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News in Brief:

Fr. Provincial Valerian Shirima landed in Nairobi on March 10 as announced. Then, he went to Moshi to visit his ill mother and brothers, for whom we continue to pray.

Scholastic Michael Mungai, doing regency in Moshi, has asked us prayers for his father who is ill.

Fr. Michael Evans will be coming back from Madagascar, where he went to participate in the JESAM Treasurers' meeting, tomorrow Monday 17.

Fr. Gaspar Sunhwa is due to come back from Harare, Zimbabwe, today Sunday 16. He went to visit our companions studying at Arrupe College.

Fr. Biron, of the French Canadian Province, is passing through Loyola House, Nairobi, on his way to Mwanza. He will be visiting the EAP for a couple of weeks.

Brother Joe Shubitowski and scholastic Joseph Karanya, both currently working at Loyola High School, Wau, South Sudan, made a 6-day trip by land to Nairobi. They will be with us at Loyola Curia House until Easter.

Please, send your news to the EAPNEWS editor, scholastic Stephen Nzyoki, to nziokisteven@yahoo.com

Christopher Omolo writes to us from Mwanza

Hello everyone! Mwanza is fine. Every member of the community is doing fine. The community has been doing well. Fr. Jonathan, who was taken ill last year and spent some time in Nairobi receiving treatment, is now on his feet and is doing so well that he can now catch fish again. Fr. Peter has been working extra-time to get his legs in the large shoes of the absent parish priest. He is managing. Sch. Christopher Omolo has been kept busy with teaching religion in the schools and catechesis in the parish. Besides, the parish has been kept busy with preparations for Easter celebrations due soon, and the ordination of Deacon Charles Mnubi scheduled for the 22nd of June. So the parish is a beehive of activity. Four other members of the community reside away from the community residence. They are: Frs. Ted Walters and Bob White, teaching and residing at the St. Augustine University of Tanzania, and Fr. Damas Missanga and Sch. Angelo Munduni, working with the Radio Kwizera, Ngora. The four visit the community regularly. In the last two months three novices have been living with us doing the novitiate experiments at the Bugando hospital.

Again, the priestly ordination of Deacon Mnubi SJ will take place on the 22nd of June in our parish (St. Francis Xavier Nyakahoja Parish). Members of the province who would want to attend the ordination are kindly requested to contact Fr. Peter Otieno or Sch. Christopher Omolo, as soon as possible so that booking can be done early.

Address: Fr. Peter Otieno SJ. Email: peteroti@yahoo.com Tel: +255 763 835 160. Sch. Christopher Omolo. Email otienotophe@yahoo.co.uk Tell: +255 757 412 295. We wish everyone a happy Easter! Chris Omolo

And Titus Pacho gives the news from Arrupe College:

On 16th, the Kenyan Embassy hosted a prayer meeting cum luncheon bringing together Kenyans residing in Harare to share and encourage each other after the post-election violence. Our Kenyan scholastics participated. Most speakers of the day emphasized the need for unity and encouraged the participants to try to be part of the solution and NOT part of the problem.

On 23rd, the Jesuit community had a 'unique' day of Recollection facilitated by some lay persons from different circles of life. Their sharing on how they care for the 'life of the spirit' and on what they hope for us and from us as future Jesuit priests and brothers challenged us. They expect us to be men of prayer, men with high moral standing, and men who are unconditionally available and interested in the people of God.

On the 25th, a public lecture on "The Significance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to Contemporary Africa" was held in the College. The speaker was Rev. Dr. Elbert Ransom from Virginia, USA. He was an aide to Dr. Luther. The talk emphasized on the role of Non-Violence as a tool for rising against oppression, guided by recognition of the intrinsic worth of the human person, empowerment and sustained hope.

A "Religious Life Gathering" took place on the 5th of March. It brought the Jesuit community together with fruitful exchanges on the topic: "Growing to love the Society of Jesus." Our own shared their experiences candidly. They included, Frs. John Stacer and Eddy Murphy; and Deacon Pius Ojara and Mr. Chikere Ugwanyi.

On a different note, Arrupe College Student Association held their General meeting on the 10th of March. The Academic Assembly followed on the 12th. In both meetings diligence was emphasized for the magis. The Student Associations' constitution was also launched after undergoing some amendments which were approved by the College Board of Governors.

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