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Editorial



As we have said from the beginning, our bulletin *RELAF Newsletter* is intended for information. Certain periods may appear prolix, , but others may correspond to what might be called "*lean*". We take everything that comes to us, the most important is to maintain the bond that unites us and makes us visible to those who want to look elsewhere. That said, we will propose an evaluation grid in the next issue to tell us what you think of our newsletter.

At the beginning of this academic year, I wish to welcome everyone after a well deserved holiday. However, I know very well that holidays are not always moments of rest. Usually we call this period "*change of activities*". Anyway, we are set out for many months of hard work. May the grace of God sustain us in our daily efforts.

A new beginning is also often marked by change. Major changes have occurred on the Personnel in our formation structures: St Miguel Scholasticate and CELAF in Abidjan . Thanks to all our Brothers for their service to the region. Welcome to those who are appointed in their new responsibilities. May God bless you!

At the Institute level, we often talked about the important events that await us: the MEL International Assembly, in 2013 in Rome; the Young Brothers ' Assembly, in 2013 in Manila; the International Symposium of Young Lasallians in 2014 and the next General Chapter of our Institute in 2014.

Currently, Young Lasallians are preparing their International Symposium to be held in Rome from 9 to 15 February 2014. RELAF is entitled to eight representatives. It is evident that the eight representatives will be selected in Districts that have organized groups of Young Lasallians. This is an opportunity to invite other Districts that have not yet launched the Movement to see to what extent they may be interested in more closely. This is a pretty significant component of the Lasallian Family.

Have a nice academic year, and welcome back to you all! May the Lord be always with us.

Br. Gabriel SOME
General Councillor for RELAF

ILDP: Sixth Edition

CREATING BONDS OF PEACE TOGETHER

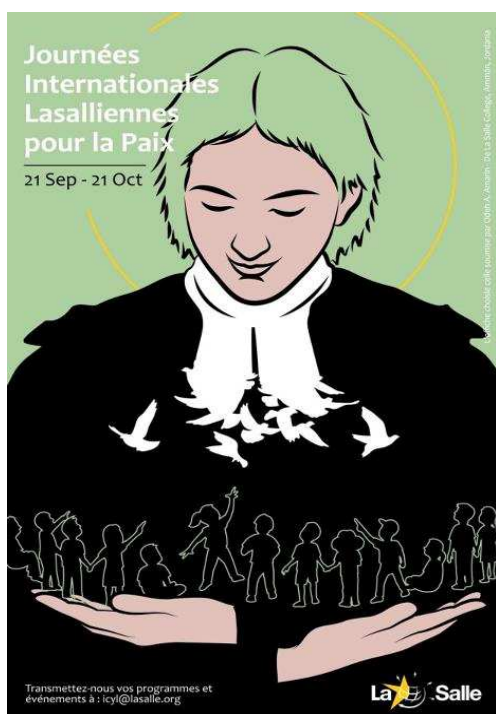
For the Peace Day this year the theme proposed was to create bonds of peace together and the question along with that was: **How can we be agents of peace for the children of our world?**

Our Founder asked us to always start from reality as the place where we can find God's call in our regard and to collaborate in his plan of salvation. Today, unfortunately, the reality we are presented with regarding children and peace is tragic and it is a call for solidarity and commitment. We could recall as a very sad reminder the thousands of children that have been killed in the military conflict recently in Syria.

As I have mentioned on other occasions *the defense of the rights of the child* should be a characteristic trait of all Lasallians. Our recent General Chapters invite us to be more aware of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, approved in 1989, to cooperate with organizations that work for the promotion of these rights, and to be attentive to the violation of these rights, alerting authorities in such cases.

There are situations to which we cannot remain indifferent. Today we hear about more than 250,000 boy and girl "soldiers;" 275 million children who each year witness acts of domestic violence ("with devastating psychological consequences that may mark them for life"); 218 million children obliged to work – and, therefore, without the possibility of studying –; more than 126 million used in dangerous practices, intrinsically violent ones; 5.7 million children forced to work in payment of debts, 1.8 million involved in prostitution and pornography, and 1.2 million who are victims of trafficking for that purpose.

We know that today, to the great disgrace of societies in the North as well as in the South, children constitute the most fragile and vulnerable link. It is a drama that knows no geographic or social borders and it also strikes millions of minors in financially advanced countries, because its roots are hidden in a culture and in behavior that does not recognize the child as a bearer of rights or as persons to whom you have to listen with much attention.



Official Poster for ILDP- 6th Edition



Br. Álvaro Rodríguez Echeverría
Supérieur Général

As an Institute we came into being for children and their defense and we need to have that posture deeply rooted in our hearts and the heart of all those who share the Lasallian mission. Education gives us many possibilities to do this. It is not just about combating everything that is opposed to the rights of children and adolescents but it also deals with preventing any form of violence, recalling that children and young people today in our classrooms will be the men and women of tomorrow who, with their convictions and attitudes, will be able to change any kind of practice that is seen to be to the detriment of children.

Young Lasallians, we are counting on you to make the Defense of the Rights of the Child a banner of our Lasallian family. What can you do? I think that you can do a lot, whether by direct volunteer service or active participation in local organizations that work to defend the rights of children, or by respectful and cordial treatment of the children you relate with. This is our concrete way creating bonds of peace together.

Br. Álvaro Rodríguez Echeverría
Superior General

Retraite annuelle: Antananarivo

The annual retreat of the Brothers of the District was held in Antananarivo Soavimbahoaka from 09 to 14 August 2012. The theme was: ***We were chosen to be co-creators with God***. This retreat was led by Father Jules RANAIVOSON Diocesan Director of Catholic Education in Antananarivo Antananarivo. 40 Brothers attended the retreat.

As an introduction, Father Jules RANAIVOSON has delineated the theme in trying the approaches on the lives of Religious Educators. Thus, we have kept in mind that Education is the **only** hope to restore humanity. And no Human Development is possible without Education. Moreover, it is through Education that we can act: develop the Human faculties. As a reminder, the facilitator gave the definition and the characteristics of Catholic Education as it was defined in the Conciliar Declaration "Gravissimum Momentum Educationis No. 08 of 28 October 1965" Full Development of the Human person.

In conclusion, let us remember that Man can always rediscover his original state. God loves us and has already planned our salvation. To really become a co-creator with Him, we are called to say yes every day as Mary responded to the call of course acting appropriately according to His Will.

Along with the retreat, it is now customary in the district that Br.Visitor and his Council review their annual activities to the Brothers. In turn, each community was warmly invited to share the highlights and the shadows it has experienced during the last apostolic year. Brothers received with great hope the sharing of our Brothers who have just done their Novitiate. A Brother next to me whispered to me saying: "***nody ventiny ny rano natsakaina***", which literally means that " *the water that the District fetched from the Novitiate has become a substantial thing*"



The retreat ended with a Mass of thanksgiving during which our four Young Brothers: Armand Jules, Séverin and Josoa renewed their vows. This was also marked by the send-off ceremony that Brother Visitor has done for the year 2012-2013. On this occasion, we also thanked the facilitator who has led well the Retreat with the theme applied to the lives of Religious Educators, in particular Brothers of the Christian Schools.

Br. RANDRIANASOLO Jean de Dieu
Antananarivo District



Inauguration and Final Vows: Congo Kinshasa

Sunday 19th August, 2012 will remain in the records of the District of Congo Kinshasa. Indeed, two events marked this blessed day, namely the ceremony vows of Brother Maxime Masunda (during the Eucharistic celebration presided by Bishop Daniel NLANDU Bishop of the Diocese of Matadi) and the inauguration of the Elementary School Ntetembwa (shining star), a private Lasallian Catholic School.



Brother Maxime pronounced his Final Vows during the Mass that took place at the Parish of the Sacred Heart of Kinkanda, his native Parish. In his homily, Bishop Daniel NLANDU invited the newly professed to freely commit to the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools without any thought of return.

Brother Roger MASAMBA, Visitor of the District has received the vows of Brother Maxime on behalf of the Superior General. Brother Visitor, as the first responsible and the first animator of the District, gave some advice and recommendations to Brother Maxime.

It is worth noting that the political and administrative authorities of the Province of Bas-Congo and Matadi, Capital of the Province have honoured the ceremony by their presence. The Mass was very touching, nobody has been able to contain to the rhythm of the Rossignoles choirs of the Parish of Saint Albert Kinshasa and Sacred Heart Choir of Matadi.

The second highlight of the day was the inauguration of Ntetembwa Elementary School, a school that has come to the rescue of the youth growing at the port city of Matadi. Ntetembwa School is a primary school that will serve as a recruitment base.



Bishop Daniel NLANDU inaugurated and blessed the brand new school building where His Excellency-Deo Nkusu, Governor of the province of Bas - Congo was present. Bishop Daniel accompanied by the Governor of the province of Bas-Congo and Brother Visitor District cut the ribbon marking the opening of the first school year Ntetembwa school of Matadi. The inaugural ceremony was immediately followed by a reception at the Brothers' Community in Matadi.

Crispin Kassanda, Postulant
District du Congo Kinshasa



Ntetembwa Primary School

Final Vows: Douala

The Brothers of the Christian Schools District of Douala (Cameroon - Chad) were celebrating on 18th August 2012 when Brother Louis-Pierre and Jean Louis KOUEMENI DONGMO expressed their unconditional and definitive "YES" to God in the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.



Br. Jean Louis DONGMO



Br. Louis Pierre KOUEMENI

St. Charles Lwanga Bépenda Parish (Archdiocese of Douala) hosted the ceremony. The Eucharistic celebration was led by Christian TUMI, Archbishop Emeritus of Douala, surrounded several priests.

The two Brothers pronounced the formula of their free and final commitment to the Institute in the presence of Brother Blaise DJEUKAM Visitor, representing Brother Superior General. Besides the Brothers of the Districts of Douala and Equatorial Guinea, the ceremony was attended by the families of the two Brothers, their friends and acquaintances, Lasallian Volunteers of Cameroun, members of other

religious institutes and the general public. Also present were Brother Gabriel SOME, General Councillor for RELAF and the Brother Visitor of ARLEP.

The two Brothers offered their sincere thanks to God, to their families, to the General Councillor and through him to the Superior General.

Br. Pascal MBABY
District de Douala



Formation for accountants: Gulf of Benin



Saturday 04 to Sunday, August 5, 2012, was held at St. Augustine College Togoville (Togo) formation session for accountants working in Lasallian schools in Togo and Benin. This formation, initiated by the Brother Visitor and the District Bursar was moderated by Mr. Talaki ESSOHOLAM, Chief Accountant at CAMEG Togo. The objective of the two-day formation focused on mastering the new accounting software officially adopted in all schools in the District since one year now.

Training Center in Conakry Guinea have worked on harmonizing the accounts in all Centers and Colleges of the District for a better interpretation of data, preparing a budget, the depreciation and the introduction of *Sage Saari*-budget.

The session took place in an atmosphere of conviviality and fraternity. All participants have pointed out in their evaluation and reaffirmed their gratitude to Togoville community .

Five participants including Mr. Zozo AMEVI, Bursar of Togoville College and Mr. Eric AMEKOU, a Lasallian Volunteer newly assigned to the De La Salle professional

Br. Paulin DEGBE
District du Golfe du Bénin



Formation of Lasallian Staff: Gulf of Benin

The College of Saint Augustin, Togoville, was the setting for a session of Lasallian formation for our colleagues in the schools of Togo and Benin. Thirteen lay teachers (including two women teachers) took part in the session, which was animated by a team of four Brothers, most of whom were headteachers. The session took place from Sunday September 2 until Wednesday September 5, and was attended by Brother José-Manuel SAURAS Visitor. The objective was firstly to give new teachers an introduction to the Founder, and secondly to discuss with the participants a draft document containing the statutes for members of staff in our Lasallian establishments.

In his opening address, Brother Visitor put great emphasis on the specific characteristics of a Lasallian school. "We are there to educate our students, not just provide them with knowledge. We must take into account every aspect of their personalities, and we will have succeeded if later on none of our former pupils ends up in gaol." He then went on to outline the main features of the Institute and its organization.

Three themes formed the framework for the meeting. The first was entitled 'St. Jean-Baptiste de La Salle, a Saint and an Educational Innovator'. This theme was developed by Brother Jacques MONCHEBI. His presentation, followed by group work and feedback helped the participants to get to the



heart of the topic. The second theme was entitled: 'The Characteristics of a Lasallian School'. It was presented by Brother Marius BOYA and followed the same pattern of work. The third theme, led by Brother Rodrigue TOEPPEN, completed the circle and introduced our Teachers to our Lasallian Mission in practice. Finally, Brother Francisco FALLADO gave a commentary on the draft Statutes for our staff. This generated lots of questions from the participants, who showed great interest in the document.

At the end of the four days, the participants said they were very satisfied with the structure and contents of the presentations and also with the general atmosphere throughout the session. They expressed the wish to see the session repeated and enlarged to include a greater number of colleagues. Finally the proceedings were brought to a conclusion with a Eucharistic celebration that was rich in symbols centred around Saint Jean-Baptiste de La Salle.

Br. Paulin DEGBE
Gulf of Benin District



Brothers' Assembly: Douala

After Ebolowa in 2011, The Spirituality Center of Douala Bonamoussadi held the General Assembly of the Brothers of two entities from 17 to 23 August 2012. It must be said that it is the result of a long process of "union" which made the way smooth. The willingness of the Brothers is evident. This is confirmed by the priority actions for each General Assembly.

During the Assembly, Brothers received from Brother General Counsel for RELAF, Brother Gabriel SOME, the Statutes of the District of Douala approved by the Superior General and his Council on 22 February 2012.

We continued by reading of the collaboration agreement between the District and the ARLEP Douala, an evaluation of priority actions in Ebolowa 2011, finally reading the protocol of sexual abuse on children, to inform, to raise awareness and outreach all Stakeholders of Education in our Schools and Training Centers.

The main obstacle to this process remains at a high level which does not depend on the Brothers: the difficulty of Cameroon and Chad to get a visa for this country steeped in oil.



However, while considering other options, Brother Visitor of ARLEP would like that the General Councillor is personally involved in this process by planning Visits to the communities in Equatorial Guinea.

The priority actions identified in this Assembly will be evaluated in August 2013. At the end of the Assembly of Bonamoussadi 2012, Brother Visitor expressed his gratitude to the Brothers of Douala District and those of Equatorial Guinea. Special thanks to Brother Visitor of the District of ARLEP (Brother Jesus MIGUEL) for his first participation, and to Brother Gabriel SOME who accompanied this process by his active presence.

Brother Pascal Mbaby
District of Douala



Initial Formation: Lwanga

From the International Novitiate in Nairobi – First Profession of Vows

On Saturday, June 30th, 2012, Brother James-Mary Manasseh from Nigeria and Brother Solomon Yonas from Ethiopia professed their First Vows at the International Novitiate in Nairobi. Brother Esayas, Provincial Visitor, presided over the vow ceremony. The occasion was also graced by the presence of Brother Gabriel Some and Brother Jorge Gallardo, General Councillors, and Brother Joseph Fernando, Secretary for Formation.



The newly professed Brothers proceeded on their home visit before starting their studies at the Scholasticate in Nairobi, Kenya (Bro Solomon), and at the Scholasticate in Abidjan, Ivory Coast (Bro James-Mary).

From the Sector of Eritrea – Noviciate

In August 2012, four Postulants will join our Novitiate Program in Keren. These Postulants, Efrem Amine, Merhawi Berhe, Filimon Mengisteab and Teklesenbet Gaim are former students of St. Joseph's and members of the Juniorate Program at Keren. Last year, they followed the Postulancy Program in Asmara.

From the sector of Nigeria-Postulancy: The Postulancy Community is doing well thanks to the inspiring leadership of Brother Ade Ologbenla and Brother Simon Kesiki Benedict. In September the six Postulants begin their Community Experiences in our three Apostolic Communities in Yola, Naka and Ondo.



*Br. Ade OLOGBENLA
Directeur du Postulat Nigeria*

Brother Ade and Simon are as well successfully involved in the Pastoral Vocation Ministry. Ten Aspirants will begin their Postulancy during the month of September in Naka.

Br. Marc Hofer
Lwanga District

From the Scholasticate-Nairobi

Annual Retreat in Tabor Hill



The Annual Retreat of the Scholasticate Community took place at Tabor Hill in Nyahururu, Kenya, from Sunday, July 8th to 14th, 2012. Father Augustine of the Augustinian Community

led 11 Student Brothers and Bro Taddele, their Sub-Director, on an insightful spiritual journey that was closed with an inspiring ceremony of renewal of vows of the Student Brothers.

In addition, Bro Gabriel and Bro Peter-damian who were engaged in teaching-practice and examination respectively had their Annual Retreat earlier at the Novitiate Community. They renewed their vows on Saturday 21st, 2012, during the morning Eucharistic Celebration.



Retreat Center— Tabor Hill, Nyahururu, Kenya

Lasallian Formation

The yearly Lasallian Workshop for the Student Brothers was facilitated by Brother Peter Kombe, Headmaster, from the Nyeri Community, Kenya. It took place from July 16th to 20th, 2012, at the Scholasticate.

Bro Peter highlighted the spiritual journey of the Founder, commented places of historical importance to the De La Salle Brothers' Institute and illustrated all of it with

different movies.

The Student Brothers expressed their gratitude to Bro Peter for this enriching and insightful Lasallian Workshop, especially for his sharing of life experiences.

Bro Peter is a graduate of the Lasallian Buttimar Institute, the then USA/Toronto-Region.

Br. Marc Hofer
Lwanga District

Summer Camps 2012



The educational community, initiated by the Order of the Pious Schools, called this year: Socio-spiritual Camp 2012 in San Pedro, had its main theme: "*Peace is me, it's you. Peace is everyone.*"

About 300 children from various cities of Côte d'Ivoire gathered. They were accompanied by forty instructors including De La Salle Scholastic Brothers and Catalan Partners. The Camp took place in three stages. First, we prepared the necessary equipment and we made the inventory for each participant. The first stage lasted from August 1st to 5th, 2012 in Daloa.

From 6 August, the adventure began when travelling to San Pedro, a trip that lasted for 6 hours. Final Destination : Cosse Dio Diocesan Centre .

All children were accommodated in dormitories, each with their luggage. However, some ended up sleeping in the bus, in the dining room or on mats, for lack of space. The situation has outraged us on the first day, but we understood that it is also a testimony and a way of *sharing in concrete way of our life, the condition of the poor.*

The many children were divided into fraternities. Various activities have been scheduled for our first week: singing practice, games, walks, workshops, evening entertainment, field trip to Afrigo (a factory manufacturing ice) and the beach.

The second week had its apotheosis with the start of the Olympic Games. By their age, children competed in various disciplines such as racing, baseball, relay and others. The end of the game was held at the beach, where the finals were held in football, basketball, filling bottles Friendship and Fraternity reigned among the children, between children and



monitors and amongst the monitors themselves. But some children have known defeat, which led us to encourage and Educate them in the spirit of the theme: *Educational community*.

Coming to the third week, the focus was on the preparation of the closing ceremony. To this end, we continued with workshops and classes that had physical expression of Dance, Poetry and Drama. It is worth noting that we have been visited by some parents, members of the Commission for the Holy Child of Mary Mother of God Parish in Daloa, some benefactors and the representative of the Commission for Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation (CDVR). They came to support us in our mission with Children and they left happy with what they saw and heard. The closing Mass was celebrated on Saturday, August 25, 2012 in memory of Saint Joseph Calasanz, Founder of the Order of the Pious Schools, and was animated by the instructors and children. All participants shared meal after Mass. Thereafter followed an exhibition of items produced during the workshops for the three weeks, an animation of UNCI (United Nation Côte d'Ivoire) and Children Benefactors.

They all acclaimed the Children for having testified that it is through teamwork, together and by association, that we can work for Peace.

There was no obstacle on the way back to Daloa. We arrived on Sunday, August 26, 2012 at 5pm. The joy and warmth of the encounter between Parents with their Children was really felt. However, the work was not finished yet. The third step was to evaluate the whole activity in order to improve and correct our mistakes in the future. As a community of Scholastic Brothers at the Summer Camp, we had an evaluation at our own level.

Despite the difficulties and fatigue we encountered, this experience is very fulfilling for us who are dedicated to serving Children and especially the most unprivileged. It is by small gestures of attention and Fraternity that we could touch the heart of Children. We have cooperated in building the Kingdom of God "*through promoting Justice and Peace*"

Br. Louis Mjalli
Saint Miguel Scholasticate



CLIMA: Burkina Faso



Located in Bérégaougou (in Waterfalls of Burkina Faso), CLIMA is an Agricultural Training Center created by the Brothers of the Christian Schools (FSC) and functional since May 2007. CLIMA is an Lasallian Center for Initiation to Agricultural Profession where young couples that are Farmers from surrounding villages come to train in agriculture, farming and forestry for human growth and Economic Development. CLIMA does not only provide formation in agricultural techniques, also assists candidates throu—

ghout the process of their installation in the village so that they may capitalize in the best way the technical Formation they received. It is what explains the originality of this Lasallian Center.

The combination of agro-forestry-pastoral is a program that is established Candidates who are mainly rural young couples (all the nuclear family of the learner: men and women and children) who want to develop their capacity in agro-silvopastoral.

Apart from these couples, the center also offers Modular Training for school leavers and producers who want to develop, and all this in a relatively short period. Below are the summaries of the Mission and the Objectives of CLIMA.



Mission:

1. Be an active presence of the Church in the agro-silvopastoral of Burkina Faso;
2. Provide training agro-forestry-pastoral for rural young families (traditional learners or trainees);
3. Support our learners in their traditional process of "integral and sustainable human development "
4. Insure ongoing formation of agro-forestry-pastoral producers that would like to have it;
5. Promote women as agents Development.

**Goals:**

The main objective is to improve the lives of people who integrate the Centre through training as complete as possible. Our intermediate targets are:

1. Train young farmer couples over two years to the new agro-forestry-pastoral activity.
2. Promote women as actresses of Development .
3. Make available Professionals in the area of Agriculture
4. Serve as a center of excellence for Agricultural Training in Burkina Faso.



The Training program involves three stages: first, the theoretical learning in the classroom, second, the practical learning through practical sessions and tutorials on the production and experience sites of the Centre, then comes the third phase which consists of the financial and technical support through the implementation

of a program focused on micro agro-pastoral on the production sites of the trainees having been trained for two years in CLIMA.

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The ever glittering gem: St Joseph-Eritrea

The Former Students Festival of Saint Joseph's School, Keren, took place from July 4th to 8th, 2012. The former students described this Lasallian Institution as an ever glittering educational gem. Indeed for the last 63 years, St. Joseph's School has shone and attracted thousands of young people to enjoy its holistic beauty, a beauty which never fades out. The De LaSalle Brothers have been the ingredients of this beauty. The quality education they provide, the high moral values they stand for, the extraordinary love and care they have for their students are some of the ingredients that make this Lasallian Institution an ever shining and precious gem.



Yes, that is why many of its students call St. Joseph's School 'Almazey' or 'Luley' in Tigrinya Language, which means 'my diamond' or 'my most precious gem'. This name did not come out of the blue. The young people have heard of its fame and have witnessed it themselves; consequently they named it 'my ever glittering gem'.



Nativity School: Eritrea

Walking 20 km to and from the school

Nativity School is an eight year Catholic Boys and Girls School located in a small village called Shinara about 10kms NorthEast of Keren. It is run by the De LaSalle Brothers for the poor and disadvantaged pastoral communities in mountain regions around Shinara. Shinara is also surrounded by a number of dispersed villages.

The school first opened its doors to less than 100 students in January of 1961 under the leadership of the Parish Priest and two teachers. The Brothers took over this school in 1982 and improved without delay its infrastructure with the support of donors. In 1982 the school had only elementary level, which is up to Grade 5. Since then the school has added the middle level classes Grades 6, 7 and 8 in 1993.

This Academic Year 2011/2012 the school has a population of 471 students, 227 girls and 244 boys from different ethnic and religious groups from Grade 1 up to Grade 8.



The Brothers and other staff members drive daily to the school a distance of 10 km. Sometimes they walk this distance. The reality of our students is even more amazing. Around 170 of our students walk an average of 20 km to and from the school daily. They walk over mountain ranges for more than five hours every day. But these kids walk all the distance with a lot of enthusiasm as they look forward to the future with confidence. As a matter of fact those who travel the furthest are the best students in the school and we are proud of them. Those students who walk for hours to come to school don't take a proper breakfast and are forced to take late lunch when they go back home after school. This makes it hard for us to teach and it is hard for the students to concentrate on what they are doing.



Brief Infos



James Camdem



Jolleen Wagner

ICYL-Rome:

The International Council for Young Lasallians held its annual meeting at the Generalate in Rome from September 12-19, 2012. Among the many important points in the agenda were: Updates on YL activities in the five Regions of the Institute, International Lasallian Days for Peace (Sept 21-Oct 21, 2012), preparation of the Assembly MEL where Young Lasallians will have their representatives and preparation of the International Symposium for Young Lasallians to be held in February 2014 in Rome. As previously stated, RELAF will have eight (08) representatives at the symposium. It is worth noting that ICYL welcomed two new members, namely: James CAMDEM from PARC Region and Jolleen WAGNER from RELAN.

Saint Miguel and CELAF-Institute in Abidjan

After several years of dedicated service to the Region as a Formator and six years as Director of the Scholasticate, St. Miguel in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, Brother Edward NLANDOU was replaced by Brother Anaclet Mbanzulu (Congo Kinshasa).

Brother Juan Carlos, while still rendering service to Scholasticate and CELAF, was replaced by Brother Joseph KUBWIMANA (Delegation of Rwanda) as the Bursar.

Brother Emmanuel of the Marianist Congregation replaces Brother Anicet as the Deputy Director of the Institute CELAF.

Thank you to Brother Anicet, Edouard and Juan Carlos for their service to the region. We welcome Brother Anaclet and Joseph in their new responsibilities. May God bless you!



Br. Edouard NLANDOU



Br. Anaclet MAKANZU

Generalate – Intercongregational program

During the month of September the first intercongregational program of eight Religious Institutes of Brothers dedicated to the educational mission is being held in our Generalate. A total of forty eight Brothers from all over the world take part in this program. The eight Institutes are: Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, Marist Brothers, Brothers of the Christian Schools, Brothers of Our Lady of Mercy, Brother of Saint Gabriel, Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Brothers of Christian Instruction, Brothers of the Holy Family.

From our Institute the following Brothers are participating: Francisco CHIVA (ARLEP), Nicholas SEET (PARC), Valere ADONSOU (RELAF), Robert HAZARD (RELAN), José Camilo ALARCON et Roberto MEDINA (RELAL)

We all hope that this meeting will be a real experience of fraternity in which the participants can share, in addition to the cultural and geographical diversity, the best of the rich history of our Institutes and the richness of our identity as brothers. Inspired by the words of Jesus (Matthew 23:8), the program is entitled: "ALL BROTHERS"

Visit of Brother Regional Bursar (Anatole Diretenadji)

After Nairobi, Kinshasa, Kigali and Addis Ababa for the first period (June-July), Brother Regional Bursar is in his second period of visit in the Districts (September-October). He will visit Antananarivo, Bobo-Dioulasso, Lomé and Douala.

Calendars

Br. General Councillor (Br Gabriel SOME)

August 27—October 5

General Council in Rome

October 6

Abidjan

Br. Regional Bursar (Br. Anatole DIRETENADJI)

September 17-23

West African District

September 23-29

Gulf of Benin District

Sept 29 – October 15

Douala District

October 15

Regional Office—Abidjan

Relaf Conference

Date

Venue

November 5-12, 2012

Saint Miguel , Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

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