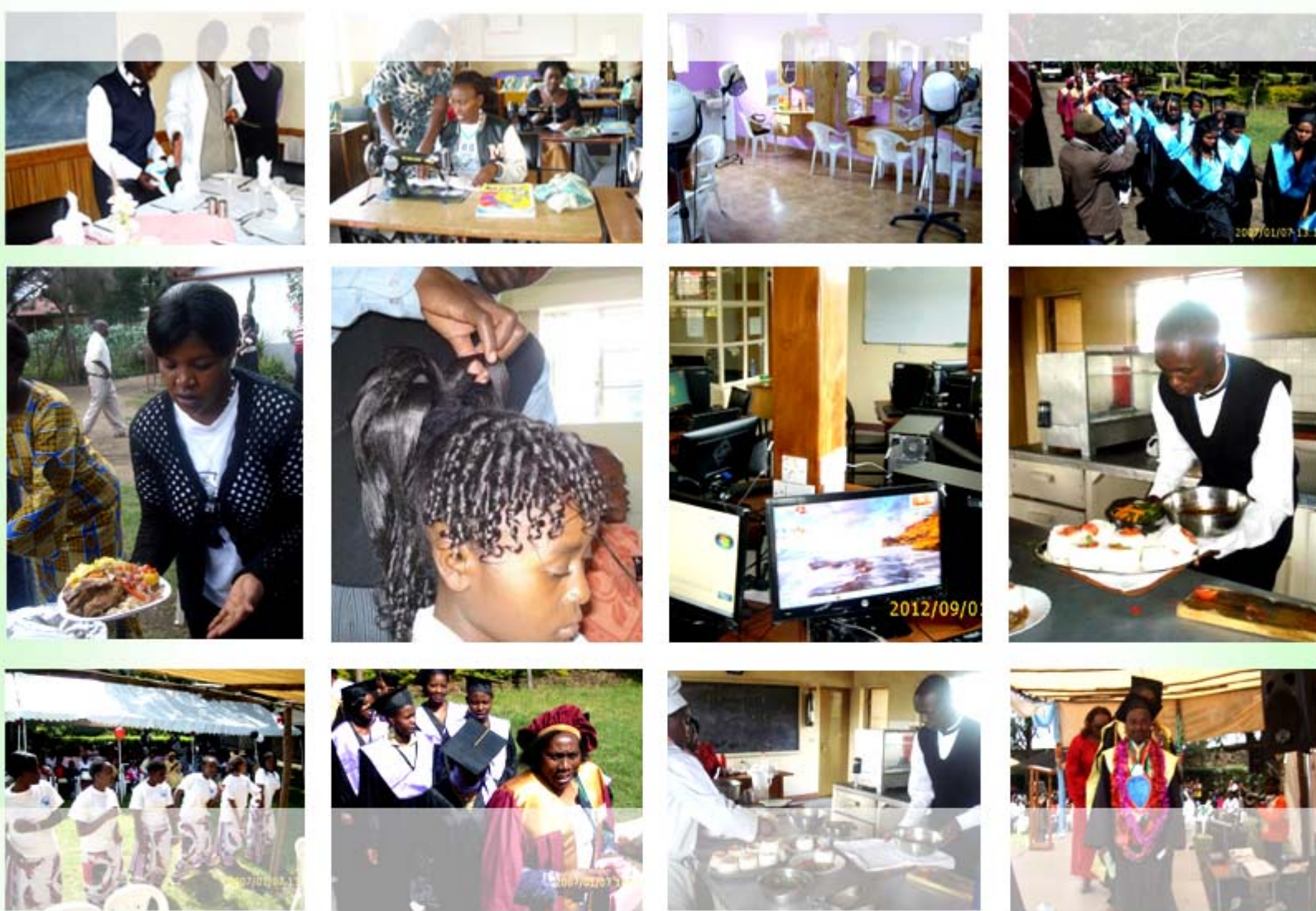




BROTHERS OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS



THE LWANGA DISTRICT OF AFRICA

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1. NAIROBI, KENYA

1.1. THE PROVINCIALATE

Br. Moses' Graduation

The Brothers of the Lwanga District of Africa congratulate Brother Moses Abunya who just finished his Master's Program at Christian Brothers University, Memphis, USA. Brother Moses defended his thesis on the 22nd of April and graduated on the 11th of May 2013. On this occasion we would like to thank the Mid-West District for the continuous support and the full scholarship given to him. We thank The President of Christian Brothers University and Administration for the full Scholarship and the Director and University community Brothers who accepted Moses as a full member, and who have been at his side in this educational journey.



Photos: Brother Dominic Ehrmantraut (Former and the 1st Visitor of the Lwanga District) Br. Tom Sullivan (former Director of Novitiate and Scholasticate, Nairobi) and Br. Dennis Lee (Auxiliary Visitor) DENA and also former Formator at the Scholasticate Nairobi and also Director of Development at CTIE are accompanying Moses during his graduation day. The one who is squeezed between Moses and Tom, we assume is the President of Christian Brothers University, Dr. John Smarrelli.



Beginning from August 2013, Brother Moses will move to Lewis University for his Post



Graduate studies. Lewis University offered him a full Scholarship and the Community of Brothers accepted him as full member similar to that of the Memphis community. Thanks Brothers. We wish Moses all the best as he continues with his academic and human formation.

New Assignments:

Br. Visitor assigned Brother Boniface Wachira as the Director of the Postulancy Program in Rongai. Brother will also help in the school during his free time. Brother Boniface completed his BA degree at CTIE on the 27th of April 2013. The Scholasticate will discuss more in regard to the Scholastics' graduation. Br. Gabriel Agba (Nigeria) is assigned to Ondo Community and will be teaching in La Salle College Ondo. Gabriel also finished his studies at CTIE. Br. Victor Wasonga (Kenya) and Br. Stephen Inja have returned to their respective Sectors for their apostolate experience after completing a three year Diploma program at CTIE

Welcome:

We welcome back two first missionary Brothers and founders of the Lasallian Mission in Eastern Africa. Brother Jerry Cox has been back home in the United

States for some time. Brother volunteered to come back to the Lwanga District to help in the formation program at the Novitiate. Brother Jerry returned to De La Salle International Novitiate in Nairobi three months ago. He is teaching Lasallian Spirituality and the History of the Founder. Last Sunday 11/052013, during the match between the Scholasticats and Novices, his main role was to distract the Scholasticat's goalkeeper, Br. James Mary Menasse (joke).



We also welcome Br. Brendan Foley, the former Director of Mwangaza Institute in Nakuru, who was back home in the USA for some months. Br. Brendan has come with full energy and enthusiasm to continue the missionary work he began back in the Sixties. Br. Brenden will be a member of the Rongai Community and will also do some teaching. Br. Brendan is passionate about Basketball, so we assume that he will get



involved in the supervision of the Basketball team. He will also assist with the Postulancy program.

La Salle Day Soccer Match

On the 11th of May the two Formation Houses organized a soccer match between the Novices and the Scholastics. We have been informed that the two Formation Houses spent a lot of time getting prepared.



In the African context the younger ones are always intimidated by their seniors. When the time for the game arrived the Novices were really afraid to go down to the field. They kept saying “they are big”. We were just wondering who those big were. Later we found out that they were discussing the Scholastics. When the match started, the Scholastics demonstrated their superiority by scoring a goal just at the beginning. The young Novices came from behind and it was a real challenge. How it ended up we leave

to you to guess. It was a great match that invites us all in the future to participate and encourage such a wonderful evening.



International Lasallian Assembly:

We are all aware that in these days, there is an International Lasallian Assembly, at the Generalate, in Rome. Participants are praying, reflecting, sharing experiences, and evaluating our common Lasallian Mission under the topic of “ONE FAMILY, ONE MISSION”. The Lwanga District of Africa has four participants, **Br. Paulos Wolday** as member of the International Commission for MEL, **Br. Gabriel Griffin**, AV, as the District Director for MEL, both **Brother Belayneh Medhanit**, Sector Coordinator for Ethiopia, and **Mrs. Leanne Stonier** from the Sector of South Africa, are representing the Lay Lasallians and Brothers of the District. We wish them all the best in their deliberations and participation in the



Assembly. We are hoping they give us a comprehensive report of the Assembly to help us enter into the spirit of the upcoming 45th General Chapter.



1.2. FROM FORMATION OFFICE

At the end of the academic year 2012/13, we would like to inform you about some news regarding the initial formation of the De La Salle Brothers in the Charles Lwanga District of Africa.



We take this opportunity to congratulate **Bro Boniface Wachira** on his Bachelor Degree at CTIE as well as **Bro Victor Wasonga** and **Bro Stephen Mwendega** for their Diploma at CTIE, **Bro Geoffrey Githinji**, **Bro Geoffrey Morara**, **Bro Jastin Kebira** and **Bro Peterdamian** for their successful immersion experiences that will end soon in Kenya and Nigeria. Unfortunately, it is not easy to communicate with the Brothers of the Eritrean Sector. We continue to assure them that they are not forgotten in our thoughts and prayers.



Some Brothers of the District will obtain Masters Degrees at home and abroad during the year 2013. We wish to congratulate them as well on their academic successes.

According to the Formation statistics for the academic year 2013/14 we have **18 Juniors** (in Eritrea), **13 Postulants** (Ethiopia/Nigeria), **15 first year Novices** (Eritrea/Ethiopia/Kenya/ Nigeria), **23 Scholastics**(Eritrea/Ethiopia/Kenya/Nigeria) that includes as well those who are doing their immersion experiences, i.e. 6 Brothers (Kenya/Nigeria), **8 Brothers with Temporary Vows** who are living in Apostolic Formation Communities (Ethiopia/Kenya/ Nigeria). 4 of them will do their 30 day Pre-Profession Retreat in August 2013.

We welcomed as well 2 Scholastics from Burkina Faso, 1 Scholastic from Madagascar, 5 Scholastics and 1 Student Brother from Rwanda to our International

Formation Houses in Nairobi. We are grateful to **Brother Jean Protais**, a Rwandese Brother, for having joined the Formation Team at the Scholasticate.

On April 17th, 2013, we had **the first Annual Workshop for the Formators of our International Formation Houses** at the Novitiate. We reflected on the complex issue of passing from a natural family with its origin, identity and structure to a religious family with its origin, identity and structure as religious who are deeply marked by different multi-socio/economic and cultural/national environments. We took advantage of this fraternal gathering to do a small test that should reveal to each one of us his leadership style. At the end of the test there was a spontaneous sharing of its outcome among the participants. This reflected once more the mutual trust and respect that we enjoy among ourselves as Formators.

Bro Marc, District Formation Coordinator



2. NEWS FROM THE SECTORS

2.0. SECTOR OF ERITREA

Our Sector wishes a blessed Lenten season to all the Brothers and Lay Lasallians around the District and the world. We also pray that the Lord will comfort and console Brother Betre and his family in their grief and that the deceased will enjoy eternity forever Amen!

Poultry farm in Villagio community

In line with the District policy of self reliance Bro. Nuud is rearing poultry in his small community of Villagio. Villagio is not a huge property in which to rear poultry but somehow, Br. Nuud was able to squeeze the poultry farm creatively in the corner of the compound. He started the project with ten chickens and presently they are more than two hundred.



Brother Nuud Sium (fsc)

He does not use incubators for hatching eggs; he completely uses the natural form of hatching. No artificial means are used, everything is natural and he likes it that way. Most important of all is that Bro. Nuud has passion and enthusiasm for the poultry farm. He works wholeheartedly and passionately and as a result, when other neighboring chickens are wiped away by disease his remain healthy and untouched (thanks be to God). He is busy with his studies and teaching practice but he still finds time to take care of the chickens.

When he started this project Bro. Nuud had a clear goal to accomplish. His main goal was to supply eggs to his Community and the neighboring Communities particularly the Novitiate and the Scholasticate communities. Did he accomplish his goal? Of course he did. Presently he is supplying eggs to his Community, the Novitiate and



Scholasticate Communities on a regular basis. He also supplies the Communities with chickens for Feasts and Holidays. In return the two Communities (Novitiate and Scholasticate) contribute some money for chicken feed. It has been long time since the Communities stopped buying eggs from the market - thanks to such a great project!!!



Villago poltry!

The project has attracted many admirers from other Communities. We hope the admiration will be translated into action and creativity of their own. It is our hope that other Communities will be inspired by this poultry farm and look for ways of assisting and helping their respective Communities.

2.2. SECTOR OF KENYA

Head Teachers Workshop in Naivasha (Catholic Diocese of Nakuru)

During the just concluded first Academic Term, the Diocese of Nakuru organized a Workshop on Management Skills and Team Building. The Workshop took place at the Kenvash Hotel in Naivasha. It was a three day Workshop which ended with a hike on Mt. Longonot. Very important issues concerning the new government structures were discussed to keep the Heads aware of looming changes as a result of the new County Government.



It was very evident from the workshop that a lot needs to be done in the education sector especially with the coming of this new government structure. To mention just a few of the expected changes; the formation of Schools Board of Management and the role of the Church in the Education Sector.



The government recognizes the key role of the Church in education due to the good performances displayed by Church institutions in all education fields.



The team building sessions involved some sporting activities along the shores of Lake Naivasha and it was fun and educative. The exhausting hike to the peak of Mt Longonot was both exercise and adventure to all of us. The attendance included both Religious and Lay associates in all the Diocesan and Church sponsored institutions in Nakuru Diocese.

Rongai

The School term ended successfully. Bro. Geoffrey Githinji and Bro. Geoffrey Morara finished their immersion programme and will join the De La Salle Centre community, Nairobi in the month of May. We congratulate them for their great contribution to the Rongai Community and

School. We also wish them well during this transitional moment.

Come and See

A come and see programme was held from 16-19th April at the Postulancy House in Rongai. It was organized by Bro. Francis Kamanda, the Vocation Promoter. Seven candidates from various counties of Kenya attended the programme. Various topics on Religious life, Lasallian spirituality, Brothers life, the vows, and others were shared and presented by various Brothers. It was also a moment of interaction between the candidates and the Brothers from Rongai Community. The candidates asked a lot of questions about religious life and received answers to their many questions. Father Moses Koskei from Rongai Parish led us in the liturgy. All the candidates went home happy and excited about the programme and the experience they went through.

Three other candidates also attended a Come and See programme at Saint Mary's Boys School in Nyeri. This was because they were not available on the previous dates. They had an experience of sharing our life as Brothers as well as interact with the Brothers. Bro. Francis led them through the programme assisted by Bro. Wafula.



We wish all our candidates all the best as they discern their vocation and call to Religious life and hope that they will soon become part of our Lasallian fraternity.

2.3. SECTOR OF SOUTH AFRICA

LA SALLE COMMUNITY - DISCOVERY

Prayerful greetings to all our readers and may you all continue to enjoy the blessings of Eastertide.

CONGRAIUTATIONS: It's that time of year again when our hard-working confreres reap the rewards of their labors. Our congrats and felicitations to all our graduates - Br. Moses Abunya in Memphis (M. Ed); Our Scholastics in Nairobi (B.Ed. & Dip.Ed.); Br. Patrick Letswalo (B.Ed.) and any other Brother who may be graduating. Brothers, may your future ministries continue to be blessed and fruitful. We also wish every blessing and success to our Senior students who will be writing their Senior Certificate exams in June.

We pray for the success of the forthcoming International MEL Assembly in Rome. We are represented by Mrs. Leanne Stonier (nee

Tebrake) who graduated from the Buttimer Institute last year and is enthusiastically involved in the promotion of Association in the Sector of South Africa.

We greatly appreciate the recent visits of Br. Esayas and Br. Gabriel. Their visits were on occasion of grace for us. May their ministry of administration and animation continue to bear fruit. At the moment we are hosting Br. Jorge Fonseca, Secretary of the Lasallian Education Mission in the Mother House. He is attending an International Education Conference here in Johannesburg.

UPDATE SINCE IAST ISSUE OF NEWSCTIPS:

1. **Parents' Retreat:** On Sat. 2 March about 20 parents attended a morning retreat conducted by Rev. Philip Bauser, a Methodist minister, whose sons graduated from La Salle in the '70's. His wife, Glynis, is our school Finance Secretary.
2. From Sun 10- Fri.15 March Br. Thomas attended the AGM of the LCCL (Leadership Conference of Consecrated Life i.e. Major Superiors). The theme of the AGM was "Growing in the Gift and the Challenge of being in Leadership of



this time" The first three days was designated as "Joint Witness" which involved meeting with 21 of our Bishops. Our Cardinal could not attend as he was in Rome for the Papal Conclave. The theme of Joint Witness was "Sharing the gift of being Church - appreciating and promoting each other's diverse calls in our joint witness." A number of proposals were agreed upon to promote closer cooperation between the Hierarchy and the Major Superiors.

3. Our Lasallian Youth Group continues to be active, meeting every Monday afternoon for 1.5 hours. Outreach activities continue and we collected food, clothing. Stationery and Easter Eggs for the squatter camps being served by the Tsholofelo Community in Phokeng. On Monday 4 March we joined Victory Park group for a meeting - over '100 attended. On the week-end of 15 March some of our group attended a retreat in a local Retreat Centre.
4. We continue to promote the theme of Association. Every Thursday morning at 07h00 a group of staff

members meet for prayer in our chapel. We will have a representative at the District Workshop for Associates being organized by Br. Gabriel A.V. in Nairobi in July/August.

5. Br. Thomas represents the Brothers on a number of committees which meet regularly :
Boards of Governors in both Centers; Ethos Committees in both schools. He is also the Archbishop's representative on the Executive Committee of Diocesan Schools which meets regularly.
6. The Brothers attended the "Matric" Dance (Graduation Dance) on the 12 April. The theme was Italian and the decor was superb. All in attendance, including the parents of the Matrics, enjoyed a beautiful night with mouth-watering food and lively music.

We ask those of you basking in summer sunshine to remember us during our winter as we have been promised power outages as demand exceeds supply. !!!



3. CALENDARS:

Visitor's Calendar:

MAY

1 – 15 - Provincialate

16 – 29 - The Sector of Ethiopia

JUNE

2 – 6 - District Council

7 – 23 - Provincialate

24 - 28 - Canonical Visit Novitiate

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSCLIP ISSUE

The deadline is 20th of June 2013