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Chers lecteurs et lectrices,

« Que la grâce de notre Seigneur Jésus-Christ, l'amour de Dieu et la communion du Saint Esprit soient avec vous tous » 2Cor 13, 13.

On dit que « Partir c'est mourir un peu ». C'est avec cette chanson, l'une des plus belles chansons religieuses de Noël Colombier, né Robert Marcel Cornut, chanteur français que je vous introduis à mon dernier éditorial de Newsletter de ce mois de juin de 2023.

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1 - Chercheur de Dieu ton cœur était insatisfait
Tout autour de toi c'était les idoles qu'on adorait,
Sacrifier sa vie celle de ses enfants
Aux dieux sanguinaires, aux dieux de l'argent
C'était pas l'appel que tu entendais au fond de ton cœur.

2 - Aussi un beau jour tu es parti en aventurier Coupant les racines qui te retenaient à ton passé « Pars de ton pays je te bénirai Car j'ai fait pour toi un très beau projet » Disait cette « Voix » que tu entendais au fond de ton cœur.

Juin est le mois des vacances à *Hekima University College*. Plus détendus et moins speed, juin nous te consacrons à d'autres activités : partager de bons moments avec les compagnons, nos parents, nos amis, voyager pour élargir nos horizons, faire de nouvelles connaissances, ouvrir nos esprits et les aiguiser à la curiosité... Enfin, nous voilà partis !

Ce volume est spécial. Il est l'expression d'une profonde gratitude envers les compagnons, les collaborateurs laïcs et religieux qui ont œuvré dans la Conférence jésuite d'Afrique et Madagascar. Cette poignée d'hommes et des femmes viennent de recevoir des nouvelles missions. Oui, ils sont des pèlerins à l'exemple de nos pères fondateurs de la Compagnie de Jésus :

« Hekima University College fête son 40e anniversaire alors que nous soumissionnons adieu au Deputy Principal le Père Peter Knox, à la Registrar Arlene Suson Acosta, Emmaculate Muluva, Saur Mary Wanyoike Faith Tanui, à la Sœur Petronila Imo, aux jeunes enseignants Valentine Ossai, Cyrus Mwangi et Pierre Célestin Musoni. Nous les remercions pour leur souci du travail bien fait. En ce qui concerne le Jesuit Historical Institute in Africa (JHIA), le Père Anicet N'Teba est envoyé à Kinshasa pour missionner aux Editions Loyola et aux Archives de sa Province d'origine.»

Ignace de Loyola, François Xavier, Pierre Favre, etc. Ils sont envoyés à travers le monde : en Amérique, en Asie, en Europe, en Afrique...

A tout Seigneur, tout honneur ! Le R.P. Orobator Agbonkhianmeghe a reçu une nouvelle mission pour œuvrer aux USA. Il a servi plusieurs années à la tête de la Conférence jésuite d'Afrique et Madagascar avec un cœur généreux et plein d'amour. Il a assumé de lourdes responsabilités au sein de notre prestigieuse *Hekima University College*. Il a été formateur, professeur, principal... Il a gouverné la Province jésuite d'Afrique Orientale. Nous lui exprimons notre profonde et sincère gratitude pour tant de services rendus à la Compagnie de Jésus et à l'Eglise.

Deux de nos supérieurs majeurs de la Conférence jésuite d'Afrique et Madagascar viennent de rendre le tablier : le R.P. Fulgence Ratsimbazafy, Provincial de la Province jésuite de Madagascar et le R.P. Chukwuyenum Afiawari, Provincial de la Province jésuite de l'Afrique Nord-Ouest. Nous les remercions d'avoir dignement servi leurs provinces respectives et le JCAM.

Deux recteurs de nos deux maisons de formation de JCAM, le Père Jocelyn Rabeson, recteur de l'Institut de Théologie de la Compagnie de Jésus, Abidjan/Côte d'Ivoire et le Père Gibson Munyoro, recteur d'*Arrupe Jesuit University*, Harare/Zimbabwe ont reçu des nouvelles missions. Qu'ils soient remerciés pour le service rendu à l'ITCJ et à *Arrupe Jesuit University*.

20 diacres de l'ITCJ et 14 de *Hekima University college* ont terminé leur premier cycle de théologie. Ils sont envoyés dans divers lieux soit pour continuer leurs études soit pour missionner dans leurs provinces respectives. Nous les félicitons pour leur témoignage de vie et leur enthousiasme à servir l'Eglise notre Mère.

A l'occasion de son 40eme anniversaire, *Hekima University College* profite de cette opportunité pour dire au revoir au Vice-Principal Père Peter Knox, à la Registraire Arlene Suson Acosta, à Emmaculate Muluva, à la Sœur Mary Wanyoike, à Faith Tanui, à la Sœur Petronila Imo et aux jeunes enseignants Valentine Ossai, Cyrus Mwangi et Pierre Célestin Musoni. Nous les remercions pour leur dévouement à un travail bien fait. Quant à *Jesuit Historical Institute in Africa* (JHIA), le Père Anicet N'Teba a été envoyé à Kinshasa pour accomplir une mission aux Éditions Loyola et aux Archives de sa Province d'origine.

Ce volume contient des photos de quelques jésuites, religieuses et laïques qui ont servi dignement *Hekima University College*.

Enfin, nous remercions les rédacteurs des articles de ce présent numéro les Pères Festo Mkenda, Marcel Uwineza, Angelo Albertine Razafindraibe et notre jeune scolastique Grégoire Kaboré.

Pour joindre l'utile à l'agréable, le Staff de l'Institut historique de la Compagnie de Jésus en Afrique vous souhaite de bonnes vacances.

Puisse ce mois de juin être l'occasion de nous ressourcer et d'amplifier les merveilleuses qualités qui font de nous des pèlerins de la mission du Christ.

> Père Anixt N'TEBAMBENGI, SJ Directeur associé-JHLA

### **GRATITUDE TO FATHER AGBONKHIANMEGHE. OROBATOR, S.J.**

#### Honoring a Life of Dedicated Service: A Man of Agaciro!

r. Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator, SJ is a man of *agaciro* (value) and as the Rwandan proverb says beautifully, "you cannot put a price on *agaciro* 



because *agaciro ntigakira igiciro* (value has no price)." There are many things I could say, but I will focus only on a few. Hekima University College (HUC) has been blessed to have him. In his time here, he filled many roles, the first of which

was that of Senior Lecturer in our Jesuit School of Theology. He then became Rector of the Jesuit Community. After three years as Superior of the community, in 2009 the late Fr. Adolfo Nicolas appointed Fr. Orobator to the office of Provincial of the East African Province of the Society of Jesus. He served the AOR Province with the same enthusiasm he had at Hekima. His leadership style and his excellent communication skills are admirable. Under his leadership, the channels of communication were always open. His motto must have been: "Unless the information is confidential and unless it is not yet fully "cooked," the rest people should know." He knew and knows that such openness is necessary for transparency. Many are often astounded at Fr. Orobator's ability to keep scholarship, teaching, publication and administration on an even keel. Some of us are beneficiaries of his sound method of teaching Systematic Theology Courses at HUC while he was at the same time the Provincial. Despite his busy schedule and other duties, he was always well prepared and he never missed a class. Another of his legacies is the construction of the Menelik Twin Towers with its proximity to the Provincial Offices. This facility is an excellent aid for Jesuits in Formation. You may not always share his line of thinking. But you will barely disagree that for nearly all the tasks Fr. Orobator has been given, he has performed well.

When his time as Provincial of AOR was over, Fr. Orobator was appointed Principal of HUC, a position he held for three years. In 2017, he was called to serve as President of the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar (JCAM). To his lasting credit and his leadership skills, we now have world class facilities for JCAM. He always welcomed any of us warmly whenever we visited his community. In the midst of COVID-19, he published an excellent book: *The Pope and the Pandemic: Lessons in Leadership in a Time of Crisis* (Orbis, 2021). He has been a strong presence in the ongoing Synod on Synodality. The African Synodality Initiative, which he initiated, meets often at the JCAM Offices to discuss the synodal process and the future of the Church in Africa.

On a personal note: when he appointed me Dean of the Jesuit School of Theology and also when he appointed me Principal of Hekima University College, Fr. Orobator called me to his office and said: "In your leadership, it is not enough to be surrounded by competent people. I pray that you appoint good people among them. ... and remember, you have no control over what people will say, all you need to do is to discern, consult and to stay focused. Do not lose yourself in trivial issues or distractions. Aim at looking at the bigger picture. Leadership is an opportunity to make a difference. May God help you."



The Outgoing JCAM President pose for a farewell photo with Hekima College Jesuit Community.

My sincere gratitude to you, Bator! You are a man of *Agaciro*. As you move to your next mission as Dean of the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University. May God continue to bless you and the work you do there for His *Greater Glory*. We know that you will continue to be a man of *Agaciro*! We hope to foster collaboration with Santa Clara University in our efforts to take HUC to new heights. Your life echoes the words of the prophet: *'I have plans for you,* declares the LORD, *plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future*" (Jeremiah 29:11).

By Rev. Fr. Marcel Uwineza, SJ Principal, Hekima University College

### HUC@40



For 40 years, Hekima University College (HUC) has maintained its mission as a center for excellent formation, research and intellectual scholarship committed to offering a high-quality, integral, and contextualized education founded on the finest traditions of the Jesuit humanistic and scientific heritage.

#### Our Legacy

HUC nurtures people to become faithful servants and global citizens in the Society of Jesus, religious congregations and the church. Some notable examples are in the service of the church as bishops, councillors of their various congregations, presidents of religious conferences, members of Vatican Commissions; many men and women who are laboring in some marginalized communities and attending to the needs of the poor in inaccessible villages; principals, deans, and rectors of universities and colleges; and others in positions of service in the Church and society.



Hekima University College-Postgraduate Campus on Riara Road

#### Our Growth

From a modest beginning in 1984, our Jesuit School of Theology remains open to other congregations that seek excellent formation for their men and women. As a result, fifteen religious congregations participate in the mission of Hekima. HUC also offers ecclesiastical degrees awarded by the Faculty of Theology of the Jesuits in Africa and Madagascar (FTJAM) in the name of the Holy See. Responding to the African continent's dire need for peace and reflecting on the ever-escalating wars and conflicts, in 2004, HUC opened its second school, Hekima Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations (https://hipsir.hekima.ac.ke/), which offers a Master of Arts degree and certificate courses. The institute encourages and promotes research on the dynamics of conflict situations, ongoing international and regional peace processes, refugees and displaced persons, and human rights issues.

HUC has launched new centres of excellence: The Jesuit Historical Institute in Africa (https://www.jhia.ac.ke/), Centre for Research Training and Publications (https://crtp.hekima.ac.ke), partnership with the Hilton Scholarship Program, and collaboration with the Jesuits of Eastern Africa aimed at becoming a full-fledged university. HUC also hosts the Jesuit Centre for Safeguarding in Africa (https://jcsa.africa/) that trains its students in awakening, awareness and action toward the safeguarding of minors and vulnerable adults.

#### **Celebrating 40 Years**

HUC has many reasons to celebrate and thank God. The forty years of HUC's success would

have been impossible without the immense contribution of many stakeholders, some of whom are deceased. Names like Henry de Decker SJ, Cecil McGarry SJ, Aquiline Tarimo SJ and Prof. Laurenti

Magesa are eternally ingrained in HUC's memory. To celebrate **HUC's 40th anniversary (HUC@40)**, we will focus on some initiatives to expand HUC's academic and institutional growth.

These initiatives include, but are not limited to:

- a) A conference on the History of HUC highlighting the contribution of its pioneers.
- b) Inauguration of African Theology Chair at HUC.
- c) A symposium on Prof. Magesa's contribution to African theology.
- d) Bringing together African women theologians/peacebuilders and amplifying their voices.
- e) A conference with HUC Alumni who work in different fields of the Church and society.

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### THE SUCCESSION STORY AND LEADERSHIP OF HEKIMA COLLEGE FROM 1983-2023

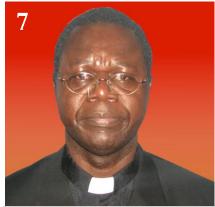
Expressing gratitude to R.P. Father Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator, SJ who also worked at Hekima University College as a Professor and Principal. Alongside, we present as a sign of appreciation some photos of the Jesuits, religious men and women, a diocesan priest and lay collaborators who have worked at Hekima University College.



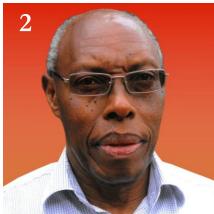
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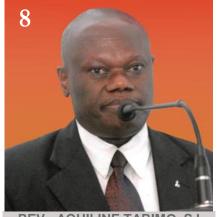
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REV. AUGUSTIN KAREKEZE, SJ 1990 – 1995 (RWB)



REV. EUGENE GOUSSIKINDEY, S. 2000 – 2005 (AOC)



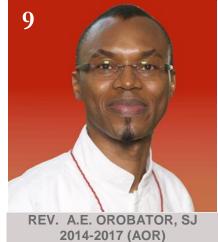
REV. AQUILINE TARIMO, SJ 2009-2013 (AOR)



REV. CECIL MCGARRY, SJ 1995 – 1998 (AOR)



REV. FRANCOIS DE PAULE RANDRIAMANALINA, SJ 2006 – 2007 (MDG)





**REV. JOHN O. IBHAKEWANLAN, SJ** 2017 - 2023 (ANW)





**REV. MARCEL UWINEZA, SJ** 2023 - TO DATE (RWB)

Some photographs of the religious men, women and lay collaborators whom we bid farewell last semester plus a special mention to the late Fr. Laurenti Magesa whom we fondly remember.



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### **GRATITUDE TO REV. FATHER FULGENCE RATSIMBAZAFY, S.J.**

y first encounter with Father Fulgence Ratsimbazafy, SJ, the outgoing Provincial of Madagascar Province (MDG) was in 2013



when I was in Philosophat Saint Paul Tsaramasoandro. Father Fulgence was then the Rector.

Four yFather Fulgence as the provincial of Madagascar. True to the task, a lot has been achieved in our province

under his leadership. I therefore wish to first thank the

Almighty God for all the graces given to each one of us from this great province of the Society of Jesus. We thank God for giving us faith and hope in the name of his Son Jesus Christ.

Secondly, I wish to express my gratitude to Father Fulgence for leading our province for more than six years. I do believe that it through God's providence that he has been able to steer the province in wisdom, transparency, diligently and with a lot of dedication. To say that Father Fulgence gave it his all would be an understatement because he did more to the service of the province and the Church. His work and dedication were greatly witnessed when our province was celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Father Fulgence did everything he could to ensure that all the necessary preparations for the celebrations went on well. To cap it all, he was able to invite Father General Arturo Sosa, Superior General of the Society of Jesus who came and led the celebrations. This was indeed a remarkable event for us and for that we are very grateful.

Among other great accomplishments of our Province under the leadership of Father Fulgence was the opening of our mission in Diego's diocese (North part of Madagascar), this is an indication that there is growth in the Society of Jesus, something quite commendable.

In the height of coronavirus pandemic which claimed the lives of so many people, the Province of Madagascar also suffered a lot because we lost some of our companions, however, we thank the Good Lord for all of these because we have been able to learn a lesson on how to live as human beings again today.

I would like to thank Father Fulgence who did not give up in the face of the coronavirus pandemic. He kept looking for ways to help and encourage the members during that times, even though he was one of those who contracted the virus. He never stopped encouraging all brothers by sending us mail, giving words of comfort and hope.

I thank the Good Lord for all the graces for the past 50 years, although many things have been accomplished we continue to pursue what is best for the next 50 years in the field of the Lord. We thank all the Jesuits, missionaries and the natives who worked together to fulfill the mission of the Universal Church for the past 50 years in Madagascar. One of the achievements which came out during the celebration of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was a book which documents the history of Jesuits in Madagascar; "Les Jésuites dans *l'Histoire de Madagascar: Promouvoir la Personne et la Société*" Sous la direction de Dossou Davy, SJ & Ratsimbazafy Fulgence, SJ & Alii, Edition Ambozontany, Antananarivo February 24<sup>thA</sup>, 2022.

Finally, I would like to wish Father Fugence all the success in his next mission. We will wish him all the best and good luck for the next mission. May the good Lord keep on and continue blessing him abundantly. Misaotra indrindra mompera!

Razafindraibe Angelo Albertine, SJ Minister, Hekima University College, Jesuit Community 15:05:2023

### D'Hekima, nous célébrons le jubilé d'or de notre Province !

Les années se succèdent, mais ne sont pas les mêmes. Pour la Province jésuite d'Afrique Occidentale, cette année 2023 ne saurait passer inaperçue, car elle marque le jubilé d'or de la création de la Vice-Province (en 1973) qui est devenue en 1983, la Province jésuite d'Afrique Occidentale (AOC). De 1973 à nos jours, la Compagnie s'est déployée dans douze pays sur les quatorze que compte cette Province. Des apostolats de natures diverses ont vu le jour : de l'éducation primaire, secondaire et universitaire, en passant par les centres spirituels et socio-culturels, les foyers d'accueil et les paroisses, jaillit un service assuré par des hommes pétris des Exercices Spirituels de Saint Ignace et qui n'ont d'autre vœu que celui de travailler pour la plus grande gloire de Dieu en ce monde.

Puisque l'"examen" est foncièrement ignacien, les jésuites de la Province, fidèles à leur spiritualité et à leur tradition, ont su marquer une halte pour relire le passé avec une gratitude infinie à la Divine Majesté, appréhender le présent comme Dieu le verrait, et lever les yeux vers l'avenir avec espérance et détermination à rendre ce monde meilleur.



Des jésuites de la Province d'Afrique de l'Ouest posent pour une photo avec des amis et des familles au Hekima College.

Une célébration eucharistique présidée par le Père Mathieu NDOMBA, SJ, Provincial de l'AOC, dans la paroisse St Mathias Lumumba (Tchad) a marqué officiellement l'ouverture de cette année jubilaire sur toute l'étendue de la Province, le 5 janvier 2023.

Comme scolastiques en mission d'études à Nairobi, nous n'avons pas manqué de marqué d'une pierre blanche cette année si spéciale pour nous. Saisissant l'opportunité du passage de notre Provincial à Nairobi le 23 avril 2023, nous avons célébré une eucharistie en signe d'action de grâce au Seigneur pour ce jubilé. En plus de nos formateurs qui étaient présents, nous avons invité toutes les familles qui nous sont proches ici à Nairobi. Cette belle eucharistie fut accompagnée par une rencontre entre le Provincial et toutes les familles présentes, où il a été essentiellement question d'une brève présentation de l'histoire de la Compagnie de Jésus, de son charisme et surtout, de la place qu'elle accorde à ses « Amis » dans sa mission. Cela est tombé à point nommé, car Frédéric de Bélinay, le premier jésuite qui est arrivé dans l'AOC le 20 mars 1935, a senti le besoin de se rendre au Tchad après une conversation spirituelle avec un ami qui lui avait fait savoir que dans ce pays, l'on pouvait passer plusieurs mois sans aucune eucharistie, par faute de prêtres sur son sol. Ce rappel fait par le Père Jean Luc ENYEGUE, historien de la Province corrobore les propos du Provincial qui a insisté sur le fait que nos amis sont des hommes et des femmes proches de nous, qui partagent notre mission, notre spiritualité et qui ont le souci du salut des âmes.



Déroulement de la messe lors de la célébration du jubilé d'or de la province AOC au Hekima College.

De Frédéric de Bélinay aux Jésuites africains actuellement dispersés aux quatre coins de la Province, une longue histoire s'est écoulée. Deux œuvres majeures retracent scientifiquement ce passé aux multiples péripéties : *Jalons pour une histoire de la Province jésuite de l'Afrique de l'Ouest* d'Anicet N'TEBA MBENGI, SJ qui sera publié au cours de cette année jubilaire et *Competing Catholicisms : the Jesuits, the Vatican and the Making of Postcolonial French Africa* de Jean Luc ENYEGUE, SJ. La rencontre avec nos « Amis » et notre Père Provincial s'est achevée aux environs de 14 h 30 mn, après des agapes fraternelles partagée dans une belle atmosphère de joie. Puisse la Petite Compagnie de Jésus, née par une volonté divine, entendre les cris de ce monde en détresse, et travailler avec acharnement pour le salut du genre humain, maintenant et toujours, Amen !

> par KABORE Grégoire Bienvenu, SJ Étudiant Hekima collège universitaire

### THE EASTERN AFRICA PROVINCE OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

The Jesuit Province of Eastern Africa (in Latin, *Africae Orientalis*, abbreviated as AOR) is made up of six countries: Uganda, Sudan, South Sudan, Tanzania, Kenya, and Ethiopia. This territorial jurisdiction received Jesuits from the very beginning of the Society of Jesus in the 1540s. The two great founding saints of the Society, Francis Xavier (1506-52) and Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), are connected to this region in very special ways.

Xavier spent a few days in Malindi (Kenya) in March 1542 while he was on his way to India. In those few days (or probably hours), Xavier did remarkably a lot in Malindi. Thanks to him, we now know something about this eastern African city in the sixteenth century, especially about its religious practices. According to Xavier, Malindi's residents were peaceful Muslims, clearly tolerant of Christian signs and visitors in their midst. The sight of the stone pillar that had been erected there by the famous explorer Vasco da Gama (1469-1524), which had the shape of a cross, greatly impressed the saintly Jesuit. "God our Lord knows how much consolation we received from the sight of it, knowing its great efficacy and seeing it there so alone and so victorious among so many Moors," said Xavier. Besides, there was a Christian cemetery where Xavier reverently buried the remains of a fellow traveller. The Christian burial ceremony drew to Xavier the attention of the local residents of Malindi. Following the event, two Muslim residents of Malindi, probably in separate occasions, held discussions with Xavier on religious matters. They were learned and well-informed, and they were open to learning more from Christian experiences. However, in the encounter that Xavier

presented as a theological debate among equals, no one scored a point. From Malindi, Xavier proceeded to Goa, making one more stop at the island of Socotra, off the Horn of Africa, which now belongs to Yemen.

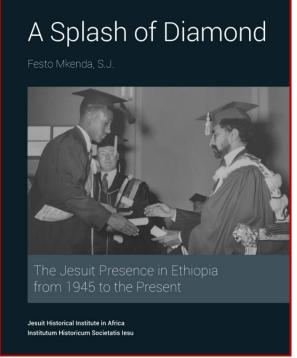


Present church of St. Charles Lwanga Parish, Malindi, which is run by the Jesuits of Eastern Africa

Unlike Francis Xavier, Ignatius never set foot on eastern-African soil. Yet, unlike Xavier whose stop in Malindi was incidental to his journey further east, Ignatius actually expressed a desire to work in Ethiopia to bring the church there back to communion with Rome. His responsibilities as superior general of the new Society prevented him from realizing his dream. However, Ignatius' focus on Ethiopia absorbed his entire imagination, so much so that, when he treated "the Prester John question," he could not continue to narrate the story of his life. He studied the Ethiopian context in detail and meticulously planned a mission to the eastern African country. In 1553, he created the Province of Ethiopia and assigned to it fifteen Jesuits, led by Patriarch João Nunes Barreto (c.1510-62) and two assistant bishops, Melchior Carneiro (1519-83) and Andrés de Oviedo (1518-77). In the end, only five Jesuits entered the proverbial Kingdom of Prester John in these early years, among them Bishop Oviedo. The mission led by Oviedo lasted until 1597 when its last member, Francisco López, died. His death brought an end to a forty-year story of faithful commitment to a cause against all odds that marked the first part of the early Jesuit mission in Ethiopia.

A second part of the same mission started in 1603. First headed by a young Jesuit named Pedro Páez (1564-1622), it enjoyed relative success in its early years. Páez successor, Patriarch Alfonso Mendes (1579-1656), carried the mission forward, constructing a seminary and a number of residences and churches across the country. There was a significant enrichment of the arts and architecture during this period, with liberal exchanges between Ethiopian styles and European ones. However, changes in the leadership of the mission and in the political class within Ethiopia, coupled with more changes in the leadership of the Catholic Church that were marked by the establishment of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith (*Propaganda Fide*) in 1622, ushered in realities that ultimately led to the missions disastrous closure in 1632. Jesuits were expelled from Ethiopia that year. Eight Jesuits were martyred in the process, not counting hundreds of Ethiopian Catholics who suffered the same fate as their pastors.

Jesuits ventured beyond Ethiopia only after the restoration of the Society of Jesus in 1814. Four of them worked with the Vicariate Apostolic of Central Africa (Sudan), among them Fr Maximillian Rylło (1802-48), who briefly headed the mission and died in Khartoum in 1848. It is a new mission of the restored Society to Ethiopia that constitutes a significant section of the pioneers of the current Eastern Africa Province. Responding to an invitation from Emperor Haile Selassie I (1892-1975), French-Canadian Jesuits entered Ethiopia in 1945. They immersed themselves in the educational apostolate, running the emperor's own prestigious school, the Tafari Makonnen School, and eventually helping in the founding of the country's first university college that later developed to become the University of Addis Ababa. The story of the Canadian Jesuits in Ethiopia is the subject of the soonto-be-released book, A Splash of Diamond, jointly published by the JHIA in Nairobi and IHSI, the Jesuit Roman publisher in Rome.



Cover of A Splash of Diamond, the forthcoming book on Jesuits in Ethiopia Festo Mkenda, SJ

The 1960s and 1970s saw an increased flow of Jesuits to Eastern Africa. In 1961, Jesuits from Karnataka (India) arrived in Tanzania and worked in a parish, in schools and in the retreat ministry. Father Alovsius D'Souza, SJ (1919-99), an outstandingly humble priest and one of the Indian pioneers in Mwanza, was for many years headmaster of the prominent Lake Secondary School in the city. In 1969, Maltese Jesuits entered Uganda. Like their counterparts in Tanzania, they too worked in schools, parishes, and in the retreat ministry. In 1971, Jesuits from Ranchi (India) reached South Sudan, which at that time formed part of one undivided Sudan. They concentrated on the training of a local clergy in minor and major seminaries. They had been invited by Father Pedro Arrupe (1907-91) to respond to a critical pastoral need in the Sudan after all European missionaries had been expelled from the country in 1964. In 1972, the Tanzania mission extended to Kenya, prompted by the arrival of Father Alfred Fernandez, SJ (1911-88) in the region. Father Fernandez nurtured the beginnings of what became a vibrant retreat ministry in Kenya, which continues to this day.

The missions in eastern Africa were diverse, disjointed, and variously coordinated from places as far apart as India, Malta, and Canada. This situation was radically altered in 1976 when Arrupe created the Independent Region of Eastern Africa. The new region inherited all the Jesuit missions in the six countries that constitute the Eastern Africa Province today-an expansive territorial jurisdiction that is larger than the European Union. The new Jesuit region started with 46 members. Its overriding priority to form those who joined the Society saw a steady increase in its local African membership from 9 in 1976 to 36 in 1986. The total number of Jesuits belonging to the region or working there on a permanent basis had doubled during the same period, with members originating from 18 different provinces. In this way, the region achieved one of Father Arrupe's goals for creating independent Jesuit administrative jurisdictions in Africa, which was to see African Jesuits being incorporated into independent African entities. With a steady increase in Jesuit numbers, old ministries were strengthened and new ones established. The region had also hosted Hekima College, the first Jesuit school of theology belonging to and serving the continent of Africa. Hekima College started operations in Nairobi, Kenya, in 1984. In 1986, Arrupe's successor Father Peter-Hans

Kolvenbach (1928-2016) made the Eastern Africa Region a fully-fledged province.



Fr James Ayaga, SJ, assisting students at Cueibet, South Sudan

Since 1986, the province has made significant strides. Presently with about 250 members, it has maintained work in parishes, in the social apostolate, and in the retreat ministry. The province has also invested significantly in educational facilities at primary, secondary, and technical levels. The Jesuits of Eastern Africa also run the Mazzolari Teachers College at Cueibet for the Diocese of Rumbek in South Sudan. It was at this location that, in November 2018, the college's principal, Father Victor Luke Odhiambo, SJ (1956-2018), was attacked and killed by assailants whose motives were unknown.

While running myriad other ministries, the province continues to invest substantially in education. A school construction project underway at Bonga in Ethiopia seeks to expand the province's involvement in secondary education. A project to establish a university at Molo in Kenya is being designed to place the province in a better position to contribute to the shaping of concepts and ideas, the nurturing of talents, and the transferring of skills to young women and men in the broader eastern Africa region. As inevitable expansion adds to the diversity of gifts and ministries among the Jesuits themselves, the Province of Eastern Africa desires to become closer than ever before to that one mission of Christ which unites all members of the Society of Jesus into a single apostolic body, working to promote faith, justice and peace in a manner that reconciles all things in Christ.

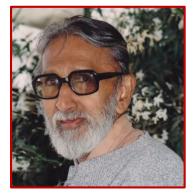


Newly vowed Jesuits in Eastern Africa, May 2023

Festo Mkenda, SJ Academic Director, ARSI

### Mémoires: FR. ALOYSIUS JOSEPH SALVADOR D'SOUZA, SJ (03/03/1919-03/05/1999)

ore than any other house in Eastern Africa, the Jesuit House at Nyakahoja in Mwanza, Tanzania, deserves to be considered a



"mother (or probably 'father') house." The superior of the mission there was always considered as having some jurisdiction beyond the borders of Tanzania, and missions to Kenya and Uganda were either organized or inspired from there.

And it would be impossible to think of Jesuit presence in Mwanza without thinking about the mission's most enduring servant, Fr Aloysius D'Souza, S.J., who was there continuously for thirty-eight years. In those years Aloysius became the most prominent citizen of Mwanza, and his reputation as the only person who was allowed to drive in the middle of the road outlasted him. The beginning of the Mwanza mission was marked by the arrival of two Jesuits in Tanzania's lake city on July 30, 1960, following an invitation from Bishop Joseph J. Blomjous, M.Af. (1908-92). The two Jesuits were Fathers William Picardo, S.J. (1900-85) and Matthew Lewis, S.J. (b.1918). In the following year, Matthew returned to India to serve as Socius in what was then the Vice Province of Karnataka. Aloysius was sent to replace Matthew in Mwanza, arriving there in February 1961.

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Aloysius was born in Mangalore, India, on March 3, 1919. Before entering the Society, he attended St. Aloysius High School and College in his home town of Mangalore between 1934 and 1941. He entered the Jesuit novitiate on December 15, 1941, following the example of his elder sister who was a religious sister and setting an example for his younger brother who later became a religious brother. Aloysius followed the ordinary programme of Jesuit formation and training, which led to his priestly ordination on March 24, 1954. Between 1955 and 1957 he pursued other studies leading to a Bachelor of Arts and Education degree. He also completed his tertianship during this period. He pronounced his last vows on February 2, 1957.

Before he was missioned to Mwanza, Aloysius was at the residence of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima in Mangalore, which served as a retreat centre and a juniorate. While there, he played a number of roles, including Assistant Superior of the Jesuit Community, Vice Principal, Secretary to the Vice-Provincial, Director of the Fatima Retreat House, Director of the Spiritual Exercises, and Confessor to a number of nearby convents and schools.

Like his predecessors in Mwanza, Aloysius' first task in this place was to learn Kiswahili. In the following year, 1963, Aloysius became Headmaster of Lake Secondary School, an office he would hold until his retirement on August 1, 1990—a total of twenty-seven years. Lake Secondary was a private school run by the Indian Community in Tanzania's Lake Region. Aloysius turned the school into one of the best in the region. In the mid-1970s he was engaged in conversations with the Bishop of Mwanza, at that time the Most Rev. Renatus Butibubage (1918-98), seeking to join hands with Nyegezi Minor Seminary in order to open science classes for Forms V and VI at Lake Secondary, even though this took long to happen. By the mid-1980s, however, the school had become an obvious pride not only of the Mwanza Region, but of the entire Ministry of National Education.

The school received an official visit from the Deputy Minister of National Education Hon. Nalaila Kiula (MP) in January 1984, during which Aloysius provided a guided tour and detailed explanations. Reporting on the Minister's impressions, the Member of Parliament for Mwanza Mr Daniel Madaha Machemba said: "One of the educational activities which impressed the Deputy Minister is the way Lake Secondary School is managed, maintained, organized, and the educational historical good results which were fully explained by the Headmaster of the school Father D'Souza. The record of the educational performance has for many years been good and encouraging. The good impression of the school to the Minister was stressed by him during his official meeting with Primary, Secondary and College teachers."

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The lively memory of Aloysius among his former students on social media confirms the minister's impression. They remember him as one who balanced fatherly love with just enough strictness to ensure they showed up in class on time. "Really I cannot forget Fr D'Souza and Mr Magadula, how they were chasing us after break time if anyone was late for class," says one. "I have very fond memories of Fr D'Souza," says another, continuing: "Always smiling, even when he used to catch us doing things we shouldn't have been doing, he used to have so much love and concern on his face. God rest his soul in peace and in a good place in Heaven." A third former student says: "His favourite saying at assembly was 'baradhaa ni muhimu kwa baalim na banafunzi' [Possibly: 'Assembly is important for teachers and students']. I salute him and may his soul rest in peace."



Fr Aloysius D'Souza, S.J. (in Cassock) with Lake Secondary School Teachers, c.1969

So much is said about Aloysius, yet he lived as if never to say anything about himself except by his actions. He left very little behind in writing. After retiring from Lake Secondary in 1990, he continued to minister at Nyakahoja Parish as he had always done. At this point his companions prevailed on him to put a few words in writing. "I came to Mwanza in 1963 along with Frs. Mariano Dorairaj and John Magil," wrote he, clearly getting the arrival date wrong, then continued:

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 Englishspeaking Catholic community [...] In 1963 I was asked to take up the post of Headmaster of Lake Secondary School, and I am still there today. Fr Picardo, 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 [...] And this we still do even thirty years after our arrival in Mwanza.

Bishop Charles Gomes, S.J. (1910-2002) of Ahmedabad, India (in office 1974-90), who served briefly as Mission Superior in Mwanza before his episcopal consecration, wrote: "Everlasting, Fr. Aloysius! God bless you, and yet always Fr D'Souza, quiet, calm, humble, prayerful [...] I am sure everyone is still saying the same. God bless Fr D'Souza."

Aloysius' spectacular service over so many years masks the figure of a lean man who struggled with asthma most of his adult life. His health had significantly deteriorated in the late 1990s when he was moved to Nairobi for specialized medical attention. Between

November 1998 and February 1999 he was in India for home visit, during which time he also went through surgery. When he returned to Nairobi, he always hoped and requested to go back to Mwanza, but his health would not allow it. Aloysius died in Nairobi on May 3, 1999 aged eighty years, fifty-eight of which he was a Jesuit. Apparently, even in death it was feared that Aloysius might escape and go back to Mwanza. His funeral was arranged with unusual speed. Exactly twenty-four hours after his death, he was laid to rest at the Mwangaza Jesuit Cemetery on March 4, 1999, to the greatest distress of the people of Mwanza who could not make it to Nairobi for the funeral of one who had become truly their own. And so did Aloysius go quietly to heaven, exactly in the same manner that he lived.

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### Mémoires : PIERRE GOUIN, SJ (13/09/1917-18/12/2005)

ew would have guessed that the son of Telephone Gouin and Jeanne Massicotte would grow to become the Jesuit that planted an



enduring seed of science in Ethiopia. Even more edifying was the peaceful and quiet demeanour of Fr Pierre Gouin, S.J. Those who lived with him thought he was always solving mathematical problems in his mind. In spite of

a sizeable body, his companions still referred to him in the diminutive "Ti' Pierre" (Ti for Petit). Fr Roland Turene, S.J., who lived with Pierre in Ethiopia, describes him as "a great scientist...a great man, a great Jesuit." Even though he had many achievements and decorations, he would never boast about them.

Pierre was born on September 13, 1917, in Champlain, Quebec, Canada. He was educated by the Jesuits in Montreal. After school he entered the Society at Saultaux-Recollets in Montreal on September 7, 1937, barely a week before he turned twenty. He studied philosophy

to the level of a licentiate, after which he was missioned to Ethiopia for his regency. Arriving there on September 17, 1946, Pierre joined the team of Canadian Jesuit pioneers who oversaw the beginnings of the present-day mission in Ethiopia. The mission had started a year earlier, marked by the arrival of Frs. Lucien Matte S.J. (1907-73) and Léon Zipfel, S.J. (1907-2004) in Addis Ababa on August 18, 1945. When Pierre arrived, work had already started at the Tafari Makonnen School. Pierre joined the team there, teaching physics and accompanying students in sports. Pierre left Ethiopia in 1948 to continue with theological formation at Weston College in the USA. He combined theology with studies for a diploma in electronics. Pierre was ordained priest in Montreal on July 1, 1951 and pronounced final vows on February 2, 1954. Between 1953 and 1954 he studied for M.Sc. in Physics at Boston College in the USA. He specialized in seismology-the scientific study of earthquakesunder the supervision of the famous American Jesuit seismologist Fr Daniel Linehan, S.J. (1904-87).

After his studies, Pierre was missioned to Ethiopia again, this time to teach at the University College of Addis Ababa (UCAA), a government college that the Jesuits had been entrusted with the responsibility to found and run. The college, which eventually evolved to become today's University of Addis Ababa, had opened its doors to students on December 11, 1950, under the leadership of Lucien. At UCAA, Pierre taught physics with silent but radiant passion. Professors Paul Mohr and William H. K. Lee who worked with him testify to "Pierre Gouin's unique personality," which they say "touched all those fortunate enough to encounter him, for he was a warm and wise man of intense dedication equally to science and to the poor."

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Pierre's monument to science is arguably the Geophysical Observatory of Addis Ababa, abbreviated as GOAA (now the Addis Ababa Geophysical Observatory). He was GOAA's founding director from 1957 to 1978. Historically, this was the fifth Observatory established by Jesuits in Africa, following others that had been installed in Madagascar, Mozambique and Zimbabwe between 1883 and in 1903. Initially established with a capacity for

geomagnetic observation, GOAA advanced to seismological observation in 1959, and a World Wide Standard Seismographic Network (WWSSN) station was installed in 1962. Strategically located on the age of an actively spreading rift valley, GOAA provided high quality data that helped scientists to determine the rate at which the rift was actually widening.

Pierre was never an armchair researcher. When Ethiopia was hit by a series of earthquakes between June and September in 1961, Pierre led his team into the field and provided real time information, which greatly mitigated the panic that was caused by the tremors. Nor was Pierre simply a collector of data for the use of others. He personally studied the collected data and helped in the understanding of earthquakes in the region. Under his direction, the first seismic zoning map of Ethiopia was published in 1976, guiding national effort to draft a code for earthquake-resistant construction. In 1978, Pierre published his *Earthquake History of Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa*, which covered the subject all the way back to the fifteenth century.

In recognition of the work GOAA was doing, the observatory was awarded the Haile Selassie I Trust's Gold Medal for Ethiopian Studies in 1968, and Pierre himself received the University Chancellor's Gold Medal for Research, Teaching and Outstanding Service in 1973. The University of Cambridge in Britain named him "Man of Achievement" in 1976, and in the following year the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in the USA gave him a certificate of recognition for his scientific contributions emanating from Debre Zeit, Ethiopia.

In 1978, the Maxist government that had taken over Ethiopia refused to renew Pierre's contract. He moved to the Philippines, where he became the director of geomagnetism in the Manila Observatory from 1979 to 1981. Pierre was called back to East Africa by the Region's first superior, Fr Polycarp Toppo, S.J. (1924-87). His first mission was to teach physics in a high school, but sheer need at that time saw him sign a fiveyear contract with the then Kenyatta University College. Aged 69, and with diminishing health, Pierre returned to Canada in 1986. He continued with research in geophysics, publishing in 2001 the 1,491page reference tome *Historical Earthquakes felt in Quebec* (from 1534 to March 1925).



Pierre Gouin receiving the University Chancellors Gold Medal Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia

In Eastern Africa, Jesuits will remember Pierre for a lot more. The construction of the Jesuit residence in Addis Ababa was laid on his shoulders in 1966, and, in 1968, Pierre delivered a beautiful community house that is still in use today. When the property at Lake Babogaya in Debre Zeit was acquired, it was Pierre, together with Brother Marcel Charpentier, S.J. (1913-99), who turned it into a community space for recreation.

The "man of earthquakes," as some called him, became one among a "handful of Jesuits, specially selected, who hear God's voice in the stormy wind, feel his victory in earthquakes, see Mount Tabor when they gaze at the surface of the sun, and recognize him in the stars they know by name." And, rather like Fr Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. (1881-1955), Pierre was sustained in that exclusive company by a deep Eucharistic spirituality. Once again, Mohr and Lee tell us that, "underlying everything for Pierre was his unspoken and unadvertised vocation as a priest of the Society of Jesus. Behind the lay dress, a disarming warmth and self-giving belied something deeper. He always brought his Mass kit on field surveys, and to assist at the Eucharist under God's sky was to know the heart of Pierre's labour of love."

This great Jesuit died peacefully on December 18, 2005, at the Jesuit Infirmary in St. Jerome, Quebec, at the age of 88, having achieved so much that was beautiful for God. Honours and recognitions—too many to name—continued to follow him posthumously.

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## BIRTHDAYS & MEMORIES

#### June 1: St. Justin, Martyr

**BB:** Costa Ant Virgilio Oliveira (SAP); Guerrera Richard P. (SAP); Luhata Lokadi Pierre (ACE); Mayuma Kabangi Willy (ACE); Mpozenzi Oscar (RWB); Tito Elisha Cosme (SAP). **DD:** Rens Frans (ACE).

#### June 2: Sts Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs.

**BB:** Amurrio Ricardo (ACE); Chapweteka Benedict H. (SAP); Scholz Dieter (SAP); Tungay Grant (SAF). **DD:** Kury Alphonse (SAP); Nixon Kenneth (SAP).

### June 3: SS Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs.

**BB:** Chimhanda Chiedza (SAP); Podgrajsek Alojz (SAP); Ranoarivony Andriamparany Edilbert (MDG); Ndote Joel (ACE); Eric Teru E. (ANW0; Manegambe B. Richard (AOC). **DD:** Robert Francis

June 4: BB: Kang'ethe Robert (AOR); Kasperczyk Tadeusz (MDG/PME); Vandame Charles (AOC). DD: Daleczko Ladislaus (SAP); Dilber Ilija (SAP); Lee William (SAP/HIB); Boumard Luc-Antoine (AOC); Reuter Gunter (SAP); De Conick Anatole (ACE).

#### June 5: St. Boniface, Bishop Martyr.

**BB:** Irechukwu Alexander (ANW); Mokonzi Maboso Cedrick (ACE); N'Teba Mbengi Anicet (ACE); Randriamanalina François de Paule (MDG); Msuya Angelo Benedict (AOR); Chicomo Benício Airlindo (SAP).

DD: Moloney Michael (SAP0; Vollers John (SAP).

### June 6: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.

**BB:** Elenga Yvon Christian (AOC); Fernandes Isaac-El (SAP); Jimo Francisco Bernardo F. (SAP); Landesberg Konrad (SAP); Murphy Bartholomew (AOR/ORE); N'situ Makambu Guelord (ACE); Ruzvidzo Orphah (SAP); Ugwejeh Emmanuel I. (ANW); GoukpanianiG. Rogatien (AOC).

**DD** : Roberts Francis (SAP) ; Rodrigues Adelino Fernandes (SAP).

#### June 7 :

**BB**: Mutimutema Clemence (SAP) ; Randrianandrasana Parfait (MDG) ; Ravolanttsara Antoine Fresie (MDG) ; Kongo N. Gabriel (ACE). **DD**: Duda Joseph (SAP); Hein Kilian (SAP); Withnell John (SAP); O'Toole Michael (SAP).

#### June 8: St. James Berthieu, Priest and Martyr.

**BB**: Bwanya Gb. Valery Giscard (ACE); Cogliati Mario (ACE/ITA); Mbaiadjim Bekoutou (AOC); Omia Godwin (ANW); Lumulwabo Tshomba Maurice (ACE); Irakoze Eddy Bollard (RWB); Bagalwa Wabuza Justin (ACE).

DD: Standaert Bob (ACE); De Fally Didier (ACE).

#### June 9: SS Ephrem, Deacon, and Doctor.

**BB:** Bitomo Tsalla Herve (AOC); Chidolue Peter I. (ANW); Getumbe Geand'ja J-Th. (ACE); Kombate D. Sylvestre (AOC); Mubiala Adolphe (ACE); Mutondo Kilundu Rene (ACE); Ranaivomanana Pierre (MDG). **DD:** Swift Thomas (SAP); Geoghegan Michael (SAP); Rudez Hilary (SAP).

#### June 10:

**BB:** Aldanondo Alejandro (ACE); Andrianantenaina Alain Patrick Rakotonirina (MDG); Mokua Elias N. (AOR); Anjarasoa Nérée Marcel (MDG). **DD:** Berridge Anthony (SAP).

#### June 11: St. Barnabas, Apostle.

**BB:** Hounguevou Narnabe (AOC); Muratore Anselmo (MDG); Moreira Emilio (SAP); Rakotoanddramaro Jean B. (MDG); Ramahatradraibe Barnabe (MDG); Soloniandry Nomenjanahary Faly M. G. (MDG); Moreira Emilio Magro (BNE/SAP); Domingo Mawete Michée (ACE).

**DD:** Picardo William (AOR/KAR); Longa Jacob (SAP/HUN); McDonald Joseph 9SAP); Zurek Augustine (SAP/GAL); Dichamp Peter (SAP); Quin Henry (SAP); Adamson Dennis (SAP); Inácio Amadeu (SAP); Carls Shaun Vincent (SAF); Rieder Jose ().

#### June 12: The Most Holy Trinity.

**BB:** Arokiasamy Lourduraji (AOR/MDU); Polo K. Rodin Celestin (ACE); Randriamiarana R. Antonio (MDG); Roumeas Joel (AOC); Savi Guy (AOC); Savi Jean-Paul (AOC).

**DD:** Fitzsimmons Francis (SAP).

#### June 13: St Anthony of Padua, Priest, and Doctor.

**BB:** Aziza Francis O. (ANW); Danembe D. Charles (AOC); Okwuidegbe Samuel (ANW); Rosier Andre

(ACE); Van Haelst Vincent (ACE); Nsabimana Claude (RWB).

**DD:** Hiller John (SAP); Cockett Thomas (SAP).

#### June 14:

**BB:** Ibhakewanlan John Okoria (ANW); Syauswa M. Daniel (ACE); Abeler Wolfgang (SAP). **DD :** Jean Claude Michel (RWB).

#### June 15 :

**BB**: Compaore Jean Ghislain (AOC) ; Kabamba M. Ghislain (ACE) ; Odey Kevin O. (ANW) ; Sivano Carlos Mario (SAP) ; Nwakudo Kenechukwu (ANW). **DD**: Burrows Harold (SAP); Capoen Robert (ACE).

#### June 16:

**BB:** Dondo Bena Benoit (ACE); Ngondwe Ponsiano B. (AOR); Sane Barwende Medard (AOC); Chibula Costantino (SAP); Stande Chrispin (SAP).

**DD:** Wargocki Adam (SAP/PME); Von Wersch Francis (SAP); Mellon Patrick (SAP); Hughes Lachlan (SAP).

#### June 17:

**BB:** Rafalimamitiana Fulgence Dieudonné (MDG); Ramahafaly Jean Fleury (MDG).

DD: Buskens John (SAP); Charment Jacques (AOC).

### June 18: Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**BB:** Malulu Lokuwe Gauthier (ACE); Mombe Paterne-Auxence (AOC).

**DD:** Biehler Edward (SAP); Meeus Alphonse (ACE).

### June 19: The most Holy Body &Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

**BB:** Mbainarem Mbaitoudji Gerard (AOC); Benate Pedro Marcos (SAP); Razafinandraina Noel Marie Cyprien Medard (MDG).

**DD:** Callahan William H. (AOR/WIS).

#### June 20 :

**BB** : Fongang Mbianda Jean Bapt. (AOC) ; Jado Bernard (ANW) ; Matsilele Chrisphen (SAP); Minien Moonsamy Jose (MDG); Niry Lanto Arthur (MDG); Phiri Ugenio (SAP); Rasolo Louis (MDG) ; Ratsimiato Hyacinthe (MDG) ; Castro Carlos Jose (ACE) ; Muhwezi Moses (AOR).

**DD:** Esser Tilman (SAP); Gudena Buna Marcel (ACE); Dove John (SAP).

#### June 21: St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious SJ

**BB:** Razafindriatsara Nomenjanahary Jean Martin (MDG)

**DD:** Brunel Gustave (AOC); Kroot Bartholomew (SAP); Gurrin Basil (SAP); Colas Maurice (ACE).

#### June 22: SS Paulinus of Nola, Bishop John Fisher, Bishop, and Martyr and Thomas More, Martyr.

**BB**: Coudray Henri (AOC); Gaspar Paulo C. (SAP); Moka Mubelo Jean Willy (ACE); Nsengimana Emile (RWB); Rakotoarisoa Hasiniaina Eugene Herve (MDG), Ranaivoarisoa Emile (MDG); Mpoza Vincent (AOR).

**DD:** Toppo Tarcitius (AOR/RAN); Gill Joseph (SAP/HIB); Morrison Howard (SAP/ORE); Carry George (SAP).

#### June 23 :

**BB**: Jean Fidele R. S. Nomenjanahary (MDG); Lerognon Jean (AOC); Matanzonga Bienvenue (ACE); Moole Matonge Mb. Jean-R (ACE); Quenum J. Marie (AOC); Fernando Zacarias Caita Nimb (ACE).

**DD:** D'Adhemar Bernard (SAP); Kennedy Leonard (SAP).

#### June 24: The MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

**BB:** Boutchang Fodjo William C. (AOC); Croft George (SAP); Majichi Felix (SAP); Rakotoarison Jean de Dieu (MDG); Ralaivaonirina Jean Claude (MDG); Anyeh-Zamcho John the Baptist (AOC).

**DD:** Sumner Claude (AOR/GLC); Stofner Jacob (SAP/ASR); Vestenek Maurice (SAP); Jaschke Henry (SAP); Chiwanza Stephen (SAP); Carroll Martin (SAP); McCann John (SAP); Dubois Paul (ACE); Rollier Paul (ACE).

#### June 25: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

**BB:** Rusatsi Andrew (AOR); Yoda Wossoyam Elie (AOC); Paulo Adao Mateus (ACE).

**DD:** Johanny Francis (SAP); Butwillo Joseph (SAP); Moloney Patrick (SAP).

**June 26: BB:** Moro James (AOR); Nzadi-a-Nzadi Alain (ACE); Matabu Iladi Marc (ACE); Mvuato Sebastio Miezi (ACE); Beckone Paul (ANW).

**DD:** Konopka Kazimiro (SAP/PME); McGuigan James (SAP); Guyat Roger (ACE/BML).

June 27: Bl Nykyta Budka &Bl Vasyl Velychkowsky, Bishops &Martyrs. St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop &Doctor.

**BB;** Dhedya Dominique B. (ACE); Macedo Elias (SAP).

**DD;** Marcnnes Francis (SAP); Lisson Bernard (SAP); Richert Gregor (SAP); Abranches Joaquim Mendes (SAP); Belmans Joris (ACE).

#### June 28: St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr.

**BB;** Chikwamo Makasa Adrian (SAP); Hubert Michel Robert (MDG); *Ininahazwe* Alain- Christy (RWB); Ouedraogo Saguedare Irenee (AOC).

**DD:** Kappammoottill Wargiss (AOR/PAT); Tyrreli Michael (SAP/HIB).

#### June 29: SS Peter & Paul, Apostles.

**BB:** Mben Joseph Loic (AOC); Ramampiandra Paul (MDG).

**DD:** Brand William (SAP); Widdowson Philip (SAP); Jaccarini Victor (AOR/MAL); Piper Leslie (SAP).

### June 30: The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church.

**BB:** Andriamitantsoa Roger Paul (MDG); Chimire Inos (SAP); Coulibaly Tiec. Damien (AOC); Nitu Kunantu Yves (ACE); Kam Sami (AOC); Sequeira Manuel (SAP); Ngalo Mpalinwa Hilaire (ACE). **DD:** Heep Ferdinand (SAP).

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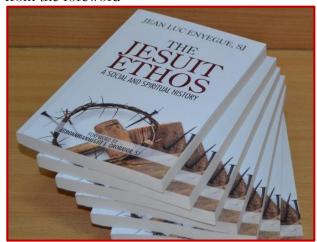
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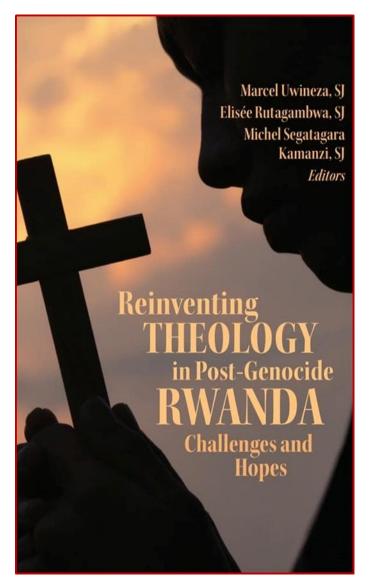
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