



REFLECTION



“All great spirituality teaches about letting go of what you don’t need and who you are not.

Then, when you can get little enough and naked enough and poor enough, you’ll find that the little place where you really are

is ironically more than enough and is all that you need.

At that place, you will have nothing to prove to anybody and nothing to protect.

That place is called freedom. It’s the freedom of the children of God. Such people can connect with everybody. They don’t feel the need to eliminate anybody . . .”

- **Richard Rohr,**
- **Healing Our violence through the Journey of Centering Prayer**





GRADUANDS TAKE AN OATH OF COMMITMENT DURING GRADUATION CEREMONY



On 22nd October 2016, Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School celebrated the 26th Form 4 Graduation. Favorable weather blessed the event, which comprised various events including traditional dances, tae-kwondo, music and dance, and a few speeches.

The guest of honour, Madam Sarah Milunga, retired Headmistress of Suye Secondary School, was a lively and motivating speaker. She urged the graduates to take their studies seriously and to be in tune with science and technology. She said there is a lot students can learn from the internet today. A serious student does not necessarily require a teacher in class because the internet has more than what the teacher can offer. She also encouraged learners to involve God in their plans. She shared some personal experiences on how God helped her become successful in life.

Towards the end of her speech she invited the graduates to take an oath of commitment, promising to be faithful, God-fearing and committed. All graduates took the oath and were very much excited and motivated by this creative gesture.

Simon Kaswahili

THE NAKURU SIX

Over the weekend six brothers had a significant Support Group gathering in Nakuru. Chris, Sunday, Paul, Peter, Stephen and Nicholas met in Nakuru Pastoral Center from Friday to Sunday.





Our time together on Saturday was pivotal. We were enthusiastically involved in sharing our stories and life journeys. We asked ourselves the big question, whether it was an outstanding idea to be a religious today, a Christian Brother today, and, if so, how could we support each other? We talked of our struggles as well as our



L-R Brs Chris Munialo, Paul Mutuku, Peter Kabia, Nicholas Minandi, Constantine Sunday and Stephen Wandabusi

accomplishments. What was so striking was the patience and interest by every brother to listen deeply and to share in each one's story.

However, the main joy was not just knowing what had happened over time, but discovering that a far more important shift had also occurred in our lives.

In the afternoon, and believing that time out together had an important role to play in the life of a Support Group like ours, we chose to visit the Menengai Crater where we had fun and much interaction.

In general I would say that it was a great weekend together.

Chris Munialo

———— VOCATIONS PROCESS ————

Chris Munialo and a Xaverian Brother, Ben, visited a number of Teacher Training Colleges on the weekend of October 18-19 – Eregi, Vihiga, St. Paul's, Migori, Kericho, Rongo. Chris was happy at the reception he received from YCS leaders, patrons and chaplains. This weekend, George Massay made a lightning raid on Nyeri, visiting Kagumo and Kamwenja Teachers' colleges. In the meantime, individual applications keep on slowly emerging. I'm in contact with nearly 100 aspirants journeying to find what the Christ is inviting them to. I admire their responsiveness and good will.

PETER COLE

———— ADVENTURES IN INDIA ————

I had the privilege of attending the recent Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders (EREBB) Congress in Kolkata. Before the congress, about thirty of us from across the world met at St. Columba's College in New Delhi for our immersion experience. The speakers challenged





everyone present on the role they played on educating those on the margins. The congress also gave me an opportunity to catch up with the numerous participants who had been to East Africa on immersion.

One of the questions I asked them was why they were still with Edmund Rice schools and ministries. Most of them said that their time in East Africa prepared them well in their role as educators.



Samuel Karanja and Gerard Keating

In the congress, I met Gerard Keating from Australia, who was a participant in the Karibu 2007 programme. I was Gerard's immersion guide at that time. I was only 20 y.o. then, and quite shy. He had the chance of visiting my family, and we together worked as volunteer teachers at Mitumba Community School, which was the local primary school. It was a poor, under-resourced and very struggling school. I learnt my first teaching skills as an untrained teacher and the value of inclusive education from him. This was very important in my future role with youth and children. Seeing this message of inclusivity being amplified in Kolkata resonated well with me. Truly from little things big things grow!

Samuel Karanja

Remaining Birthdays

OCTOBE

26

31

SIMON KASWAHILI (Sinon)

TIM LOCKWOOD (Karen)





CALENDAR

OCTOBER 26	DLT Meeting
OCTOBER 28-29	Community Leaders Meeting
NOVEMBER 8	DLT meeting
NOVEMBER 21-24	PLT meeting (Freetown)
NOVEMBER 26	First Profession (Tamale)
NOVEMBER 30	DLT meeting
DECEMBER 3-7	DLT away for end-of-year review and planning
DECEMBER 12	Jamhuri Day
DECEMBER 16-18	District Assembly

Many blessings

George

