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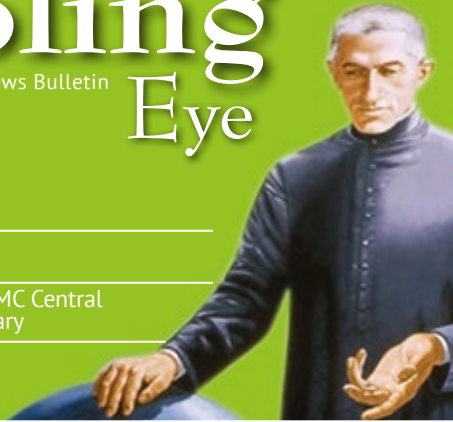


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We are missionaries

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...” (Mat 28:19).

These are words of Jesus Christ to His disciples in whose mission we also share as the baptized. Pope Francis in his message of Mission Sunday of this year which will be celebrated on the 21st this month; says: *“Together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all.”* For Pope Francis; *life of every baptized is a mission.* The month of October in a special way brings us to an awareness of our baptismal responsibility for the Church's mission to evangelize to the ends of the earth.

For centuries men and women, have generously shared their time, talent and treasure in order to assist in bringing the Good News of Christ to others. As a parish we are not exempt. As the Pastoral Team we would like to thank all those who have, over the years, and more so in these recent days, assisted us by sharing their time, talents or professions in order to bring the Good News of Christ to others in our parish. Our many successes as a parish are the fruits of your tireless missionary commitment.

In Baptism we have all become missionaries

of good news to others. Our working tools have been and are: *prayer, sacraments and the Word of God.* That is why October is also a month of the Rosary to unite ourselves with our mother Mary the first missionary in the life of Christ and humanity.

As a missionary each one of us is challenged to encourage and support the missionary activities of the Church. We are invited to listen to the word of God and put it into practice, both young and old. Putting this into practice, we saw our young Christians who are preparing for their First Holy Communion, slated for 25th November, have their missionary trip to Nyumba ya Wazee in Kasarani. They brought their joy to these old people of God. St. Joseph Deep Sea also had their missionary visit to the Home for the elderly in Kariobangi here in Nairobi, whereas the Justice and Peace Group also visited Deep Sea to be in solidarity with those whose houses were burnt in August losing everything. Also our PMC went to St. Austin with their traditional Missionary Rosary. Some of our faithful also went to Fatima to participate in the closing of the centenary of our Lady of Fatima, whereas others made it to the Subukia Shrine for the National Prayer Day. This is just to name a few activities which have helped us live this Missionary Month to the maximum.

The question which each one of us should ask him/herself is whether his/her life, family, parish is missionary? If yes how? And if no, why not? Am I or are we growing as missionaries? As missionaries we need to ask ourselves: what have I done and what do I need to do to live my missionary identity better in my family, parish and place of work?

We are missionaries to the activities we perform as a parish or community or as individuals. But still there is room for improvement. What matters is not the quantity of what we do but the attitude with which we do them. As Blessed Allamano would put it; it is *“doing the good well without blowing the trumpet”*.

The important thing is to understand that our missionary activities renew the Church, revitalize our faith and Christian identity and offers new spirit and resolutions. We strengthen and make our faith mature when we share it with others. The month of November will see us celebrate All Saints Day, All Souls Day. It is the same month we shall celebrate Christ the King this will bring us to the end of Liturgical Year B. During this



Solemnity of Christ the King our Children will receive their First Holy Communion. What a joy to our parish and families! What a joy to the Universal Church! We ask you to put them in our prayers as they prepare for this great day in their lives.

We continue to thank and invite each one of us to continue supporting the activities of the Church, morally and materially, so that the work of evangelization may continue to grow. We pray that through the patron saints of the Missions, Saint Francis Xavier and Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, we may become true missionaries *Ad Intra and Ad Extra.* AMEN. **CE**

From the Pastoral team.

Pope's Prayers Intentions for November 2018

Universal: In Service of Peace

Intention: That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail with the language of conflict.



Message of His Holiness Francis for World Mission Day 2018

Together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all

Dear young people, I would like to reflect with you on the mission that we have received from Christ. In speaking to you, I also address all Christians who live out in the Church the adventure of their life as children of God. What leads me to speak to everyone through this conversation with you is the certainty that the Christian faith remains ever young when it is open to the mission that Christ entrusts to us. "Mission revitalizes faith" (*Redemptoris Missio*, 2), in the words of Saint John Paul II, a Pope who showed such great love and concern for young people.

The Synod to be held in Rome this coming October, the month of the missions, offers us an opportunity to understand more fully, in the light of faith, what the Lord Jesus wants to say to you young people, and, through you, to all Christian communities.

Life is a mission

Every man and woman is a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth. To be *attracted* and to be *sent* are two movements that our hearts, especially when we are young, feel as interior forces of love; they hold out promise for our future and they give direction to our lives. More than anyone else, young people feel the power of life breaking in upon us and attracting us. To live out joyfully our responsibility for the world is a great challenge. I am well aware of lights and shadows of youth; when I think back to my youth and my family, I remember the strength of my hope for a better future.



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The fact that we are not in this world by our own choice makes us sense that there is an initiative that precedes us and makes us exist. Each one of us is called to reflect on this fact: "I am a mission on this Earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 273).

We proclaim Jesus Christ

The Church, by proclaiming what she freely received (cf. Mt 10:8; Acts 3:6), can share with you young people the way and truth which

give meaning to our life on this earth. Jesus Christ, who died and rose for us, appeals to our freedom and challenges us to seek, discover and proclaim this message of truth and fulfilment. Dear young people, do not be afraid of Christ and his Church! For there we find the treasure that fills life with joy. I can tell you this from my own experience: thanks to faith, I found the sure foundation of my dreams and the strength to realize them. I have seen great suffering and poverty mar the faces of so many of our brothers and sisters. And yet, for those who stand by Jesus, evil is an incentive to ever greater love. Many men and women, and many young people, have generously sacrificed themselves, even at times to martyrdom, out of love for the Gospel and service to their brothers and sisters. From the cross of Jesus we learn the divine logic of self-sacrifice (cf. 1 Cor 1:17-25) as a proclamation of the Gospel for the life of the world (cf. Jn 3:16). To be set afire by the love of Christ is to be consumed by that fire, to grow in understanding by its light and to be warmed by its love (cf. 2 Cor 5:14). At the school of the saints, who open us to the vast horizons of God, I invite you never to stop wondering: "What would Christ do if he were in my place?"

Transmitting the faith to the ends of the earth

You too, young friends, by your baptism have become living members of the Church; together we have received the mission to bring the Gospel to everyone. You are at the threshold of life. To grow in the grace of the faith bestowed on us by the Church's sacraments plunges us into that great stream of witnesses who, generation after generation, enable the wisdom and experience of older persons to become testimony and encouragement for those looking to the future. And the freshness and enthusiasm of the young makes them a source of support and hope for those nearing the end of their

journey. In this blend of different stages in life, the mission of the Church bridges the generations; our faith in God and our love of neighbor are a source of profound unity.

This transmission of the faith, the heart of the Church's mission, comes about by the infectiousness of love, where joy and enthusiasm become the expression of a newfound meaning and fulfilment in life. The spread of the faith "by attraction" calls for hearts that are open and expanded by love. It is not possible to place limits on love, for love is strong as death (cf. Song 8:6). And that expansion generates encounter, witness, proclamation; it generates sharing in charity with all those far from the faith, indifferent to it and perhaps even hostile and opposed to it. Human, cultural and religious settings still foreign to the Gospel of Jesus and to the sacramental presence of the Church represent the extreme peripheries, the "ends of the earth", to which, ever since the first Easter, Jesus' missionary disciples have been sent, with the certainty that their Lord is always with them (cf. Mt 28:20; Acts 1:8). This is what we call the *missio ad gentes*. The most desolate periphery of all is where mankind, in need of Christ, remains indifferent to the faith or shows hatred for the fullness of life in God. All material and spiritual poverty, every form of discrimination against our brothers and sisters, is always a consequence of the rejection of God and his love.

The ends of the earth, dear young people, nowadays are quite relative and always easily "navigable". The digital world – the social networks that are so pervasive and readily available – dissolves borders, eliminates distances and reduces differences. Everything appears within reach, so close and immediate. And yet lacking the sincere gift of our lives, we could well have countless contacts but never share in a true



communion of life. To share in the mission to the ends of the earth demands the gift of oneself in the vocation that God, who has placed us on this earth, chooses to give us (cf. *Lk 9:23-25*). I dare say that, for a young man or woman who wants to follow Christ, what is most essential is to seek, to discover and to persevere in his or her vocation.


Bearing witness to love

I am grateful to all those ecclesial groups that make it possible for you to have a personal encounter with Christ living in his Church: parishes, associations, movements, religious communities, and the varied expressions of missionary service. How many young people find in missionary volunteer work a way of serving the "least" of our brothers and sisters (cf. *Mt 25:40*), promoting human dignity and witnessing to the joy of love and of being Christians! These ecclesial experiences educate and train young people not only for professional success, but also for developing and fostering their God-given

gifts in order better to serve others. These praiseworthy forms of temporary missionary service are a fruitful beginning and, through vocational discernment, they can help you to decide to make a complete gift of yourselves as missionaries.

The Pontifical Mission Societies were born of young hearts as a means of supporting the preaching of the Gospel to every nation and thus contributing to the human and cultural growth of all those who thirst for knowledge of the truth. The prayers and the material aid generously given and distributed through the Pontifical Mission Societies enable the Holy See to ensure that those who are helped in their personal needs can in turn bear witness to the Gospel in the circumstances of their daily lives. No one is so poor as to be unable to give what they have, but first and foremost what they are. Let me repeat the words of encouragement that I addressed to the young people of Chile: "Never think that you have nothing to offer, or that nobody needs you. Many people need you. Think about it! Each of you, think in your heart: many people need me" (*Meeting with Young People, Maipú Shrine, 17 January 2018*).

Dear young people, this coming October, the month of the missions, we will hold the Synod devoted to you. It will prove to be one more occasion to help us become missionary disciples, ever more passionately devoted to Jesus and his mission, to the ends of the earth. I ask Mary, Queen of the Apostles, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and Blessed Paolo Manna to intercede for all of us and to accompany us always.

From the Vatican, 20 May 2018, Solemnity of Pentecost 

Pope Francis

Deacon Kim farewell

1. Tell me about Deacon Kim.

I was born and grew up in Busan, South Korea. Busan is the second largest city in South Korea. I am the first born in my family and I have a younger brother. I studied in Busan and after I completed the high school, I studied Korean Literature at the Busan University of Foreign Studies. After my studies in the first year, I joined the army for military service. It is a requirement that all Korean men get military training. After that I went back to the university. When I completed my second year, I joined the seminary in Busan Diocese and I was ordained Deacon in my diocese.

2. At what point in life did you decide to become a priest?

I was baptized at the age of seven. When I received my First Holy Communion and started receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, I became an altar servant and played this role for eight years. While I served on the altar, I felt that I wanted to become a priest unconsciously. I think this is how God called me.

3. What or who inspired you to join Consolata Missionaries?

I thought about priesthood in the diocese and I felt that is not what I wanted. So I left two months to my priestly ordination. After moments of deep reflection, I realized that I wanted to serve God in religious life as a missionary. I checked out the Korean Conference of Catholic Bishops website and

was looking to find where I can serve God in as a missionary. That is how I found the Consolata Missionaries community in Korea and joined them.

4. Briefly tell us about your journey in faith, and the missionary life.

My journey of faith is a very ordinary story. My parish was my play ground. During the weekends, I went to the parish, and met my friends. We played basketball and football. Also I attended altar servants meetings, practice and so on. My life in faith was a simple and natural.

When I joined the Consolata family to become a missionary, my goal was to be with people. I think the best mission is to be together and listening to the people wherever I am. So I am trying to live my missionary life in a simple and natural way.

5. Please describe your experience at Consolata Shrine.

I think about my interaction with people. I do not know how to describe the feeling very well. But it is testimony of a relationship between me and all of you.

We laughed together, we felt pain and sadness together, we walked together and lifted and pulled each other up. In fact, we have done many things together although I am not so good in English and Kiswahili languages. Yet we understood and communed with each other.



Deacon Kim Baptizes an infant in the Month of September.

6. What was your most memorable experience at the Shrine?

My most memorable experiences are every time when I visited the sick. I really enjoyed visiting the weak and sick who cannot come for mass to receive the Holy Eucharist. I always felt that Jesus wants to go and see them, not to just wait for them until they come to Jesus. Jesus is always at our eye level. So I met Jesus on the wheel chair, on the bed, and at the table when I visit them. It is the same reason that I normally stand on the floor at the level of the congregation when I give Holy Communion during the Mass.

Anyway, all parish works were beautiful, but ministering of the Sick was the best for me.

7. Please describe your brief stay in Tanzania.

It was wonderful. I stayed in Morogoro at the Consolata Seminary. I learnt Kiswahili for three months. I also went to outstations

for Liturgy of the Word. Often I prepared the homily in Kiswahili and celebrated the liturgy in Kiswahili.

More important for me was that after I finished language course, I visited many missions in Tanzania. I saw different realities in my congregation. Although Tanzania is in Africa, the reality is different from Kenya. It was really good for me. I also visited a Consolata Parish in Kigamboni, Dar Es Salam. My stay in Tanzania was okay and a very good

opportunity to know my congregation more.

8. What do you like to do for leisure?

I liked to do active exercises. So I used to play football, basketball, table tennis etc. when I was a seminarian. Since I was in middle school, I did martial arts. Also, I liked to play musical instruments – the piano and guitar. In the seminary I was a member of the band. But since I came here at the Shrine, I don't do these things, I listen to music and read.

9. How does the Catholic Church in Kenya compare to the Church in Korea?

It is not easy to compare the Church in Korea and in Kenya because of differences in the history, religious influence, liturgy and also the society. In view of history, the Church in Korea was began by lay people in the Eighteenth Century. In fact it is unique in the history of the Church. But the Church in Kenya was started by missionaries. And in

view of religious influence, around eleven percent of population of Korea people is Catholic while population of all Christians is about thirty percent.

When I came to Kenya, I was surprised by Kenyan liturgy. On a positive note, the Kenyan Church is very active. But if I say in a negative way, I felt it is like Protestants Church. Because liturgy in the Catholic Church in Korea is calm. And it is very strict with liturgy. Another difference is that diocesan priests are common in Korea. So many diocesan priests work in other countries for Koreans and for local people as missionaries. These priests are known as *Fidei Donum*. And it happens that when priests meet, they ask about the diocese in Korea. But in Kenya, they ask which congregation.

Anyway there are many differences, but I have felt that we are one, same liturgy, same spirit, and in union.

10. As you go home for your Ordination, what are your expectations and aspirations?

In fact, I have no idea. I need to talk about it with the Consolata community in Korea when I go back. So I cannot say anything. But generally I need to have a retreat to prepare for the Perpetual Profession and Ordination. And I will visit my Bishop and the Bishop who is going to ordain me. I will also visit my former formators, classmate priests and senior and junior brothers in my diocese. And I need to prepare a chasuble and other things.

11. October is the Missionary Month. Please say something about missionary work.

Missionary work.... I have this idea that mission it is to be together with people. In my homilies and speeches, I often said that mission is not special activities. It is to show and to live as Christian wherever you are. Maybe it is better to live well at home, office and village than to do special activities because it is missionary month. I think Jesus will be seen in us by our good character in our daily life, not by a special event.

12. As you leave, what are your final words to parishioners at Consolata Shrine?

On the Sunday when I said bye, I said it all. I was happy working with you. And I hope you were happy with me. Thank you so much for all what you have done to me and for me. Let us pray for each other. God bless you.

13. Please give a special message to the youth.

I feel sorry that I have not been with you as often as I would have liked. But sometimes we shared a lot. Please have a noble bearing, and be more active in the parish. There are many things in which the youth can help. You are the centre of the parish. So shout "we are here!", and show to parishioners that "the future and centre of the parish is here!" You have sufficient attributes which are admirable by parishioners. So do not forget, I love you and all parishioners love all of you. You are very special people to me and to all of us. ☪

Thank you.

Interview by Njeri Mutahe
Communications Committee

The *Instrumentum Laboris* for the Synod for Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment.

The Synod Purpose

"Taking care of young people is not an optional task for the Church, but an integral part of her vocation and mission history."

"...just as our Lord Jesus Christ walked alongside the disciples of Emmaus (cf, Luke 24:13-38), the Church is also urged to accompany all young people, without exception, towards the joy of love."

In preparation for the Synod, the Church conducted a worldwide survey of young people (16 - 25 years). The *Instrumentum Laboris* document gathered and summarised the contributions that were collected during the pre-synod process. The contributions were considered in **three** parts.

1. **Recognising.** The first step is to look and listen. This requires paying attention to the situation of today's young people, in the diverse circumstances they live in.
2. **Interpretation.** The second step leads us to review what we have recognised using interpretation and criteria derived from a faith perspective.
3. **Choosing.** In the third phase we need to examine pastoral approaches and practices, that otherwise cultivate the inner freedom that enables us to choose those that better allow us to reach our goals, and discard those which are less effective. This step allows us to identify where reforms are needed, as well as changes to ecclesial and pastoral practices and that otherwise may become fossilised.

Here is a closer to look at aspects of the first

step in the process.

THE SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY.

1. LIFE CHOICES

- Youth is a special time in which individuals make choices that determine their identity and the course of their existence.
- The Youth stated, *"Crucial moments for the development of our identity include: deciding our course of study, choosing our profession, deciding our beliefs, discovering our sexuality and making life changing commitments."*
- Among the difficulties young people face experts mention rigidity or impulsive behaviour, lack of stable commitment, coldness and lack of empathy, reduced emotional insights, inability or excessive fear to establish relationships.

More commonly, attitudes emerge that point to the need for purification and liberation: affective dependency, feelings of inferiority, lack of courage and strength in the face of risk, propensity of self-centred sexual gratification, aggressiveness, exhibitionism and the need to always be at centre of attention.



• Therefore, Youth is not just a transition phase between the first steps towards autonomy we took in our teens and the responsibilities of adulthood, it is also a time of experimentation, ups and downs, of hope alternated with fear, and avoidable tension between the negative and positive aspects, through which we learn to express and integrate our affective, sexual, intellectual, spiritual, bodily, relational and social dimensions. This journey which unfolds in our social choices and move consequential decisions, allow each of us to discover our singularity and the originality of our vocation.

2. THE ROLE OF FAMILIES

Young people say, *"In many parts of the world the role of elders and reverence for one's ancestors are contributing factors to the formation of their identities. However, this is not shared universally as traditional family models in other places are in decline."*



- ...mothers are the preferred reference persons for young people, whereas a reflection is needed regarding fathers, whose absence or evanescence in certain contexts, especially in Western countries, generates ambiguity and vacuums. That also affects the exercise of spiritual fatherhood. Some point to the significant role played by grandparents in conveying faith and values to young

people, generating questions regarding the future evolution of society. Single parent households are also on the rise.

- The relationship between young people and their families should not be taken for granted. Some people are moving away from their family traditions, hoping to be more original than what they see as *"stuck in the mud and old fashioned."* On the other hand, in some parts of the world, young people seek identity by remaining rooted within their family traditions and striving to stay true to *"to the way we were raised."*
- These situations call for a deeper insight into the relationship between youth culture and family morality. Several sources report a growing gap between them, however, others argue that there are still young people who are interested in living authentic and lasting relationships and give great value to the indications coming from the Church. To many marriage and family are still amongst the ambitions and plans of young people.

3. YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- There are a number of young people who feel the Church is very close to them, in places such as Africa, Asia and Latin America, as well as global movements, even some young people who do not live in the Gospel feel connected to the Church.
- Young people noticeably like team work and are good at it, which is an asset in many situations. Sometimes, this openness leads to clashes with excessive authoritarianism on the part of adults and ministers.
- *On many occasions, young people have difficulty finding space in the Church where they can actively participate and lead. Young people interpret their experience in the Church as one where they are considered too young and inexperienced to lead or make decisions as*

Retreat at Resurrection Garden



St. John Paul II Small Christian Community, SCC at a retreat at Resurrection garden during the Feast of Pope John Paul II.

Pilgrimage to Fatima



Our Lady of Fatima in the procession.



Almost there, preparing for the last leg.



Scaling the toughest section of the journey



Flying Kenyan Flag high in Fatima and praying for our country.



Jubilant pilgrims upon arrival at Fatima at the Consolata House. They met Fr. Tobias.

Pictures courtesy of Eric Fernandes

Deacon Kim's farewell party held on the evening of Friday 19th October 2018



He acknowledged greetings, received a gifts and shared cake with all those present during his farewell before giving his maiden farewell speech.



The Strategic Committee members of Consolata Shrines during an inspection tour of the building under construction. The main Contractor, Mr. Rajesh (left) takes members through. They are standing on the parking space of the first floor, behind the completed Sisters house

they would make mistakes.

- It is usually clear that wherever young people are involved and appreciated, the style and dynamism of the Church acquire a powerful vitality that is able to draw people's attention.

4. THE UBIQUITOUSNESS OF DIGITAL CONTENT.

- *The impact of social media in the lives of young people cannot be understated. Social media are a significant part of young people's identity and way of life.*
- The Web can also be a place of loneliness, manipulation, exploitation and violence, up to the extreme case of the "dark web."
- Despite living in a hyper connected world, communication amongst young people remains limited to those who are similar to them. Developing the ability to engage in sober conversation and dialogue with diversity is being hindered by this situation and becomes an educational challenge where the young are concerned.
- Also, due to ignorance and inadequate formation, pastors, and adults in general, have a hard time understanding this new language and also tend to be scared, feeling they are in front of an "invisible and ubiquitous enemy?"



The Synod will meet until 28 October. During that time, the observations in the "recognising" portion of the *Instrumentum Laboris* will be subjected to further scrutiny during the "interpretation" and "choosing" phases. The most challenging aspect of the Synod for the young people was *discernment*. In the preparation for the Synod, they concluded



that, "*Spending time in silence, introspection, prayer as well as reading the Scriptures and deepening self-knowledge are opportunities very few young people exercise. There is need for a greater introduction into these areas. Engaging with faith based groups, movements and likeminded communities, can also assist young people in their discernment.*"

In his homily opening the Youth Synod, the Holy Father, Pope Francis prayed to the Holy Spirit:

"May the Spirit grant us the grace to be synodal. Fathers anointed with the gift of dreaming and of hoping. We will then, in turn, be able, to anoint our young people with the gift of prophecy and vision."

Let us continue praying for the Synod for Youth Vocational Discernment and for our Young People.

(From the working document of the Synod for Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment, *Instrumentum Laboris*, 2018) **CE**

Christian Education Committee

The conclusion of the PMC Central Deanery Missionary Rosary

On Saturday 6 October, the **PMC** joined their friends in the Central Deanery for our annual celebration at St Austin's Parish. This celebration was the conclusion of a spiritual journey which began in May with the launch of the **Missionary Rosary** at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kiambu. We started our Rosary journey in May because it is the month of Our Lady and we concluded in October; the month of the Holy Rosary and the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. It is also the Missionary Month which is special for Pontifical Missionary Childhood (**PMC**). During the six months, the **PMC** were encouraged to pray the **Missionary Rosary** daily.



To both events, each of the twelve Parishes brought a large **Missionary Rosary**, an icon of

Our Lady, a statue of Our Lady, five candles in missionary colours and a bouquet of flowers. Being Consolata Shrine **PMC**, we presented an icon of Our Lady Consolata; our statue was one of Our Lady of Fatima.

Usually on this day we pray the **Missionary Rosary**, followed by Mass, lunch and an afternoon of games. Everything would take place in the Parish Hall and the field. This year, we were allowed to use the beautiful St Austin's Church. It is designed in the old style with a balcony and an imposing Tabernacle elevated above the Altar. The Mass was celebrated by the **PMC** Deanery Chaplain, Fr. Chege and Fr. Omoyo from the home parish. Somehow all the children managed to fit in. Some of the Consolata **PMC** sat in the balcony. Our role in the Mass was to take part in the Bible Procession, which we did. We were also asked to bring sugar to present during the Offertory.



Central Deanery PMC celebrating Conclusion of Missionary Rosary at St. Austin's Parish, Lavington.

Reflection

During the Mass, each Parish presented their sacramentals at the Altar for prayers and blessings.



PMC holding Missionary Candles at the Altar.

As soon as the Mass had concluded, all the **PMC** were asked to prepare for the **Missionary Rosary** Procession.



PMC with large Rosary preparing to take part.

This was also new. We walked on the road, within the compound, to the rugby fields and back again. The sun was very hot and the Holy Rosary was being recited throughout.



With flowers for Our Lady on the procession.



The icon of Our Lady Consolata was getting heavy during the procession.



With Our Lady of Fatima.

*Jesus said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"
Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!"*

Missionary Rosary

At the end of each Mystery, we sang a verse of a Marian Hymn. *Linet Akai* did a very good job of leading the Litany of the Child Jesus and the concluding prayers.



Praying the Holy Rosary.

After the procession, of course, everyone was very tired, hot and thirsty. We all collapsed under trees to keep cool and listened to presentations of Marian songs.



PMC resting in the shade after the procession.

By 1pm everything was done and the **PMC** could have juice and biscuits as we waited for our transport back to the Shrine. We

returned in time to have lunch and began our usual Saturday **PMC** session.

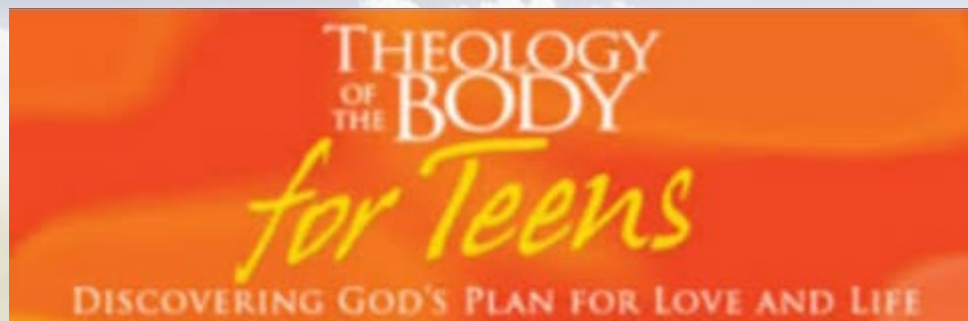
Well done and thank you to all the **PMC** who attended the event. Thank you for loving the Missionary Rosary. May the Child Jesus walk with you as you live a Holy Childhood.

God bless you. **CE**

QUICK MISSIONARY ROSARY QUIZ

- For each colour of the **Missionary Rosary**, state the continent and name three countries in the continent.

**Hand in answers at the PMC Office.
Christian Education Committee**



The Theology of the Body for Teens will take place in two sessions:

Level One. Classes 7- 8 (in Oct 2018)
Tuesday 13 - Friday 16 November.

Level Two. Forms 1- 4 (in Oct 2018)
Tuesday 20 - Friday 23 November.

The **Theology of the Body for Teens** will answer, among others, the following questions:

- What does it mean to be human?
- What is the 'language of the body' and how do I 'speak' it?
- What is the difference between love and lust?
- How 'far' is 'too far'?
- What does our sexuality teach us about God?



THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR TEENS DINNER.
Friday 30 November 2018

THE ANNUAL MYM MASS
Saturday 1 December 2018

JUNIOR YOUTH CAMP.
Tuesday 11 - Friday 14 December 2018

END OF YEAR THANKSGIVING MASS
Monday 31 December 6pm

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES (upto 13 years)
HOLIDAY CAMP (Bible activities, games and crafts)
Tuesday 6 - Friday 9 November

PMC ZONAL MASS with John Cardinal Njue, at St Mary's, Msongari.
Saturday 10 November 2018

PMC TRIP TO KAREN
Tuesday 27 November 2018

PREPARATION FOR NATIVITY PLAY
Thursday 29 November - Thursday 6 December 2018

CHILDREN S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY.
Friday 7 December 2018.



Baptisms in September 2018

1. Edel Wanjiku Wairimu of Margaret Wairimu and James Thiongo Maina
2. Lianne Wanja of Lucy Njeri and Bonface Kimani Wamaitha
3. Nancy Nyambura of Teresia Wambui and Antonio Ngigi Muthee
4. Rahab Njeri of Mary Musundi and Daniel Njogu
5. Stefani Wangui of Judy Nyawira Ndumia
6. Grace Njeri of Rina Muthoni Macharia and Peter Murage Wachira
7. Erik Macharia of Rina Muthoni Macharia and Peter Murage Wachira
8. Emmanuella Barore of Anne Wanjiru Mwangi and Anastase Munyakazi
9. Faustina Lilac Achieng of Hellen Wakamwe and Michael Omondi
10. Leticia Ngendo Of Mercy Wangui Wangai And Charles Mburu Mwangi
11. Angeliz Origi Opudo of Agnes Andeso Ojango and John Opudo Miseda
12. Sebastian Wanjuki of Nyawira Wanjuki and Walter Karanja Kahuki
13. Monica Zara Nyaguthi of Rose Wanja Matu
14. Gianna Rita Nyakarindi Wanguku of Irene Wangari Wanguku
15. Phoebe Pendo Wairimu of Margaret W. Muthoni and Edward Kamau Thuo
16. Hope Taraji Muthoni of Faith Njeri Machua and Peter Gathenya Mwariri

17. John Jabulani Migwi of Caroline Waruguru and Joseph Kamau Njoki
18. Charles Jelani Muchangi of Caroline Waruguru and Joseph Kamau Njoki
19. Gabriel Antony Gaitho of Cecilia Wanjiku and Peter Kipngeno Ronoh
20. Ella Njeri of Rose Wanjiru Nyuni and Ngari Githehu Henry
21. John Thuku Nyaga of Phyllis Njahira Thuku and Timothy Nyaga Mwaniki
22. Reina Njeri Kiraka of Joyce Nyokabi Kamau and David Kiraka Muchai
23. Stephanie Kasyoka of Stella Wanjiru and Mathew Kimatu
24. Shem Nzioka of Jayfrice Mueni and Justus Musyoki
25. Ezra Ryann Mutugi of Mary Wahu Wagaki and Daniel Mugo Mutugi
26. Lucia Kerubo of Annet Nyamoida and Samuel Suri
27. Bethsheba Moraa of Josephine Kwamboka and Elisha Ayaga

Marriage Banns in October/November 2018

There is a promise of marriage between

1. Jane Wambui Kamau and Mark Ochieng Odhiambo
2. Rosemary Njoki Maina and James Peter Kabare
3. Clare Shamim Chelagat Kimitei and John Kiugi Kimani
4. Irene Njeri Kinyanjui and Hezekiel Macharia Kingori

5. Judith Sandra Akoth Omollo and Justus Gitahi Mureithi
6. Margaret Wambui and Francis Maina Njuguna
7. Sarah Njeri and Michael Mungai
8. Beatrice Akinyi Hongo and Julius Bett
9. Rose Murugi and Munene Mati
10. Christine Ndinda Matiku and Thadeus Mwalili Mwololo
11. Faith Mumbua Mutuku and Jeremy Piedade Chege Muna
12. Caroline Wairimu and Paul Kamau Ndungu
13. Irene Warue and Peter Nyaga Njoka
14. Marijan Jagunike and Ayoo Osen Odicoh
15. Daisy Kanini and Christian Fundi Njue
16. Faith Mumbua Mutuku and Jeremy P. Chege Mona

If anyone knows of any particular reason why the above ceremony cannot take place, they should immediately report to the Parish Priest.

Weddings in September/October

1. Lucy Wanjiku Gitumbi and Antony Ngila Albert
2. Celina Kagendo Mutegei and John Nyabwari Nyambane
3. Magdalena Majala Mwalimo and Lloyd Muriuki Wamai
4. Risper Kinanu Mukaba and Martin Mutea Mutwiri

5. Elizabeth Wambui Nganga and Sammy Davies Mochama Michira
6. Brenda Kananu Muthomi and Innocent Muchiri Githua
7. Teresa Njeri Nganga and Samuel Nyuthe Njoroge
8. Esther Munyange David and John Kyalo Mwanake

Deceased Members of Our Parish

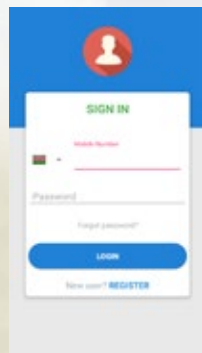
1. Betty Wambui
2. Joseph Ouma Muga
3. Gladys Namwaya Makhanu
4. Lucy Njogu

Eternal rest grant to them oh God and let perpetual light shine upon them.

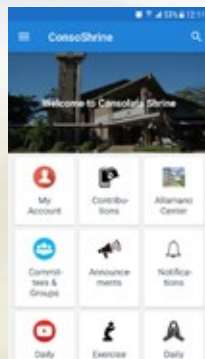
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Consolata Shrine App

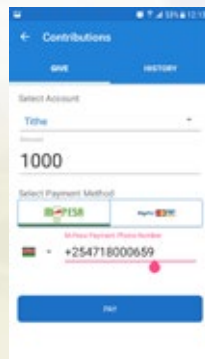
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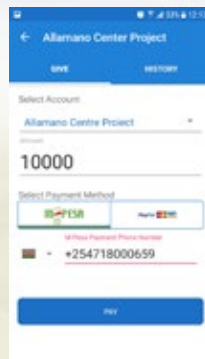
1. LOGIN SCREEN
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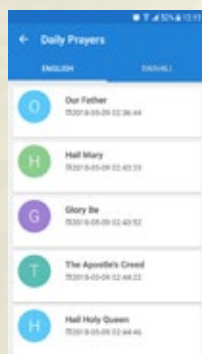
2. DASHBOARD
This screen acts as a home page and provides links to the various features of the application. Everything can be accessed through this screen.



3. CONTRIBUTIONS
The contributions screen enables both parishioners and non-parishioners to give in support of different accounts. It is a safe and efficient method to make contributions for *Tithe, Donations and Offerings*. The supported payment methods are *MPESA, PAYPAL and CREDIT CARD*.



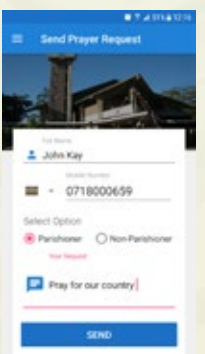
4. ALLAMANO CENTER PROJECT CONTRIBUTIONS
This screen enables both parishioners and non-parishioners to give in support of the *Allamano Center Project*. It enhances safe and efficient payment services in support of the *Allamano Centre* main contributions, *Car stickers, Harambee and Mt. Kenya Climbing Hike*. The supported payment methods are *MPESA, PAYPAL and CREDIT CARD*.



5. DAILY PRAYERS
Users access *Daily Prayers* through this screen. To view more details, users tap on a prayer title.



6. DAILY MASS
Livestreams and previous mass can be accessed by tapping "Daily Mass" on the home screen. Users can watch and listen to live Masses by tapping on the preferred one.



7. PRAYER REQUEST
Parishioners and non-parishioners can send prayer requests on this screen.

MORE FEATURES ARE DISCOVERED AS YOU INTERACT WITH THE APP.

EVENTS OF THE PARISH FOR OCT - NOV 2018

OCTOBER – MISSIONARY MONTH	
MISSIONARY INTENTION: Evangelisation: The Mission Religious. That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalised, and those who have no voice.	
Sun 28	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Children's Mass, 9am Youth: Ecumenical activity World Priests Day, All parishes Christian Education Committee: Family Life Talk St. Jude SCC: Feast Day
Tue 31	Blessed Irene Stefani, Memorial Blessed Irene Stefani SCC: Feast Day
NOVEMBER	
MISSIONARY INTENTION: Universal: In the service of Peace. <i>That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail with the language of conflict.</i>	
Thu 1	ALL SAINTS Solemnity
Fri 2	ALL SOULS 1st Friday of the month: Adoration in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (programme starts at 9pm with confessions and the Rosary; Mass at 10pm; ends at 5am with Holy Mass)
Sat 3	1st Saturday of the Month: Prayers in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary: Hourly rosary prayers start at 9.30am to 4.30pm at the Prayer Garden by various groups First Holy Communion: Mass – Living in Faith after first Holy Communion. PMC: Parish leaders meeting, St Paul's Chaplaincy
Sun 4	31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass at Lan'gata Cemetery at 3pm Catechists Diocesan Retreat, Group 3. (4 -9 Nov), Uzima Centre, Karibaribi Executive Pastoral Council, 10.30am Socials Committee: Snack and Cake Sale
Fri 9	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA Feast 2019 Calendar Planning Committee meeting, Clergy Home, Ruaraka
Sat 10	Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor Annual Adoration retreat 9:30am - 4:30pm Youth: Deanery Team building at Mount Longonot PMC Zonal Mass, St Mary's School, Msongari CMA Archdiocese Choir Festivals, Finals St. Maria Goretti SCC: Retreat

Sun 11	32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Youth Mass, 9am followed by Formation Talk/Open Forum</i> <i>Prayer for the sick, their families and for health workers at all Masses.</i> <i>Meeting of parents in preparation for FHC at 2.30 pm</i> <i>Youth: Charity visit to Nest Home.</i> <i>Pastoral Council Meeting, 10.30am</i> <i>Charities Committee: Jumble Sale</i>
Mon 12	St. Josephat Bishop, Martyr
Tue 13	<i>PMC/Junior Youth: Preparation for Thanksgiving Day Presentation (13 – 17 Nov)</i>
Fri 16	<i>PMC: Animators Residential Retreat (16-18 Nov)</i>
Sat 17	<i>Self Help Group: Training (Management 2)</i> <i>Youth: Family Sports Day</i> <i>Mass Wedding, Archdiocese of Nairobi</i> <i>St. Cecelia Feast Day Celebration, all choirs, St Mary's , Msongari</i>
Sun 18	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FAMILY THANKSGIVING DAY <i>Formation for parents and sponsors of infant baptism, 3pm</i> <i>St. Charles Lwanga SCC: Retreat to Komarock Shrine</i> <i>St. Jude SCC: Visit to Nyumba ya wazee, Kasarani</i> <i>Legio Mary: Spiritual Talk at The Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent</i>
Tue 20	<i>Junior Youth: Formation (20 -23 Nov)</i> <i>PMC: Preparation for the Nativity Play (20 Nov - 7 Dec)</i> <i>Ministers of the Sick: Formation Talk</i>
Wed 21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial
Thu 22	Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr, Memorial
Fri 23	<i>National Choir Festivals (23-24 Nov)</i> <i>Sacred Heart Night Vigil (23-24 Nov), Langata Shrine</i>
Sat 24	<i>Ongoing formation for children who have received 1st Holy Communion, 10am-1pm.</i> <i>Infant Baptism, 2.30pm</i> <i>First Holy Communion: Spiritual preparation and rehearsal in the Church for candidates, 8.30am</i> <i>Youth: Preparation for the Christmas Carols</i> FAMILY DAY: CENTRAL DEANERY, DON BOSCO UPPER HILL.
Sun 25	CHRIST THE KING <i>Children's Mass, 9am</i> CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION, 3pm <i>Proclaimers: Commissioning of new members.</i> <i>Youth: Karaoke Fun Session</i>
Fri 30	SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE Feast <i>Catechists: Deanery formation/AGM</i> <i>Junior Youth: Dinner</i>