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BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

THE LWANGA DISTRICT OF AFRICA



1. PROVINCIALATE

1.1. FROM FORMATION OFFICE

The District Formation Coordinator's second annual visit to the International Formation Houses in Nairobi took place once again during the month of September. At the International Scholasticate as well as at the International Novitiate he met personally 23 Brothers coming from Rwanda (7), Nigeria (5), Kenya (4), Ethiopia (4), Burkina Faso (2) and Madagascar (1).

One of our Nigerian Scholastics started his University Studies in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. We wish him all the best in the French speaking part of RELAF.

This internationality experienced in our Formation Houses with all its cultural richness, challenges and witness to the universal Brotherhood of the De La Salle Brothers will continue being promoted by the arrival of 11 Postulants at the beginning of the year 2013 at the Novitiate in Nairobi. They will come from Nigeria (6), Kenya (3) and Ethiopia (2).

In September 2012 the Ethiopian Postulancy started its Formation Program with 10 Postulants and the Nigerian Postulancy with

another group of 10 Postulants. We hope that next year, i.e. in September 2013, we could welcome once again Postulants from Kenya and from South-Africa in addition to the ones from Nigeria and from Ethiopia.

By the way, we should not forget our beloved Brothers in the Eritrean Sector. They are animating and administering several Formation Houses with limited human resources: a Juniorate, a Postulancy, a Novitiate and Scholasticate. We can assure them that they continue to be remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

The second annual meeting of the District Formation Commission took place at the beginning of October at the Novitiate. We appreciated once again the friendly, open-minded and participative character of these meetings. It was the last meeting of Brother James Thiongo, Director of the Scholasticate, after having been involved for so many years in the animation and administration of our Formation Houses as a fully dedicated, generous and much appreciated Formator. We wish him all the best and God's choicest blessings for his new assignment as the Headmaster of the

Rongai Agri-Tech High School, starting at the beginning of the year 2013.

We are grateful to Brother Taddele Negash for having accepted in a spirit of faith the appointment as the new Director of the Scholasticate. He has already played an important role as Sub-Director in the improvement of the spiritual, community and study (apostolic) life at this International Formation House.

Let us continue supporting our Formation Teams as well as our Postulants, Novices, Scholastics and young Brothers throughout the Charles Lwanga District of Africa by becoming above all inspiring role models to them wherever we are and in whatever we do!

Br Marc Hofer

2. NEWS FROM THE SECTORS

2.0. SECTOR OF ERITREA

Workshop on Child protection and project Management

From 13th of September to 17th of September, a workshop on Child protection and project management was facilitated at St. Joseph's school Keren. The workshop was initiated and organized by Br. Amilcare Boccuccia for the apostolate in Eritrea but later the invitation expanded to all catholic schools and eparchies of Eritrea.

Fifty five trainees from all over Eritrea, 31 on Child Protection and 24 on project management participated on the workshop. Miss Angela and Mr. Alessandro, from Rome Lasallian solidarity Development office, joined the workshop and gave a remarkable input. Apart from Angela and Alessandro, other five local expert trainers took part in the workshop.

The end of the workshop was marked by special lunch party. Br. Weldehawariat, the Dean of the Institute of Religious Studies (IRS), handed over the certificate to the participants.

The participants expressed their satisfaction and gratitude and encouraged the De La Salle Brothers to organize such workshops and training at least once in a year.



Trainees of the workshop in St. Joseph school Keren



Brother Aron Weldetnsae(FSC)

2.1. SECTOR OF ETHIOPIA

Dear Brothers and Lay Lasallians,

We hope that some of the schools in the District began the New Academic Year with full force while the rest are in the middle of the academic year. The Sector of Ethiopia wishes all the apostolates within the District of Lwanga, the usual success in the academic arena.

Celebration of a 25 Year of Anniversary

Brothers and lay associates in the Sector celebrated a 25 year anniversary of selfless service and educational excellence on October 11, 2012 in Meki. Right from the arrival of the Brothers, 25 years ago, Meki Catholic School has been utterly transformed. Today, the school community enjoys a standardized Library and Multi-purpose Hall along with quality education. De La Salle Brothers are highly recognized for their reputable services and for completely changing the history of the school. Meki Catholic School is currently categorized among the top schools within Oromiya Region.

The celebration was quite colorful and some remarkable programs were presented by the La Sallian Youth. The visitor of the Lwanga District, Br Esayas Tsegaye along with

several other Brothers from the Sector, some long serving Lasallian teachers representing the various schools and the Bishop of Meki took part in the celebration. The Visitor and the Sector Coordinator thanked PROYDE and some other donor organizations and of course Brothers Amilcare and Pedro who spearheaded all the projects in Meki.

New District and Sector Council members

During the Sector's annual retreat, in the month of August, the Ethiopian Sector Brothers voted in new council members. While Brother Betre Fisseha has been voted to be part of the District Council along with Br. Belayneh Medhanit, Sector Coordinator, Br Getachew Alemayehu has been voted in as the alternate for the District Council. The following Brothers have been voted as the Sector Council Members to join the aforementioned three Brothers. The Brothers are:-Kassu Fantaye, Yohannes Phillipos and Augustin Ranchal.

A New Building has been inaugurated

If you remember about 9 months ago, we wrote that St. Joseph School of Adama has started the ground breaking work for a new building. Hence as per its schedule, the school has inaugurated a newly built building on October 20, 2012. The building

will be used for office and laboratory purposes. 75% of the total cost for the building was donated by Misean Cara, from the country of the Republic of Ireland.



Several Brothers, religious people and lay Lasallians were present at the inaugural celebration. The Lasallian Youth and La Salle Band entertained the invited guests present. The sector appreciates the dedication of the Brothers and cordial rapport of the teachers and support staff at St. Joseph School in Adama.



On the same note, a building which aims at giving service to the youth at GMC in Addis has been concluded in recent weeks. Hence, it is ready to be inaugurated and render service. There would be a library and internet services for the youth. We appreciate the various donor agencies that were involved to make this project a reality.

Farewell Celebration

The long serving Lasallian administrator, Ato Demisse W/Aregay has concluded his work as the principal of St. Joseph School in Addis. Demisse who served the school for nine years and took the school to another level of progress was recognized on a farewell celebration held on October 12, 2012 at St. Joseph School in Addis. The Brothers have always been happy with the dedication and great works of Demisse. Brother Visitor appreciation letter along with those ones of Brother Dominic Ehrmantraut and Brother James Wallace's in recognitions of Demisse's good leaderships were read out to the audience present. The Sector of Ethiopia is highly indebted to Demisse, in a very particular way for his exemplary leadership. Well done, Ato. Demisse and you and your remarkable commitment will always be engrained in the minds of the Brothers and lay Lasallians in

the Sector of Ethiopia and in the institute at large! Ato. Demisse is now replaced by Br. Belayneh Medhanit.

New Assignment

Brother Betre Fisseha has been assigned in a new apostolate and school called, Nazareth School in Addis Ababa. Brother goes to the school to teach and monitor some of the school systems in place. The sector appreciates his readiness to serve in a new apostolate and wishes him fulfillment and success in his new ministry.

New Brothers arrived at the Sector

Two expatriate Brothers:-Daniel Carlin and Agustin Ranchal came to give hands to the Sector. While Brother Daniel Carlin teaches English and Moral Studies at St. Joseph in Addis, Brother Agustin teaches at St. John Baptist De La Salle School and CMRS (a Religious College) in Addis. The Sector appreciates their openness and readiness to work in Ethiopia.

As always, we wish each one of you, God's choicest blessings in your various ministries!

2.2. SECTOR OF KENYA

PRIZE GIVING AND GRADUATION DAY

It was a Saturday, 6th October 2012, that St. Mary's school community had a wonderful function of this year prize giving and graduation day. Parents and the invited guests arrived in time for the function. The function commenced at 9:15am with a mass celebrated by Fr. Elias Gichuki, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Nyeri. The graduands animated the mass with their good singing and dancing, readings, and prayers of the faithful.



After the mass, the guest of honor and other guests took their seats. They were Bro. Gabriel Griffin, Ms Priscilla Nyokabi Kanyua (Executive Director – Kituo cha sheria), and Ms Joan (Post bank, Nyeri), along with Bro Peter Kombe (Principal) and Mr. Gichungi (The deputy). The next item

on the program was awarding of the medal of our Blessed Virgin Mary to the graduating class of 2012, that our mother Mary may accompany them especially throughout their national examination.



During the entertainment, students and juniors entertained the audience. Items included songs and dancers, karate show among others. During speeches, Bro Gabriel spoke widely about his personal experiences in South Africa as he related with the Kenyan education. It touched the audience who appreciated the school motto “You gave us the boy, we give you the man”. The Principal gave his touching report about this year school. Parents were glad for the effort the school community is doing especially towards the academic performances over the past years.



Various awards were given to various students that included; every top 3 per subject per class, most improved students in each class, most disciplined, most neat, best three students in each class, KCSE 2011 best students, top achievers, most outstanding in sports/clubs, and community service managers. The staff award was not gone unrecognized that Mr. Charles Thuku a long serving cook in the school was awarded.



Vote of thanks was given by Bro Justin who earnestly thanked all who were present and those who collectively participated to make

the function colorful. Blessings was shown at the end of the function when showers of rain came down from heaven to crown the day's activities

Bro Gabriel didn't end his visit to St. Mary's Boys without meeting the teachers who equipped them knowledge as they offer both human and holistic education to the students.



2.3. SECTOR OF SOUTH AFRICA

La Salle Community - Discovery

Fraternal greetings from Discovery; where we are enjoying the onset of summer. We have had our first very welcome rains and shrubs and trees are coming into full bloom. Beautiful!!

We wish all learners (we no longer use the terms pupils or students here!!) who have started the academic year every blessing and success for 2012-'13 and to those learners, like ours, who are about to begin their final exams, we wish every success. May they achieve the results that they have worked and prayed for.

COMMUNITY: We welcome Br. Cornelius Corey, our Sector Bursar, to our community. He is no stranger here as he served as Principal here from 1997-2002. Welcome Br. Cornelius.

All three of us enjoyed our vacation in Ireland during the "summer" - wettest summer in years.

While in Ireland (B Sept.) Br. Timothy O'Sullivan celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of his First Profession with eight confreres. We wish Br. Tim and his fellow Jubilarians,

including Br. George Whyte, many more years of blessed and fruitful ministry.

On the 6th Oct, I was invited, as the then Principal, by some members of the Class of '72 in Victory Park to a celebratory meal in a local restaurant. It was an evening of nostalgia and reminiscences. What a joy to learn how successful they have been in life! Many assured me that they attributed their success to the quality education they received in De La Salle. A number of the class are doing very well overseas - U.S, Europe; Australia. Some have gone to their eternal reward. R.I.P!!

COLLEGE: Classes resumed for the 4th term on the 8 Oct. Our Matriculates finished their Preliminary Exams prior to the final exam which begins on the 25 Oct. We wish them every Success.

Our athletes, cricketers and tennis players have been very active and given the size of our school have achieved notable successes in Inter-School competitions.

Our Junior School choir was highly commended of on Inter-Catholic Schools Choral competition.

At the opening Mass of the 4^m Term, all our educators (not teachers!) were invited to the altar for a special blessing to mark International Teachers' Day.

The Lasallian Peace Month was introduced by a special par liturgy for the whole school and a closing par liturgy is planned for later in October.

On Friday 19 Oct. we celebrated the Valedictory Mass, followed by Prize giving, for our Matriculates. Their parents were also present for the occasion.

Our Lasallian Youth Group continues to meet every Monday afternoon. It is engaged in a number of Outreach Projects leading up to Christmas and a week-end camp is being organized from the 9-11 November.

We look forward to the visits of Br. Esayas and Br. Marc. May the visits be occasions of grace for our Sector.

In conclusion, I'm sure you are all aware of the ongoing labor unrest in South Africa. Many sections of the labor force, especially the miners, have been on strike. Unfortunately, these strikes have been marked by violence, intimidation and loss of

life. We pray that the Unions and Employers may succeed in coming to a just and lasting solution.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSCLIP ISSUE

The deadline will be on 20th of December