

Tangaza Update Extra

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Justice & Peace Club

THE POLITICAL TEMPERATURE IS RISING!!

By Nicholas Musyoki ISMM

Kenya goes to the poll in a few months. For the citizens, this is always a long awaited moment to democratically exercise our political right.

We will decide who takes over the 'flag' within the next few months. It is the most challenging and tempting period for us Christians as true believers and at the same time 'politicians'.

Diversity

Our institution is blessed with variety of persons from all walks of the life and all corners of the world. We Kenyans kindly calls upon their moral and ethical support at this hour of need.

When we were baptized, we signed irrevocable contract with Jesus; a contract which strongly bides us to continuous fighting of justice and promotion of peace in the whole world. We are called in different ways to be full partakers of this noble exercise in relation to our different daily activities

Ready for the big bath?

The biggest question to all Kenyans and other people of good will especially Christian is 'how have we prepared ourselves towards the forthcoming general election?

Do we still subscribe to the distorted ideology that, 'politics is a dirty game and this is the time of social/civil disorder and massive chaos and thus this should be left to our politicians?

To us, we should take this as the biggest gift God has given to us Kenyans and all people of good will to participate joyfully and willingly in making informed decisions on where we want our world to be as responsible and official stewards whom God commissioned to take care of His creations both living and non living.

Time to Reflect

This calls for serious and in-depth personal reflection on how one can participate in this important and rare political revolution in our country. We have immense responsibilities in shaping the exercise to suit the Christian teaching and also the social doctrines of our Holy Church.

In the last few months we have seen all kinds of political shifts and re-alignments and heard all kinds of angelic statements from our politicians and our fellow political activists. What balance do we strike from all this and what are we doing or sensitizing other people to do in order to understand well the social implications of all this?

As the political temperatures continue to rise, as active and intelligent politicians what opportunities and advantage can we 'grab' out of this situation to ensure both social and political liberation for holistic social transformation?

Your Mail

Our Experience

By Petronilla and Peninah (Pettie & Pennie)

Phew! We are finally in. How is it going to be like? Enjoyable? Frustrating? Interesting? Confusing? You should have seen the number of thoughts fighting for their lives in our bottled minds.

Wow! Finally an answer for a relief.

There are some interesting people and activities that make us smile no matter how much you would want to be mad, and hey! the sense of confusion, frustration is finally coated with joy, braveness.

Seems like "fresherization" (being a fresher, common term for first years) comes in a different style here i.e. entertaining and comments such as "Barikiwa mpaka uparare" (be blessed till you go bald) Jokes like, "your fly is open and yet you are in a skirt" you just smile with agony.

Everything seems well, we are definitely in the right place and we don't regret. It's quite enjoyable and I feel like a youth. Thanks to all IYM guys, Coordinator Sr, Ellena, staff and you, we surely feel at home.

We have a kingdom down here in the Institute of Youth Ministry, and yes! We like it.

The Initiates*

By Chris Wang'ombe.

The moonlight casts its eerie spell
On tender limbs
Forming salient shadows
Cascading the earth.
Restless with expectation,
The initiates stand tall
Resisting the thud of drums
Pulsating in rhythmic waves.

Lit flames glint blades
On eager faces,
Saluting the initiates.

Sharpened edges
Greet flaccid limbs

In rapid succession

The dancing stops,
Blood tricklets form
On thirsty Earth Ancestry fusing nascence
Soon the first light will stretch its radiant arms
On the now-still ridge

New warriors

Bathed in olden glory
Will emerge, tall
Limbs bespoke
The oracle executed
An Ancient ritual fulfilled.
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* This poem is a special dedication to all Tangaza first years who we do hope are already initiated into university life.

The Tangaza Update Extra will be a sister publication to the Tangaza Update. Thanks for making this possible.

Peer Counselling

The Tangaza Peer counselors and some of their friends went out last Saturday, 22nd September for a one day training workshop at Kenyatta University (KU).

The training was dubbed: "Building a fruitful Nation through Peer Counseling in Kenyan Universities." The Training was organized by the Inter-Varsity Peer Counsellors association (IVPCA).



It was the first training solely organized by the association and by this standard it was highly successful.

Tangaza College managed to take the second highest number (17 students) after the hosts who had 104 attendees.



Time to see the far we come

Prof. Edwin Gimode the Dean of students at KU officially opened the event.

Prof. Gimode gave the attendees a lot of courage when he said that we should not be amazed by the turn out (we had expected a minimum of 200 students but got only 128) as most people (read students) always seem to shy away from intellectually stimulating forums.



Turn out: Though the numbers were not too good, it did not disappoint. In counseling we go for the lost sheep.

From left: Bethuel Koskey (the chair), Orapidi, Judy and Stephen Muinde (SG)



"This is not an ODM rally, you expected this hall to be full?" he quipped.

The other presenters were Rebecca Chelagat (counsellor, Kabarak University), Mrs.



Moses & Co.: Time to work!

Other Universities represent included, African Nazarene, Daystar, JKUAT, USIU and Maseno University. I do hope that this outing was of a great benefit to you all. Thanks for attending and please do your best to serve humanity.

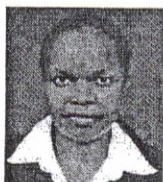
Stephen Muinde,
Secretary General, IVPCA.

New Appointments

We welcome,



Mercy M. Mayaka
Assistant Librarian



Christine Mwanza
Administrative Secretary,
C.T.I.E.

Tangaza Pro-Life (HLI)

By Mugo Octavious Wachira

Tangaza Pro-Life is one of the shining incorporated clubs in the College. Pro-Life Club commits itself to safeguard and exonerate human life in all stages of life.

We do this by creating awareness in educating others on the values, dignity and sanctity of human life. We give our own shoulders to lean on even in the difficulty, delicate and breaking point of your life.

We Embark on conscientizing society in which we live for better life.

The following are the values we air out
Life, Prayer, Sanctity, Love, Faith, Vocation, Prudence, Family, Justice, Education, Guide and counseling and Peace.

We shall elaborate more on the above values in the next publication. For your information, we have so far held discussion forums in the college these topics:

The Culture of death
Sexual violence - rape
Abortion
Church response to abortion
Test tube babies
Rape in relation to Kenyan law

This time round on 22nd October 2007 we will have a forum on this topic "**SEXUALITY IS A GIFT.**" on African perspective Presented by Professor Fr. Raphael Wanjohi. Don't miss it! It will be at the Tangaza Main Hall 2.30pm to 4.30 pm.

The discussion, "Sexuality is a gift" will touch on the positive aspects of gender; sex as life giving, the role of sexuality in the society, sex education, relationships, sex and contraceptives among the married couples, etc.

I will also touch on the negative aspects of sexuality: Homosexuality, lesbianism, bestiality, pedophilia premarital sex and pregnancy, etc

Join Pro-life to love and enjoy life to the fullest and you will never ever regret.

For more communication, appreciation, suggestion and enlightenment contact Pro-Life.

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Congratulations To Steven Payne!

On Saturday, September 15, ISRF students and faculty joined the Carmelite Community on Langata South Road (near Tangaza) to celebrate the 25th ordination anniversary of our director, Fr. Steven Payne, OCD.

Meanwhile, the Institute is already organizing its symposium for 5-7 February 2008, and continuing to work with others in planning for another African Spirituality Conference, expected to take place at Tangaza College in May 2008.

CORRECTION!

In the last edition of the Update, the first Sentence of last paragraph of the DePaul Program piece should have read, "On the DePaul side we have experienced all manner of support and collaboration from Faculty and Administration." Apologies for the compromise to meaning that arose out of the misprint.