

BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

PLEASE POST



THE LWANGA DISTRICT OF AFRICA

Periodical News Clip :: June 2016 Issue



1. PROVINCILATE

1.1. PROVINCIALATE

BEST WISHES TO SECTORS OF ERITREA, ETHIOPIA AND NIGERIA

The sectors of Eritrea, Ethiopia and Nigeria have reached the end of their academic year. We wish the Brothers, Educators and Students a relaxing and refreshing holiday break.

CONDOLENCES TO BROTHER CORNELIUS

Condolences to Brother Cornelius Carey, Sector of South Africa on the death of his brother Michael last week. May he Rest in Peace. Our Thoughts and prayers are with Brother Cornelius and Carey family at this difficult and sad time.

1.2. SCHOLASTICATE

SCHOLASTICS OUTING AT HASTA VILLA IN NGONG TOWN

The Brothers scholastics had their end of semester dinner out at Hasta villa resort located in Matasia Ngong town on Friday 22nd April 2016.



This was a great opportunity for the Brothers to come together and socialize shortly after the end of the semester. During this time, during this time, brothers shared their joys and challenges experienced during the semester.

Brothers Woldey and victor ensured that everything felt in place. The organization was incredible and Brothers had some great time together. The community sponsored the outing and it ended well and Brothers were happy.

THE ARRIVAL OF BROTHER EMMANUEL ADEGA FROM HIS IMMERSION PROGRAM

Brother Emmanuel Adeg a of Nigerian sector arrived in Nairobi on 26th April 2016 after having successfully completed his two years apostolic experience in Nigeria.

During the two years he spent for the immersion program, Adeg a was privileged to have a taste of all the three communities in his sector. He was first assigned in Naka community then moved to Ondo and finally finished with Lagos community.

It was a wonderful experience and a great opportunity for growth, he said. While in Lagos, he was involved in teaching religion at Mater Ecclesiae College our new school in Lagos and at the same time, He was actively involved in other community services.





Brother Adega left for Nigeria after having completed his diploma program at Christ the Teacher Institute of Education in Tangaza University College. He is back in the scholasticate community to complete his degree program. As a community we wish him well and say a big “Karibu Nyumbani”

TEACHING PRACTICE



Brother Amanuel Seifu of Ethiopian sector started his teaching practice on 2nd May 2016 at Moi Girls High School in Nairobi Kenya.

This followed his successful completion of his course work at Christ the Teacher Institute of

Education, Tangaza University College which qualified him to take part in teaching practice.

Amanuel was majoring in computer studies and Christian Religious Education (CRE). He is currently teaching computer studies to forms one and two.

He started his studies in August 2014 and he is happy with his achievement so far. He has expressed his joy in the Charism of the Brothers and added that, “The experience is great and I have learnt a lot.”

FOURTH YEAR STUDENT BROTHERS OUTING IN ZANZIBAR ISLAND.

Brothers Victor Wasonga, Stephen Inja and Jean Paul toured Dar es Salaam the coastal city of Tanzania and then headed to Zanzibar Island for their outing as from 2nd to 8th May 2016.

It is a tradition in De La Salle Centre that fourth year student travel to destination of their choice to relax after a period of constant book work. It gives an opportunity for Brothers to learn new things and get time to re-energize before reporting to the communities they are assigned to.

Brother Wasonga is currently a fourth year student at Catholic University of Eastern Africa pursuing a degree in Geography and History, Brother Inja on the other hand is doing a degree in English, Literature and Christian Religious Education (CRE) at Christ the Teacher Institute of Education while Brother Jean Paul just graduated with a degree in biology and computer studies from the same Institution.



Brothers Victor and Stephen are from Kenya and Nigerian sectors respectively while Brother Jean Paul is from the delegation of Rwanda. They are all residing at De La Salle Centre a formation house designated for academic formation of young Brothers pursuing their first degree.

WORKSHOP ON ONLINE REPORTING; “TELLING AFRICA’S STORY ON THE WEB”

Brothers Michael Otieno and Peter Abobi attended a four days training workshop on online reporting about Church activities in Africa with the theme “Telling Africa’s story on the web” which was held at Don Bosco Youth Educational Services (DBYES) Nairobi Kenya from Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th May 2016.



The event organized by the Catholic News Agencies for Africa (CANAA), a project of the Bishops of Africa under the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM) was sponsored by the World Catholic Association for Communications, SIGNIS.

Some of the topics that were presented included: the ingredients of news; news formats and building the story; content production for web-

based media; web-based news management; telling African story on the web; addressing an international audience; interviewing skills; the use of audio and video; writing leads, quotations, and transitions; feature writing as well as legal and ethical issues in online news reporting.

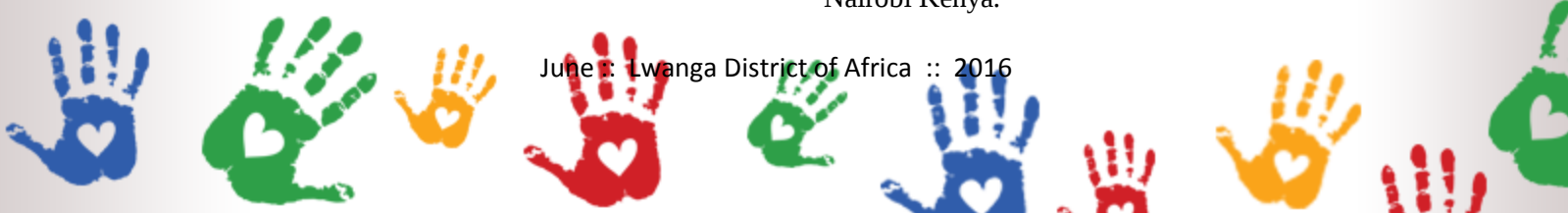


Meanwhile, Brothers Michael and Peter from Kenya and Nigeria sectors respectively are currently pursuing a bachelor degree in social communication at Tangaza University College in Nairobi Kenya. They were among the few social communication students selected to attend this important and eye opening workshop.

The event attracted participants from ten different countries: Nigeria, Ghana, Zambia, Malawi, South Sudan, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, and Seychelles.

LA SALLE DAY CELEBRATIONS AT DE LA SALLE CENTRE

Aspire to inspire before you expire is the message that carried the day during this year Lasallian day celebration that took place at De La Salle Center Nairobi Kenya.





In the homily, Fr. Cornelius the main celebrant elaborated on the categories of teachers and encouraged the Brothers to be great teachers who should constantly aspire to inspire those entrusted to their care before they expire.

The Holy Mass commenced at 05:30pm in the community chapel. The main celebrant was Rev. Fr. Cornelius from the Diocese of Ndola in Zambia and concelebrant was Fr. Oreste Murimi from Meru diocese. The powerful liturgy was led by Brothers scholastics.

Fr. Cornelius gave an inspiring reflection on De La Salle as a saint and a patron of Christian Educator. He added that, “Saint De La Salle achieved a lot throughout his lifetime and the fruits of his labor can still be seen 300 years after his death.”

Meanwhile, the celebration brought together three different communities in Nairobi; Scholasticate community, Novitiate community and Christ the Teacher community. Other invited guests included Sacred Heart Brothers, the handmaid sisters as well as Lasallian lay partners.

De La Salle achieved a lot during his life time and the fruits of his work is still seen three centuries

after his death. He encouraged the brothers to be grateful to God for these gifts and inspire their students with their good examples.



Fr. Cornelius concluded his sermon by reminding the brothers that John Baptist De La Salle lives his ordinary life extraordinarily well. He further added that not all Saints are patron but this noble title is given upon looking at the contribution one has made in his or her life time and St. John Baptist De La Salle did exactly that.

The event was organized by the Scholasticate community under the competent stewardship of Brother Taddele who ensured that the celebration is success.

GRADUATION CEREMONY OF BROTHER JEAN PAUL, FSC

Brother Jean Paul from the delegation of Rwanda graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Education on Saturday 30th April 2016 at Tangaza University College Nairobi Kenya.

Having successfully completed his course work and crowned it with teaching practice at Oloolaiser high school in Kajiado Sub County off Ngong' town in Nairobi Kenya, he was awarded



a degree from St. Mary's University of Minnesota.



Among those present for graduation were his Mother and Brother who travelled from Rwanda to celebrate with him. The Scholastic community was happy to have hosted the family.

Brother JP as he is commonly called by his fellow Scholars is among the first Brothers from his delegation to pursue Bachelor's degree in Education in Kenya. He came to Nairobi in 2012 alongside four other Brothers from the same delegation. Among those he came with were Brothers Jean de Dieu, Lambert, Fabian and Jean Marie who are currently in Rwanda for their immersion program having completed their diploma program in May 2015.



Brother JP has expressed his gratitude to the Brothers for supporting him throughout his academic formation in Nairobi. Having come from a French speaking country, Brother JP commented that adjusting to English in order to fit in a Kenyan university was not easy.

In his graduation speech during special lunch hosted to celebrate his achievements, he thanked Brother Ghebreyesus Habte Fadega, the Visitor of the Lwanga District of Africa, Brother Don Bosco; the President of the Rwandan delegation, Brother Paulos; the Director of Christ the Teacher Institute of Education (CTIE) in Nairobi; the Formation team at De La Salle Center led by Brother Taddele as well as his fellow Brothers Scholars who have journeyed with him all through.

Brother Robert Smith officiated the graduation ceremony representing the president of St. Mary's University of Minnesota, USA.

1.3 NOVITIATE

The three second year Novices of Lwanga District of Africa successfully completed their four months community experience on Sunday 24th April 2016.

They include Novice Brothers; Samuel Onyango, Titus Abubakar, and Rezene Endale of Kenya, Nigeria and Ethiopia respectively. Samuel was in Mwangaza community while Titus and Rezene were in Nyeri community.



Samuel was teaching at Christ the king primary school while Titus and Rezene were actively involved in working with the juniors of child rescue and vocational training Centre at St. Mary's school. These brothers expressed their happiness and fulfilment having contributed in those different apostolates they were assigned. Samuel described his experience as, "Wonderful with lots of opportunity for growth."



According to Brother Oscar Ojwang the principle of Mwangaza College, Samuel is a fully backed Brother and fit for the mission ahead of him. He added that Mwangaza community was blessed to have energetic and focused young Novice Brother.

On the other hand, Brother Francis Ewesit the Director of Nyeri Community commented that the two Novice Brothers Titus and Rezene did an incredible job working with Juniorate at St. Mary's. He said the kids were happy and grateful for the effort these Brothers employed while working with them. He then thank Brother Anthony Gitahi the Novice Director for having sent the two Novices to their community.

Rezene was actively involved in teaching life skills at the polytechnic from Monday to Friday, he was also involved in games with the high school Boys, and at the same time he was offering remedial classes to the juniors at St. Mary's. Rezene said that he was happy to have made his contributions while in Nyeri.



Titus was teaching at St. Benedict boarding primary school run by immaculate sisters of Nyeri, and at the same time teaching life skills at the technical school at St. Mary's and from time to time he was offering some assistance to the young ones at the Juniorate.

Rezene and Titus crown their community experience with dinner out organized by the community.



2. NEWS FROM THE SECTORS

2.1. SECTOR OF ETHIOPIA

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL

UNIFORM DONATION

St Joseph School received new soccer uniforms as a donation from former students of the school who reside in the United States. Uniforms are custom made in colors of the school with school name and logo. The uniforms are intended to be used for the schools U12 soccer program.



Brother Belayneh received the donation from representative of the group at his office on April 13, 2016.

BLOOD DONATION

Students and staff of St. Joseph made a blood donation for the Ethiopian Blood bank on March 24, 2016. The blood donation campaign was organized by the Interact club of the school to help the blood bank.

On this campaign students from the high school section took part by donating their blood and helping the staff of the blood bank.



MUSIC CONCERT



Professional musician lade by Alumnus Henock Temesgen gave a jazz concert and workshop for St Joseph school el elementary students on April 20, 2016. The aim of the concert was to motivate and encourage aspiring future musicians.





Students from grade 3-6 who take music classes attended the concert. Henock and his group gave explanation and answered questions from students in between their performance.

SPOKEN ENGLISH



Students from the Elementary section of St Joseph competed in a spoken English competition organized by the English language department on April 23, 2016. The aim of the competition is to help students improve their command of English as a communication and expression tool. Students presented poems, fairy tales and monologues to the student audience and to a panel of judges.

NEW BUILDING

St. Joseph's proposed new building design is undergoing design review and development with

the help of expert professionals who are helping the school as a technical committee. The finalized design will meet all standards, the schools need and functionality. The new building will add more class rooms and provide additional service to grade 11 and 12 students when it is completed. It will also help the school reduce its class size in all its grades. It is expected that construction will resume by fall 2016 and completed by 2018.

DE LA SALLE DAY 2016

St Joseph celebrated Founders day on May 13, 2016. The full day celebration started with a morning mass at the school chapel. At the end of the service two dedicated members of the campus ministry who will be graduating this year were recognized by Brother Belayneh principal of the school.



Following the mass students from the campus ministry presented De La Salle's life in a drama presentation attended by parents, students and teachers.

Sport is a major activity for De Lasalle day at St Joseph. Games were played between teachers and among students who were playing



championship games to win the De La Salle Cup. On this day, three divisions played to claim the title in three sports for intramural sport competition which started in February 2016.

Different entertainment and sales of food and drinks were offered for students by the Lasallian Charity club which uses this occasion to raise funds for students it support at Meki Catholic School.

MEMBERS OF CAMPUS MINISTRY AND LASALLIAN CHARITY CLUB VISITED MEKI

On April 16, 2016, St Joseph's Campus Ministry and Lasallian Charity Club members visited Meki Catholic School to encourage financially challenged students who are supported by students of St Joseph. The Lasallian charity club raises funds to help those students by organizing different activities on De La Salle day and by directly appealing to parents for help. The money obtained by the club is used to pay tuition fee and cover school supplies for the beneficiaries who come from very poor families who cannot afford to cover this basic necessities for their children.



During the visit, members of both clubs shared lunch they brought with them with the students they support. They also visited the school and had interacted with other students of Meki.

ST JOSEPH'S U 16 SOCCER TEAM BECAME ISSAAA CHAMPIONS

St Joseph's U 16 Soccer Team coached by former Ethiopian National Team player Tewodros Kenene won International Schools Sport Association of Addis Ababa's championship after beating the International Community School of Addis Ababa 2-1 in an extra time.



The team reached the final after finishing first in the first stage of the tournament and winning its playoff game by forfeit. The team is made up of many outstanding players who will be joining the U 19 Team in the coming season.



2.2. SECTOR OF KENYA

LA SALLE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

LA SALLE CATHOLIC PRIMARY END TERM DINNER

Together and by Association is the message that dominated the night during the end term cocktail dinner held on 9th April 2016 at De La Salle Center Nairobi Kenya.



The end term dinner brought together the entire Staff Members of La Salle Catholic Primary School and the Brothers of both Scholasticate and CTC community.

Among those present were Brother Ghebreyesus the Visitor of Lwanga District of Africa, Brother Antone Oloo the Director of La Salle Primary School, Staff Members of La Salle Primary, some Brothers from Christ the Teacher Community (CTC) community, the entire Scholasticate community, and Mr. Raphael a representative of St. Mary's school in Westlands Nairobi Kenya.



Brother visitor congratulated all the Staff Members for the good job done and encouraged all to embrace Lasallian spirituality of Touching Hearts, Teaching Minds and Transforming Lives of those entrusted to us

This was the first time the meeting of this kind was organized in order to create a forum where teachers at La Salle Primary can socialize with the Brothers and get to know them well. The Director of La Salle, Brother Antone Oloo said that this is just the beginning.

Patricia a staff member said that, "I am looking forward to meetings of this kind in the future." It is a wonderful opportunity to share together as members of the same family, she added.



On the other hand, Simon also a member of the staff commented that, “This meeting makes me feel as part of the great Lasallian family” he added that he was indeed pleased to have taken part in the celebration.

Lastly, the Deputy Director Mr. Kariuki thanked the Brothers for the many support and encouragement they have received throughout the term.

THE FIRST FOUNDER’S DAY CELEBRATION AT LASALLE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

La Salle Catholic Primary School Community celebrated their first Founder’s day on 20th May 2016 at La Salle school playing ground.

The Auxiliary Visitor of the Lwanga District of Africa Brother Gabriel Griffin said that, “The effort (dear Pupils) you put in your studies will determine what you get at the end of your education.”

With the Lasallian motto, “Enter to Learn Leave to Serve” He encouraged the pupils to start serving now and further emphasized that there is no need to wait until one is out of La Salle School for him or her to serve.



Moreover, Brother Griffin expressed his gratitude to the entire La Salle Primary Staff members and in particular, thank Brother Antone Oloo the Director of the School for having organized the historical event that brought together Brothers, Parents, Teachers and Pupils.

He added that De La Salle will be well pleased with what is going on today despite the fact that he never set foot in Africa during his lifetime. It is therefore our responsibility as Brothers, as Parents and as Teachers to plant good fruits in the lives of the Pupils God has entrusted to us.

On the other hand, Brother Oloo the Director of the School welcomed all and gave a brief history of the Founder. He also used the same platform to explain to parents who have enquired why Brothers celebrate Founders day on May 15th and not on April 07th as is indicated in the church calendar.





The Holy Mass commenced at 10:00am led by Rev. Fr. Stephen Omondi of Karen parish Nairobi assisted by two other priests, Fr. Fred Ogambi of Kisumu Diocese and Fr. Patrick of the Contemplative Evangelizers Fathers. While the powerful liturgy was led by a visiting choir from Kikuyu parish in Nairobi.

Fr. Omondi gave an inspiring homily accompanied with a captivating story with some sense of humor that attracted the attention of all and aroused excitement among pupils leaving everyone laughing.

During the homily, Fr. Omondi congratulated the Brothers for keeping the spirit of St. John Baptist De La Salle alive 300 years after his death.

After mass, all were invited for snacks sharing, then lunch together. The afternoon was well spent with lots of fun coming from pupils. It was indeed a great opportunity for parents to learn some of the activities that their children are involved in at La Salle.

2.3. SECTOR OF NIGERIA

In Nigeria, April to June can rightly be termed External Exam season. Mount La Salle Naka and La Salle Ondo are no exception as four External Examinations have been in progress since the month of April.

The WAEC (West African Examination Council) commenced in both schools on the 5th April, finishing on the 4th May 2016. This exam is written by senior students after being in the school for six years. The NECO is the equivalent of WAEC but conducted at National level. This exam usually comes after the WAEC. This exam is ongoing from the 3rd May and finishing on the 4th July. WAEC and NECO prepare students for University.

MOCK as it is popularly known is meant for 5th Year students as a preparation for WAEC and NECO the following year. This exam was written between the 9th and the 22nd June. The Junior Secondary Examination is taken in the 3rd year of Secondary School. The Terminal Examination in our schools in Nigeria is written between the 20th June and the 1st of July. We wish our students well in their examinations.



NAKA

MOUNT LA SALLE COLLEGE NAKA, BENUE STATE

On Friday 10th June two Brothers, Br Ghebreyesus, Visitor of the Lwanga District of Africa and Br Amilcare Buccaccia, from the Solidarity Office in Rome arrived in Naka. This was Br Amilcaire's first visit to Nigeria.

The following day, the visiting Brothers had a number of meetings. Thereafter there was a tour of the school property and the site for the proposed new Postulancy House. The whole of Saturday and most of Sunday was taken up with various meetings. Br Amilcare travelled to Abuja the following day on his journey back to Rome. The whole Sector of Nigeria was privileged to have Brother on this his first visit to Nigeria.

Br Ghebreyesus continued his meetings with the Brothers, Postulants, School Staff, Prefects and Students and PTA. He was also seen in the evening hours training students on the basketball courts.

Brother left Naka on the 17th of June for Abuja on his return journey to Nairobi. His presence in the Naka Community and Mount La Salle College community was very much appreciated. He will be missed.

LA SALLE DAY IN NAKA

The Brothers, students, teachers, parents, Old students of Mount La Salle College Naka, celebrated the 15th May in commemoration of their founder, John Baptist De La Salle. Before the actual day of the feast, the school engaged in Inter- House competition with the grand finale on Founder's Day. The day before the feast, the stalls were put up, food was prepared and faces were brightened ready for the feast.

The celebrations kicked off at 10.00 am on the day with lots of entertainment. Among the activities were races for teachers, former students and cultural dances by the students and invited schools in the area. The cultural group of Mount La Salle featured prominently. The celebration attracted the attention of people from within and outside Naka. It was also a great opportunity for the Brothers and six Postulants to sample some traditional dishes. It was a wonderful way to learn more about the life of the founder. The whole town is looking forward to the feast of the Founder next year.

THE POSTULANTS

Six young men commenced their Postulancy Programme in Naka Community in September 2015.



In preparation for the new intake come September 2016, five young men were in the Naka Community and two others in Ondo Community from the 22nd April to the 25th April 2016. This was part of the Nigerian Sector 'Come and See' programme for this year.

The six Postulants already in Formation had an Inter -Congregational Communication Workshop in Abuja from the 22nd -24th April 2016. In attendance were 18 Sister Novices and Postulants from other Congregations. It was an educative experience and a great opportunity for them to share experiences and acquire more experience. Next month the six Postulants in Nigeria will attend a psychological assessment programme. They hope to have an equally enriching experience.

SALLE COLLEGE ONDO

BROTHER VISITOR'S VISIT TO LASALLE COLLEGE/ ONDO COMMUNITY FROM THE 7TH- 9TH JUNE, 2016.

The Brother Visitor was in the company of Brother Amilcare from the Development Office from the Centre of the Institute and was visiting the Sector of Nigeria for the first time. Brother Ghebreyesus Habte was

welcomed by the Priests and Religious of Ondo Deanery at De La Salle Centre during "Tuesday night" as it is popularly called. The two Deans representing the two Deaneries spoke on behalf of those present, they commended the Brothers for the mission they are carrying out in the Diocese and they are proud of the Brothers because La Salle College stands out as one of the best schools in the Diocese and the State.

On Wednesday morning during Mass, the local parish welcomed Brother Visitor and Brother Amilcare to the Church community and prayed that their visit would yield fruit. The School community thrilled Brother Ghebreyesus and Brother Amilcare with drama presentations, cultural dance and recitation of poems to welcome our visitors. Brother Philip Ejiro welcomed Brother Visitor on behalf of the School community. During the course of Brother Visitor's visit, he toured the school premises accompanied by the Principal and Vice Principal who pointed out areas which needed immediate attention. At the end of the inspection, the Brothers met with Brother Visitor and Brother Amilcare and some of the concerns below were highlighted:

(a) Development of the Mission



- (b) A Strategic Management Plan and continuous improvement processes of the school infrastructural facilities
- (c) Sufficiency of resources (Human & Finance)
- (d) Seeking of financial aid from donors
- (e) The presence of Lasallian Volunteers

Later that evening, Brother Visitor engaged in a Basketball game with some of the students and while playing, he was busy coaching the students on the rubric of the game. He had several interactive sessions with the students of the College. He also met with the Staff of the College in a more formal setting. The Principal addressed the Brother Visitor, Brothers, and Staff of the College. In his address, the Principal stated the achievements of the College academically and morally. He showered praise on the Staff stating that they are wonderful, talented, and cooperative.

Mr. Isaac Ojo the spokesperson for the Staff welcomed the Brother Visitor and also stated that the College has produced high- quality intellectual students for the country. They reassured the Brother Visitor that they will continue to key-in to the Lasallian mission of education.

Brother Visitor commended the staff and the Brothers for their commitment in raising the

standard of the school to be one of the best schools in the State. He also noted that, the school maintains a collegiate environment in which students, administrators, staff and parents interact and collaborate in support of learning and inculcating of core values. He added that the school must demonstrate a commitment to address, engage, and respond to the current and emerging needs of the College especially in the infrastructural facilities within the school premises.

The School Management presented gift items to Br. Visitor and Br. Amilcare and Br. Luckymaria Oloboh thanked the two Brothers for their visit and concluded with a closing prayer. Later that evening, Br. Ghebreyesus and Br. Amilcare had an interactive session with the Brothers to end his Canonical visit to the College and the Community.

2.4. SECTOR OF SOUTH AFRICA

DE LA SALLE HOLY CROSS COLLEGE!

De La Salle Holy Cross congratulated its 2015 matriculates' on their National Senior Certificate IEB results on 30 December. A 100 per cent pass rate has been achieved in the 29-year history of the Amalgamated College.



The top three pupils were Grace Boroughs, with nine distinctions, Caitlyn Mahony with eight distinctions and listed on the IEB Commendable Achievement List (within top 5 per cent in five subjects and scored 80 per cent or more for life orientation), and Candice Elliott, with seven Distinctions and listed on the IEB Outstanding Achievement List (within top 5 per cent in six subjects and scored 80 per cent or more for life orientation).



Four pupils from the school were in the top 1 per cent of IEB pupils across six subjects. An average of 74.3 per cent was achieved in the grade, with an average of 2.7 subject distinctions per pupil.

“We would like to acknowledge all of our pupils’ efforts, from those who achieved excellence against the national benchmarks, to those who triumphed personally to achieve their full potential. We are incredibly proud of each and every pupil as well as our staff –

congratulations to all of you,” said Debbie Harris, principal of the college.

AFRICA DAY AT DE LA SALLE HOLY CROSS COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

De La Salle Holy Cross College High School celebrated Africa Day on 25 May.

The pupils wore outfits that represented their different cultures.



At Assembly, learners spoke about their traditions and customs as well as greeting everyone in different languages.

The pupils said a prayer for Africa and our country, and then sang the National Anthem.

It was a very educational and interesting morning for all the students and staff, and great fun was had by everyone!

AFRICA DAY AT DE LA SALLE HOLY CROSS COLLEGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

De La Salle Holy Cross College Junior School celebrated Africa Day on 25 May.



The pupils were asked to wear an item of clothing or accessories, representing their culture. Pupils and staff came in traditional outfits, including Zulu, Sotho, Afrikaans, Nigeria, Indian and Malawi. Mother Mary, our Patroness of South Africa, was included in the photo.



The pupils attended a special assembly, where they learned about the history of Africa Day, and some of them read out passages from Thabo Mbeki's 'I am an African' speech. The children said the 'God Bless Africa' prayer and then sang the National Anthem. The younger grades spoke about their cultures and outfits and explained some of their traditions.

"It was so exciting for the children to wear their traditional outfits to school - and very interesting for them to learn about different cultures. We are so proud of our diverse heritage and community", said Carren Ilsley, Deputy Head of the Junior School.

2017 DLSHCC US MASTERS DRAW

The DLSHCC US Masters Draw has become a 'tradition'. This is the 11th year that we have run it, and the proceeds have gone towards many projects at the College – upgrading of tennis courts, toilets, kitchens, staff rooms, reception area, gardens, security, office and classroom furniture, etc.



The Draw took place at De La Salle Holy Cross College on Friday, 20 May 2016, at 6.30pm. John Robbie drew the winning ticket - and phoned the winner immediately!

We really appreciate all the enthusiasm and support we receive from all our ticket buyers. This year has again been a very successful school fundraiser - with all our tickets being sold out in just under 5 weeks.

DE LA SALLE HOLY CROSS COLLEGE - 'KICKING FOR CANSA'

De La Salle Holy Cross College Junior School swimming captains - Makayla



Stockter, Chiara Bebington and Jason Rodgers - started a 'Kicking for CANSA' initiative in September.

They organised College swimmers to participate in the 1500m event at the Dischem Sun City swim, which was held on Saturday 24 October 2015.



Thirteen Junior School and five High School swimmers, as well as one of the parents, swam the race in aid of CANSA. All of the team completed the swim in under 40 minutes and had great fun on the day!

The DLSHCC team were kitted out with bright pink costumes and T-shirts - and organised a raffle to raise money for CANSA. The College High School were also involved and sold pink ribbons to the other Learners.

Tarryn Human, who is the representative and Community Mobiliser at CANSA, was presented with a donation of R14 000 raised

by the swimmers and also donated by the Grade Rs from their concert.

"We would like to thank the parents and pupils for all of their support with this initiative - which is such a worthy one and affects so many people in different ways." said Julie Rogers, Sports Administrator at the Junior School.

LA SALLE DISCOVERY

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Our big day has come and gone. It was celebrated in a most appropriate manner. Through careful planning and several meetings by the Principal, Mrs J Milne, and a small committee every detail was seen to, invitations were sent out well in advance. The Auxiliary Bishop of Johannesburg graced the occasion and celebrated the Jubilee Mass. The Mass was celebrated in the open. The days leading up to it were cold and windy. The day itself was most beautiful and sunny day, no doubt the result of prayer. Two tents were erected on the grounds - one for the celebration of the Mass and one for our invited guests. We were happy to have Br Ghebreyesus Habte with us for the occasion. He gave a most uplifting address. The members of the Board e-mailed the Principal congratulating her on the organisation for the Jubilee. It was a momentous occasion.



OUR BUILDING PLANS;

It is proposed to build 2 new classrooms and a multiple use auditorium. The plans were put before the parents and the method of financing the building project. It was decided to levy the parents and to date they have been most generous in their contribution. The plans were submitted to Rome and have been approved. The plans were then submitted to the Johannesburg municipality and at last have been approved. It is now all systems go and the buildings should start by September. It is risky to start without the total cost available in the bank. Due to careful planning we are very close to the total amount for the cost of the new building.

RUGBY AT LA SALLE.

This is a new initiative by one of our teachers and small group of parents. It is an attempt to revive rugby at the College. They have entered for the 7 a side games each week. One more extracurricular activity was added to an already busy schedule. We wish them well. Please God La Salle one day well be able to compete with the elite schools in their computations.

PHOKENG

In South Africa the month of June is dedicated to the youth because in 1976 on June 16th there was a massive uprising of youth in Soweto against Apartheid, and particular against so called Bantu Education. That uprising took everybody by surprise but it marked the beginning of the end of Apartheid. Here in Phokeng we marked this day by attending a youth gathering in Mogwase. The youth of the Diocese organized an all-night vigil culminating with Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin Dowling at 7am.

Our community youth group ran a weekend for the youth of the Modimong area two weeks ago. It consisted of a leadership training, prayer and discussion for a group of 30. The weekend started on Friday evening using the Sarifina movie as a point of departure. It continued for the whole day on Saturday and included a wide variety of activities. It concluded with a Mass on Sunday in a local village called Mokgopa. Everyone agreed during the feedback and evaluation that it had been a really great experience for all participants.

Recently two members of our community attended a three day training on sexual gender based violence. It was organized by the



Department of Social Development, funded by USAID and aimed at nurses, teachers, social workers etc. A number of assignments and reports have to be completed in order to qualify for certificates of accreditation.

The De La Salle Schools in Johannesburg continue to support our work in Phokeng by donating food, clothes, books etc. On the 5th of June Brother Joseph and Brother Moalusi were invited to speak at the Primary School in Victory Park. The children had collected tins of food and clothes for distribution to needy people in the squatter camps where we work. Br Moalusi told the children that ‘whatever you practice as a child will guide your life as an adult.’ He also thanked them and urged them to continue to care for the poor and in doing so they must know they are helping to make South Africa a better nation. Two members of the community attended a function held at the Irish Embassy in Pretoria. The purpose was for the Ambassador Liam McGowan to honour Irish missionaries in RSA. Also present were the current Archbishop of Pretoria, William Slattery and the former Archbishop George Daniels.

We are now busy preparing for a four week visit of a De La Salle Volunteer group from Ireland organized by Brother Tom Walsh.

3. CALENDARS:

Visitor's Calendar 2016:

1. **Kenyan Sector:** June and September
2. **South African Sector:** July 15 to 25, 2016
3. Workshop Lwanga + DENA (Formation Program) in Nairobi Aug.20 to Aug. 27, 2016 (One Brother and One Partner from each School)
4. In the month of November 2016 Visitor's Conference in Antananarivo – Madagascar
5. Second Visit to the Eritrean Sector December 2016

The next submission deadline for the news clip will be on August 20th 2016.

