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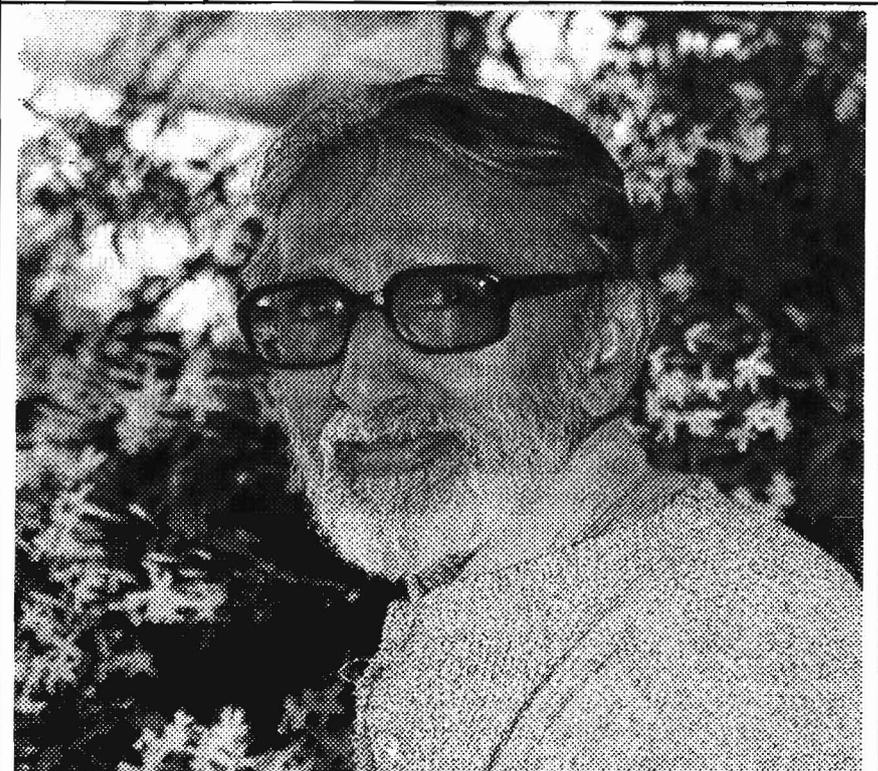
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Fr. Provincial's Schedule for April-May

April 12-16:	JESAM Meeting in Rome.
April 19-30:	Meeting of New Provincials in Rome.
May 1-3:	JRS London.
May 3-5:	Dublin.
May 6-19:	Visit to the Provinces of Maryland, New England, Wisconsin, Chicago and Detroit, U.S.A., Canada.

What about Vocations in the World?

Vatican City, April 20

Sunday, April 25 was the "World Day of Prayer for Priestly and Religious Vocations. "According to the latest estimates in the Holy See's Statistical Yearbook, there are 404,208 priests in the world today 140,687 of whom are religious clergy.

In this message for the Annual day of Prayer, the Holy Father has linked Vocations Day with the Jubilee. "Humanity needs holy priests and consecrated souls who live daily the total gift of self to God and to their neighbor," he writes.

According to the latest estimates, there are 58,210 male religious (not priests), and 819,287 female religious, including cloistered nuns. The members of secular institutes total 31,197, almost all of whom are women (30,534 to be precise). There are, at present, 24,407 perma-

nent deacons, of which 548 are religious.

The Holy See's Statistical Yearbook reveals an impressive increase in the number of priestly vocations in Africa, Asia, Oceania and Latin America between 1978 and 1997.

At present, there are 18,156 candidates for the priesthood in Africa, both religious and diocesan. In North America there are 5,413; in Central America, 9,589; in South America, 18,041; in Asia, 25,169; in Europe, 28,641; and in Oceania, 861.

The increase in the number of candidates for the priesthood, including Eastern Europe, is significant. North America, however, is undergoing a serious crisis in vocations, and no let up is in sight.

The greatest surprise is that Asia has become the "vocational hope of the

May Vocation Prayer

Abba, Father, to you we come,
before you we stand in this season of Easter joy.
You invite us to know the consoling presence of Jesus
and to experience with His followers the depths of his reconciling love.

Through the intercession of Mary,
we ask you to breathe upon us the gift of the Holy Spirit
so that we may serve your people with generous and open hearts.

We unite our prayers with hers
as we implore you
to increase the numbers of those You call
to our Company.

Draw them close to the heart of Jesus
and enable them to follow Your call
so that, together, we may work for Your greater honor
and glory.

We ask this
in Jesus' name
Amen.

Please remember in your prayers

- 1 Fr. Aloysius D'Souza S.J. long-time headmaster of Lake Secondary, Mwanza, who died in Nairobi on the 3rd May.
- 2 Fr. Victor Mathias who went to the Lord on Holy Thursday in Los Angeles after a long and painful battle against postate cancer which spread to his whole body. Fr. Victor left the Society of Jesus but always remained a great friend and a big benefactor of the poor and refugees in Bangladesh and Sudan.
- 3 For Cecilia the mother of Brother Tarcitius Toppo SJ who is working in Sudan who died on the 6th of May.
- 4 And for our sick Jesuits namely, Fr. Kappa of Loyola House, Fr. Bob Mayer of Uganda, Fr. Marcel Gareau who is having a fine recovery and Fr. Gilles Pion.

eral years. Mbiuni was one of the first parishes I got to know when I came to Kenya in 1987. Once again, Fr. Jose Kalley a Missionary priest from India and the builder of the Mission there as well as the two fine schools - Primary and Secondary - made my stay so much easier and pleasanter. The family I was visiting is of one of our young men who joins our Jesuit Novitiate at the end of June.

Ngong Pastoral Centre – 26th April – 2nd May

Elsewhere Fr. Charlie Murphy has written of the 6 day Seminar. Here I would like to pay tribute to the many Jesuits - starting with Fr. Charlie Murphy himself. And then to Fathers Gerry Rebello, Jonathan Haschka, Terry Charlton, Joseph Payeur; to Scholastics Jerome Manyahi and Kizito Kiyimba of Hekima College and to Brother Charles Karumba of Loyola Studies Community --- for journeying out to Ngong and giving of their time and expertise.

But there were many others ---

Bernard Juma, Loyola House driver and general factotum, to Fr. Jonathan for picking us up on Sunday morning, to Fr. Charlie for putting us all further in his debt by preparing two of the Morning Prayers and to one of our Jesuit aspirants for preparing the programme. As usual, our always obliging Mrs. Domitila Kieti helped in so many ways. Ngong Pastoral Centre proved, once again, to be a very good place for our Seminar.

There were 46 participants, in all, of whom only 3 are in their last year of High School. There were many university graduates and students, teachers in training as well as two teachers, many taking computer courses etc.

And --- thank you all for remembering our young men in your Masses and Prayers.

Seán O'Connor S.J.

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Catholic Church". It has virtually the same number of seminarians as Europe and Latin America, in spite of the fact that in Asia the number of Catholics is only 4.5% of the total population.

India has become the country with the largest number of vocations in the world, specifically, some 10,000 seminarians, ahead of traditionally Catholic countries like Poland

(6,954), Mexico (6,849), Brazil (6,805), Italy (6,299), Colombia (3,923), Spain (3,010), Argentina (2,046), and France (1,628).

The United States has 4,785 seminarians.

Other promising vocations in Asia include the Philippines, with 6,941 candidates to the priesthood; Indonesia, with 2,637; Korea, with 1,812; and Vietnam, with 1,412.

Update on our sick Jesuits

Fr. Marcel Gareau S.J.

"On May 4th, I got an e-mail from Fr. Gilles Pion. He told me that Marcel was in such a good form that he could afford to spend a Sunday at his niece's house for the baptism of her child. He has also asked Gilles to extend the validity of his return ticket to Nairobi, since the one he got was valid only for 60 days. He will contact again his surgeon in a week or two. For the time being, he is in Saint-Jerome (our Province nursing home), but he prefers to follow the regular community rather than the one of those who need special attention."

Fr. Joseph Payeur

Fr. Bob Mayer S.J. reports

Greetings from USA.

"19th February was a special day for me. It was my 73rd birthday, celebrated with my Jesuit community at Xaveir House in Kampala, Uganda. Then, just before midnight, I flew from Entebbe by British Airways to London and on to Detroit.

The recurrence of my cancer brought me to the United States for treatment at Colombiere Health Care Center and medics in Pontiac, Michigan. After chemotherapy, I hope to return to Eastern Africa. Please pray that all goes smoothly.

You will be remembered in my prayers."

**The latest on
Fr. Bob Mayer 13th May**

Bob Mayer is indeed at Colombiere Center in Clarkston Michigan. His cancer did return and he is currently undergoing chemotherapy for it. He is on about his third treatment. The dosage they are giving him is having some effect on his heart so it will have to be adjusted to avoid heart damage. He is doing very well and otherwise seems in very good health. He has held up well under the treatments (other than monitoring possible effects on the heart) and is a very fine person to have in our community. His prognosis is still good. He joins 60 of his brother Jesuits in this community all in varying stages of health problems.

I hope this is helpful. If you wish, you can send an e-mail through me to Fr. Mayer and he can answer your directly.

Fr. Jim Von Tobel, S.J.

**Fr. Charlie Murphy writes about
Fr. Aloysius D'Souza's last weeks among us**

At 4.15 p.m. today, Tuesday May ³ 4, Fr. Aloysius DeSouza, made the last trip of his Jesuit life. After the Mass of the Resurrection in the Mwangaza lounge, presided over by Miguel Garcia, acting provincial, there was a procession out to the cemetery by

Fr. Kappa S.J.

Fr. Kappa is now back in Loyola House staying in a room in the Studies Community. He has had a remarkable recovery after his operation for a bleeding ulcer but still has a good deal of pain in his back. He takes part in the morning Mass each day.

Initially his recent trouble started when he was out for his usual daily walk when he fell down near Uchumi Supermarket at Adams Arcade but managed to walk home. With difficulty he was helped to get to his room on what many of us know as Kappa Lane. Some days later after a lot of intense pain Fr. Kappa was brought to Nairobi Hospital where he underwent several tests during his 19 days there.

quite a large gathering of those who had come to say goodbye to a good friend, an admired priest, an exemplary Jesuit. Exactly 24 hours after his death on Monday, May 3 his body was lowered into the place prepared next to his previously de-

Saleians. Along with his work at the State House School he has been busy, busy; also helping with the Masses at the Assumption sisters.

JRS people (Joe Hampson from Zimbabwe, John Guiney from Kakonko, Tanzania) have been in and out. They are always welcome, especially Joe, who is a Peritus with Macintosh Computer and much help to Charlie.

Eric carries on well with his many duties as minister, and the rest of us, as Dag said recently are, moving on.

Fr. D'Agostino was in Dar-es-Salaam from the 8th-10th April invited there by the Chairman of the CCM, Tanzania's ruling party. He was there as the Government was interested in establishing a Nyumbani in Dar because of the growing number of HIV+ orphans and it was felt Nyumbani was the most suitable model. After meeting so many of the party top officials, appearing on TV, visiting a current orphanage run by Swiss nuns he was taken to two potential sites. A 20-acre plot in Msasani beach area was selected. Fr. D'Ag now has to look into the preparation of a whole programme for the setting up of the Dar Nyumbani.

On the road in April

The week after Easter I was in Holy Cross Parish, Nakuru to take part in a Youth Seminar and on the Sunday to be the main celebrant at their 9 a.m. Parish Mass in English. And, of course, as usual I used the opportunity to meet the different Jesuit aspirants and their relatives. And I was very fortunate in getting a door-to-door ride with Fr. Terry Charlton, the Ecclesiastical Assistant of C.L.C. here in Kenya who was travelling for a meeting there with two of the C.L.C. Committee.

On my return I had a day's break before moving off to Kanyenya-ini, the home of a Jesuit aspirant, some 30 Kms beyond Muranga. Kanyenya-ini is in a beautiful area with its many lovely valleys and streams. Lovely to look at and admire but better go there by helicopter as the road from the turn-off from the Nairobi-Karatina road is far from being a 1st class road. But the welcome from Fr. Peter Guerimi, a Consolata Missionary, and from the family of the young man also made up for the tough journey there.

The last of the family visits for April was back again to Mbiuni, Machakos, after an absence of sev-

Kosovar refugees who had already arrived in the country before the bombing. In Montenegro, JRS is working in the Bar parish on behalf of Caritas.

Information donations and volunteers for JRS work with Kosovar refugees are coordinated by the JRS international office in Rome. A group of new volunteers, two sisters who are nurses and a Jesuit scholastic from Belgium, left Rome in mid-April from Shkodre in Albania, and a further group was due to follow the following week.

“There is a great outpouring of generosity towards the refugees and in support of our work, for which we are immensely grateful”, said JRS International Director, Mark Raper SJ who is based in Rome. “By collaborating closely with the Caritas agencies we can mobilise quickly in many places. It is a joy to work with Caritas Albania which is extraordinarily efficient despite the many difficulties. Long after the emergency agencies have done their work and departed, Caritas will still be there. The openness of Western countries to receive the Kosovar refugees is also encouraging and we hope that this openness will continue for them and for refugees from all of today’s wars.”

Rome 16 April 1999

Charlie Murphy reports from Loyola House

So far Fr. Charlie has given Parish Prayer Retreats in the Parishes of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Adams Arcade), Kangemi, Baba Dogo parish near Kariobangi. He has been contacting many of the Nairobi Parishes. His Parish Prayer Retreats usually last from Monday to Friday evening and each evening starts with Mass followed by a talk on prayer in English but with a Swahili interpreter. Usually Fr. Charlie teaches five kinds of prayer. Parishes that respond to his invitation are sent an outline ahead of time of his suggested programme.

Fr. Francis Rodrigues left for a short break to India and Australia and will be back in Nairobi on the 5th June.

Stan Mascarenhas has been a whirling dervish of sorts, giving a week long seminar to the Blessed Virgin Sisters, participating in a 60th anniversary celebration (at 3 places) of the Nairobi Choral Group. The music, bits from four operas, was excellent, with visiting soloists adding a precious brilliance to the performance. Prior to all this Stan gave several retreats to the

ceased Jesuit brothers. He is in good company, and retreatants as well as visiting friends for years to come, will remember them to the Lord even as many of them will nostalgically return to Mwanza, Mangalore, wherever.

His last 12 weeks, spent at Loyola, were a panoply of Jesuit life at the end, maybe the most important part of that life: where the main work is to pray for the Society of Jesus. It was this that Tielhard de Chardin feared most, not death, but a lingering, often painful, and sometimes embarrassing dependency on others.

These three months for Aloysius had the consolations and desolations that Ignatius expected during a retreat. And in many ways this was a retreat, his last one. Fr. Eric patiently helped him to say the hours of the Office. Most of his time was spent in the Loyola lounge, praying the Office, praying quietly, looking for a little company. Till the end he was very interested in what was happening in the Community, in the Society, in the world. What discouraged this longtime headmaster most was his inability to be in the thick of things, to have to confine himself to little short walks, to be on the periphery of life as he had known it for so many successful years in Mwanza. One of the hardest things to bear is

to have your work taken away from you, whether by health or whatever. And he desired very much to do the impossible: to return to Mwanza.

The night before he died was a very good night. He had two long four-hour stretches of sleep. Mrs. Marjorie heard him moving around after four hours. She went to him to find out what was wrong. “Give me a small amount of money enough for a one way ticket to Mwanza.” “Go to sleep. Tomorrow morning I will arrange for that. Loyola will take care of it.” “No, they won’t give it to me. You give it to me!” then, off to sleep for another four hours, then tea and a shower, and a good breakfast.

Eric had told Charlie to take communion to Fr. Kappa (at Nairobi Hospital) and to Aloysius. When he heard that Jonathan was going first, he asked Jonathan to bring Holy Communion, and handed him the pyx he had in his pocket. When Jonathan got to Aloysius he prepared him for the Eucharist, opened the pyx, and yes, it was empty. Aloysius was a bit confused over all this, and probably thought he had communicated. Later Charlie brought Communion to them both.

It wasn’t all desolation! At times he had deep peace in prayer. One of the great moments for Aloysius in his 12 weeks at Loyola, was his participation in Fr. Bill’s retreat.

Fr. Bill is a Vincentian from India, who is becoming very well known as a retreat-giver in many places of the world. Aloysius spent at least three full days at the huge gathering, was given a place of importance on the dais with Fr. Bill, participated in the afternoon of graced confessions on Thursday, and was obviously energized by the experience. Perhaps it contributed to this later deterioration, perhaps not. But it was a bright spot in his 12 weeks at Loyola. He was an active priest again! About allowing him to do this I am reminded of a line from a showing of the Titanic. An elderly man and woman had access to an extremely expensive bottle of liquor as the boat slowly went to its watery grave. The woman said, "It would be a shame to open it." And the husband replied, "It would be a shame not to."

His days at Loyola were first spent in the bunk house (four rooms built for the Studies Community) then a quieter room in the extension of the 2nd floor of the Provincial's Offices where Sean, Gerry and Deva (pro-temp) have their rooms... Room 14 became his last domicile at Loyola, except for a one day return to the bunk house because of his inability to take care of himself. Then Marjorie, the angel who has helped Loyola in so many ways since the almost fatal illness of Eric, and who without a doubt turned that illness from death to life, again came to our

rescue. Marjorie offered to take Aloysius into her quarters and give him special care for a few days, which turned out to be last days of a very beautiful, effective, much respected teacher and head-master at Lake Secondary School in Mwanza, not to mention earlier apostolic works in India. Thank you, Marjorie; thank all of you who were a special part of his last days, thank you. And especially we thank God for the special gift of the life of Fr. Aloysius D'Souza.

Charles Murphy, S.J.

Personal data

Aloysius Joseph Salvador D'Souza was born in Mangalore (India) on 3rd March 1919. A younger brother (Joseph) is a religious brother and his elder sister joined the Sisterhood. Another younger brother (James) lives in Mangalore.

He attended St. Aloysius High School and College in Mangalore, from 1934 till 1941. Then followed his studies in the Society of Jesus, from Dec. 1941 till April 1955. But this was not the end: In 1956-57, he got his Bachelor of Arts and Education.

While still in India, he was Vice Principal in Bangalore, then Director of Fatima Retreat. This took him

identity." Coordination with other aid organisations, including the Red Cross and UNHCR for family reunification purposes, is another task the office is set to undertake, Fr. Kusan said.

ALBANIA: In Albania, JRS country director, Gianfranco Lacuzzio S.J. continues to manage the Arre e Madhre camp in Shkodre on behalf of Caritas Albania. Once tents are erected, the camp will accommodate over 1,000 refugees; those assessed to be the most vulnerable. Since the camp is full, shelter for more refugees in nearby parishes is being organised. The Jesuit community in the Shkodre seminary is also hosting refugees and warehousing goods. JRS/Caritas teams are assisting refugees in the large camps at the frontier, such as at Kukes where there are currently around 100,000 refugees. Rumours abound that Serb military enter the camps to hunt KLA members. In the Tropoje region in northern Albania, JRS and Caritas are the only humanitarian organisations present, supplying medicines, food and other basic necessities to around 3,000 refugees. The area is highly dangerous due to local Mafia, a strong KLA presence and suspected Serb infiltration. Serb bombing in the region has resulted in a number of Albanian

internally displaced people too. Early in April, Francesco Botta, S.J., Jesuit Superior in Tirana, undertook management of Kini Studio, an urban centre in Tirana holding around 700 refugees, mostly women and children. JRS will also assist there.

ROMANIA: In Romania, JRS country coordinator, Luc Duquenne SJ, said the government has offered temporary asylum to 6,000 Kosovar refugees evacuated from Macedonia and is seeking international financial help. The UNHCR Romania office expects the first batch of refugees soon. JRS Romania is active through the Romanian Forum for Refugees and Migrants (ARCA). "So the Kosovo crisis has become a priority for us. As JRS Romania coordinator, I will assure UNHCR of our full availability and will offer all our support," Fr. Duquenne said, adding that out of the 6,000 refugees expected in Romania, 70 per cent are women, children or elderly people. "We are expecting work to be tough and we ask for all manner of support." He said.

CROATIA, BOSNIA, MONTENEGRO: In Croatia, the JRS team is mobilising to receive people evacuated from Macedonia, and JRS Bosnia is monitoring the fate of

head to the heart and left us with a number of signposts to facilitate similar travel in the future. In short the week was profitable and the presenters much appreciated. Arrangements are being made for their return. The temperatures of the area cooperated to make their stay all the more agreeable. Since Easter our weather has been quite pleasant, devoid of the debilitating and muggy heat that is more typical of the area. Even the mosquitoes kept a low profile during these days. A good time was had by all.

JRS is helping in Kosovo

JRS response to Kosovo Crisis: The response of the Jesuit Refugee Service to the humanitarian crisis in the Balkans has grown steadily over the past weeks as its team in Albania, Bosnia, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro and Romania reach out to victims of the war. Elsewhere, JRS teams are ready to help receive refugees re-located to host countries. JRS teams in each place are integrated in or in close collaboration with the Caritas network. UNHCR estimated that on 14 April, there were 319,000 Kosovar refugees in Albania, 116,000 in Macedonia, 67,200 in Montenegro, and 27,700 in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

MACEDONIA: In Macedonia, an operational office has been set up in Skopje by JRS Bosnia-Croatia regional director, Stjepan Kusan SJ, who has just returned from an assessment trip there. JRS operations have been able to start immediately, thanks to its links with Caritas Macedonia which is already active. Fr. Kusan said 43 per cent of the refugees are in four camps, and 57 per cent are being hosted by Macedonian families, many of whom are quite poor. "Their generosity and openness is astounding," Fr. Kusan said. A significant number of refugees was expected to arrive in late April, he said. The JRS office in Skopje, which was established following consultation with the Bishop of the diocese, will work with urban refugees outside the camps. Refugees in camps are being looked after by UNHCR and other NGOs, Fr. Kusan said. The office will help refugees access information, assist those without documents to legalise their status and enable them to benefit from the local social welfare system which includes food and primary health care, he said. "This is an urgent need as Kosovar families often have many children," Fr. Kusan said. A high number of refugees have been deprived by Serbian police of documents that prove their personal

to 1962, when he left for Mwanza in Tanzania.

In 1963, he became the headmaster of Lake Secondary School. In July 1991, he celebrated there his Golden Jubilee. But earlier in February 1990, he had retired from his post of headmaster.

The following years, he kept helping in Nyakahoja Parish, as he had always done. But his physical condition was deteriorating. In 1998, it was decided that he should come to Nairobi and be attended to more systematically. He arrived in Nairobi on October 26. Left for India in November for his home leave and surgery and came back in February 99.

Ms Margery Bedier welcomed him into her nursing home and took an excellent care of him till the day he passed away, on May 3rd, 1999.

His coming to Tanzania

In 1990, Fr. Aloysius himself was writing:

"I came to Mwanza in 1963 along with Frs. Mariano Dorairaj and John Magill. They both took up work at the retreat house in Nyegezi, which is just outside Mwanza. We lived at first with the White Fathers. But fortunately, we soon found a small residence in town right beside the lake on Makongoro Road. There we used part of our residence as a small chapel for English-speaking

Catholic Community...

In 1963 I was asked to take up the post of Headmaster of Lake Secondary School, and I'm still there today. Fr. Piccardo, though, went to Ihungo Secondary School, Bukoba as Chaplain and Fr. Mariano took over the running of the chapel in Makongoro Road. Our apostolate there kept on expanding. The apostolate of keeping in touch with our Indian business community kept on developing. More and more we were invited to share in their celebrations, attending their special feasts and the many family occasions.

And this we still do even thirty years after our arrival in Mwanza."

Bishop Charles Gomes

Bishop Charles Gomes, recollecting the days of his coming to Mwanza in 1967, as Superior of the East Africa Mission (EAM), was writing in 1991, in a letter to Fr. Provincial:

"There were three of us: Fr. Aloysius D'Souza, Fr. William Piccardo and Fr. Raj... Before I went there the E.A.M. had been entrusted to the Mangalore Province but when I finished my term in Goa-Pune, Fr. Arupe asked me if I would mind going to EAM, and I answered: If I can go to heaven via Africa, I have no difficulty whatever. And he gladly accepted my offer. I was so happy that finally my desire to be a real missionary was being fulfilled.."

And he continues..

"In Mwanza, Fr. D'Souza was in the School, and I see that he is still there. Everlasting, Fr. Aloysius! God bless you, and yet always Fr. D'Souza, quiet, calm, humble, prayerful... I'm sure everyone is still saying the same. God bless Fr. D'Souza!...

Many tributes were paid to Fr. D'Souza at the graveside at Mwangaza. Fr. Joseph Payeur, our Development Officer has prepared a folder on Fr. D'Souza. Many of the above details have been taken from it.

Fr. Provincial writes from Dublin

Thank you very much for e-mail messages of yesterday. I received them this morning from Paschal Mwijage. It was very sad to hear of the sudden departure of Fr. Aloysius D'Souza. I hope all goes well with the funeral Mass at Mwangaza later

today. It is impossible for us to be with you all physically, but in spirit we will be with you all. We shall celebrate the Eucharist and pray in a special way for the repose of Fr. D'Souza, S.J.

Condolences from the USA and Brazil

With much gratitude for the life-gift of our Brother Aloysius to the Society of Jesus and to our Province, I offer the Eucharist! Will be united in the Spirit in your own memorial service at Mwangaza.

Ozy.

Many thanks for informing me of the death of Fr. Aloysius who was one of the beginners of then Mwanza Mission and now EAR. I remember him for any request made to him. The answer was always *It Can Be Done*. His entry into heaven I am sure, can and already done.

Sal ferrao. belo horizonte, Brazil.

Report on CLC Kenya

It has been long since I have given a report on Christian Life Community (CLC) activities, perhaps a good sign of being busy due to many developments; but, if we all succumbed to such an excuse, the pages of Easternet would be empty.

World Assembly

Let me begin from the CLC World Assembly in Itaici, Brazil, last July where I was present with two lay delegates from Kenya. The central work of the Assembly was to engage in a process of communal discern-

Charlie Murphy reports from Ngong Pastoral Centre, Ngong, Kenya:

They began to trickle in, then more and more they came, until on Monday night, April 26, there were 40 candidates present for the opening of the seminar. A new record! And Fr. Sean expected 45 by the end of the week. Of these only 3 are still in High school. The seminar ended on Sunday morning, May 2. In some ways, like our Jesuit novitiate, the seminar begins with a retreat, to set the tone for the whole week.

Why the seminar? Just about all the religious congregations have at least two years of religious living (as aspirants, postulants) before the novitiate. What we have is not that but a 30 day retreat early on in the novitiate. At a meeting in Rome in 1970 of English speaking Masters of Novices, Fr. Arrupe, in answer to some who wanted the 30 day retreat at the end of the novitiate when the novices would be presumably more mature, said that the ability to make a 30 day retreat was a condition for entering the novitiate. It should be given near the beginning. It forms the prayer for the novitiate. This seminar that Fr. Sean conducts with the help of many Jesuits in the area, including those still in formation, fulfills a very important function of

letting them know more about the Society. The General Examen should not come as a complete surprise when the new novice arrives at Arusha.

We owe a big thank you to Sean for his untiring work year round in this important work of making the Society better known and loved.

Charles Murphy, S.J.

Barth Murphy writes from Morogoro, Tanzania

We have just concluded our Inculturation Week. This year's presenters were Frs. Leo Amani, Trevor and Sidney D'Souza. Their topic: "Self-Awareness" in the Context of Inculturation." The weeks preceding the conference saw people wondering whether, if and how the two items mentioned in the title were related. Was this an Athens and Jerusalem relationship? A novel type of oxymoron? Fleeting attempts to relate the two items gave rise to skepticism, sometimes to cynicism. But in good Jesuitical fashion, knots were untied and riddles solved, and indeed in very satisfactory fashion. The five-day workshop took us gradually and gently down the long road from the

Fr. Fred and David Mugisha, son of Sarah Grace our house and garden keeper, are working improving facilities for the community. They lowered our eating tables built for 6+ footers about 2 and ½ inch so they are now convenient for the rest

of us shorties. Now work is being done refinishing the chapel doors. In the meantime we enter for prayer through the blanket-covered entrance till the work is done.

Ken Kunert, S.J.

**Letter of
Archbishop Raphael Ndingi Mwana'a Nzeki
of Nairobi on
Centenary of Pope Leo XIII's
encyclical on the Sacred Heart**

I am very happy to hear about the "THANKSGIVING MASS" on the occasion of the centenary of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical on the Sacred Heart (11th June 1899-1999) and of the consecration of the world to Jesus.

I encourage all religious families and lay movements with Charism of the spirituality of Sacred Heart to organise similar commemorations wherever you are.

The centenary of this consecration coincides with the centenary of our Archdiocese - To Jesus and to His Love, let us all commit ourselves for the salvation of our country and the whole world.

+R. S. Ndingi Mwana'a Nzeki,
Archbishop of Nairobi.

ment, which began being prepared in each country a year earlier, to reach a statement of CLC's mission in our times. The result of a very successful process was a document of some 3,000 words entitled, "Our Common Mission".

One of the last things that our Kenyan national delegation did at the Assembly was to formulate proposals to bring back to CLC in Kenya. We shared these at our National Executive Council meeting in September.

CLC's Year of Focus on Mission

It was decided that, at three Formation Weekends scheduled throughout the country in October to bring our membership into the experience of the World Assembly and so we would invite CLCers to a "Year of Focus on Mission" This "year" would begin with the October formation weekends and end in October, 1999, at our own Kenya CLC National Assembly. Furthermore, we asked those present at the formation weekends to engage in a process of communal discernment regarding the proposition that "CLC Kenya choose Ministry to Youth as a non-exclusive focus in our mission." This was chosen with a virtually unanimous consensus at the three venues; principal reasons included the great need, the generally relative

youthfulness of CLC membership enabling a certain ease of ministry to youth, and that, in fact, virtually all of our corporate ministry in various parts of Kenya to date has been to youth.

During the last six months, the focus on mission has developed mostly at the level of the small communities, as members have engaged in communal and personal mission in a discerning way that has involved action, discerning reflection on the experience and refined action.

By the end of June, each small community will send reports on all its mission activities to a Committee which will put all the information into a format which the National Assembly can digest as it continues to discern about the development of the common mission of CLC Kenya.

The ZAIDI (Magis) Centre for Ignatian Spirituality

A second major proposal which the delegates brought back for the World Assembly was the idea for a Centre for Ignatian Spirituality based in Nairobi. It was envisioned as a collaborative effort between Jesuits and CLC with the possible involvement of other Ignatian religious congregations. It would focus on ministry to laity. It is to be primarily a Centre which would offer programs in Ignatian Spirituality, understood very

broadly, which its staff would formulate and implement with the help of others. As the centre would be small, generally programs would take place at other venues.

At its September meeting, the Executive Council committed CLC to pursuing the proposal of the Centre, and discussions began with our Father Provincial and other Jesuits. As discussions moved forward, the Executive Council invited small communities to engage in communal discernment about the Centre; and, at its April meeting, the Executive Council committed CLC Kenya to implementing the proposal for the Centre. This commitment of the ministry of the Centre clearly is an important defining moment for CLC Kenya.

Other Developments

We held three-day individual directed retreats for 20 CLCers at Kisii in January and for a like number at Eldoret members in February.

World CLC Day, celebrated in various localities throughout Kenya on or near the Feast of the Annunciation and Incarnation, so central to our spirituality, saw two CLCers (in addition to the four last year) make a permanent commitment to CLC as their way of living their Christian life. One of the two is the first from outside Nairobi. Since having made the full Spiritual Exercises under

direction is one requirement for permanent commitment, fulfilling this requirement is not easy for those outside Nairobi where resource personnel for direction is not easily found in most places.

Fr. Fernando Salas, S.J., the Vice-Ecclesiastical Assistant for World CLC, visited CLC Kenya from Rome for nearly three weeks in March-April. Originally from Chile, Fernando was making his first visit to Africa. He was anxious to understand CLC here and to share with Jesuits about CLC as well as to begin to get to know the cultural-socio-political-economic reality here. Despite sometimes being overwhelmed with what was new, different, and unexpected in our reality, Fernando was a great companion and was capable of stimulating our thinking about CLC here in Kenya in many ways, especially regarding mission. Fernando was also able to visit the lone Tanzania CLC group in Arusha and the novitiate.

National EXCO met from 9 to 11 April in Nakuru. This meeting was a notable indication of our growth in becoming "Community on Mission" because it was the first such meeting when more time was spent on issues of mission than on community or formation issues.

In May, CLC Kenya says farewell to Scholastic Guides Francois d'Asisse Allegbe (AOC), Lawrence Daka

of force or fraud to bring about any change of religion is contrary to Christian religious teaching, they affirm, as well as being against the law.

The bishops draw comfort from the fact that most Hindus as well as the mainstream media are opposed to the fundamentalists and support the constitution and freedom of religion.

(Source: Abraham Adappur, SJ/ The Tablet).

Ken Kunert report from Xavier House, Kampala

Latest news on Xavier House.

Fr. Jack Morris was giving directed retreats this last week of April at the Comboni Retreat House in Namugongo. Bro. Fred Mercy left today (Thursday) to go to Fort Portal to give a sharing retreat to the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker for whom Bob Mayer had been their Novice Master. Fr. Tony Wach went with Fred to provide priestly ministrations for the retreat and also to attend the consecration of the new Auxiliary Bishop of Fort Portal this Saturday April 24.

Bro. Fred Morris has been busy

working with Fr. Augustine Manoni, a Ugandan Diocesan priest in developing Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) programs at the Kiggo remand prison. They have a special group of leaders who run the groups when they are not there. Their main work has been to train the leaders through experiencing AA to direct other prisons in the program. It has been quite successful. They also have gotten programs in AA and Al-anon active at Christ the King Parish in Kampala. Br. Fred has been a dynamic leader in this work here in Uganda.

Fr. Ed Trudeau returned from Finance Committee meetings in Nairobi and generously brought Fr. Ken Kunert a good supply of Skim Milk Powder, which we are no longer able to get here in Kampala. More important he brought us back the latest information on Fr. Gareau's and Fr. Pion's health activities in Montreal.

Fr. Ken Kuhert is back up and around, but gingerly, doing two graduate classes in Clinical Psychology for the Masters program in Clinical Psychology he helped develop at Makerere University. Fortunately the students do most of the work in these classes, so it is not much of an effort. God is good.

nization since the law was passed in 1997 to be explicitly denied the right to function in Russia.

Fr. Stanislaw Opiela, S.J., head of the Jesuits in Russia, said that the 1997 law supposedly guaranteed the right of a religious entity to operate according to its own hierarchical structure. But the justice ministry ruling denied the Jesuits the right to establish themselves on Russian soil, classifying them as a "foreign" religious body.

When the 1997 law was passed, Russian government spokespersons assured Western diplomats that it was aimed only at religious bodies that were new to Russia, such as the Unification Church. But the justice ministry's rejection of Fr. Opiela's application ignored the fact that the Jesuits existed legally in tsarist Russia as long ago as the eighteenth century.

Like most other religious organizations, the Jesuits were suppressed by the Soviet State. They officially returned to Russia in 1992, and have since been active in educational and publishing programs. (Source: The Tablet)

Christians Unite in India

Christian leaders in Kerala, India, have issued a letter denouncing the efforts of Hindu fundamentalists to make Hinduism the sole religion of India, sidelining Christianity and Islam as foreign religions. The letter is a strong-though rare-display of solidarity in the face of what Christians regard as a threat to them all. Among those who issued the letter were Archbishop Varkey Vithayathil of the Syro-Malabar Church; Archbishop Daniel Acharuparambil of the Latin hierarchy in Kerala; Archbishop Cyril Mar Baselios of the Syro-Malankara Church; Baselios Mar Thoma Mathew II of the Syrain Orthodox Church; Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma of the Mar Thoma (Reformed Church); and Bishop Sam Mathew of the Church of South India.

The bishops say that attacks against Christian churches and missionaries in various parts of India have struck at the freedom of religion guaranteed by the country's constitution. They emphasize that Christianity has been established in India since the time of the apostles, and is not a foreign religion. Their letter states that the right to profess, practise, and propagate one's faith is enshrined in the constitution. The use

(ZIM), and Evariste Rakoton-drazanany (MDG) who are completing their studies at Hekima College. They have made a great contribution. Five Scholastics began work with CLC Kenya as guides this year; Virgilio Domingos (MOZ), Sidney Lulanga (ZAM), Emmanuel Mumba (ZAM), Abuchi Leo Muoneme

(NIG) and Louis Valentin (AOC). This year a new adult group has been formed for persons from around Nairobi as well as groups at Kangemi and at Loreto Valley Road lower primary school.

Terry Charlton, S.J.

NEWS FROM

Tony Sequeira writes from Mwangaza:

On Palm Sunday Tony Sequeira gave a recollection day, with the liturgy of blessings of palms at noon. Holy Week Triduum; Victor Jaccarini gave the talks, while we took turns presiding over the liturgies. As usual, we had many visitors besides the retreatants, so the lounge was quite full.

On Easter Sunday we finally got back our community computer, although it is still quite unstable. No one seems able to make the software 100% compatible to the hardware. However we decided to get access to the internet for our own "ongoing formation". We have subscribed to ARCC (African Regional Centre for Computing) which offers a limited service for a fixed sum of Shs. 1000. Some interesting Jesuit websites are being added to our list of "Bookmarks."

Two days later, we continued our retreat schedule. Joe Small went off to the Kerio Valley to give a retreat to the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of St. Joseph. Cecil McGarry committed himself to talks to the Daughters of the Sacred Heart (Juniors) for 3 days, then 3 full days with the Daughters of St. Anne and after that Fr. Cecil went to Addis for a few days retreat with the Consolata Sisters.

Later, Fr. Fernando Salas (CLC Rome HQ) and Fr. Terry Charlton came for lunch. Fr. Salas had a good look around, and is tempted to return for his own retreat.

Next day Fr Socius and Tony attended a second meeting to plan the setting up of a missionary news agency. Tony has the task of collecting as many e-mail addresses as possible of Catholic individuals, groups and institutions. While the

start will be of those in Kenya, the plan is to extend the service to AMECEA Countries. Contributions of e-mail addresses may be sent to him at mwsjcntr@from-net.com. Those interested can request a copy of the list, which can be sent via e-mail or Fax or 'snail mail'.

Fr. John Quinn has finished his Tertianship experiment and has left for Boston via Amsterdam. He expressed his appreciation of Mwangaza as follows: "May the Light of this place continue to shine through you. Each of you has gifted me and shown me your love and generosity. May the Good Lord continue to bless you and mold you into ever more effective instruments of His Peace. I will never forget you and I will always treasure the memories of this time with you!" Hopefully John will remember as he has a store of photographs to refer to in the years ahead. Thanks John, for your good wishes! Karibu tena, (You're welcome back).

Ethiopian Easter in Nairobi:

On Sunday 10 April, the Ethiopian and Eritrean Catholic Communities residing in Nairobi celebrated in full swing the Resurrection of the Lord. 150, most of them young men

and women, gathered at the chapel of Hekima College to celebrate a Mass presided over by Abba Groum Tesfaye and four deacons. Abba Miguel was in charge of the homily.

Two days before, a smaller group had already gathered in the same chapel to celebrate Good Friday. In a three-hour "abridged" liturgy (it usually takes 7 to 8 hours!) Young Ethiopians and Eritreans were able to celebrate the Lord's passion and thank Him for his solidarity with the human race. The celebrant was Abba Groum Tesfaye, S.J.

News from Seminary Nyeri

You may be interested in some news from Christ the King Major Seminary and of my services to this Seminary.

This year Christ the King Major Seminary has 192 seminarians from 15 dioceses of Kenya. Kenya has 25 Catholic dioceses and over 7 million Catholics in a population estimated at 30 million. In some parts of Kenya the Catholic population is growing fast.

I serve the seminarians by teaching four subjects in philosophy and the psychology of spiritual development in 2nd year theology. Also I give spiritual conferences and spiritual guidance to many seminarians.

ple are going through. It is Easter time and we hope that God may bring healing and peace to the world.

God bless.

Kifle

OtienoNdong'a writes from Australia

Greetings to all! It has been a strenuous time for me since my last posting. I presented a paper at a Seminar in Sydney University some days before Easter. It was very tiring preparing for the Seminar. However, the actual presentation went off very well. Before the seminar I spent three days at Canisius College. It was nice to catch up with Stephen Msele and two other Jesuit tertians who I had met back in 1986. The community was very welcoming especially Frs. Pat O'Sullivan, Adrian Lyons and Ferrucci Romanin. It gives one pleasure and joy to realise that one is welcome in any house of the Society. In truth this is something to thank God for.

I came back to Melbourne on the second of April and had three days of recollection before starting again with my schedule of research at the University.

Besides my research I'm also trying to recruit one or two teachers for St. Augustine University of Tanzania. At present I have identified two people who are very interested in going to Mwanza.

Otieno

Damas Missanga briefs us from Rome

Thursday, 16th of April, the members of the African Assistancy along with the Provincials and the Regional Superiors of the Assistancy had a get-together at our International house of Gesu. The Mass took place at the "Camarete St. Ignasi" (St. Ignatius room) and was followed by a one-hour meeting where the Major Superiors spoke of the situation of the Assistancy. A nice Chinese supper was served giving a worthy end to the day.

Society of Jesus still not recognized in Russia From Harnett News, USA

Russia's Ministry of Justice has rejected the application of the Jesuit order for official registration under the country's controversial law on religion. The Jesuits have thus become the first major Catholic orga-

that as well for the same reasons. It is taught by a dynamic Franciscan priest and is very thorough in his content and presentation. "Mission and Public Policy", though it is more related to American policies, is still helpful in understanding "mission" which is relevant to the church as a whole. This is moderated by Fr. Joseph Donders who used to teach in the Nairobi University for many years. The fourth course is entitled "Love in the Moral Life", a course in Moral Theology taught by a lay-lady, and she is excellent in her presentation and teaching methods. After I finish my studies I will stay on to have my annual retreat for this year and then be ready to return to Kenya. I look forward to meeting Fr. Provincial in our Jesuit Community in Washington DC. From the 12th May I will stay there till I return home.

Greetings to all the brethren.

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Bonaventure reports from Baltimore, USA

Greetings from Baltimore. I managed to take a week off from my studies and I drove all the way to Boston where I met former schoolmates of Hekima college. I had a good Easter break where I broke

from my normal routine. Kifle was physically and mentally fit, working hard to finish his papers and assignments. My graduation will be on May 18, but I will continue working at the counseling center until June 10, to finish up with my clients.

My time here has been a wonderful experience and I thank God for having gone through it. Pray for me, and God willingly I will see you on July 1st.

Balige.

Kifle Wansamo writes from the USA

There is nothing much to write from Cambridge at the moment, except that students are very busy trying to finish up their papers and theses. Those graduating with Masters and Licentiate degrees were due to hand over their theses by April 23rd. In addition some of them are preparing for diaconate ordination towards the middle of May. So people are busy at the moment.

We are already in Spring. Trees are starting to revive their leaves slowly. Spring flowers are blooming. One can give to this a symbolic meaning to the world of chaos, poverty-stricken, war-torn, and the expressible sufferings so many peo-

Whenever I am free from Seminary duties on Sundays I help the prisoners in Nyeri by hearing confessions and celebrating Holy Masses. On Palm Sunday we had a procession with about 200 prisoners holding palm fronds and a picture of Christ the King in their hands and singing songs. And every month I help in two convents for confessions and Holy Mass.

With my encouragement, the seminarians keep some beehives and we harvested over 30 kilos of honey this year. As a hobby I have also planted some banana trees which have yielded fruit. Near my room there are also some rose plants with different shapes and colours and some beautiful dahlias and so I am able to supply some flowers for the chapel.

This year I had two attacks of malaria, but I have recovered from them. I had also some pains and so, had a few medical tests in Nyeri hospitals as well as in Nairobi, but thank God nothing serious was diagnosed. And pains and sufferings when united with Christ's sufferings have a redemptive value.

*Fr. Zachary Pazheparampil, S.J.
Christ the King Major Seminary.*

Shete Wangira writes from Arrupe College, Harare

The Easter season was very exciting and filled with the joy of the Risen Christ. The Fourth Years left for the mountainous areas in Nyanga to celebrate their Easter in the hills. They had exciting experiences to relate including sharing their meal round the fire during Holy Thursday, climbing some of the highest peaks as part of their Way of the Cross on the Good Friday and riding of the horses in joy of the Risen Christ. Odomaro, who is renowned for his political endeavours, was a distinguished speaker during the National Movement of Catholic Students Conference in Mutare where he gave a talk on Democracy. Among the various subjects he teaches at Arrupe, he also offers an elective on Democracy in Africa. Just listen to him when he analyses the Congo Crisis and you will believe that he has the material at his fingertips. The EAP scholastics had a picnic at Domboshava to bid farewell to the finalists that is Akau, Lomulen, Lutambi, Mardai, Udahemuka and Maghali. Among other interesting activities was a very enlightening talk by Fr. Amadeus Shirima on Fraternal Concern.

The students of the University of

Zimbabwe recently boycotted classes demanding the shortening of their holidays. They engaged in stone battles with the security guards in the compound. The guards, who were ill-equipped for the battle, used lids of dustbins to shield themselves from the 'missiles'. The riot police were outside the campus keeping a watchful eye just in case things went out of hand. The students later resumed classes though the members of the students council and some few students were suspended.

Since they acquired a new coach, Arrupe Football Club has been doing marvelous things in the field. During the recent All Seminary Games held at Wazanai, they emerged winners by beating all the teams. Keep it up guys! The Karatekas were not left behind either. Under their leader, Sensei Eugene, they held their Gradings in which Lomulen attained the blue belt; Mardai, Okumu, Njuguna and Shete adorned green belts and Atkelt and Kikonyogo got orange belts. The Rector Fr. Valerian Shirima was among the guests who attended the function including members of staff and scholastics. Congratulations to all and thanks to the pioneer karatekas Kizito and Berhanu who inculcated the spirit of

the game in them.

The scholastics are busy preparing for their final exams with the fourth year trying to synthesize all that they have accumulated in four years at Arrupe. A large group of the scholastics will be invading the Province soon, that is, the fourth years who have finished their programme at Arrupe and the Second year who will be heading home for their holidays.

Prepare there! We are coming!

Shete Wangira S.J.

John Guiney reports from Kakonko

Visit of Mwalimu Nyerere (Baba wa Taifa la Tanzania) to the refugee camps

Thursday the 8th April was a day of joy for all of us in the camps. Mwalimu Nyerere, the Chief peace mediator in the Burundi peace talks, came to consult and speak directly to the refugees about the peace process. 30 refugees were selected from each camp to meet directly with Mwalimu. They came with written questions and questions were received from the floor. The

symbolism of the event as well as the process was touching. Refugees were being spoken to directly about their future rather than been spoken about. The refugees took the front chairs while the NGOs took the back seats.

JRS was very happy because many of our active Small Christian Community leaders were among the delegations selected from the camps. All these leaders have attended our seminars on leadership and reconciliation in the past year and were very articulate in the meeting. Prior to the meeting we shared on some of the issues and questions which should be explored at the gathering with Mwalimu.

In brief, Nyerere said: - "Drop your silaha (spears and weapons of war) and keep talking... yes, there is no peace in Burundi yet but we are talking peace... one cannot talk about building democracy on the one hand and then go and kill your brother and sister with the other. It will be a democracy for who, the dead or the living? The Burundian conflict is part of the Great lakes problem but we have to start some place and it is only in Burundi that people are sitting together to talk... There will be no forced repatriation and when we recommend people to go back, there will be a special

Commission set up to supervise the repatriation... Buyoya is no fool, he will continue to talk since he has no alternative and he is an intelligent man... the Tanzanian Government has international obligations to refugees.. however, refugees have obligations to obey the laws of Tanzania." "Some of you are using the camps to wage war.. if you do that you will no longer be treated as a refugee.." Choose the way of peace as it is only when all Burundians continue to sit together that a permanent peace can be made..."

Overall, a breath of fresh air and great encouragement to all of us and our work for peace in the camps.

John Guiney

From the USA

I am now well into my second semester and busier than I was at first! The four courses I am taking now are more relevant than the ones I took at first. "Theology and Spirituality of the Religious Presbyter" is a very interesting course and being taught by a sister with a Doctorate in theology. I find that very relevant as a priest and as a religious-priest. "Eucharist" is yet another course and I'm enjoying