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BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

THE LWANGA DISTRICT OF AFRICA



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1. NAIROBI, KENYA

1.1. THE PROVINCIALATE

NEW APPOINTMENTS 2013:

SECTOR OF ERITREA:

BROTHERS NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
Br. Ghebreyesus Habte	Principal	Hagaz Agro Technical School
Br. Ghebrekidan Andemariam	Deputy Principal (Academics)	Hagaz Agro Technical
Br. Nuud Sium	Deputy Principal (Project)	Hagaz Agro Technical
Br. Nuud Sium	Community Director	Hagaz Community
Br. Menghistu Ukbamichael	Principal	Nativity School Shinara
Br. Ghebrehiwet Eyasu	Deputy Principal	St. Joseph's School, Keren
Br. Tensiew Tesfasilasie	Director	Keren Workshop
Br. Kiflezghi Yosieph	Teaching,	IRS, Villagio
Br. Weldehawariat Haile	Community Director	Villagio Asmara

SECTOR OF NIGERIA:

BROTHERS NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
Br. Damian Ikor	Sector Coordinator	Naka Community
Br. Philip Ejiro	Principal	La Salle College, Ondo
Br. Luckymaria Oloboh	Deputy Principal	La Salle College, Ondo
Br. Louisiano Ochimana	Teaching/Vocation Promoter	Mt. La Salle College, Naka
Br. Julius Adi	Formation	Scholasticate, Nairobi,

1.2. LASALLIAN WORKSHOP

At the end of July and beginning of August, a number of teachers from the various sectors attended a District workshop for Lasallian School animators in Nairobi. The workshop presenters were Br. Peter Kombe and Mrs. Leanne Stonier.



The workshop was very well received and the teachers returned to their sectors very enthusiastic to show their experiences and committed to promoting the Lasallian ethos of their school.



1.3. INTERNATIONAL YOUNG BROTHERS ASSEMBLY, MANILA

25th July 2013 to 8th August 2013

Greetings to all of you and hope all is well in your various communities. Towards the end of the month of July to Early August Young brothers from all over the regions of the institute gathered in Manila, Philippines to discuss different issues affecting young brothers in the institute. It was also in one way a preparation for important agendas to be taken to the General Chapter next year so that Young Brother's views can be taken into consideration during the forthcoming Chapter.



Areas that were discussed at length were Pastoral Vocation ministry, Spirituality, Community life, Association, and formation. All the topics were discussed at length and there were a lot of input from different regions. The brothers found enough time to discuss in groups of which were mixed and changed from time to time to give each one opportunity to socialize with somebody from another region. Although there was the challenge of language barrier, interpreters did a very good Job to ensure that all that was communicated was translated to the official languages that were either, English, French or Spanish.



I and Br. Patrick Obam from Nigeria represented our District. There were other representatives from RELAF and they included, Br. Francios, Rwanda, Br. Bertinez, Chad, Br. Louis, DRC, Br. Guilliam, Togo, Br. Maximilliam, Madagascar and Br. Raul, Burkina faso.



The RELAF delegates did us proud by effectively participating in all sessions including one night preparation of social. Each region was given responsibility to organize Mass, socials, prayers and to crown it all had an opportunity to dine with the Br. Alvaro, the Superior General. We also had a special moment to dialogue with Br. Alvaro

in one of the sessions about matters concerning the institute.

All in all it was a wonderful experience that I will never forget. I would like to thank all those who were involved in the organization of such a wonderful event and those who participated either by attending or just contributing in one way or another from the sectors all the way. Much appreciation goes to all the Br. Visitors from the RELAF for their support to all the delegates who represented the region. The general report of the assembly has already been sent to all the brothers and I hope by now all have received it via your Email addresses. Thanks and may God Bless you all.

1.4. FROM FORMATION OFFICE

Bro BezunehMarkos, Bro Boniface Wachira, Bro LuckymariaOloboh and Bro Oscar Okoth participated very well in the 30-day pre-profession retreat that took place at the Postulancy of the Brothers of Mercy in Nakuru from August 4th to August 31st, 2013. They kept the promise that they made to one another during the opening ceremony, to walk with each other in mutual fraternal support through the six stages of the retreat: The ideal of the De La Salle Brothers as expressed in the Gospel and in the Rule, The ideal of the De La Salle Brothers as expressed in my life journey and in my development as a human being, The ideal of religious life as expressed in an African context, The ideal of the De La Salle Brothers as expressed in my milieu of life, The ideal of the De La Salle Brothers as expressed in the Institute of the De La Salle Brothers and in my Sector of the Charles Lwanga District of Africa, and The ideal of

the De La Salle Brothers as expressed in a life of intimacy with Christ.

Bro Anton Oloo and Bro Patrick Obam represented our District very well at the International Assembly of Young Brothers which took place in the Philippines from July 29th to August 7th, 2013. They will have the opportunity to share personally their experiences and their insights as well as the message from the Young Brothers to the next General Chapter during the Brothers' Solidarity Assemblies that will take place in Kenya during the first week of December 2013 and in Nigeria at the end of February/beginning of March 2014. The young Brothers of the Ethiopian Sector will be informed about the outcome of this important Assembly on the occasion of their Assembly which will take place at the end of January/beginning February 2014 (mid-term holidays).

We are grateful to Bro Francis Kamanda, Vocation Promoter, and to all the Brothers

who supported positively the Pastoral Vocation Ministry in the Sector of Kenya. Thanks to their much appreciated efforts we are able to open once again a Postulancy in the Sector of Kenya with four candidates that were accepted by the Sector Coordinator and his Council. The Postulancy will open its doors in September 2013 in Karameno, within the property of the De La Salle Brothers, under the leadership of Bro Boniface Wachira. We wish them all the best and God's choicest blessings.

Of course, we are grateful as well to the Vocation Promoters in the Sectors of Eritrea, of Ethiopia, of Nigeria and of South-Africa, for their positive and generous involvement in this future oriented Ministry that gives us hope and encouragement. May God bless them abundantly.

2. NEWS FROM THE SECTORS

2.1. SECTOR OF ERITREA

Annual Retreat

Most of the Brothers in our Sector participated in the retreat in Dekemhare. It was led by Fr.Fshatsion from the Salesian Congregation. He gave us a reflection about *Living a life lead by the Holy Spirit*. It was really interesting and touching. The Brothers were very happy to have him among them because, he has played a crucial role in guiding their spirituality.



De Lasalle Brothers with Fr.Fshatsion in Dekemhare 2013

Our young Brothers Fitsum and Tesfatsion prepared the prayers for the Retreat. They did this, based on the spirituality that our

founder gave us for Retreats and it was really encouraging, inspiring and touching. Although they are very young with little experience, the way they prepare the prayers was amazing. Thank you! And it is a blessing to have you Brothers.

Immediately after Br.Negasi (Sector Coordinator) thanked Fr.Fshatsion, we packed and left the Retreat Center to visit a historical place called Hebo. On our way to Hebo, we met the new Bishop Fikiremarim in Segeneyti and he gave us his blessing. Then we continued our trip to Hebo. Hebo is one of the simple and small communities founded by the Vincentian missionary St. Justin. There, we visited the recently built church of Merry and the remains of St.Justin. It was incredible! All the Brothers, especially the young generation liked the historical place.

Finally, all the Brothers returned safely to their respective communities with new energy and courage to serve the flock.

SHINARA

Ldeta Maryam Nativity School Shinara

“Kings of the track and fields” is the name tagged to our school when it comes to Athletics. Our students have won the Regional Women’s 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, and 5000m events and were placed second in 4 x 100m relay for women. The boys have also won the 100m, 200m and 400m. As a result the Mayor of Keren awarded the students and the teachers 5000 Nfa. In addition to that, the school Cultural Club has won a prize last year. The club achieved first place in poetry, dance, drama, and was placed second in song.

The school was also graced by the visit of the Mayor Mr. Tekie Keleta. He thanked the students and parents for being an example in conservation of the indigenous plants. Nativity School is an ever green place in an arid land. The school has planted more than 350 trees in the compound.

As it is the culture of the Lasallians to prepare young people in all dimensions, our school teachers as well as our students have worked hard and maintained a 100% pass result in the Grade 8 National Examination. To realize the dream of creating a conducive learning environment, the School Administration has constructed eight toilets both for boys and girls. Our thanks to the support of the Italian Brothers who supported the project.

Brother Gebrekidan Andemariam

Former Principal of Ldeta Maryam Nativity School

ASMARA

Scholasticate Asmara

It has been over a decade since the Sector of Eritrea was disconnected from direct participation in all the District programs. But, in order to insure the continuity of the noble mission, the Brothers in general and the Lwanga District in particular have taken

a major with regard to the Formation Houses of Eritrea. Hence, new Novitiate and Scholasticate Houses were opened since 2008.

The Scholasticate Community of Asmara has received four new Scholastics and one new staff member, Brother Gebretnsae who was the Director of Novitiate. Bro. Aron Weldetnsae, and Bro. Fitsum Abrha from Ldeta Maryam Nativity school Shinara, and Bro. Frezghi Teklesnbet, as well as Bro. Tesfation Embaye from St. Joseph's School Keren are the new Scholastics. The four of them, have served as teachers for the past couple of years. We thank you Brothers for the humble service you provided to the poor pupils and for the wellbeing the mission. Welcome to your new community.

LASSALIAN YOUTH

The marvelous harmony of Lasallian youth



LASALLIAN YOUTH KEREN

God acts miraculously for the harmony of brothers and sisters. This is the awareness that Lasallian youths have. For it is the Holy Spirit that binds them together to hold successful activities like; weekly prayer programs, the ceremony of St. John Baptist De La Salle's Day, and trips to other Lasallian youths.

The ceremony of St. John Baptist De La Salle is an opportunity for all Lasallians to be reunited and stay strong in the spirit of faith. They receive the blessing of that day as one family. Last May 2013, elder

Lasallian Youth members, parents of the youth in the unity and other Catholic Church congregations were invited to share experiences and to be part of that wonderful day. This day creates a sense of brotherhood, attachment and unity Thanks be to God for the gift of our great founder St. John Baptist De LaSalle.



Whenever possible, the Lasallian Youth of Keren take a trip to Lasallians in Asmara. This official visit includes different programs like prayer and other activities to bind the members in our country as one big family. This gives every member an inner desire to be part of this happy family for a life time. So, last June we had a great time

with our fellow Brothers and the Lasallian youth of Asmara.

Finally, for anyone who chooses to practice the love and happiness of brotherhood, it is worth devoting one moment to be part of such a kind and loving family.



2.2. SECTOR OF ETHIOPIA

Fraternal greetings to all our Lasallian Families in the Lwanga District and those in other parts of the world! Here are some of the activities carried out in the Sector of Ethiopia within the past couple of months.

60th Diamond Jubilee Celebration

Bisrate Gabriel School in Dire Dawa celebrated its 60th Anniversary on June 23, 2013 in the presence of the Brothers from the Sector, Lay Lasallians, Church leaders, Religious, various Governmental Officials and its large school community. On this auspicious occasion several Bisrate Gabriel School former students gathered together to reminisce and share some memories from the good old days. It was nice to hear how proud they all are because of being a member of BGS. The event was quite a success and was concluded with a brilliant supper program at the school compound. The Sector of Ethiopia appreciates the great commitment of the Brothers and the long serving Lay Lassalians. We appreciate the enthusiastic help given by the former students in making the Day a great success.



Marvelous Results in State, National and University Entrance Exams

All our schools did extremely well in State, National and University Entrance Exams. The Sector appreciates the relentless works of the Brothers; Lay Lasallians in the various schools and of course the students who have made us proud. All the schools had a 100% pass. The results will remain our food for the journey as all our schools prepare to usher in the New Academic Year

come September 2013. Well done and best of luck in the next Academic Year!

Annual Sector Retreat

The sector will once again hold its Annual Retreat beginning on September 6. We hope that all the Brothers will have a grace-filled experience as they take a break to regain their energy. At the end of the Retreat the Brothers will have a Sector Gathering where some important issues will be raised for discussions. May we all be open to allow God to dwell in our hearts and be His agents to save the least, the last and the lost in our various missions and ministries!

30 Day Retreat in Progress

We hope that the Brothers who are currently having their 30 Day Pre-Final Profession Retreat at Nakuru are having a good time. Brother Bizuneh Markos from the Ethiopian Sector is one of the participants. The Brothers and all Lay Lasallian families in the Sector wish all the participants a credible

soul-searching moment. May they all come out renewed and enlightened as they will soon have to make some important decisions in life.

Death Announcement

Brother Taye W/Senbet has recently lost his grandfather. Taye went to his village to participate in the burial activity and be with his family during this trying moment. His grandfather was blessed with a long life and died at the age of 110. May the soul of Brother Taye's grandfather and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in perfect peace! If you wish to pass a message of condolence to Brother Taye, you could do so via his e-mail:- tayewsenbetfsc@yahoo.com

The Sector wishes all Lasallian Families all over the world a blessed time!

2.3. SECTOR OF KENYA

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY

St. Mary's fraternity, for the past five months has been busy with various guests, activities and happenings. The guests included Lasallian University students, the British volunteers, and Eriko/DKA.

British volunteers were here from 22nd June to 8th August this year. They helped in building the 2nd floor of the Juniors' dorm. The Juniors had a good time interacting freely with them. At the end of their visit, Justas they were about to depart, there was a major fire at Jomo Kenyatta International airport (JKIA) which made them worried about their leaving for England.



Br. John McAdrew from St. Peter Community, New York has been in St. Mary's Community for the last three months. He has been teaching English to both the Juniors and High School students. Br John will be leaving for New York on Monday, 2nd Sept 2013. Brothers in the Community wish him good time back home and they long to see him again. Also, the Polytechnic students and the Juniors in the

High School are grateful for his service. They will miss him.

On Tuesday 20th August this year, we had a free medical camp for the Juniors by Dr. Doug Smali from New York, Troy. He is associated with our twin school, though he was sent by a particular company. He offered them a dental checkup as well as free Colgate and toothbrushes. This gesture of love and charity was conducted on the school compound in the lecture hall.

On Sunday, 18th August this year, Brothers received the news that Brother Dominic Jordan's grave has been tampered with! The body was exhumed by unknown people, 18 months after his burial at Mathari Cemetery in Nyeri. The students of the Catechetical Institute, within the Mathari complex, noticed this peculiar act which shocked many. They reported to the authorities who informed the Brothers. The reasons for this act are not known especially to the Brothers. On Friday, 23rd August, the body was re-

buried, The Archbishop of Nyeri was the main celebrant, attended by the Brothers, St. Mary's fraternity, Mathari people – Priests, Sisters and laity.

2.5. SECTOR OF NIGERIA

This year has been a difficult year both in our Sector and Communities, as we have had all the realities of the book of Ecclesiastus 3:1-8; the God giving time.



In the month of June/July we buried our dear Brother Prof. Anselm Uba in Ondo Community. The crowd that attended the ceremony was a testimony of the type of life he lived here on Earth.

It is no longer news that the Brothers have officially closed the Community and left St. Peter's Minor Seminary, Jimeta Yola at the end of July 2013.



The sent forth ceremony was a remarkable one, as almost all the Priests of the Diocese of Yola, mostly those that went through St. Peter's were present at the occasion. The Sector Coordinator, Br. Damian Ikor, was also in attendance.



The Diocese of Yola donated piece of Land to the Brothers as an appreciation of their work in the Diocese for thirty plus years.

The Brothers in Yola Community are presently in Naka Community. Br. Pius Tizhe is having some rest with his family for the time being.

Naka.

The community is back to life after the long holidays from School activities.

Infrastructural renovations in the school are ongoing with the committee members working round the clock.

School resumes on Monday 9th, September 2013.

Before the resumption on 9th Sept, there was a staff workshop by Br. Wole Olabanjo, the Principal and this was followed by a staff meeting the following day.

With the closure of Yola community, the members of Naka community have increased and more demand on the Brother Director and of course on all the Brothers.

The National examinations result of Mount La Salle College, Naka were excellent.

The founder's day celebration in Mt. La Salle College, Naka was very colourful with all the students' in their house colours.

Br. Patrick Obam has returned from Young Brothers Meeting in Philippines. During the Assembly in Ondo, he shared his experience(s) with the Brothers.

Br. Lucky maria Oloboh is also back from the 30 days retreat, though with a big bang news of the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Rose Esegbe. RIP. She will be buried on 21st September, 2013. May Her Soul Rest in

Peace. Contact Br. Lucky through +234 7011605803.

La Salle College, Ondo will resume on 15th and 16th September, 2013.

Renovations on the dormitories and the New Principal's office are going on in preparation for the resumption of both the New and old students.

As you can see from the newsclips, some changes have taken place in the Sector of Nigeria in terms of Principals and Vice Principal.

La Salle College, Ondo National Examinations results were excellent as ever. Our Boys made it again, this time better than the previous years. One of the Students' was among the best three in the Universities qualified examinations in the country.

All the Brothers with exceptions of Br. Fred Sherrer and Br. Dennis Berry have all had their home leaves and back to the community of Ondo.

We are expecting Br. Dennis Berry back to the Sector during the first of October and Br. Fred Sherrer in the month of February 2014.

Br. Damian will be attending the CIL Programme in Rome beginning in October – November, 2013.

Presently, the Sector Assembly is in progress in Ondo Community. We thank God all the Brothers in the Sector are able to make it, except Br. Pius Tizhe.

2.5. SECTOR OF SOUTH AFRICA

NEWSCLIPS - LA SALLE, DISCOVERY - AUGUST 2013.

Fraternal greetings from the South African Lasallian world. We hope that our school communities who have been on their summer holidays are well geared up for the new academic year. Our prayers and good wishes also to those schools who, like us, are preparing for end-of-year exams. May all our schools

continue to provide quality education , “human and Christian” as our Rule puts it, for all our “learners”. In South Africa we no longer speak of pupils or teachers but “learners” and “educators” !!

HIGHLIGHTS :

1. Every year the Fund-raising committee in Victory Park organizes a raffle. Tickets cost R500 and the prize – for four people: air tickets, accommodation, car rental and tickets for the U.S. Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta. Only 2000 tickets are on offer. All tickets were sold within three weeks and the profit - R450, 000. (Exchange Rate: c. R10 to \$1).
2. On the 2 August we were pleased to welcome Br. Marc Hofer for his annual visit and we thank him for his support and encouragement of our efforts in vocation ministry.
3. Br. Thomas attends the regular Board of Governors meetings in both centres. First item on the agenda is always a

report on “Ethos” and how it is being promoted in each centre.

4. Our Grade XII class spent a day on retreat animated by the Rev. Philip Bauser, a Methodist minister, who has a long association with the College and whose two sons attended La Salle. His wife, Glynis, is our Finance Secretary.
5. We were well represented at the workshop for Lasallian Association in Nairobi from 29 July to 2 August organized by Br. Gabriel, A.V. Leanne Stonier, a graduate of the Buttimer Institute, a staff member in Victory Park was one of the presenters and Sue Chapple from La Salle. Both felt greatly enriched by the experience.
6. On the 9 and 10 August Br. Thomas attended a seminar organized by the Catholic Schools Office in the Archdiocese. It focused on Strategic Planning for the next five years. It came up with FIVE Priority Objectives, number one being ETHOS.
7. Br. Thomas has had two meetings with the LASA (Lasallian Association of

South Africa) Executive Committee. A retreat is planned for the 14 September to which all teachers will be invited. We also are in the process of finalizing a date for a workshop on Association to which we will invite the Principals, Vice Principals of our two schools and all our Brothers. The promotion of the concept of Association needs the full support of school management.

8. The Primary and High Schools in Victory Park both staged wonderful concerts in their respective schools. The quality of the concerts and the production were superb and thoroughly enjoyed by packed audiences over three nights.

May all your ministries continue to be blessed and fruitful.

PHOKENG

We had a group of fifteen young adults, volunteers from Ireland in July. They belong to an organization called ‘SERVE/IRELAND’ established by the

Redemptorists in 2003 with the aim of promoting development in Africa and elsewhere. The group consisted of young adults, teachers, workers, health care persons etc. Their specific projects for this year were to build a clinic for HIV/Aids services at the village, Chaneng and to build a classroom and a kitchen for a crèche in Dishibidu. They were assisted by a group of our own young adult volunteers who call themselves 'STEP UP AND SERVE'. This latter group have just recently formed under the direction of Brother Alfred of Tsholofelo Community. They have held two weekend training sessions, the first was in May and was facilitated by Martin who works for the South African Catholic Bishops Conference in the youth desk. Martin is originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo. The second was in June and was facilitated by Chris and Jane who work for SERVE/IRELAND. During both trainings the group decided to adopt the Tsholofelo

Community vision statement of service for the poor and most needy. They then spent a lot of time in personal development programmes and activities designed to equip them with skills they will need in identifying the needs of the people living in the squatter camps around Rustenburg. The facilitators for both weekends had high praise for the enthusiasm of the local group and their commitment to the traditional Lasallian values of FAITH and ZEAL. Many of the group join the Tsholofelo Community for prayers and worship on Friday evenings and they conducted their first excursion into the squatter camps to meet local youth and discuss possible projects last Saturday. Now it's back to the drawing board and planning for the rest of this year.

3. DISTRICT CALENDAR

September

18th – Consultation process for the election of Br. Visitor begins.

22th – Blessed Martyrs of Valencia

24 – 27th – Brother Marc in Marsabit
- Brother Gabriel in Nyeri

27th – Blessed Scubilion Rousseau. FSC

October

1-3rd – District Formation Commission meeting

2-10th – Brother Gabriel visit Sector of Nigeria

10-14th - Brother Marc in Nyeri

11th –Br. Visitor; Home Leave: Eritrea

15th – Postulants apply to the Novitiate Program

18-26th – Br. Marc in the Rift Valley

20th – Communities and Sector Council's meet for Postulant's evaluation and approval

25th – Br. Visitor; Provinciate

28th Blessed Leonardo Jose' FSC, Companions, martyrs in Spain

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSCLIP ISSUE

The deadline is the 20th of October 2013