

CLARION

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Editorial



Greetings of Peace.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. It is my prayer that our good Lord has continued to bless you and journey with you in this New Year. Last year had its own shares of challenges but we are hopeful that this year will be better in all aspects to us as individuals and as a community at large.

As we present to you the second edition of the online clarion, it is our prayer that the first one reached a wider audience and was helpful in passing the necessary information to our members and friends who are far and wide and hopeful that this second edition will reach a wider audience.

This edition comprises of personal sharing of individuals, highlights of the last quarter of the year among others. Our E.A., Fr. Richard D'Souza, SJ., writes about the fruit of repentance, especially as we head towards the Lenten season. He stresses on the three pillars of Lent which are Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving. Rose Ong'ong'a, a student from Kenyatta university, also gives her experience on how CLC formation has been helpful in the growth process for youths. She bases her sharing on one of the joint University Formations held at Kenyatta University and how it positively impacted on the students.

Recently CLC Kenya purchased a car courtesy of CLC Australia, Australian Jesuits and Irish Jesuits. CLC Kenya President shares our joy as a community for the gift as she passes a word of gratitude to CLC Australia as well as the Jesuits in Australia and Ireland for their immense support.

One of our mission projects, St. Aloysius Gonzaga School, will be holding a dinner gala towards fundraising for the school. Many have already received invitations towards the event save for a few. An article on the history of the school and the background behind the fundraising has been highlighted by Mosses Ochieng, the Development Officer, We humbly call upon all to support this initiative through one of the options highlighted in the article.

Lastly we present to you the calendar of activities for the year 2018. Two new activities, group retreat in daily life as well as monthly recollections, have been introduced as part of our formation. The retreat has been designed to take care of those who, because of their busy schedule, are unable to attend a residential retreat which is key for a CLC member. Otherwise it is open to all who wish to attend. It's our prayer and hope that many CLCers will show up not only for these two activities but be present in all other activities organized in their respective areas.

I hope you will not only enjoy reading the clarion, but get inspired by the articles shared. We anticipate your feedback on the contents as well as articles for our next publication which is due by 30th June 2018.

Thank you all for your continued support and collaboration, We look forward to a successful year full of God's abundant blessings.

Judy Onyango

Repent and Believe the Good

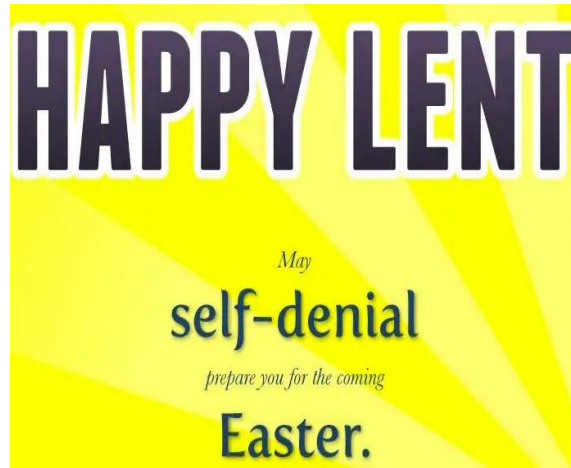
News.



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Church's Lenten Season. It begins with the imposition of ashes on the foreheads of believers with these words "Repent and believe the Good News." These ashes remind us of our nothingness and of our final return to ashes (earth) from which we came (Book of Job).

In the Old Testament, it was common practice for rulers and kings and their people to put on sack cloths and ashes as a mark of repentance and of returning to the Lord, their God. The people realized their transgressions of the Law and the commandments of God and thus the prophets called the community to repent and return to the Lord. It was a call to a change of heart and returning to the ways of the Lord.

Each year the Church celebrates the joyful season of Lent with the call to a change of heart and to a change of ways and to return to the Lord, Our God. The forty days of Lent are a reminder of the forty years of journeying through the desert by the Israelites to the Promised Land. It was through the hardships and sufferings in the desert that God was able to constitute them as a community and as the chosen people of God. It was in the desert that the Israelites experienced God's Providence and protection. Lent is a time to surrender to the God's Providence and to his faithfulness



The three major pillars of the Lenten season are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. These are highlighted to us in the Gospel reading of the day. First, we are invited to intensify our prayer and prayer life. This can mean meditating on the passion and sufferings of Christ during this Lenten season. It can mean spending time in personal and communitarian prayer. Second, fasting namely to make personal sacrifices in terms of food, drink and luxuries. We are invited to give up something during Lent in solidarity with the sufferings of Christ and to show solidarity with those who are in dire need of food, shelter and clothing (Mathew 25). By sacrificing something from our own comfort and luxury, we are called to share with the poor and needy.

Lent is a Kairos moment of entering into mystery of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. It is a sacred period of grace of entering into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Isaiah tells us that "by His sufferings we have been healed." The sufferings of Christ have brought us Salvation and Healing. He has purchased us with his precious blood. The Lenten season culminates with the celebration of Pentecost when we believers in Christ are sent as individuals and as a community to preach the Good News to the entire world and to be His witnesses to the world. May this Lenten season become for us a time of grace and healing.

Fr. Richard D'Souza, SJ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Living Lent 2018 	<i>Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.</i> <i>During Lent do random acts of good and loving deeds to God, family, friends, strangers, and yourself.</i>		14 Ash Wednesday <i>Turn back to God.</i> Go to Mass today and wear the cross of ashes.	15 As a family, support Project Compassion during Lent.	16 Fast from second helpings at meals.	17 With your family, say prayer of thanks before each meal throughout Lent.
18 1st Sunday of Lent <i>Repent, and believe the Good News.</i> Mark 1:15	19 At bedtime, pray the Our Father.	20 Practise speaking less and listening more.	21 Forgive someone who has hurt you. Pray for them.	22 Ask someone 'How are you?' and listen carefully to their answer.	23 Fast from complaining when things don't go your way.	24 At bedtime, pray for people who have no one to pray for them.
25 2nd Sunday of Lent <i>This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.</i> Mark 9:7	26 Be kinder in your thoughts, words, and actions.	27 At bedtime, pray to God about your day.	28 Say thank you to people who help you.	1 At bedtime, spend some time examining your conscience.	2 Fast from social media and electronic games.	3 Be aware of saving electricity.
4 3rd Sunday of Lent <i>Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.</i> John 2:19	5 At bedtime, pray for your family.	6 Be kind to someone who gets on your nerves.	7 At bedtime, pray the Hail Mary.	8 Share a smile with people as you go about your day.	9 Fast from criticising others – try to 'put you in their shoes' instead.	10 As a family, make a list of ten things you are grateful for. Thank God for them.
11 4th Sunday of Lent <i>God sent his Son... so that through him the world might be saved.</i> John 3:16	12 Talk with someone you wouldn't normally talk with.	13 Look for things you can do to help others.	14 Thank someone who has helped you become closer to God.	15 At bedtime, pray for people affected by violence.	16 Fast from television.	17 St Patrick <i>Wear something green today and learn about St Patrick.</i>
18 5th Sunday of Lent <i>If anyone serves me, my father will honour them.</i> John 12:26	19 St Joseph spouse of Mary Learn about St Joseph and how he said 'yes' to God's call.	20 Check times in your parish & go to Reconciliation to prepare for Easter.	21 At bedtime, pray for those who keep us safe.	22 Be aware of God's creation. Thank God for this gift.	23 Fast from talking about other people.	24 Go through clothes and toys you can give to St Vincent de Paul.
25 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord <i>In truth this man was a son of God.</i> Mark 15:39	26 At bedtime, pray for the pope, bishops, priests, and religious.	27 Be aware of saving water.	28 Learn about the Easter Triduum.	29 Thursday of the Lord's Supper <i>I have given you an example</i> John 13:15	30 Friday of the Passion of the Lord <i>And bowing his head he gave up the spirit.</i> John 19:30	31 Holy Saturday At bedtime, pray for those being baptised this Easter.
1 Sunday of the Resurrection <i>...he has risen...</i> Mark 16:6 Alleluia! Alleluia!	<i>Lent is a time for reconsidering our feelings, for letting our eyes be opened to injustice, to open our hearts to those suffering.</i> Pope Francis @Pontifex Twitter 14 February 2016					

Lenten Calendar: Wishing you all a blessed Lenten Period

National EXCO Meeting



The CLC Kenya National Exco meeting held between 2nd - 4th February at Loyola House was quite a success. The team had long closed door meetings to deliberate and strategize on how to move CLC to the next level.



We continue to pray for this team, that the Holy Spirit may be with them and that our good Lord may guide and strengthen them and above all wisdom to become good shepherds in leading the flock of CLC Kenya.

All for the greater glory of God!

Meru Area Formation



St. Francis of Assisi Group, Meru had a successful weekend of formation led by Henry Barongo. This is a group of mature men and women who have grown into and embraced CLC as their way of life.



The formation, which was quite enriching, culminated in a tree planting session to mark the "Mustard Seed" planted in the CLC Meru area.

We continue to pray that the seed planted may grow and bear even more fruits.



The National Exco Team during their Meeting in November 2017 at the Carmelite Community

St. Aloysius Gonzaga School Gala Fundraiser Event

Date: 9th March 2018

Venue: Bomas of Kenya, Nairobi

Time: 6 p.m.-10:00p.m.

In gratitude for the Ecclesiastical Assistant's Car



Ms. Catherine Waiyaki
CLC Kenya President

The journey to owning our E.A.s car began when Fr. Richard D'souza, S.J., became the Ecclesiastical Assistant (E.A.). He made a request to EXCO to find a solution for his travel while on CLC mission. It was becoming increasingly difficult for him to rely on his community's travel arrangements for his mission, even to get to St. Aloysius School.



The first E.A., Fr. Terry Charlton S.J. had a vehicle allocated to him by his Community for his mission and would occasionally use it for CLC mission. He often used public transport especially for long distance travel. The following EAs, Fr. Ambrose Kituyi S.J, Fr. Michael Mungai S.J. and Fr. Eric Simiyu S.J, who lived at St. Joseph the Worker Kangemi parish, had access to their community vehicles so could use them for CLC mission, although CLC contributed to the cost of fuel. Fr. Eric often used '*matatus*'.

Fr. Richard's community, Pedro Arrupe Community (PAC) in Mwangaza, was not in a position to provide him with a regular vehicle. His knee problem

complicated his use of public transport. Fr. Richard therefore made a formal request to CLC Executive Council to find a permanent solution to the travel of E.A.s while on their mission to serve CLC.



My Predecessor, Dan Odhiambo, met with the provincial of the Jesuits, Fr. Joseph Oduor Afulo S.J., to request for assistance on the matter. The province was willing to provide an occasional vehicle that CLC would use then fuel. Fr. Afulo however proposed that CLC finds a lasting solution; own our own car. This was indeed a challenge to CLC Kenya Exco which led to the journey of writing proposals for funding.

Dan and Fr. Richard wrote to the Irish Jesuits who made a contribution to the noble course. The second request to the Australian Jesuits was successful and Fr Brian McCoy SJ, challenged CLC Australia to make the fund raising effort their common mission. CLC Australia, led by Dr. Jennifer Gardner, the current President CLC Australia, ran a Lenten campaign to raise the funds. They did not manage to meet the full budget. Then the Australian provincial, through the Australian E.A., Fr Iain Radvan S.J., was kind and generous enough to provide the difference.

All this with the support of Fr. Afulo, and Fr. Corbinian Kyara S.J., in charge of the development office in the province. We continue to be very grateful for the cordial and supportive collaboration with the local province of Jesuits.

The full amount we were targeting to use to purchase the vehicle was sent to

us through the provincial's office. We finally bought the car in December 2017.

The biggest lesson for me is generosity. The spirit to give is what bought us the vehicle. It was not from a kitty of those with surplus, but those with a rich heart willing to share what they have. The same comes as a challenge too that I would like to share. Am I rich enough in spirit to share what I have so that together we can? Make this your reflection question as we continue to discern about ways to make CLC Kenya more and more financially independent.

In gratitude, we continue to give thanks to the Lord for the hearts that have so graciously and generously blessed us with this gift. May your cups overflow with blessings.



The CLC Kenya Secretariat staff showing off a key to the E.As car (Behind)
The CLC Kenya President, Ms. Catherine Waiyaki, was also in attendance to share in the joys of this great gift.

Thank you CLC Australia, Australian and Irish Jesuits for this wonderful gesture. It is our prayer that the relationship started between the two National Communities continues to even greater heights.



St. Aloysius Gala Fundraiser Event



Mosses Francis Ochieng
Development Officer

“Giving out isn’t a sign of wealth or surplus, rather it is done out of the conviction that it is for a noble course.”

St. Aloysius was founded in 2004 by members of Christian Life Community (CLC) Kenya and Fr. Terry Charlton, S.J., a Jesuit Priest from US, as an initiative to provide free secondary education to promising youth living in Kibera slums and its environs who had lost one or both parents to the AIDS pandemic. Each year the school admits 70 students and currently it supports more than 450 students with secondary education and college/university education.



After graduation from high school, students volunteer for six months of placements (Commonly known as Community Service), which is carefully selected in and around Kibera. The school runs various program which act as key anchors in supporting the holistic education offered to students. These include mentorship program that imparts life skills to the students, social needs program which takes care of social welfare of the students especially those without proper home or place of accommodation. There is also the medical program which provides medical cover to the students in partnership with one of the local Mission hospital known as St. Mary's Mission Hospital.



In order to continue with its mission of providing holistic and value-laden education to the needy and bright students from Kibera, the school has lined up a dormitory project to accommodate 480 students. It has been noted over time that students'

performance has been derailed by myriad challenges facing them since they have to make trips to and from Kibera daily.

Girls particularly have borne the brunt of sexual harassment that hampers their academic progression.

Through the support and generosity of well-wishers, a piece of land for the construction of a dormitory campus has already been acquired close to the current campus.

In order to realize this noble dream of constructing an ultra-modern dormitory campus, St. Aloysius is inviting friends, well-wishers and people of good will to a fundraiser event dubbed “night of hope”. The gala will be held:-

Date: 9th March 2018

Venue: Bomas of Kenya, Nairobi

Time: 6 p.m.-10:00p.m.

The event has the sole purpose of fundraising for the dormitory project through the support of invited guests and friends. We call upon you to help publicize and market the event to maximize our reach to make this event a success. We continue to believe that success of this event lies in people gracing the occasion and giving out their contribution. There will be various levels of sponsorship for the event:

- i) Individual tickets will go for **KES. 3, 000(\$30)**.
- ii) Group/Organization or institution sponsorship levels will begin from
KES. 10,000 (\$100), (Comes with two complimentary ticket)
KES.20,000 (\$200), (Comes with four complimentary tickets)
KES. 30,000 (\$300), (Comes with six complimentary tickets).



The chief guest for the event will be the area Member of National Assembly Honorable Nixon Korir. He will be accompanied by other honorable members for a night of hope.

In order to participate in the event, it is advisable that you grab your ticket early enough to reserve your space in order to be part of this historic and noble initiative.

This event will be held annually to continue creating a strong network of friends for the school. If done well, it will not only realize the dreams of building our dormitory campus, but shall also have created a local network of friends to support this need and bright youth from Kibera.



Rongo University Formation



Rongo University formation weekend held in October 2017 was quite a success.

It was a weekend packed with various activities ranging from spiritual nourishment to social activities.

One outstanding thing about CLC Rongo was their warm hospitality which was top notch. They took great care of the facilitators and left them yearning for more.



It was evident that the chaplaincy was in full support of the CLC program and contributed to the success of the program.

Many thanks to the administration of Rongo University, the chaplaincy, the Catholic Students Association as well as the CLC Rongo for their immense support and contribution towards the event. May God bless you all.

The CLC Rongo with the support of the Catholic Students Association and entire Rongo University fraternity are looking forward to hosting the next Joint Universities Formation.

In All Things To Love and Serve.



FORMATION, A GROWTH PROCESS FOR THE YOUTH



Christian life community formation process includes developing a deeper relationship with self, God, others and with nature. This was a major factor in the inter-varsity formation that brought together university students from across the nation. It must have been the better part of the Semester as the vibrant youths sought to experience essential spiritual growth.

As part of the formation, intellectual reflection was integrated which attempted to develop, by means of exercising spiritual discernment and social analysis, the capacity to understand reality in all its complexity and to think in both a critical and a creative manner.



The formation process allowed and encouraged the youths to; Reflect on the Christian message through theological and biblical study and the teachings of the church; Enter into Ignatian Spirituality, practice of the Spiritual Exercises and the CLC way of life and Reflect on the individual and social reality at all levels.

Additionally we were reminded of the pillars of CLC, Ignatian Spirituality, community and mission, which form the growth process of each person.



Finally, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all those who made the three day activity a success. My gratitude goes to the organizers and facilitators that conducted the training and the presentations which were quite healthy for the spiritual consumption of the students. To all the students who were not barred by the long distance, your sacrifice and participation was highly appreciated; students from MMUST, Rongo, Kabarak, Kabianga, Egerton, Pwani, University of Eldoret and Makadara “main campus” *tunasema Ahsante Sana*.

Lastly I would like to accentuate the cooperation and support of the hosts- Kenyatta university CLC group who, despite the myriad hurdles, remained strong and united doing everything possible to receive our brothers and sisters from other institutions. It is my hope and strong belief that all that we learned during the formation will not be watered down but will remain within us.

Rose Ongong’a
Kenyatta University



Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology Formation



The weekend of 10th – 12th November 2017, the CLC delegation was on a mission to plant the seed of CLC in Masinde Muliro University, Webuye Campus. From the evaluations it was clear that the students, who were on a "come and see" experience, benefited more than they anticipated.

They were inspired by the life of St. Ignatius and felt challenged to follow in his footsteps. The Examen also came in handy as many said it had enabled their

prayer life become easier and manageable since many did not know how to pray before the formation. They equally felt a calling to be contemplatives in action by reaching out to the less fortunate in the society. The personal reflection and group sharing was an experience appreciated by many.

May the seeds of CLC planted during the formation weekend yield a hundred fold for the greater glory of God.

We thank the student community for participating in the program, the university administration for welcoming us, the parish priest of Holy Trinity parish, Webuye for supporting the course and last but not least, the facilitators; Dr. Hillary Masia, Fr. Terry Charlton, SJ, Mr. Henry Barongo and Mr. Bernard Kithusi. May God bless you all as you continue to minister in His Vineyard



2018 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JAN

FEB

MAR

- **2nd - 4th** Exco Meeting
- **15th** Secretariat Staff Recollection Mwangaza
- **25th** CLC members recollection, Mwangaza

- **9th** St. Al's Gala - Bomas of Kenya
- **18th** CLC members Recollection, Mwangaza
- **25th** World CLC Day Areas

APR

MAY

JUN

-**7th April - 12th May** retreat in Daily life, St. Al's
- **13th - 15th** Joint University

- **5th** Director's and Guides meeting -Hekima College
- **13th** Nairobi Area Formation,

- **1st - 3rd** Exco Meet

Formation (Subject to confirmation)
 - **13th - 15th** Kisii Area Formation
 - **14th** Friends of Zaidi Day
 - **20th - 22nd** Meru Area Retreat
 - **29th** CLC K Recollection

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 • **20th** CLC -K Recollection
 • **24th - 27th** Secretariat staff retreat

- **17th** St. Al's Day- St Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School, Nairobi
- **24th** CLC K Recollection
- **29th June- 1st July** Kitale Area Formation

JUL

AUG

SEP

- **29th** CLC K Recollection
- **31st** - Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

- **12th** -Family Day- **All Areas**
- **17th - 19th** Kisii Area Retreat
- **26th** CLC K Recollection

- **15th** Friends of Zaidi Day
- **21st - 23rd** University of Kabianga Formation
- **28th - 30th** Egerton university Formation
- **30th** Nairobi Area Formation

OCT

NOV

DEC

- **5th - 7th** UoE/Moi Main University Formation
- **12th - 14th** Rongo University Formation
- **19th - 21st** Nairobi Area Retreat
- **26th -28th** Pwani University Formation

- **2nd - 4th** Exco Meeting
- **9th - 11th** MMUST/Maseno Formation
- **16th - 18th** Meru Area Formation
- **23rd - 27th** Kitale area 5day retreat, Kimini

- **2nd** Nairobi Area Christmas Party- Loreto Convent Val Rd.

Notices

Congratulations

To the family of Celestine Were of Pedro Arrupe group for the birth of her son, EllyMarvel Geno Odhiambo, on 23rd August 2017. May this bundle of joy find favour with God.

Condolences

1. To the family of Fr. Richard D'Souza, our E.A. who lost her aunt, Latty D'Souza on 11th February 2018 in Houston, USA after a long illness.

2. To Roselyne Musungu of Tumaini Kiminini for the loss of her mum, Mrs. Phanice Atwa who was promoted to glory on the 4th of January 2018 after a heart attack. She was buried on 20/1/2018
3. To the family of Annelyne Makokha of Chemichemi Kitale whose brother, Allan Makokha, went to be with the Lord on 26/10/2017 due to ruptured stomach ulcers. He was laid to rest on 3/11/2017
4. Our condolences also goes to Eizabeth Mwangi of Kisima Companions whose sister, Peris Wanjiku Kahuko, went to be with the Lord on 21st October 2017.
5. To Rita Safari, of Rehema Nairobi, for the loss of her sister, Jacky Mkalama, who died through a road accident in the USA while on duty on the 7th of September 2017.
6. To Janet Ntoruru of St. Francis of Assisi Meru who lost her husband, Domiano Ntoruru, on 28th of August 2017 and was laid to rest on 9th September 2017.

Eternal Rest grant unto the souls of Phanice, Allan, Peris, Jacky, Domiano and Latty Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and those of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace.....Amen



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