



———— **POPE FRANCIS: GOSSIPING IS LIKE TERRORISM** ————



Pope Francis on Friday likened a person who gossips to “a terrorist who throws a bomb,” telling his followers that sowing divisions is a sickness within the Catholic Church.

Speaking during his homily at his Santa Marta residence, Francis criticized people who think gossip is harmless. “Gossiping is like terrorism because the person who gossips is like a terrorist who throws a bomb and runs away, destroying,” he said. “With their tongue they are destroying and not making peace.”

The pontiff went further in his description of the “cunning” gossip, who is “not a suicide bomber” because he takes good care of himself.

Francis called on his followers to question whether they sow peace when they speak, telling them to bite their tongues if they feel the urge to spread divisions among people.

He also took a critical view of those who have a “serpent’s tongue” and spread gossip within the Catholic Church: “That person is always doing what the serpent did with Adam and Eve, namely destroying peace. And this is an evil, this is a sickness within our Church: sowing divisions, sowing hatred, not sowing peace.”

———— **PRAYERS REQUESTED** ————

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Levy Odhiambo, a Form 3 student at Brother Beausang. Levy was the nephew of Francis Otieno, who was a former Christian Brother.

Prayers are requested for Erick Kariuki (also of Brother Beausang) who underwent a major operation to have one of his legs amputated due to cancer.

Please keep the families and the school in your prayers at this difficult time.





— CHILD PROTECTION WORKSHOP HELD AT
DIMESE RETREAT CENTER FROM 4TH - 6TH Sept 2015 —



It was indeed an insightful moment as the CPPO's and leaders of various Christian Brothers' ministries in East Africa gathered to share experiences as well as evaluate the progress and challenges of the implementation of the Child Protection Policy. The first day was brief but well

utilized as the old members reconnected and mingled with the new members during the group discussions on the conflicting case scenarios experienced in the ministries.

The second day which was facilitated by the Advocacy team captured the attention of everyone wanting to understand "The Right Based Approach" to Children's Rights. It came into our realization that many organizations tend to address immediate needs, which lacks the element of sustainability. We were challenged to address issues using the Right based approach so as to address the root causes of why people lack basic needs.

The focus on the last day was on the "how we do what we do" as child protection officers. Tom Kearney introduced Gerard Egan's approach "The Skilled Helper" as a helpful tool with special emphasis on listening skills. The parting short challenged the CPPO's to evaluate what kind of listeners they were; jugglers, pretenders, hurry ups, re-hearsers or fixers?

The participants acknowledged that the gathering was beneficial and that there was need for regular courses. Thanks to Br Amandi for organizing and to all who made it possible.

Angie Obutu

— ORIENTATION PROGRAM – OPENING RITUAL —

We have just had an opening ritual towards the orientation programme. Twenty-nine brothers are participating in this programme and East Africa has the biggest number of participants, we total nine members, and so we become the largest beneficiaries of this





programme. It will be an enjoyable journey helping each one of us to find meaning as we all explore the call to our way into the future.



L-R Edward, Charles, Cornel, Lawrence, Sammy, Fredrick, Nicholas, Dominic, John and Philip

Thanks to you Brother's for the unique send-off. Thanks to all inspiring and encouraging emails. Blessings to you all and keep us in your prayers.

Sammy Munyua

———— **PROVINCE FORMATION REVIEW TEAM**
MEETS IN NAIROBI ————

A small team that has been reviewing the Province Formation Program from early this year is currently meeting at Dimesse Spirituality Centre in Nairobi. The team was formed as a result of the deliberation of the Africa Province Chapter to review the formation program of the Province. The Chapter noticed that a significant number of Brothers have left the Congregation in the last few years, some in a manner that has raised more questions than answers. Even though people will still be leaving the Congregation for various reasons, it was the concern of the delegates of the Chapter to re-examine the formation





program to ascertain whether it has not been meeting the needs of our brothers, especially after completing the novitiate. In that light the Formation Review team was formed that has so far done a Province-wide consultation with the Brothers, leading up to a meeting of all formators in January 2016 in Lusaka.

The reviewers are Brs Tony Shanahan (Convener), Revy Hang'andu (South Central District), Victor Alpha (West Africa District), George Massay (East Africa District), and two external reviewers both with vast background in formation and leadership: Sr Anesu Mupfigo (Dominican) and Sr Immaculate Nakato (Reparatrix Sister), with Michael Burke who will be facilitating the January gathering. We are trying to engage a female co-facilitator for the January meeting.



Figure 1L-R Standing Michael, Revy, Victor and George. Front Row (seated) Tony, Immaculata and Anesu

George Massay

— SAD NEWS FROM BROTHER BEAUSANG —

Since school opened for Term 3 last week we have received two sad pieces of news concerning two students.

Last Friday, Levy Odhiambo, a Form 3 student passed away due to meningitis. Levy was the nephew of Francis Otieno who of course was Deputy Principal (2006-2008) and Principal (2009-2011) at Brother Beausang during his six years at the school. Levy's passing has been a great shock to the family and the school, particularly Levy's classmates. Levy was a hard working student, being consistently in the top five students in his class.

Earlier in the week another Form 3 student, Erick Kariuki underwent a major operation to have one of his legs amputated due to cancer. Erick had been away from school for some time due to his inability to





walk on the leg. The need for such an operation was a huge shock for Erick and his family but he was in good spirits when visited last week. Please keep the families and the school in your prayers at this difficult time.

**Peter Shanahan
(Principal)**

———— **NOTICE** ————

ERAN is organizing for a seminar on the latest Papal encyclical on environment, "Laudato Si" on the 26th, September 2015 at Mary Ward Centre. The seminar shall commence as from 8.30 am to 1.00 pm and shall be facilitated by Br. Moy Hitchen from Edmund Rice International, Geneva. We are inviting interested people to forward their names to (jdiemo@gmail.com) or to Br. Amandi on (amandimboya@gmail.com) not later than 20th Sep 2015.

Joash Diemo

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

08	AMANDI MBOYA (Sth C)
12	BILL DOWLING (Sinon)
14	PHILIP OMBUCHA (Lusaka)
18	CORNEL MWIRU (Lusaka)
18	SILVERIO WAFULA (Eldoret)
24	FRANK O'SHEA (Balozi)
24	GEORGE MASSAY (Sth C)
25	PASCAL KITUKU (Yambio)
27	ALLAN SHUNZA (First year novice Tamale)
29	NICODEMUS OKUKU (Balozi)

CALENDAR

September 12	Nairobi Cluster meeting
September 19	Arusha Cluster meeting
October 2-3	CL's meeting
October 4-6	ERMEA meeting
October 14	DLT meeting
October 16-18	Annually professed workshop
October 20	Mashujaa Day
October 21	DLT meeting
October 23-24	Formation Committee (Nairobi)
October 28-30	DLT, PLT and CLT meeting in Lusaka
November 21	First profession Lusaka
November 23-27	PLT meeting in Lusaka





December 11-14 Reception of the newly professed and assembly
December 12 Jamhuri Day

Many Blessings,

George Massay

