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WEEKLY REFLECTION



*The day will come when,
after harnessing the space,
the winds, the tides, gravitation,
we shall harness for God the energies of love.
And on that day,
for the second time in the history of the world,
man will have discovered fire.*

— From Pierre Teilhard de Chardin's "**Toward the Future.**"

*Let Your love play upon my voice and rest on my silence.
Let it pass through my heart into all my movements...
Let me carry Your love in my life as a harp does its music,
and give it back to You at last with my life.*

— Part of a prayer by the Indian poet **Rabindranath Tagore**, a winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature and a friend of Mahatma Gandhi.

*Lord, You have made us for yourself,
And our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
From St. Augustine's "**Confessions.**"*





MY EXPERIENCE OF THE 2015 EREBB CONFERENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA



Some participants of the EREBB conference in South Africa

The 2015 Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders conference, which took place from 13th – 18th October in South Africa, has successfully concluded. This conference was probably the best of all international conferences I have attended so far. For me, the theme of the conference, “Educating with Ubuntu” was the main highlight. Rev. Sidwell Mokgothu, who is also a social activist of the poor, clearly explained the phrase “Educating with Ubuntu”. During the session, Mokgothu captured my attention when he expounded the word Ubuntu by saying that it refers to humanness or humanity and therefore educating with Ubuntu means bringing humanity to the heart of education. He further narrated that education with Ubuntu is all about educating for healing, love, care, concern, and wholeness.

Along with the wonder of the entire experience of the immersion visits we had in various Edmund Rice schools in South Africa, the theme has remained to be my ongoing reflection: how I place forth the values of the human being when educating the mind; how I treat people with human dignity rather than objects and above all, how I see Christ present in learners. I now continue to live these questions and see whether I will have gathered enough answers by October 2016 during the next conference in Kolkata, India.

Simon Kaswahili

COMMUNITY OUTREACH- EDMUND RICE KARIBU CAMPS FOR KIDS

On Saturday, 24th October thirteen leaders went to five of our targeted schools to engage with some of the available students who had been on previous camps. They shared about assertive behavior, becoming





the best person they could be and determination never to give up, despite the obstacles operating in their Kibera environment. Some leaders were asked to motivate the class 8 students. The de-brief indicated a successful morning.



ERCK Leaders during the camp

PETER COLE

———— ZIMELE WALKATHON IN MELBOURNE ————



Daniel Lyimo and Tom Purcell during the walkathon

Daniel Lyimo participated in the Walkathon in Melbourne that was fundraising for the Star Support Group in Yambio and Education For Life (EFL) Project in Eldoret. Tom Purcell, one of our passionate supporters, gave a short speech about EFL and Daniel spoke about Star Support Group. About 400 participated in the walkathon. We thank the organisers of the walkathon and the participants for their generosity in making the walkathon a success.

———— VISITORS IN THE DISTRICT ————

Last week we had a pleasure of hosting Matt Hawkins and Paul Corfield, staff members of St Patrick's College Queensland. Matt and Paul were en route to Australia after attending the Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders conference in South Africa. They appreciated a visit to our ministries in Nairobi, and we definitely enjoyed their presence in our community. Thank you for coming and visiting us.

George Massay



Matt Hawkins and Paul Corfield





FORMATION COMMITTEE SELECTS NEW POSTULANTS



Clockwise Peter Cole, George Massay, Tom Kearney, Tim Lockwood, Gerard Ellull, Tony Shanahan and Fr Moris Scheppers OP who came to celebrate Eucharist with us

Formation Committee members met at Mary Ward from 23-24 October. Among other formation related matters of the District, the committee was able to select 10 postulants from a pool of about 45 names. From these 10 names we hope that 8 will proceed to the postulancy in May 2016 in Arusha after further interviews and scrutiny is done. We pray for these young men during this time of discernment and preparations.

VIDEO ON BROTHERS

Here is a short video that has been prepared for the gathering of 130 Brothers from 20 Congregations which is taking place in Rome. The gathering began on Saturday 24th October.

If you look closely you might spot a familiar face or two.

Brothers might find it helpful for a community prayer or other occasion.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/f1dqtwbay7be216/Tutti%20fratelli%2024%20Oct.mp4?dl=0>

John Casey

NOTICE TO THE BROTHERS

This is to inform the Brothers of the District that all the leadership teams of the Province will be gathering in Lusaka Zambia with the





Congregation Leadership Team from 28th – 30th October. The three DLT members are all in Lusaka during this week.

REMAINING BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

26 SIMON KASWAHILI (Sinon) (Happy birthday)

31 TIM LOCKWOOD (Otiende)

CALENDAR

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 District Assembly December

12 Jamhuri Day (Kenya)

Many Blessings,

George Massay

