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THE LWANGA DISTRICT OF AFRICA

BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

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1. PROVINCIALATE

1.1. FROM FORMATION OFFICE

1. Appointment of a new Brother Provincial Visitor

After a long period of discernment, Brother Alvaro, Superior General, appointed **Brother Ghebreyesus Habte**, General Director of the Hagaz Agro-Technical School in Eritrea, as the new Provincial Visitor of the Charles Lwanga District of Africa. Brother Ghebreyesus attended the CIL-Session in Rome, Italy, at the beginning of this year. He has already spent nearly two weeks at the Provincialate in Nairobi, Kenya, in order to get more acquainted with the reality of the District. He will start his ministry of animation and of administration as the Brother Provincial Visitor on July 1st, 2014. We are grateful to Brother Ghebreyesus for having accepted this challenging but rewarding ministry in a spirit of faith and availability. We wish him all the best and God's choicest blessings for his new assignment as Brother Provincial Visitor.

2. Giving thanks to the Brother Provincial Visitor

We would like to give thanks to **Brother Esayas Tzegay** for his inspiring, future oriented and diligent leadership during the last 8 years as the Brother Provincial Visitor. He was able to enlist the aid and support of others, especially of the District Council, Sector Coordinators and Sector Councils, in the implementation of the various District Policies. He was fully dedicated to his challenging but rewarding ministry of animation and of administration. One of the most visible signs of his future oriented leadership is the construction of the new La Salle Primary School that will become an Income-Generating Project for the District. We wish him all the best and God's choicest blessings for his future assignment in the Charles Lwanga District of Africa.

3. Giving thanks to the Brother Auxiliary Visitor

We would like to give thanks to **Brother Gabriel Griffin** for his peaceful, inspiring and loving presence in the Charles Lwanga District of Africa. A few years ago he left the Sector of South-Africa in a spirit of faith and availability in order to assume the responsibility of a trustworthy, reliable and diligent close companion of Brother

Provincial Visitor. He was a much appreciated Sector Coordinator in South-Africa and a fully dedicated Headmaster in one of the Lasallian Educational Institutions in Johannesburg. As Brother Auxiliary Visitor he animated the Lasallian Educational Mission in the Charles Lwanga District of Africa with a lot of dedication, sincerity and enthusiasm. Did he not prepare and animate so many conferences, workshops, assemblies and District Council Meetings to the entire satisfaction of the participants? It is not surprising that the Brothers and Lasallian Colleagues of South-Africa have been eagerly looking forward to his return to Johannesburg. We wish him all the best and God's choicest blessings for his future assignment in the South-African Sector.

4. Appointment of a new Director of the Novitiate

After a long period of discernment, Brother Esayas, Provincial Visitor, appointed **Brother Anthony Gitahi**, Sub-Director of the Novitiate, as the new Director of the Novitiate. Brother Anthony was introduced little by little into this important service thanks to his daily experiences as the Sub-Director of the Novitiate. At the same time he has been studying at the Catholic

University of East Africa for his Master Degree in Education. The first and second year Novices as well as Brother Godwin and Brother Jerome appreciated him as a spiritual minded, peaceful and fully dedicated De La Salle Brother. He will start his ministry of animation and of administration as the Director of the Novitiate on July 6th, 2014, the day after the celebration of the first vows of the 2nd-year novices. We wish him all the best and God's choicest blessings for his new assignment as the Director of Novices.

5. Appointment of a new Sub-Director of the Novitiate

After having experienced a rather difficult period of discernment in his religious life with regard to his possible engagement in the South-African Sector of the Charles Lwanga District of Africa, **Brother Yohannes Philipos** was finally appointed by Brother Esayas, Provincial Visitor, as the new Sub-Director of the Novitiate. The Brothers and Lasallian Colleagues of the Meki Catholic Mission in Ethiopia have appreciated him very much as a fully dedicated, open-minded and responsible Headmaster. He will continue studying for his Master Degree in Education in Nairobi in taking into account his new assignment at

the international Novitiate. He will start his ministry of animation and of administration as the Sub-Director of the Novitiate on July 6th, 2014, the day after the celebration of the first vows of the 2nd-year novices. We wish him all the best and God's choicest blessings for his new assignment as the Sub-Director of the Novitiate.

6. Giving thanks to the Director of the Novitiate

We would like to give thanks to **Brother Godwin Biin** for his inspiring, creative and diligent leadership during the last 8 years as the Director of the Novitiate. He was able to enlist the aid and support of others, especially of the members of the Formation Team and of the District Formation Commission, of lecturers and Formators of other religious Congregations as well as of a few Lay people, in the implementation of the Guidelines for the Novitiate of the Charles Lwanga District of Africa. Night and day he was fully dedicated to his challenging but rewarding ministry of animation and of administration. One of the most visible signs of his much appreciated leadership is the high perseverance of novices in their vocation after having celebrated their first vows at the Novitiate. Brother Godwin will move to the Christ the

Teacher Community as a student Brother on July 6th, 2014, the day after the celebration of the first vows of the 2nd-year Novices. We wish him all the best and God's choicest blessings for his studies at the Catholic University of East-Africa.

7. Giving thanks to a Formator at the Novitiate

We would like to give thanks to **Brother Jerome Cox** for his positive involvement in the Formation Programme of the Novitiate. By his inspiring fidelity to God's call he has been witnessing to God's fidelity to us, human beings. A few months ago he celebrated his 80th birthday with so many Brothers and friends in Nairobi. His life has been marked by a wonderful missionary spirit in living out the vocation of a Brother without Borders. He incarnated in his way of living the universal Brother- and Sisterhood of God's Reign that welcomes and respects people from different national, cultural, religious and social backgrounds. We wish him all the best and God's choicest blessings for his new assignment in his beloved country of the United States of America.

8. Giving thanks to a Spiritual Director and Lecturer

We would like to give thanks to **Brother Joe Schmidt** for his inspiring, caring and loving presence among us, especially at the Scholasticate and Tangaza College, during the last five years. He put himself generously in the service of so many Brothers, Seminarians, religious men and women and even priests as a well-known and much appreciated spiritual Director and Lecturer. He animated retreats not only in Kenya but also in Tanzania and South-Africa. During his stay in Nairobi he continued writing and publishing spiritual books, especially on Saint Thérèse of Lisieux: *Everything is Grace, the Life and Way of Thérèse of Lisieux* (2007), and *Walking the Little Way of Thérèse of Lisieux, Discovering the Path of Love* (2012). Did Brother Joe Schmidt not incarnate this *Path of Love* in his own way of life as a convinced and fully dedicated De La Salle Brother in our midst? We wish him all the best and God's choicest blessings for his new assignment in his beloved country of the United States of America.

1.2. THE NOVITIATE

The Return from Community/Apostolate Experience

On the 1st May, 2014, the eight second year novices who were on a three month community and apostolate community experienced returned to the novitiate successfully. They all reported to having had inspiring and worthwhile experiences at the various community and schools they were assigned. The formators at De La Salle Novitiate appreciate the role each of the Brothers from Nyeri, Nakuru and Marsabit played to make the experience an enriching one for our novices.

Chemchemi Novices Programme

The Chemchemi inter-novitiate programme for novices resumed on the 5th of May, 2014. As it has been the custom, our novices attended the programme and gained a lot from the courses the programme offers. The courses offered this May include: Mariology, Prayer and Spirituality, Becoming Peacemakers/Reconciliation and Religious Life in the Light of African Tradition. The programme ran through the month of May. Our novices and the novices of the Immaculate Heart of Mary animated the Mass which was said to close the May programme. The Programme resumes again in the month of October.

Founder's Day Celebration

St. John Baptist De La Salle Day was celebrated at the Nairobi novitiate with high spirit. There were different activities that gave the celebration some attraction. Firstly, there was a football match between the Scholasticate community and the novitiate/Provincialate community. Brother Marc Hofer, the Formation Coordinator for Lwanga District commissioned match. The incoming Brother Visitor, Ghebreyesus Habte (defender) and the outgoing Brother Visitor, Esayas Tsegay (midfielder) formed the Provincialate football team that supported the novitiate football team. As one would expect, the best team came out victorious. Unfortunately, one of the novices had a fracture during the match, but we are grateful to God that the Novice Brother is fast recuperating.



Secondly, there was a solemn celebration of the Mass of the Founder which was celebrated by Rev Dr. Patrick Ezeonu, CMF. The Scholasticate and Provincialate, and some friends of the novitiate community were present at the Mass. Thirdly, the Visitor Brother Esayas unveiled the newly built grotto of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin at the novitiate. After the unveiling, the celebrant at St. La Salle Mass blessed it. The grotto is dedicated to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for good vocations to the Lwanga District. Lastly, the celebration ended with dinner, where a cake was cut in honour of Our Father and Founder St. John Baptist De La Salle. Since Brother Jastin Kebira celebrates his birthday on the Founder's Fay, he had the privileged to join in the cutting of the Founder's cake.



Workshops at the Novitiate

Brother John McDonnell from the District of North Eastern America arrived the novitiate on the 1st of June to give a month's intensive English Course to the 1st year novices. For the past four years Brother John has come all the way from Philadelphia to offer this service to the novitiate generously. More so, Brother Marc Hofer spent a week at the novitiate recently to give a course to the 1st

novices on the Sacramental Life of a Christian. The novitiate staff very much appreciate the kindness and the generosity which these two brothers share their gifts and talents with the novices these recent days.

First Profession Announcement

Preparations for the First Profession of vows of the 2nd year novices is in full swing. Brother Vincent Pelletier arrived Nairobi from Rome on the 19th June 2014 to animate the first profession retreat of the 2nd year novices. After the 8 day retreat, the novices will make their first profession on the 5 July, 2014, at 10:00 am; all are invited to this important celebration. The novitiate staff are grateful to The Secretaries for Formation, Brothers Rubio Jesus (French Speaking) and Joseph Felix (English Speaking) for funding the travel of Brother Vincent to Nairobi.

26th Birthday Celebration

An inspiring birthday prayer service, dinner, followed by the cutting of cake and presentation of gift marked Novice Brother Peter Abobi's 26th birthday celebration at the novitiate. The august guest of the community, Brother Vincent Pelletier assisted him to cut the birthday cake. It is

worth mentioning that the simple, but fraternal ceremony brought joy and happiness to the community.



2. NEWS FROM THE SECTORS

2.0. SECTOR OF ETHIOPIA

Greetings and peace to all our Brothers and La Sallian families! The Sector in the past two months was blessed in number of ways. All the apostolates we have in the sector are flourishing and we have just finished administering the third quarter final examinations to our students. Two of our schools (St. Joseph Addis and St. Joseph Nazareth) are so busy in preparation to celebrate the 55th and 50th Anniversaries of their establishment respectively. So we have all the reasons to be grateful for the opportunity we got to touch so many hearts

and teach so many minds over the last 50-55 years in both schools.

The visit of Vocation Coordinator of the Institute to our sector

Brother Flex Joseph, the vocation coordinator of the institute visited our sector and met young brother in Babugaya. The young brothers got yet another chance to discuss with him about the joys and challenges of community life, apostolate and consecrated life. They were not hesitant to discuss about the challenges that the sector is facing as far as getting quality vocation is concerned. Another concern that was raised in the meeting was lack of willingness from local brothers to become formatters. Accompaniment was another point that was discussed in the meeting and almost all the brothers mentioned that this crucial aspect of our life is being neglected in all our communities in the sector.

APOSTOLATES

NEWS FROM BISRATE GABRIEL SCHOOL DIRE-DAWA

Lasallian School is intellectually and professionally rewarding as it provides a unique opportunity and challenge of helping

to respond to the needs of young people of the world to achieve self-actualization and fulfillment in God's plan for them. Bistrate Gabriel School continues working hard to shape the future of its students and under Br. Kassaye's leadership much attention is given on how to improve the quality of education. The coming back of Br. Aychluhim to the sector and to the Bistrate Gabriel School has helped the effort of assuring the quality of education. He has picked up Moral classes for the high school section.

The current statistics shows that there is a big improvement in students' academic performance compared to the previous academic year. The school is fully aware that to maintain the quality of education investing on the teachers is a key. So the school is planning to have number of workshops on Lasallian Pedagogy and the twelve virtues of a good teacher. The school has also encouraged its teachers to go for upgrading their qualifications through summer courses and sought fund to cover the expenses. Using this wake-up call, most of the teachers from elementary section are taking summer courses in both Dire-Dawa University and Harar Teachers Training Centre.

Practice of participative management has helped the school in various ways. All the Brothers in Bistrate Gabriel School Community are involved in the running of the school's affairs and feel part and parcel of the Mission. This kind of leadership approach has improved the quality of the community life and fraternal correction among the brothers. Brothers in the community are fully aware of the fact that they are there for a mission and putting their heads together would bring more unity among themselves and the school community. From the lived experience and its positive outcomes, we would like to encourage all the apostolates in the sector or even in the District should pay due attention to this Participative management approach. Brothers in their own apostolates should not be spectators instead they should be the main actors.

As we continue teaching minds and touching hearts, God has blessed us in number of ways in the last two months. And as we approached the conclusion of this academic year, we had so many things to do and so many things to be grateful. Preparing our grade 8 students for the regional examination, grade10 students for the National examination and grade 12 students for the entrance Examination were major

things that made us so busy. Our Grade 10 and 12 students took their National Examinations in two different Governments schools while Bistrate Gabriel School was the exam center for our Grade 8 students and four other private schools. With the Grace of God all the activities took place in a peaceful way and all the stakeholders are looking forward to see and celebrate the results that will be released after a month or so.

Founder's Day

Another big event that took place in our school was the celebration of the Founder's day. We began the day with the Eucharistic celebration in St. Augustine parish followed by different sport activities that made the day so colorful. The winners of the different sport activities were given prizes and Grade 9B students took De La Salle league cup (Became the champions of the year 2013-2014)

Pictures are worth thousand words



Students at prayer after the flag ceremony in BGS compound before going to church for Mass



BGS students singing during the Eucharistic celebration



BGS Students attending Holy Mass



Champion of the De La Salle League with the cup.

Teachers' day

Teachers' day is another big event in the school calendar for it gives an opportunity for the teaching and non-teaching staff to come together and visit some historic places within the country. So last month the BGS Staff visited Harar city and came back renewed to continue with the mission.



BGS Staff at Lake Alemaya

NEWS FROM ST. JOSEPH ADDIS

55th Anniversary and Alumni Homecoming

Preparation is underway to organize 55th anniversary celebration and homecoming event for St Joseph Alumni in December 2014. A meeting by prominent members from the alumni community coming from different generations was held on April 6, 2014 at St Joseph to hear report from a core

group of volunteers committee who helped further plan the event and elect people to work in a planning and organizing committee. The meeting discussed plans to do two big events in December 2014 based on the report from the core committee's developed plan. Also an additional event to finalize the two events was also proposed during the meeting. The meeting was concluded after electing an organizing and planning committee which will plan and organize the 55th anniversary of St Joseph School on December 28, 2014 and an Alumni Homecoming gala dinner on December 27, 2014. The committee will also work on organizing a panel discussion to conclude those big events in January 2015.

Parents Day and Exhibition

Saint Joseph School held its parents day on February 23, 2014. On this day the schools different clubs and departments presented their work and activities they did on an exhibition visited and appreciated by parents and other family members. Also on this day the school awarded outstanding students for their academic achievements, most improved students for recognition of their hard work and students who were not absent or late during the first semester were also recognized on this day.

Principals Meeting with Parents

Principal of St Joseph Brother Belayneh Medhanit held a meeting with parents on two consecutive Sunday mornings of March 2 and March 9 following the report he made to parents on activities of the school during the first semester and during the summer of 2013 on parents day. On this meeting parents thanked the school administration and its teachers for improvement they have witnessed in their children and the school in general.

St Joseph's Community contributed to Grand Renaissance Dam

St Joseph's staff, faculty and students bought bonds issued by the Ethiopian government for a second time to help raise money to the construction of the Grand Renaissance Dam project underway at the Blue Nile River. Besides buying bonds student also took part in fundraising run organized by the municipality of Addis Ababa on April 6, 2014. The mega dam project which is in its third year is one of the biggest dam project in the world, when completed it will make Ethiopia a major exporter of power in the region.

St Joseph's Sport Activity

U12 Football team participated in a boy's soccer tournament held at the Sandford International School on March 8 finishing as Champion. The team received a trophy from the organizers which it later presented to the Principal of the School. The U12 Football teams was also invited to play on soccer tournament organized to celebrate the international day of Sport for development and peace which was held at the Addis Ababa National Stadium on April 6, 2014. The team received a trophy and medal from the organizers and most of all an opportunity to play in the National Stadium.

U19 Football teams of St Joseph participating in the International Schools Sport Associations (ISSAAA) Division One and Two competitions are doing well finishing in second place in the first round of the competition. The teams are practicing hard to win their games in the knock out stage of the competition which will start in late April.

Track and Field

Saint Joseph's Track and Field Team coached by Ato Haile Mengistu participated in the annual ISSAAA and ICS Track & Field Meet held from April 10 to 12. On this meet 11 schools coming from local and overseas international schools took part. On

the meet St Joseph's team was highly competitive, obtaining outstanding individual and team results.

DE LA SALLE CUP

The second annual De La Salle Cup an intramural sport competition at St Joseph school started on February 26, 2014 with opening games in football, basketball and volleyball. The competition which will end on Founder's day with championship games is organized by the schools Sport Council which run student's intramural sport activities. The De La Salle game will give an opportunity for large number of students to participate in intramural sports representing their class in at least five sports.

Lasallian Animators Presentation

Lasallian Animator at St Joseph Deresse Almamaw made a presentation for teachers as a refresher for old teachers and as an introduction to Lasallian Education and its founder to new teachers on April 4, 2014. First part of the presentation was a brief introduction of purpose of Lasallian institutes followed by a short documentary on life of St John Baptist De La Salle. Following the story of De Lasalle Teachers were shown a 22 minutes documentary on the **12 Virtues of a Good Teacher**. In the

middle and at the end of the presentation teachers were given a self appraisal questions to help them see what they can do to improve their mission as Lasallian educators. The presentation was well received by both new and old teachers.

St Joseph Students Innovation Exhibition

Students of St Joseph presented different Innovative projects at the exhibition organized by the Kirkos Sub City Education Office on late March 2014. Two projects, a mechanical cooler /Fridge and Dynamic web site made by St Joseph's students was chosen as winning projects by the sub city. The two projects represented the sub city in a city wide Innovation competition held at Menilik School on April 2014. If successful on this level they will be representing Addis Ababa in national level.

Academic News

Significant improvement in academic achievement of St Joseph's students was observed during the first semester completed in March 2014 compared to last academic year's result for the same period. The improvement also made St Joseph listed as one of the top academic achievers in Kirkos sub city compared with other schools within the district. The improvement was made possible on hard work put by students and

teachers alike. The school had made students' academic improvement as one of the primary areas to work during the academic year especially on Science and math, based on this teachers had been evaluating their students in continuous assessments throughout the first semester.

Teachers had evaluated theirs and their student's performance during the first semester during a meeting held on the conclusion of the semester. On this meeting Teachers were asked to fill a questioner on the work done and their expectations during the second semester and the following academic year. Their response had been summarized by the school's administration and reported back to the teachers by the end of the third quarter.

Visits

Ato Alemu Asfaw councilor at St Joseph School and one prospective scholarship student visited New York University Abu Dabi to see what the university offers to Students who come from more than 40 nations. On the visit the councilor and the student saw what NYU Abu Dabi facilitates for great achievements to its students in first hand. The visit took place on March 19-23.

Preparation for De La Salle Day

Brother Belayneh Medhanit Principal of St Joseph has instructed teachers who are responsible to organize the celebration of De La Salle day at St Joseph School to start work on organizing another great De La Salle day at St Joseph. On this day the Lasalian youth and campus ministry will organize a short drama based on life of De La Salle, the charity club will organize games and sell food and drinks to raise funds for its charitable causes and the sport counsel will finalize its final games of De La Salle Cup on this day.

2.2. SECTOR OF NIGERIA

With gratitude to God almighty, the De La Salle Brothers, Nigerian Sector, this chronicle is an attempt to relate to you and share with you some major happenings within the Sector thus far, please be cool with us, assuredly constant news in the District Newsclips would be available.

We wish to congratulate our Capitulants from the Charles Lwanga District of Africa who represented the District at the just conclude 45th General Chapter in Rome. Brothers! You are magnificent and you truly made us proud. Once again, Congratulations. Also, as a Sector we congratulate our New Brother Visitor; Br.

Ghebreyesus Habte, Provincial Superior. May the Lord go before you as you soon take the Leadership Mantle of the District after the commissioning ceremony.

Silver Jubilee Celebration

The sector was blessed and privileged to celebrate with one of us in the person of Bro. Ade Emmanuel on the 27th of April, 2014, who was thanking God for the journey so far so good of his 25 years as a professed De La Salle Brother. The colorful celebration took place at his home parish of St. Cyprian Catholic Church at Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria. Towards the end of the liturgy, the Sector Coordinator, Br. Damian Ikor, invited Br. Fred Sherrer to present to Br. Adesanmi Ologbenla, the Papal Blessing from Rome, which Br. Ade displayed to the gathering Congregation. We, as Brothers of the Sector, continue to wish our Brother more fruitful years of service in the vineyard of the Lord both now and always. Amen!

East or West, Home remains the best

It was a joyous day on the 3rd of May, 2014, for our Sector as Bro. Adegan Emmanuel successfully returned home from the Scholasticate in Nairobi, Kenya, after completing his diploma in education focusing on English/Literature and CRS. He

has since been assigned to Naka community and Mount La Salle College, Naka respectively, for his two years immersion program. As a Sector, we welcome our dear Brother and wish him well in his newly assigned responsibilities both in the community and in the apostolate. Also, we welcome home our dear Brother in the person of Brother Gabriel Onwu who is on home leave currently and wish him a happy stay in the Sector and reunion with his family members and friends.

Our Founder's Day



May 15th was a day full of jubilations as both our communities and apostolates were on top gear of celebration honouring our great founder, St. John Baptist De La Salle. In La Salle's College, Ondo. Celebrations started on the 14th of May with the celebration of the Brother Principal's birthday, Bro. Philip Ejoro Tialobi, same day was retreat sections for both the students

and members of staff; thanks to Bros. Fred, Bayo, a Brother from St. Don Bosco's community, and Luckymaria who animated the staff and students' retreats respectively. The celebration was at the peak, on the 15th of May beginning with the Eucharistic celebration of which the Brothers, both teaching and support staff as well as the students were in attendance and the new set of general school prefects were badged during the Eucharistic celebration. After the Eucharistic celebration, there was a social gathering of eating, winning, dancing, and drama presentations to mark the day in grand style. In Mount La Salle's College, Naka, the celebration mood was not different as it was a week's long celebration in conjunction with their annual interhouse sport competitions of which the great St. Luke's house carried the day as first position.



National Examinations

As a Sector, we continue to pray and wish our final year students, the S.S. 3s of both La Salle and Mt. La Salle's College, success in their examinations as they have written the West African Senior Certificate Examinations (WASCE) in the month of May and are currently writing the National Examinations called NECO with 35 candidates and 81 candidates in both schools respectively. May the Lord continue to grant success to the work of their hands both now and always. Amen!

New Looks

Thanks to the management teams of our two great schools in the Sector: La Salle and Mt. La Salle's Colleges, Ondo and Naka, respectively for their dedication and leadership qualities in the day to day running of our schools and on the renovations and reconstructions taking place in our two schools respectively. In La Salle's College, Ondo, there are serious developmental works on: renovation of the school's examination hall, students' chapel, painting of the students' dormitory and sporting grounds, construction of foot pathways in-between classes, and the continuation of the construction of the PTA's multipurpose hall, as well as the purchasing of more musical instruments in

order to upgrade the interested students' talents on various instruments as well as upgrading the school choir's performance during masses.

Together and by Association

As a follow up on our three Lasallian associates: Mr. Ojo Isaac, Mr. Ajayi Victor, and Mr. Thaddeus Ajav who went to Nairobi, Kenya, last year for a workshop, the Sector Council mandated Brother Fred to conduct a workshop with and for them. This was held in Ondo community from the 28th – 29th of April, 2014. Brother Fred facilitated them within these two days on the possible activities and contributions that they as Lasallian associates can render to the Sector at large through their respective schools of mission. The products of their brainstorming include the revitalization of the Lasallian Youths in our respective schools, Teachers workshop on Lasallian themes to be regular, and the ability of the Lasallian youths to generate funds for poor youths within the school community as well as regular associates meetings and reports. We sincerely appreciate the effort of our dear Brother Fred and beg God to continue to bless him.

Naka, Mt. La Salle College.

The second term of this 2013/2014 academic session which lasted between January and April was turbulent, frightening and chaotic as a result of the Fulani militias that invaded most Local Government Areas in Benue State; killing, maiming, raping and burning down of houses, schools and farmlands. We thank God that Mt. La Salle College, Naka survived the term with the horrific situation.



After almost 4 years of not participating in All Catholic Schools Games in the Diocese of Makurdi, Mt. La Salle registered her presence in this year's Bi-Annual Catholic Schools Games that took place in March. With just 40 contingents, (the least among 15 participating schools) we took Over-All Best with 35 medals.



Academic activities for the third term of 2013/2014 academic year started on May 5th 2014, when both Boarding and Day students resumed. Preparation for the Founder's week and finals of the Annual Inter-House Sport started immediately. The Feast of Saint La Salle started with a three day students' retreat (May 12-14) conducted by Brother Kesiki Simon, Postulants Sub-Director. This was followed by the feast on May 15th, with the Holy Mass celebrated by an old student from St. Peter's Seminary, Yola, Rev. Father Moses Zaver Cssp.

The sporting activities started on Monday May 19 with Cross Country (race) for both male and female students. The one week Inter-House Sport climaxed on Friday may 23rd, it was a colourful gathering of parents, old students and well wishers. At the end of it all, St. Luke's House emerged over-all winner, followed by St. Matthew's, St. Mark's and St. John's Houses.

This term is also full of external examinations. The West Africa Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) started in April and ended in May 13th. This was followed by Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) for Grade 9 students. The examination ended June 10th. Right now, the final year students (Grade 12) are writing their second final exam conducted by National Examination Council Office. At the end of these exams, the Grade 12 students will be qualified to enter University or Polytechnics. We wish all our students best of luck in these examinations.

Naka Community has hosted about three Sector Council meetings this year.

2.3. SECTOR OF SOUTH AFRICA

LA SALLE COMMUNITY - DISCOVERY

Pentecostal greetings to all our readers. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire, empower and render fruitful your various ministries.

- We are experiencing the first chills of winter and ESKOM, our national electricity supplier has warned of power outages as demand increases.
- We are following with extreme interest the news from our General

Chapter in Rome. We congratulate Br. Robert and his Councillors on their election and assure them of our prayers. May the Chapter be the source of renewed hope and inspiration for our Lasallian family as we continue to engage with the world of our time.

- We congratulate Brs. Anton, Belayneh and Peter on their election to the General Chapter and look forward to their reports.
- We were delighted to welcome Br. Gabriel for his visit in April. We also had a short visit from Br. Solofo from Madagascar who was en route to the Philippines to continue his studies.
- Our thanks to Br Gabriel for the regular resource materials he sends to our R.E. teachers. These are much appreciated.
- Our Lasallian Youth Group continues with its weekly meetings and Outreach projects.
- Our celebration of Founder's Day began with a beautiful Mass organised by Sue, our R.E. Coordinator and Br. Timothy. Br. Thomas gave the homily.

- Our community members, Brs. Timothy, and Thomas are kept busy with various pastoral and Sector activities.
- Br. Thomas continues to represent the Sector on the Ethos Committees and Board of Governors in both schools as well as on a number of Diocesan committees.
- The Raffle for tickets to the U.S. Masters Golf Tournament in August, Georgia was held in the school hall, Victory Park on the 6 June. 2000 tickets at R500 each were sold out within three weeks. The school made a profit of R400,000.

We wish an enjoyable and relaxing mid-year holiday to all our readers.

LA SALLIAN YOUTH GROUP FROM PHOKENG

The group was formed in November 2013, suggested by Brother Joseph and me (Moalusi). It was a very successful idea indeed, the response was great. Most of our youth are Catholics who were no longer participating in church solidarity called Masolenyana due to their age. We also have youth from Phokeng who belong to other churches. My main focus is girls and boys

aged 16 – 18 years of age; I give my time, energy and efforts to La Sallian Youth as Coordinator.

We meet once a week on a Wednesday afternoon from 17:00 to 18:00. We are a happy family as we come from different environments, schools, churches and tribes. The purpose of this group is prayer, singing, bible sharing and show our talents together. We once had a Workshop Camp to which we invited other youth from Squatter Camps around Rustenburg. It was a very successful one because we had enough chance to show our talents through Setswana Traditional Dance, Gumboots Dance, Boys' choir, Hip Hop Dance, Pantsoula Dance, African Poems, Drama in HIV and Aids. We also did some training in Communication, Problem Solving Peer Pressure, Teenage Pregnancy, drugs and alcohol abuse. All this was facilitated by a Youth Group called Step Up and Serve which is under the Tsholofelo Community, in other words we all fall under the umbrella of Brother Joseph.

I was so lucky to receive a copy of La Sallian group activities from Lean who is a coordinator for the Victory Park Group. It really helped us in terms of knowing the background of St De La Salle and his purpose for establishing this movement of

La Sallian Youth. Everyone in our group knows and understands the spirituality of La Salle. I am very happy to lead this group as coordinator. As for me, I give them opportunities to organise activities and some apostolic work around our Village. This coming Saturday, 24th May 2014 our project will be to clean up the yards of the old people aged 85 and 90 years, who live alone. Our aim is to spend time with them and hopefully to share some stories of their youth. Through this we are trying to bring back that spirit of Ubuntu especially to this new generation.

We hope in future to meet other La Sallian Youth from Victory Park and Discovery to share some ideas, talents and also to get to know each other. Through this gathering, we will be increasing the La Sallian Family in South Africa.

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3. CALENDARS:

Brother Marc's Calendar:

Visitor's Calendar:

Brother Visitor will communicate

**Deadline for the next Issue – August 20th
2014**