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East Africa District

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## — THE HEART OF THE ENLIGHTENED —



Some people will never learn anything  
because they grasp everything too soon.

Wisdom after all, is not a station you arrive at,  
but a manner of traveling.

If you travel too fast, you will miss the scenery.

To know exactly where you are headed  
maybe the best way to go astray.

Not all those who loiter are lost.

Anthony De Mello





## NEWS FROM ROME



L-R Brs Martin Binyenya and Amandi Mboya in Rome

Martin Binyenya has arrived in Rome to pursue his studies at the Institute of Psychology of the Gregorian University. Before the course starts Martin will sharpen his knowledge and mastery of the Italian language, which will be the mode of learning the course.

Amandi Mboya has just completed six months training at the same University earning a Diploma in Safeguarding of Minors. We welcome Amandi back to the District, and we look forward to his contribution towards increasing our capacity to keep the minors safe in our various ministries in the District and indeed the wider Province.

**Br George Massay**

## ANNUALLY PROFESSED BROTHERS WORKSHOP

The annually professed Brothers workshop took place in Nairobi workshop from 31<sup>st</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June. Everyone was in a high spirits as we welcomed each other. Br. Damien Price opened a session with a





well prepared morning prayer that connected us with the topic of the workshop. The prayer helped us to reflect on how the person of Jesus deeply touched and changed peoples lives enabling them to recognize that they were special, God's beloved and of great dignity!



Br Damien presenting a session to the Brothers

Damien introduced to us the "Theology of Being a Guest". Through sharing our sacred stories, we discovered that hospitality and presence are both lifelong choices that we make in our lives. We are called to "step down" and become Guests/Hosts to our world. "Guest-ness" and presence are cornerstones of community living.

Through reflections and small group discussions, I learnt that to be truly present is an attitude of heart that expresses itself in our eyes and voice. It can become part of our

life long journey. We were encouraged to be mindful of other people with compassion, acceptance and dignity.

The visit to Ngong' Hills in Kajiado county greatly enhanced our time together. We enjoyed the fun of climbing the mountains with companionship of each other. Thanks to Damien for facilitating this workshop.

**Br. Daniel Kyalo**

### ERMEA Staff Formation



Br Peter Cole presenting to the new staff members

The Edmund Rice Ministries East Africa (ERMEA) gathered new staff members of our ministries at the Passionist Retreat Centre in Nairobi from June 9-11. This program was a milestone in the evolution of ERMEA. It was the first formation program ever to be

conducted under the auspices of the newly formed ERMEA office. In so many ways the formation for new staff has been a catalyst for the ongoing growth of the ERMEA office, which







only started operations in March 2017. The formation meeting was attended by 27 participants from across Edmund Rice Ministries in East Africa. The program had four facilitators who have rich experience in various fields. The theme for the weekend was, “*In the Mind and Heart of Edmund Rice Today*”.

The topics covered were: -

- *Personal Strengths,*
- *Advocacy,*
- *Pillars and Features of ERMEA,*
- *Gender issues,*
- *Edmund Rice Story.*

**Br Francis Nkwabi**

———— **CLG MEETING ENTERS THE SECOND WEEK** ————

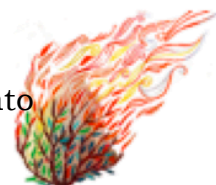


Members attending the CLG meeting

The Congregation Leadership Group (CLG) meeting has entered its second and final week, after a restful weekend where members took opportunities to explore what Rome and Italy has to offer. Africa Province representatives seized the opportunity by travelling out of Rome to bond and relax together.

During last week, with the help of Fr Gerry McGlone SJ, we reflected on the theme of the meeting “**Facing Into the Wind**” with reference to our Congregation Culture.

In the later part of the week we received reports from Provinces and Region, the exercise was themed: “**State of the Congregation**”. It was another wake-up call for us as we were made aware of the realities that are facing the Congregation in different parts of the world and what strategies we need to put into place as we move into the future.





Africa Province Representatives L-R Brs Michael de Klerk, Albert Gomez, Alfred Banda, Clement Sindazi and George Massay

This coming week we will be working on the list of key areas of Congregation life which emerged from last weeks conversations. It seems to me that some concrete decisions will have to be made.

**Br George Massay**

**———— INVITATION TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE  
DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD ————**

Dear Brothers/members of Edmund Rice Ministries in East African District,

Peace be with you.

The office of Edmund Rice Advocacy Network wish to cordially invite you to the celebration of the day of the African child which is commemorated globally on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June every year. In 1991, the Assembly of Head of States and Government of the then OAU instituted the Day of the African Child (DAC) for the first time in memory of the 16th June 1976 student uprising in Soweto, South Africa.

During this commemoration we raise awareness of the continuing need for improvement of the education provided to African children. The theme of this year is **“Accelerating protection, empowerment and equal opportunities for children in Africa by 2030”**.





The commemoration will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017 starting from 10.00am at ERAN premises at the Old Brother Beausang Primary School in Embulbul, opposite Deliverance Church. You are all welcome. Peace,

Johnstone Shisanya

### **THE WEEK IN PICTURES:**



Brs Peter Clinch and Ted Magee from OLT



Kevin Bernard and Hugo Caceres from LAR



Brs Edmund Garvey and Dominic Sassi from EUP





Who is the "Mzungu" wearing the burnous? Prizes to be won for the lucky winner!!!

I am informed he is going to the desert tomorrow to do some penance.

### Birthdays

JUNE 20	ALPHONCE OROCHE (Second year NoviceLusaka)
24	LAWRENCE AGALO (Embulbul)
25	RICHARD DEMARIA (NY)
25	MARTIN BINYENYA (Karen)

### CALENDAR

June 3-13	Gone Fishing Program
June 4-16	CLG Meeting - Rome
August 11-13	AP Workshop
August 14-18	PLT Meeting
August 30-Sept 1	DLT Review
September 8	Community Leaders Meeting
September 9	Cluster
September 11-15	Accompaniment Workshop
September 15-17	Aspirants Discernment weekend
September 21-22	Formation Committee Meeting
October 11	Child Protection Workshop
October 20	Mashujaa Day
October 20-22	Selection of 2018 Postulants
November 6-17	ERI Training Geneva
November 8-10	RSCK AGM
November 20-24	PLT Meeting (Lusaka)
November 25	First Profession (Lusaka)
December 12	Jamhuri Day

Many blessings

George

