



———— YOU HAVE TO BE A BELOVED TO KNOW ————



Think of the many, many stories about God choosing people.
There are Moses, Abraham, and Sarah;
there are David, Jeremiah, Gideon, Samuel, Jonah, and Isaiah.
There is Israel itself. Much later there are Peter and Paul, and, most especially, Mary.

God is always choosing people.
First impressions aside, God is not primarily choosing them for a role or a task,
although it might appear that way.
God is really choosing them *to be God's self in this world,*
each in a unique situation.

If they allow themselves to experience being chosen,
being a beloved, being somehow God's presence in the world,
they invariably communicate that same chosenness to others.
And thus the Mystery passes on from age to age.

Yes, we do have roles and tasks in this world, but finally they are all the same
—to uniquely be divine love in a way that no one else can or will.

Richard Rohr





———— NINE PRONOUNCE THEIR UNRESERVED “YES” ————



Front Row: L-R Innocent (SCD), John (SCD), Nicholas (EAD), John (EAD), Joseph (WAD), Back row: L-R Steven (SCD), Dominic (EAD), Fred (EAD) and Edward (EAD)

Nine novices of the Africa Province made their first profession in a joyful ceremony at the Marian Shrine in Lusaka on Saturday 21st November. It is estimated that about 200 people attended the occasion. The Eucharistic celebration, which took place at the Marian Shrine, was celebrated by Fr John Moore, SJ, an elderly Jesuit priest, who was one of the regular novitiate community

celebrant and much preferred by the novices.

Br Alfred Banda, the District Leader of South Central District received their vows. During his homily, in reminding them of their vocation, he urged the novices to be the listeners of the word and be the friends of the poor. “To be a brother is to be good news,” he reminded them.

The reception took place at the novitiate, and all enjoyed a sumptuous meal and great company. The newly professed have been participating in the Orientation Program for the establishment of the new cluster of communities in Zambia. The other participants of the orientation program were present and offered their unreserved support to their fellow participants.

George Massay

———— EAST AFRICA IMMERSION ————

The Kesheni Immersion (Stay Awake in Swahili) saw four HSC school leavers from St Edward's College Gosford NSW fly to Kenya to spend two weeks supporting Edmund Rice ministries in the slums of Nairobi. Tom Brown, Nathan Lara, Cody Milne and Dominic Giles chose this counter cultural immersion instead of attending traditional Year 12 'schoolies' activities. Teachers Mr Gerry Summerhayes and Mr Scott Beattie also decided to immerse themselves in the East African culture.





Accompanied by Headmaster Dr Michael Slattery and his wife Alison who were on their fifth trip to this needy region, the boys visited the homes of several families in the Kibera and Mukuru slum districts. They then conducted several Edmund Rice camps for children 8-15 years and each camp saw 100 children take part in games and activities that aimed to raise self esteem, confidence, social awareness and participation. The group presented sporting equipment and prizes to the participants and camp leaders. Dr Slattery said that "this experience has been a life changing one for the boys as they became acutely aware of the plight of others less fortunate and how we can find ways to support those in great need. This experience follows one in 2014 where St Edward's HSC leavers also worked as volunteers for two weeks in Kibera and Mukuru slums in Nairobi. We are grateful to leaders like Br Frank O'Shea, Br Russell Peters, Br Peter Cole and Mr Samuel Karanja (ER Immersions Co-ordinator) for their assistance with this wonderful experience".

The trip this year saw the boys and their teachers join nurse and midwife Mrs Alison Slattery in the Ruben Health Clinic where she worked as a volunteer for the fortnight and the boys assisted her and other health staff with immunisation and paediatric care for mothers and babies from the Mukuru slum. In two days 225 babies were immunised and their nutrition assessed. The young men received an inside view of the work the Clinic offers in HIV detection and health care within the disadvantaged slum community. Ruben clinic is providing a much needed comprehensive health service to all who attend their many services. Mrs Slattery said that "the boys showed maturity beyond their years in absorbing the many challenges faced by staff and patients on a daily basis".

Michael Slattery
Headmaster





CALENDAR

November 23-27 PLT meeting in Lusaka

December 11-14 District Assembly December

December 13 – Reception and Missioning of the newly professed

December 12 Jamhuri Day (Kenya)

Many Blessings,

George Massay

