

Christmas Newsletter

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The Word took flesh and dwelt among us

Our belief that God indeed took our human nature and dwelt among us marks our essential difference from other believers in God. For us God is not only the "wholly-other" but also "Emmanuel, God-with-us". The splendour of this truth, one of the profound theological reasons for "inculturation" and the "sacramental way" of communicating divine life, must touch the very fibre of our life and behaviour.

For us Christians, because of the mystery of incarnation, the world and human history become the stage where the drama of human salvation is being played out. The mystery of the incarnation affirms the natural world as "good" though not "perfect" yet. The Grace flowing from the whole paschal mystery including Jesus' death, resurrection and sending of the Holy Spirit, perfects and redeems nature.

Tangaza College Community wishes you a most blessed and happy celebration of God's goodness and love to the world. We at Tangaza are in a special way indebted to all our benefactors and donors who helped us and still help us to put up the essential structures and build up the academic resources necessary for the mission of the College of providing ministerial preparation for Religious and Laity in the Church in Eastern Africa and the African continent as a whole.

The College Community extends its greetings to the members of the Board of Governors, to the ecclesiastical authorities, to the authorities of the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, to the benefactors and all other persons who are closely associated with our mission and growth.

May you have a very holy and grace-filled Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours truly,



Fr. George Kocholickal, sdb

The Principal.

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

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Student Registration

The College this year has 806 registered students. The Theology Programme has the largest share with 422 students. Christ the Teacher Institute of Education has 144 students, Institute of Social Ministry has 135 students, Institute of Social Communications 35, Institute of Spirituality 26, Institute of Youth Ministry 23 and African Studies 22 part-time students.

Mary Immaculate Library and Documentation Centre

The Vincentian Community of the US Eastern Province has very generously decided to donate their "Mary Immaculate Seminary Library" of about 70,000 volumes to Tangaza College. This would make the present Library hold more than 100,000 volumes, enriching the very heart of this University College. This large donation is a gain for Tangaza, its students and staff; with that we will have one of the best theological libraries in Africa.

Tangaza College remains very much indebted and grateful for this very generous gesture of the Vincentian Community to the College and to Africa. The present library will soon shift to its new location at *Imani House*. Works are in progress to accommodate the books and ease access to them through the electronic catalogue.

Besides this precious theological Library, plans are on the way to open a Documentation Centre for Research (on Mission and Religious Life). The Centre hopes to provide access to important documentation and primary source material gleaned from different Religious and Church Institutions in Africa and abroad.



Tangaza now has
<http://www.tangaza.ac.tz>

Hostel Project for Women Religious and Lay Women Students

The college will soon begin a fund-raising project to construct a hostel to accommodate about 50 students, women both religious and lay. The proposed hostel would be close enough to the College (to facilitate access and reduce travel expenses) and would be run by a religious congregation. The Hostel will be structured in a such a way that two levels of occupancy rates and services are provided in order to cater for the different levels of need and financial possibilities of the students.

Formation Programme for Lay Students

Another initiative we saw this year was the piloting of a very open-ended formation programme for the lay students of the First Year. While the formation needs are met in the religious communities for the Religious, it was felt that there was very little done for our lay students. Hence under the guidance of the Deputy Principal Student Life formation and accompaniment is given by a team of specialists, who form the Student Life Ministry Team.

IT Automation of the College

The College will soon be implementing integrated information system software covering three functional areas - the Library, Accounting and Registration. The implementation of the whole system will take about eight months. We hope by the next academic year an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system will be in place making it possible for the Administrative Offices to run more smoothly. The ERP System will also have the Online Public Access Component on all the client machines in the college with the intranet portion for public search enabled. Hence the system would give possibility for students and staff to have access to certain information at many points in the College or through the web.

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE...

- 10th Anniversary of the **Institute of Social Ministry in Mission** 24th to 28th February 2004.
- **Tangaza Day** 25th March 2004

its own web page

Tangaza.org

Masters Programme in Theology

Tangaza College started as a theological centre in 1986; hence from its genesis, the Theology Programme occupies a prime place in its composition. It is only natural then, that the programme now moves to another stage of its growth by developing Academic Programmes at the Masters Level. Two programmes, one with specialisation in Mission Studies and another in Religious Formation are at an advanced stage of preparation for implementation. In the near future the Board of Governors will be taking a few very important decisions regarding the reorganisation of the theology programme.

African Studies (MIASMU)

The African Studies programme now permanently located in the new building hosts over 6,000 volumes of a specialised Africana Collection, available now to the whole Tangaza community, both faculty and students. A recent and major academic development is the publishing of booklets on the major themes of African Cultural Knowledge. The Institute has attempted to break open and analyse the structure and grammar of African Cultural Knowledge identifying fifteen themes, which constitute the major values, ideas, rituals and structures that bring wholeness and coherence to African Cultures. Through this analytic model, MIASMU is now able to present and teach African Cultural Knowledge in a systematic manner.

Alumni Association

We hope that with the launching of the web, the alumni movement will be able to take off the ground. We invite our Alumni to get in touch with us and register in the association.

This brand new Institute offering a qualified preparation for people willing to dedicate their lives to the youth has taken off in colour with regular classes, project visits, seminars and workshops. The Discussion

Workshop on "Children's Rights" in the month of October was particularly challenging. The Institute soon hopes to initiate a Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Guidance and Youth Counselling, targeting teachers of Catholic sponsored secondary schools. It will be an in-service course given during the school holidays. The institute is sponsored by two religious communities: the Salesians of Don Bosco and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians.

Institute of Social Ministry in Mission (ISMM)

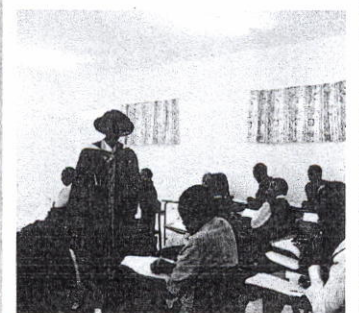
Masters Programme:

The Institute of Social Ministry is getting ready for the launching of the Master's Programme in Social Ministry. This development comes from the fact that the Church needs to influence every stratum of the society in the globalised world of today and hence requires well-prepared and committed persons. The Master's Programme, through the remarkable emphasis laid on research, will endeavour to enrich and mediate both the doctrinal aspect of the Social Teaching of the Church and methodology in action.

Charity Walk: On the 27th of September 2003, the ISMM organised a walk in order to raise fund to help those lay students who find it impossible to raise the full cost of

study. As financial aid from overseas diminishes by the day, it has become all the more important to focus more and more on local resources. Since for all social ministers fundraising will always be a challenge, the preparation for the walk and the ongoing exercise of collecting the pledged money has been a very useful and formative experience.

Symposium for the 10th anniversary of ISMM: The year 2004 will mark the 10th year of the foundation of ISMM. It will be an occasion to revisit the journey made so far. To that purpose a Symposium will be organised during the last week of February 2004, from 24th to 28th. We are hoping to have a large turn out of Social Ministers in the field, experts in the social teaching and praxis of the Church, civil and ecclesial authorities.





Professor George Saitoti (Minister for Education - Govt of Kenya), Fr. Aylward Shorter (Former Principal), Fr. Umberto Pescantini (Former Chairman B.O.G) at Tangaza Graduation 2003.

Institute of Spirituality (ISRF)

Apart from the regular academic programme in Spirituality and Religious Formation, which the Institute is running, it also ran the second module of the **Emmaus Programme for Priests** in the mid-semester week. 18 priests and one bishop attended the full programme while 4 other bishops visited at different times. Preparations for the third module to be held next February are underway. Sr. Loretta Brennan, Fr. Garry Mueller and the Vincentians are totally committed to the programme and were most generous in making the in-service enjoyable as well as educational.

The Institute is also looking into the possibility of developing a degree to follow on the diploma. It is now considering a number of options and possibilities.



Initiating the New Students to the College life in the African way. (August 2003)

Institute of Social Communication (ISC)

The Institute of Social Communication began operating as an "Institute" from the start of this current academic year. It has about 19 students in the first year. The proposal for a Bachelor of Arts in Social Communication to be offered under the Faculty of Social Sciences of CUEA is now being finalised. The Institute has been actively involved in preparing and launching the Tangaza web page and in the *Waumini* Radio services (National Catholic Radio Services).



A Section of Graduates 2003

Christ the Teacher institute (CTIE)

Currently CTIE is offering teaching majors in English, Geography/History, Mathematics and Theology. Starting from the next academic year teaching majors in Biology, Chemistry, and physics will be introduced. The institute aims to double the current number of students (144) from the next academic year, thanks to the addition of *Imani house*, which actually trebled the space in the Campus.



Tangaza College remembers with gratitude and love the late **Cardinal Maurice Michael Otunga** who was very much instrumental in the founding of the college.

May God grant him eternal rest.