



————LETTERS TO A YOUNG POET (excerpt)————



... have patience with everything unresolved in your heart
and to try to love the questions themselves
as if they were locked rooms or books written
in a very foreign language.

Don't search for the answers,
which could not be given to you now,
because you would not be able to live them.

And the point is, to live everything.

Live the questions now.

~ Rainer Maria Rilke ~





PROGRAMME FOR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN TAKEN A NOTCH HIGHER



L-R Br Tony Shanahan, Br Gustavo Mahangwe, Mr Badesire Kalulu, Mr Seku Safic, Br Gerard Ellul, Br Amandi Mboya, Sr Theresia Michael

The Christian Brothers in East Africa entered into partnership with Centre for Child Protection of the Pontifical Gregorian University. The center offers distance learning for safeguarding of minors.

The District in East Africa has sponsored the program and provided opportunities for our ministries and other interested partners to enroll in the program. In total there are 25 participants who are undergoing a one-year training. We see this as an important proactive step to ensure that the knowledge about safeguarding children is properly passed on and implemented in our ministries.

This weekend there was a meeting of the participants of the course who are staff members of Edmund Rice Secondary School. They shared their experience of the course so far and encouraged each other. The sharings were very helpful.

George Massay





———— **EDMUND RICE KARIBU FORMATION DAY, SATURDAY,
AUGUST 27, 2016** ————



Sammy Muga presenting during the formation day of camp leaders

As we experienced recurring turnover of leaders this year, we aimed to focus on the core group of leaders who had attended frequently, trusting that they were ready for a deeper appreciation of the objectives and essence of Edmund Rice camps. The turn up was somewhat disappointing. However, the new leaders who did attend the workshop said they had learnt much and were very happy with a highly personal and interactive programme. The executive members did well in facilitating small groups.

PETER COLE

———— **MEETING BETWEEN THE ERSSS BOARD AND EAST
AFRICA DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM** ————



Board Members of Edmund Rice Secondary School with the members of the District Leadership Team





The 27th August 2016 will remain a remarkable day for Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School. This is the day the District Leadership Team (DLT - Br. Tony Shanahan, Br. George Massay and Br. Amandi Mboya) visited the school to meet Board members and to interact with them on school matters. What made this meeting so important was that this is the first time, since the school began in 1988, that the whole team was present at a Board meeting. One might assume that there was a serious problem to be solved that occasioned this gathering, but the DLT was simply responding to the invitation which was extended by the School Board chairman, Eng. Gusto Mkawe, to have tea between the DLT and the Board, while exchanging ideas.

The meeting was preceded by a short reflection on Jesus and the Poor. The reflection set the mood for discussion. As the discussion progressed, a quick tour of the school grounds took place. After the tour, the discussion progressed smoothly and a mutual decision was reached. There was no tension nor arguments. The meeting was brief and ended with informal interaction at lunch. We thank the DLT for accepting our invitation. We felt much supported indeed. We hope and pray that such occasions will be regular not only at ERSSS, but also in all our ministry sites.

Simon Kaswahili.

———— PICTURES OF THE WEEK ————



Sammy Karanja with students of St Edward's East Gosford in Australia at St Marys Cathedral during the students' retreat





BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

SEPTEMBER	08	AMANDI MBOYA (Sth C)
	12	BILL DOWLING (Sinon)
	14	PHILIP OMBUCHA (Senanga, Zambia)
	18	CORNEL MWIRU (ISC - Lusaka)
	18	SILVERIO WAFULA (Eldoret)
	24	FRANK O'SHEA (Sth C)
	24	GEORGE MASSAY (Sth C)
	27	ALLAN SHUNZA (2 nd year novice – Tamale)

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 4-11	Congregation Formation Summit (Lusaka)
SEPTEMBER 14	DLT Meeting
SEPTEMBER 16-18	Child Protection Training Workshop
SEPTEMBER 26	ERMEA capacity assessment validation meeting
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
NOVEMBER 8	DLT meeting
NOVEMBER 21-24	PLT meeting (Freetown)
NOVEMBER 26	First Profession (Tamale)
NOVEMBER 30	DLT meeting
DECEMBER 3-7	DLT away for end-of-year review and planning
DECEMBER 12	Jamhuri Day
DECEMBER 16-18	District Assembly

Many blessings

George

