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# Tangaza Update

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## 2007 TANGAZA DAY

**I**t was a remarkable day! The chairman of the board (Fr. Pius) took us down the memory lane since 1986 when the first group of 20 students was admitted. How far we have come! In-



One of the graduants, Fr. E. Likoko SPS

deed, the Principal remarked that Fr. Pius was a moving encyclopedia of the various Tangaza milestones.

It was also a day to reward the efforts our brothers and sisters in Theology for what they have done in the last four years. Indeed the message of the annunciation, fitted well

with their graduation. After gaining a lot of knowledge from Tangaza, they now have to go out and present a new face in the world, help in bringing the change that is needed. Some are already ordained priests. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2007.

The Principal Fr. Tim Redmond talked fondly about his experience as the principal of the college. He praised the good interaction that is there between the students providing a naturally welcoming environment. He also thanked the Tangaza workers for the good job they do to maintain and repair especially the college.

Prof. Everett Standa, the Chief Guest at the event praised Tangaza and challenged it to

work towards becoming a university. The Tangaza Band provided a memorable entertainment at the event.

**Editorial**



Youth Ministers presents symbols during the Mass

## GHANA @ 50!!!

Even though the Sudanese claim to have got independence at least one year before Ghana, history holds that Ghana was the first African country to gain independence from the colonizers on the 6th of March, 1957. The Ghanaian community here in Tangaza had a stylish celebration that day, but little did we know that a big tragedy will befall us just shortly after. Our beloved Ghanaian brother Fr. Martin Addai was shot dead exactly four days after the beautiful celebration of Ghana's independence which was hosted by the Spiritan community. Tangaza Update sympathizes with the entire Tangaza Ghanaian community and the Missionaries of Africa over this great loss. May his soul rest in eternal peace! We also say a big congrats for your Great Golden Jubilee year.

**Long Live the Federal Republic of Ghana!  
Long Live the Ghanaians in Tangaza!  
Long Live Mama Africa !!!**



Fr. Martin Addai M. Afr

Many people have described the late Fr. Martin Addai very positively. This is how Moses Arthur describes him: "Fr. Martin was a very humble and approachable man; ready to offer help any time he was called upon. Very calm and gentle in his speech and behaviour".



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# Community Exchange Experiences

This year's community exchange lasted for a whole month: from the 1st of February to the 2nd of March. What was the experience like? See what Grace and Anthony have to say about it.

## Grace Kamuyu

Community exchange has ended. Yes! It has. For those who thought that they still had a chance to run away from their communities and experience life in another, hard luck! The train has passed. You can only hope that it will catch you again next year if you are lucky. What can I say about community exchange? Words seem to escape my head as I recount the wonderful time I had at the place where I went for my experience. In fact I thought to myself that if that is how those brothers normally live, then I would like to become a Holy Cross brother all my life. But that is "naturally" impossible. But if one has suggestions as to how I can make my dream a reality, please, feel free to share your ideas. Maybe some juju will go a long way to ensure that I become a "brother".

Well, just like many of us who took part in the exchange, I was a bit apprehensive as to what was awaiting me at the place that was supposed to be my home for a whole week. Will the hosts receive us well? Would I really fit in? Would I wish I hadn't gone? These were the many questions that ran through my mind as I packed my bags. I therefore waited with bated breath and said a prayer that the experience be the best one. I therefore left my home with the notion that this was going to be a very beautiful week. It was. In fact I would like to make an appeal to the respective authorities to extend this to two weeks or a month if possible. Because just as you are about to get used to the place, the end of the week is there already. I left, but if I had an option I would have stayed! Is any Holy Cross brother reading this?

The reception was over whelming. The visitors are treated as part of the community and immediately one feels at home. Taking part in the prayers, meals and the different ministries that the brothers are involved in was an enriching experience as one was

able to witness first hand what exactly goes on in the community. But I must confess something; the beds that were provided for the visitors were so cosy that waking up to go for prayers at 6:30 was sometimes a bit of a problem. Considering that most of us wake up to see the sunshine at 7:45 or there about. Most of us thought that we were in a high class hotel and room service was going to be at the ring of a bell. Please can the beds be changed for next year, the way things are going, students will not be coming to school during the week they are on community exchange. And who can blame the poor students?

Anyway, the whole experience was very enriching. We managed to make new friends, eat very well coked food for one week and most importantly, interact with God our creator through the morning and evening prayers that we attended. So good was the experience, that I would want to make another suggestion that.....it should be made compulsory, yes! Especially to the lay students.

## Anthony Mwangi

Community exchange was a wonderful two weeks for me, a 'lay' man. I got the chance to visit the brothers of the Holy Cross and followed soon after by the Dominican friars. In both cases, there were surprises and revelations especially for an Anglican like me.

It hit me that behind the all too famous, smiling 'brothers' and 'sisters' in Tangaza, are men and a women who have made great sacrifices. I took the time to listen to them and I never regretted a single moment that I talked with or listened to some of their stories.

The experience of community exchange gave me hope that another world is truly possible. But only if we are willing to make great sacrifices like these men and women. In our world today, where resources are scarce to the extent that countries like China are in the race to mine the Moon! Sharing, understanding, patience and selflessness have become virtues only read in books. Maybe it is the simplicity of life that is found in the 'religious' that we need in the world. Or maybe it is the giving or the sharing...

What's the view of the Religious? Any blessings/challenges for hosts? Please share with us.

Justice be our shield and defender!

## THE PATH OF CHILD JUSTICE

By Musyoki Nicholas

Justice! Justice! Justice! Just! Does it have any meaning in your life? How is it possible to achieve an equitable and a just society? May be a walk on the following reflection lines might change our "ordinary" perception about the child called justice.

### ***Our hearts want to love yet we hate!***

How many times have your heart thirsted to love yet you chose to hate? Why did you accept to fail your little innocent heart on its quest to accomplish one of its humble responsibilities?

### ***Our hearts want to understand yet we are confused!***

You have chosen two kinds of life; a life that you are supposed to live and the life you are living now. Where is your life confusion coming from yet the almighty gave you one life to live, a life without confusion!

### ***Our hearts want equality yet we dominate others!***

Do you remember the other day when your heart was telling you to give equal chance to all your friends and to stop dominating them? Do you remember how you responded to your heart? Where have you taken your human virtues to give such a dehumanizing response to your little heart?

### ***The heart wants to give or share yet we are greedy!***

How many times have you chosen not to give out something to the less fortunate members of the society? How comes you convinced yourself that you had "nothing" to give out! Look at yourself and be ashamed. God has endowed you with many resources, not for yourself, but just to pass them over to the right person..

### ***The heart wants to forgive yet we revenge!***

I cannot forgive him/her. I cannot, no matter what. How can I forgive him/her for all he/she has done to me? Are not these your words which you were saying the other day?. Remember the example of forgiveness that Jesus showed us. You only have one truly freeing option to forgive, forgive and forgive.

### ***The heart wants to be sincere yet we are dishonest!***

I well remember hearing you say "I will lie like a man." Sorry I now remember it well, you said "I am lying a holy lie!" And it's true you are convinced that you had no other choice. When did lying become an option in your life? How can you feel if you discover that other people are doing the same to you?

***The big question is, how comes the heart is always inclined to a just action yet we act contrary. Be just today!***

## A WOMAN'S AFFAIR?

By: Mary Migichi

It was yet another day of awarding the woman of the year, and everyone in the hall was anxious about it. This was the scenario at this year's Tangaza women's day celebrations. All the ladies had a reason to be at their best physically and spirit wise. All eyes were unmistakably on the women. The celebrations began early in the afternoon in the most patriotic way of reciting the Kenyan national anthem. As students, lecturers, workers and visitors settled down in the hall with their lunch, the colorful youth ministers were on stage with a presentation on man-woman reciprocity. The presentation focused on



Julie Juma, Tangaza Woman of the year

gender equality and women. Its central theme was promoting the inherent human dignity of women and the girl child. The presentation was followed by a beautiful animated dance. Tangaza's theme for the women's day was "**Involve men in gender Equality pursuit**".

Two guest speakers, Caroline Muriethi and Amina, from **Equality Now**, were here with us to grace the occasion. **Equality Now** is a women's rights organization, which fights for the social and economic rights of women. The **Equality Now** branch based in Kenya is involved in among other things FGM activism, production of newsletters such as "Awaken" and "women's action". Besides the organization's pro-active quest it is faced with numerous challenges such as cultural practices, lack of political will, weak institutional mechanisms and financial constrains. The speakers concluded their presentations by making it known that Equality Now also consults and involves men.

The moment of admiration was owed to the following women. Sr. Paola and Pauline (ISC) as 3<sup>rd</sup> runners up. Sr. Elena and Sr. Agatha (IYM & Theology) as second runners up and finally Julie Juma (ISC) as woman of the year. Mrs. Juma (Julie's mother) was present to witness her daughter receiving the artistic trophy, presented to her by the principal, Fr. Tim Redmond. One outstanding remark by Mrs. Juma was that Julie is capable of anything. After beautiful presentations by Valerian, Alex and other friends all from ISC, Fr. Tim's final remarks affirmed that Tangaza provides equal opportunities to both men and women. The celebrations came to an end with Paulo (IYM) offering a word of prayer. We greatly appreciate all those who contributed to making this day a success.



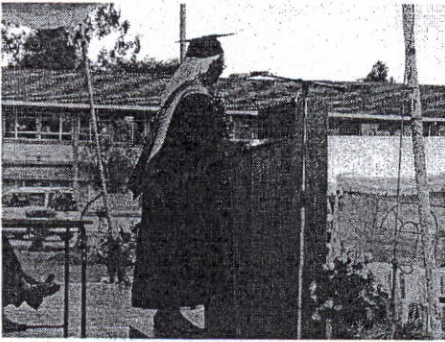
Grace Kamuyu in Maasai outfit



It wasn't just women affairs



Women of Substance



Sr. Beatrice, a graduant gives a vote of thanks



The Choir was good indeed!



Pastors of the Church



Ok, let's eat!

**Write to us**

If you have anything you want the College fraternity to know about, let us know and we will let them know. Jokes, any information, articles etc are very much welcome. Send to: [update@tangaza.org](mailto:update@tangaza.org) or [vivianatime@yahoo.com](mailto:vivianatime@yahoo.com)

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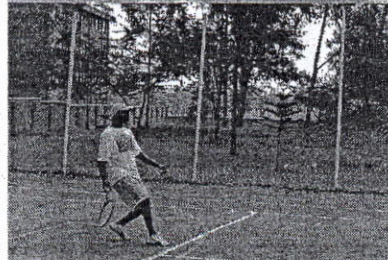
TANGAZA SPORTS DAY: AOLA MAREKA, 2007 (LADIES & GENTLEMEN)



The karate group in action. It was more than action; they displayed some acrobatic skills as well. We need more women in karate.



The women's soccer team together with their coach Br. Matthew and assistant coach Sr. Njideka. Our women played very well; but CUEA won the match with a controversial penalty [1-0].



**Lawn Tennis**  
 Well we had our very own Roger Federer in the field only that we were not able to get their seed numbers. Please sent them to us.



Our men's basketball team. They were just great! Congrats to the Lay team that earlier won the Tangaza tournament.



These and other trophies we got; recognizing both winners and participants. We were winners and losers, that's the game spirit!



While some were sweating it out in the fields, others were sweating it out doing all the necessary errands including taking care of our energy depleted bodies. Thanks!



At the Carmelite community: our women's volleyball team in action. They played better than the national team. The men's team too did very well. Thanks for participating.