

AUGUST 1998

Eastern Africa Province

Sat	1	Fratern Masawe
Sun	2	<i>Bl. Peter Faber - Optional, Joseph Pullicino</i>
Mon	3	+William Callahan
Wed	5	*Joseph Kabamaba Kalimbiliro, Peter Otieno
Thu	6	*Chukwuyenum Afiawari
Fri	7	Joseph Kikonyogo
Sat	8	Atakelt Tesfay
Mon	10	<i>Polycarp Toppo †1987</i>
Tue	11	Joseph Kiarie
Sat	15	*Marie-José Anani, <i>Joseph G. O'Gara †1992</i>
Tue	18	*Fidelis Moyo
Thu	20	*Vincent Bernard
Fri	21	*Peter Bwanali
Sat	22	Simon Gachoki
Mon	24	*Lawrence Daka
Tue	25	Andreas Luhogi
Wed	26	Gilbert Mardai
Fri	28	*Matthew Kaputi
Sat	29	*Jean-Baptiste Mazarati
Sun	30	<i>Merrill F. Greene †1978</i>

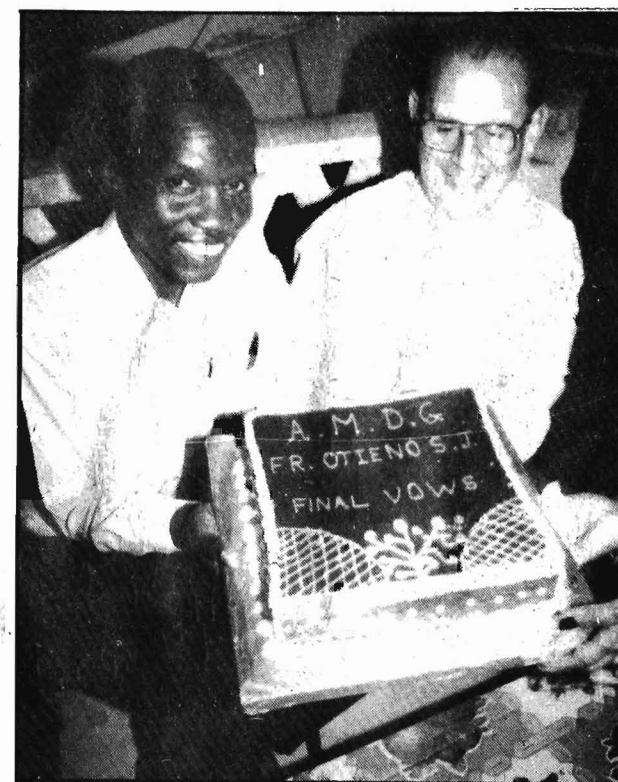


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Fr. Otieno Ndonga celebrating his final vows, with him is Fr. Rodrigo Mejia who presided over the ceremony at Nyakahoja Parish Church.

FROM THE PROVINCIAL'S DESK

IN PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING FOR OUR RETURNEES FROM ABROAD.

AMEDEUS SHIRIMA has returned to our Province from Loyola University, Chicago, U.S.A., where he completed five years of doctoral studies in Philosophy. On June 3, he successfully conducted the final public defense of his dissertation on Nyerere's Ujamaa Policy and the Ethics of the Individual Human Person in Community: Comparisons with Thomas Aquinas. The graduation ceremony will take place in January 1999.

STANISLAUS MASCARENHAS is back from Wernersville, PA, U.S.A., where he was on sabbatical, doing studies in spirituality.

TONY D'SOUZA is back from Heythrop College, England, where he also was on sabbatical.

JEROME MANYAHI and BINAMUNGU MUKASA are returning from Chennai, India. JEROME has completed five years of studies in physics, and BINAMUNGU, three years of studies in mathematics.

ISAAC KIYAKA is coming back from Brussels, Belgium, after two years of studies in pastoral theology at Lumen Vitae.

TO ALL OF THEM,
A WARM WELCOME!

The candidates whose names appear here below entered the Novitiate on Tuesday, June 30:

- Julius Ngaira, from Khayega, Kenya
- Paul Odhiambo, from Sondu, Kenya
- Robert Esuruku, from Kampala, Uganda
- Mathew Kwembe, from Dodoma, Tanzania
- Philo J. Nguruwe, from Dodoma, Tanzania
- Emmanuel Y. Mchopa, from Tunduru-Masasi, Tanzania

The First-Year Novitiate Programme was due to start on July 1st.

Ordination to the priesthood ceremonies will take place:

- on Sunday, August 9, for Deacon PASCHAL MWIJAGE. The function will be held in Bukoba, Tanzania.
- on Saturday, July 25, for Deacon ALEX OCHUMBO. The function will be held at the Holy Family Basilica, Nairobi, and will start at 10.00 a.m.

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Fr. Edmund Lello has been approved for his last vows. The date when the ceremony is to take place will be announced later:

LETTERS FROM ADAM CARDINAL KOZLOWIECKI, S.J.,

Many of our young Jesuits will have known Cardinal Adam when they were in the Jesuit Novitiate in Chelston, Lusaka, Zambia. Here are excerpts from letters of thanks His Eminence has written to the very many who sent him notes of congratulations.

"Please accept my thanks for your good wishes, and especially for the prayers which I very badly need, as the news (which suddenly reached me on January 18th, only 48 hours before the announcement) hit me as if a ton of bricks was being unloaded on my head. I still am feeling the impact. How can a simple missionary in the African bush join the eminent company of the College of Cardinals? I feel like being called to dance between Dame Fonteyn (I am not sure how to spell the name) and Nureyev. I don't know even how to behave. All I understand is that I have to represent the crowd of these simple missionaries working and sweating together with the African clergy in the towns and especially the villages in the African bush. Please pray that I don't bring them some shame by doing or

saying something too stupid, and also that (as the Poles say) "soda-water does not go into my head". I promise that I shall try to behave myself and that I shall be praying for you all. May God bless you."

"Reverend and dear Father, P.C. Forgive me, please, the delay in thanking you for your kind letter and wishes of February 1st (!!!) - but for the sixth month I am buried under an avalanche of letters, telegrams, etc., etc., and cannot cope with them. I had to go to Rome in February, to Poland in May; in three weeks time to Lusaka (Zambia Bishops' Conference), to U.S.A. in August, to Nairobi (AMECEA meeting) in September, and I am 87 years young... By the way, St. Paul's Secondary School, Mulungushi, has had no priest for the third year !!!, Chingombe Mission only ONE !!! Pray for us!"

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Adam Card. Kozlowiecki, S.J.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:

- For Fr. WILLIAM CALLAHAN (WIS), who died in Kampala on June 19.
- For Mr. Felix Abamu, brother of Fr. Andrew Madra, who died recently.
- For Fr. ERIC CONDILLAC, who is slowly recovering after major surgery he was submitted to in Nairobi Hospital on June 18.
- For Fr. STEPHEN MSELE, who was knocked down by a car in Mwanza on June 29, and is recovering well.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY REPORT

A special emphasis in CLC during the last six months has been on the preparation for the upcoming World Assembly to be held in Itaiçi, Brazil, which is near São Paulo, from 22 to 31 July. The theme of the Assembly is "Deepening Our Identity as an Apostolic Body: Clarifying Our Common Mission"; this theme is enlarged by paraphrasing 2 Corinthians 3,3: "CLC, a letter of Christ, written by the Spirit, sent to today's world".

Each small community has held meetings to give input for the Assembly which was based on a 12-page booklet which CLC Kenya prepared last year for this purpose. The National Preparation Team, composed of the national President, myself, the other two delegates and their alternates, has received reports from the small groups and prepared its own reports to be presented at the World Assembly. Our reports concern "Christ and Growth in Christian Life", "Christ and Culture," and "Christ and Social Reality".

I was contacted about a month ago and asked to be a member of the 8-person Commission which will have responsibility for the oversight of the Assembly, especially regarding process. Those of you who know me will realize that I am very interested in process and so gladly accepted the opportunity to be involved in this service.

The group of CLCers which has been meeting weekly for four years, for most of the time under the able direction of

OZY GONSALVES, to study the Spiritual Exercises and related matters, with a view to some of them eventually directing the Exercises, has completed its formation. This formation has also included doing direction under supervision. We now have some eight lay members who are directing both retreats and the Exercises in Daily Life for CLC members and others. A second similar group is in the process of formation.

In 1998 we have held three-day directed retreats for 10 members in Machakos and for 25 members in Nairobi. Two Kenyan members have twice gone to Arusha to give formation weekends to the CLC group there. I was invited by the Jesuit Superiors of the Province to share about CLC at their recent meeting; I was grateful for this opportunity and found it stimulating.

We plan a series of formation weekends in various parts of the country during the latter part of the year as a follow-up to the World Assembly. We hope that this will help CLC deepen our involvement in our apostolic mission.

Terry Charlton, S.J.

FORTHCOMING CONGREGATIONS

In a letter he wrote to the whole Society on 29 June 1998 (Appendix I). Father General convoked the 68th Congregation of Procurators, due to start on 17 September 1999, and he instructed all the Provincials to summon their own Congregations in due time. He further reminded all the Jesuits of the Society that postulates can be sent to him via the Province Congregations, and asked questions

that the Province Congregations will be called upon to answer.

In accordance with this letter of Father General, our own Province Congregation will be organized. The date when it is due to start will soon be announced, and those who are expected to participate in the antecedent election will receive relevant documents.

FR. PROVINCIAL'S SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 1998:

- 07/8 - 10/8: to Bukoba for the Ordination of Deacon Paschal Mwijage, S.J.

◇ the first vows of EAP Novices
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- 11/8 - 15/8: to Addis Ababa, for Father General's visit to Ethiopia.

- 16/8 - 22/8: to Harare, for: the JESAM meeting,

◇ the official opening of Arrupe College

Fr. Michael Vjecha, of the Detroit Province, who for several years worked in Uganda with International Collaboration for AIDS Research at Makerere University, is returning from Burundi to his Province. Those who wish to contact him may do so via the Detroit Provincial.

THE END IS THE BEGINNING

The end of June was indeed the beginning of their time as Jesuits for three Tanzanians, two Kenyans and one Ugandan. We wish them every blessing in the years ahead, and thank the Province, the families and

parishes of all six, and all who helped prepare the six young men for our Jesuit Novitiate in Arusha. Once again I am printing a Vocation Prayer for our Community use, well aware of what Fr. General has written: "The

promotion of vocations involves, certainly, a specialized work to be accomplished by those the Provincial assigns to it. But more broadly it requires a mobilization of the whole body of the Province, possessor of a vocation which can attract others if it is lived in all its truth. Here is an area where every Jesuit and every Community needs renewal". (Fr. General, 20th December, 1984). I accompanied the two Kenyans and the Ugandan from Nairobi on the 30th June to Arusha.

Earlier in the month I was happy to be invited to speak at the meeting of the Local Superiors at Hekima College, asking them once again to search about for various ways in which their communities could promote vocations to the Society.

The month of June was again a busy

one as, apart from final preparations for the three I accompanied to the Novitiate, I was also able to fit in 10 days of visits to the families and parishes of Julius Ngaira and Paul Odhiambo, the two new Jesuit Novices. For ten days I was in the Western Province, visiting Kisumu. Lwak - home also of Fr. VICTOR-LUKE ODHIAMBO, Eregi, the home parish of Scholastic HILLARY MASIA LIVOMBOLO, Mukumu, Kakamega, as well as Ahero and an area new to me in Pap Onditi.

Earlier in the month I went to an area of Kikyuyu country reminiscent of The River Between Ngugi wa Thiongo's, famous story which I had been teaching for six years at Itaga Minor Seminary, Tabora - the parish of Gatura.

Seán O'Connor, S.J.

VOCATIONS PRAYER

Creator and Lord of all our hope, our strength and our joy, we praise you for creating us in your image and likeness and for calling us to serve you as companions of Jesus.

We especially thank you this month for our founder, St. Ignatius, who so generously gave up all things to embrace the mission you entrusted to him.

Through his intercession we implore you to bless the whole Society of Jesus and to foster the vocation of

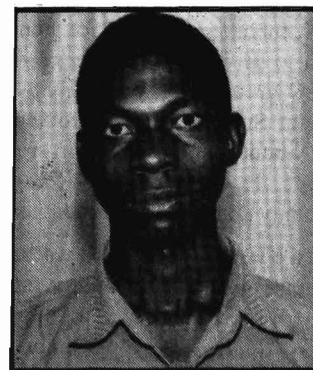
each Jesuit in the service of the Gospel.

Fill us with true zeal for the salvation of all and grant us your love and your grace. With these we are rich enough and desire nothing more.

In your mercy pour out the grace of vocation upon those you call to join our number and let our ministries flourish under your providential care.

We ask this in the name of Jesus who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Confirmation in 1986. In 1989 I joined a preparatory seminary centre in Mzumbe, belonging to the diocese of Morogoro, and then I joined St. Peter's Junior Seminary, also belonging to the diocese of Morogoro, for "O" level and "A" level studies, from 1990 to 1996. In 1996 I was told by the Vocation Director of Morogoro to continue to the Major Seminary. But on the 4th October 1996 I started having



talks with Fr. Gaspar Sunhwa, S.J., at the Airport Parish in Dodoma, on my wish to join the Society of Jesus. I had desired to join the Society of Jesus since 1993 when I first met Fr. Ludwig who formerly was the parish priest in

Airport Parish, Dodoma. So after I had enjoyed his good services in the parish I was attracted to know more about the Society of Jesus, to which he belonged. Another attraction was the prayer of S. Ignatius of Loyola which we used to say after Holy Communion (Koho ya Kristu initakase) when I was in the junior seminary. Other Jesuits who helped me considerably were Fr. Richard D'Souza, S.J., Fr. Joseph Payeur, S.J. and Fr. Gaspar Sunhwa, S.J. All encouraged me much during the whole period I was a candidate. I am interested in football, farming and husbandry, especially the poultry project which I have been working on in our home until I joined the Jesuit Novitiate. I have also got a good knowledge of the computer and I obtained a certificate in computer data processing, which includes Modern Information Technology, Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel, offered by the Airport Parish Computer Centre in Dodoma. I also like to share constructive ideas and listen to others, reading newspapers and listening to the radio.

Mass. These early inclinations were, of course, based on the image of priesthood I had. I was fascinated by the ritual and prestige surrounding the parish clergy. My feeling to become a priest started in Sudan when I was a refugee there. I saw my father lead prayers in Kola Refugee Camp in 1980-81. This really had an impact on me. I felt I could have led prayers better than my father did. I met Fr. Pio Ciampa, S.J. in Kola Refugee Camp. I told him about my feeling and he told me to keep praying about it. After my primary education in Kola Refugee Camp Fr. Pio sent me to St. Augustine Seminary at Yei, Sudan. I have spent much of my life in diocesan seminaries. My association with the Jesuits began in July 1996 when I wrote to Fr. Tony Wach, S.J., Vocation Director. His response was prompt and enthusiastic. My time as a candidate gave me a deeper understanding of myself and my relationship with God. It was a period of personal insight and spiritual growth. I taught Christian Religious Education and General Paper to Senior Five and Six in Bishop Sisto Mazzoldi Secondary School. I went to Kigo prison to pray with Fr. Tony and Fr. Jack

Morris, S.J. Although I enjoyed teaching I always thought of myself as a social worker and administrator. God's grace is taking me to the novitiate, and I pray that He will continue to guide and bless my life within the Society.

MATTHEW STEPHEN KWEMBE

I was born on the 24th February 1974 in Msongozi Village, in Morogoro rural district. My father is called Stephen Martin Luhombo and my mother is called Magdalena Peter. Our family consists of eight children, four boys and four girls, and I am the seventh child. My parents are peasants who depend upon working in our fields so as to get food for our family's subsistence. Some of my brothers and sisters are staying a bit far from our home village. One brother of mine is in Dodoma and others are in Morogoro town, working in various sectors. Some operate their own businesses and others are employed. I was in primary school from 1982 to 1988 at Msongozi Primary School. I made my First Holy Communion in 1986 and I received the sacrament of

NEWS FROM ...

LOYOLA HOUSE COMMUNITY

On Friday, June 12, Fr. Provincial and the Consultors, Frs. JONATHAN, TONY SEQUEIRA, LEO AMANI, BERNARD MALLIA and JOSEPH PULLICINO, began their two-day deliberations. The three-day meeting of local Superiors finished on Wednesday, 10th June. Poor FRATERN! But he seems to be coasting easily, however. On Tuesday and Wednesday of the next week, there was still another meeting: Faith and Justice. Courage!

GERRY REBELLO left Tuesday night, 13th June, for the U.S.A. for a begging trip for the missions and a holiday. He will return in September. Also on Saturday FRANCIS RODRIGUES travelled to Europe to refurbish our Province coffers. He is due to return on July 14, and STEPHEN POWER, also on Saturday, June 13, went to Rome for a week. D'AG was off to the States for three months, begging holidaying and lecturing.

On Thursday, June 11, we had a communal liturgy with PIO CIAMPA delivering a Spirit-filled, warm homily. And the singing was great! With STEPHEN, DEVA and SEAN on the liturgy committee, we have begun a series of scheduled community Masses, about one every three or four weeks.

SEAN O'CONNOR left on Thursday, June 11, and wasn't due to return until Tuesday June 23. By matatu and bus and on foot he beats the highways and the byways, the potholes and the small lakes, as he makes contacts and visits the relatives of future Jesuits all over Kenya. He is known and has friends all over the country. This time he went to the Western Province around Lake Victoria.

July 3: the past two weeks have centered around the aneurism surgery of ERIC on June 18. It was completely successful, but the old problem of not being able to swallow properly and eat, even drink, cropped up shortly after the operation. Today he looks better than he has in days, and he has four bottles of IV drips helping him along. The first IV was given because the dryness of his body had an adverse effect on the kidneys; that is now under control, and this weekend medication is being given, again through IV, which has as its target the eating problem. Prayers! We prayed on the 2nd July for a good night's sleep, and he got it, the first in days. A few days ago it looked very bad for ERIC. Today it looks much better. One thing that has not changed during the hard, hard days, was his sense of humor! God bless you, ERIC; no matter how sick you were, it was always a joy to visit you.

Loyola has been a bus station of comings and goings. At the end of June STAN MASCARENHAS came home from the States and Wernersville, PA, a spirituality school in U.S.A. Welcome! PAUL BESANCENEY has been here, with ED BRADY and off and on BERNARD MALLIA, all for meetings. On the 4th July PAUL vacated his room and TOM FITZPATRICK returned to a clean room and a warm bed as PAUL left.

ALEX OCHUMBO, God bless him, has arrived, ready for his ordination retreat at Mwangaza. No longer novices, but not yet professed, JOHN BOSCO and TESFA-MICHAEL arrived on July 3rd, along with HILLARY LIVOMBOLO. We also have had, as JRS visitors, Joe Hampson, Jack Otto and François Chanterie, attending a JRS meeting at Dimesse Sisters' Centre, Karen.

SOSTHENES LUYEMBE is helping out tremendously in the Province Office and in Loyola House. He is also working with Mr. Kiplagat, who was a guest speaker at our December 1997 "Conflict Resolution" seminar, and a former Kenya diplomat, whom we brought to lunch on the 2nd July.

June: a supposed quiet month, that became very, very hectic! God bless! I am sure I have left out important happenings and people events. Sorry!

Charlie Murphy, S.J.

MOVING WITH THE SPIRIT

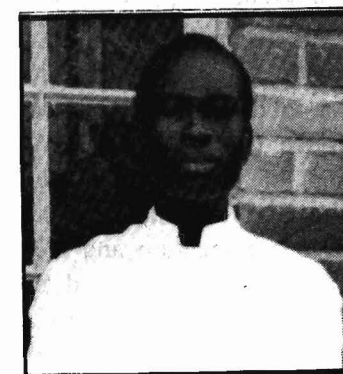
Three years after the previous General Chapter and two years before the next, the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph (Asumbi) have planned five renewal seminars in four different places: Nyabururu, Nairobi, Eldoret, Kisumu. They are taking place on week-ends. I am called in for some input on the Holy Spirit and for Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So I was in Nairobi for one of those renewal seminars, which ended on the 14th June in the morning. That evening I joined the Apostles of Jesus at Langata Scholasticate for their renewal retreat under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Joseph K. Bill, the charismatic healer from Sri Lanka. It was moving and impressive to see a crowd of 150 priests of the Apostles of Jesus, plus a Redemptorist Father, and some diocesan priests from Kenya and Uganda, as well as a group of Sisters. Perfect silence was observed by all the participants, and a day of fasting on the day of confessions (kitchen workers were given a day off). Fr. Bill said that a Reverend Mother General confessed to him that in the long years of her religious life no preacher had ever spoken about fasting. After the retreat the Sisters of her Congregation decided to fast twice a week so as to be able to help the poor of the area. "How can we priests and religious afford to eat three, four or five times a day when people around us depend

Fr. Pio Ciampa, S.J., always facilitated our spiritual recollections, retreats and penitential services at Christ the King Major Seminary. In 1995 I was privileged to meet a young Jesuit, Charles Onyango, of Hekima College, who explicitly inspired me to apply for admission to the order of the Society of Jesus. In 1996 I became a staunch farmer at my father's farms, involving myself in market gardening. At the beginning of 1997 I went to Nyabondo, St. Anne's Primary Boarding School, to teach the pupils. I was part and parcel of the teaching staff until May 1997, when I went to Kisumu town to study information technology. I underwent the computer science course at Sigoti Career Development Centre, Alpha House, and gradually completed it in May 1998 at Superior Commercial and Secretarial College, also in Kisumu. For that computer course I registered with the Institute for the Management of Information Systems (IMIS), formerly known as IDPM. It is a UK-based Institute specializing in computer technology. My one-year course was to lead to Ordinary Diploma in Business Computing. Back in 1996 I got in contact with

Fr. Sean O'Connor, S.J., expressing my desire to join the Society of Jesus. I was gradually accepted after undergoing a series of interviews, tests and spiritual readings. I am grateful to Fr. Sean O'Connor, Fr. Moses Omolo, the Vocation Director of Kisumu Archdiocese, Sister Angela Milando, the Headteacher at St. Anne's Primary Boarding School, Fr. Alfred Atemo, my former parish priest, for the contributions which led me to what I am today.

ESURUKU ROBERT SENATH

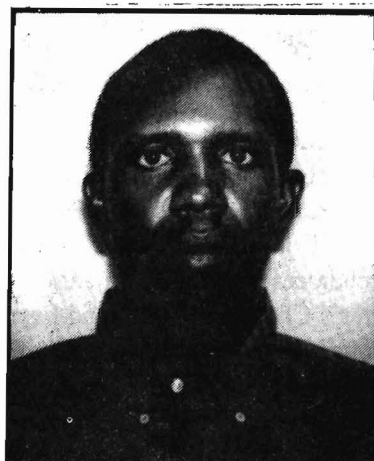
I was born on the 13th December, 1971, in Northern Uganda, Moyo District. Like many Catholic boys I thought of becoming a priest. I used to play



PAUL ODHIAMBO ODONGO

I was born on 8th June, 1971, in Bondo district, Kenya. A son to Donald Odongo and Serfina Dinga, I am the last born among two brothers and two sisters. Having been baptized as an infant, I underwent catechetical instruction between August 1978 and August 1979. I eventually received First Holy Communion under the parish priest Rev. Fr. Bernard, a Mill Hill priest popularly known as Fr. Ayoj. I became a regular Mass -server in the same year at my home parish, Lwak Catholic Church, in the Archdiocese of Kisumu. The church is dedicated to the great Jesuit St. Peter Claver. Between 1977 and 1985 I underwent primary education at Reliew Primary School, near Asembo-Bay. As my desire to serve the Lord grew over these early stages of life, I applied to join the minor seminary in order to commence discerning my vocation. This dream was realized when in 1986 I was accepted in St. Gabriel's Minor Seminary, Kisumu, to pursue my secondary education. In 1989 I sat for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) and emerged successfully.

In March 1990 I was accepted to go to Christ the King Major Seminary in Nyeri Archdiocese, to pursue priestly formation. I stayed there for five years, undergoing one year of Spiritual Formation, two years of Philosophy and Religious Studies and two years of Theological Studies. In January 1993 I managed to receive a Diploma in Philosophy and Religious Studies. In 1995 I had pastoral exposure in my home parish, Lwak, under Fr. Alfred Atemu, and later at Ukwala Parish under Rev. Fr. Moses Omolo, both



of Kisumu Archdiocese. My desire to join the Jesuits was gradual. It can be traced from Nyeri Seminary, where Fr. Zacharias Pazheparampil, S.J. was my spiritual director for three years.

on one meal a day or go to bed with an empty stomach? That's a social injustice we are committing", Fr. Bill said.

Fr. Bill has equally been very outspoken on the question of priestly and religious chastity. In his missions to the people, Fr. Bill said, he hears too many complaints about the unfaithfulness of priests and religious. The laity are the first to expect from us a real "metanoia" and conversion. His child-like simplicity and smiling face were successful in putting a coat of sugar round the "bitter pill" he has repeatedly given to the group.

Long and repetitive in his presentation (one hour and a half or two), he succeeded in creating a joyful atmosphere of prayer with very popular, simple songs: "They will help you to go on praying and teaching your people how to pray". All those songs are really "prayers in song". At the end of the retreat there was a healing Mass at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, with the participation of the people, and all the shrine was filled. The service went on from 9.30 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. Next morning Fr. Bill flew to Detroit, U.S.A. to preach a mission there.

For the first time the Apostles of Jesus came together to take part in the renewal retreat, in preparation for the 30th anniversary of their

Congregation.

Sweet memories, how they linger (Jim Reeves) - Since the next renewal seminar was due to start on the 25th June, I took the opportunity of going on a thanksgiving pilgrimage to Materi, Meru, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Fr. THEODORE TOPPO's staying there as a residing chaplain of the Materi Centre, and his approaching 75th birthday. We concelebrated Mass in the chapel, and the students were happy to hear about the two events. The following day, I went to Meru to see the priests at the Bishop's House where I had spent more than three years (1988-1991), and also the Sisters of Nazareth (a local Congregation), Consolata, Good Shepherd, the Blind Contemplative Sisters of Don Orione... Sweet memories, how they linger... Then I went to pay a visit to the new diocese of Isiolo (detached from Meru three years ago), where there is an Italian bishop, Luigi Locati, who was due to celebrate his Patron Saint's feast. I also had the opportunity to meet some other diocesan priests, seminarians, and the Sisters of the Holy Angels, who have come from Sri Lanka. On the 24th June I returned to Loyola, and on the next day went back to Nyabururu, ready to help the Sisters in their renewal seminar.

In order to help everyone in praying to the Holy Spirit during the last five

months of the year dedicated to Him. I had "The Rosary of the Holy Spirit" printed (seven mysteries from the Gospel on the Holy Spirit with seven Hail Mary's for each mystery and a meaningful litany to Him).

Pio Ciampa, S.J.

MWANZA

CELEBRATING FR. OTIENO'S FINAL VOWS

22nd April, 1998, feast of Our Lady Queen of the Society, of Jesus, was a memorable day in the religious life of Fr. NDONG'A OTIENO. During a colourful liturgical celebration, presided over by Fr. RODRIGO MEJIA, who was then Provincial, and attended by many of his Jesuit companions, priests, Sisters, staff and students of the Nyegezi Social Training Institute, Fr. OTIENO made his final commitment in the Society of Jesus. The celebration began with Holy Mass at the Nyakahoja parish church. During the Mass Fr. Provincial explained the significance of the Jesuits' final commitment in the Society. The Sisters and a select choir from Nyegezi sang hymns in English and Swahili. The Mass was followed by a sumptuous dinner on the terrace of the Jesuit residence. The Jesuit companions, Sisters and students of Nyegezi entertained Fr. OTIENO with speeches, songs and

dances. This was followed by the presentation of various gifts. To the surprise of all, Fr. OTIENO, usually shy and silent, rose to the occasion and fully took part in the entertainment. The enjoyable function ended about midnight.

OTHER MEMORABLE EVENTS

The pastoral visit of His Grace, Archbishop Antony Mayala, was another important event at Nyakahoja. It began on 21st May afternoon and ended on 24th May in the evening. Unlike on previous visits, this time the bishop visited the Christian Communities in their own local centres. Accompanied by the Parish Priest and their leaders, he met the people in their local centres and discussed with them about their problems. He said Mass in some centres, baptised children and adults and gave First Communion to many. The Archbishop was kept fully busy on all the four days. This was really a pastoral-oriented visit.

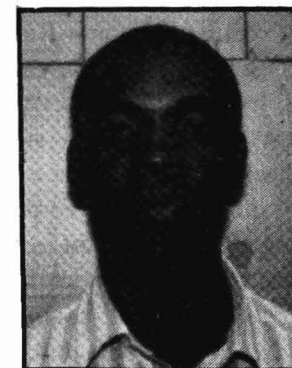
Sunday 24th May was the climax of the visitation. The Archbishop spent the whole day at Nyakahoja, from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. He was welcomed by the youth with hymns and dances. He said Mass in the open air at the USCA (Undugu Sports and Culture Association) grounds, and gave Confirmation to 150 girls, boys and adults. The whole ceremony lasted four hours. After this Mass the bishop was entertained by the

Mabanga Major Seminary, Bungoma. During the same time I also did a degree course in philosophy from the Urbaniana University. In 1994-1995 I joined St. Matthias Mulumba Seminary, Tindinyo, for theology. In 1997 I received the call to join the Jesuit Society and started corresponding with Fr. Sean O'Connor, S.J. The simple life of Fr. George Thottungal and the Jesuit life of dedication in their work appealed to me when I was doing philosophy in Mabanga. My hobbies are singing, reciting poetry and reading.

PHILO JOSEPH NGURUWE

I was born on the 17th November 1967 in Mbinga, Songea, and baptized in 1971. My First Communion was in the Archdiocese of Dar es Salaam; St. Peter's Church, in 1976, and I was confirmed in 1982 at St. Joseph's Cathedral Church in the Archdiocese of Dar es Salaam. I attended primary school at Mwadui "B" Primary School in Shinyanga and Forodhani Primary School in Dar es Salaam, from 1976 to 1982. Then I joined Kigurunyembe Secondary School from 1983 to 1986 for my "O"

level education. I did my Advanced Level education at Lake Secondary School in Mwanza from 1988 to 1990. I then joined the compulsory year in National Service in Mafinga, Iringa, from June 1990 to 1991. After completing my compulsory service in Mafinga, I proceeded to the Institute of Development Management (IDM), Mzumbe, Morogoro, for an advanced course in public administration from 1991 to 1994. In 1994, July, I had my first appointment as an administrative officer in Mwapwa. Before asking to join the Society of Jesus I was a diocesan seminarian from 1996 to 1997. My hobbies include football,

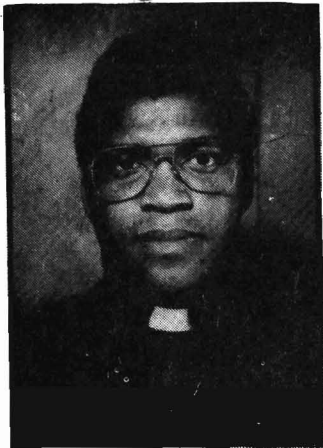


basketball, table tennis, reading books of different disciplines, darts.

INTRODUCING THE NEW NOVICES

FR. EMMANUEL Y. MCHOPA

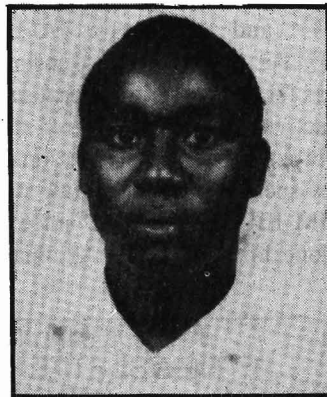
He has come from the diocese of Masasi in Tanzania, where he has worked for many years as a diocesan priest. He was born on the 29th December 1957. His "O" level studies from 1972 to 1975 were at Kigonsera Secondary School, Songea, and then he joined Peramiho Major Seminary, also in



Songea area, where he did his priestly studies in philosophy and theology, from 1976 to 1982. A few years later Fr. Emmanuel went to Claver House College, London, where he did a Diploma in Social Science.

JULIUS NGAIRA

I was born on 25th November, 1968, in Kakamega, Kenya. I was baptized in 1970, received First Holy Communion in 1979 and was confirmed in 1980. I attended Lusui Primary School from 1975 to 1983. In 1984 I joined Kakamega High School where I did my "O" level exam in 1987. In 1988 I joined Kapsabet High School where I completed my "A" levels in 1989. The previous year I felt I had a vocation to the priesthood. In 1990 I taught in Bugina Secondary School. In 1991 I joined the Diocesan Seminary, Molo, for its Spiritual Year. In 1992-1993 I took a course in philosophy and religious studies in



parishioners with songs and dances. We have 7 Small Christian Communities, and all of them took an active part in the function. Lunch for all followed next. After a short interval, entertainment followed again and ended at 6.00 p.m. The Archbishop, though tired, was happy with the whole function, which brought all the Christian Communities together.

Aloysius D'Souza, S.J.

THERE COMES A TIME ... END OF THE ROAD

There comes a time when one has to "go and go well." Thus the JRS Ngara assignment for me came to its end on 24th June. It is the end of my regency as well. It has been an experience marked with its own frustrations, sickness, rewards, difficulties, uncertainties and hope.

To work with refugees is to work with a hoping society: a society that is always hoping that tomorrow will come with mega-changes that will finally allow them to go back home. Ngara is still hosting 100,000 refugees from Burundi, while Kigoma hosts over 260,000. Please remember them in your prayers.

Many thanks to the forefathers of the Ngara project, which has always been a refugee information network

through radio, newsletters and billboards. However, since the end of 1996 the last two activities have not been continued. The forefathers include FRATERN MASAWA, OTIENO NDONG'A, John Dardis. They started, we continued. Now we can boast of a radio station: "Radio Kwizera" is broadcasting 44 hours a week in four languages: Kiswahili, Kirundi, French and English. We now have our station policy and philosophy, and are planning to install a 2000w transmitter, seven times more powerful than the one we're using, in order to reach refugees in the Kigoma region.

Many thanks as well to all those who gave me their support within JRS and outside, particularly to ELIAS LOPEZ and PABLO ALONSO, now in Spain, to OTIENO NDONG'A, PACO ORNELAS, and of late my companion of the jungle, JOHN GUINEY, and to the ever-there Mwanza Community. At this juncture Mrs. Alice Munyua takes over from me as Project Director and Station Manager, while Jonathan is Refugee Programming Officer. Viva Radio Kwizera!

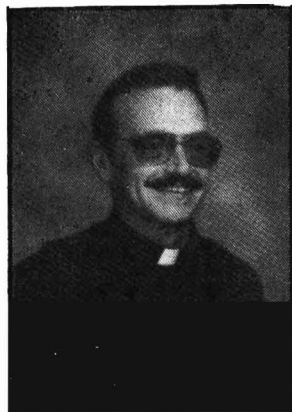
Elias Omondi, S.J.

P.S. Please pray for a quick recovery of Fr. STEPHEN MSELE who was knocked down by a car on 29th June in Mwanza, and who broke his arm. He seems to be recovering well.

**FR. WILLIAM J. CALLAHAN,
S.J. - AUGUST 3, 1941 - JUNE 19,
1998**

Fr. BILL CALLAHAN, S.J. of JRS died on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 19th, at approximately 12 noon, Kampala time. The Feast of the Sacred Heart was the day of his first Mass as a priest 26 years ago. At the end of March BILL had returned from a three-week vacation to become Project Director in Adjumani for JRS. Three weeks later he left there to come to Nsambya Hospital with a severe case of malaria. After five to six weeks of recovery here in Nsambya the doctors said he could return to Adjumani. He was there for about two weeks, and then came down with severe anemia. He returned to Kampala on June 15 and went to St. Francis Hospital where he was immediately admitted, after an examination confirmed his severe anemia. Fr. JACK MORRIS visited him that night and found him having severe difficulty breathing. BILL asked him to leave after a few minutes because of this difficulty. BILL received a transfusion of four units of blood on the 18th. That night Fr. Sylvester, the hospital chaplain, visited him, noticed his heavily labored breathing and asked if he wanted to be anointed. BILL said yes, and he was anointed late that night. Fr. Sylvester brought him Holy Communion on the 19th, and BILL died suddenly about noon. A nurse

rushed over to the Xavier House compound to tell us he had died. This was very unexpected to us. It was decided to follow Ugandan custom and bury him on Saturday the 20th. Saturday morning Fr. JACK MORRIS went to the hospital, and with the aid of Dr. Sister Miriam Duggan and others prepared his body for burial. Other Sisters helped prepare flowers and the music for the funeral Mass. BILL was laid out in the Xavier House chapel from 11.00 to 1.30, and then taken to our nearby parish, St. Peter's Church, Nsambya, for burial at a 2.15 Mass. The funeral Mass was for both Fr. BILL and Ann Christine Ngairé, who had been a



secretary-receptionist for us at Xavier House for three to four years, ending in 1996. Christine, a refugee, also died the morning of June 19th at Nsambya Hospital. Fr. JOHN LEGGE had anointed her there the previous Friday, and he performed the

Xavier House has been blessed with its usual flood of visitors arriving during the May and June period for various home-visit and pastoral-service projects. Fr. Thomas, a diocesan priest from Soroti, came in to recuperate after suffering rebel attacks in his parish at the end of May. ELIAS VUCIRI was here for a home visit before taking off for advanced studies in India. He was joined by Br. ANDREW VUCIRI. KIFLE WANSAMO was here for a visit, and SIMON DRASIGA was in and out between home visits. BRUNO RAMAROLAHY, here for AIDS patients work at Nsambya Hospital, and PARFAIT RANDRIANANDRASANA, going to Mbarara for prison pastoral work, arrived together. PARFAIT spent a week with us. PASCAL RAKOTOMANJATO arrived two weeks later to do pastoral work with Christopher Wakiraza's Street Children Project. Guests included TIMOTHY IBUTU, FRANCIS LADO and Brother JAMES WABWIRE, here for pastoral projects for JRS up North. Because of rebel activity up North, however, they were brought back to be reassigned, so they spent a little more time with us. TIM IBUTU, however, since he had done his regency in Adjumani,

has gone back there to work because of his knowledge of the area and people, which would provide safety. Also Fr. GERRY WHELAN spent some time here while he checked out possible pastoral work places in various parts of Uganda.

Final news note: Fr. GENE HATTIE visited Bishop Gay and the diocesan minor seminary, June 15th to 18th, to check out going there to teach the S5-S6 students English. He accepted the job and will leave for Kabale on Sunday June 28th to begin his apostolate there. Comments worth note: "My God, is it cold there! And the shower water heaters do not work at the minor seminary. They asked me to teach Latin 3 and 4. A week before going down there, I was looking through my notes, found my Latin notes and said to myself: "I will never have use for these again", so I tore them up and threw them away. Ah, the joys and vagaries of Jesuit life!

*Ken Kunert, S.J.
Xavier House Correspondent*

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

mountain terrain to find the gorillas. as it lasted from 2.00 p.m. to a very dark 8.30 p.m. return to the base camp.

On Ascension Day Fr. BILL and John Morgan of JRS joined us for Mass and our Ascension celebration and meal. TONY spent most of that morning and afternoon with our MP while he made calls to various VIPs to get our calling phone service back for us. His task was accomplished when we excitedly found we could make calls again that night, after surviving our seven-month cut-off. "Deo gratias/. God is good! Slow, but good. The eternal clock does not beat with our hours, days, months, speed and regularity".

A new addition to the community in May was a beautiful new gas stove to replace our falling-apart electric stove. So for a month now we have not had to rush to put on the generator so our evening meal could finish cooking. Deo Gratias.

TONY spent the first half of June in Nairobi at Province meetings of Superiors, Consultors and "Faith and Justice" committees. He returned on the 19th to the shock of hearing about Fr. BILL CALLAHAN's sudden death. Fr. BOB MAYER, who joined us on the 19th, had said the Mass for the students at Kichwamba Technical College on June 7th, the day before the massacre of 80 of them by the

rebels. Brother Tarcicius, of the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker, for whom BOB is Master of Novices, commented to the 50 students attending the Mass, that they should pray to God for help in their final exams and also to protect them from the rebels. BOB returned there on June 11th for the funeral service for the 80 that died in the massacre and burning of the dormitories. Bishop Kalanda visited with BOB and others a day later and prayed for the deceased and the survivors.

The Butabika Hospital psychiatrist, Dr. Fred Kigozi, has been asked to provide crisis intervention counseling for the 100 or so students of Kichwamba who survived the rebel attack. He has asked KEN KUNERT to integrate the Psychology Department Staff into the four weeks of group counseling for the survivors which he himself has organized to include three weekly group counseling meetings for seven groups of 12 to 15 students, each group having two counselor facilitators. KEN will help facilitate the pre-briefing meeting of the eight psychiatrists and eight psychologists who will guide the crisis intervention process at Makerere University, where the students will be brought for the four-week crisis intervention/post traumatic stress syndrome counseling process beginning June 29th. World Vision is sponsoring and funding the program.

graveside service for her after the funeral. The day of burial was "Africa Refugee Day".

Fr. TONY WACH had the Mass concelebrated by Frs. ED. GENE, JACK, JOHN and KEN, of the Community, plus seven priests of the diocese. BILL was buried in the clergy section of the church cemetery immediately after the Mass, with the congregation staying and singing until the grave was filled and flowers were placed on its mound at the completion of the burial, according to Ugandan burial traditions. A reception for the many guests and friends of BILL was held at Xavier House after the burial. Many commented on the love BILL had shown for the children in the area, as he would make his daily walk along our roads, and said how much the children had loved him. Many of these children were at the Mass and the reception, providing a fitting memorial for Fr. BILL's life in Uganda.

The exact cause of BILL's death has not been determined. He had been admitted to the hospital with a low white-blood-cell count, and there was internal bleeding. His sister Teresa and Fr. Tony Wach think that his long use of ibu-prophen as a pain killer for arthritis was a factor in what happened. Kampala Jesuits who had visited him the day before his death said he was in good spirits and

that he seemed to be growing stronger.

He was a member of the Wisconsin Province, and had spent many years with the American Indians of South Dakota, whom he loved dearly. His dress reflected their culture, with his hair in a pigtail; and different items of his clothing were mementoes of the Oglala Sioux Indians. The last years of his missionary life, spent in Uganda, were divided between his work with JRS in Adjumani and his time at Xavier House in Kampala as Minister. His sister Teresa, who lives in Florida, and his brother Jack, a Jesuit, member of the Wisconsin Province and President of Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Missouri, agreed with Fr. WACH that it was best for BILL to be buried in Africa, since his heart had been so definitely there.

Ken Kunert, S.J. and Charles C. Murphy, S.J.

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On June 24, Fr. Jack Callahan, S.J., Bill's brother, sent condolences to Fr. Provincial and added the following:

In so many ways Bill was my "other self." Two years younger than I, we fought often as children (he was always faster) and came to love and

appreciate each other as we reached our high school years. When he joined the Society it was a great surprise to all who thought they knew him, but not to his family. As you may know, he worked in the Black Ghetto in Chicago during the violence of the civil rights years of the 1960's, was the Jesuit "chaplain" of the Black activist group at St. Louis University during his theology years -- and got away with it! --, spent a number of years in the racially troubled U.S. Virgin Islands, worked on one of the poorest Indian Reservations in the U.S. for over 15 years, and then reached his dream by going to your Province three summers ago.

I was very, very proud of him -- not only for his commitments but for his deep spirituality and for the way he endured the almost constant pain in hip and knee. I admired him and loved him.

Meanwhile my apostolates revolved around universities, raising monies, dealing with the rich and powerful of the places where I was assigned. I often remarked -- with Bill and others -- that if you put us together you might get ONE well rounded personality. Well, now I feel I have lost part of myself.

The last time I saw him was at the airport as he headed to Nairobi in the summer of '95. I was barely recovered

from a serious illness that nearly killed me, and Bill had been in the hospital with me during the most dangerous time. I only wish...

My thanks for all you and the members of the province have done for Bill. You gave him a home. You all -- especially the scholastics -- gave him love and respect. You gave him the brotherhood which he -- a loner -- needed so much. You buried him in your land.

My love and prayers to all of you. May Jesus' Spirit bring to perfection what you have begun.

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OTHER NEWS FROM KAMPALA

Unexpected "guest". At 3.00 a.m., June 13th, PACO ORNELAS, who was here recuperating from malaria

To	Assignment
Dar es salaam	Studies in Education
Chennai/Madras	Loyola College
Dodoma	Teaching in Morogoro
Mwanza	Regency in the Parish
Australia	Doctoral Studies in Communications
India	Back to his Province
Addis Ababa	JRS-Ethiopia
Nairobi	Theology at Hekima Collège
Uganda	JRS Rhino Camp
Harare	Teaching at Arrupe College
Harare	Arrupe College
Khartoum	Pastoral Ministries
USA	Back to his Province
Nairobi	Mwangaza retreat guide
Nairobi-Mwangaza	Bursar/Administrator
Ahmedabad	Studies at Xavier's College
Mwanza	Language Studies at Makoko - Musoma
Dar	Regency at Loyola High School.

Name	From
28. Mukasa, Binamungu	Madras-Loyola College
29. Muna, Leodgar	Dar - Regency
30. Murphy, Bartholomew	Nairobi-Hekima College
31. Mwaura, Pius	Harare-U.Zimbabwe
32. Ndong'a, Otieno	Mwanza-NSTI
33. Nedumattam, Mani	Nairobi-CUEA
34. Ochumbo, Alex J.	Kampala-JRS
35. Omondi, Elias	Ngara-JRS
36. Ornelas, Gutiérrez F.	Ngara-JRS
37. Shirima, Amedeus	Chicago-Loyola U.
38. Tesfa-Michael H. M.	Arusha Novitiate
39. Toppo, Tarcitius	Wau
40. Treacy, John R.	Nairobi-Mwangaza
41. Ukken, George	Wau
42. Vuciri, Andrew	Nairobi-Loyola
43. Vuciri, Elias	Mwanza-Regency
44. Ward, Donald	USA-Maryland
45. Were, Moses	Harare-Arrupe College

contracted at Rhino Camp, was awakened to find a thief rummaging through his clothes cabinet. He grabbed the thief, who tried to break away over the fence between the chapel and the generator room. PACO pulled him down and found in his pockets his camera, two small audio-cassettes and 2000 Uganda shillings taken from his desk. PACO's shouts of "thief" brought all of the community to the scene. The thief insisted he had come only to see Fr. JOHN LEGGE. He told his guarding Jesuit captors he had crawled over the main compound gate (his sandals were found the next day hidden under the bushes by the gate), and no holes were found cut in the fence the next day. Strangely enough our "faithful" watch dog made no sound, and the night-watchman was sound asleep in his small room when Fr. ED TRUDEAU went shouting and opened our house compound gate while trying to find the guard after the thief was caught. PACO and our workers, Eugene and Xavier, drove the thief to the police

station, manned by a drunken male policeman and a police-woman. While a statement was being taken by the police-woman, the thief, in a separate room with the policeman, evidently untied his hands and escaped. When they went to find him after filing the statement they found only the rope with which his wrists had been bound. It was decided that the thief had entered our inner compound over the fence where he tried to escape, because the high bougainvillea bush protecting the fence had been cut to the ground just the previous week, and three of our security lights in that area were out of order.

Ordinary Apostolic Life: In the last part of April Fr. ED went to a budget meeting in Nairobi, Fr. JACK gave a retreat in Masaka, and Fr. TONY went to a consult in Nairobi.

In May Fr. Herman De Weerd arrived from Bukavu to give two sets of directed retreats in Namugongo before leaving for home visit in Belgium. TONY WACH and GENE HATTIE made their retreats at Namugongo. Robert (Bob) Morris, Fr. JACK's younger brother from San Diego, California, came for a two-week visit, including a trip to see the gorillas in the national park near Kabale. Fr. JACK prudently did not take the safari on foot up and down through the heavy bush in the

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	Name	From	To	Assignment
1.	Berhanu ,Tamene	Harare -Arrupe College	Addis Ababa	Regency in Addis Ababa
2.	Ciampa, Pio	Rongai-Seminary	Kisii Diocese - Nyabururu	Pastoral Ministries [ad tempus]
3.	Drasiga, Simon	Harare-Arrupe College	Dar es Salaam	Regency at Loyola High School
4.	D'Souza, Anthony	London Heythrop College	Mwanza	St. Francis Xavier's Church
5.	Erinjery, Thomas	JRS-Adjumani	Kerala	Back to his Province
6.	García, Miguel	Addis Ababa	Nairobi	Socius to the Provincial
7.	Gonsalves, Ozy	Nairobi-Mwangaza	Washington Theological Union	Sabbatical Studies
8.	Hattie, Eugene	Jinja-Nyenga Minor Seminary	Kabale Diocese	Teaching Ministry
9.	Ikunza, Ignatius	Dodoma-Regency	Dar es Salaam	Studies at U. Dar
10.	Jaccarini, Victor	Nairobi-Mwangaza	U.K.	St. Beuno's/Mwangaza
11.	Kabutta, Josephat L.	Arusha-Novitiate	Harare	Arrupe College
12.	Kifle Wansamo	Nairobi-Hekima College	USA-Weston	Licentiate Studies
13.	Kimonge, Georges	Dar-Loyola High school	Mwanza	St. Francis Xavier's Church [ad tempus]
14.	Kiyaka, Isaac	Brussels-LV	Mwanza	St. Francis Xavier's Church
15.	Kiyimba, Kizito	Harare-Regency	Nairobi	Theology-Hekima College
16.	Kyalo, Michael	Harare-U.Zimbabwe	Dodoma	Regency in the Parish
17.	Livombolo, Hillary	Arusha Novitiate	Harare	Arrupe College
18.	Madra, Andrew	Harare-Arrupe College	Nairobi	Loyola [ad tempus]
19.	Manyahi, Jerome	Madras-Loyola College	Nairobi	Hekima College
20.	Marandu, Melchior	Arusha-Novitiate	Nairobi	Kangemi Pastoral ministries
21.	Mascarenhas, Stanislaus	USA-Studies	Nairobi	Loyola Pastoral Ministries
22.	McGarry, Cecil	Nairobi-Hekima College	Dublin	R&R at Eglinton Road [ad tempus]
23.	Mejía, Rodrigo	Nairobi-Provincial	Addis Ababa	Co-ordinator of English & Pastoral planning
24.	Mercy, Fred	USA-Oregon	Kampala	Xavier House
25.	Mmassi, Gabriel	USA-Catholic U.	Nairobi	Teaching at Hekima College
26.	Msele, Stephen	Mwanza SFX-church	Australia	Tertianship
27.	Mubangizi, Odomaro	Harare-U.Zimbabwe	Harare	Regency at Arrupe College