



—— Primary Wonder ——



Days pass when I forget the mystery.
Problems insoluble and problems offering
their own ignored solutions
jostle for my attention, they crowd its antechamber
along with a host of diversions, my courtiers, wearing
their colored clothes; cap and bells.

And then
once more the quiet mystery
is present to me, the throng's clamor
recedes: the mystery
that there is anything, anything at all,
let alone cosmos, joy, memory, everything,
rather than void: and that, O Lord,
Creator, Hallowed One, You still,
hour by hour sustain it.

~ Denise Levertov ~





— NOVITIATE INITIATION CEREMONY —



Novices processing into the Chapel for the initiation ritual

On 6th February evening, the new novices in Tamale - Ghana were officially welcomed to the novitiate by the formation team. The ceremony marked the end of the orientation week and the beginning of the novitiate program.



The ceremony included a welcoming ritual which was followed by a sumptuous dinner accompanied by drinks. Present to witness this were the Brothers from the Choggu community together with other invited guests, who were mainly from other neighbouring Religious Congregations.





During the ritual, each novice introduced himself and his symbol which represented his ongoing journey in formation. The novices were each presented with a bible and the constitution of the congregation. Despite the hot weather conditions in Tamale, the spirits of the novices and all present in the ceremony were high. This was evident in the singing and dancing and the lively interactions. Join with us in prayer that we profit from this wonderful opportunity.

Melkizedeck Musamia

———— **NEW POSTULANTS BEGIN
THEIR FORMATION IN ARUSHA** ————

Eight young men from Kenya travelled to Tanzania on Wednesday 4th February to begin their one-year formation program as they discern to become Christian Brothers. This one-year residential program takes place at the Edmund Rice Formation Centre in Arusha.



Postulants at the border of Kenya and Tanzania

The new postulants are (L-R) Felix Oloo, Lawrence Mwaro, Cylus Juma, Willy Mackenzie, Alphas Otieno, Alphonse Oroche, Ismail Wasonga and Denis Isaboke. We wish these young men all the

best as they enter this program led by Brothers Gerard Ellul and Kevin Delaney.

George Massay

———— **NEW POSTULANTS ARRIVE AT SHAMS** ————

Last Wednesday, February 4th, George Massay accompanied the eight new Kenyan postulants to the border at Namanga and, thanks to connections with Immigration via Pascal Kituku, the men were able to receive a six months visa for Tanzania. Gerard Ellul and Bill Dowling met them at Namanga and welcomed them to Tanzania.





Since last Wednesday the Formation Team (Gerard and Kevin Delaney) has been working with them on orientation to the programme and life in Arusha. Next week the regular classes, ministry placements and accompaniment will begin. We ask that you remember these men as they begin their journey of discovery.



From left to right in the photo are:

Alphas Otieno; Felix Oloo; Lawrence Mwaro; Willy Mutuva; Cylus Juma; Ismael Wasonga; Dennis Isaboke and Alphonse Oroche.

— ANNUALLY PROFESSED WORKSHOP —

It was a different environment and experience altogether as the first AP workshop for this year took place at St. Mary's Pastoral Centre in Nakuru, two and a half hours drive from Nairobi. Except for Martin Khaemba, who couldn't attend the workshop due to an unavoidable circumstance, all the other year 1 to year 4 Annually Professed Brothers from Eldoret and Nairobi were able to attend the workshop.

The Theme for the workshop, which was chosen way back in December last year, was HUMAN SEXUALITY AND CELIBACY. You can imagine how prepared the brothers were! Well, there was high level of energy and active participation among the brothers throughout the sessions. Real life experiences were shared by most of us and of course the input from Sr. Rosemary Wanyoike RSM, the facilitator, made the workshop successful. It was a great opportunity to deepen our knowledge on our sexuality especially in relation to the vow of celibacy. We dearly thank Sr. Rosemary for her excellent facilitation.





Sr Rosemary and Brothers at St Mary's Pastoral Centre - Nakuru

Apart from the formal sharing during the sessions, we also had good time on our own especially on the night of Saturday sharing our community life and ministerial experiences in our respective communities and ministries but the climax of it all was when we were sharing a few 'brilliant' thoughts about the future of our congregation-OWITF. Brothers were very enthused. We also thank the AP Co-ordinator – George Massay, for his support and commitment and especially for his presence with us in Nakuru.

Lawrence Agalo

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**Calendar
February**

9 – 13 PLT Meeting – Nairobi
18 Ash Wednesday – DLT Meeting

Many blessings

George Massay

