



— PAUSE FOR PRAYER —



The Incredulity of St Thomas by Cope Amezcua

Thomas was a doubter, Lord,
and sometimes
I'm a doubter, too...

Sometimes I doubt you, Lord:
your love for me,
your care for me,
the mercy and the peace
you offer me...

Doubt can back me into a lonely
corner
and leave me short on hope...

Doubt can blind me to the truth
even when it stares me in the
face...

Thomas needed to see
your suffering's wounds
before believing
in your risen glory:
sometimes it's my own wounds,
Lord,
that keep me from believing
you're always there for me,
you're always by my side,
you always have my back
and want nothing but the best for

me...

Help me look with Thomas, Lord,
look upon your wounds
to remind me you're no stranger
to what suffering may be mine...

Remind me how my pain
marks just the very place
where you, Lord, come to meet
me,
to mend and heal
my soul and doubts,
to lead me to your risen peace...

Like Thomas, I'm a doubter, Lord:
deepen my faith, my trust and
my hope
and make me a believer...

Amen.





———— **SECOND ORIENTATION PROGRAM**
KICKS-OFF IN INDIA ————



L-R Br Tony Shanahan (back-middle) sending off Brs Silverio Wafula, Wyclife Maisiba, Melkizedeck Musamia, Allan Mwashu, Edwin Wekulo, Isaac Odongo and Kelvin Ouma to India for the OP

On 20th April, we bid farewell to Brothers from our District who are joining the orientation program in India. The program is aimed at preparing these Brothers to form communities that will live our brotherhood at a deeper level, committed to a deeper search for God and engagement in ministry with the most marginalized. An explanation of the reasons for this brave venture was well articulated in the Congregational document “*Our Way into the Future*”.

The seven Brothers from the East Africa District have all arrived in Shillong - India, but two of them are in hospital recuperating from illness. We wish them quick recovery. We know the support of their brothers in the orientation program will speed-up the healing process. The Congregation is indebted to Br Tony Shanahan who worked tirelessly to overcome all the obstacles in getting the visa for India, not an easy task.

One can follow the Brothers in the program, using this website link www.journeying2gether.org.

Br George Massay





INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE STREET CHILDREN



The International Day of the Street Children was celebrated on the 12th April 2017 worldwide. ERAN held its celebrations at the Kwetu Home of Peace for Rehabilitating Street Children at Madaraka, Nairobi. The theme of the Day was “*This is Our Time*”.

The Children’s Home hosts street children for 3 months before transferring them to another of their facilities in Ruai to help with their education and re-integration. The team from ERAN took time with the children to enjoy games and other outdoor activities that culminated in the sharing of a cake to commemorate the day.

Ludivicus Omolo

CHILDREN’S CAMP AT MATHARE



ERAN sponsored a Children’s Camp at the Good Samaritan Children’s Home in Mathare between 6th and 7th April 2017. The Children’s Home hosts about 300 children from all the age groups and has served children for over 25 years.

The Team from ERAN had various indoor fun activities with the





children at the Home during the two-day period that the camp ran. They also discussed with the children their rights and responsibilities.

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———— **EDMUND RICE CAMP**
NAIROBI-EXECUTIVE MEETING ————



The seven executive members held a meeting at Mary Rice Center on Sunday the 23rd April 2017 from 2:00pm. The meeting started with a reflective prayer during which we individually reflected on our different styles of leadership.

Our agenda focused on an evaluation of our activities of the first quarter, the impacts that we had on the schools with which we work, and the impact we have on the community at large through activities such as full day camps, community engagement/community outreach, formation/training programs and immersions. The general roles and responsibilities of each leader were also reviewed and we planned for the next full day camp. The meeting also focused on the book “I am Because We Are” and its importance in the society as a tool for social justice in schools.

Sammy Muga





———— **BROTHER BEAUSANG CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE-
FEAST OF BLESSED EDMUND RICE MASS AND**

“BUS HARAMBEE” ————

Brother Beausang school will be celebrating the feast of Blessed Edmund Rice on Friday May 5th with a special Mass at 9.00 a.m. at Embulbul Catholic Church. Bishop John Oballa the Bishop of Ngong Diocese will be the celebrant.

Following Mass there will be a blessing of “Eddie’s Workshop”, the school’s recently completed trade building.

A Harambee to raise funds towards the school acquiring its own bus will then commence at 11.00 a.m.

All members of the wider Edmund Rice family are invited to attend all or part of the day. Lunch and entertainment will be part of the Harambee.

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Mr Peter Shanahan

Principal

Birthdays in May

MAY	04	CLEM BARRETT (Sinon)
	12	AMOS KUTWA (Embulbul)
	17	SAMUEL MUNYUA (Mongu. Zambia)
	17	PAUL FOLLAS (Keating House, Lusaka)
	28	MELKIZEDECK MUSAMIA (Shillong - India)

CALENDAR

April 23-29	Come and See Program - Embulbul
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

Many blessings

George

