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News Brief:

- Scholastic Patrick Ngamesha finished successfully his language and computer course in Nairobi and moved to Dodoma, until the time comes when he will travel to Harare.
- Novice Derrebew Ashebir left the Society on 27th April and traveled to Ethiopia.
- Fr. Provincial Valerian Shirima is due to arrive in Nairobi today Friday in the evening.
- The EAP Superiors' annual meeting will take place at Pedro Arrupe Community from Monday 5- Wednesday 7 May 2008. The EAP Province Consult will follow from May 8-9.
- Brother Joseph Shubitowski passed through Loyola House, Nairobi, on his way from Wau, Sudan, to Detroit, USA. Two years ago, Bro. Joe came back to the EAP with the assignment to do major maintenance work on the school buildings in Wau, which he himself had built in the 80th. A team of motivated Jesuits is ready now to open the school this coming week. Now that Bro. Joe goes back to the USA for good, we thank him for being with us at the EAP and assist us with the education of our children and youth.
- A note from Fr. Francis Rodrigues reads "I was discharged from the Hospital on Tuesday the 29th. I am recovering well and have to see the doctor next week. In the meantime I am on a special soft diet. I thank each one of you for your prayers and good wishes. Francis Rodrigues, S.J."
- JRS regional directors from Africa and Asia have come to Nairobi so as to take part in a two-week seminar organized by JRS-Rome.

Fr. Jerome Manyahi writes from India:

Dear Companions,

I finally managed to get my research visa to India. I have been pursuing it for about three months. Research visa and especially in the areas of



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physics have their own complications. I thank God that everything is settled now. Upon my arrival my visa was extended to one year since I had only a one month visa. I arrived in Chennai on 15th March to start my program after winding up my work in Dar es Salaam and in the last days in Dodoma.

I have already started my research at Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy, Department of Physics at Loyola College, Chennai. Every beginning has its own challenges especially when one changes from the administration back to school life. I am grateful, I get a lot of support from my colleagues and staff. Some of them were my classmates and now they are in research programs at Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy after completing their Doctoral programs.

I am doing research in Theoretical Physics in the area of Mechanics of the Atom. It is a puzzling world, full of paradoxes and unexpected issues, but with a lot of potential in every sense. Mathematical formulations and interpretations of the results is the way to access this world. I feel as if I am moving towards the *Idealism of Plato*. Please pray with me that everything goes well for the Greater Glory of God.

I am expecting Corbian Kyara, SJ to join me at Loyola College sometime in mid-June. Kyara is coming to do his Masters in Economics. We have already Walter Njoroge who is doing his Masters in the same subject at St. Joseph's Trichy. Wensch is doing research in Computer Science at St. Joseph's Trichy as well. With the world having more interest in India, we expect more Jesuits to join us in the coming years. However, before you decide to join us; first renounce yourself, and take up your cross daily, then follow us.

I wish you all the best, Jerome,SJ

Buberwa Karongo writes from London:

This is to inform you that I will be participating in a British Council managed school exchange programme, '**Global School's Partnerships**'. I will be visiting our partner school, St. Paul's Catholic College, in London from the 27th April to 6th May 2008. The purpose of the visit is to establish effective



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school partnership between the two schools. The partnership agreement between Loyola High School and St. Paul's Catholic College was signed on 20th July 2007 in Dar es Salaam. The vision of the agreement is to commit ourselves to working in partnership with each other to develop a global dimension that will mutually enrich our respective school communities of students, staff, parents and parishes. All travel and living expenses will be covered by the British Council.

Fr. Sal Ferrao writes from Rumbek, Sudan:

Alor School Project - the Jesuit Mission in Sudan

Alor Payam is situated 113 km north of Maper County (75 miles from Rumbek Town). It is a pastoralist community and the main economic activity there is cattle-keeping. During rainy season, Alor is inaccessible by road. The people travel for three days on foot to Rumbek town to buy food stuffs.

After the CPA, the chiefs and some political leaders of Pakam approached Fr. Salvatore Ferrao, S.J. (popularly known as **Abun Salvatoria**) to build a school for the people of Pakam. Fr. Salvatore decided to choose Alor as the strategic point for the school. The school is located at the border of three warring communities; namely: the Nuer, the Luac-Jang and the Pakam. The focus is that in the future, this school will act as an instrument of peace and reconciliation whereby the children of the Nuer, Pakam and the Luac-Jang would live and study together as a people of the South.

In 2006 a four-classroom school was set up but in a raiding mission carried out by the Luac-Jang against the Pakam people, this first school of Alor and the Jesuit Mission were destroyed and totally burnt down.

In 2007, the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) and DKA approached Fr. Salvador offering financial help to rebuild Alor School. Sch. Francis Anyanzu, S.J., put up the school on pillars and roofed it since the working time is always between February and April. The people of Alor made the bricks and the World Food Programme gave Food for Work (FFW).



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Despite the constant insecurity, in February 2008, Sch. Anthony Koma, S.J. resumed the construction program and finally brought the project to its completion. Again, the community raised 26,000 baked bricks, WFP gave Food for Recover (FFR), Fr. Sal and his friends contributed financially.

Fr. Sal spent most of his Lenten Season at the 'Frontiers' in Maper Mission praying and fasting for peace. Besides, he was also engaged in dialogue between the paramount chiefs of the Luac-jang and the Pakam people discussing the way forward to ending this conflict.

Early this month, Abun Salvatoria and Sch. Koma Anthony held a meeting with the Governor of Lakes State, Commissioner of Maper County, Military Officers and UNMIS officials particularly the Civil Affairs and Security section in order to find a lasting solution to the conflicts between the peoples of Warrap State and Lakes State.

On 10th of April 2008, the Governor visited the school project in Alor. Scholastic Anthony G. Koma and his builders welcomed the Governor and his team. The Governor thanked Fr. Sal on behalf of the Society of Jesus and the UNMIS for their immeasurable contribution to peace, justice and reconciliation in Sudan.

In May 2008 (next month), the President of Southern Sudan H.E. Lt. Gen. Salva Kiir, the Bishop Caessar Mazzolari, the Governor, the Commissioner of Maper and other government officials, WFP and UNMIS officials will officially open and bless the school. To God be the Glory!

Scholastic Titus Pacho Ogalo writes from Arrupe College, Harare:

We are in the middle of study week, which is usually a full week at Arrupe College when students prepare for the examinations. The exams begin on the 5th of May. The semester ends officially on the 17th May with a closing academic assembly and college mass.

On Sunday 27th April, Eastern African Province scholastics had a wonderful day out in the near-by Cleveland picnic site. It was a time to thank God for our companionship at Arrupe College and also to bid farewell to the



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finalists. This is also a time to challenge and encourage each other as brothers in the Lord.

Your prayers during the study week, exam period, and beyond will be a great blessing and encouragement.

Announcement:

Since schol. Stephen Nzyoki, the editor-in-chief of the EAPNEWS Update, has started preparing for semester examinations and will be out of Nairobi for most of the college holidays, Fr. Miguel Angel García, the EAP Socius will take over as acting editor until Stephen comes back to Nairobi in August. You may address news and contributions directly to me to sociusaor@gmail.com

Polite Note: The EAPNEWS Update will be sustainable only through your support and active involvement. All correspondents, 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.

Please send your contributions to Stephen Nzyoki at nziokisteven@yahoo.com