



— GIVING TO THE NEEDY —



By Carol Glatz

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — People who don't give money to the homeless because they think it will be spent on alcohol and not food should ask themselves what guilty pleasures they are secretly spending money on, Pope Francis said.

"There are many excuses" to justify why one doesn't lend a hand when asked by a person begging on the street, he said in an interview published the day before the beginning of Lent.

But giving something to someone in need "is always right," and it should be done

with respect and compassion because "tossing money and not looking in (their) eyes is not a Christian" way of behaving, he said.

One thing people may tell themselves to feel better about not giving anything, the pope said, is "I give money and then he spends it on drinking a glass of wine." But, the pope said, if "a glass of wine is the only happiness he has in life, that's OK. Instead ask yourself what do you do on the sly? What 'happiness' do you seek in secret?"

Or, another way to look at it, the pope said, is recognize how "you are luckier, with a house, a wife, children" and then ask why should the responsibility to help be pushed onto someone else.





EDMUND RICE CAMP - ELDORET



Children enjoying the game

The day of the camp began with good weather, which would contribute to the children having a great day. More than 100 children participated in the games that were organized and run by about 15 youth who had prepared a few days before. The children, anxious to begin, arrived very early, even before many of the youth leaders had arrived. The children were lively and fully involved in the games and were well led by the leaders. Some of the games we played: tug of war, sack race, spoon tennis, unique water slide, balloon toss, and mingle-mingle. The youth leaders did a great job, involving the children, who were more than attentive and cooperative with the leaders. Each leader took a turn in leading the games and in ensuring that all the children participated. The day was extremely successful because of the great bond that developed between a leader and a child. The highlight of the day was the delicious meal that was prepared and served by the youth leaders themselves.

By 2 PM the children had eaten and were tired, but very happy to have had such a pleasant experience of just having fun together. A very sincere thank you goes out to all involved, especially to the leaders and children who were totally involved in the day.

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HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE-BUILDING WORKSHOP IN ONGATA RONGAI

On 1st and 2nd March 2017, ERAN ran a Human Rights and Peace building Workshop at Ongata Rongai. The workshop, aimed at promoting Human Rights and at encouraging peace especially during this electioneering period, targeted the local youth that work at the bus stops. The youth were trained concerning their rights and of those whom they serve. They were introduced to alternative dispute





resolution mechanisms amongst themselves and in their interactions with county authorities and the police.



ERAN Staff and some participants of the workshop

The youth identified ways to repair their relationships with the local police and with those whom they serve as customers, and to improve on how they treat themselves and those around them.

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BIRTHDAYS

MARCH	23	JOHN NYAMBA (Luampa, Zambia)
	26	BILL COLFORD (Eldoret)
	30	EDWARD MASINDE (Limulunga, Zambia)
	31	SIMON PETER ODONGO (Yambio)

CALENDAR

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

