



PATIENT TRUST



Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you; your ideas mature gradually—let them

grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste.

Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time

(that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, from Hearts on Fire





———— GATHERING OF CLT AND AFRICA PROVINCE LEADERSHIP TEAMS ————



Morning Prayer L-R Brs Hugh O'Neill , Noel Bradshaw, Julian McDonald, Michael DeKlerk , Albert Gomez , Tony Shanahan , Richard Walsh, Andrew Gomez, Alfred Banda, Clement Sindazi, George Massay, John Casey, Revy Hang'adu, John McCourt and Chris Nhete

A gathering is taking place in Lusaka at the International Spirituality Centre for all the leadership teams of the Africa Province. The meeting comes at the end of the Congregation Leadership Team's (CLT) visitation of the Province. This is an opportunity for the CLT and PLT/DLTs to discern together the various issues that have emerged during the visitation. The meeting of the leadership teams underscores the fact that we are one Province made up of three Districts. The sharing for the next three days already promises the kind of support we all need as we discern our responses to the Nairobi Chapter Calls and Our Way Into the Future. We miss the presence of Br Amandi Mboya, who is in Rome attending a course whose focus is on the safeguarding of minors.

Br George Massay

———— FISHERS OF MEN ON A MISSION! ————

Brs. Silverio, Lawrence and I set off on Friday to visit most parts of central Kenya for vocation promotion. We managed to get across five counties within Kenya (Murang'a, Machakos, Kirinyaga, Embu and Meru). Our "fishing" began from Murang'a Teacher Training College where we managed to fish out five men who expressed huge interest





towards our way of life as Christian Brothers. Their interest developed more as we shared our stories and experiences as Christian Brothers.



Brs Silverio Wafula, Edwin Wekulo, and Lawrence Agalo with student teachers

At St Augustine Ishiara T.T.C in Embu we were able to have a lengthy session of questions and answers about Christian Brothers. We then had a session on faith sharing. That there was some light-hearted aspects to the discussion probably contributed to their interest in the Christian Brothers. Still in Embu, where we spent the night, we met Francis one of the aspirants. He is already working as a teacher in one of the mission schools in Embu county. Francis was delighted to see us and expressed his interest to attend the come and see program and probably join us in the near future. Finally we went to Igoji T.T.C in Meru, which was not as successful as we had hoped.

Indeed it was a privilege for me as a recently professed Brother to be part of this ‘fishing’ team, which without doubt was successful. I felt more encouraged and inspired to see the young men expressing interest towards our life as Christian Brothers.

My sincere gratitude to God who made it possible, not forgetting Brs. Silverio and Lawrence who gave me the opportunity to join them in their ministry. I was evangelized by the whole experience!

Br. Edwin Wekulo





VISIT TO THE CLUSTER



L-R Brs Edward Juma, George Massay (visitor), Jerome Emmanuel, Fredrick Ochwalo, Jacob Kanda and Dominic Mwania of Limulunga Community

In the last few days, I had the privilege of visiting the new communities in the Western Province of Zambia. The hub community in Mongu, and communities in Luampa, Limulunga and Senanga are



Brs Innocent Maimbo and John Nyamba busy preparing lunch

no longer just mental images for me. It was heartening to see the settings in which these communities are located. Luampa is the remotest of all. Simplicity is definitely a hallmark of that community.

The presence of Brothers in those villages is very much valued by the locals, including their Chiefs. Brothers have put great effort into building their own community life. They are slowly





discovering how to respond to the needs of the people. The process of community engagement, with its different facets, cannot be fast-tracked, and this causes some sense of impatience, especially for the young and energetic men.



L-R Brs Nicholas Mutiso, George Massay (visitor) and Philip Kwena in Senanga community

My sense is that what the Brothers are involved in is very much in tune with the call of our Congregation Chapter and our various Congregation documents. Just as it takes nine months for the pregnancy to mature to a newborn baby, so too time needs to be given for the new Congregation venture to come to its fullness. All told, my visit to the cluster in Western Zambia was a source of enlightenment, inspiration and challenge.

Br George Massay

———— **EDMUND RICE CAMP NAIROBI – TRAINING DAY** ————

Despite a brief downpour last Friday night, forty members presented themselves at Regina Pacis early Saturday morning ready for a day of full physical activities.

As this was our first training of the year, we focused on three major areas: capacity for each leader, old and new ones alike, to be skilled and ready to lead camps and community outreach programs; working confidently, even when out of our comfort zones; and skills learning for new games.





A moment arrived where everyone was pleased to be awarded a certificate. Certificates were awarded to the members who were active and committed throughout 2016 (January-December). The certificates are in

recognition of character and self-confidence development; capacity building in a number of areas; understanding of children's rights; mastery of skills training and conduct of and involvement in children's camp activities. The whole day was made all the more enjoyable by the generous and energetic way in which participants invested themselves.

Sammy Muga

———— **NOTICE – FOOTBALL MATCH** ————

The youth of ERKCG have organized a friendly football match (soccer), between Brothers and them. The game is scheduled to happen on Sunday 12th March at 3.00pm.

The venue will be at Regina Pacis Field. All Brothers are welcome.

Br Silverio Wafula

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 19-23	CLT meet African leadership teams (Lusaka)
FEBRUARY 25	Final Profession of Simon Peter Odongo
March 7-8	Province Formation Team Meeting (Nairobi)
March 13-14	Formation Committee Meeting (Nairobi)
March 20-24	PLT Meeting (Nairobi)
March 24	Mary Rice Launch of the Strategic Plan
April 4-8	EREA immersion
April 13-17	District Assembly – Mary Ward
April 18	Community Leaders Meeting
April 20	Departure of OP group to India
May 2-7	Mission Capacity Support Team Meeting
May 15-16	Formation Committee Meeting
May 15-19	PLT Meeting





May 27
May 31 – June 6
June 26-30

Br Pascal Kituku's death anniversary
AP Long Workshop
Accompaniment In-services training

Many blessings

George

