

**JULY 1998**

*Eastern Africa Province*

Wed	1	+John Legge
Thu	2	<b>Sts. Bernadino Realino, Francis Regis, Francis Jerome, Bl. Julian Maunoir, Anthony Baldunici - Memorial</b>
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Mon	6	*Bruno Ramarolahy
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Mon	13	+Wargiss Kappammootill
Wed	14	*Cyrille Kazwala Kienge
Fri	17	Louis Plamondon
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**FROM THE PROVINCIAL'S DESK**

Fr. General has made the following recent appointments:

- On May 6, Fr. MIGUEL GARCIA has been appointed Socius of the Eastern Africa Province. Fr. GARCIA, who is now on home leave, will take office in late August.

- On June 3, Fr. General approved the nomination of Fr. JOSEPH PULLICINO as Superior of the Jesuit Community in Ethiopia and as Delegate of the Provincial in Ethiopia. Further, Fr. General named Fr. PULLICINO as Province Consultor.

- Fr. Timothy Robin Smith has been appointed Regional Superior in South Africa, to take over from Fr. Chris Chatteris.

- As already announced in the March issue of Easternnet, Fr. Ramon A. Salomone has been appointed Regional

Superior of Nigeria-Ghana. He will succeed Fr. Peter Schineller on July 12.

- Fr. Stanislaus Fernandes has been appointed Provincial Superior of Pune Province. He will be taking over from Fr. Kenneth Misquitta.

Fr. Felix K. Yaoch has been appointed Regional Superior for the Dependent Region of Micronesia (MIC). He will succeed Fr. Francis Hezel on July 31.

- The Board of Trustees of the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley has announced the appointment of Fr. Joseph P. Daoust, of the Detroit Province, as President of this Jesuit School of Theology. His appointment is effective as of July 1st, 1998. Fr. Daoust taught at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, in 1988-89.

## YOUNG JESUITS' MEETING 1998

On Sunday, 17th of May, the Young Jesuits of Eastern Africa gathered for the annual meeting at Mwangaza Retreat Centre. Father FRATERN MASAWA, the Provincial, presided over the opening liturgy. It was a great joy meeting some of the companions who came from Harare: theirs was the most diverse delegation. Among the others who came some were completing their regency. There was also the first crop of companions who now look back to Arrupe College as their Alma Mater, and those who after two years in the institution are joining in pastoral experiences. To all of them, congratulations!

Sharing by representatives of various stages of formation was received with great attention. The climax on formation issues was the moment when Fr. FRATERN set aside his beret of Provincial and put on the one of Delegate for Formation. Time and again people had to be reminded that he was talking as Delegate for Formation. By the way, this Office is vacant! Anybody for the job? Easy, it is almost filled up. Welcome to the new Delegate for Formation. Thank you, FRATERN, for what you have done for the young Jesuits while you held the Office. The Provincial then shared with the Young Jesuits on the state of the Province, his vision and his dreams. It left the Young Jesuits

looking to the future with renewed hope.

The central issue for the meeting this year was "Self-Reliance". The consensus among the Young Jesuits is: "Do not let them do it for you, let them do it with you; but you must take the responsibility". This was just a few days before Madaraka Day in Kenya. They all agreed that they must be companions in mission and for mission. The inputs that triggered these thoughts were:

- *Report on the State of the Self-Reliance Committee* by Fr. Payeur. (This committee was set up during the tenure of Fr. PAUL BESANCENEY as Provincial);

- *Realising Self-Reliance - The Novitiate Case* by Fr. LEO AMANI;

- *Investment Strategies for the Society of Jesus - EAP Case* by Mr. P.A.S.A Denis.

This was wrapped up by Fr. FRANCIS RODRIGUES the next day with:

- *On Efforts Towards Self-Reliance in the Province.*

On May 22, everything was crowned with a picnic in Naivasha, followed by a grand supper at Hekima College. We express our appreciation to the

Lakroa, Madagascar

18. P. Razafintsalama, Adolphe (MDG), Rector of Collège St. François-Xavier, Fianarantsoa, Madagascar
19. P. Umba di M'Balu, Joachim (ACE), Director Designate of Agro-Vet Institute, Kimwenza
20. P. Vata Diambanza, Pierre (ACE), Director of DIA Press Agency and Renaitre Magazine

The meeting was held in a very warm, joyful and friendly atmosphere. It was a very wonderful occasion because for the first time Jesuits of Africa and Madagascar came together to discuss issues concerning the continent. It began with a solemn Mass of the Holy Spirit. During the Mass the participants prayed for the gift of the Holy Spirit on the proceedings of the meeting. The main celebrant for the occasion was Fr. Adolphe Razafintsalama, of Madagascar, and the homilist was the President of the meeting, Fr. Isangu Mwana-Mfumu. The meeting was centered on three important issues. These were: on Monday, Marginalization, presented by Fr. Goussikindey, Eugene; on Tuesday, Formation and Mission, presented by Fr. Vata Diambanza; on Wednesday, Cultures of Africa and Madagascar, presented by Brother Umba di M'Balu and Fr. Razafintsalama, Adolphe. These presentations were followed by animated discussions and workshops during which participants contributed to the various issues presented.

On Tuesday, 26th of May, in the morning, the group had a visit from Fr. Edouard de Loisy, who briefed us on current developments concerning the Second Theologate. In the afternoon the participants had the occasion to pay a visit to the Archbishop of Abidjan, Monsignor Bernard Agré, who was very pleased to welcome us. We had a sumptuous lunch with him and some of his priests, including his two Vicars General, his Secretary and the Bursar of the Archdiocese. On our way back to Bingerville the group visited the site of the future Theologate.

On Thursday, 28th of May, the group made a trip to Yamoussoukro, where we visited the grandiose and impressive Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. The group also had the occasion to celebrate the Eucharist in the Basilica.

On Friday, 29th of May, at the end of the days of deliberation, the group joined the Jesuit community at INADES for the celebration of the solemn vows of Fr. JEAN-ROGER NDOMBI (AOC), the new Rector of Hekima College.

The meeting ended on the 30th of May in the afternoon. All the participants were happy with the work they had achieved during this short period. The final report and the recommendations are now forwarded to the Provincials, to the Assistant and to Fr. General, and they will be communicated to the members of the Regions and Provinces.

experience to Saaka. He was the Assistant to Superior General Bishop Kalanda when I came in 1994. He has served as manager on the diocesan farms and flour mill. He is senior in age to his brother Tarcis by five years. They were a year apart in taking First Vows; two years apart in taking Final Vows. Brother Charles was one of the eight Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker who made Brotherhood history, being the first group ever to pronounce Final Vows on 1st May, 1995.

As a full-time member of the Saaka Novitiate community, I have been treated to the spice of life that is the variety of Brother Superiors during these last four years and a half.

*Bob Mayer, S.J.*

### MEETING OF JESUITS FROM AFRICA AND MADAGASCAR

From the 25th to the 30th of May, in the city of Bingerville, about 18 kilometres from Abidjan, there was a meeting of Jesuits from Africa and Madagascar. Those who were present at this meeting were the following:

1. R.P. Matungulu Otene Marcel, Regional Assistant for Africa in Rome
2. R.P. Ilboudo, Jean, Provincial of Western Africa and President of JESAM

3. R.P. Masawe, Fratern, Provincial of Eastern Africa
4. P. Adangba, Victor (AOC), Socius of the Master of Novices, Cameroon
5. P. Batantou, Patrice (AOC), Minister of INADES
6. S. Béré, Paul (AOC), Student in Theology, Hekima College
7. P. Debi Youmtou, Soussa (AOC), Director of Radio Présence, Chad
8. P. Ghansah, John (NIG), Socius of the Master of Novices, Nigeria
9. P. Goussikindey, Eugène (AOC), Delegate for Formation and Professor of Philosophy, Kimwenza
10. P. Isangu Mwana-Mfumu (ACE), Director of Higher Institute of Agro-Vet, Vice-Coordinator of Social Apostolate for Africa
11. S. Morare, Bokkie (SAF), Philosophy student, Harare
12. P. Mukonori, Fidelis (ZIM), Silveira House, Zimbabwe
13. F. Mzumara, Happy Patrick (ZAM), NGO Consultant, Zambia
14. P. Ndombi, Jean-Roger (AOC), Rector of Hekima College, Nairobi
15. S. Orobator, Emmanuel (NIG), Socius Designate, Nigeria
16. P. Rakotovaio, Vincent. A. (MDG), Professor of Agro-Vet Studies, Bevalala, Madagascar
17. P. Randriamanantena, Wilson (MDG), Assistant-Director of

Rector and the Minister of Hekima College for this kindness.

Most of the Young Jesuits and Old Fathers who attended the meeting expressed great satisfaction at the manner in which the meeting went. Some were heard commenting that the way of organising these meetings continues improving every year. To some, the progress is Ignatian, always

searching for *Magis*.

We are grateful to the Mwangaza Community and Staff for accommodating us. This is one reason why the Young Jesuits sing: "Mwangaza nitarudi tena, mwaka kesho". Asanteni (Mwangaza, we'll be back next year. Many thanks). We are also grateful to the Provincial for his participation in all the sessions.

*Oduor Afulo, S.J.*

### SEEING KENYA FOR FREE

That's one way of looking at my pleasant task of vocation promotion, as so many parts of Kenya are really worth seeing again and again. This last month I travelled the long and beautiful drive to Kisumu and was able to take in the many wonderful sights on the way - the impressive view overlooking the Rift Valley, then on to the stage view of Lake Naivasha and Lake Elementeita, the latter too far away to be able to see the many flamingoes clear up and, of course, Lake Nakuru once again quite full of water - and its flamingoes. But the superb view of miles and miles of tea plantations at Kericho is one that never falls. And so on to Kisumu to meet the family of one aspirant as well as once again spend an afternoon with the parents of Brother GEORGE OCHIENG. I also visited Muhoroni, and there too I was treated to vast stretches of sugar-cane.

On the 11th May the Vocation

Promoters working in the Archdiocese of Nairobi welcomed Archbishop Ndingi Mwana' Zeki to an afternoon meeting of the Promoters.

A few days later I travelled once again to yet another beautiful part of Kenya - Meru - with its attractive hills and countless streams in full spate. I was at Nkubu High School, some 15 kms. from the town of Meru, where I had been asked to give a talk to a Y.C.S. Rally involving six secondary schools and roughly 200 students.

A week later I went to North Kinangop via Naivasha. The Sunday evening of my journey I stayed in the Catholic Parish at the latter place well known to Scholastic JOSPHAT SHETE, of Harare. Next morning I carried on to North Kinangop, a mere 30 kms. away, but the whole journey took me five hours. At first I sat in a



matatu (small bus) for over two hours, and then we had to crawl over the stones for the last 15 kms. of the journey to North Kinangop N.K. Hospital. After that I immediately moved off on one of the mountainous and boggy roads to the family of a Jesuit aspirant. But staying at the N.K. Mission while it was made easy for me, I also was able to help out with some pastoral work.

"Go to Jericho" was almost my cry on the last day of the month, when my matatu in Nairobi didn't bring me the way I had hoped it would, to visit yet another aspirant. But I got to the family eventually after quite a bit of walking.

### A request for help

Most of our young Jesuits from Kenya come from the Western and Nyanza Provinces. In recent months I have been in touch with the Youth Coordinators of the Dioceses of Meru, Embu, Nyeri, Muranga and Machakos. Already two of the Coordinators have invited me to speak on a suitable topic to their youth assemblies. More invitations will be coming to my office. I would like to involve our young Jesuits in this work, so please consider this request.

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

### Vocation Prayer for June

Recently a packet of Vocation Prayer leaflets was left in my office. Maybe your community could find time occasionally to say this attractive prayer. "Since a vocation is above all a gift of the Lord, I invite you to personal and community prayer for vocations, constant and consistent, according to the tradition of the Society". (Fr. General Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, 29 September 1997.

*Seán O'Connor, S.J.*

### June Vocation Prayer

Father,  
we rejoice in the gifts of love  
we have received  
from the heart  
of Jesus your Son.  
Open our hearts  
to share His life more deeply  
and continue to bless us  
with His infinite love.  
Teach us to see Christ  
in the lives we touch.  
And, through our ministry,  
draw many young men  
to serve Him generously  
in the Society of Jesus  
so that the love of His heart  
may be proclaimed  
to the ends of the earth.  
Grant this  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Brother Augustinus Kalenzi, SJW, was superior when I arrived at Saaka in February 1994. As normally expected of the Saaka superior, he gave me welcome help as Assistant Novice Master, teacher, formator. He was the General Treasurer of the Brotherhood. When he was appointed superior of the Brothers' carpentry workshop at Kyakataru, about 15 kilometres from Fort Portal town, Fr. EDOUARD TRUDEAU successfully advised him how to find a benefactor to buy a generator for the workshop. From mid-1997 till mid-1998, Brother Kalenzi returned to Saaka to assist me with both the novices and the postulants -- the postulants having been trained at Saaka since October 1995. In May 1998 he was sent to Kotido Diocese in North-East Uganda.

Brother Augustine Turyamureeba, SJW, succeeded Brother Kalenzi as Saaka superior. He added life to the community as an amateur guitarist. Bishop Paul L. Kalanda appreciated his services as M.C. in the cathedral. He was well into his teacher's training course at St. Augustine's in Butiiti when he fell sick with malaria during the Christmas - '98 New-Year holidays, and died on February 3, 1998.

Brother Tarcis Baguma, SJW, retained his post as Vocation Director when he took over as Saaka superior at the beginning of 1996. He enjoyed

meeting Fr. SEAN O'CONNOR in Nairobi at vocation conferences and picked up some valuable tips from our EAP Vocation Co-ordinator. Since September 1997, he has been in the Major Seminary of St. Mbaaga, Kampala, the first Brother of St. Joseph the Worker to go to the Major Seminary. Their constitutions have a provision for some Brothers being ordained priests to care for their spiritual needs.

Brother Superior of Saaka No. 4 was Brother Joseph Aligns, SAW. He had served as Bursar of the community and was in charge of development, changing Saaka stone into bread and butter, or the equivalent. He organized stone-mining in a rather big way to make ends meet, while also growing maize, beans, egg-plants, cassava, and keeping up the mattock (banana) plantation. He has carried on the development of the tourism project so dear to the heart of Brother Traces, with encouragement from the developmental Brotherhood. Meanwhile he took up the newly-created portfolio of being in charge of the "Junior Brothers" (those with temporary vows before Final Profession) wherever they might be - working, studying. Recently he has been appointed major-domo at the new residence of the bishop.

Brother Charles Agaba, SJW, has exchanged places with Brother Joseph Aligona. He comes with wide

1986 by Fr. John Marengoni, a Comboni Father, as a Pious Association, under the complete responsibility of the Bishop of Nakuru. The new Bishop of Nakuru, Rt. Rev. Peter Kairo, sent two examiners to see the 48 students of Philosophy, and 25 of them were sent home for lack of academic standard, since they did not have the Form Four Leaving Certificate with an average result of C-. Later, the Apostolic Nuncio sent two more visitors to see the novices, the students of theology and the priests. These visitors, two Consolata Fathers, are the former Regional Superior, now Parish Priest of the Consolata Shrine of Westland, and the present Vice-Regional Superior. They have presented their reports to the Nuncio, and now his final decisions are expected. Your prayers are requested for all the members of the CECC and for their founder (now 76 plus and not in very good health).

*Pio Ciampa, S.J..*

### **FORT PORTAL, UGANDA**

Each Year, a New Superior Variety is the spice of life. How about the variety involved in an annual turnover of the local superior? Saaka Novitiate can boast of such an experience since 1994. Permutations of superiors are inevitable because of limited personnel and rather far-

flung commitments. Originating as a diocesan Brotherhood in Fort Portal Diocese in 1973, it wasn't long before the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker were in high demand in other dioceses in Uganda. As of 1st May, 1998, there are 31 formed Brothers, out of which 13 have made their Final Commitment.

Before mentioning which five Brothers have served the Saaka community since 1994, let me record some common factors found in all five. First of all, they all benefited from the ongoing formation courses and retreats of Fr. TONY WACH. He also highly recommended the year of training afforded by the Uganda Spirituality Formation Centre in Kisubi, near Entebbe. All five of the superiors were Kisubi-trained, thanks to the encouragement of TONY. At times he and Fr. EDOUARD TRUDEAU found the wherewithal to finance this course. Another common factor found in all five is that they have been my tertians in the three-month programme at Saaka, which has included a fortnight retreat.

Agewise, they range at present from 37 to 42 (1956-1961). They all made their First Commitment on 1st May (1985-1987); and Final Commitment on 1st May (1995-1997). Now let me introduce my five Saaka superiors in case you have not had the good fortune to meet them:

### **NEWS FROM ...**

#### **LOYOLA HOUSE**

May has been the month of the big changes: Fr. FRATERN MASAWE was installed as Provincial on May 1st at Loyola, and on May 15 Fr. JEAN-ROGER NDOMBI became the Rector of Hekima College. At the celebrations there were many well-deserved kudos for Frs. RODRIGO MEJIA and CECIL McGARRY, as they go on to their new assignments, Fr. RODRIGO to Ethiopia to continue his study of Amharic, to help the bishop of Addis Ababa in various ways and to teach. There are certainly many places eager to have the help of Fr. CECIL, but like the VIP in Kenya his destination is top secret. We wish them both the best, and to Frs. FRATERN and JEAN-ROGER, God's special help and our support. Our own Fr. JONATHAN is pro-tem Socius to Fr. FRATERN, extending his labors even further.

During the weekly community prayer on May 20 Fr. ERIC was given the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. After x-ray and sonar examinations, Fr. ERIC was found to have an aneurism in the aorta, in the upper part of the abdominal cage. Both Doctors Roy and Kariuki suggested that we get a second opinion. It just so happened that Fr. ERIC's nephew Adolph, who had been visiting here on business for a couple of days, returned to Bombay

with the sonar pictures and a cover-letter by Dr. Roy. We are waiting for the reply at this time from a doctor there. Prayers!

May 17-22 was the time of the seminar for young Jesuits at Mwangaza, so there has been a great coming and going at Loyola House. LEO AMANI, ANDREW MADRA, JOSEPH PAYEUR, who were in residence here, were called to make their presentations. Fr. Mark Raper, Director of worldwide JRS, was also here, looking over the scene. Fr. Jack Otto, a computer expert from Australia, who has been in Rome for some time, is with us; he travels a bit to help in other places while he is here. Fr. Emmanuel Mchopa, from Tanzania, a diocesan priest candidate for the Society, has been with us for a week. There has also been this week an examination of another candidate for the Society from Kenya. Fr. PIO CIAMPA graced our quarters, and had a few suggestions to make. My apologies to Fr. GEORGE AIKARA who failed to make the Newsletter last month though, he had just returned from his holiday. But he was at our community liturgy on a recent Saturday, and he prayed beautifully for our community. And we pray gratefully for GEORGE.

DEVA was off to Somalia for ten days. He took an hour's sleep early

the previous night, and spent the rest of the night preparing. STEPHEN spent over a week at Adjumani, and was also asked to give input to the young men at Mwangaza. CHARLIE went there on Friday, May 22, to help out with a retreat for the young Jesuits. As usual, SEAN is constantly busy with prospective candidates.

D'AG continues on with his very busy work at Nyumbani and in Nairobi itself, and GERRY continues his valuable services to the community and visitors. DAN KENNEY is more and more involved with getting the institute for alcoholics off the ground.

Nairobi, with escalating car-jacking, kidnapping and violence of many kinds, demands constant awareness and vigilance of its people; poverty and joblessness are, of course, big factors in these crimes, along with drug and alcohol abuse. In spite of all this many of the poor struggle on, eking out a meager subsistence, trying to make-do until better times come.

*Charlie Murphy, S.J.*

## MWANGAZA

On May 2nd, TONY gave a day of recollection to the Daughters of St. Paul. The Sisters are truly international and have a number of

young members from Africa.

VICTOR JACCARINI has been very busy marking papers, both for Hekima College and for the University, besides guiding retreatants here. On May 16th, CHARLES MURPHY was invited to give the scheduled recollection day. For reasons not yet known, there were very few in attendance.

Dick Smith, MM, has been away since the middle of May to preach short retreats to the Maryknollers here in Kenya and then in Tanzania.

On May 17th, CAL POULIN returned after his stay in Rwanda; and the Centre was filled with our Young Jesuits for their annual meeting. FRANCIS RODRIGUES spent the night of the 20th with us and gave the Young Jesuits quite an extensive input on the 21st morning. On May 22nd evening nine Young Jesuits started their retreat together with 14 non-Jesuits. CHARLES MURPHY came to help with this retreat.

On May 30 night, VICTOR left for St. Beuno's where he will do the 10-week training course for retreat guides. After that he goes to Malta to celebrate his Jubilee as a Jesuit. He is expected back on September 22nd.

JOE SMALL returned from Malawi on May 31st night after guiding three

nuns in a 30-day retreat, and two others in their annual retreat. He found it a very restful time, with the opportunity to read a lot on the Exercises. He met with the Jesuit community in Lilongwe.

On June 1st evening, ANDREW VUCIRI joined our community and Centre. Brother, you are very welcome!

The eleven 30-day retreatants, starting on June 2nd, are recommended to your prayers.

*Tony Sequeira, S.J.*

## ASUMBI, FOR THE HISTORICAL RECORD

Fr. GEORGE AIKARA, after three years at Asumbi as Chaplain of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph, left for his home-leave on the 12th February. He had been saying daily Mass in the two Novitiates, 5 kms. distant one from the other, giving spiritual assistance to the communities of Sisters of the Mother House, the Generalate, the secondary school, two primary schools with boarders and a technical institute, helping make Asumbi a fortress of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph. His contract of service with the Sisters has been renewed for three more years. On the 12th of April Fr. GEORGE returned after only two

months of home-leave. Fr. ZACHARIAS, from Nyeri, was at the airport to welcome him back. Fr. GEORGE then went to Nyeri with him to pay a visit to the three or four communities of Sisters from his home-country (India) and home-state (Kerala).

During Fr. GEORGE's absence of two months, Fr. PIO CIAMPA, who had finished three years of service at the Contemplative Evangelizers of the Heart of Christ, founded by Fr. John Marengoni, founder of the Apostles of Jesus and of the Evangelizing Sisters of Mary, went to replace Fr. GEORGE. Fr. PIO has moved on a temporary, experimental basis, to Nyabururu, 30 kilometres from Asumbi, where he is helping in the Postulancy of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph, as well as the community of Carmelite Sisters. Nyabururu Mission is in deed a very large centre, where there is also St. Paul's Teacher Training College, a secondary school for girls and two primary schools, as well as being a large parish with only one priest in residence. Asumbi and Nyabururu, very similar to one another, are two of the largest complexes put up by the Mill Hill Missionaries.

*Note on Rongai CECC (Contemplativi Evangelizatores Cordis Christi):*

The Contemplative Evangelizers of the Heart of Christ were started in