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2012

**BROTHERS OF THE  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS  
THE LWANGA DISTRICT  
OF AFRICA**

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
2013*



## 1. PROVINCIALATE

### 1.1. CHRISTMAS WISHES

Dear Brothers and Lasallian Colleagues. As we approach to commemorate and celebrate the incarnation of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, we also are coming to the end of the year 2012. So many things have happened in the past year. We thank the Lord for giving us the opportunity to be at the service of others and to contribute something positive in our society. Again, the Lord is still calling us to continue the good work in giving Christian and human education to our young brothers and sisters.

As we wish you a very Merry Christmas, we also pray that you have another year 2013, a year of joy and happiness in fulfilling God's Will.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
De La Salle Provincialate Community.

### 1.2. FROM FORMATION OFFICE

During the months of November and of December 2012 two Brothers' Solidarity Assemblies have taken place in Johannesburg, South-Africa, and in Nyahururu, Kenya, where our "young" Brothers reflected on the Chapters six and seven of the last General Chapter:

*Accompaniment of Young Brothers in Community and Young Brothers in the Institute.* In line with these two Chapters they had the opportunity to express their *hopes* and *dreams* for the years to come as well as on positive experiences (*lights*) in their Personal, Community and Apostolic Life, Sector and/or District and on less positive experiences (*shadows*) in their Personal, Community and Apostolic Life, Sector and/or District.

It is normal that all of us have hopes and dreams that keep us going, positive experiences that fill our hearts with joy and satisfaction and less positive experiences that call for improvements, changes and conversion.

All their reflections have been handed over to the two "young" Brothers of our District who will represent us at the International Assembly of "young" Brothers at the end of July 2013 in Manila, Philippines.

In line with our District Policy of Formation more and more “young” Brothers are participating in the organisation and animation of these yearly Brothers’ Solidarity Assemblies. In Kenya, for example, Brother Stephen Mwaura introduced us into two important topics to be discussed and to be reflected upon: *accountability and transparency not only with regard to financial management but also with regard to our way of living religious life as De La Salle Brothers and being sensitive to the companions in our Communities and in our Mission*, and Brother Paul Anderson into the future oriented topic of *the Pastoral Vocation Ministry*: some challenges and realities in today’s Society and Religious Life with regard to the Vocation Promotion.

We are very grateful to all these leaders who were involved in these Assemblies that gave us the opportunity to strengthen our vocation as De La Salle Brothers, to come to know each other in a deeper way, to become more aware of the importance of accountability and transparency in our lives that promotes mutual trust among us, as well as of some of the lights and shadows that

we have been experiencing in our Personal, Community and Apostolic Life.

At Christmas we shall celebrate once again the final triumph of *light* over *shadow* in Jesus of Nazareth, the incarnated Son of God, which might give us **always hope**, when we are facing and experiencing the reality of shadows in our Personal, Community and Apostolic Life. - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Br Marc Hofer

## **2. NEWS FROM THE SECTORS**

### **2.0. SECTOR OF ERITREA**

Receive the very best wishes of Christmas from the sector of Eritrea. May the infant Jesus bless your life, your apostolate and the flock that you lead through His everlasting grace.

#### **ST. JOSEPH'S TOUR**

St. Joseph's school is traveling to Sawa to celebrate the Christmas in the wilderness. Around eighty people which consist of Brothers, parents, students' representatives, St Joseph's alimonies and teachers are part of the trip.

The St. Joseph's students, teachers and staff have prepared different Christmas gifts and are ready for the big day. The aim of the trip is to encourage the students at Sawa and give our fraternal support and solidarity. It is the most exciting time both for the students at Sawa and for the Brothers and teachers.



24<sup>th</sup> round students

#### **LIFE TIME COMMITMENT**

Bro. Ghebrekidan Andemariam will make his final vows on the feast of St. Miguel, February 9, 2013 at Keren. His Lordship Abune Kidanemariam Yebio, Bishop of Keren, will preside over the mass and of course Brother Visitor will be present to witness and accept the vows in behalf of the Superior General.



Br. Ghebrekidan



Bro Ghebrekidan is a graduate of CTIE and currently serving as the Head Master of Nativity School of Shinara.

## **2.1. SECTOR OF ETHIOPIA**

Dear Brothers and Lay Lasallians,

The Sector of Ethiopia wishes each Brother and Lay Lasallian Associates in the various countries a Very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the birth of Jesus bring us all the happiness and fulfillment in our Lasallian Mission! Amen.

### **A Very Colorful Final Vows Celebration**

On December 8, 2012, Brother Yohannes Philipos, made his perpetual commitment as a Brother of the Christian Schools. The Holly Mass was presided over by his Excellency Archbishop Birehaneyesus D. Surafel, President of the Episcopal Conference of the Catholic Church in Ethiopia. Brother Esayas Tsegaye received the final vows on behalf of the Superior General, Br Alvaro Rodriguez.

Almost all the Brothers, Yohanne's family members and relatives and all teachers and workers of Meki Catholic School of which Brother is the principal came to witness this important celebration.



The Sector highly appreciates the great coordination between the Brothers in Nazareth Community and St. School's staff for having made the celebration quite colorful. Brother Yohannes is quite appreciative of all the Brothers and Lay Lasallians who made his day quite successful.



The Sector prays for God's guidance and grace so that Brother will sustain his vocation now as a finally vowed Brother.

## **On a Festive Mood**

All the schools in the Sector are preparing a great deal of programs to celebrate the Birth of our Savior. The Lasallian Youth Members in each school will prepare a lunch program for the street children and people found in the four different locations. In order to make the celebration happen the Lasallian Youth in the various schools prepare some fundraising programs and inspire their fellow students and their teachers to contribute what they can.

On the same note, the Lasallian Youth at St. Joseph Addis continue to contribute to educate their fellow counterparts in Meki- some needy but academically witty students are catered with school fees and other educational materials in Meki. The Ethiopian Sector appreciates the generous nature and thoughtfulness of the Lasallian Youth Group at St. Joseph Addis.

We, wish each one of you a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year of 2013!

## **2.2. SECTOR OF KENYA**

### **MARSABIT COMMUNITY**

The community is blessed to be situated in a favorable environment for farming. The Brothers have been so creative within this year where they created a vegetable garden, and reared some chickens for the upkeep of the Brothers without shortage of some item because life there is expensive. The Brothers tried all their best to cooperate to make sure the community moves towards self-sufficiency as it has being the main focus of our communities.

### *Education*

Last year, the school was ranked the best performing school in Marsabit County. This has motivated our students to keep on working hard and maintain the same spirit. It has also made the local community proud and everyone in Marsabit holds St Paul's with high esteem and wants to be associated. An Outreach program has been enhanced where the School has created a chance for enabling poor girls from different Schools and Manyattas with computer Literacy especially during the holidays. This has enabled some of them to secure employment with the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (**IEBC**), a body

which is responsible for carrying out the general elections in Kenya and which was registering voters and required computer literates.

### *Development*

The school has been blessed with well wishers and Br. Antone Oloo the outgoing Principal has done a good job towards the improvement of School facilities. During the year the school acquired 40 new computers to enable the school to consider computer studies as a subject. Due to the tough climatic conditions experienced regularly in Marsabit, the school installed 20 plastic tanks for preserving water and enabling us to supply the local community with water which is a big problem in the local area. These tanks are set to harvest rain water from the school buildings during rainy seasons. Towards the end the school year, the School was able to purchase at least 30 Solar panels for the supply of power to the computer lab instead of using power from the generator and electricity from Kenya power which is a bit expensive. With God's grace next year, a green house will be erected within the school compound courtesy of the Red Cross Society of Kenya which will help supplying some vegetables to the school and the community. It will

also act as a demonstration to the local community on how to improve farming methods.

### **NYERI COMMUNITY**

As we come to the end of the year 2012, we thank God for his numerous graces and love to us as a community of St. Mary. We experienced His presence and guidance in our lives as a community and as an individual. We had students and pupils who sat for their national examinations; Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) and Kenya Certificate Primary Education (KCPE) respectively. We appreciate the tireless effort they put during their studies and we highly expect good results. All went well during their examinations time. We wish well all our candidates that their effort will continue making our community and school, a place and an institution of academic excellence.

St. Mary community welcomed various guests from different destinations. During the month of November and December, we were glad to receive Brother Rene, from Rwanda. His presence added value to our community. He is interacting with some of our juniors who are on the compound and encourage them to forge ahead in life.

Some of our juniors with Brother Michael Wafula, their patron, are members of Pontifical Missionary childhood (PMC), which is one of the groups at Nyeri Cathedral parish.



They had an opportunity to visit Mathari Cemetery to pray for the faithful departed at the end of the month of November. In the cemetery, they prayed for the soul of the late Brother Anthony Mwai, FSC and Brother Dominic Jordan, FSC, among others. The members' experience made a great impact to them; first to remember that the cross is our way of faith due to its presence on crosses, the graves and churches, we have the obligation to pray for the departed souls and lastly that one day we shall also die.



Let us also remember and pray for the soul of the late Rev. Fr. Dr. Boniface Murage Nguyo, Nyeri Archdiocese, who passed on at the age of 72 years. He was a relative of Brothers Joseph Nderi and Anthony Gitahi. We continue to pray for his family and our brothers at this difficult moment.

### **RONGAI COMMUNITY**

Bro. Gabriel Griffin, the Auxiliary visitor, Lwanga District of Africa, visited Rongai community and School. He presented a workshop to the teachers on the various types of Schools with the special emphasis on a quality School and especially our Lasallian Schools. He compared quality Schools with ordinary Schools and gave a ten point outline on a Quality School. It was evident from the presentation that Lasallian Schools are quality Schools based on the teachings of our founder, St John Baptist De



La Salle. The teachers came out from the presentation happy and yearned for more.

On 17<sup>th</sup> October, a prayer day for the form fours was held. All the parents were invited to pray together with their sons for the success of the form fours who sat for their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (K.C.S.E) in the months of October and November. It was a thanksgiving day for the many achievements attained during their studies in Rongai. The ceremony was full of joy and celebrations.

The guest speaker for the Prayer Day was the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Nakuru, Rt. Rev. Maurice Muhatia Makumba. In his homily and speech the Bishop expressed his excitement at being present in Rongai Boys for the first time, a journey he described as having taken three years. He praised the De La Salle Brothers their exemplary work in the Catholic Diocese of Nakuru in the area of promoting Quality and wholistic education especially in Rongai Boys Secondary School. He also said that even though it has taken him three years to be in Rongai School, he knew and was well aware of the good work being carried out by the Brothers in the School and the Diocese and thanked them once more for their good work of not only instilling

knowledge to the Students but also forming a whole person. He noted of the various activities like milking of cows, taking care of pigs, rabbits, chicken, working in the workshop and the farm as unique to the School. He encouraged the students to take advantage of the environment that they are provided with and stop taking whatever opportunities they are provided with for granted.

The Bishop also challenged the parents to take their roles of parenting seriously. He urged them to take time and speak to their sons on various challenging issues affecting the society today like drug abuse rather than leave everything to the teachers. He congratulated the parents for allowing their sons to be part of Rongai Community saying that it signified the faith they had in us in instilling wholistic formation to their sons.

The Bishop also congratulated the teachers for their good work of formation of good and responsible students. He wished all the form four success and said that he expected the best results ever. He stressed that nothing is impossible with God if only they put all their trust in Him and work hard, and make use of every opportunity available. He asked them to stay away from usage of drugs and restrain from all forms of vices

that exist in the society today which may hinder them from achieving their goals. He was really proud to be associated with Rongai Agri-Tech High School.

## **POSTULANCY**

Three Postulants, John Wamala, James Mutunga and Michael Otieno concluded their Postulancy programme at Rongai with a retreat that was held at JJ Mearthy centre in Nairobi from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 after which they left for Home visit. They are expected to join the Novitiate in January, 2013. Special thanks to their Formators: Bro. Paul Anderson, Bonface Wachira, Stephen Mwaura and Bro. Collins Shikuku and all those who have journeyed and supported them in various ways in their journey. We wish them all the best as they continue discerning their vocation and journeying together with us as De La Salle Brothers.

## **KAREMENO**

Upon receiving the gift of Karemeno School of Agriculture from the Archdiocese of Nyeri, the sector council took upon itself to facilitate for acquisition of the Title deed for the property. Bro. Peter Kombe, Principal St. Mary's boys Nyeri and Bro. Michael

Kimotho the outgoing sector coordinator were very instrumental on this aspect. Bro. Francis Njoroge, was designated by Bro. visitor as the administrator of the property after we acquired the title deed. He used to travel from Nakuru once a week to oversee some few activities going on in the property as we await for a community to be officially opened there. Bro. Francis has been appointed as the principal of St. Paul's Secondary School Marsabit. Bro. Justin Kebira and Bro. Michael Wafula have been assigned by Bro. Visitor to supervise the farm activities from Nyeri until we have a Brothers' community there. A handing over briefing was done by Bro. Francis Njoroge on what he has been doing.

At the present we have six cows, five calves, two dogs, nineteen goats, eight rabbits and two sheep. There are three workers who take care of the farm and the animals. Milk is sold to the Kenya Cooperative Creameries (KCC). St. Mary's boys Nyeri and Child Discovery Centre (CDC), Nakuru have benefitted from some of the vegetable production from the farm. Special thanks to Bro. Francis Njoroge for his tireless efforts to make sure that things are moving and for your regular visits to the property all the way from Nakuru. Special thanks to Archbishop Peter Kairu, the Archbishop of

Nyeri Archdiocese for this precious gift. After having permission from Br. Superior General and the General Council to open a community in Karemeno, Br. Visitor has assigned Br. Stephen Mwaura and Br. Collins Shikuku to Karemeno. Br. Stephen is assigned as the Director of community and General Director of the project.

## SECTOR RETREAT

The Sector of Kenya Retreat was held at JJ McCarthy Centre Nairobi from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012. Fr. Bonface Kimani, C SSR, a redemptorist priest was the facilitator and led the Brothers in the celebration of the Eucharist. The retreat focused on dependence on God with special emphasis on the Evangelical Counsels. Fr. Kimani in his presentations challenged the Brothers present to not only pray but also be disciplined in their prayers for we ask God for many things but fail to follow up. He reminded us that behind a great life there is always a great deal of prayer and self discipline and thus need to be thorough and disciplined in our prayer life even when things seem tough for God does not regard us as a failure but people who can learn from that failure.

The retreat was crowned with a Sector Assembly that was held on 28<sup>th</sup> November,

2012 at the same venue. Bro. Michael Kimotho, the outgoing Sector coordinator welcomed Bro. Antone Oloo into the sector leadership. He took the Brothers through what has been happening in the sector for the last three years of his leadership and the challenges that he faced in his three year term.

Special thanks to Bro. Michael Kimotho, the outgoing Sector Coordinator for his leadership. We as a sector wish him well in his new assignment. We also welcome Bro. Antone Oloo as the new Sector Coordinator. May the almighty God bless you in your new tasks of leadership in the sector and at Mwangaza College. There was a social in the evening after a heavy day of discussions and suggestions. It was a moment of reunion and great renewal for each of the Brothers present.

For the Kenyans, it is a great year as we shall be electing new leaders under the new constitution. We shall be voting for county representatives, governors, senators, women representatives, the president and his running mate at one time for the first time in the history of Kenya. As Kenyans we are proud of the leadership of President Mwai Kibaki for the great achievements attained including tarmacking the Isiolo-Marsabit

road even though it is only half way tarmac. We hope and pray that the stretch from Merille to Marsabit will also be tarmacked soon. We wish President Kibaki well upon his retirement next year. We also pray for peaceful elections and transitional moment. Let us all vote wisely and for leaders who put the interests of all Kenyans first. All the best: as we move to this transitional and historical moment as we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our independence next year.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year, 2013.

## **2.3. SECTOR OF NIGERIA**

### **La Salle Students Visit Ghana**

During the month of November 2012, the Senior Secondary III students and some staff of the nine year old La Salle College students took a 5 day educational excursion to Ghana. A similar tour was taken by some students of the same college to Benin Republic early this year. La Salle College by God's grace will be celebrating her 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year and will, during that time, specially pray for the soul of Rev. Br. Peter Anifaloba fsc who was the founding principal of La Salle College. La Salle College is currently on vacation; 14<sup>th</sup>

December – 13<sup>th</sup> January and Lasallian schools according to the National academic calendar.

### **Mt. La Salle At 30**

Mount La Salle College, Naka clocked 30 this year, 1982-2012 and the school marked this occasion with a maiden annual school magazine; MOLASAN. In this special magazine, the Brother Visitor Rev. Br. Esayas Tzegay is interviewed by the students and it is a must read. On the same day, the 2012 Christmas carols and end of term ceremonies also took place. Parents, old students and lay associates graced the day and students presented beautiful Christmas songs and cultural dances.

### **Annual Sector Retreat/Assembly**

The Nigeria Sector just ended her annual Retreat/Assembly in Pope John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Makurdi Benue State. The theme of the retreat was Rediscovering Ourselves Through Faith. Rev. Sr. MaryMartins of the Eucharistic Heart congregation directed the silent retreat from 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> December and 21<sup>st</sup> was dedicated to the sector assembly while Brothers left for their communities 22<sup>nd</sup> to get set to celebrate the Christmas feast.



### **Brother Adesemi Emmanuel fsc is 25**

This year, the sector of Nigeria remembers and prays for and with Brother Ade popularly known as Master as he clocks 25 years as a professed Brother. The Brothers specially celebrated this on the 21<sup>st</sup> December as they marked the end of their annual assembly. A special cake for this day was designed Br. Fred Sherrer fsc. We thank God for the life of Br Ade and his courage. Currently, Brother is the director of the Postulancy in Naka with 9 postulants.

### **Welcome Home to Br. Agba Mondo**

The Nigeria Sector warmly welcomes Br Agber Mondo back to his home sector, Nigeria from the Scholasticate in Nairobi. Brother returns home with lots of experiences as a trained Geographer. Ondo Community is happy to have him as her 6th member meanwhile Brother is on his home visit being with friends and family.

### **CIL 2012**

The 2012 CIL (International Lasallian Studies Session) ran from the 20th October to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and continuous online till next year June. This year the CIL programme took a different format. Previously, it was a six month continuous programme in Rome, but this year

participants had one month in-house programme and are back to their countries to continue online. All who participated in yesteryears programmes were all Brothers but this year was a mix with a good number of lay associates, hence some changes too. In summary, the in house CIL programme is over but CIL is still on online till June.

26 people participated, 15 Brothers and 11 lay associates 4 of them females associates. Out of these 4 females one was a nun (La Salle Sister). The CIL Programme is manned by 4 Brothers and we had other 5 resource persons: specialists in Lasallian studies.

### **Development/Project Writing Workshop**

In order to ease the activities and effectiveness of the Sector bursar's office, the bursar in the person of Bro. Peterdarian attended a developmental/project writing workshop within the month of November, 2012. The programme was an interesting and inspiring one for him since through it, he was exposed to the skills on project writing and on Peachtree documentation which are of great help to his working as the sector's bursar.

### **Get well soon!**

As a sector, we continue to pray for the quick recovery of Bro. Anslem Uba fsc who fell down accidentally in his bathroom while taking his bath leading to the dislocation of his hips. He has been hospitalized for the past six weeks receiving adequate and proper medical attention.

## **2.4. SECTOR OF SOUTH AFRICA**

### **LA SALLE COMMUNITY - DISCOVERY**

Prayerful greetings to all our readers from La Salle, discovery where there is an almost eerie silence since last Friday (7<sup>th</sup> Dec) when the College closed for summer holidays. We will be back to business on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2013.

This past term has seen a buildup of excitement and tension as learners and educators were feverishly preparing for final exams. We hope our Matriculants achieve the success they have worked for and that their results will enable them to pursue the tertiary education courses or other post-school programmes of their choice.

We were delighted to welcome a number of distinguished visitors to our sector during this last term. Br. Esayas was with us from

the 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of October. While here he met with the Brothers individually and chaired community meetings. He also met with the principals in each school. Here in La Salle he addressed one of the weekly meetings of the Lasallian Youth Group. We thank Br. Esayas for his pastoral approach to his visit and for his affirming report and recommendations.

We were also delighted to have Br. Gabriel with us for some time. In Victory Park where he spent 20 years he has iconic status.

Our third visitor from Nairobi was Br. Marc Hofer, our District Director of Formation. He was kept busy in our Postulancy community in Victory Park and conducted a number of workshops for aspirants who we hope will begin their Postulancy programme next September. Our thanks to Br. Marc for his affirming report and recommendation.

Another visitor was Br. Jose Warletta from the Sector of Andalucia, Spain who for many years was Communication Secretary in the Mother House in Rome. He was in South Africa to attend and animate a National Convention for Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. He is a member of the International executive of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Association.

Another significant event in the Sector was the retirement of Ms. Sybil Barrow, the Vice-Principal of the Junior School in Victory Park where she served for many years. The occasion was marked by an inspiring Mass attended by all the students in both schools and by many parents and friends who packed St. Charles's Church. This was followed by lunch and presentations in the school hall where, providentially, Br. Gabriel was the Guest Speaker.

At the moment, Br. Thomas is busy with committee preparing for a meeting of all teachers and support staff from both our schools in Johannesburg and with Br. Joseph in Phokeng. This meeting will be held in Victory Park and its aim is to introduce our teachers to the concept of Association so beautifully presented by Br. Alvaro in Circular 461. Please pray for the success of this venture

Br. Thomas continues to be involved in the St. Vincent de Paul Society activities and with the Culture of Life Association; Br. Timothy with the Legion of Mary and Br. Cornelius, our Sector Bursar, with our Alumni. A week hardly goes by without some kind of meeting to be attended – Board

meetings; Ethos meetings; Catholic Schools meetings; Lasallian Youth meetings est.

From the 3-7 December we held our Annual Sector Retreat at the Franciscan Centre in La Verna. It was an occasion of grace for all and was animated by an inspiring presenter, Fr. Clarkson MSC. At the closing liturgy we renewed our Vows.

On Wednesday 12 Dec. we celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Br. Timothy O'Sullivan with a Prayer Service and celebratory lunch in Victory Park. May Br. Timothy enjoy many more years of dedicated service. He has served the Church and the Institute with distinction in three continents - Singapore, Ireland and South Africa.

Finally we wish all our readers a blessed and happy Christmas and may their hopes and dreams for 2013 be fully realized.

## **VICTORY PARK COMMUNITY**

### **Community**

In Victory Park Formation house there are three of us- Brothers Timothy, Laurence and Patrick. We are partly involved in both schools Junior and High helping teachers

whenever there is a need. In the month of October from 29-31 we had a visit from Brother Jose A. Warletta from Spain. He came to South Africa in connection with a Catholic Conference of Scouting (ICCS) which was held in Johannesburg. He spent three days in the community after the programme. We had a canonical visit from Brother Visitor Esayas who spent two days in our community accompanying Brothers. We had an Assembly of all the Brothers in the Sector which concluded with a lunch. We are grateful to have Brother Gabriel Auxiliary Visitor back in our Sector for a visit

### **Vocation Ministry**

Brother Patrick continues going to different Churches meeting young people who shows sign of interest in becoming De La Salle Brothers. In the month of November, Br Marc District Formation Coordinator visited our Sector and organized a Workshop for our six Candidates. The response is encouraging from the young men, thanks to the local newspaper The Southern Cross Catholic.

### **School Activities**

- ✓ The new Science Block has been completed and is ready to be used in the New Year.
- ✓ The exams for the end of the year are in progress for all Grades.
- ✓ The Matric students started the end of the year exams in the month of October.
- ✓ On the 26 October 2012, there was a Prize giving for the Matrics. The day began with a Mass in the parish church celebrated by Fr James Ralston the Parish Priest.
- ✓ In October, we had a dinner organized by the Lasallian Youth honoring their parents. The school band provided music for the evening and students gave individual testimonies and recited poems.
- ✓ On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012 we attended the farewell Mass of Sybil Barrow one of the longest serving Educators on the Junior School staff. The Mass was celebrated by both priests Fathers James and Bonga. The staff and students of both schools attended. After Mass there were speeches followed by lunch.
- ✓ On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012 we attended a Cocktail party in the Junior School Hall organized by both schools as a thank you for the contribution of



parents, supporting staff and teachers during the course of the year.

## **ACTIVITIES OF DLSHCC PRIMARY SCHOOL 2012**

As another year comes to a close and we light the Advent candle to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child we take a moment to reflect on the school activities.

The year has been busy, is there any other kind in this modern age?! The usual galas, sports days, liturgical feasts and academic learning have kept us looking forward and planning. A highlight this year was the Senior Primary play. LOST! It was written and produced by our talented music teacher, Mr. Neil Bennett. It was the story of a reality TV show and the team's adventures as they followed the clues which took them to different countries of the world. Just over 300 children thrilled the audience with their acting, singing and dancing. With the proceeds of the ticket sales much needed new curtains were installed on the stage and the hall windows. They are a rich salmon pink, a color that bathes the hall in a rosy glow when the sun shines through the windows.

We mourned the death of our sports teacher Mr. Vincent Hlongwane who died tragically during the August holidays.

Some changes have been made to the School's management structure after the retirement of Miss Sybil Barrow. Two new Deputies have been appointed. Miss Barrow was Deputy Principal for 17 years and was an example to all in the way she lived out the school motto "Be first that you may be of service." A beautiful farewell Mass was said by the parish priest, Fr James Ralston in the Saint Charles church and this was followed by a luncheon and entertainment in the school hall.

The ANGELS Programme entered its second year and challenged the Grade 7 children to think of ways in which they could serve the school and the local community. They came up with some worthwhile initiatives that certainly did make a difference to the lives of others. To name a few: collection of sunhats for children in an underprivileged school; reading and homework with children in a Catholic orphanage; collections of toys, food and clothing for children's homes; gift parcels for families of children with cancer; collection of used books for donation to libraries in the townships; Santa shoe boxes

for the ground staff and charities that were supported during the year.

The Academic Year closed with Mass which was attended by the whole school. In keeping with the celebration of the Year of Faith the RE teachers recommitted themselves to the teaching of RE and lit candles from the Year of Faith candle during the Offertory Procession.

Live Jesus in our hearts

Forever!

### **3. CALENDARS:**

#### **Visitor's Calendar:**

**January: At the Provincialate Nairobi, Kenya.**

**February 9<sup>th</sup>: Final Profession - Eritrea**

#### **DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSCLIP ISSUE**

The deadline will be on 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2013