

Birthdays

April

05 - 4 - 1950
07 - 4 - 1923
09 - 4 - 1972
10 - 4 - 1964
15 - 4 - 1943

Fr. Felipe CASTREJANA
Fr. Luigi COCCHI
Fr. Andrew WANJOHI
Fr. Paul NYAHANGA
Fr. Antonio DOLZAN

May

04 - 5 - 1936
20 - 5 - 1934
20 - 5 - 1980
22 - 5 - 1951
28 - 5 - 1935
29 - 5 - 1976

Fr. John B. ANTONINI
Bro. José GODINEZ
Sch. Isaiah NYAKUNDI
Fr. Guido OLIANA
Fr. Raffaele CEFALO
Fr. Titus MAKOKHA
(S. Sudan)

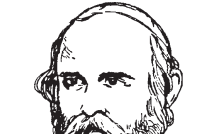
June

04 - 6 - 1974
05 - 6 - 1975
14 - 6 - 1974
18 - 6 - 1953
30 - 6 - 1967

Fr. J. Kennedy ONOBA
Fr. Filipe RESENDE
Fr. Paul KAMBO (S. Africa)
Fr. Francisco CARRERA
Bro. Desu YISRASHE B.



**Happy birthday to all the confreres
who celebrate their birthdays these months!!!**

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PROGRAM OF THE PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR FOR THE NEXT MONTHS

April

1 – 4	Nakwamekwi
6 – 11	Nairobi, office
11 – 14	<u>Provincial Council</u>
16 - 25	<u>Holy week at Mbitini – Kiriko parish</u>
28 – 30	Kapenguria

May

1	<u>Perpetual vows Schols. Amakuriat</u>
1 – 4	Amakuriat
5 – 7	Kacheliba
10 – 15	office Nairobi
16 – 18	Brothers Centre
19 – 23	First Vows Novices - Lusaka
24 –	Nairobi, office
28	<u>Diaconate Ordination Kacheliba</u>

June

1 – 5	Nairobi
6 – 10	Kariobangi/Korogocho
14 – 15	New People
16 – 17	Mission Animation
18 – 29	Nairobi office

July

30/6 – 5	<u>Marsabit, Provincial Council</u>
1	<u>Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus</u>
6 – 17	Nairobi Office
18 – 26	RETREAT PROVINCIAL
27 – 7/8	Nairobi Office

We want to pose a question to the BOT as the ultimate authority of Tangaza College: Is the present Administration of Tangaza College, especially in the person of the Principal (who is not neutral any more, having been a direct part in the controversy), able to address and solve these academic issues? Referring to Fr. Roe's claim that with his wrong understanding of the principle of subsidiarity Fr. Oliana was undermining the unity of the College, is the Principal able to win the trust and confidence of Students and SOT Faculty Members very much polarized over this issue?

We ask that these concerns we have raised be properly addressed and answered for by the BOT and Tangaza Administration, for the real good of the SOT.

Yours sincerely, in Christ

Fr. Joseph Maina mccj

Provincial Superior of the Comboni Missionaries

and his councillors: **Fr. Raphael Wokorach, Fr. Filipe Resende, Fr. Stefano Giudici, Bro. Dario Laurencig**



From the Provincial



Dear Brothers.

With lots of love and gratitude for what you are doing in the fields wherever you are, I would like to wish you all a HAPPY EASTER. I am quite sure that we all have made a very good journey during the time of Lent and its fruits are manifested during this time of Easter.

In the past days I have visited some few communities and I am really touched with what we are doing in our communities. All these good things we are doing are signs of our love towards our God and His people. Let us remember that Love is the greatest commandment. It is because of Love that Jesus is able to carry the cross up to the end. Love can transform even the greatest enemy in this world.

Please, share with me the following words:

The Day That Changed the World

“I [Jesus] am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades [hell]” (Revelation 1:18).

I recall reading about a father who was caught with his two young daughters in a snow storm and lost his way. When night fell he wrapped his jacket around his two girls and lay on top of them to stop them from freezing to death. The next day they were found by a search party. The two girls were alive and well, but the father had frozen to death. He gave his life to save the ones he loved.

That's exactly what Jesus did for you and me. He gave his life to pay for the consequences of our sin—death. And on Easter Sunday

he arose from the grave proving that he had forever overcome the power of death and sin, and to guarantee resurrection for all who put their trust in Him.

Rivas Zacharias talks about how Christ encounters us today as he did with the disciples on the morning of his resurrection from the



dead. “The disciples were the ones marked out for death. Those who survived were really the dead. And he, Jesus, the dead one, was really the living one.”

And because he is the Living One, the day he rose from the grave was the day that changed the world forever. And the day that you and I commit our life to Him and receive his

free pardon is the day that changes our life—forever!

Brothers, I am tempted to see us like this man who gave his little daughters all his clothes to protect them from freezing because of love. When I see the work of the Comboni family I feel very happy and proud because we are showing the world what is real love. Sometimes I ask myself, “Could we really work as we do if we do not have LOVE?” The answer is automatically “no”. So, dear ones, let us try to be like Jesus who gave himself completely up to death because of the love he had for us.

Once more I wish you a HAPPY EASTER OF RESURRECTION AND MAY GOD RESURRECT IN OUR HEARTS.

Fr. Joseph Maina Mwariri

As we are all aware, the controversy ended with the forced resignation of Fr. Oliana as Dean and Lecturer of SOT. After discussion and sharing of opinions, we would like to express our deepest concern and regret regarding both the way the controversy was dealt with and the situation in which the SOT is left now.

Having read the different reports on the events, we can only speculate why Fr. Oliana was asked to resign, but of course guessing is far from a proper and correct information on the motivations for the decision. This we found very unprofessional and disrespectful. The information should have been forwarded to Fr. Oliana in writing, as well as to the Provincial Superior of the Comboni Missionaries (being a disciplinary decision) Given that no refined language from the BOT to name specifically the issue that led to their decision was given in the letter addressed to PS, without doubting the good intention you had for the good of Tangaza College, we still see a serious mishap in the decision.

Furthermore we wonder whether this decision was really proportionate to the offence caused by Fr. Oliana. In any case, the question we ask ourselves is: have all the attempts to come to a peaceful solution been made?

It came to our attention through our BOT representative, Fr. Raphael Wokorach, that any attempt to initiate a genuine reconciliation was voted against overwhelmingly. This means that the BOT thought that the only alternative was to put the Dean out. But we strongly believe and say that we lost an opportunity to stand on the side of evangelical value, namely reconciliation. Was the College policy regarding grievances fully applied? All these questions come to us because we fail to understand the hurry and the timing in which the decision was taken, just at the end of the semester, with so many important academic issues still pending. The dismissal of Fr. Oliana puts at risk the normal functioning of the SOT. Our deepest concern however touches the academic issues raised in the controversy. To us they are real issues, too important to be overshadowed by any however questionable behaviour. These issues go well beyond the question of the marking system, which was the real concern for the students, but it seems to us that it is not the real question at stake.

Letter of the Provincial Council to the Chair of Board of Trustees of Tangaza College regarding the Tangaza controversy and dismissal of Fr. Guido Oliana

14th April 2011

To: Fr. Eusebio Manangbao, SVD
BOT Chairperson
Tangaza College

Re: Considerations of the Provincial Council of the Comboni Missionaries on the unsettled situation in the School of Theology, Tangaza College

Dear Fr. Eusebio,

Receive our greetings in the name of the Lord.

The Provincial Council of the Comboni Missionaries, during its meeting from 12 to 14 of April, had the possibility of sharing views and deepening knowledge about the “Tangaza unrest”, which directly involved the Dean of the School of Theology, Fr. Guido Oliana, the Principal of Tangaza College, Fr. Patrick Roe, the DPA of Tangaza College, Mrs. Beatrice Churu, and indirectly the whole SOT.

We went through the documents in our possession: “Report of the Principal to Board of Trustees for their meeting on April 1st, 2011”, especially Appendix 4 and Appendix 5; “Report to the Board of Trustees” and different Statements to the BOT and Academic Board of Fr. Guido Oliana; “Urgent Appeal for the School of Theology”, letter of the Heads of SOT Departments; Fr. Oliana’s letter of resignation; Your letter to the Provincial Superior of the Comboni Missionaries on the BOT collegial decision; Fr. Oliana’s “Open letter to Formators and Lecturers”.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF KENYA

Nairobi 16 March 2011
(Abridged version)

Present: Fr. Joseph Maina, Fr. Raphael Wokorach, Fr. Filipe Resende, Fr. Stefano Giudici, Bro. Dario Laurencig.

The PC was called by the PS for an extraordinary session to assess the evaluations and requests of Kenyan scholastics and novices for renewal of vows or first profession.

The meeting was held in the in the house of the Scholasticate and started at 9.00 am with a prayer led by Fr. Filipe.

MIN. 14/2011 SITUATION OF THE PROCURE

Min. 14.1 Fr. Maina gives a brief report on the robbery at the community of the Procure which happened on Saturday night, March 12. We have to be grateful that nobody was hurt. We surely have to wait for the results of the police investigation, still the PC feels also the need of having a clear version of the dynamic of the events from the community of the Procure.



Min. 14.2 The PC will call Fr. Romeo to the next meeting of the PC to update the PS and the Councillors about the workers in the Procure.

MIN. 15/2011 EVALUATION OF SCHOLASTICS AND NOVICES

Min. 15.1 Sch. John Bosco Mubangizi (Missionary Service – Kacheliba). John Bosco has been continuous in his missionary commitment and vocation identity. The experience both in the scholasticate and in the community of Lokichar are positive and surely encouraging for his final commitment. The PC recommends him for perpetual vows and holy orders.

Min. 15.2 Sch. Krzysztof Z'bik (Missionary Service – Amakuriat). Chris is terminating his missionary service in Amakuriat and he has applied for perpetual vows and holy orders. Having seen the positive report of the community of Amakuriat, the PC recommends him for his final commitment. The PC delegates Fr. Filipe Resende to dialogue with both Chris and John Bosco about the organization of the celebration of the perpetual vows and the ordination to diaconate.

Min. 15.3 Scholastics James Gitonga Iriga (Nairobi), Anthony Kariuki (Nairobi), Charles Macharia Kariuki (Kinshasa). Evaluations on the scholastics, both of the formators and personal, are read and discuss. The PC accepts all the requests and allows the scholastics to renew the vows for one year. Charles is also accepted for the missionary service which we expect he will do in his Province.

Min. 15.4 Sch. Isaiah Sangwera Nyakundi will be assessed during the next PC in April, since the PC did not yet receive the evaluation of the community by Fr. Ikundu.

Min. 15.5 Novices Benjamin Avoga and Ignatius Mwinamo (Lusaka). Benjamin is accepted for the First Profession and the

- ^ Fr. Guiducci: July – September
- ^ Fr. Elia Ciapetti: mid July (one month)
- ^ Bro. Dario: mid July – mid October
- ^ Bro. Guerrino: mid August – mid November
- ^ Fr. Thomas: mid August – mid November
- ^ Fr. Tony: from December



NEWS from the Province

1. Sch. John Bosco Mabungizi and Sch. Christopher Z'bik will take their **perpetual vows** on May 1st in Amakuriat. They will be ordained deacons in Kacheliba on May 28th. Let's keep them in our prayers that they may live their missionary vocation always as servants, forever. Best wishes, John Bosco and Chris!
2. Novices Benjamin Avoga and Ignatius Mwinamo will have their **first religious profession** in Lusaka on May 21st. We wish Benjamin and Ignatius all the blessings from God, Father of all vocations, as they step into religious life and begin a new phase of their journey of their formative journey. Best wishes!
3. **Frs. Jiménez Calvo Santiago, Alazar Abraha and Paul Nyahanga** are assigned to the Province from July 1st. You are most welcome! Karibuni sana!
4. We continue to remember our sick, but recovering confrères, Fr. Karoli Mwambi (in Milan) and Bro. Josè Godinez (in Mexico). Brothers, we pray for you and we are waiting for you back in the Province!
5. Here is the tentative plan of holidays of the confrères due for home leave this year:

^ Fr. Hubert: mid May – mid August
^ Fr. Bruno: June – August

PC agrees with the formators' proposal for him to continue his formation in South Africa. Ignatius is accepted too for his First Profession, and the PC suggests the possibility for him to continue his formation in Italy.

MIN. 16/2011 PROJECT PRESENTED BY FR. TOMAS HERREROS

Min. 16.1 The project of Fr. Tomas Herreros for the building of the Chelopoy Priests' Residence is read and commented. It is addressed to Fr. Pelucchi, Vicar General. Since the project is already going on, the PC agrees to support it, and the PS will write to Fr. Pelucchi.

MIN. 17/2011 PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR'S REPORT ON ROME MEETING

Min. 17.1 The PS updates the PC about the meeting held in Rome between the Provincial Superiors and the General Administration. Before the meeting itself the PS went to visit Fr. Karoli in Verona and Fr. Nyahanga in Brescia. Fr. Karoli is stable and waiting for the kidney transplant, while Fr. Paul is feeling very well.

Min. 17.2 Total Common Fund. The issue was discussed during the meeting in Rome. A clear report on the implementation in our Province will have to be given during the 2012 Intercapitular Assembly. The General Bursar has been officially invited to participate in the 2012 Provincial Assembly to give one-day workshop on TCF. The PC will discuss more deeply the issue during the next Provincial Council.

Min. 17.3 Clustering of the Provinces. There is movement in the Congregation towards clustering of Provinces. It might be

complicated to join two such big and complex Provinces like Uganda and Kenya. It is a fact that Kenya is among the Provinces which closed more communities in the past years.

Min. 17.4 On-Going Formation and Spirituality. The challenge was posed on what type of OGF and Spirituality we are proposing in the Province. This involves the commitment in Basic Formation for a deeper and deeper discernment.



6. To ensure that the person chosen as coordinator of JPIC at provincial level, commit him/herself to animate the Communities with a personal and creative approach which should foresee the organization of workshops and interactive activities.
7. To strengthen the implementation of including JPIC themes in Basic Formative Communities exposing young candidates to the importance of JPIC as component of evangelization, mission animation, and human promotion.
8. To request that the Comboni Brothers' Centre in Nairobi may become a centre of animation for JPIC at continental level through the involvement of the coordinator of C.B.C. in collaboration with the Brother director of the 'Institute of Social Ministry in Mission' in Tangaza College.
9. To have a team of members of the Comboni Family to organise the next Social Forum (2013), with the possibility to have a stand and to intervene in the sessions.
10. To invite to the World Social Forum and Theological Forum representative of specific Comboni Groups of reflection (i.e. on Islam, Afro-Americans, Slums, Pastoralists, our mission in Asia etc...) so that to actively participate and bring in the missionary experience.
11. To suggest our Bursars to be careful about Justice in our finances; 'in which banks do we put our money?' bearing in mind Banks that 'promote' economical injustice.
12. To form a Financial Budget for JPIC activities at the level of Circumscriptions and for the Comboni Participation in the World Social Forum.
13. To suggest the Secretariat of Evangelization to form a reflection group on the African Traditional Religions.
14. As the priorities of the XVII Comboni Chapter (2009) bring about a reflection on SPIRITUALITY, so we reflect on spirituality of JPIC.

Theology and Liberation and the III Comboni Social Forum - we have been made to understand the orientation we should take in order to re-qualify our commitment to Justice – Peace and Integrity of Creation. The above issues call us towards an action and a concrete practical plan that we offer as an attachment to this letter so that we can better engage our Brothers, Sisters and lay people, of whom we are the first to give our willingness and our commitment.

A proposal for a Plan of Action

Acknowledging the importance of the World Social Forum and World Forum on Theology and Liberation, the Comboni participants propose in this text an actualisation of what has affected us from the various Forums through common sharing and reflection. As a continuation of Belem and Nairobi's proposals, we try to offer a series of initiatives:

1. To have constant communication with JPIC General Secretaries of our various institutes of the Comboni Family.
2. To have a reference person of the JPIC at continental level (MCCJs) and inter-provincial for the Comboni Sisters.
3. To have a presence in the Board of Governors of VIVAT & AEFJN (Africa-Europe Faith and Justice Network) and improve network of communication and collaborations with other pertinent NGOs (Genève & Brussels).
4. To promote use of JPIC resources (magazines, newsletter etc...) as part of ongoing formation programmes in the Communities of the various Circumscriptions, through constant communication with the JPIC coordinator.
5. To commit ourselves as Comboni Family at Continental level to participate in a meaningful campaign for JPIC - at least one per year - with the mandate to sensitize the communities inviting them to be part of the process.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF KENYA

Nairobi 12-14 April 2011

(Abridged version)

Present: Fr. Joseph Maina, Fr. Raphael Wokorach, Fr. Filipe Resende, Fr. Stefano Giudici, Bro. Dario Laurencig.

The meeting started at 8.30 a.m. with a prayer led by Fr. Raphael, who read RL 1.

MIN. 18/2011 READING OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meetings of the PC held in January and the extraordinary one held in March were read and approved.

- The report of Fr. Tesfaye after his visit to the scholasticate was read and commented (see Min. 7.2).
- Fr. Rico has not yet received his letter of appointment as Superior, though he was appointed by the former Administration. The PS will write to him the letter of appointment as Superior of the community of Lokichar.

MIN. 19/2011 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Min. 19.1 General Council

26/2/2011 Letter of the SG to Provincials and Delegate Superiors thanking the Provinces for their contributions in 2011.

24/03/2011 Letter of the Vicar General to the PS about Schol. Christopher Z'bik: he is expected back to Poland at the latest by June 15th.

17/03/2011 Letter of Fr. Tesfaye, on behalf of the GC, to the community of the Provincial House expressing solidarity after the robbery.

Min. 19.2 Secretary General

1/01/2011 Communication on the appointment of Fr. Mariano Tibaldo as Secretary General of Evangelization.

15/02/2011 Letter of appointment of Fr. Raphael as Provincial Vice-Superior.

Min. 19.3 General Secretariat of Vocations Promotion and Basic Formation

30/03/2011 Letter of the Secretary General of Formation on the meeting of Formators of Novitiates, Scholasticates, and IBCs in Palencia (10-30 July 2011).

Min. 19.4 General Secretariat of Evangelization

19/01/2011 Letter of the Secretary General about the Secretary of Evangelization in the Province.

Min. 19.5 Central Commission of On-Going Formation

25/01/2011 Letter of the Coordinator of CCFP about the CYOF 2011.

MIN. 20/2011 LOCAL CHURCH AND INSTITUTIONS

Min. 20.7 Tangaza College

“Tangaza Controversy” and Tangaza College BOT decision of dismissal of Fr. Guido Oliana.

Fr. Raphael gives a detailed report on the controversy, with the chronology of the events.

agenda of evangelisation and its content during basic and ongoing formation, missionary animation, and our economical administration. This has convinced us that a commitment to practical and effective Justice-Peace-Integrity of Creation means for us to re-structure and upgrade our missionary plan. We have become more aware that in our Rules of Life and in the documents of the Chapters of the Comboni Family that these principles of holistic liberation of the human person and society are already mentioned explicitly and addressed in theory.

The recent popular uprisings of the peoples in Tunisia and Egypt have been in the foreground within the meetings and discussions. These events have taught us the importance of communication and networking, which if used strategically can give voice and actualisation of peoples' dreams for reform. Likewise the turnout of almost complete South Sudanese people to vote in the Referendum for independence from northern Sudan is an expression of this desire for change and redemption.

We feel that mission today to be effective must include these occurrences coming from civil society which have been referred to and presented professionally in the WSF. Therefore, our presence and involvement becomes imperative as we allow ourselves to be exposed to worldwide challenges through which God calls us afresh. Inclusiveness should also comprise of inter-religious dialogue with a renewed consideration of African Traditional Religions that in turn would be embraced in our formation and missionary action. Senegal has been a good example. In this country, which is predominantly Islamic, Muslims are more open to Christian doctrine and feasts and have a sustained cooperation with the local Church. Although some Muslim religious leaders tend to be resistant to this dialogue, nevertheless Senegalese reality and living hospitality (Terangà) challenge these resistances at grass-root.

Meetings, provocations, prayers and sharing of these days in the land of Senegal - land of French baguette and Baobab trees - among international participants to the XI WSF, III World Forum on

Aware of the various forms of slavery at various moments of history, both past and present, at Gorée we committed ourselves - in the light of the Chapter Acts - with a desire to re-qualify our mission and re-contextualize our lifestyle.

We have valued our precious reciprocity during our stay in Dakar for our participation and interventions in the XI World Social Forum (WSF) as well as in the third edition of the World Forum on Theology and Liberation (WFTL), which for the first time became an integral part of the WSF programme, indicating the necessary link between theological reflection and the global social-political reality.

This intense and demanding involvement stimulated and provoked us in various dimensions of our being missionaries, spiritually, theologically, in the field of inter-faith dialogue, dialogue with global structures/institutions. Especially during the WFTL our presence as missionaries and our work was appreciated due to our wealth of grass-root experiences, which led a discussion on the practical and contingent strategies.

We became aware that our work really cannot be disconnected from a network of social political organisations and workers. Our participation in this 11th edition of the WSF has confirmed that the problems we face locally as missionaries require us to consider seriously the global mechanisms affecting our local reality prompting us to an ongoing re-contextualization.

This latter aspect is not indifferent, because our action or lack of it has an impact on a wide network as vicarious liability. Responsibility which the WSF had as its focus in addressing the following main issues: EPA (Economic Partnership Agreements), climate change, violation of human rights, migration, Land grabbing by states and corporations (70% of that hoarding of land is taking place in Africa), water, green economy (with the trap which you want to repair the environmental damage of savage capitalism through the use of biotechnology). We feel that these issues cannot be absent from the

Fr. Guido Oliana is invited to the PC on Tuesday, April 12th, in the afternoon. In his remarks he underlines that the academic issues at stake in the controversy were present much earlier, which brought continuous tension and frustration; the way of acting of the Principal and the DPA showed a lack of trust in his work as Dean of SOT, confirming, at the same time, the Principal's problematic understanding of authority, which tends to ignore the principle of subsidiarity; there has been no policy from the Academic Board on the marking system, which seems to have triggered the controversy.

At the end Fr. Guido presents to the PS and PC a written request for a sabbatical year, a time which will give him the possibility of clearing mind and heart and regain strength to start a new commitment.

The PC makes its own evaluation of what happened, underlining that the BOT never communicated in writing to Fr. Oliana the reasons for his dismissal. The PC also wonders whether the forced resignation of Fr. Oliana, clearly a disciplinary decision, is proportionate to the offence, and whether the academic issues at stake can be solved by the present Administration of the College. A letter to the Chair of the BOT will be written by the PC, mentioning these doubts.

MIN. 21/2011 COMBONI PROVINCES

Min. 21.1 Egypt

31/1/2011 Communication from the Delegate on the situation in the country during the revolution.

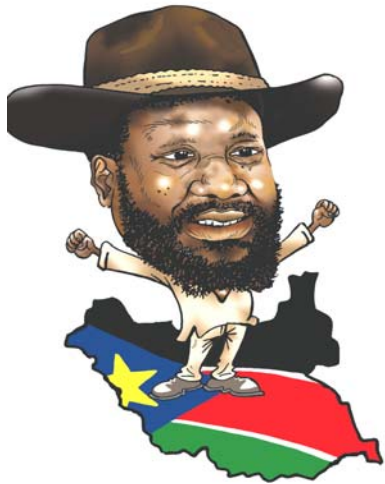
Min. 21.2 DSP

Acknowledge receipt of the Voluntary Missionary Service Program of the DSP for Faith and Justice together with the Comboni Missionaries.

2/03/2011 Letter of thanksgiving from Fr. Günther Hofmann after his visits to Uganda and Kenya Provinces.

Min. 21.3 NAP

In answer to the request of the NAP, and after dialogue with the PS, Frs. Austine Radol and John Webootsa accepted to go to NAP for mission appeals in the months of July and August 2011.



Min. 21.4 South Sudan

9/01/2011 Joint letter from the PS of the Comboni Missionaries and Comboni Sisters in South Sudan and Khartoum, thanking for the support and prayers during the time of the referendum.

11/04/2011 Letter from the PS of South Sudan to the PS on the proposal to merge Kenyan and SS Provinces. The proposal was voted by the majority of confrères during the Provincial Assembly of SS Province. The PC

acknowledges the receipt of the proposal and refers it to the next Provincial Assembly of the Kenyan Province (2012), inviting already all the Zones to reflect on the issue. The PS will write to PS of SS asking for more details on the reasons given by the SS Assembly for presenting the proposal.

DOCUMENT OF WORLD SOCIAL FORUM 2011- DAKAR

With Comboni Under the Baobab Tree

Insights from the participants to the XI World Social Forum to the Comboni Family

Dakar – Senegal, 03 -12 February 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the General Directorates of the Provinces and all of the Comboni Family.

We members of the Comboni Family gathered in Dakar for the XI World Social Forum would like to share our experience of these days with the rest of our Institutes. We felt at home, welcomed and appreciated by the people of Senegal – particularly the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception - famous for their unique style of hospitality named Terangà (*a name in the Wolof language given to the style of hospitality characterised by the Senegalese people in which social and formal and informal exchanges are practiced through a ritual which concludes with a meal*), which is a landmark of their cultural tradition. It is in this context that, as we have participated in this year's edition of the World Social Forum (WSF), we find ourselves provoked in our being missionaries through this critical global moment of history.

Our missionary presence cannot be meaningful if not starting from the knowledge that, before the slavery of yesterday and today, we felt called to ask for forgiveness. That is why we went to the Island of Gorè (*the island of Gorè whose heritage has been protected by UNESCO as part of human heritage is an Island in the Atlantic Ocean, located opposite the city of Dakar, just 30 minutes by boat. It was one of the sites where men and women made slaves were shipped to the Americas and Europe by the merchants.*), where we celebrated a liturgical penitential rite asking God's mercy, healing our past memories and succour for many victims of our indifference.

3. Meeting with the Catechists.

On the 22nd of March a meeting was held of the catechists of Our Lady of Consolata Parish. Some 12 catechists attended, with whom I could share the importance of JPIC in the evangelizing activity of the Church and their contribution in the communities where they serve.

The meeting was strongly marked by the events of the previous night where two people from one outstation were killed and livestock stolen. The issue also affects the catechists who belong to the different ethnic groups.

The catechists pointed out as the major problem in the area of JPIC the conflict among the ethnic groups due to cultural practices, livestock and water resources.

They manifested the desire to be taken more into consideration in the involvement in the peace building process and be part of the JP commission of the Parish.

It is clear that the process of awareness is also needed among the catechists who recognized that even though they assimilate the Word of God, at the moment of integrating themselves in their communities, the cultural elements seem to be stronger than a personal moral stand according to the Christian values. The confreres recommended the **Sc. Isaiah Nyakundi** as the liaison person for the Marsabit zone in the field of JPIC. We were really grateful for the welcoming and kindness showed by our confreres.

We are planning a visit to the Turkana and Pokot area. Hoping it will be as soon as we can organize the best itinerary to visit our confreres and share with them.

Best regards.

Bro. Gilbert Petersen

MIN. 22/2011 MISSION ANIMATION AND VOCATION PROMOTION

Min. 22.1 Fr. Austine Radol is appointed Secretary of the Secretariat of Mission Animation.

MIN. 23/2011 BASIC FORMATION

Min. 23.1 Assignment of the future newly-professed. Novice **Avoga Benjamin** and novice **Mwinamo Ignatius** are assigned, after their first profession, to the scholasticate of Nairobi and to the scholasticate of Casavatore (Italy) respectively.

Min. 23.2 Perpetual vows. Sch. John Bosco Mubangizi and Sch. Christopher Z'bik will take their perpetual vows in Amakuriat, on May 1st. The diaconate will be in Kacheliba, on May 28th.

Min. 23.3 Sch. Isaiah Nyakundi. The PC reads the evaluation on Isaiah and his application for the renewal of temporary vows. The PC accepts him for the renewal of vows, encouraging him to continue with commitment in his vocational journey. The PC also asks the whole community to participate in writing the final evaluation before perpetual vows and diaconate.

Min. 23.4 Sch. Teddy K. Njaya. The PC reads his application for the renewal of temporary vows. The time Teddy spent in Lokichar is too short to have a global evaluation from the pastoral point of view. The PC accepts the application, inviting Teddy to take full advantage of this missionary service.

Min. 23.5 Final evaluation of the third year postulants. The evaluations and applications of the postulants candidates to be admitted to the novitiate are read. For a better understanding

and discernment, Fr. Andrew Wanjohi is also invited to the PC on Wednesday afternoon, April 13th, to clarify some issues concerning the candidates. At the end of the discernment the PC admits to the novitiate **Robert Kinena Ndung'u** and **Polycarp Stephen Moindi Ntabo**.

Henry Wachakana Nyongesa and **Collins Mark Barasa** are not admitted to the novitiate.

Min. 23.6 Candidates to the postulancy John Maunga Amallah, Kelly Juma Mikisi, Gilbert Odhiambo Odongo, Vincent Odhiambo Odinga and Patrick Luchiri Kasaya are accepted to the postulancy, after their pastoral experience in Mukuru and Korogocho. The candidate to brotherhood, Gilbert, will join the postulancy in Layibi (Uganda).

Min. 23.7 Scholasticate of Lima. Communication from the scholasticate concerning the use of mobiles. The issue will be tackled during the Assembly of Formators in Palencia (July 2011).

Min. 23.8 Scholasticate of Pietermaritzburg. Communication on the situation of the scholasticate.

Min. 23.9 Novitate of Lusaka. 12/02/2011 Evaluation of the Novice Masters on the two novices who left the novitiate, **Bernard Oduor Dimba** and **Peter Macharia**.

MIN. 24/2011 EVANGELIZATION AND ONGOING FORMATION

Min. 24.1 The Secretariat met on Monday, April 11, in Nairobi, attended by Frs. JB Antonini, João Rodrigues (Marsabit), John Kennedy (Turkana), Antonio Guirao (Nairobi), and Filipe Resende (as the counsellor in-charge). Absent were the

- To help the people to be aware of the Document of the Constitution and help them to prepare for the electoral activity of the next year.
- To work together with the Comboni Missionary Sisters in the field of JPIC.
- The Directory of JPIC should remark the aspect of faith as agent of Social Transformation.
- The importance to work also with people in leadership roles like Chiefs, Police and other stake holders.

2. JPIC coordinator of Marsabit Diocese.

I had the opportunity to share with Mr. Godfrey Godana, coordinator of the Commission of JPIC of the Marsabit Diocese; he expressed the good collaboration between the Diocese and the different Parishes and in especial way with the Comboni Missionaries working in the Diocese.

According to Mr. Godana some of the major challenges in the field of JPIC in the Diocese are:

- The vast territory that the Diocese covers making difficult to reach the different areas.
- The diversity of tribes present in the Diocese: Borana, Rendile, Samburu and Gabra and the livestock conflicts.
- The clashes among cultural groups that sometimes are politically instigated.
- The use of the public funds (CDF)
- The problem of the Kenyan Police Reserves and the suspicion that they sell arms to the people.

Mr. Godana points out some suggestions on how The Comboni Missionaries can also contribute to the JPIC commission of the Diocese helping in capacity building and promoting sharing meetings with people from other areas that face similar problematics.

Ikundu, Fr. Joao Rodriguez, Fr. Fred Ahiro, Fr. Agostino Zanotto and Sch. Isaiah Nyakundi.

The confreres of the zone kindly offered us the whole morning for the presentation of the feedback on the Social Forum presented by Fr. Paolo and the introduction of the importance of JPIC in the missionary activity of our Province as part of the evangelizing activity of the Church, followed by moments of comments and questions.

Fr. Paolo shared the Power Point presentation and the concrete initiatives suggested by the confreres who participated in the event. He also shared his personal experience during the World Social Forum followed by comments and remarks. Fr. Paolo went back to Nairobi on Tuesday and I remained for some days more to attend the meeting of the catechists of the Parish.

The general feeling perceived during our meeting was of openness and interest of all the confreres. They acknowledged the importance of JPIC and were very open to share.

1. Remarks and suggestions made by our confreres.

- The JPIC commission should work hand in hand with the Secretariat of evangelization, making plans together, even though separately.
- It is important to create networking with the Episcopal Conference, The Diocesan Commission of JPIC and with other Religious Institutes.
- It was suggested as well to work in a common programme of formation for the people, contemplating evangelization and Justice and Peace that can be used in all our commitments.
- Organizing Dialogue Forums among Parishes.
- Exchange visits of Leaders and people among the zones, especially those with similar realities.

representative of Pokot Zone who has not yet been appointed, as well as Fr. Raphael Wokorach, coordinator of the Informal Reflection Group. The agenda was: update and background of the work of the Secretariat of EOGF; proposal for the new Secretary; planning. The major difficulty is always the composition and the possibility of meeting of the members.

Min. 24.2 Proposals for the new Secretary. Fr. Antonini has already communicated his resignation from the service of Secretary, due to increasing commitment in NPMC. The Secretariat proposed Fr. Filipe Resende as new Secretary, Fr. Raphael being a second alternative. The PS, after reflection and sharing with the PC, appoints **Fr. Filipe Resende** as Secretary of the Secretariat of EOGF.

Min. 24.3 Planning of activities for the year 2011. (a) Introductory Course to Kenya, due for the month of August this year. (b) Preparation or update of Zone Charters. (c) Proposal for the Provincial Retreat. (d) Remote preparation of the Comboni Retreat due next year 2012; (e) Preparation of the 2012 Provincial Assembly. (f) Revision and strengthening of the Informal Group/Missionary Reflections.

Min. 24.4 Next Meetings of the Secretariat are planned in Nairobi for July 6th (mainly on the Six Years Plan) and October 31st (still to be confirmed). Before the next meeting Fr. Raphael will prepare and submit to the Secretariat a draft proposal on the Informal Group/Missionary Reflections.

Min. 24.5 As suggested by the Secretariat, the PC agrees that the Secretary of EOGF will be part of the Preparatory Commission for the Six Years Plan.

MIN. 25/2011 JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION

Min. 25.1 The report written by Bro. Gilbert on the visit to Marsabit Zone, together with Fr. Paolo Latorre, is read. The visit was on JPIC and feedback from World Social Forum in Dakar. The PC values positively the initiative of visiting and animating the Zones; it is also an occasion both for the Zones and Bro. Gilbert to point out the representatives of the Zones who will be members of the Secretariat.

MIN. 26/2011 FINANCES

Min. 26.1 Fr. Romeo is invited to the PC on Wednesday afternoon, April 13th, and gives a general update on the situation in the Procure, the issue of the inheritance of late Kaunda, and the present position of the employees in the Procure/Provincial House. A new contract has been signed with Kaunda's brother, Fred, to continue the activity of the workshop in the compound of the Procure.



Min. 26.2 The minutes of the meeting of the Financial Committee, held on April 9th, are read. The meeting was attended by Bro. Dario, Fr. Romeo and Bro. Alberto Parise. The agenda was as follows:

- (1) Langata plot. The development project of the plot is assigned to the ISSM. The PC allows ISSM to begin the process of drilling a bore-hole.
- (2) Substitute of Fr. Romeo when he will go to Italy for medical check-up (July – August). The Financial Committee has

of this service, which, we reaffirm, is very important for the spiritual and human welfare of the confreres in the Province.

5.8 Other courses on ongoing formation topics

The secretariat is not programming for 2011 any other course on specific topic like last year on Islam. For the next years a more well worked out plan can be drawn up. For 2011, the secretariat will request Bro. Alberto Parise to compile a list of possible interesting courses on topics of evangelization and ongoing formation and make them available to the confreres of the province. They will programme according to their own interests.

5.9 Next meetings

The secretariat has programmed its next meeting to 6th July 2011 in Nairobi. The topic will be on the proposals of the Six Year plan and the final planning for the activities ahead such as the course on Introduction to Kenya. The following meeting will take place on the 31st October 2011 also in Nairobi, programming mostly for the Provincial Assembly 2012.

Fr. António Guirao closed our meeting with the final prayer at 1pm.

Fr. Filipe Resende

Secretary of the meeting

SECRETARIAT OF JPIC

REPORT ON THE VISIT TO MARSABIT ZONE ON JPIC AND FEEDBACK ON THE WORL SOCIAL FORUM

On the 21st of March 2011, Fr. Paolo LaTorre and I, attended the zonal meeting of the Marsabit zone. Present were Fr. John

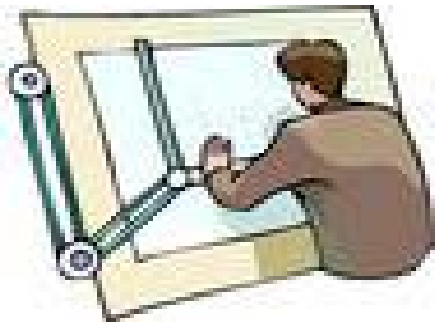
dates offered by Institutes for the annual individual/community retreat.

5.4 Provincial Assembly 2012

It is scheduled from the 16th to 20th of January 2012 in Nairobi, Provincial house. The main topic will be the finalizing and approval of the 6 Year Plan 2012-2018, as well as the expected Post-Synod Documents of the African Synod. All the suggestions about the timetable and organization of the assembly will be taken into account.

5.6 Six Year Plan 2012-2018

The secretariat has to work out some guidelines to be included into the drafting of the 6 Year Plan. Some suggestions have already been forwarded during the Provincial Assembly 2011 (6.5). Others will be prepared to be sent to the 6 Year Plan commission before their first meeting on the 12th May 2011. The secretariat will be represented in this commission by 2 members (zone coordinators of Pökot and Turkana). The secretariat asks the PC whether it would be of help that the Secretary of this secretariat also takes part on this commission for the 6 Year Plan, since this exercise is in itself an activity on the programming of evangelization and ongoing formation of the Province.



5.7 Informal Group Reflection

The secretariat asks Fr. Raphael Wokorach, the one in charge of this group up to the moment, to enlighten us on the way forward

proposed some names, of which the only option remains Bro. Alberto Parise.

- (3) Update on the issue of the boundaries controversy with the neighbours of the Provincial House. If by the end of April 2011 there will be no further claims, the dispute is dropped and a new map will be drawn, according to the existing boundaries.
- (4) Possible names for the new Provincial Bursar: the discernment continues.
- (5) Cars in the Procure: the PC agrees that the car “Volkswagen KAT” (formerly used by the former Provincial) will be in use of the Procure.
- (6) Security services for the Provincial House: there will be a change of security company serving in the compound of the Provincial House, starting from July 1st 2011.

Min. 26.2 Projects

- (1) Request to the Italian Province from Bro. Alberto Parise for financial help for Social Ministry (research and development) for the next two years. The Financial Committee had no objections, and the PC approves.
- (2) Project from Lokichar to DSP for the salaries of the catechists for three years: the Financial Committee agrees and the PC approves.
- (3) Project from CBC to PC for repairing and painting the water tank: following the indications of the Financial Committee, the PC agrees that it is an ordinary expenditure of maintenance and therefore it should be faced by the communities using the water.

- (4) Urgency response for Kenya drought appeal, from KEC. The PC thinks that the Comboni Missionaries in Kenya are already working in areas affected by the drought, hence there is no need to respond to this appeal.
- (5) Request from Kenya Young Christian Students for sponsorship for travels to different countries. The request is kindly declined.
- (6) Request from Mr. Ogata Sylwester, former Comboni student, for support in further studies for a period of two years. The Financial Committee pointed out that there are policies on how to give help to former Comboni students, and these policies should be followed. The request is kindly declined.
- (7) West Pokot Zone presented to the Financial Committee the list of the projects already started or planned in the next years.
- (8) Project from Marsabit Parish Community for the restructuring of the house. The opinion of the Financial Committee, sustained by the PC, is that this work in the house belongs to the diocese, not to the Comboni Missionaries. Besides, the right procedure was not followed, being a work of extraordinary maintenance. The PC agrees that works should be done within the limit of ordinary expenditure, i.e. not exceeding 10,000 USD.
- (9) Request from NPMC to the Province of Spain for financial support in the activities of the Centre. The Financial Committee agrees and the PC approves the request.
- (10) Request from NPMC to Economia Alternativa for printing extra copies of the 2011 issues of the magazine to be

Like the previous years, the course is open to all confreres, sisters and lay missionaries, whether or not new in the country. This is an activity that has been highly appreciated by all and we wish to improve every time.

Topics to be presented: Kenya in Africa (social, political and geographical aspects), the work of the Comboni Missionaries in Kenya (fathers, brothers, sisters and lay missionaries), through the presentation of the Zonal Charters, The implications of the conclusions of Second African Synod to Kenya and the Implications of the New Constitution of Kenya at the level of the new political division of the country (county and devolution structures) and also the importance of civil societies in Kenya as a bridge to work with.

The secretariat will request the assistance of Bro. Alberto Parise on the organization and logistics of this course.

5.2 Zone Charters

The secretariat is willing to reprint the Zones Charters to make them available to the new comers of the Course on Introduction to Kenya. The secretariat asks the coordinators of the zones to send updated data (if any) on the charters until the end of June. Later, and since these Zone Charters are in need of further updating and deeper revision, the secretariat will give more orientations on this issue towards this updating.

5.3 Provincial Retreat

Following the suggestion of the Provincial Assembly (10.1), the Annual Retreat is to be scheduled by each individual or community this year. Next year (2012) a "Comboni Retreat" will be organized. For the current year 2011, the secretariat is preparing information to be sent to each confrere on places and

4. Proposals for a new secretary

4.1 Reasons for resignation of Fr. Antonini

Fr. Antonini has shared openly with all the members present his reasons to have resigned from this service. As administrator of New People and with the new and growing commitments of the NPMC, Fr. Antonini has no availability to concentrate and focus on study, investigation and organization of the issues demanded by this secretariat. At his age, he feels that is not capable of being a driving force for this secretariat. He is ready and willing to continue to be part of the secretariat as well as assisting the new secretary.

4.2 Proposed for Secretary

Out of the 5 members present, 4 propose Fr. Filipe Resende as the secretary. These are the reasons for the proposal: being a member of the PC is an important asset to drive the secretariat in the trends of the orientations of the PC for the province; he seems to be capable in organizing, an important factor for the smooth running of the activities of the secretariat. Fr. Filipe expressed his concerns more on the fact of being out of Nairobi and a far distance to many issues that require the presence of the secretary, having to travel from far. Fr. Antonini avails himself, nevertheless, to assist the new secretary also on this field.

The members of the secretariat proposed an alternative choice: Fr. Raphael Wokorach, for the same above reasons mentioned for Fr. Filipe's choice.

5. Programming of up-coming activities

5.1 Course of Introduction to Kenya

The course is scheduled from 1st to 5th August 2011, in the Provincial House Nairobi.

distributed among prisoners. The Financial Committee agrees and the PC approves.

Min. 26.3 Procedure to be followed in presenting projects to other Provinces. The PC reminds all the communities that the request for financing any project has to reach the Financial Committee at least one week before the meeting of the PC. Any other procedure is not allowed and it is highly discouraged.

MIN. 27/2011 PERSONNEL

Min. 27.1 New assignments to the Province. Frs. Jiménez Calvo Santiago, Alazar Abraha and Paul Nyahanga are assigned to the Province from July 1st.

Min. 27.2 Fr. Andrew Wanjohi already reported to the Postulancy, from February 15th.

Min. 27.3 Fr. Jesus Lobato left the Province on April 8th for personal reasons. He is having his holidays at home. He is in contact with the PS.

Min. 27.4 Fr. Guido Oliana, following the case in Tangaza, has asked for a sabbatical year outside the Province. The PS accepts the request.

Min. 27.5 Fr. John Bliss and Fr. Lauro Betancourt are studying kiswahili in Ongata Rongai and Kariobangi respectively. Later, if they see the need, they might go for some time to Tanzania for deepening and practising the language.

Min. 27.6 Fr. Daniel Villaverde is doing well in Tanzania, studying kiswahili.

Min. 27.7 Fr. John Ikundu has asked the permission to go to Italy to visit a Parish which is sponsoring some activities of the Diocese. The PC agrees.

Min. 27.8 Fr. Bruno Tinazzi is going on leave in June. During his absence Fr. Felipe will take over the service in the community of the Provincial House.

Min. 27.9 Bro. Alberto Parise is back in the Province. He will resume his service in the ISSM from next semester.

Min. 27.10 Plan for home leave of the confrères in 2011.

1. Fr. Hubert: mid May – mid August
2. Fr. Bruno: June – August
3. Fr. Guiducci: July – September
4. Fr. Elia Ciapetti: mid July (one month)
5. Bro. Dario: mid July – mid October
6. Bro. Guerrino: mid August – mid November
7. Fr. Thomas: mid August – mid November
8. Fr. Tony: from December

MIN. 28/2011 COMMUNITIES

Min. 28.1 Appointment of Superiors/Bursars

1. Fr. Austine Radol is appointed superior of the community of Mission Animation as from April 15th.
2. Fr. Michael Oguzu is appointed bursar of the community of Mission Animation as from April 15th.
3. Fr. Raffaele Cefalo is appointed superior of the community of Nakwamekwi as from April 15th.

publishes on topics of evangelization. With time, it became rather an organ of ongoing formation for all who were willing to participate on the reflection. The current drive of self-renewal of the Institute made the efforts to concentrate more and more on the aspect of inwards ongoing formation.

Some research was made lastly on the growing importance of religious movements in Kenya (like Opus Dei, the Youth and the new trends of society, Focolari, etc). Later, nothing more was studied on the topic and as such nothing else was produced and issue on the bulletin "Missionary Reflections".

We should redirect the objectives of this informal group if we want to be an instrument of help on our work as evangelizers. What do we want to achieve? Whom do we want to reach?

Further inquiries are to be done with Fr. Raphael Wokorach in order to rethink the purpose and aim of this group.

3.4 Some final considerations

The Institute currently is putting much emphasis on inwards ongoing formation and self-renewal of its members. Therefore, issues on evangelization are rather left out on our reflections on ongoing formation towards our pastoral work as missionaries. We should not seek "perpetuation" of the Institute at the expense of the Mission. More efforts on reflection, study and sharing on evangelization issues should be done in order to help to understand where we evangelize, whom we evangelize and how best we evangelize.



the fostering of active collaboration among the members of the secretariat due to the physical distances of the places of work of the members of the secretariat. Most of the work in the past years has been done by Fr. Antonini, the Provincial and few other collaborators.

3.2 Works done in the past years

Drafting and final printing of the 6 years plan 2006-2011, the work of animation on the process of the Ratio Missionis (compilation of the reflections and summary of the answers from communities, confreres and zones), preparation of the General Chapter 2009 at provincial level, organization of the Provincial Assemblies, Introductory Course to Kenya (initially for the new confreres assigned to the province and later enlarged as a moment of ongoing formation open to the whole Comboni family), collaboration with the Institute Dar Comboni for the course on Islam at continental level, seminar on Islam at provincial level, reflection, drafting and final publication of the Zone Charters, compilation and publication of material on ongoing formation both at Comboni level and pastoral evangelization. The website of New People and Province was developed and expanded, with much information on ongoing formation available online; some work was done on the topic of Justice and Peace too.

3.3 Informal Group / Missionary Reflections

Fr. Raphael Wokorach was appointed the one in charge of the informal group. This group has been working on his own with the collaboration of the secretary of the Evangelization and Ongoing formation Secretariat, rather than with all the members of the Secretariat as such. The initial idea of the reflection group was to be a body which researches, studies, reflects and

4. Fr. Andrew Wanjohi is appointed superior of the postulancy as from April 15th.

5. Fr. Agostino Zanotto continues as acting bursar of the community of Marsabit Cathedral.

Min. 28.2 The PC confirms **Fr. Eutiquio Mula** Coordinator of West-Pokot Zone.

Min. 28.3 The PS gives his report of his visit to Turkana Zone and Marsabit.

Min. 28.4 The minutes of the Zone Meetings of West-Pokot and Nairobi are read.

MIN. 29/2011 A. O. B.

Min. 29.1 The Provincial Council of November (1 – 5) will be held in Turkana Zone.

Min. 29.2 The Commission for the preparation of the Six Years Plan will meet in Nairobi (Provincial House) on May 12th – 14th.



GENERAL COUNCIL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

From the Superior General

Rome, 26 February 2011

To Provincial and Delegate Superiors

RE: EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2011

*Since the Institute is a community of brothers,
all economic goods,
having due respect to the autonomy of the provinces,
form a single collective patrimony
which belongs to the Institute as such.*

(Rule of Life n. 163)

Dear Provincial and Delegate Superiors,

With a great sense of gratitude for the continuous assistance of Divine Providence, we are preparing to face this new year and all its challenges.

Closing in surplus for 2010

The year that just ended has registered a very positive final balance. As usual, the details will be sent out to provincial superiors and treasurers, after the final approval of the financial report in the June Consulta.

The positive balance result is due especially to the extraordinary contributions of the provinces and to some legacies to the Institute. The General Direction was thus able to cope with the usual commitments, to refinance the funds and to support a considerable number of projects.

SECRETARIATS

SECRETARIAT OF EOGF – MINUTES

1. On the 11th of April, some of the members of the Secretariat of Evangelization and Ongoing Formation had their first meeting of the year 2011 at 9.00am in the Provincial House. Present were: Fr. Antonini, the in charge of Secretariat for the last years (he has already resigned from this service), Fr. Filipe Resende, representing the PC, and the coordinators of each of the pastoral zones – Fr. João Rodrigues for Marsabit, Fr. António Guirao for Nairobi and Fr. John Kennedy for Turkana. Absent was the representative from Pökot zone, who is still to be appointed by the PC. Also absent with apology was Fr. Raphael Wokorach, the in charge of the Informal Reflection Group of the Province.

2. The agenda of the meeting:

- a) Background on the work developed last years presented by Fr. Antonini
- b) Proposal of the new secretary for the secretariat
- c) Way forward and programming of coming activities

3. Background on the work developed in the last years by the secretariat – Fr. Antonini

3.1 Difficulties on the composition of the Secretariat

Some years ago, the secretariat was composed of the counselors of the PC and one of them chaired the secretariat. When the decision was taken that the composition of the secretariat was to be made up by the coordinators of each of the pastoral zones of the Province, whether or not counselors of the PC, then, availability for meetings was a problem. A shortcoming has been

the first time, the Ongoing Formation Centre has been set up in Rome, where both the Renewal Course and the Comboni Year of Formation will be held. The Secretariat for Finances will manage to assess the financial impact of this change only by October.

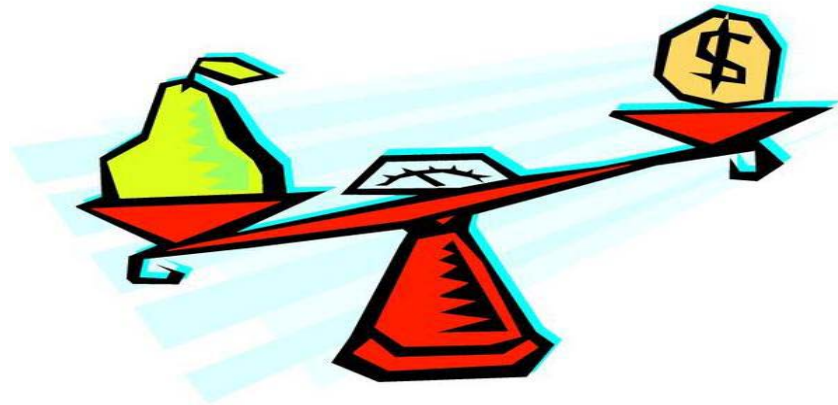
Extraordinary Contributions

The attached chart# shows the details of the needs of the General Administration for the funds and for guaranteeing the solidarity interventions where these may prove necessary.

Sincerely thanking all the Provincial and Delegation Councils for their fraternal communion manifested in the year 2011, we invite you to remain united in the missionary spirit of St. Daniel Comboni.

Fr. Enrique Sánchez, mccj
Superior General

(# See chart on central pages)



Haiti earthquake

The solidarity of the provinces has allowed us to collect over • 360.000. After several contacts and evaluation of the various requests, we donated:

- 120.000 for an agricultural project of *Frères Sainte Thérèse*.
- 80.000 to the *Montfort Missionaries* for the renovation of churches and homes.
- 80.000 to parishes and Institutes for the rebuilding of various schools.

The remaining • 80.000, together with other donations that have reached us at the beginning of this year, will be allocated in the next Consulta.

Ordinary Contributions

Also in 2011 the ordinary contributions will be four (See *General Directory for Finances*, n. 3):

- a) The annual contribution for the expenses of the *General Administration*, fixed at USD 260 for each confrère of perpetual vows, with the exclusion of those over 65.
- b) The participation in the financing of the *Medical General Fund*: the amount intended to be collected for the year 2011 is • 250.000. The membership fee (• 185 – USD 260) is paid by all the confrères – also those in temporary vows – who are members of the circumscriptions which support the Fund. The other circumscriptions contribute with a solidarity amount (• 6.000).
- c) The sharing in the financing of the *Scholasticate/CIF Fund*: for a total of • 600.000. The criteria for the provinces' contributions are under revision.
- d) The contribution for the *Ongoing Formation Fund* (and *Comboni Year*) will be •2.500 for the provinces of the South and • 5.000 for the provinces of the North. This year, for

CONTRIBUTIONS REQUESTED AND RECEIVED IN 2010 AND BUDGETED FOR 2011

Ordinary Contributions	Contribution Provinces 2010	Expenses 2010	Budget 2011
General Administration 747 confrères	•145.267	•583.717	•721.150
Medical General Fund 1.192 confrères & 6 provinces	•263.625	•449.297	•400.000
Scholasticates/CIF Fund 28 circumscriptions	•600.000	•661.351	•600.000
Ongoing Formation Fund 28 circumscriptions	•82.500	•247.578	•82.500
TOTAL	•1.091.401	•1.941.943	•1.803.650
Extraordinary Contributions	Request for 2010	Contribution Provinces 2010	Expenses 2010
FUNDS			
Ongoing Formation Fund	•50.00	•42.301	•142.301
Medical General Fund	•100.000	•58.178	•58.178
Superior General Intervention Fund			•35.000
Future Commitments Fund (ceiling \$500.000)	•157.448		
Magazines Fund	•30.000	•5.000	•17.380
Scholasticates/CIF Fund		•10.630	•10.630
Projects Fund	•100.000	•212.000	•312.000
Legal Protection Fund			•95.000
EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES			
Roma-Eur	•100.000		•100.000
General Chapter			•11.901
Meetings and Assemblies for the Sector			•90.000
SUBSIDIES			
MISNA	•100.000		•59.186
Poland	•40.000		•40.000
Earthquake in Chile			•25.000
Earthquake in Haiti		•335.669	•360.669
Other subsidies			•36.006
General Administration		•674.585	
TOTAL	•667.448	•1.338.363	•1.303.251