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News Brief

- Fr. Provincial will be for Abidjan tomorrow Saturday 26. He will be back on Friday May 2 2008. Fr. Gaspar Sunhwa has been appointed as Acting Provincial.
- Fr. Joseph Rodrigues has come from Rumbek, Sudan and is visiting Nairobi.
- Pedro Arrupe Community: Fr. Fabian Masina (ZIM) finished his studies in Pastoral Theology at CUEA, Nairobi, and will be leaving for Zimbabwe tomorrow Saturday. Fr. Fabian was a blessing to Arrupe community the two years he lived there. We thank him for this and also wish him a happy return to his Province.

As announced in our last issue of the EAPNEWS, Fr. Sossy writes about the EAP Jesuit school project in Dodoma:

Through his letter of September 18, 2007, the then Superior General to the Society of Jesus, Rt. Rev. Peter Hans-Kolvenbach, S.J., officially approved the construction of a Jesuit educational centre to be build in Dodoma, Tanzania. The detailed project proposal to the curia indicated that the education centre will comprise the following premises: A High School from form 1-6 (estimated for 1,200 students), A Vocational Training Centre (200 students) and A Teachers Training College (200 students). About 196 hectares have been allocated for this project - a title deed for this land is already in preparation. Our Lady Queen of Peace Foundation (OLQP), Inc., Canada, has accepted to fund the project (and also fundraise for the project from other donors that are known to them). As they have stated in their correspondence, the OLQP would want to be known as partners - and not donors! The project is estimate to cost about US \$ 10M.

Following the approval of the then Fr. General and through the approval of the AOR Provincial, the steering committee (on behalf of the Jesuit Fathers Registered Trustees) for this project signed the agreement with Consultancy and Development Company Ltd, CDCo, as Project Manager on 7 March 2008 in D'Salaam. The agreement implies that CDCo will "manage and supervise the design, construction and completion of the mentioned project on conditions set forth in the comprehensive agreement". Following the agreement and some



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meetings convened with the steering committee (and the commitment of the partners), construction is scheduled to start sometime in September if no delays occur. The construction has been scaled into four phases. The first phase is estimated to cost about US \$ 3M. Initial preparations are already underway for this phase. Thanks to Our Lady Queen of Peace Foundation for their readiness to educate the poor and marginalized in our midst.

Your prayers are kindly requested for this important project in our province!

Fr. Tony Wach writes from Xavier House, Kampala

Headlines: We are very happy to now have **Fr. George Ukken** with us, an answer to many prayers. George will minister with the Spiritual Exercises and related spiritual ministries. He also volunteered to reactivate the Apostleship of Prayer and possibly begin Christian Life Communities. He is also seen daily working in the garden and the library! George himself expresses joy in the Kampala climate (rainy and cool these days) and at being in a Jesuit community, after years living in Sudanese seminaries.

We also have welcomed back **Bro. Charles Kizza** from his Clinical Pastoral Education course (CPE). Charles will be assisting with vocation promotion.

Our loss has been scholastic **Endeshaw Debrework** who recently returned to Ethiopia after (finally) getting Makerere University to agree he is a Master. We look forward to the day of his ordination! Speaking of which, **Marcellin Mugabe** (RWD) has been here from Kigali to follow-up his research supervisor; I think I also heard him speak of his upcoming ordination. He has already been assisting his provincial Socius in founding a primary school.

Fr. Jim Strzok has been here the past three weeks, mostly in Gulu working on our school site. Several containers of equipment have finally arrived from Kenya, but the delays here in Kampala with various bureaucracies have been almost as long. Patience, patience, patience! **Tony Wach** has been trying to move everything along and coordinate all the details. Architects are hurrying to finalize plans for the next phase, hoping that with provincial and Rome's go-ahead we can soon



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begin some construction and open a year from now with a small pre-form I. A recent very huge donation makes it look possible. Please pray for the benefactor (an alumnus from the former Campion secondary in Wisconsin, where Frs. Tony and Jim also graduated). We need many more!

An experienced Ignatian educator from Madurai province, **Fr. Muthiah Devadhas**, is here visiting and promising to join us in 2010. A big thanks for his ready availability and to his provincial our own **Fr. Devadoss** who responded to our plea!

S. Lawrence Kyaligonza and the Justice/Peace Centre team hosted a well attended "open forum" with guest speakers on the topics of Education and Poverty Eradication and then Interreligious Dialogue. Lawrence is also doing research on the Basic Needs Basket of Kampala's poor. **S. Kaye Joseph Mary** is educating poor children (mostly Congolese refugees) in Undugu's Family Education program and then teaching English (his version) to young sisters of the Daughters of St. Paul.

Frs. Simon Drasiga and **Gene Hattie** -both very busy and providing our community's stable centre. Gene is in dialogue with the Archbishop about possible assistance to a street children home which recently lost its priest-director in a fatal car accident. And Drasiga -he's doing everything, from the minister's responsibilities, to vocation promotion, to regular Masses to prisoners and disadvantaged girls.

Polite Note: The EAPNEWS Update will be sustainable only through your support and active involvement. All companions and communities are welcome to send their news regularly. A 50 to 100-word paragraph is easy to make and always pleasant to read.

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