

Tangaza Update

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Tangaza Celebrates Christian Unity Week

Tangaza Mourns Fr. Phillip

The news of the gruesome murder of Fr. Philip Valayam sdb on Christmas Day shook Tangaza visibly, even though the college community was dispersed for the Christmas holidays. The irony of his murder, the very night of the birth of the Prince of Peace, put into sharp focus for all of us that the incarnation is about God entering our evil and sinful world. The missionary life in imitation of the Incarnation is one that brings us into the darkness of the world in order to be part of the saving sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Fr. Phillip, in life and especially in death, has brought the centrality of the Christian message in its totality to the consciousness of the college community!



Tangaza Update wishes to extend a special word of condolence to IYM, and to the Salesians in the College. We assure you of the solidarity of the whole College in this moment of great loss.

We also join specially with the following dear members of our college community who have each lost very dear ones during the short Christmas break. Sr. Elena Rastello FMA, on the demise of her dear mother on Christmas Day, Fr. Patrick Ryan MHM on that of his brother, and Fr. Gerry Geraghty on the passing on of his father. The Good Lord gives then fullness of eternal life and we thank him for their lives in our midst.

A Fitting Farewell for a Hero

On January 26 2006, a month after the murder of Fr. Philip Valayam SDB, the College united in a Eucharistic celebration of his life, especially the part of it spent in service in our midst. The IYM animated the Eucharistic celebration which was concelebrated by about 25 priests, led by the College Principal - Fr. Tim Redmond. Fr. Joseph Pulickal the provincial superior of the Salesians of Eastern Africa gave the Homily.

The Hall filled up gradually to an all too short encounter. "What might we achieve in the space of an hour?" someone asked?

It looked a little presumptuous to invite such a high dignitary as Arch-bishop Makarios, only to limit the time available for his precious in-put to so short a time.

The well-seasoned ecumenist, who is a key member of the Catholic - Orthodox ecumenical dialogue gave a short yet enlightening exposé on the latter. With this starter, it is hoped that Tangaza College members will take a keener interest on the dialogue.

The question session reflected concern that the dialogue does not remain only at the high levels of ecclesial hierarchy, but that it should penetrate to the ordinary Christians. Tangaza College herself is challenged to engage in interaction with students from the Orthodox Seminary here in Nairobi.



His Eminence Arch-Bishop Makarios, Greek Orthodox Church



A section of the audience keenly participating

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TANGAZA UPDATE TAKES A NEW LOOK

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WHAT'S UP!

Recent and On-going Events

Feb 1-28 Community exchange program.

Feb 7-9 ISRF symposium on witchcraft as a challenge to Christian ministry in Africa today. The symposium was greatly appreciated.

Feb 13-15 Peer counseling workshop phase III

Feb 13-16 Workshop on ministry to pastoralist communities hosted by ISMM. This workshop was attended by a good number of ISMM alumni who work with pastoralist communities.

Feb 18 CUEA sports tournament- Tangaza college participating.

Coming Up.....

March 1,2,3 Tangaza Women's Competitions

March 7 Tangaza College celebration of the international women's day- there will be a panel discussion on gender complementarity in empowerment.

Mar 11 Tangaza sports day- Watch out for some new features in the program, including athletics. Watch out also for some new participants in this event, including the Orthodox Seminary for Africa.

Mar 17 Tangaza band annual entertainment evening.

Mar 24 Tangaza College Feast Day and Theology graduation.

April 6,7 IYM Symposium on Youth and Family

Apr 8 IYM youth concert- an all day entertainment and education day.

Do You Know That.....

- * The Tangaza women's hostel will open to students at the start of the new academic year? Students who are interested in residing in the hostel are required to write a letter of application to the hostel management and send it through the office of the DPSL.
- * The peer counselors are already taking the bull by the horns and offering counseling services to other students on campus? Office space has been

set aside in the student life corridor for their use. You can book appointments with a peer counselor of your choice by consulting their availability hours posted on the door of 2F5 and 2F6.

Have A Problem? Ask The Counselor

Dear Counselor,

Control freak

I think that I am a "control freak" and it is interfering with my relationships. I just lost a very wonderful boyfriend because of it. I know because I am starting to hear the feedback friends are giving me about wanting to be in control of every, or, at least, most situations. Is there hope for me?

Signed: want "out of control".

Response:

Congratulations to you! You have discovered something important about yourself by listening to your friends. And, you can do something about the need to control. In fact, you already have. You are hearing and holding what friends have said to you. Now, next step is action. The action is called "letting go" (and 'letting God' in some situations). The desire to control is response to insecurity and fear which needs to go in developing interdependence. Learning on others gives a healthy sense of dependence on others which allows relationships to deepen and develop. I know it can work for you.

WHO'S SMARTER NOW?

The Institute of Social Communication proved to be the smartest among the Tangaza Institutes that competed in the 'Who's Smarter Now' Quiz session which was held on the 2 February 2006. Mercy Ndiran'gu, Evelyn Kamunge and Stephen Muinde made the institute proud as they answered the head wracking questions. They brought a beautiful trophy to the Institute and were awarded three brand new bicycles for themselves.



Bravo Evelyn!
Bravo Mercy!
Bravo Stephen!

Bravo The Institute Of Social Comm!!!