



## FROM THE PROVINCIAL'S DESK ...



1 April 2014

Dear Brothers and friends,

I hope you've tried some of the exercises on compassion that I suggested in last month's Newsletter to help you become an even more compassionate person. If you have not yet done so, there are still a few weeks left before Easter. This month I would like to write about 'heartburn' - the good heartburn, the kind you should be looking for, the kind of thing that sets your heart on fire. If you find those things you will be on the road to a healthy spirituality. So what gives you "heartburn"?



Easter is 20 days away we are half-way through Lent. At one of the Easter masses, the reading is from St Luke's Gospel: the story about the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. As you know, they suffered the good 'heartburn'. The two men witnessed their leader, who was going to change the world being executed in a most humiliating way. They were in the depths of despair. The dream was over. They are on their way to Emmaus. Actually there is nothing in Emmaus. They just want to get out of town as

### DEADLINE - PROFESSION OF VOWS

**Brothers in temporary vows should send their letters of application and self-evaluation by 16 May. Please send them directly to Br Joe Walton [josephwalton@ymail.com](mailto:josephwalton@ymail.com)**

fast as they can. They want to escape the pain of Jerusalem.

On their way to Emmaus they come across a stranger. Their despair has troubled their minds and they do not recognise the Lord. Jesus listens to their tale of woe and he challenges them to see things differently. He helps them through the Scripture. They only recognise him once he breaks bread with them. Note their first word were, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road" (Luke 24:32). They had heartburn. The kind of heartburn we all should desire.

So to the question! What gives you 'heartburn'? What sparks a fire in your heart? If you are able to answer these questions, you'll know where your spirituality is going. In his book "The Holy Longing", Ronald Rolheiser writes, "What we do with that fire, how we channel it, is our spirituality." Spirituality, in other words, is about the fire we have inside of us.

In our busy lives we can so easily become indifferent to spiritual lives. As Marists one of the pillars for us is 'hard work' and at times this pillar dominates our way of thinking and we can forget spiritual life, prayer and relationships

with our fellow human beings and with creation. We may be very active and busy and yet be spiritually indifferent about issues of mercy and justice. Dorothy Sayers a Christian humanist said of this of indifference. The indifferent person “believes in nothing, cares for nothing, seeks to know nothing, interferes with nothing, enjoys nothing, loves nothing, hates nothing, finds purpose in nothing, lives for nothing and remains alive only because there is nothing to die for.” You can see that in this state there is no heartburn – no fire.



Easter is a time for fire. It is a time to fuel the fire within us to become Marist to the full. In my report to the 6<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter I asked these questions of the capitulants. Questions we all need to keep examining and

look at from time to time. The questions are:

1. What are you in love with?
2. What seizes your imagination?
3. What are you passionate about?
4. What are you enthusiastic about?
5. Are we afraid of the challenges we have to face?

When I was visiting Angola I saw a T Shirt with bold writing on it saying “100% Marist and Marist until death” (at least that’s how I translated it) I believe it could be true if you really thought deeply about the 5 questions I have challenged you with.

Pope Francis tells us, “Be missionaries of God’s love and tenderness! Be missionaries of God’s mercy, which always forgives us and loves us dearly.”

Here are some articles from our Constitutions for us to think about for our “Fire”, for our “Passion”

### **Preferential Love for the Poor**

34. In being true to Christ and to our Founder, we love the poor. They are God's blessed ones; they draw down His gifts upon us and evangelize us.

Attuned to the voice of the Church, and in touch with our own vocation, we stand in solidarity with the poor and their just causes. We give them first preference wherever we are and whatever be our task. We love the places and the houses which enable us to share their lot, and we take every opportunity to be in contact with the reality of their daily lives.

Concern for the poor impels us to search out the root causes of their wretchedness, and to free ourselves from prejudice or indifference towards them. It makes us become more responsible in the use of our resources, which we must share with those among them who are most destitute. We avoid giving them the scandal of living in a way that is too comfortable.

Our mission as educators of youth commits us to work to promote justice.

### **Relevance of the Marist Charism Today**

164. Our Institute, a gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church, is a grace forever relevant to the world. Our simple and fraternal communities are a call to live according to the spirit of the Beatitudes. The witness of our dedicated lives and our apostolic commitment reveal to everyone the meaning of human existence, and encourage those around us, particularly young people, to build a more just society.

Be 100% Marist !

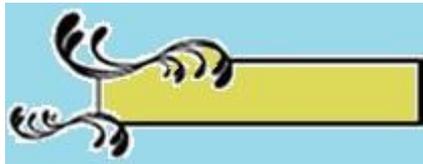
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe".

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS

02/04/1982	Witman Phiri
04/04/1972	Evans Musakanya
04/04/1989	Ângelo Cassina (nov. adm. 2014)
04/04/1994	Dickson Kanyang'wa (nov. 2014)
05/04/1968	Patrick Bushilya
09/04/1935	Antonio Pisco
12/04/1969	Patrick Bwalya
21/04/1966	Auxensio Dickson
24/04/1969	Norbert Mwila

**"God bless you and keep you,  
God smile on you and gift you,  
God look you full in the face  
and make you prosper."**

*(Numbers 6:24-26)*



## Brother Joe's visit to Manhiça



People casting their nets for fish in flooded fields



## Br JOE WALTON - CALENDAR

### MARCH 2014

28 - 31	Uitenhage
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### APRIL 2014

1 - 4	St Marcellin's School, Kalulushi
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5 - 9	St Paul's School, Kabwe
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10 - 15	Johannesburg
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16 - 22	Lilongwe, Malawi
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23 - 26	Champagnat House, Postulancy, Mtendere
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27 - 30	Marist Secondary School, Mtendere
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### MAY 2014

1 - 4	Mtendere Secondary School, Mtendere
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5 - 8	Balaka, Malawi
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10 - 13	Zomba, Malawi
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14 - 15	Lilongwe, Malawi
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16 - 18	Johannesburg, South Africa
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19 - 31	Pilgrimage, Rome & L'Hermitage
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### PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Jun 11 - 12	Kutama, Zimbabwe (Centenary of Mission & 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Marist presence??)
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Jul 12 - 13	Chassa, Zambia (Diamond Jubilee)
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Jul 21 - 26	Nairobi (New models for Animation & Government of the Institute -for Afrian AU's)
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Sep 1 - 2	Kuito Bié, Angola (Diamond Jubilee of Brothers in Angola)
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Nov 13 -14	Lilongwe, Malawi
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## **MATOLA NOVITIATE COMMUNITY 2014**



### **FIRST YEARS**

Angelo Miguel Cassinda (*Angola*)  
Celestino Ngonjo (*Angola*)  
Manuel Miguel Fernandes Simão (*Angola*)  
Christopher Cornelius Chagunda (*Malawi*)  
Dickson John Kanyang'wa (*Malawi*)  
Elia Madimba (*Malawi*)  
Mathias Yobo (*Malawi*)  
Domingos Eduardo Muchaiabande  
(*Mozambique*)  
Jean Paul Mbuyi (*South Africa*)  
Mariot Tembo (*Zambia*)  
Xavier Maramba Tawanda (*Zimbabwe*)

### **SECOND YEARS**

Chifundo Nkhoma (*Malawi*)  
Moffat Phiri (*Zambia*)  
Steven Banda (*Zambia*)  
Steven Chinsolo (*Malawi*)

### **FORMATORS**

Angel Mansoa  
Antonio Pisco  
Patrick Bwalya  
Norbert Mwila (*Not in picture*)



**COMMUNITY HARMONY**

## ON-GOING PROJECTS IN MALAWI

### Zomba Catholic Secondary School



A hostel for 80 students funded by the Beit Trust. Due for completion by the end of April



Extending the Dining Hall will ensure that all diners fit into a single room

To ease congestion still further, the school is currently replacing old beds with double-decker bunks. The School PTA is assisting with the construction of a perimeter wall. Fourteen sections have already been completed. Only another one-and-a-half kilometres to go!



Three sections of the wall can be seen here

### Marist Farm Mtendere – Maize and Burley tobacco crops!



ALLIANCE ONE has donated 4000 trees as part of their programme to encourage afforestation to their tobacco growers.



## CHAMPAGNAT HOUSE POSTULANTS



### STANDING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

1. Augustine Vambe (Malawi)
2. Oscar Kapito (Malawi)
3. Joseph Lazarus (Malawi)
4. Rufino Paulo (Mozambique)
5. Jimmy Soko (Malawi)
6. Antonio Armando (Mozambique)
7. Benson S. Chaula (Malawi)
8. Blessed Vambe (Zimbabwe)
9. Patrick Rodrick (Malawi)

### SEATED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

9. Geronimo Raimundo (Mozambique)
10. Mugove V. Chibengwa (Zimbabwe)
11. Lazarus Jailosi (Malawi)
12. Matthias Chiwaya (Malawi)
13. Golden Tati (Zambia)
14. Aubrey Chimangeni (Malawi).



- For **PEACE** in the world especially in **SYRIA, CENTRAL AFRICA, SOUTH SUDAN** and **NIGERIA**.
- For all those in **Formation – POSTULANCY, NOVITIATE & MIC** not forgetting their **FORMATORS!**
- For our **deceased Brothers, family members, and associates; and for those recently bereaved, e.g. Br Deodato Magomero and Br Raphael Kenneth Time.**

## SOUTH AFRICA



SHARING OUR CALL - Workshop on Marist school ethos organised by Sacred Heart College  
7 – 9 March 33 Marist educators from 5 schools

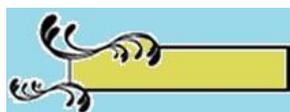


**"An imbalance results ... when we speak more about law than about grace, more about the Church than about Christ, more about the Pope than about God's word."** Pope Francis *Evangelii Gaudium* #38

**"The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak."** Pope Francis *Evangelii Gaudium* #47

**"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."** Nelson Mandela (1918-2014)

**"Try and fail, but don't fail to try."** Stephen Kaggwa (Ugandan-born immigrant to the USA who runs a Ugandan-style restaurant in Minneapolis)

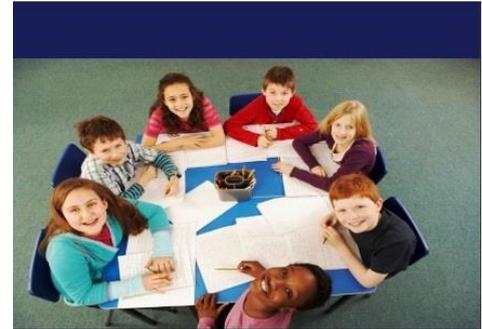


## TWO PUBLICATIONS by PATRICK BUSHILYA fms



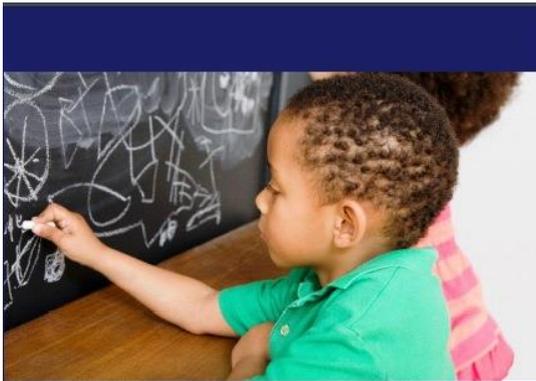
Patrick KASABA BUSHILYA

Graduate from: Copperbelt Educ College, (Dip Educ & Maths) 1993; Marist International University College, (BA Education & Religious Studies) 2000; Phoenix College, (Certificates-Computer Science) 2000; University of Manchester, (MA Educ Leadshp & School Improvement) 2011. He has also authored: Case Study: An evaluation research on Educ Lead Prep.



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Case Study: An evaluation research on Educational Leadership Preparation in Zambia



Patrick KASABA BUSHILYA

Some Complexities in Education

In this book, the author lists: Initial teacher training; Capacity building workshops; Management workshops; Continuous Professional Development-CPD; National In-Service Training College (NISTCOL) training programs; and Planning workshops at District and Provincial levels as prevailing methods of leadership preparation. It observes that educational leadership preparation in Zambia has depended mainly on initial teacher training which has not been enough. Being the case, the study presents primarily formal training as a requirement and further proposes Mentoring, Coaching, Shadowing/Internship, and Networking as alternative avenues for educational leadership preparation to go side by side with existing measures as well as the intended formal preparation. The book offers recommendations for stakeholders in the preparation of educational leaders and recommends that the Ministry of Education and related institutions support formal training programs to enhance educational delivery.

The book centres on Delegation of duties, power and authority; struggles that surround the shift from teacher-centred to child-centred pedagogies; Existence of Gender Divide in some schools, and Mushrooming of educational policies. Pros and cons are explored and suggestions given on how well to deal with these complexities. It shows that some schools are faced with comprehensive changes in curriculum, restructuring and size. Explored in this regard are the various aspects of delegation such as fears and challenges, benefits of delegation and the involvement of teaching staff, the community in which the school is and pupils. Segregated Pupil selection, Teenage pregnancy; and Single-sex schools are presented as avenues around which gender is used as a facade to employ gender differentiation between boys and girls, men and women, ladies and gentlemen; with one gender taking advantage of the other.





## Special Patrons of the Brotherhood

### ST. DIDACUS OF ALCALÁ

1400-1463 (Feast: November 7). Didacus, a Spanish Observant Franciscan friar, was canonized by Pope Sixtus V in 1588 and is considered the Patron of Franciscan Brothers. He was sent as a missionary to the Canary Islands in 1442, and was named superior of Fortaventura. He converted many Muslims by his preaching and example and especially by his care for the sick. He was sent to Rome in 1450 where he worked himself to exhaustion to help his brother friars during an epidemic. He was reported to have miraculously cured many of the sick. He then returned to Spain and spent the rest of his life in contemplation at Alcalá

## Something to think about

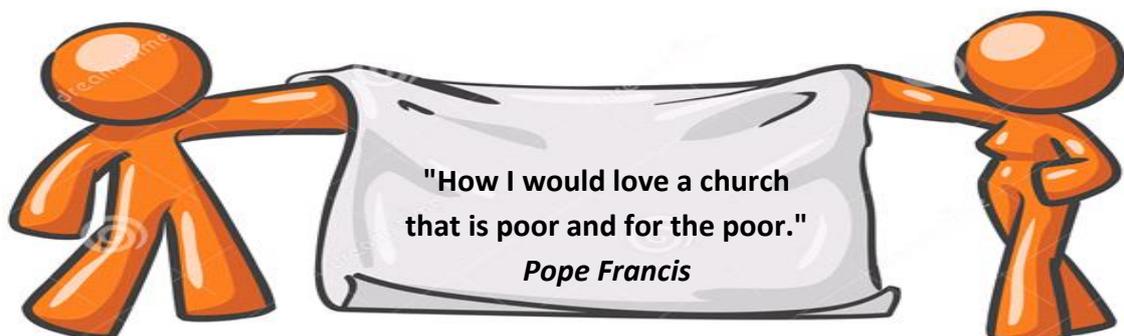
### THE MONK'S VISION (Lawrence Le Shan)

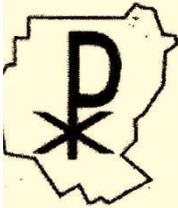
An old monk prayed for many years for a vision from God to strengthen his faith, but it never came. He had almost given up hope when, one day, a vision appeared. The old monk was overjoyed. But then, right in the middle of the vision, the monastery bell rang. The ringing of the bell meant it was time to feed the poor who gathered daily at the monastery gate. And it was the old monk's turn to feed them. If he failed to show up with food, the poor people would leave quietly, thinking the monastery had nothing to give them that day.



The old monk was torn between his earthly duty and his heavenly vision. However before the bell stopped tolling, the monk had made his decision. With a heavy heart, he turned his back on the vision and went off to feed the poor. Nearly an hour later, the old monk returned to his cell. When he opened the door, he could hardly believe his eyes. There in the room was the vision waiting for him. As the monk dropped to his knees in thanksgiving, the vision said to him, "My son, had you not gone off to feel the poor, I would not have stayed."

The best way to serve God is to reach out in service to our brothers and sisters, especially those less gifted than ourselves.





# SCBC - SSS

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4th February 2014

## **URGENT APPEAL from the Catholic Bishops of South Sudan for Pastoral Agents**

*"During the night, Paul had a vision. A Macedonian stood before him and implored him with these words: 'Come over to Macedonia and help us'." (Acts: ch. 16, v.9)*

Greetings of peace to you. We, the Bishops of South Sudan, gathered in conference in Juba are moved to write to you about the urgent needs in the Dioceses of South Sudan.

We are saddened by the violent conflict that erupted in Juba, the capital of our young country of South Sudan, on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2013. The violence spread rapidly through some parts of South Sudan, setting back the course of development in this young nation. During this emergency meeting of our Catholic Bishops, we looked firstly at the root causes of the conflict and why it has spread so rapidly to some regions of our country. The most affected areas are in the Diocese of Malakal which covers three States: Upper Nile, Jonglei and Unity State.

The pastoral resources of the Church in this Diocese are sparse: much of the Diocese of Malakal is not evangelized. Just as St Paul had a vision of the Macedonian people imploring him to come and help them, so we are moved to seek the services of more priests, sisters and brothers to carry out evangelization and peace building. We are appealing to you, the various leaders of religious congregations and institutes, to consider seriously coming to our dioceses, particularly the Diocese of Malakal, to help us build Christian communities.

No doubt the conditions will be challenging and difficult in the rural areas, but we need zealous missionaries who can undertake primary evangelization. The increased presence of the Church among the pastoralist communities would help provide development and stability.

We pray for a positive response to our Appeal. Direct contact with the Ordinaries of our Dioceses can be arranged, or further information can be obtained, by contacting Father Charles Abbud, Secretary of the South Sudan Bishops' Secretariat ([fr.abbud@gmail.com](mailto:fr.abbud@gmail.com)). If your own congregation is unable to assist directly, we ask that you forward this appeal to any other congregation who may be able to assist us.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

*Signatures of all the Bishops & Administrators in  
Sudan & South Sudan*

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