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— THE JOURNEYING GOD —



Journeying god,
pitch your tent with mine
so that I may not become deterred
by hardship, strangeness, doubt.
Show me the movement I must make
toward a wealth not dependent on possessions,
toward a wisdom not based on books,
toward a strength not bolstered by might,
toward a god not confined to heaven.
Help me to find myself as I walk in other's shoes.

(Prayer song from Ghana, traditional, translator unknown)





SOJOURNER TO ROME



Br Amandi Mboya (middle) being missioned by Brs John Casey, Julian McDonald, Tony Shanahan and Frank O'Shea

Br Amandi Mboya, as an extension to his ministry of leadership, has travelled to Rome to participate in a course on the ***Safeguarding of Minors***, being conducted at the Centre of Child Protection in the Institute of Psychology, Pontifical Gregorian University.

We wish Amandi well during his studies, and we look forward to the time of his return, when he will be able to share with us his newly expanded skills and expertise for safeguarding children and minors

who are in our care.

Br George Massay

CLUSTER DAY



Br Hugh O'Neill (Congregation Leader) addressing the brothers

Thirty- three brothers from the District gathered at Mary Ward Centre on Sunday 29th January for the first "Cluster day" for this year. This gathering came earlier this year than usual as it was planned to bring to closure the pastoral visitation of the

Congregation Leadership Team (CLT) in our District.





There was a lot of energy as the Brothers were engaged the CLT members (Brs Hugh O'Neill, Julian McDonald, John Casey and Richard Walsh) to discuss various issues that affect our lives here in East Africa. It is now the responsibility of all of us in collaboration with our District Leadership Team to determine how to take forward the issues that were raised. There will be opportunities in the coming months to engage in further discussion, as part of our discernment for living fully the calls of the Nairobi Chapter and giving practical expression to living Our Way Into The Future here in the East African District.



Morning prayer in the open space

It was encouraging to see the unanimity that emerged as five separate discussion groups shared the salient points of their sharing. The CLT also took time to answer a variety of question put to them, to comment encouragingly on their experience of the visitation and to thank the Brothers of the District for their warm and generous welcome and hospitality. The morning concluded with a Eucharist presided over by our good friend Fr. Peter Emoit OSA.

Br George Massay

———— **EDMUND RICE ELDORET CAMPS TEAM
BUILDING** ————

Mindful of those facing severe hardship because of drought, we in Eldoret were delighted yesterday with the heavy rainfall in the district. It was a lovely Saturday with cool weather conducive for conducting our team building in preparation for our camp activities planned for





2017. We were pleased with the good number of young people who attended, including some new members keen to join the group.



Edmund Rice Camp Leaders

We started our team building at around 9:30 am, with participants getting to know one another through an activity designed to help us to learn one another's names. There was also a lot of group involvement as we worked together to formulate a mission statement for the year's activities. The day was very successful, with all eagerly anticipating the activities for the coming year, as we left for home.

Br Elly Sakwa

TIME TOGETHER

The Postulants and the Formation Team recently had a two-day preparation for community immersion. Topics addressed included community living, conflict management and non-violent communication.



Postulants and Formation Team members at the Nairobi Animal Orphanage L-R Josepat Mutua, John Paul (team Member), Denish Adero, Fred Adero, Victor Kipruto and Julias Oluoch (Team member)

In the course of the program, we set off to visit the Nairobi Animal Orphanage. Our plans nearly came to nothing when none of the postulants was able to produce





either an ID card or a passport. However, when the security guard heard us discussing visiting an alternative site, he relented and allowed us in. We had an enjoyable time watching the animals and took the opportunity to take selfies with them. We look forward to other similar adventures.

Fred Adero

VOCATIONS

Br. George Massay is hoping to mobilize some promoters over the next two months. This may involve meeting aspirants who are still hanging in over the last year or two as well as visiting some of our friendly TTCs across the country. I am making the last feverish text message to aspirants before departing for Australia (I need prayer). I sent out 90 letters and come and see invites over a week ago now. Some have received and have replied positively. We are on the way. But now the fun starts as the time for lining up at the barrier looms- it is April 23-29 at EMBULBUL. Thanks to Sande and his community.

BR. PETER COLE

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 10-12	AP workshop
FEBRUARY 19-23	CLT meet African leadership teams (Lusaka)
FEBRUARY 25	Final Profession of Simon Peter Odongo
March 7-8	Province Formation Team Meeting (Nairobi)
March 13-14	Formation Committee Meeting (Nairobi)
March 20-24	PLT Meeting (Nairobi)
March 24	Mary Rice Launch of the Strategic Plan
April 4-8	EREA immersion
April 13-17	District Assembly – Mary Ward
April 18	Community Leaders Meeting
April 20	Departure of OP group to India
May 2-7	Mission Capacity Support Team Meeting
May 15-16	Formation Committee Meeting
May 15-19	PLT Meeting
May 27	Br Pascal Kituku's death anniversary
May 31 – June 6	AP Long Workshop
June 26-30	Accompaniment In-services training

Many blessings

George

