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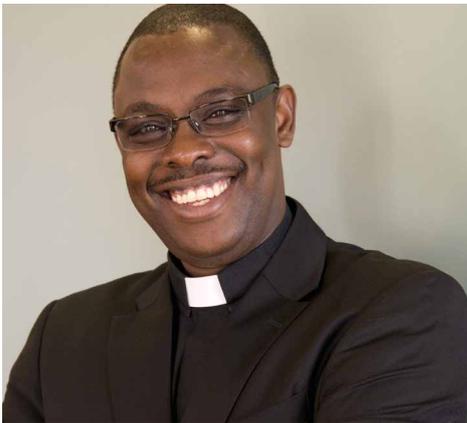


48th JESAM MEETING IN ROME

From left to right: Back row Frs. Michael Lewis S.J. , David Rown S.J. , Agbonkhanmghie Orabotor S.J. , Jose Lukali Minaku S.J. , Stephen Buckaland S.J. , Emmanuel Mumba S.J. , Michael Istay (Socius to JESAM President)

Front Row: Frs. Augustin Karekezi S.J. , Hyacinthe Loua S.J. , Fraternal Masawe S.J. , Virgilio Domingos S.J. , Pierre Andre Ranaivoarson S.J. , Jude Odiaka S.J. , Rigobert Kyungu Musenge, SJ.

JUEA: STAYING THE COURSE



Fr. Fidelis Udahemuka, S.J.

Patience can cook a stone,' says a Somali proverb. The wisdom of this proverb calls for concerted eagerness and enthusiasm in working for the goals and objectives we set. It acknowledges that, at times, the efforts we put into our engagements may seem not to bear immediate fruit, but this should be an impetus to continue working hard; even invest more energy until the job is done. The JUEA dream continues to enjoy the patience and energy of many women and men. These people are ready to invest their talents, time, and other resources to ensure

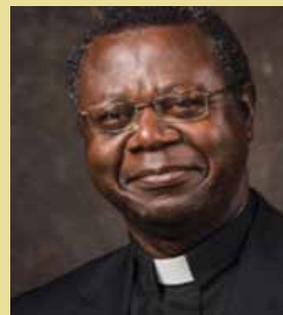
that the JUEA 'stone' is finally cooked. It is with the relentless commitment of many that JUEA is steadily taking shape. We cannot be grateful enough for the support we continue to receive. We appreciate your feedback on past issues of this newsletter. It is our ongoing hope and prayer that we will continue to inform, share, call to action and elicit support from friends, family, relatives, partners and collaborators. Asante Sana (thank you very much) for your support!

God bless you.

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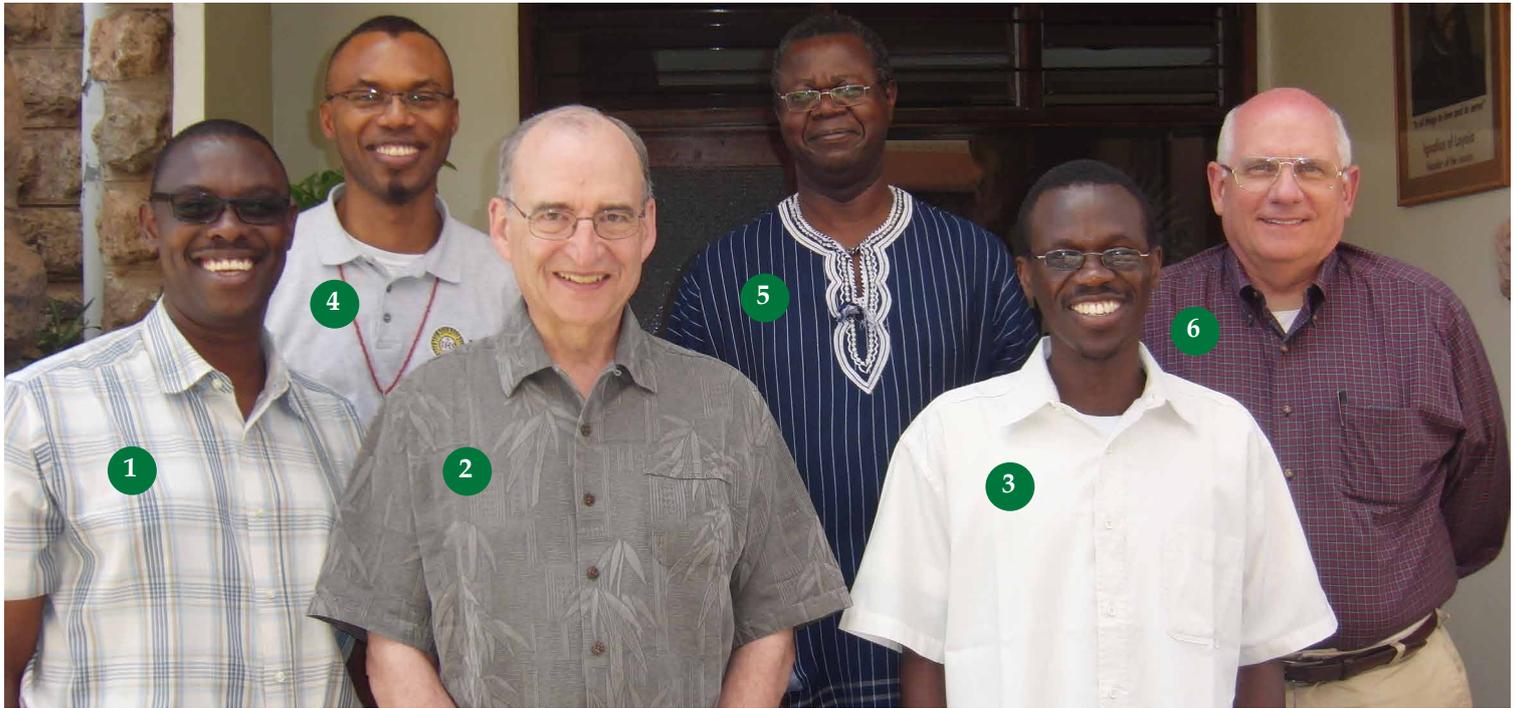
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JUEA MEMBER IS APPOINTED NEW AOR PROVINCIAL



The JUEA family Congratulates and wishes well Fr. Joseph Oduor Afulo, S.J., upon his recent appointment as the new provincial of Eastern Africa province of the Society of Jesus (AOR). Fr. Afulo will assume his new role as provincial on 3rd December 2014. Hongera (Congratulations), Fr. Afulo!

JUEA TASKFORCE WORK IN PROGRESS



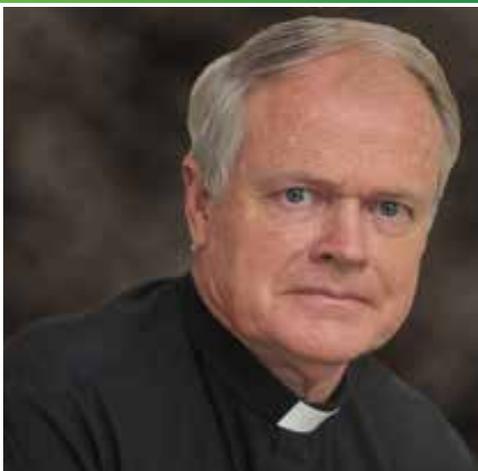
By Boniface Okumu

At JUEA, work is in progress. Dr. Don Dodson (Presidential Professor of Global Outreach, Santa Clara University, USA & Provost, Jesuit Liberal Arts College, Hong Kong) and Fr. Ron Anton, SJ (Counselor to the Provost and Senior Advisor, Executive Education, McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University, USA) arrived in Nairobi on the 20th February 2014 and 21st February 2014 respectively to continue with the work that began during the consultation meeting held in September 2013 at Pedro Arrupe Community, Nairobi, Kenya. Together with the other JUEA team members, they reviewed and re-edited the business plan to incorporate and reflect the requirements of the new Act of Parliament of Kenya, 2012 University Act. In addition, they met and held consultations with various people involved in higher education, legal profession and IT experts. Don stayed with us for two weeks while Ron stayed with us for nearly a month. The JUEA team is greatly indebted to Ron and Don for their time and service and we also thank all AOR companions for the support we continue to receive. We wish you God's blessings.

JUEA TASK FORCE

1. Fidelis F. Udahemuka, S.J., JUEA Executive Director & Project Developer.
2. Don Dodson, Presidential Professor of Global Outreach, Santa Clara University, USA, Jesuit Liberal Arts College Hong Kong.
3. Boniface Okumu, S.J., JU e-Newsletter Editorial Co-ordinator
4. Agbonkhianmeghe Orobator, S.J., Provincial, Jesuits Eastern Africa.
5. Joseph Oduor Afulo, S.J., Principal, Hekima College Jesuit School of Theology & Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations.
6. Fr. Ron Anton, S.J. Counselor to the Provost and Senior Advisor, Executive Education, McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University, USA.

SHARING THE JUEA DREAM



Fr. Michael Lewis, SJ President of JESAM

By Fr. Michael Lewis, SJ

The Conference of Major Superiors of Africa and Madagascar (JESAM) met in Rome, Italy in April this year for their bi-annual meeting concerned with the mission of the Society of Jesus in Africa and Madagascar. The four-day meeting addressed a number of important matters of the mission of the Society of Jesus in Africa and Madagascar.

The Provincial of Eastern African Fr. Agbonkhianmeghe Orobator briefed his colleagues on the progress of the planned Jesuit University of Eastern Africa. The report was met with interest and eagerness by the other Major Superiors of Africa and Madagascar. The members of the meeting discussed the matter and its implications for the Jesuit tertiary education institutions in Eastern Africa as well as those in other parts

of the continent.

Progress towards the establishment of higher education institutions in Africa and Madagascar is being made in a number of Jesuit provinces. The Major Superiors of Africa and Madagascar share responsibility for the mission of the Society and determine priorities. The members of the meeting recognised the immense amount of work that has already gone into the planning for the future university and recognise that much energy and passion will need to be harnessed to reach the intended goals.

Meanwhile JESAM continues to support and encourage the important new and exciting endeavours of the Provinces in Africa and Madagascar to provide centres of excellence for tertiary education for the service of the Church and particular for the youth of our countries.

JUEA: A REFRESHING ALTERNATIVE MODEL OF HIGHER EDUCATION

By Dr. Don Dodson

When I learned about the proposed Jesuit University of Eastern Africa (JUEA) several years ago, I was intrigued. I had focused on African Studies throughout my years as a college and graduate student, and had spent a year doing research in Nigeria. But I was never able to return to Africa until a quick visit to Tunisia and a three-week trip to Tanzania in 2012. Those visits reignited my interest.

When Fr. Fidelis Udahemuka, SJ invited me to a meeting of consultants for JUEA in September 2013, I jumped at the opportunity. Fr. Udahemuka and I had been office mates at Santa Clara University after I retired from more than 30 years of service in the Provost's Office there. I was privileged to return to Nairobi in February-March 2014 to join Fr.

Ron Anton, S.J. and Fr. Udahemuka, S.J, for additional work on the business plan for the university.

My experience with this endeavor has confirmed my belief that JUEA will offer a compelling alternative to the current higher education model in East Africa. Its emphasis on high academic standards, small classes, close interaction between students and faculty, education of the whole person, as well as commitment to addressing social and economic needs, preferential option for the poor, and partnerships with other Jesuit colleges and universities around the world – among many other features – will make it unique among East African universities.

Fr. Anton captured its aspirations well when he said that JUEA aims to be “not only the best university in Africa, but the best university for

Africa.”



Dr. Don Dodson -Presidential Professor of Global Outreach, Santa Clara University in California USA

MY FIRST VISIT TO NAIROBI (AND TO AFRICA)

By Fr. Michael Engh, S.J.,

Early in the year, the Rector of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University requested faculty volunteers to attend the ordinations of its graduates around the world. As president, I asked to go to the ordinations in Nairobi and in Madagascar, where my grandfather was born. The ordination of Zachary Miricho, SJ also allowed me to meet with the planners of the proposed Jesuit University of Eastern Africa. Santa Clara University has supported this undertaking since its inception. Fr. Fidelis Udahemuka, SJ worked for six months as an administrative intern in my administration, and he has introduced me to the Eastern African Province: its leadership, men, and ministries in Nairobi. My excellent host has brought me to the young adult Mass at

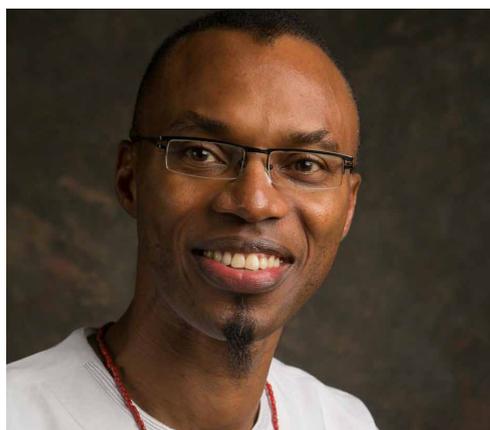


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Christ the King church, the dedication of the women's dispensary and maternity unit of St. Joseph the Worker parish in Kangemi, AJAN, the Mwangaza Jesuit spirituality center, and

Hekima College, the Peace Institute, and the Historical Institute of the African Assistency. We have also visited the Kibera slum, the Catholic University of Eastern Africa in Nairobi, and St. Joseph Primary School in Kangemi. The Loyola House Community has been very hospitable during my stay, and I have enjoyed meeting fellow Jesuits involved in works and studies. In my few days here I have experienced the vitality of this province and glimpsed its impressive commitment to serving those on the margins of society. The creativity and energy of the Jesuits and their companions here inspire me as together you engage in the challenges faced by the people of God. God bless and sustain the ministries of the province!

48TH PLENARY MEETING OF JESAM SUPPORTS JUEA



*Fr. Agbonkhanmeghe Orobator, S.J.
Provincial, Jesuits Eastern Africa Province*

By Fr. Agbonkhanmeghe Orobator, S.J.

I recently attended the 48th JESAM meeting in Rome, Italy. The four-day meeting addressed numerous issues pertinent to the mission of the Society of Jesus in Africa and Madagascar. Among other matters, the members reviewed the progress towards the establishment of higher education institutions in Africa and Madagascar, notably the Jesuit University of Eastern Africa (AOR) and Loyola Jesuit University in Nigeria (ANW).

For me, it is a grace to be at a point where the dream of JUEA is shared by the universal Society. This in many ways puts JUEA in the context of the mission of the Society of Jesus'

commitment to quality higher education. My hope is that JUEA will continue to steadily be incorporated into the mission of the Society. In the context of our province and the African Assistency, a Jesuit university would play a significant apostolic role. We have many young people from our high schools and other schools who hunger for quality higher education. With this pressing need, it becomes our responsibility as Jesuits to act in faith, and act courageously. However, there is still need for concerted effort. As Nelson Mandela wisely said, “after climbing a great hill, one only finds there are many more hills to climb.” I am confident that we shall climb the remaining hills.

“THE IGNATIAN PEDAGOGY PROJECT AND JESUIT EDUCATION”



Fr. Bernard Owens, S.J.

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In the 1980s Jesuit educators from around the world formulated a document on what is distinctive about Jesuit education. It was entitled the Ignatian Pedagogy Project and, being strongly endorsed by the then Father General, Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, it immediately became popular with teachers in Jesuit schools around the world.

What has made it so attractive and effective is its vision of a holistic approach to whatever the subject matter being taught. Instead of simply imparting information to students and having them memorize and repeat it all back on exams, this approach is quite interactive, engaging the students' imagination, memory, and their knowledge, their values, and their life-experience in regard to the subject

matter. It especially insists on connecting the student and the subject matter with Christian values and helping him or her to explore opportunities for choosing actions that will serve and bring life and hope to others.

The overall vision underpinning this approach is the call of Christ the King in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. This implies that the teachers themselves are personally committed to this vision and actively support each other in teaching in this exciting, life-enriching way. The overall goal is to help students (faculty as well) grow into a way of living their lives such that they come to serve rather than be served, to be men and women for others and make a true, lasting difference in the world.

MY LIFE; MY DREAMS

By Mercy Lino Hassan

I am Mercy Lino Hassan, a form three student at Loyola Secondary School (LSS), a Jesuit school in Wau, Western Bahr el Ghazal State, Republic of South Sudan. I attended my primary school education in Khartoum, Sudan, and all my studies were in Arabic before coming to Loyola.

I joined LSS, Wau, in 2012. Coming from Arabic medium of academic instruction, my English was not good at all: I could only utter a few English words and construct poor English sentences. In most cases I wrote in Arabic using English words. Thanks to my Jesuit teachers, who encouraged and supported me, I have been able to improve on my language. My being at LSS is a big blessing in my life. Jesuit education, as I have experienced it at LSS, pays attention to and encourages each student to excel despite the challenges one faces.

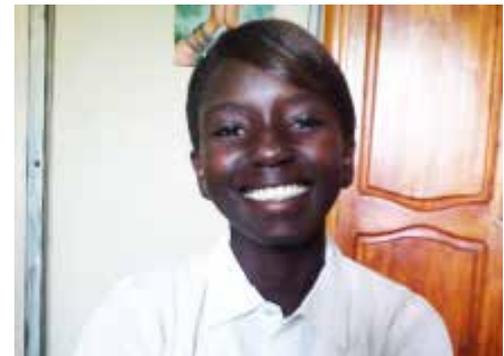
My life at LSS has been full of

surprises. I joined the school at the age of thirteen whereas most of my classmates were over twenty years. I sometimes felt intimidated because of my size and age. Additionally, at LSS we read and wrote from left to write and reads from right to left. Some classmates pitied me: "You will never pass the first year exams," they would comment. However, thanks to my headmaster, Br. Andrew Omondi, S.J., who counseled me and assured me of his support, I was able to gain confidence and determination. Through his encouragement, I passed my exams and proceeded to form two. I am now the school prefect for sports and everyone at LSS calls me "the Queen." Indeed, I am the Queen.

Following our school motto: "Light to the Nations," I want to become a "Light to the Nations", particularly in South Sudan by becoming a

medical doctor. I have visited hospitals and dispensaries in Wau and there are always long lines of sick people, including pregnant women and nursing mothers. I, therefore, want to reduce human suffering and the lives that are lost due to lack of medical care.

I also want to set examples to girls and women to believe in themselves and ambition for high ranking positions in the society vis-à-vis the cultural practices that position a woman as a dependant on men. The Jesuit education I am receiving respects women and prepares them to stand their ground and challenge oppressive cultural and social tendencies. I have heard that there are many Jesuit Universities in the world and soon there will be one in Eastern Africa Province. It is my wish that I will continue with my education in a Jesuit University. I am praying for it!



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