



———— LINGERING OVER GOD ————



God's touch,
though taking place in a moment of time,
lives on within us forever.
When we experience God's love,
God's self-giving, we are never the same.
We may return to some of our old ways of being and acting,
but deep down within we are not the same.

We can continue to let an experience of God
bear fruit within us by going back to it
and lingering over it.

Through this remembering, lingering, and reliving process,
we open ourselves to God—we allow God to move within us,
to touch our hearts again so that
our own experiences of God ripple deep within us
and can continue to make a difference in our lives.

Maureen Conroy, *The Discerning Heart*





NEWS FROM MELBOURNE



L-R Dr Roger Rassool and Br Peter Cole enjoying the sunshine at the Treacy Centre lawns in Melbourne.

Br Peter Cole is in Australia enjoying his holidays, catching up with friends and taking in the Melbourne summer weather. This has also been a good opportunity for him to get some medical checkups. We hear on the grapevine that he had a medical procedure few days ago and was discharged from hospital earlier than was expected, a clear sign of his indomitable spirit. We look forward to having him back in our midst.

Br George Massay

PROVINCE FORMATION TEAM MEETS IN NAIROBI

A recent development in our Africa Province is the Province Formation Team. It came into being after the Province Formation Meeting in January last year, and last week had its third meeting, again in Nairobi. Its task is to think about formation on behalf of the Province and advise the PLT on formation matters.

Joe Mosely (Lusaka novitiate), Julias Oluoch (Shams postulancy), Augustine Williams (Bo postulancy), Revy Hang'andu (AP formation)





SCD) and George Massay (AP formation, EAD), along with Tony Shanahan (Convenor), were in attendance.



Back row L-R Brs Martin Binyenya, Julius Oluoch, Revy Hang'andu, and Constantine Sunday. Front row L-R Brs Joe Mosely, Augustine Williams and Sr Lilian

Its agenda last week included:

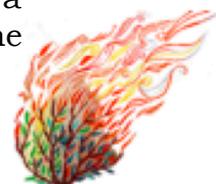
- the ongoing consultation with the Brothers to revise the Province Accompaniment policy;
- planning for a workshop in mid-year to focus on the skills of accompaniment;
- issues that arise during the AP years of formation. In this we were assisted by a visiting "panel" of Sr. Lilian of the Holy Family congregation, and our own Brothers Martin Binyenya and Sunday Otieno. The interaction and discussion helped bring the topic "down to earth";
- planning a consultation later in the year about the possibility of accepting a candidate who was HIV+;
- models of novitiate suitable to prepare men for OWITF.

It will meet again in September, keeping in touch in the meantime by email.

Br Tony Shanahan

———— BROTHER BEAUSANG VISITS STATE HOUSE ————

On March 8, 2017 eight secondary students and two staff from Brother Beausang Catholic Education Centre were hosted by the First Lady Margaret Kenyatta at State House (commonly known to most Kenyans as the 'House on the Hill'). Brother Beausang was one of a small number of private schools that were cherry picked to visit the epicenter of power in the country.





The visit was an initiative of the Pupils Reward Scheme (PURES) which was inaugurated by the President and First Lady in 2015. The Director of PURES stressed to the students the importance of Kenyan youth being the future crop of leaders who will propel the nation to achieving its Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) under the umbrella of Kenya's Vision 2030.



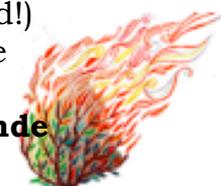
Students of Brothers Beausang and Staff at the State House

The students were thereafter taken on a tour and were able to see the collection of Presidential limousines from 1952 to the current “humble” limousine used by his Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta as well as the complex of offices and other facilities that are located in State House. The students were surprised there were so many people who actually work at State House in all the different planning and administration departments (although a number of other areas were more secretive and kept out of the way of prying eyes!) as well as the many maintenance and grounds staff.

The students were treated to a sumptuous lunch with refreshments which was certainly a highlight for the group especially the Head Boy who spoke enthusiastically and extensively about the menu in his report to the school assembly. Unfortunately for the government the Head Boy is not a registered voter so they may have lost a guaranteed vote there!!

(An interesting note was that the school was contacted by the NCIS prior to the visit so a background check on those attending could be undertaken for security purposes. Thankfully they all were cleared!) A very informative and enjoyable trip for all involved thanks to the PURES programme.

Peter Shanahan / Mercilinus Ounde





FOOTBALL MATCH BETWEEN ERKG YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN BROTHERS



Brothers and Youth after the football match

They say "*the time is now and we are the people*". That was the case when it was finally the time for the hugely anticipated match between Edmund Rice Youth Group and the Christian Brothers.

Both sides arrived on time, with the Christian Brothers proudly led by their manager and coach, Bro. Tom Kearney. As the match got underway, the attacking trio of Bros. George Massay, Edwin Saka and Kelvin Otieno ensured that the Brothers dominated the first half of the match. Unfortunately for the team, despite showing early promise Bros. George and Kelvin missed chances to give the Brothers a deserving lead during this first half. Bro Victor Kipruto's workload as goal keeper was kept to a minimum thanks to the cool and calm defense of Bros Gerald Mgalula, Silverio and Josephat Mutua.

The Youth Defense was kept under constant pressure, especially in the midfield where Bro Fredrick Adero demonstrated his superior skills with with nice interceptions, good blocks and excellent passes to our attackers.

As the halftime whistle blew, the score remained at 0-0.

The second half soon started and the Brothers still dictated the play. A quick change of style from the manager saw a substitution and Bro Vincent Mallya came in to help Bro. Fredrick in the midfield. His presence was soon felt when he picked the ball and played a quick pass to Bro. Edwin who struck the first touch low volley to the back of the net. Brothers 1-0 Youths.





The game went on and soon again Bro Mallya was at it again after a good interplay with Bro. Edwin, he picked a nice pass to Bro. Kelvin who was then brought down by the defender about twenty (20) yards from the goal. Unperturbed, Bro. Kelvin who is a master of a dead ball



situation, scored on the resultant free kick. This was real master piece, a glimpse of David Beckham at his best. The stunned goal keeper was left frozen, and only moved to retrieve the ball at the back of the net.

The Brothers then went on to soak the pressure and defend the lead. Final score 2-0. The youth couldn't believe it and immediately demanded a re-match, which the Brothers agreed to think about it.

Be sure to get the details of the upcoming second leg tie. Insert picture are the two goal scorers (L-R.) Bros. Kelvin and Edwin.

Br Kelvin Otieno

———— **CHILD PROTECTION COURSE**
PARTICIPANTS MEET IN NAIROBI ————



Participants of the Child Protection Online Course

About 15 participants, most of whom come from our Edmund Rice Ministries, gathered at Dimesse Centre in Karen on 11th March for a face to face meeting with other course participants. The Coordinator of the online course, Br Tony Shanahan, convened the meeting.

This gathering comes as the participants of this online course, offered by the Gregorian University in Rome, enter the second half of the Course. The main focus of the gathering was the introduction of the sixth unit on Intrafamilial Abuse. Mr. George Warari, led us in some exploration of





the topic with reference to our East African context.

The gathering has boosted the morale of those lagging behind in the course.

Br George Massay

———— **EDMUND RICE ELDORET CAMPS** ————



The day started with heavy winds which filled the air with dust. Despite this, the camp leaders, of whom I am one, were ready and prepared to face the challenge ahead of us to train together as camp leaders in order to equip ourselves fully with different games for the benefit of the children who would come on the camp days later in the year. I was happy with the passion which each one of us exhibited during the training activities. We managed to learn different games among ourselves which was the goal for our gathering. From the commitment and support that I see among our leaders, I trust that our camp activities will run smoothly.

Br Elly Sakwa

———— **EDMUND RICE CAMP NAIROBI** ————

On the weekend we had an Edmund Rice camp at Regina Pacis' "Briar Rose School. "In camp were 60 children and 24 leaders. It was a very engaging day as all the leaders were energized and the children were very cooperative. The big brother, big-sister love from the leaders to the children was evident.

Creativity in doing games (like the molecule, fruit salad, jockeys and ball games) caused the children to run, to jump and to sing with lots of joy and laughter. The children enjoyed an ample time away from the confusion and disorder of their usual society. The games made them





forget the troubles they left back at homes and interact with one another as if they were long time comrades without any hardships. The afternoon session saw the skits and artistic performances on the theme; “Education and Environment”.

With lots of energy and joy it was a great day for both children and leaders.

Sammy Muga and John Muisyo

———— TEAM BUILDING ————

Over the weekend, the first weekend of Lent, Edmund Rice Karibu Group Executive team convened at the little daughters of St. Joseph, Karen, for two days of team building.



What was meant to be purely a session of creating better relationships among executive members turned out to be an opportunity to evaluate and to reinvigorate the roles and responsibilities of every position in the organization. It was a very productive gathering and our humble regards go to Brother Sunday and our new Director, Bro. Silverio, for the guidance throughout the two days.

Leaving the gathering, every member of the executive was challenged to “up their game” if the vision, mission and objectives of the group are to be achieved. With a vibrant Executive, a more dynamic group will be achieved and thus a step toward a more just society has been taken.

John Muisyo
ERCKG Camps Coordinator.





———— **HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY BR CORNELIUS** ————

It is with great joy and gratitude that the Congregation Leadership Team (CLT) wishes to inform you of the upcoming 100th birthday of Br Cornelius Carey, of the European Province. Brothers around the world are invited to send him their heartfelt congratulations and wish Br Cornelius abundant blessings as he celebrates this centennial milestone on St. Patrick`s Day, 17th March 2017.

Br Patrick Cornelius Carey, a native of Limerick, Ireland, spent all his working life in England, stretching from 1936 to 2009. For the last eight years he has been resident at Miguel House, De la Salle Nursing Home, at Castletown, Co. Laois, Ireland. Ad multos annos!

Br Pat Payne

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH	23	JOHN NYAMBA (Luampa, Zambia)
	26	BILL COLFORD (Eldoret)
	30	EDWARD MASINDE (Limulunga, Zambia)
	31	SIMON PETER ODONGO (Yambio)

CALENDAR

March 7-8	Province Formation Team Meeting (Nairobi)
March 13-14	Formation Committee Meeting (Nairobi)
March 19	South C Open House
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	Br Pascal Kituku`s death anniversary
May 31 – June 6	AP Long Workshop
June 26-30	Accompaniment In-services training

Many blessings

George

