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#### NEWS BRIEFS:

- Fr. Provincial Valerian Shirima came back to Loyola House on Monday 31st March, after the funeral of his mother on Thursday last week.
- Fr. Devadoss Mudiappasamy, Jesuit Provincial of Madurai, was among for a few days at Loyola House.
- The EAP Commission on Ministries had its meeting at Loyola House from March 28-30 2008.
- Fr. Melchior Marandu has been assigned to work as assistant parish priest at St. John the Baptist Church, Dar es Salaam.
- Fr. George Ukken came from Khartoum a few days ago, and is passing through Nairobi on his way to his new assignment in Kampala.
- Fr. Isaac Kiyaka came back from Rome on Saturday 29th March and left for the novitiate on Monday.
- Fr. Charles Oduke Onyango came from the USA on Monday April 1.

**Prayers are requested** for Ms. Lucy Aluoch Odhiambo and Easter Oduke, wife and daughter of Mr. James Odhiambo, Fr. Charles Oduke Onyango's brother. Ms. Lucy died at childbirth while delivering little Easter last week. The funeral will take place on Saturday at Mr. Odhiambo's place in Lwak-Asembo Bay. We commend to the Lord Fr. Oduke's family these days.

#### **Leander Kabutta Writes from Pedro Arrupe Community**

I am writing to update you on our companions at Pedro Arrupe Community who are undergoing medical treatment. Fr John Chachu was admitted the day before yesterday for the last endoscope shrink valises around his liver. Yesterday the procedure was done, and though by evening did feel very well, his doctors Lule and Ajay were very optimistic. I am assured that he is to leave hospital tomorrow Sunday Morning the 30th of March. However he has to attend at least one endoscopic observation to observe how his liver has responded to the treatment--both the procedural and the



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ongoing through prescribed drugs. Those observations and tests will be done to him as an out-patient. Today as I visited him, he was fine and full of life looking forward to leaving the hospital tomorrow morning.

Michael Mulate nSJ has been going on with treatment here. He is responding positively to medicine and other prescriptions by his doctor(s). He is looking forward to returning to the Novitiate as soon as he possible.

Fr George Ukken on transit to his new appointment in Kampala has been undergoing some medical tests. Our "family" doctor think that there is no immediate danger to his heath as his prostrate problem is well contained by drugs, he is afraid in the future there should be an operation which might be more undesirable since he will be older. He thus is to seek second opinion from a specialist and there is a big probability that he will have to undergo an operation before leaving Nairobi.

### **From Addis, Peter Gumisiriza updates us**

The Jesuit community in Addis Ababa is now blessed with a novice, Vovendus, who has just finished his probation, Abba Kifle Wansamo who just returned from his tertianship in the Philippines, and who has not only a lot to say about the Philippines, but also about the SPIRITUAL EXERCISES. He has enlarged our community, and also relieved Abba Groum of some of the pastoral burden.

Abba Groum is doing his best especially with the CLC group which meets every Sunday and whose numbers are increasing daily. He is also involved with University Students who are now dedicated to the Way of the Cross in which Abba Groum accompanies them. He also continues to say Mass for the Mother Theresa Sisters, Lazarists and other groups according to the demands of the Archdiocese. He directs some retreats at Galilee centre, Debre Zeit and helps the Arch-bishop in certain technical matters.



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Abba Joe Pullicino is busy with retreats at Galilee centre. He is dedicated to the centre in collaboration with the archdiocese, other congregations and all who assist in running the centre. Joe also teaches History at Kidane Mehret School. He enjoys his work and is constantly happy and full of humour and jokes.

Abba Turenne is assisting Fr. Joe at Galilee Centre in giving retreats, celebrating mass and is active in other light ministries. Of recent, he is preoccupied with one message which he calls "the secret". He seems to have found some treasure in his secret. In case you want to know about the secret, you can personally write or phone him.

Brother James Edema teaches English. Judging from his commitment to this apostolate, I must say his students are lucky, both at Kidane Mehret School and Lazarist School. It is a blessing and a mesmerizing thing to teach language. But it is more enriching to live with a language teacher. All the time one is learning new terminologies.

Sch. Peter Gumisiriza teaches business studies at St. Mary's Catholic college. He is teaching this semester : Human Relations, Small Business Management, Business Communication. Last semester he taught Accounting for Secretaries and Office Administration. Since he has only lived shortly in Addis, he is still limping in speaking the Amharic language.

Otherwise this year we saw the late Prof. Fr. Pierre Gouin s.j. posthumously recognized for founding the Geophysical Observatory, at University of Addis Abeba, from 1957 to 1978. The Jesuit community was represented by Fr Groum Tesfaye, in his capacity as Superior, and Fr. Roland Turenne.

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