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lulation and jovial faces flooded the scene on the 2nd of April, 2014 at Marist International University College. A new course was officially launched and accepted into the college adding up to the existing programmes. This signifies the growth the College is currently enjoying in a number of areas since its foundation.

On that day, MIUC was honoured to welcome the Deputy Governor of Nairobi County, His Excellence Jonathan Mueke, who was the chief guest. Before officially opening the Bachelor of Business Management (BBM) programme, he gave a remarkable and inspiring speech appreciating the contribution the University College is making to the Kenyan government by producing productive and disciplined graduates. He further said that Kenya needs people of good moral standards to make a difference in the country and encouraged the Marist College Community to keep up the indefatigable working spirit. The Deputy Governor encouraged the students to think of not only being employed but also to learn how to create jobs in the society.

Two alumni of MIUC were also present on that beautiful ceremony. They heartily appreciated the great impression Marist had left on them and both had fond memories of their lecturers who always gave their best in their work. "Marist really gave me another chance in my education," said Patricia (Alumnus), alluding to her humble beginning as a Diploma student and currently doing her Masters programme at CUEA.

The Principal of MIUC, Br Joseph Udeajah could hardly hide his joy throughout the ceremony. He thanked God for making this dream come true and emphasized that the goal of the centre is to make it an institute of excellence in all aspects of life. Marist as it is known provides its learners with a holistic kind of education as the motto goes, "YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

The ceremony ended with a mini-lunch that was well patronized by Marist students who had come to witness the launching of the BBM programme.

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BR OGWUEGBU JUDE
MARY
NIGERIAN



BR DUNIA SAMUEL
CONGOLESE



BR UWEZEYIMANA JEAN BOSCO
RWANDESE



BR ABUTU EDWIN
NIGERIAN



BR BANDA PATRICK
MALAWIAN



BR DIEUDONNE' BYENDA
RWANDESE



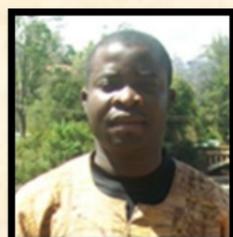
BR ERIC KRAMO
GHANAIAN



BR ACHALI FREDRICK
KENYAN



BR KYANGA AUGUSTIN
CONGOLESE



BR OKUTACHI MICHAEL
NIGERIAN



BR FERNANDO BAPTISTA
MOZAMBICAN



BR MWANSA CHRISANTIUS
ZAMBIAN



BR MPATSWE PIERRE
RWANDESE



BR
NOVELE VASCO



BR MULAILA EDOUARD
CONGOLESE



BR MBAMERA MOFFAT
MALAWIAN



BR LOURENÇO SAPALO
MOZAMBICAN



BR NWODO ELIAS
NIGERIAN



BR ANGELO ATIBO
MOZAMBICAN



BR PALUKU ADOLPHE
CONGOLESE



BR SHIBWENGO WILLIAM
ZAMBIAN



BR RAHAJANIRINA
PATRICE
MALAGASY



BR ANTHONY OCHEME
NIGERIAN



BR MBAO RAYMOND
ZAMBIAN



BR UYANG MOSES
NIGERIAN



BR KANDUMBU OCTAVIANO
ANGOLAN



BR RAMA MODESTE
MALAGASY



To the 'Senior 'Catechists' By Bro. Cyprian Gandebo

My dear 4th Year Brothers, it is evident that with the onset of the teaching practice, your hour has come. Hence, whether you like it or not you must go and contribute to the Marist mission in Africa. It has been a nice time being together, sharing your life and especially your contributions to the MIC Community. I want to believe that you had a wonderful time at MIC. I guess that you have not only passed through MIC but also allowed MIC to pass through you. You are now full-fledged Marist apostles, full of zeal and ready to work with the youth wherever you will be sent for mission including the Ad Gentes project in Asia. On my behalf and of the entire formation team, I congratulate you. Thank you for who and what you have been in this Community and MIUC.

Like Paul and John said at the temple gate "I have neither gold nor silver to give you" so do I, as you conclude your Scholasticate programme. However, I give you what our Founder gave the Brothers at his last hours. In other words, at this special moment that you prepare to go back to your various Administrative Units, I wish to remind you of some of the most ardent desires of St. Marcellin Joseph Benedict Champagnat regarding his expectations of the Little Brothers of Mary (Marist Brothers of the Schools). The reminder concerns the value and emphasis which the Founder put on the Constitutions, Prayer life and the Eucharist in the life of the Brothers as consecrated persons.

As Marist Brothers, we look upon our Constitutions as the Gospel interpreted for us and as a sure guide in accomplishing God's will. They are a matter of obligation since by our religious profession we have pledged ourselves to live them. For this reason, I urge you to read them on a regular basis and in a spirit of prayer. I also encourage you to live by them with a deep sense of inner freedom, docile to the Lord.

Remember my dear friends, that Prayer for us is an absolute necessity. Prayer in our constitutions, is being present to, and communing with God who becomes more real to us as we show concern for others. Jesus shows us that in prayer we listen to God and respond to Him. Mary is also a model of Prayer for us. She listened to the Word of God and put it into practice. Let us persevere and be men of prayer.

Brothers, be reminded also that the heart of our consecration is the Eucharist. In it the community finds its union strengthened, and from it, the community draws its dynamism. I ask of God, therefore, and I desire that you be constantly faithful to the devout practice of the presence of God, which is the soul of prayer, of meditation, and of all the virtues; that humility and simplicity may ever be your distinguishing mark (Spiritual testament). You have finished MIUC, yes! With Secular degrees, yes! But remember you are Brothers before you obtained those degrees. Do not be too boastful of your degrees! They are mere papers! My dear friends, boast rather with the Religious Brother that you are! Boast rather with the Christian principles that you acquired; Boast rather with the formation and values that you have received. I dare you to prove that you have done some formation courses in the way you respond to live issues in your community and in your areas of apostolate.

Dear Brothers, let me remind you what Champagnat told the first Brothers; "love your vocation, be faithful and steadfast to the end. Remain true to the spirit of poverty and detachment, and let the daily observance of your Holy Rule preserve you from ever violating the sacred vow by which you are bound to the fairest of all the virtues, and the frailest." I remind you also, Brothers, that there are difficulties in leading the life of a good Religious, but grace sweetens all their bitterness.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the imparting of the Holy Spirit be with you always. I leave you trustfully in the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, until we all meet again one day, someday, somewhere. I wish you all God's blessings in your future apostolate.

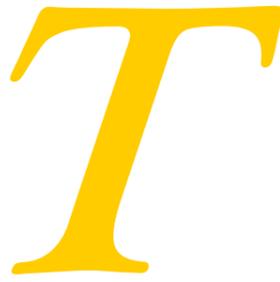
My dear friends let me also take the opportunity to wish you Good luck in your last semester examinations at MIUC and may God bless. As you prepare to embark on teaching practice, I want to wish you a fruitful experience with the young people of Mbita and its environs. Dear friends, welcome with enthusiasm the hard 'ugali' served with 'sukumawiki' and fish that will be provided in your various schools.

Finally, tell your children that Jesus, Mary, and Champagnat love them.



SEND OFF PARTY

By: Bro. Daka



The Marist world is once again blessed this year 2014, with the newly formed catechists who are ready to serve and keep the dream of St. Marcellin vibrant. The baking process of these Brothers that commenced in 2010 has now come to an end. Indeed, the formation team has finally date-stamped the credibility and potentiality of these newly formed Catechists.

In thanks giving to God, MIC Community prepared a send-off party to celebrate the life and gifts of these Brothers. Prior to the actual celebration, a special prayer of thanks giving was conducted by one of the fourth year Brothers surrendering their lives and apostolate in the hands of God and Mary our Good Mother to watch over them.

MIC Superior, Brother Lawrence Ndawala in a nutshell expressed his words of gratitude to the fourth year Brothers and implored them to always keep their hearts and ears open to daily events for God manifests Himself through them. In his final remarks, he noted that we learn throughout our life and beckoned these young “Champagnats” to remain open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Brother Joseph, the Principal did not hesitate to encourage these new catechists to keep their heads high and continue making the dream of St Marcellin burning all over the world. The Community being aware that prayer is an indispensable tool to our Religious consecration gave an Office Book to each of the fourth year Brothers. The celebration ended with several presentations and entertainments that added to the sense of our Religious commitment as Brothers of one family.

To my dear Fourth year Brothers, remember that to whom much is given, much is also expected. MIC has transformed you both in Spiritual matters and in Academic fields thus this knowledge should help you to brush off ignorance in the minds of little Souls entrusted into your care. May Mary intercede for you always in your apostolate. Thank you.



MARY MOTHER OF GOD, WATCH OVER US!!!



KAREN INTER- UNIVERSITY STUDENTS UNION TOURNAMENT**By: Brother Obinna Osuagwu.**

Today sport is taking on an increasingly large role in popular culture internationally. It is the world's strongest unifying instrument that has proved itself as an innovative technique of apostolate. Sport in its connotative nature has taken up the values of love, no wonder sports men and women always exhibit great sense of love.

Karen Inter-University tournament held recently never failed to put into practice these attributes of sports. The distances among Universities, Academies and High schools were broken and their bounds consolidated.

The participants of the tournament had opportunities to discover new skills and abilities which lead to joy and confidence on and off the playing fields.

The following were the participating teams in the tournament: Marist International University College, Kenya National Talent Academy, African Nazarene University, Strathmore University, Kenya Medical Training College, Tangaza University College, Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Don Bosco Town Campus, Bayern AFC, Presbyterian University of East Africa, Kuwinda United, Hekima College, Iron Stickers Football Team and Spring pasture Secondary School.

At the end of the tournament this is how the teams faired; in Football, National Youth Talent academy won 2 goals to nil (2-0) against Marist International University College, Volleyball men, Strathmore won and Marist International University College came second, Volleyball ladies, Kenyan National Talent Academy emerged first while Marist International University College came second, Basketball ladies, African Nazarene took first position and Marist International University College second position.

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From the look of the results, Marist International University College did well. Thanks to Marist teams and their technical crew for making us proud.



LONG JOURNEY OF SALVIFIC MYSTERY

By: Bro. Angelo.

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Prayer, meditation and the spirit of togetherness marked the beginning of Lenten period at Marist International Centre (MIC). Ash Wednesday reminded the Catholic believers about the mysterious journey witnessed by the Israelites on their way to the Promised Land. The ash that decorated the foreheads of the Marist Community family, called for repentance, forgiveness and almsgiving.

Lent, according to Pope Benedict the XVI, is a period of crisis for Catholics who are in deep search of their identity. The forty days that are related with the time when Jesus was tempted by Satan in the desert are just an imagery to show the cost of our liberation.

Sister Eunice Kamau, who gave the reflection on Ash Wednesday at MIUC to mark the beginning of the long journey of the salvific mystery, said that Lent is an opportunity for every Catholic to slow down and appreciate the works of creation. The breaking down reminds us profoundly of our earthly mission which is to serve the creator above all things. Lenten season also urges us to recall our trodden memories to live responsibly our baptismal commitment.

The Superior of MIC, Bro. Lawrence Ndawala in his opening Prayer at the Assembly Ground invited the praying community to be sensitive to the needs of the neighbours. It is unfortunate that the world has stopped listening to the voice of God that is found in the scriptures, and replaced it with mundane immediate satisfactions like money, power hunger, academic achievements, assertion of expensive gadgets, etc. It is high time that every believer of the only Son of the Immaculate Mary amend her/his life. If we still believe that Jesus suffered and died for us, then why should the clergy and religious societies be among the high class material owners?

Jesus Christ taught his disciples not only by preaching the good news but also by living what He solely preached. The forty day's journey is a symbol of perfection according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The temptations associated with the sufferings of Jesus represent our own ways of life such as greedy, impurity, envy, immorality and exploitation of others. Furthermore, the Church emphasises the conversion of heart, forgiveness, prudence, reconciliation and sharing of goods during this time, as it reveals the salvific mystery of which we are called to witness till the last breath just like Jesus who accepted death on the humiliating tree.



HOSANA! HOSANA! HOSANA!!



WE ADORE YOU O CHRIST AND WE BLESS YOU
BECAUSE BY YOUR CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD

HE HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD By: Bro. Jariosse

From far back in the Chapel pew I sat, as I witnessed the Easter Vigil Mass at Marist International Centre (MIC). The sweet melodic voices of the jubilant crowd of the faithful gathered on that day shook the strongly well built Chapel as we sang in praise for the Risen Lord: "Alleluia! He has risen from the dead." Indeed, it has been long ever since we stopped singing Alleluia, simply because we had to walk side by side with the suffering Messiah, now risen. It took us forty days and forty nights, that is, a period of intense prayer, almsgiving and fasting which included the fasting of the word Alleluia itself.

The Easter Vigil at MIC set off with heavy rains which made the organized procession impossible. Those who took charge of the Peter's fire ran away as fast as their legs could carry them with the fire in the wheelbarrow from where the procession was supposed to commence to the vicinities of the Chapel.

It all started in a cloud of darkness followed by a luminous light of the Easter Candle light which was shared equally among the faithful, regardless of the size of the candle each came with.

The MIC chaplain, Fr Thomas Kambere, during the celebration of the mass invited the assembly to rejoice with the Risen Lord who victoriously triumphed over the desert temptations commonly known as the three P's that is Power, Pleasure and Possession so as to liberate us from the slavery of sin.

The three hours mass which centered on the theme of Light was colourfully animated by the Community choir in English, French and Portuguese as well as in some languages from Africa where the Brothers are present. Imbued with the Spirit of the Risen Christ, we gladly sang and danced to the end of the celebration.

At around 11 am, the following morning during Easter Sunday mass, we got the Good News from those who went earlier to the tomb of Christ (the women of Jerusalem) that indeed, He was risen. Some men went with them in order to testify the truth and for this reason, during mass you could see the vacated seats in the chapel, but later after mass when we met they confirmed that indeed the Lord has risen from the dead.



NATIONAL YOUTH MASS By: Bro. Mfurayase Jean

The Catholic youth in Kenya annually hold a youth mass. This year, it was held at the National Youth Centre at Mji Wa Furaha on 9 March, 2014. The purpose of the Mass was to launch the Lenten Message from the Holy Father Pope Francis entitled "Blessed are the Poor in Spirit" (Mat 5: 3.)

The preparation to this event started on 8th January, 2014. Different Dioceses were assigned various tasks to perform. For instance, Ngong Diocese where some of the Marist Brothers do their apostolate was assigned to handle the liturgy.

The Mass started at 10:15 am with a beautiful procession of choir, dancers, priests and His Lordship Rt. Rev. Bishop John Oballa Owaa of Ngong Diocese. Present on that day were different Religious Congregations of Priests, Brothers and Sisters who took the opportunity to promote Vocations. The liturgy was colourfully animated by the youth of Ngong Zone in collaboration with MIC band (Marist International Centre Band).

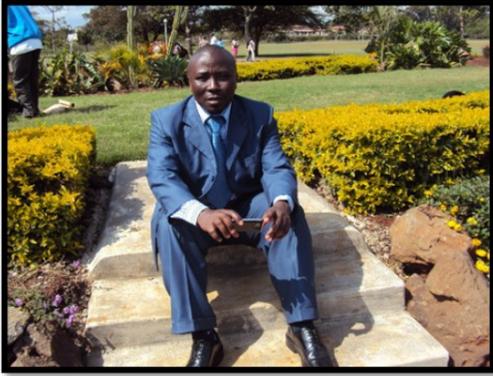
In his homily, the Bishop emphasized on the role of the youth in building a better society and the future Church. He further encouraged them to remain strong in their faith and to imitate Christ other than following misleading behaviours of other people.

At the end of the mass, there was commissioning of new officials who were elected at the National level and the celebration ended with Benediction from the Bishop



Self administered interview

By: Bro. Paluku Adolphe



A: *Would you like to share your feelings with us as you are almost completing MIC?*

P: I always like to quote my Novice Master who used to tell us that the end of every stage marks the beginning of another. My feelings are mixed. I am excited to have completed the program and I am in a kind of anxiety of the unknown though I am prepared for the mission ahead.

A: *What has been your experience for the past four years in MIC?*

P: MIC has shaped me as a human, as a Christian and as a Religious. I have come to appreciate the sense of internationality which is the character of MIC though with challenges. MIC has contributed to my growth.

A: *You talked of challenges; can you point out some of these challenges?*

P: We always cite our constitutions as saying that “we are different yet complementary.” However understanding this difference has been a challenge in it self. We tend to think that every body must think as we do.

A: *Nowadays MIC is tagged as not providing proper formation to young brothers, are you of this opinion?*

P: You did well of calling this, opinion. Everybody is free to express his/her opinion. Honestly speaking the assessment is wrong. For me, formation is a personal business and one can choose to grab it or not. I think we must look for a problem elsewhere and not blame MIC formation.

A: *Now that you are finishing, what are your plans for the future?*

P: Though I may believe that the future is not our own, I think also that a proper plan is to be taken. MIC has empowered me with plenty skills, mine is now to put these into practice for my good and that of our Brothers and sisters. I am ready to face any challenge ahead of me.

A: *What is your understanding of education?*

P: Education is a process of becoming who we ought to be. As human beings we are meant to live together, to reason, to contribute to the development of mother earth and to be caring.

A: *What is your perception of MIC in the years to come?*

P: We are believers and from this perspective MIC will continue to vibrate. Of course we are going to see that it continues to vibrate. We are going to promote vacation passionately.

Good Shepherd Sisters of Chipata Zambia in the persons of Srs. Stephania Mpande Mutale, Theresa Andrew Phiri and Maureen Chibwe Ng'andwe passed through MIC on their way to Israel- the Holy Land. Staying with them was a blessing. Through Bro. Dominic, the MIC Digest Correspondence, this is what they shared.

What is your Mission in the Holy Land?

We are going there for Spiritual renewal which was to last for three months but since the process of getting the Visas was delayed due to unforeseen circumstances at the Israel's Embassy, we shall spend only two months. Our flight shall be on 11th of April, 2014 in the afternoon.

How has been your stay at MIC?

Our stay has been excellent, although we did not expect that we would stay this long. We are happy that Brothers accommodated us up to this far. We have enjoyed the beautiful greetings, smiles and jokes. These gestures have enabled us to feel at home with the Brothers.

How do you feel about the delayed processing of your Visas?

It has not been easy waiting. The processing of the Visas delayed due to the strike at the Israel's Embassy and this brought a lot of anxieties since we were very uncertain of what would be next and the worst would have been going back to Zambia after waiting in vain for so long. Fortunately, of late things have started brightening up, the hopes are back and now we are able to say that this coming Friday our journey to the Holy Land will be realized. It has been a moment of growth in the areas of Patience, Obedience and Perseverance.

What has been the reaction of your Superiors and fellow Sisters back at home?

The Mother General and fellow Sisters back at home, have been of great help because of their words of encouragement and prayers.

What else would you like to say?

The experience has taught us not to give up when things are too hard.

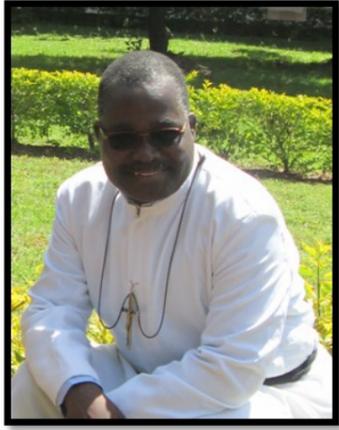
As we are about to go, although late, we are prepared to get whatever shall be offered in the course there in Israel since we believe that a morsel of food is better than nothing.

We are very grateful to the Marist Brothers of MIC for their hospitality. Though too busy with their daily activities, they always found time to interact with us.

Lastly, we would like to thank God and to praise Him for the Mystery that he has done for us.

Twatotela Mukwai (Thank you very much)





AN INTERVIEW WITH BROTHER LAWRENCE LUCIUS NDAWALA, FMS, SUPERIOR OF MIC

By: Bros Dominic and Daka (MIC Newsletter Correspondence)

Brother Lawrence Ndawala's first term of office as superior in MIC is almost coming to an end by July this year 2014. The MIC Newsletter Commission decided to interview the superior to have a glimpse of how his three years of office have been like. Before the interview, he warmly welcomed us and assured us that he had been looking forward to this moment and finally he was happy that it had come.

Brother, what dreams or expectations did you set to achieve when you started as MIC Superior in 2011?

I had no dreams. However, having an experience of the humble beginnings of MIC as one of the pioneer students and also having served as Provincial for six years, I thought it was time to contribute something to MIC. I thank the province that sent me here as one of its contributions to MIC.

How does MIC today differ from MIC of those early days?

There are differences though it's not a question of comparison of MIC of those days and today's. Those were times then and today are different times. The beginnings were very tough for both young Brothers and Formators. For instance, a lot had to be clarified concerning MIC as a formation centre and this demanded patience on the part of the young Brothers. English for some Formators was a hurdle though the centre was supposed to be bilingual. My pride in all this is that we made MIC start.

Today MIC has its own challenges in its context. One thing we should not forget is that MIC was founded because it was meant for Africa, to develop Africa, to form Brothers for Africa and MIC is the future of Marist Africa. I feel certain that nothing should take us away from this vision.

What have been your happiest moments at MIC?

One of my happiest moments at MIC is to see young Brothers who come and go happily that they have got something at MIC. When I hear the Brothers leaving MIC expressing their gratitude and conviction that now they are ready for mission I feel proud to imagine that indeed we have achieved what the Brothers initially meant MIC to be.

However the physiognomy of the community is very unique. It is very international. MIC is composed of varied cultural backgrounds. This is a treasure for an institute like ours but at a cost. Our internationality is not the same with some congregations. I would stress this that nothing, nothing and nothing should replace our brotherhood. How I wish Brothers could discover this great treasure.

What message do you have to the fourth year Brothers as they prepare for teaching practice?

To the fourth year Brothers, my message is really one. I hope that when they go they have got something for themselves that which the Institute and MIC intended to give them. Since MIC offers a lot, nobody can get everything. It is not possible but there is always something that each one gets from here. Let them take something from the varieties available at MIC that would be helpful for them in their own mission. I just wish them the best in their future mission.

Workshops have been part and parcel of formation programme at MIC, what is the secret behind?

Workshops are an integral part of the formation programme. The fruits may not be seen now but later in the Administrative Units Brothers will meet with real life situations, then they will remember what they did. I would like to encourage the Brothers to take advantage of the workshops offered them here and now for these are their chances, windows opened and that they need not to miss them.

Brother, you have always encouraged Brothers to freely mingle with everybody, what value do you see in that?

This is the one of the unique treasures that we have at MIC to enable one to mix and interact without borders. However, it is just normal with us as human beings. The tendency is to remain with what we know, and with people we know. From my experience, moving out of my country to various places, there is so much of exposure that I experienced.

The mind becomes free and some of the beliefs that we carry along are mere myths. Eventually we realise the truth that we can actually work anywhere and with anybody. The best is to break that and discover new and deeper relations. Look at today's world which has now become a global village. How I wish my Brothers were to understand that it is necessary to mix with others to our own advantage.

What dreams, wishes, or challenges do you foresee as far as your position of Superior is concerned?

The ministry of a superior has its own challenges. It demands patience and courage to move on. You can get easily isolated. It takes intuitive minds to detect this. The office of the Superior can be demanding as well especially when it comes to deadlines that make one work beyond the normal times. The only thing may be is the ingenuity to know that I can work up to this end then I have my rest.

Any general comments to the Brothers and to the Marist World?

Something that I find a bit difficult is when you speak of Brother. What do we mean really? I was born in a big family and for that matter, a loving family. I know some of us haven't lived that experience. For some people, the word Brother means profession. We are professionals and most of the things go philosophical.

To me being a Brother is just simple, you become a heart for your Brother. Now to become a heart of a Brother does not mean that he has no heart but you find that your heart is altruism where you say, whatever concerns him, I should be near him and make him feel I am here, in whatever circumstance. That is my one and only desire in a community like this and to the Marist World. That's the fire I have within me.

What is your opinion as far as formation of the Young Brothers is concerned?

Now formation is much more integrated and adapted to our specific needs as Provinces. There is beautiful formation here and the one who leaves this place and say, 'I wasted my time', I would hesitate to accept that.

Thank You.

MINHA EXPERIÊNCIA By: Ir. Fernando Baptista

Dias, palavras, histórias vividas
Lembranças de um tempo que não vai voltar
Sempre em busca da Terra Prometida
Na esperança de tudo se realizar
Esta é a minha experiência.

Ainda me lembro do meu primeiro dia
Sem ter escolha, sentei numa mesa
Onde as conversas foram administrativas
Sem pensar no que fazer ou no que falar.
Foi a primeira pedra lançada no MIC
Esta é a minha experiência.

Eu sei que foi graças a Deus
que vivi até ao fim esta batalha.
Deixando para trás a indiferença daqueles
Para quem nada existe de positivo.
Sei, contudo, que nada é para sempre
Mas intensa foi a minha história:
Ao longo do tempo, muita coisa aconteceu,
alguns amigos partiram ao longo da jornada.

Novas amizades emergiram ao longo do caminho.
Esta é a minha experiência abençoada
Ao longo destes anos quenianos e nairóbinos.
Ser melhor foi o meu desejo aqui e agora, sempre
Sem querer ser igual aos que se dizem grandes
enfrentei as batalhas que me fizeram crescer;
Viver o inesperado, foi no lento rodar dos meus dias
A descoberta do tesouro escondido.

Eu descobri que pouco sei, mas aberto ao saber
Foi descobrir a vida e melhor viver:
Seguindo o sonho de São Marcelino
fui ao encontro dos jovens marginalizados
Partilhei a vida na fraternidade
Senti-me membro de Lavalla e da comunidade;
Ganhei prémios nas competições
entres as fraternidades... e os dias passaram.

Meu carácter me ajudou a viver
a diversidade de culturas com todos irmãos.
Ciências religiosas e seminários ajudaram-me
a ser um apóstolo de crianças desfavorecidas.

A confiança no meu superior ajudou-me
a descobrir as minhas fraquezas e forças.
O meu envolvimento no MIUC abriu a porta
E descobri em mim mesmo muitos talentos.
Dom de Deus e conquista do homem.
Esta é a minha experiência.



THE SONG OF LIFE By: Bro. Patrick Banda

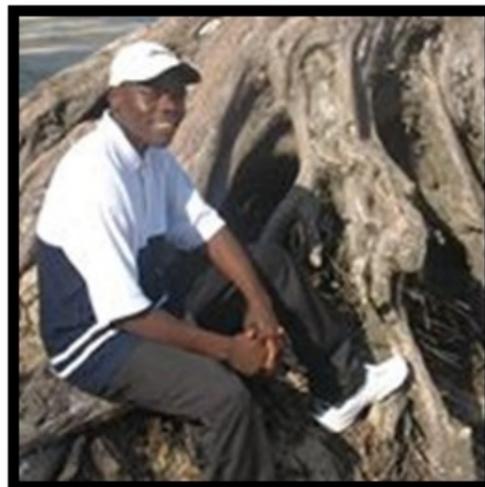
My dear friend
The dancer you are
You are the listener
Yours are the listening skills
Yours eyes tightly close
Ears allow to be widely open

High does fly my comrade
He who hears the song of life
Eardrums painfully vibrate
Contentment painful vibration harvest
I know you want joy to harvest
The song of life keenly must you to listen

Mine is trust and hope friend
Indeed that you will bend
Bend to the song of life
I wish I were a musician
To sing this song to you
But mine is just joy
A joy provoked by the conviction
That many are the musicians around

Lend me yours ears my comrade
Hear my whisper
For songs, musicians are the authorities
Friend, the paw-paw tree stands
Indeed rigid when the west wind blows
You tell me, what happens to it?
It isn't an earth-shattering
Surely that permanently it alters
Its vertical position to horizontally styled
Comrade, listen to my louder whisper song
For ripe enough you are to be introduced
To the reed who in harsh flooded river life
Soft melodies of life chants
For yours example my friend

Sell me yours eardrums comrade
The reed bends painfully glad
Flooded river life violently runs
Erect it stands and life continues
Just to jog your memory my friend
The rigid paw-paw tree ceased to be
Yours is the choice my comrade
For you aren't green but yellow
To the song of life listen



HOW PRECIOUS IS JESUS

By: Bro. Jean Baptiste Rakotomahefa

O my Jesus, how wonderful you are

When I am hungry, you fill my stomach

O my Jesus, how precious you are

When I am dry, you fill my cup.

O my Jesus, how great you are

When I am weak, you give me strength

O my Jesus, how wonderful you are

When I fall down, you pick me up.

O my Jesus, how lovely you are

When I fall into sin, you give me time to confess

O my Jesus, how merciful you are

When I ask of your pardon, you wipe all my weaknesses

O my Father Jesus, how gentle you are

No one regrets to call you their Saviour

O my Jesus, I praise you day and night

Every minute, moment for you have been so generous

O my Jesus, It is your face that I seek

Your strength that makes me strong

Your body that fills my Spirit

Your blood that washes my dirty.

O my Jesus let me show your love

To my Sisters and Brothers, love

O my Jesus teach me wisdom

Therefore, I shall not be thrown away from your kingdom

**The Fruits of Our Hands**

By: Kone Bruno

Gardening is one of the formative activities carried out by the Brothers at MIC. The vision of the Garden commission is to provide the kitchen and the fraternities with the fruits of our own hands. In the planting season of 2013-2014, the commission is made up of twelve Brothers, two from each of the six Fraternities under the guidance of Brothers Gisamonyo (mwalimu) and Bwanali.

Guided by the principle of St. Paul in 2 Thess.3: 11-13, *“Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else’s. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat. My Brothers, never grow tired of doing what is right”*, the garden commission has now awakened from slumber just like the Risen Lord during Easter time. Last year the members of the commission planned to provide something tangible to the Community. At the moment the commission has achieved some of its goals in producing vegetables such as tomatoes, Chinese-cabbage, spinach and maize. This will not only reduce the expenses the community incurs but also will help in equipping the brothers with farming skills and knowledge.



Human Desires: the cause of our Discontentment

Br. Cyprian Gandebo, fms

One of the ideals of Fr Marcellin Champagnat is that his disciples should be happy and contented in the life they have voluntarily chosen. He told the Brothers, in his spiritual testament, to be faithful and contented in their vocation. Champagnat told them also to love and persevere in it. He reminded them, in particular, that there were challenges in being good religious but grace makes them all easy.

Unfortunately, there are many human beings who are always discontented and sad with their life. People who even dedicate their lives completely to the Lord are also unhappy where they are and what they do. Why is it like this? Why is it that we do not find joy and satisfaction in the work we do? It would seem that the majority of us are looking for happiness or contentment in external things-outside of ourselves. However, spiritual experts have often argued that contentment does not come from outside. Instead, happiness or joy come from within and are internally generated. This is affirmed by Bishop Fulton Sheen, when he said, that looking for happiness outside of oneself is the root to discontentment. Discontentment is described as the condition of being dissatisfied with one's life or situation. Its opposite is contentment which is a state being happy and satisfied. It is being satisfied with what you have rather than a fulfillment of what you want. To be contented is to realise in you how much you already have. Nevertheless, we are so very often caught up with ourselves to the extent that we fail to realise that when the door of happiness closes, a window of something else opens. Hence, it is important that we do not focus on the closed door because we might be missing the window that is opened for us.

A story is told of a little boy who wanted a marble when he had one; he wanted a ball when he had one; he wanted a kite when he had one; he wanted a toy when he had one. When he realised he had a marble, ball, kite, toy he was still, sad, unhappy and discontented. It is important to question why this little boy was still dissatisfied when in fact he had everything. He was looking for satisfaction outside of himself. How can we bring happiness to such a person? It is often a daunting task. As Fulton Sheen pointed out, trying to make a discontented person happy is like trying to fill a sieve with water. It is close to impossibility. However, some experts have attempted solutions by first of all finding out the causes of discontentment in human life. Fulton Sheen, one of the experts in spiritual discernment, has proposed four things that cause discontentment in human beings.

The first is Egotism or selfishness or self-centredness. This is a situation where human beings make the 'self' the centre of everything around which everyone else must revolve. Fulton Sheen describes it as "me, myself and I". The second cause of discontentment is Envy. Envy is described as an attitude which makes us regard possessions and talents of others as if they were stolen from us. It is described as the longing for something someone else has without any ill will intended toward that person. Envy is the emotion when you want a possession someone else has. Its intimate friend is Jealousy.

Jealousy is sometimes caused by melancholia and sadness and at times by a hatred of those who have what we wish for ourselves. It is an emotional fear that someone else might replace the affection or desire we have for someone or something.

Covetousness or greed, another cause of discontentment, is an inordinate desire to have more in order to compensate for the emptiness of our heart. Come to think of how we get attached to the mobile phone, cameras, radios, even some types of food, etc.

Just as contentment is not found outside of ourselves, contentment is also not found in exchange of places. It is not very uncommon with human beings to think that if we were from a different part of the world, or in different kind of job or vocation, we would be more contented or happier. There is also another story told of a conversation between a goldfish in a pond and a canary bird in a cage. The fish said, "I wish I could swing like that bird; I would like to be up there in the cage". The canary bird replied, "Oh! How nice, to be down there in that cool water where the fish is". Suddenly, a voice was heard: "You canary bird, go down into the water! And you gold fish go up into the cage". Immediately, they obliged. But, after they exchanged places, neither of them was happy still. We may be wondering why they were still unhappy after they had been given what they requested for. God had originally given to each of them a place according to their ability, one that is best suited for their own nature.

Does the story of the canary bird and gold fish say anything concerning our human desires and wants? Do we seem to be happy and contented in where we are and what we have? Are we contented as Marists, as Animators of a particular Fraternity, as members of a particular Fraternity, as an African? My dear friend, remember that God gives each one of us, a place, job or talents according to our ability and one that best suits our nature and how we can use it to add value to our Community and society.

How do you and I overcome the disease of discontentment? Three ways by which we can overcome discontentment in life and in what we do or have are as follows:

First of all, we should have faith in God and believe in what God has given to each one of us here and now. We should try to know the purpose of life and assure ourselves that whatever the challenges or trials, God is there and knows our condition and situation. God never tests us more than we can handle.

Secondly, we should develop a good conscience – not a scrupulous, doubtful, or weak conscience. It is said that if the inner self of you is unhappy surely nothing external can give you true happiness. If you belief in yourself and in what you do, surely you will find fulfillment and contentment in life.

Thirdly, contentment may be found in the mortification of our desires – i.e., what we over-love, we also over-grieve. Contentment enhances our enjoyment but it always diminishes our misery as well. When we detach ourselves from the things or persons we over-love, then we create room for contentment. It may cause us more grief when the things we over-love or indulge in are taken away or deprived from us.

Finally, we find solace, contentment and joy in the scripture. In the scriptures, we find encouragement on how to overcome discontentment so as find contentment (Philippians 4:11-12; Hebrews 13:5; 1Timothy 6:6-8; etc)

La Vénération du Sacré

By: Bro. Manirakiza Paulin

Dans la nature humaine il y a le respect fraternel qui a des racines très profondes. Il s'agit du mystère unique de tout être humain qui est la réalité la plus sacrée au monde, après Dieu-mystère par lequel tout individu n'est pas un objet, mais une personne. Par la passion et l'amour envers les autres, un père d'une famille décida de planter trois arbres dans son jardin. Il planta un arbre tout près du chemin là où un grand nombre de personnes passaient chaque jour. Il voulait voir toutes les personnes qui passeraient par là pour s'abriter du soleil et de la pluie. D'autres, en regardant la taille et le sommet de cet arbre seront capable de rendre gloire à Dieu. Parmi les deux autres, l'un était planté au bord de la rivière pour qu'un jour le Roi avec ses serviteurs puissent l'utiliser pour traverser; et l'autre au sommet d'une montagne pour procurer de la fraîcheur.

Après trente ans, personne n'avait satisfait à ses désirs. Il se dit « Il est bon de les abattre ». Alors, il les coupa en morceaux. Ils furent utilisés comme bois de chauffage, fabrication de petits objets, de planches et des mangeoires pour nourrir les animaux. Et d'autres des barques pour aider les gens à atteindre d'autres rives sans oublier ceux qui y passeront.

Un jour, on lui rappela qu'il y avait une femme qui était avec son mari, de passage vers un endroit inconnu. Elle avait mis au monde un enfant qu'elle avait couché dans une mangeoire ; et cet enfant était inconnu par les gens du milieu.

Les autres lui dirent que c'était la même personne qui dormait quand il traversait l'océan au moment où ses amis disciples étaient remplis de peur et criaient « Maître, nous allons mourir ! Ça ne te dit rien ? ». C'est alors qu'il dit d'une voix douce à la tempête « Calme-toi » et voilà que le vent, l'eau et la tempête lui obéissent. Et les gens se posaient la question « Qui est cet homme? », mais aucune réponse ne leur fut donnée.

Au cours de son voyage de six semaines, il vit des gens s'agenouiller devant une croix et il demanda: « Pourquoi devons-nous penser à la croix ? » Penser à la croix, c'est penser aux souffrances que Jésus a endurées pour l'humanité. Il a souffert cinq genres de blessures : une commotion cérébrale quand les ennemis le frappèrent à la tête ; des lacérations quand ils le flagellèrent avec de longues lanières de cuir terminées par des pointes de métal jusqu'à ce qu'il saigne des pieds à la tête ; une pénétration quand ils forcèrent cette couronne d'épines sur sa tête jusqu'aux sourcils ; une perforation quand ils percèrent de clous ses mains et ses pieds et une incision quand la lance pénétra dans son côté.

Pensons aux souffrances du Christ pour nous. Tout était fini, nous étions perdus, troublés, sans but ni avenir, mais par sa mort, Jésus nous a sauvés. Et maintenant, nous pouvons l'appeler « Seigneur », « Sauveur » car nous sommes sûrs du salut.

Oh !!! C'était mon Seigneur qu'on avait couché dans une mangeoire. C'est le Fils Unique de Dieu qui m'a aimé jusqu'à être crucifié sur une croix à cause de mes péchés, nos péchés.

Il est vivant! Gloire à notre Dieu! Il ne mourra plus!

The Australian Bird the Kookaburra BY: Denise Howard

Swould like to share with you a story about my Uncle Charles' empathy with the Australian bird the Kookaburra (of the Kingfisher family). I and other members of the Howard family feel that his spirit is with the Kookaburra. Charles was a great friend of Brother Kieran Geaney FMS, who passed away July last year.

Br Kieran's sister Ms Maggie Geaney was also a close friend of Charles over many years and nursed Charles in his last weeks. Each new year's eve for years, Charles and Maggie would share a meal and plan their goals for the year ahead and there would always be a kookaburra sitting on the back fence each year when they did this. The day of Charles' funeral, as the coffin was being placed in the hearse, two kookaburras were on the roof of St Joseph's College chapel in Hunters Hill, having a good old laugh – the family was stunned!!

After my visit to MIC last year, I went on a safari and was lucky enough to visit Lake Nakuru. While cruising the lake watching the beautiful birth life, I saw two Kingfisher birds watching me and I knew immediately that my uncle's spirit is as alive in Africa as it is in Australia.





THE MANIFESTO

By: Bro. Zulu Peter

To the principle, the superior of Milk, head masters of different departments, my fellow mourners, boys and girls good afternoon

I `m deeply grieved and honored to stand in front of you, with your eyes looking at me as if you are seeing me for the first

time. Try to blink! You are scaring me you creatures.

Without wasting much of your time, I`m standing here to tell you what I will deliver if you impregnate me with the employment of sports coordination in the center. I`m a man of great experience; I took part in the Olympic Games in the year 2000. I went there to represent my country in the category of Boxing. I had 15 fights, 10 with grade 1 pupils 5 with pregnant ladies. I was very fortunate in all the fights; no punch reached my body because in all the fights I was running away from the ring.

Back home I was appointed to be the trainee of the trainers for 2 solid days, and then was fired with immediately effect for my incompetence. I have worked with different organization in relationship to sports and in most of them (the organizations) I worked only for 7 to 10 day. This was due my wide experience and incompetence. You can see that am a man of great experience. So vote for me if you want your sport to go down.

I have a lot of plans to improve sports in this center. For example I will turn the cafeteria in to a BABER SHOP. This will be done in order that all the players in various sports discipline quire good hair –cuts. The CHAPEL I turn it in to a GYMN. I want all of you to be physically and mentally fit. Spiritually God will take care of that.

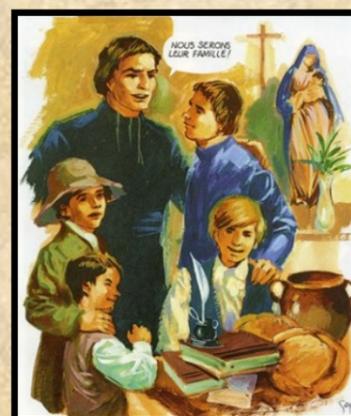
I will come up with projects to help us raise money. The volleyball court will be turned in to a FEE PAYING TOILET and the fish pond will be turned in to a swimming pool.

I have a lot to offering you boys and girls just give me this work which is already mine and you will see the transformation which will be there. Thank you very much for your attentiveness. May God blesses you all and may your SOULS REST IN ETERNAL PEACE.



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS AND INDEPENDENCE WISHES!!!

	MONTH OF MAY- MONTH OF MARY
01/05/2014	BR UWIZEYIMANA JEAN BOSCO OF LWANGA FRATERNITY
5/05/2014	BR OCHEME ANTHONY OF MAISONETTE FRATERNITY & BR ARMANDO SOARES
11/05/2014	BR ZENDA GILBERT OF CHANEL FRATERNITY
13/05/2014	BR SIKWAYA PATIENT OF LA VALLA FRATERNITY
16/05/2014	BR DUNIA SAMUEL OF L'HERMITAGE FRATERNITY
17/05/2014	BR CHRISTANTIUS MWANZA OF FRANÇOIS FRATERNITY
25/05/2014	BR DAKA JOSEPH OF FRANÇOIS FRATERNITY
27/05/2014	BR BERINYUY HANS OF LWANGA FRATERNITY
	MONTH OF JUNE -THE FEAST OF CHAMPAGNAT
1/06/2014	BR RAHAJANIRINA PATRICE OF LWANGA FRATERNITY
1/06/2014	BR LOURENÇO SAPALO OF LA VALLA FRATERNITY
4/06/2014	BR OGWUEGBU JUDE MARY OF CHANEL FRATERNITY
6/06/2014	JOYEUSE FÊTE DE SAINT M. CHAMPAGNAT
7/06/2014	BR RAKOTOMAHEFA JEAN-BAPTISTE OF FRANÇOIS FRATERNITY
9/06/2014	BR TAMEH CONRAD OF LWANGA FRATERNITY
17/06/2014	BR DOMINIC PILIRANI NYONI OF L'HERMITAGE FRATERNITY
19/06/2014	BR KYANGA AUGUSTINE OF MAISONETTE FRATERNITY
24/06/2014	BR INGABIRE JEAN MARIE VIANNEY OF CHANEL FRATERNITY
25/06/2014	BR MBASERA DAVY OF MAISONETTE FRATERNITY
25/06/2014	FELIZ DIA DA INDEPENDÊNCIA
26/06/2014	TRATRY NY TSINGERIN-TAONA NAHAZOANA NY FAHALEOVANTENA
27/06/2014	BR CATOLE CARLOS OF FRANÇOIS FRATERNITY
30/06/2014	MOKOLO ELAMU YA LIPANDA YA CONGO



For Br Elias Nwodo, a student Brother at MIUC who lost his Father Mr John Nwodo on 14th April, 2014 at Isi-Ugwu Enugu-Ezike.

He travelled to Nigeria on 23rd April to commiserate with his family members.

For the successful registration process at MIUC

For more Marist vocations and perseverance of the already called Brothers.

For faithfulness and patience as we carry our daily Crosses towards Jesus.

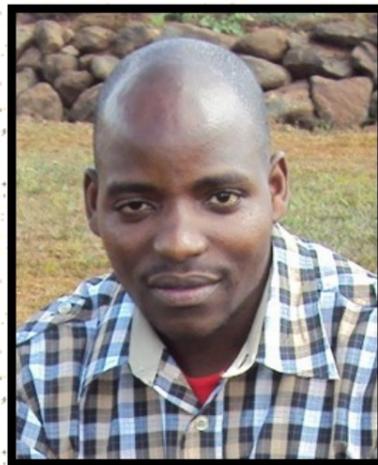
For successful preparations of the upcoming MIMA assembly to be held in Nairobi.

For peace and stability in Kenya and other Countries experiencing War and Conflicts





BR BWANALI JOHN



BR NYONI DOMINIC



BR VERYE FRANCIS



BR JARIOSSE DANIEL



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BR MATEMBA IGNATIUS



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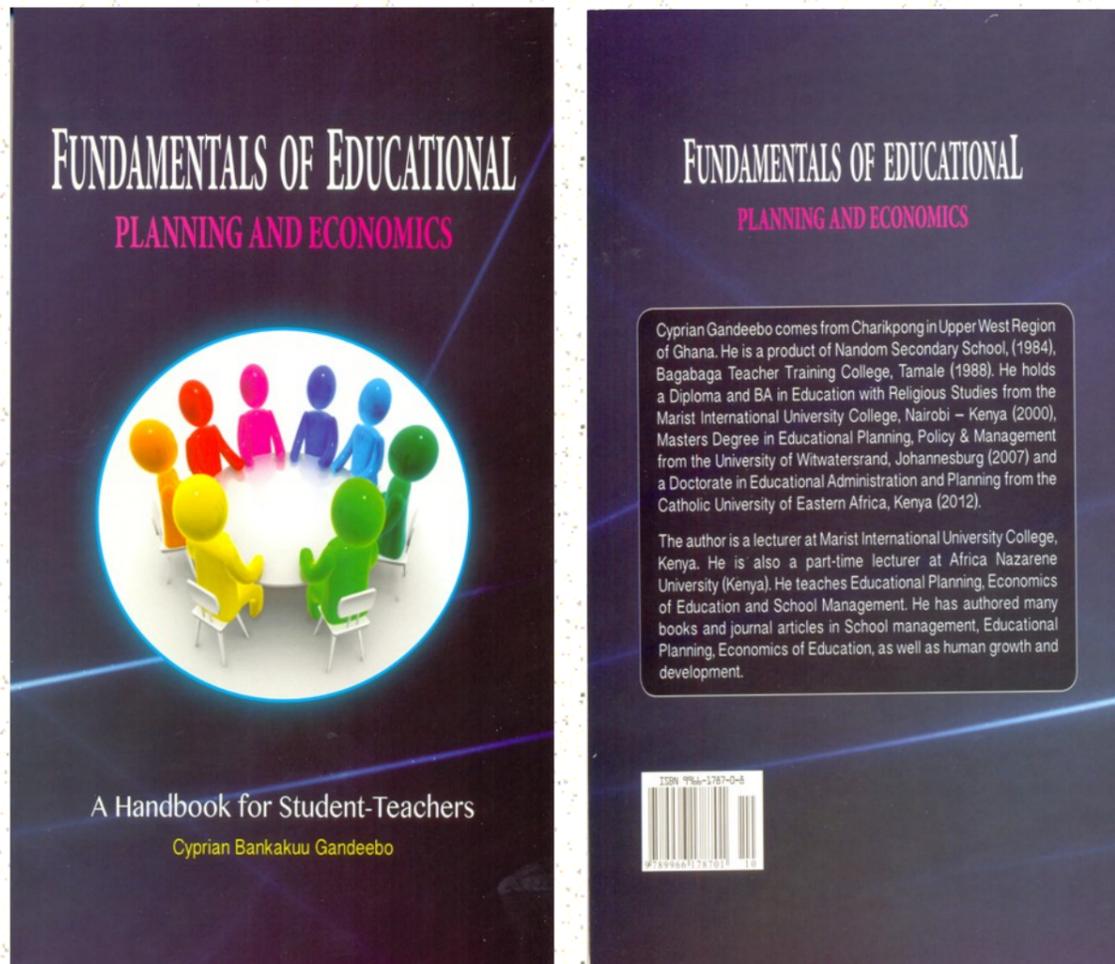


BR UYANG MOSES



BR ANGELO ATIBO

CONGRATULATIONS BRO. DR CYPRIAN GANDEEBO



The book, 'Fundamentals of Educational Planning' is for everyone: students-teachers, teacher practitioners and all those with interests in the education sector. The book describes the basic principles involved in educational planning. First of it differentiates the concepts of schooling and education and highlights four pillars that underpin education in any country. The nature and significance of planning are examined. The principles, processes and approaches to educational planning are thoroughly elucidated. The development of educational planning in Africa, resource management in educational planning, cost effectiveness in education planning, and the basic dimensions of planning at the school level are examined in this book. The challenges of planning for education, the financing of education and the monitoring and evaluation of education systems in Africa are some fascinating topics you can find in this book.

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