. Martin's Secondary School** - a school run by the Brothers of Christian Instruction - not far from his own home. I was also able to meet his family and have a meal with them. I have known the family from the time even before **TIMOTHY** joined the Jesuit Novitiate in **Lusaka**.

But for the rest of the ten days' programme I had worked out with Fr. **Clement Muchike**, the Diocesan Coordinator for Youth in **Meru Diocese**, I was on my own. In each of the places I visited, stretching from **Egogi Teachers College** to **Gangetha** near **Maua** - all in **Meru** - I gave a general talk mainly to Y.C.S. students on the topic of **The Challenge** to us as Christians. And now let's wait and see. Like **St. Paul** I can say: "I have planted, **Apollos** has watered, but God alone will give the increase" (cf. **I Cor 3,6**).

For the well-worked-out programme I am very much indebted to Fr. **Clement Muchike**, for the welcome support of **TIMOTHY IBUTU** and for the great welcome I got everywhere in **Meru Diocese** from the 20th February to 1st March.

A little earlier this month I was pleased to be able to speak on the above same topic to a group of University students at **Nairobi Main Campus**.

And a final contribution from **Arusha**, in the form of a leaflet written by one of the Novices with the help of Fr. **LEO AMANI**. This leaflet, or flyer, has updated some of the fine material Fr. **STEPHEN MSELE** produced several years ago.

So, in the immortal words of Fr.

ALOYSIUS D'SOUZA, "It can be done - it will be done." So, let's hear more about your efforts in vocation promotion and encourage us all in the Province, and especially our future

Provincial, Fr. FRATERN MASAWA, S.J.

*Sean O'Connor, S.J.*

## NEWS FROM ...

### HEKIMA NEWS

All the Hekima Scholastics have returned sound and well from their holidays. Our second semester started on 12 January. Thank God the holiday hangover has not distracted us, and we have entered into the school mood without much difficulty.

Fr. FRANCOIS DE PAULE RANDRIAMANALINA, S.J. (MADAGASCAR) has joined the Hekima staff. He arrived a few days before the beginning of this semester. Fr. RANDRIAMANALINA will teach Sacramental Theology. You are most welcome, Fr. RANDY, to be part of the Hekima Community.

January 1998 has also brought us sad news. Fr. TERRY CHARLTON's mother, aged 74, mother of four, died in the second week of the month while Manasseh, aged 42, the right arm of Fr. ED MURPHY, "book manager" and driver of the College van, died in the fourth week. Manasseh left behind a wife and four children. He had

been working for the Society for almost 20 years, and he had been working for Hekima College since its beginning. Manasseh did a lot of other work in the College, apart from his main duty. He was a humble, honest, very respectful, available, and hard-working person. He showed in his exemplary life how a Christian should live, and for many of us he was a challenge. May the Lord give to both of them eternal peace and rest.

*Kifle Wansamo, S.J.*

### LOYOLA HOUSE

El Niño has been decently quiet this last week. The weather has been gorgeous. February has come and gone quickly, with much coming and going of people at Loyola. Fr. Dave Fleming, 10-year-and-continuing Editor of the Review for Religious, was with us for almost a week. He met many old friends: CECIL McGARRY, DAN

that during the Christian Unity Octave students and tutors from Nile Theological College (Anglican), FOCUS (Christian University Students), and Bishop Gwynn College, were invited to join the seminarians for one day in praying for Christian Unity. Eight people representing two of the Institutes invited came, and afterwards expressed the desire that this first contact be continued.

And finally, HANS was invited to celebrate Mass for our Jesuit Community in the Coptic Rite (Arabic). He accepted and had a rather full celebration, with singing, incensing and bowing; and the Community was enthusiastic.

*Paul Mallia, S.J.*

Everybody here is doing relatively well. ED BRADY's health is holding and he keeps pushing his education work for the displaced from Comboni College where he resides, as it's more convenient there. HANS PUTMAN continues to be in very high demand for retreats, spiritual direction and conferences. PAUL BESANCENEY celebrated his 74th birthday on 10th February. He has handed in his resignation as Dean of Theology as from next scholastic year. He is in good shape however, but he feels the need to slow down. RICHARD D'SOUZA

will be winding up his first year as Rector at the Orientation Course by the end of this month. He will be off to Bombay on urgent family matters. PAUL MALLIA chugs along with his Scripture, Greek and Spirituality. He is getting the feel of the students much better. He will finish acting as Spiritual Director of the Seminary by the end of this scholastic year. We continue with our regular prayer-cum-encounter meetings, and we have set up a committee of three to review and decide upon all requests for aid made to us. We have even devised some guidelines about aid-giving. PAUL BESANCENEY continues with his fortnightly conferences to the Sisters of Charity of Mother Theresa.

*Bernard Mallia, S.J.*

### FROM XAVIER HOUSE, KAMPALA

Mute but no longer deaf: after having our telephone disconnected since the middle of October because we would not pay the \$17,000 for phone calls someone made through our line to India, Pakistan, Japan, etc., at noon, 11th February, 1998, they finally conceded to reconnect our phone TO

ollections and penitential services for priests and religious. Around Christmas he was invited for two religious programmes, one on radio and one on TV (in Arabic). Giving retreats for priests and religious keeps him on the move. But his Vocation Promotion work and his regular teaching at St. Augustine's Minor Seminary do not slacken.

**BERNARD MALLIA** was recently asked to help set up a Diocesan Library for Priests in the Archdiocese. And in a few weeks there it was: some fifteen hundred books duly processed and put on the shelves ready for borrowing. The Library has been inaugurated by Archbishop Zubeir in the presence of a number of priests who were gathered for another occasion.

At the Province Assembly in Nairobi Khartoum had a high profile: two gave papers, two played bridge, **HANS** stayed on for a Vocation Promotion meeting and also to visit Jesuit communities of his newly-found brethren.

### Visitors

Fr. Paul Deguara (MAL) was with us between September 8-25. He had been called to help the two Missionaries of Charity communities with a retreat and one or two courses. It was

the time following the death of Mother Teresa (and Princess Diana). It was also a week when Fr. Deguara learned what Khartoum heat can be like.

During his annual visitation Fr. **RODRIGO** was invited for a session with priests and others involved in the running of **PALICAS** (Pastoral-Liturgical-Catechetical Secretariates) from all over the Archdiocese. He kindly obliged.

Br. **STEPHEN POWER** (JRS) was also with us (Jan 8-20), revisiting Khartoum and Port Sudan in his new capacity as Regional Director of JRS Eastern Africa.

### The Church in Sudan

Sudan now has a new Nuncio: he is a Franciscan, born in Egypt, and of course he knows Arabic. His name: Archbishop Marco Dino Brogi.

### St. Paul's Major Seminary

The annual retreat in the Theology Section and the Orientation Course was given by **RICHARD D'SOUZA** and **HANS PUTMAN** respectively. It may be of interest to some readers to know that the theologians have been through a three-day liturgical inculturation workshop which the Archbishop himself conducted; also

**KENNEY**, **VICTOR JACCARINI**, **ANGELO D'AGOSTINO** and others, I am sure. **TREVOR D'SOUZA** stayed with us while he gave a five-day instruction on prayer, awareness and personal integration at Tumaini Centre: it was very well received. He will be back in October. **D'AG** was part of a ten-day meeting at the Vatican, where he gave a paper. He returned with marvellous pictures of the group (a very large group) and several of himself tête-à-tête with the Pope. Our cook, Elizabeth, a devout Catholic, was beside herself with joy at those pictures of **D'AG** and the Pope. In the Standard there was a large picture of **DAN KENNEY** giving ashes to a parishioner. "It's a large picture," I told him. His response: "Of course!". **KAPPA** is a continual marauding gadfly (a benevolent gadfly), turning off lights whether they are needed or not, always a good participant in all community activities. Unfortunately, because of the pain, especially in his back, (he says: old age) he finds it very difficult to stand for any length of time. This makes going out for Mass very, very difficult. But he is a joy to have at Loyola, a kind of a crusty admonitor for us all. **ERIC** is once again the Minister, although **JONATHAN** does the repair and maintenance work, and **DAN KENNEY** is guiding the kitchen workers

toward self-sufficiency, with minimal supervision. The goal is that the cooks do the buying, the making of menus and the preparation of meals by themselves. **JERRY CONTINUES** doing all kinds of things that help the community and the Province in many ways.

We had many visitors, especially here for the Province Consult, for Ministry meetings, and for the meeting of the Provincials of Africa at Hekima College. Fr. Konrad Landsberg, Provincial of Zimbabwe, stayed with us, and then left with **TREVOR** for Moshi, where he will be directed by **TREVOR** in a retreat.

**DAN**, with several painful setbacks, continues to move on with the establishment of a much-needed place for alcoholics in Nairobi. **CHARLIE MURPHY** was decked with pneumonia for several weeks, and he is gradually getting his strength back. Fortunately this came in February, when he had no retreats.

We had the Student Brothers over for sharing a meal on Sunday February 22, and on the following Wednesday we had Mass, communal penance and the blessing and giving of ashes for all.

**STEPHEN POWER** is away in London and Rome, and will get back in early March. **SEAN** has been for a



week in Meru, with an impressive schedule of visiting and giving talks to many groups of secondary school-boys. DEVA is forever going off to exotic places like Djibouti, Paris, and to other places not so exotic and a bit dangerous. MARCEL GAREAU continues his adventure in two or three worlds (archives, technical work of correcting and translating for the Provincial, an important presence to the young men), with marvelous competence and a quiet, pleasant good humor.

*Charlie Murphy, S.J.*

## MWANGAZA NEWS

(Fr. OZY GONSALVES sent in the following report from Tanzania, too late to be included in our last issue.)

The last month of the year usually is also for stocktaking, which gives you some statistics, and our indefatigable Elizabeth provided these:

A total of 937 retreatants used Mwangaza in 1997. They came from 50 different nationalities! 21 of these nationalities were African, giving 619 retreatants.

659 of the retreatants were women:

- ◊ 53 laywomen
- ◊ 565 professed sisters
- ◊ 38 sister-novices
- ◊ 3 sister-postulants

278 of the retreatants were men:

- ◊ 11 laymen
- ◊ 73 priests
- ◊ 63 professed brothers
- ◊ 16 novices
- ◊ 10 seminarians
- ◊ 1 postulant
- ◊ 92 scholastics
- ◊ 12 deacons

Besides the retreatants, there were 806 "recollectors": 462 came in 98 small and big groups; another 344 came individually.

We praise and thank God for all of these and more.

*Ozy Gonsalves, S.J.*

## HOMA BAY BISHOP ON FR. GEROGE AIKARA

On Tuesday, 10th February, Fr. GEORGE and I went to see the Bishop of Homa Bay, to get his blessing on Fr. George's going on holiday and on my arriving. When I asked the Bishop: "My Lord, which is the report I must send on your behalf to our Regional Superior on Fr. GEORGE's

three years' apostolate in your diocese?" he replied: "Excellent. He has been a friend of all and has been loved by all. He has worked hard and has enjoyed his hard work. He has been blessed among the (holy) women of Asumbi and they have been blessed by his presence among them. They want him to come back soon."

I came here on Sunday the 8th. On the 9th, with Fr. GEORGE, I went to see the Bishop of Kisii and on the 10th the Bishop of Homa Bay, both very grateful for the services offered by Fr. George and willing to accept me as his substitute. The two Teachers' Training Colleges of Asumbi and Nyhabururu remember the Jesuit Chaplains they had some time back.

*Pio Ciampa, S.J.  
St. Therese's Convent,  
P. O. Box 669, Kisii.*

## SUDAN : THE TWO NILES JOURNAL

The first item is long overdue. This concerns the arrival of Fr. ALBERT SAID, S.J. to Khartoum and the Province. Fr. SAID, from Malta, was in India as a scholastic and priest for over 36 years, working in what is now the Dumka-Raiganj Province.

When he found himself unable to return to his mission there for lack of a return-visa, he looked for some other field where he could exercise his ministry. For a year and a half he studied Arabic in Cairo. At the time he developed a desire to try to get into neighbouring Sudan. He arrived here in Khartoum at the end of October. Since then he has been getting used to the new people he meets, to the Sudan Arabic, the public buses and the Khartoum streets. He has also been assisting the two Sudanese priests at Banat Parish in Khartoum, and has more recently started studying at the Language School the Arabic he will preach in.

## Other Updates

Since late September ED BRADY has been living with the Comboni Missionaries at Comboni College, more central for his main ministry of working for the education of the displaced. But he still comes two days a week for ministry at the Minor Seminary.

HANS PUTMAN has taken up work as Coordinator of DIROFT (Diocesan and Religious Ongoing Formation Team) which organizes the yearly programme of retreats, enlightening conferences, monthly rec-