



### — THE LEAF AND THE CLOUD —



When loneliness comes stalking, go into  
the fields, consider  
the orderliness of the world. Notice  
something you have never noticed before,

like the tambourine sound of the snow-  
cricket  
whose pale green body is no longer than  
your thumb.

Stare hard at the hummingbird, in the  
summer rain,  
shaking the water-sparks from its wings.

Let grief be your sister, she will wither or  
not.

Rise up from the stump of sorrow, and be  
green also,  
like the diligent leaves.

A lifetime isn't long enough for the beauty  
of this world  
and the responsibilities of your life.

Scatter your flowers over the graves, and  
walk away.  
Be good-natured and untidy in your  
exuberance.

In the glare of your mind, be modest.  
And beholden to what is tactile, and  
thrilling.

Live with the beetle, and the wind.

~ Mary Oliver ~





## PRAYERS REQUESTED

The past week has been a difficult one for the Br. Beausang community.

The school lost one of its most admired and respected staff members, ANDREW KARIUKI WARUI, who passed away early on Sunday January 18 after a short battle with liver cancer.

Andrew had been in charge of maintenance at the school since 2008. He was a former Chair of the Staff Welfare Committee and also Chairperson of the Embulbul Parish St. Vincent de Paul. Andrew's funeral was held last Friday at Embulbul. All staff, secondary students and upper primary pupils attended the service.

Another long serving staff member, Samwell Omoro lost his father Richard a few days later.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Andrew and also Richard Omoro as well as their families and the school community.

Peter Shanahan

## PROVINCE FORMATION REVIEW MEETING



Participants of the meeting during the closing Eucharistic celebration

After two weeks of discussion reflection and discernment we have reached the point of articulating a vision for formation across the Province and formulating directions which will impact not only on initial formation but also on the ongoing formation of every Brother in the Province. It now remains with the Province leadership Team to deliberate on the recommendations and take steps to translate them into practices and challenges that will animate the lives of everyone in the Province as we respond to the call of the Nairobi and live together Our Way Into The Future.

It is anticipated that a new Formation Handbook will be available to all communities within three or four months. While the Formation





Handbook will spell out in detail plans for all areas of initial formation (Postulancy, Novitiate and Program for Brothers of Annual Profession), it will set guidelines for all of us as we set about transforming our lives together in community.

George Massay

## EDMUND RICE CAMPS TEAM BUILDING



23<sup>rd</sup> January was a big day at the home of champions (Eldoret) for the camp leaders of Edmund Rice Camps. We gathered for six hours discovering more about each other and discussing on how we can work together as a team in order to run our camps effectively and professionally during the year.

There was great cooperation among members, which helped the group to come up with vision and mission statements that are to lead us in our activities. We finished the workshop with a welcoming party of new members. There is great enthusiasm to begin the camps as soon as possible.

We also got an opportunity to sell our ideas about Edmund Rice Camps in Eldoret to Genesis Youth Family whom we are looking forward to partner with in our future activities.

Elly Sakwa and Paul Mutuku

### BIRTHDAYS

#### JANUARY

26	DANIEL LYIMO	(ISC Lusaka)
28	TOM KEARNEY	(Embulbul)





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## CALENDAR

- 4 February** – Missioning of the novices to Lusaka  
**5 February** – Beginning of the novitiate program in Lusaka

Many blessings

George Massay

