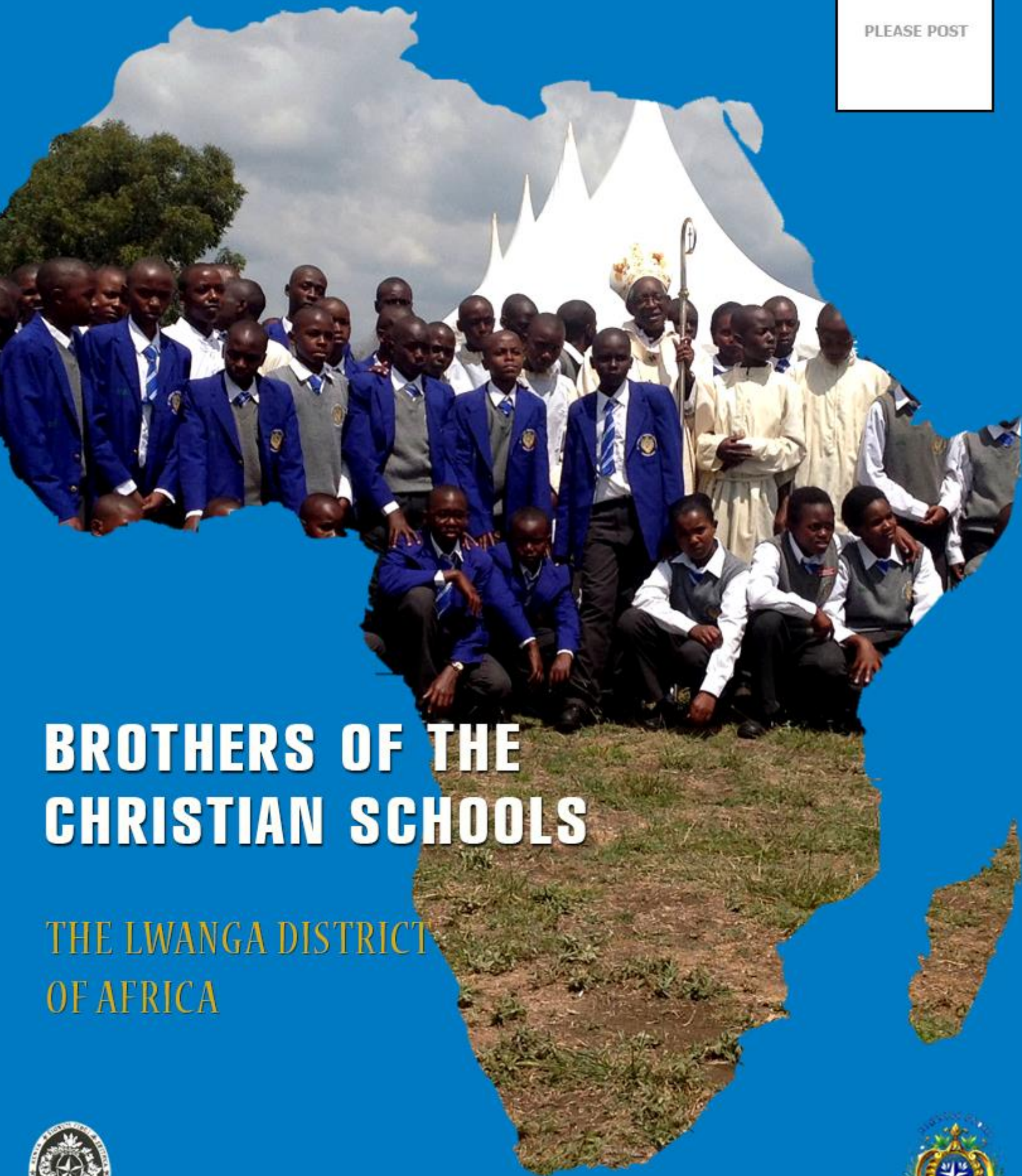


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BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

THE LWANGA DISTRICT
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1. PROVINCILATE

1.1. PROVINCIALATE

1.2. FORMATION OFFICE

“34. The story of the Brother today begins to be written in initial formation: it is during this period that a candidate to this lifestyle **becomes aware of the experience of the Servant**: *‘The Lord called me when I was in the womb, before my birth he had pronounced my name... I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord, and God is my strength’ (Is 49:1-5)*

...35. The ongoing formation of the Brothers is shaped in such a way that they can relive in our time the journey of the founders; discover and apply in the present the dynamism that prompted them to launch a venture of evangelization; **reinterpret the foundational charism in the light of current challenges and possibilities**, discover it as a root and prophecy and let it inspire them to respond to the problems of the present”

From the Document *“Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church”* Vatican 2015

Dear Brothers,

The Providence of God has brought me back “home”, to the Lwanga District. Thank you for your support and best wishes, but above all for your prayers. Together and by Association we try to update the vision that St John Baptist de La Salle had over 300 years ago. The fascinating

field of Formation that has been entrusted to me to coordinate requires the conviction and commitment that we are all involved in an ongoing journey. It does not finish the year after we pronounce our Final Vows. Formation is all about learning, sharing, responding, supporting, growing... We are all called to live in an ongoing process of formation. Let us encourage one another; let us spread the need for formation in our communities and schools, so that we may respond generously to La Salle’s vision!

I am happy to journey together with you all!
May God bless you.

Availably yours,

Br Agustín

1.3. SCHOLASTICATE

ANNUAL RETREAT OF BROTHERS SCHOLASTICS

Fifteen Student Brothers of the International Scholasticate in Nairobi held their annual retreat at Tabor Hill retreat center located in Nyahururu in central Kenya from 10th to 16th July 2016. The retreat was facilitated by Bro. Peter Kombe the Principal of St. Mary’s boys in Nyeri.

During the week-long retreat, the Brothers focused their reflection, prayer and sharing on the theme, “Religious life in the contemporary society”. Some of the points for reflection

included the validity of religious life in Africa today, the act of been human, the call to serve, the challenges involved and the vowed life focusing on the element of detachment .



The Retreat period provided a humble time and opportunity for Brothers to spend time together in the present of God and of each other following a busy school schedule during the just concluded academic year. “It is also a time to rest,” a brother commented.

During the retreat, the Brothers were accompanied by Bro. Taddele the Director of the scholastics. He commented that a period of retreat is a wonderful opportunity for Brothers to reflect upon their own lives for the past one year and at the same time, drawing inspirations from the founder.



“The cold weather in Nyahururu did not hinder us from reflecting about our lives as Africans Brothers of the Christian schools and what is expected of us as Brothers in the 21st century,” Brother Taddele went on to say.



Not that the De La Salle Center is an international Scholasticate community of the Lwanga District of Africa that also welcome other student Brothers from other Districts and Delegation within RELAF Region.

Retreat ended with Holy Mass where Brothers renewed their vows. The vows were received by the Auxiliary visitor Bro. Gabriel Griffin on behalf of Bro. Ghebreyesus who at the time was in the sector of South Africa for canonical visit.

The liturgical celebration during the retreat period was facilitated by Father William, a diocesan priest from Southern Sudan and a master's student at Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA).

1.4. NOVITIATE

THE FIRST PROFESSION OF VOWS OF THREE NOVICE BROTHERS

“Never stop praying my dear Brothers,” this was the word of encouragement from Bro. Ghebreyesus the Visitor of Lwanga District of Africa during the first profession of vows of the three Novice Brothers. The event took place on Saturday July 9th 2016 at De La Salle International Novitiate, Nairobi Kenya.



The newly professed Brothers are Samuel Onyango, Titus Yinaga, and Rezene Endale of Kenya, Nigeria and Ethiopia respectively. The vows were received by Bro. Ghebreyesus, the visitor of Lwanga District of Africa on behalf of Superior General, Brother Robert Schieler.



For the past one and a half years the three Novice Brothers were involved in lots of activities. During the canonical years, the three were introduced to number of courses among them; The Rule, The Declaration of the Brothers, a course on Consecrated life, English, French as well as the history of the Founder.

At the same time, they attended some short inter-novices courses offered to Novices from different congregations within Nairobi. The program is commonly referred to as “Chemchemi Courses”

After the canonical year, they took part in community experience which lasted for four months. Samuel was in Mwangaza community in Nakuru while Titus and Rezene were in Nyeri

community in central Kenya. This program ended on Sunday 24th April 2016.



One week prior to the celebration of vows, the three Novice Brothers took part in a week's retreat in preparation for the big day. The retreat which took place at Donum Dei Missionary Sisters retreat center was directed by Bro. Vincent Pellete from Rome who is a renowned retreat Director.



Brothers from Scholasticate, Mwangaza, Karemeno, Nyeri, Provincialate and Christ the Teacher communities were present to witness the three Novice Brothers make their vows as Brothers of the Christian school. "It is a blessing

seeing young energetic men becoming Brothers," Bro. Francis Kamanda commented.

The Holy Mass was presided over by Fr. Santorino from the Order of Discalced Carmelites assisted by Fr. Simon a diocesan Priest from Yola diocese in Northern Nigeria.

Shortly after mass, Brothers and all other invited guest joined the three in sharing a meal as member of a united family. Thereafter, guests left at their own pleasure.

2. NEWS FROM THE SECTORS

2.1. SECTOR OF ETHIOPIA

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

GROUND BREAKING

A ground Breaking Ceremony was held at St Joseph School in the presence of Cardinal Brehaneyesus D Suraphel Arch Bishop of Addis Ababa, Minister of Education Shiferaw Shigute , Mr. Noah Samara, Alumni, parents, Faculty and Staff of St Joseph School on July 17,2016. During the ceremony Cardinal Brehaneyesus blessed the site and prayed for completion of the building successfully.



The new four story block will house the school's preparatory section according to the schools vision 2020 plan which Ernest and Young Ethiopia helped to develop. Design for the building is done by a design firm owned by a parent .The design accommodate the schools needs and integrate with the existing buildings within the school compound. The new building

will have 10 new class rooms, two labs, a computer center, a technical drawing room, students and teacher's canteen and offices for administration.

The school is looking to start construction in this year since 70% of the USD 1.1 Million building cost is secured through lone and the school's saving from the past 11 years. 30% of the funding will come from parents who pledged to support the project during meeting with the school's management team on February 27 and 28, 2016. Significant support from the Alumni is also expected.



GRADUATION CEREMONY 2016

St Joseph School has Graduated 152 students (Class of 2016 is the largest group of graduates to graduate from the school) on July 17, 2016 on a graduation ceremony held at the school. Among this year's graduates 12 are scholarship students who studied at St Joseph school for four years with the help of scholarship funds obtained from alumni of the school.

On the ceremony outstanding students were awarded different prizes and diplomas were handed to all graduates who successfully met the academic criteria. His eminence Cardinal Brhaneyesus D. Surapiel Archbishop of Addis Ababa handed awards to students who received very great distinction honors. Other outstanding students were awarded by guest of honors Noah Samara, Abdul Mohamed and Dr. Eyayu.



On this occasion the school gave recognition to student leaders who showed outstanding leadership skill in the class of 2016 graduating committee and the school's campus ministry. Awards were handed over to these students by Minister of Education Shiferaw Shigute who was present as a parent of his graduating son. The school also recognized the guest of honor Ato Noah Samara for the generous contribution he gave for the schools ICT program in the past two years. Brother Belayneh principal of the

school presented Noah a statue of De Lasalle with two young students as a symbol of appreciation.

Graduating students and parents heard inspirational and educational speeches made by the valedictorian Samuel Mesfin, graduates Representative Fitsum Workneh, Farewell Message from Kidus Alemayeh, Dr Eyayu Leulseged representative of parents committee, Abdul Mohammed representative of the alumni and from the guest of honor Noah Samara. The ceremony was concluded after Brother Belayneh made a closing remark which was followed by refreshments.



BASKETBALL GAME WITH THE VISITOR

Brother Ghebreyesus Habte Visitor of Lwanga District visited our sector in mid May 2016 and our school on May 24 and 25, 2016. His visit was not only business but included a basketball match with our student's and coach. Brother Ghebreyesus always travels with his basketball shoes and shorts and plays with students wherever he goes. Here at St Joseph he played with our U 19 Boys basketball team and their coach Deresse Almamaw which was enjoyed by all who took part. The friendly game taught our players that sport is a lifelong activity which creates friendship wherever they go.



2.2. SECTOR OF KENYA

THE FORMAL OPENING OF ST. LA SALLE SCHOOL KAREMENO

“My dear Students, make good use of holistic education you are receiving from the Brothers, It is your passport in life” This was the message of Bro. Gabriel Griffin, the Auxiliary Visitor of the Lwanga District of Africa during the formal opening of St. La Salle School Karemeno, in central Kenya on 2nd July 2016.



The Auxiliary Visitor represented Brother Visitor who was out of the country at the time. He delivered warm greetings and best wishes from Brother Ghebreyesus the Visitor of Lwanga District of Africa as well as those from the Sectors of Nigeria, Ethiopia, Eritrea and South Africa.



Meanwhile, Bro. Griffin assured parents that their children will receive holistic formation in the hands of the Brothers. At the same time, he encouraged them to be supportive and get fully involved in the affairs of the school and in the lives of their children.



St. La Salle School Karemeno is under the able stewardship of Bro. Stephen Mwaura. Many messages of congratulations went to him for the good job he has done. Moreover, Brothers commented that Bro. Mwaura had worked tirelessly to see that the new school starts.



In his remarks as the Director, he advised students to focus more on building a good character and not to concentrate only on academic work. He termed this as the most important element that St. La Salle School must focus on.

The Holy mass was presided over by Archbishop Peter Kairo of the archdiocese of Nyeri located in central Kenya. Immediately after mass the Bishop blessed the school starting with administration block, classrooms, dormitories, laboratories and kitchen. During this exercise, the Bishop was accompanied by Brothers, Parents, Teachers, Students and the local community who also graced the occasion.



Among those present for the occasion were Brother Gabriel Griffin, the Auxiliary Visitor of the Lwanga District of Africa, Bro. Antone Oloo the Sector Coordinator of Kenya, Fr. James Ndirangu the local parish priest, Mr. Kiminda the chairman of the local parish council, Mr. Wahigwa the head of schools in the division, Mr. Neletu the Chief Educational Officer as well as Brothers from all communities in Kenya

Meanwhile, St. La Salle School Karemeno is the first school to be owned by Brothers in the Kenyan sector. It is located between Nyeri and Nyahururu in central Kenya. Currently, there are 69 form one students.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE TO BROTHERS AND STUDENTS

"You are the future transformers of your own lives, that of your communities and the world at large." this was the message of Archbishop Peter Kairo to young people during the grand opening of St. La Salle

Catholic School Karemeno in his Nyeri archdiocese on 2nd July 2016.



The Bishop cautioned students to keep off from drugs and substance usage while warning them that the abuse has the potential of blocking their dreams and preventing them from bettering their own lives and that of their families. He further reminded them that it is their responsibility to be on the lookout for those who may lead them a stray.



In the Meantime, the Bishop called upon Priests, parents, religious men and women

with a special Charism of teaching to be concerned with young people. In addition to that, he encouraged them to get fully involved in the lives of Pupils and Students entrusted under their care.



Meanwhile, He congratulated Brothers of the Christian schools for the enormous contributions they have made in the field of education in his archdiocese and beyond. The Bishop said that he was very happy with the progress at St. Mary's boys and child rescue program in Nyeri. The institutions managed and run by the Brothers.

The Bishop also encouraged students to take advantage of the quality education the Brothers were offering. He added that Christian and human education they are receiving is what can enable them change the world and make it a better place for all to live in.

As the Bishop used the famous words of St. John Baptist De La Salle, the Patron Saint of Christian Educator and the Founder of Brothers of the Christian schools he said, "Touching hearts and teaching minds are the greatest miracles any educator can ever perform and one that God can never forget or let it pass unrewarded.

MWANGAZA COLLEGE

YOUNG LASALLIANS IN KENYA

Friends among Friends for the Kids.
"Double F 4 the K."

Young Lasallians from Mwangaza College in Nakuru made a visit to a children's home with the aim of putting a smile on the faces of the children at the orphanage. The visit was under the campaign "Friends among Friends for the Kids."

The Arap Moi children's home is named after the second president of Kenya, Daniel Arap Moi. It is located in Nakuru in the East African rift valley and caters for the whole region.

Many of the kinds in this home found themselves displaced as a result of the 2007-2008 post-election skirmishes which rocked Kenya following the hotly contested general election.

Currently, the home houses over 160 children whose ages range from new-born

babies to 18 years old secondary school students. Along with the children's home, the institution also accommodates a nursery school for young children. After three years in the nursery school, students have the option to enter the Primary one at a nearby school.



The main activities of the children's home are to promote the welfare of children, to encourage their development, and to assist children facing cruelty, neglect, abandonment, poverty, abuse, loss of parents, or other misfortunes.

The campaign entailed coming together as friends and as members of Lasallian family to make monetary contributions. The college formed groups of four friends among the Lasallian students, where each group had a target of raising Ksh. 500 equivalent to 4.94 US Dollar.

Moreover, the campaign was supported by Mwangaza staff members under the leadership of Bro. Oscar Okoth the

principal. They warmed up to the Lasallian spirit by making their donations as well as accompanying Young Lasallians to the Children's home.



The funds collected amounted to Kshs 27,000 equivalent to 266.8183 US Dollar. "We were able to purchase things such flour, sugar, rice, bar soaps, detergents, some stationeries, sanitary towels, diapers, sweets, biscuits, cups," said Pius Ng'ang'a. There were also material donations like clothes, he went on to say.

The time was well spent at the orphanage. They participated in various activities and spent quality time with the kids. They took part in different activities among them; general cleaning of the facilities such as dormitories, class rooms and wash rooms. We also washed the kids' clothes, prepared their meal, played with them, made and shaved their hair and fed the toddlers Pius Ng'ang'a said. They arrived at 09.00am and left at 03.00pm.

2.3. SECTOR OF NIGERIA

Dear Brothers, Lasallian colleagues and friends of Lwanga District of Africa.

The Nigerian Sector last month faced a massive transfer of Brothers from one community to another which directly or indirectly reflecting a change in almost every community and apostolate. We are also blessed with three Brothers returning to the sector to continue God's saving work through education. Two are returning from their various missions. Brother Godwin Biin who was on mission in Kenya for about 8 years; Brother Gabriel Onwu who was on mission in Abidjan for 3 years and Brother Abubakar Titus our newly professed from the novitiate.

BROTHERS AND THEIR NEWLY ASSIGNED COMMUNITIES / APOSTOLATES.

POSTULANCY/NAKA COMMUNITY

- Brother Philip Ejiro: Postulancy director/community

- Brother Patrick Obam: Principal Mt La Salle College Naka

ONDO COMMUNITY

- Brother Emmanuel Adesemin: Community director
- Brother Luckymaria Oloboh: Principal La Salle College Ondo
- Brother Godwin Biin: Vice principal La Salle College Ondo
- Brother Abubakar Titus: Sector secretary Lagos Community
- Brother Gabriel Ownu: Community director.

LA SALLE COLLEGE ONDO

The very compact campus of La Salle College Ondo is pink and cream. The compound vegetation is made of palm trees, flowers, small fields carpeted in green grass and other garden vegetables which gives it a green outlook especially during this raining season.

Last year academic session ended two months back on 16th July with our usual annual graduation ceremony. The school had 32 students who completed their secondary school education on that great memorable day in their life. A day in which they all took a new step in their life to go out into

the wider society and live the Lasallian values they have all learnt for six years in the school. Our pass rate on the West African Examination council known as (WAEC) was 100% in other subjects apart from Physics that was 65%

The new school academic session opened on 11th September with our usual orientation to the new upper Basic Education (UBE1) students in the school hall. Our total enrolment of new students for the 2016/2017 academic session has increased by 52% since our opening this September. We were fortunate enough to reopen with a new administrative team. Brother Luckymaria Oloboh as the new Principal, Brother Godwin Biin as the vice principal andnew staff. In addition, our four postulants who had just arrive the school for their community experience.

We were fortunate enough to receive financial support for the building of a new hall for the students from the Parent Teachers Association (PTA) of La Salle College. The hall is still under construction.

60TH AND 50TH ANNIVERSARIES OF BROTHER JEROME COX, FSC

On the 24th June 2016 as the universal Church marked the solemnity of the Nativity

of Saint John the Baptist, Brothers from the communities in Nairobi gathered together in a small upper floor chapel at Roussel House, Karen to celebrate the anniversary of a long serving missionary Brother from DENA, Jerome Cox, FSC. Fr. Julius Thouri Ambrose, OSA presided over the thanksgiving mass. During the homily, the priest encouraged all the Brothers present to emulate the spirit of perseverance and service which Brother Jerome has demonstrated in his life as a consecrated religious. After mass, the Brothers were treated to a relishing dinner served by the Donum Dei Missionary Sisters (L'eau Vive Sisters).



This year Brother Jerome Cox celebrates his 60th anniversary as a De La Salle Brother and 50th anniversary as a missionary Brother in the Lwanga District of Africa. Tracing Brother Jerome's journey as a missionary in East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania and Sudan) reveals that he is a remarkable Brother, and his contribution to the growth

of the Kenyan Sector is inspiring. As the first Delegate/Sector leader for Kenyan, he is counted among the first American Brothers who built the Sector of Kenya. Apart from taking up different leadership positions in the various Kenyan schools, Brother Jerome vibrantly promoted the Brother's vocation among the Kenyan youth. Some of the Kenyan Brothers who are the pillars of the Sector were recruited by Brother Jerome, and they include Francis Njoroge, Francis Kamanda, James Thiongo and Anthony Gitahi, the novice Master.

After Brother Jerome retired from active school ministry, just before his 80th birthday, he committed himself to work with young people in the initial formation in the Lwanga District's novitiate. He first served as the Sub-Director in the novitiate, then as a staff member of the formation team. His contribution at the novitiate has been widely appreciated by the novices he mentored. Service with commitment and humility was Brother Jerome's hallmark as for the two years he served at the novitiate; he dedicated himself to preparing breakfast for the community every Sunday.



Presently, Brother Jerome has moved to Jamaica as he offers his services and expertise at the St. Vincent Strambi Catholic High School. Yet Brother Jerome has made himself available to continue coming once a year to give workshop and conferences for the animation of the novices in Lwanga District.

With warm hearts and cordial feeling the Brothers in the Charles Lwanga District of Africa, especially those you have inspired by your exemplary life, wish you good health of mind and body as you celebrate the gift of your vocation and its missionary achievement.



NOTES FROM MATER ECCLESIAE COLLEGE (MEC)

EPE, LAGOS NIGERIA

September 2016

MEC clocked one year on September 20th as recalled by Br Wole Olabanjo, Head of the institution. Congratulations!

A workshop was organised for Teachers on 8th and 9th of September respectively in preparation for the new academic year 2016/17. Resource persons were Brothers Godwin and Gabe. Mr Michael Anifaloba seized the occasion to share some of the resources and experiences gained from the workshop earlier attended in Nairobi. Dr and Mrs Ijewere (Health experts and Parents) conducted the last phase of the workshop on the 19th. We are grateful!



The arrival of De La Salle Postulants, Daniel and Stanislaus for their community experience is a great blessing to the school

and Brothers' community. Brothers, Welcome!!



New Students undergoing Orientation

The new academic session officially commenced on the 18th. New and returning students were accompanied by their Parents and Guardians to undergo registration formalities. Orientation programme for the new Students took place on 19th and 20th. Lessons resumed on Wednesday 21st and the opening Mass was celebrated by a visiting Priest from the Carmelites. The seed of hope continues to bear fruits.

2.4. SECTOR OF SOUTH AFRICA

DE LA SALLE HOLY CROSS COLLEGE!

LA SALLE DISCOVERY

Prayerful greetings to all our Lasallian readers from La Salle Community, Discovery. We pray God's blessing on the

ministry of our Brothers, Associates and School Communities in the Lwanga District. We remember especially in prayer those students who are preparing for their Senior Certificate Examinations which begin shortly.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Golden Jubilee:** La Salle, Discovery, which opened its doors in January 1966, celebrated its Golden Jubilee on the May with a special Mass, with Bishop Duncan Tsoke, our newly-appointed Auxiliary Bishop, as chief celebrant.

We were also blessed by the attendance of Br. Ghebreyesus, our Visitor, at our Jubilee celebration. His visit was much appreciated.

As part of our Jubilee celebration a special stage production entitled “OOH La La Salle” recounted the early history of the College. It included dialogue, music and dancing. The script writer was a La Salle student and the show was produced by one of our educators.

- **Lasallian Association:** La Salle was represented at the Association

Workshop in Nairobi by two of our educators. They were joined by Br. Patrick and four educators from Victory Park and by Br. Alfred from the Tsholofelo Community in Phokeng. All returned full of enthusiasm and committed to the promotion of Lasallian Association in South Sector. One of our participants remarked “It changed my life”.

In South Africa teachers are now referred to as “educators” and students as “learners”.

- Br. Ghebreyesus returned again for his Canonical Visit from 5-27 July and during his visit he addressed a meeting of Associates on the 26 July. His presentation was very well received by all in attendance.

He also met with the Brothers at a Sector Council meeting on Fri 22 July and had one-to-one meetings with our College Principals during his visit. I thank you. Br. Ghebreyesus.

- We had a well- attended meeting of our Sector Associates on the 13 Sept. in Victory Park. Interest is growing among our staffs. Br. Joseph and

Mary Hyam from Victory Park are working on a Formation Programme for our Associates.

- Builders have now moved into our campus to begin work on extra classrooms and an auditorium. The classrooms will be ready in January and the auditorium in March.
- **Lasallian Youth:** Our Lasallian Youth Group is still very active. It meets weekly and bases its programme on FAITH, SERVICE and COMMUNITY. Its Outreach programme includes visiting Old Age Homes, collecting food, clothing, stationery and text books for needy schools and communities in local informal settlements (Squatter camps).
- **Vocations:** South Africa shares with First World countries the rapid decline in religious vocations over the years. This is due to the values of the age we live in. Due to people's lust for power, wealth and pleasure and a loss of the sense of the sacred, a sense of God and a sense of faith, the call to religious life falls on deaf ears.

There is a trickle of vocations to the

seminaries but the Novitiates of the Sisters and Brothers are virtually empty.

As Christian educators, we also face the problem of teaching as a career/vocation. Teaching is no longer seen by men as an attractive and fulfilling option due to the chaotic conditions in some Government schools — overcrowded classrooms, lack of discipline etc.

Br. Patrick has a demanding and unrewarding ministry as Vocations Promoter. But we continue to pray.

- We are happy to announce that Br. Albert O'Driscoll from Ireland will join the Victory Park community on the 21 Sept. In the early 70's he ministered in La Salle and Victory Park. Welcome Br. Albert.
- We extend our deepest sympathy and promise of prayer to Br. Laurence Broderick and his family on the death of their brother, Br. Fintan FSC. who died on the 1 August in Ireland.
- On the 5 August we attended a celebratory Mass in Victory Park to mark the amalgamation of De La Salle College and the Sisters' Holy

Cross College 30 years ago. The College is now known as De La Salle Holy Cross College.

- Regular meetings of the Ethos Committees and Board of Governors are held in both colleges.

A special word of thanks and appreciation to Br. Gabriel for the Resource Material he regularly provides for our R.E. teachers. They greatly appreciate this very rich resource which enriches their catechetical programme.

- We unite in prayer and thanksgiving on the occasion of the canonization of Br. Solomon Leclercq on the 16 October. Through his intercession may our various ministries continue to be blessed and fruitful.

PHOKENG

In July Tsholofelo Community, Phokeng hosted a group of Lasallian volunteers from Ireland. The organizer was Tom O'Neil recently retired teacher from De La Salle College, Waterford Ireland. Included in the group were two De La Salle brothers namely Bro Tommy Walsh and Bro John McDermott - both very experienced in overseas projects like India, Ethiopia, Kenya

etc. They undertook to build a workshop for skills training at our mission in Phokeng and a tin shack classroom for a crèche at Nkaneng squatter camp as well as doing most of the manual work the volunteers paid for the material with money they raised in Ireland during the first half of 2016. Their enthusiasm and dedication gave us all renewed vigor and energy for our work with the very poor.

In August members of our youth group lead by Bro. Moalusi participated in the annual Diocesan pilgrimage. They walked from Sesobe village to a site in the bush where many graves of people who were victims of forced removals in 1950 are buried. They held a service to pray for and honour the dead buried in that place. Then they walked back to Sesobe where they were camping and concluded the pilgrimage walk with a sharing on Luke's account of the Emmaus walk. The following day several thousand people from all parts of the Diocese of Rustenburg assembled at Vleischfontein for Mass and the sacraments.

Also in August Bro Alfred attended a Lasallian Association workshop in Nairobi. He was part of the South African delegation which included Bro Patrick Letswalo and teachers from both Johannesburg schools. The occasion was very fruitful and the

feedback was very inspiring. Bro Alfred spoke highly of the welcome he experienced in Nairobi. This workshop has already begun to bear fruit here in South Africa as shown by the large number of Associates who came together for a meeting in La Salle /Holy Cross school last week Tuesday.

We hosted over 30 youth from the squatter camps around Rustenburg for a youth weekend 16-18th September here in Tsholofelo Community. The facilitators were the brothers and sisters of our community. The purpose was leadership training and restoring hope and confidence in the youth. The weekend consisted of prayer, sharing, fun activities etc. Some of the highlights were an early morning bush walk; input from a motivational speaker - Rosina - from Doctors without borders; drama presentations and cultural singing and dancing by each group. The participants joined in the celebration of Sunday mass at the local parish church led by Fr James Juma who original comes from Kenya. The

overall experience was so good that several of the youth did not want to go home on the Sunday afternoon and wished to stay on for the week.

3. CALENDARS:

Bro. Agustin's Calendar

October - November

- Visit to the Petulancy (Sector of Kenya)
- Visit to the Scholasticate and Novitiate, Nairobi

December

- Possible visit to Eritrea

Visitor's Calendar 2016:

The next submission deadline for the Newsclip will be on December 5th 2016.