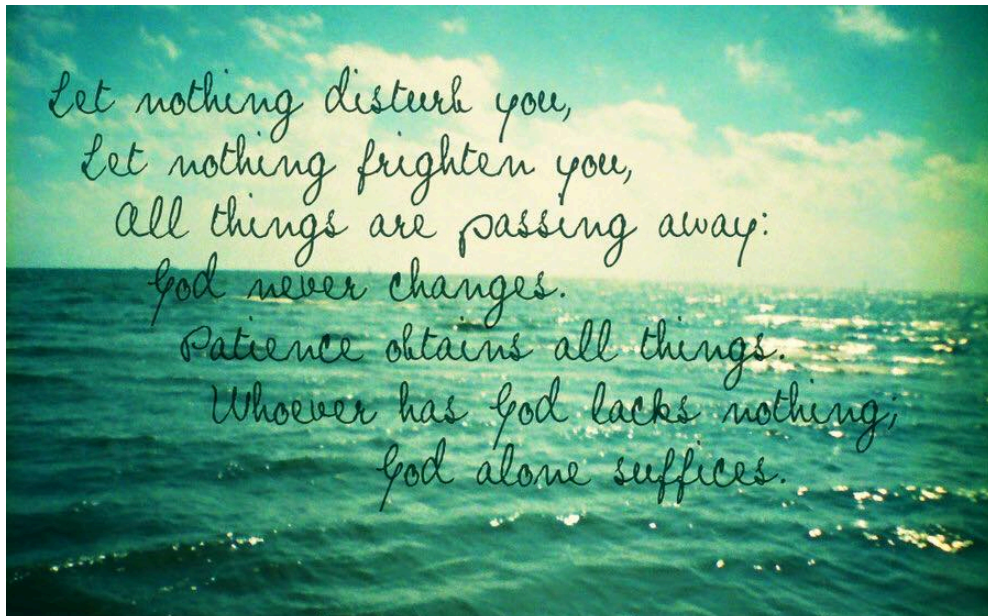




———— **NADA TE TURBE** ————
LET NOTHING DISTURB YOU

Nada te turbe...

Nada te turbe,
nada te espante,
todo se pasa,
Dios no se muda.
La paciencia
todo lo alcanza.
Quien a Dios tiene
nada le falta,
SOLO DIOS BASTA.



———— HOW THE BIG DAY BECOME SUCCESSFUL EVENT AT
EDMUND RICE SINON SEC. SCHOOL ————



Figure 1L-R Front Br Amandi Mboya, Br Simon Kaswahili and Br Russell Peters

Last week's newsletter included an invitation for the big day at Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School: the celebration of Edmund Rice's Feast Day. The celebration took place on 30th July 2016 and was very successful. In attendance were the formators and postulants from Shams, ERSSS Alumni, people from the local community, and ERSSS staff and students. About 1700 people were present, including Br. Amandi Mboya who well represented the District Leadership Team. The main activity of the day was the cleaning of the environment and the visitation of orphans and patients in different hospitals.



Br Simon Kaswahili with students during the community service

On that day, students and staff woke up around 6.00am and divided themselves into small groups, ready to kick off for the event. Some went to nearby hospitals to clean the environment and to visit patients; some went to orphanages





to clean and visit orphans; some found themselves cleaning the central market; the remaining students and staff moved around the school compound and the surrounding village collecting rubbish. By midday all groups were back, ready to perform various entertainments, based on Edmund Rice's story, All the activities coalesced in the speech given by guest speaker, Br. Russel Peters., who related the life of Edmund Rice with that of Br. Pascal Kituku. He highlighted some similarities in their stories: passion, compassion, love, prayer and commitment. Indeed the event was colorful and worth attending.

Thanks to everybody who contributed to the event either by physical presence or by prayers or both. Live Jesus and Edmund in our hearts, Forever!

Br. Simon Kaswahili

———— **FREE TO AIR FM RADIO** ————

Ruben centre in 2012 tried to get a licence to operate a free to air FM community radio station. Ruben is truly a centre of various programs and is indeed a life line delivering health, education and other services to many of the Mukuru slum dwellers. In 2012 the idea of a Community radio station emerged as yet another way that Ruben could live out its name of being a Centre for the people. A radio station operated by the local people for the local community bringing information on security, health, community events, education, youth affairs and various other community events would surely help Ruben achieve its mission of bringing about a just and empowered Mukuru Community.



Br Frank O'Shea, Liz Mwangi, Tom Everett and Nelson of Mukuru Youth Initiative holding the letter permitting FM Radio for Ruben Centre

The application was thrown out at the time, but later the Communications Commission of Kenya was to suffer the same fate, due to corruption and infighting. So three weeks ago in a moment of madness I decided to apply again for this licence, but now to the newly created Communications Authority of





Kenya. Three weeks later we went back to follow up on the application only to be told that a letter had been sent to inform us that due to the 116 applications already with them, there would not be any possibility of a licence. However after insisting that we never received any letter, the two Ruben Centre representatives were taken to the Director General who personally explained the reasons for not being able to give a licence as well as adding there is a court injunction preventing new radio stations licences being given. He then promptly left his office and returned with a signed document (not a licence) which allows Ruben Centre FM to go on air and transmit.

Many ways to skin a cat and the cats are big here in Africa. Now the work begins to get it up and running and we are looking at two months to be on air.

Br Frank O'Shea

—————**2014 BBCEC TOP STUDENT OFF TO
UNIVERSITY IN THE USA**—————

Brother Beausang had a farewell assembly last Friday for 2014 Head Boy and top KCSE student Rick In – Soo who will be travelling to the United States in a few weeks to commence University study. Rick who was awarded an Equity Bank scholarship as a result of his outstanding KCSE (A: 82 points) was also successful in securing a scholarship to study at Swarthmore College, an exclusive private university on the outskirts of Philadelphia. Rick will be undertaking a degree in Computing Science. His scholarship includes fees and accommodation (fees are between 6-8 million Kenyan shillings a year!). Swarthmore was one of five American schools that Rick was offered a scholarship to after completing an international exam and submitting school records and recommendation letters. Swarthmore is currently one of the top ranked colleges in the United States including the top 'liberal arts' school. It has nearly 1,600 students so quite a small school but is set on a 399 acre campus! It was founded in 1864 by Quakers and has a very impressive (and long) history.

Rick spoke to the students about the importance of setting goals, not underestimating what you can achieve and the need for consistency and commitment in your studies.

The 2016 Head Boy Hezron Chege presented Rick with a \$20 US note to help him pay for his first cup of coffee once he reaches Philadelphia! Rick is a great example of living out the school motto "Carpe Diem – Seize the Day"!





Photo: Rick with Journalism Club members Geoffrey and Michael who interviewed Rick at assembly; Head Boy Hezron; Rick's sister Christelle (ranked #1 in Form 4 currently) and Primary Head Girl Faith and Deputy Anne.

Peter Shanahan

———— **WELCOME** ————

We welcome Sr Mbololwa Ilinanga, a Presentation Sister from Zambia, who just arrived in Nairobi to do a four-month renewal program at Chemi Chemi Chemi ya Uzima Centre in Karen.

There are two Presentations Sisters in Nairobi now. Sr Peggy Mundonga who is at Catholic University and Sr Mbololwa.

We welcome them in our midst.





———— **SOMETHING WORTH READING** ————

Here is a short article that tells a story that is badly needed in our world today

<http://tracks.unhcr.org/2014/10/the-nun-and-the-imam/>

BIRTHDAY IN AUGUST

AUGUST	06	EDWIN WEKULLO (2 nd year novice – Tamale)
	17	NICHOLAS ODHIAMBO (Karen)
	18	CONSTANTINE SUNDAY (Embulbul)

CALENDAR

AUGUST 7-19	Come and See Program
AUGUST 15-19	PLT Meeting (Lusaka)
AUGUST 24	DLT Meeting
SEPTEMBER 4-11	Congregation Formation Summit (Lusaka)
SEPTEMBER 14	DLT Meeting
SEPTEMBER 16-18	Child Protection Training Workshop
SEPTEMBER 28	DLT Meeting
OCTOBER 1	Cluster Meeting – Nairobi
OCTOBER 8	Cluster meeting – Arusha
OCTOBER 10-12	Formation Committee Meeting
OCTOBER 12	DLT Meeting
OCTOBER 14-16	AP Workshop - Arusha
OCTOBER 26	DLT Meeting
OCTOBER 28-29	Community Leaders Meeting

Many blessings

George

