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Marks of the end of 2016/2017 academic year

Dear esteemed readers, we, Arrupe Insider editorial team, are pleased to present to you our last edition of the Insider for the just ended academic year, 2016/2017. Usually, the end of an academic year at Arrupe College sparks lots of exceptional events and movements. These include the hand and take over of offices for the Students Association committees, presentation of Dissertations for those finishing their programs at Arrupe, the sendoff and missioning ceremonies, among others. This year, these and many other events occurred, and the latest was the Closing Assembly ceremony, which officially marked the end of 2016/2017 academic year activities. This was a great ceremony for our finalists who were vastly complimented, appreciated and awarded for the great work they had just completed at Arrupe.

Therefore, the Insider editorial team thanks and congratulates our elder brothers and sisters, not only for the completion of their programs, but also for inspiring and encouraging those of us who are remaining in this field of philosophy and humanities. You have proven to us that nothing is impossible. As we thank and congratulate you, we wish you all the best in your next missions. We pray and hope that you will use the wisdom and knowledge that you learnt from Arrupe College to change the world for the better.

As far as we can tell, the special events and activities that happened in this academic year generated our further evolution in the exercise of philosophy and humanities. This was definitely due to the creativity and efforts of some particular arrupeans and groups of arrupeans. As a matter of fact, the Insider itself has taken a remarkable part in this procedure of building up Arrupe College. Arrupe Insider registered this note simply because of the creative commitment and insight of those who were involved in its functioning, which brought about its own success first. One can testify that the newsletter has attained a least most of its dreams so far. When we began the academic year, this newsletter was somewhat still under the revival process. Now, we can assure that it has ended this stage.

Hence, it would be my aberration if I fail to thank each and every one of you, both arrupeans and non-arrupeans, for the support that you brought to Arrupe Insider Newsletter in one way or the other to enable its success. Of course, my bare words of thanks cannot complement your contributions. However, I dare to thank you all for your physical and nonphysical contributions and support towards the progress and growth of the Arrupe Insider Newsletter.

In fact, it is my duty to express my innermost gratitude to the administration in the person of Fr. Evaristus Ekwueme, SJ, the Dean of Arrupe College, whose advice, material support and best cooperation were vital to our success. In the same vein, I wish to thank the Student Association in the person of Vitalis Chinonso, the secretary for the marvelous and supportive concern for the Insider's success and growth. Likewise, I must express my intimate gratitude to you my dearest colleagues: Emmanuel Ogwu (secretary), Hubert Niyonkuru and Akakpo Selom Ghislain (designers), Chinonso Vitalis, Vicent Onyango, Uchechukwu Oguike, Adelino Dawacar, Tinashe

Kunze, Anderson Musina, Tubulo Prosper, and Elvis Tawanda Chirara (associate editors) and the photographers/media center led by Fr. Esenther Keith, SJ. I cannot forget to thank Thierry Manirambona who has been our designer for the first three months of this academic year. You vigorously did the best you could, and the upshot of your efforts occasioned something worth of thanking and appreciating as I always learnt from our reliable readers. "...You have been faithful over a little; your Master will set you over much...." (Mt 25:23).

We would like to also thank our contributors who gave us articles, stories especially Jean Claude Nsabimana who came up with an initiative of producing a continuing story and thus contributed for almost each one of our editions, drawings especially Alexander Akalefu, jocks, riddles, pieces of advice, and so forth. We are grateful for your contributions. Our staunch readers, accept our gratitude and congratulations as we hope that you have learnt a lot from our monthly publications. In a special way, I humbly thank the Students Association alongside the administration for entrusting me with the responsibility of representing the Arrupe Insider editorial board during 2016/2017 academic year. It was really a privilege for me to learn, and I have learnt enough for the betterment of my own experience. I absolutely remain thankful for giving me this opportunity.

We welcome Shelton Zimondi O. Carm, the new president of Students Association and his cabinet. Hopefully, under their leadership, Arrupe College will always grow greater and greater. Last but not least, we gratefully welcome **Hubert Niyonkuru, SJ** the new Editor-in-chief of Arrupe Insider for the next academic year. We thank him for his generosity and availability to serve our college. Having already tasted his capabilities and creativities as our designer, I strongly believe that his team and he will make Arrupe Insider Newsletter keep flourishing.

We apologize for we shall not be able to publish our works for the next two months as we go away for our long break. To our comrade Arrupeans, we wish you all fruitful and enjoyable experiences during this time of break. May the various missions that we are going to undertake—language immersion, social and teaching apostolates provide us with the new realities that will enable us to help our college achieve more of its great dreams. May this break be an occasion for us to reinvigorate our minds and bodies so that we can carry on our journey at Arrupe College when we come back. Despite our absence at the college, we wish a very happy birthday to our brothers and sisters who are celebrating their birthdays this month. May you remain the light of the world now and forever.

AMDG.

NDORIMANA Emmanuel, SJ.

Finalist tribute

Valedictory speech

All protocols observed, on behalf of the finalists of 2016/2017 academic year, I stand here to express our gratitude to Arrupe College, Jesuit school of philosophy and humanities. Arrupe College has helped us to lose our innocence. We have lost our naivety, negative prejudices, stupidity, ignorance, self-incurred immaturity and narrow mindedness. Arrupe has killed our innocence, thereby making us guilty. We have tasted from the fruit of knowledge, and my dear friends, I can assure you it is sweet. The tools of logic, using trees and tables helped to sharpen our minds. Philosophy of science equipped us with analytic precision in order to be able to articulate reality that confronts us. These and many other courses are responsible for the loss of our innocence. Indeed, our eyes are now opened! Open to the needs of the world, open to the needs of humanity, open to the environmental issues, and open to pressing issues of society. We can no longer feign ignorance, neither can we be indifferent to socio-epistemic questions, socio-political challenges, socio-economic issues just to mention a few.

Dear Mr. Ignorance, Dear Mr. Naivety, good bye to you. We once relied on you, you were once our friends. But today we part ways. There is now a huge valley separating our world and your world. This separation is an epistemic necessity which has as its end, the actualization of our vocation which is simply to be at home in the world. It is precisely for this reason that we are *Daseins*, being in the world.

We want to express our innermost gratitude to this institution of higher learning, Arrupe College for helping us to develop a creative and philosophical mind. You have given much to us, and it is now our turn to give back to the society. Wherever we find ourselves whether in the city of Abuja, Beira, Kigali or Bujumbura, or even in Makonde or Mberengwa, remember to give back, remember that Arrupe has prepared us for life. Thank you Arrupe college. We are grateful to the University of Zimbabwe to whom we are associated. We are thankful to the teaching and non-teaching staff of Arrupe College. We cannot mention names since the list is inexhaustible. However, as *Daseins*, we want to express our special gratitude to the friend of German Idealism, our friend Mr. Francis Koshoffa. He has proved to us that philosophy does not require age. He demonstrated to us that we can also philosophise. Let me ask all the *Daseins* to applaud him.

Specifically to the teaching staff of Arrupe College, we encourage you to continue with the excellent work you are already doing. We want to ask you to triple your efforts and rigour. Please be assured that the efforts you have invested in us will not be in vain. We shall be true and faithful ambassadors of Arrupe College wherever we go. Just seeing what is going on these few months, we wish we would stay only for one semester in order to taste and benefit from the rigour of Dr. Ekwueme. And here I pause and ask, can stupidity be taught? If you do not know, ask! What

about Dr. Ingiyembere and his insistence on the need to respect science, and Dr. Mardai for his emphasis on historical context. You all have contributed to who we are today.

To those who are coming behind us, be patient with yourself. When you are not understanding Kant's transcendental deduction of categories, or the whole idea of Dadaism, when you are not understanding the difference between Spinoza's *natura naturans* and *natura naturata*, do not throw in the towel. Philosophers never give up. Hold the fort! And don't be stressed by paper dues.

To us finalists, Arrupe College is our mother. In my mother's tongue which is Kirundi, we say "n'umusazi arubaha nyina", that is, even a fool respects his or her mother. We will continue to support Arrupe wherever we will be in our different capacities. Long live Arrupe College, long live Philosophy and Humanities! Maitabasa! Siyabonga!! Asante Sana!!! Murakoze!!!!



Evariste Nyabenda, SJ.



Short summary on the closing assembly

The closing assembly at Arrupe College was full of events and facts which need to be shared with the readers of Arrupe Insider. Here is a proposal of an overview in order to have a taste of what the closing assembly was like.

The twentieth of May 2017 has become part of the history of Arrupe college. In fact, after ten tiring months of hard work, the time had come to end the academic year. That day can be summarized into two main fold: the closing assembly, and the mass. The ceremonies started at eight o'clock led by Koshoffa, Sj. After that the spiritual father of the college, Fr Von Nidda had led us into the opening prayer, the Rector gave a discourse in which he emphasised the importance of the formation given at Arrupe College. Among the honourable members invited for the occasion one can mention the vice chancellor of the university of Zimbabwe, Professor Levi Nyagura. In his discourse, the vice chancellor acknowledged the performances of Arrupe College. He affirmed that the University of Zimbabwe appreciated and learned a lot from its affiliation with the college. Then, he also pointed out the fact that the college has been incubated for long and has reached the time to move on its own by becoming independent. As an advice, he challenged the

College by inviting it to widen its horizon and emphasised the importance of science and technology in the contemporary world. The discourse of the vice chancellor was followed by the addresses of the Dean and the Registrar. In his address, the Dean gave an overview of events and activities that marked the academic year 2016-2017 then, he issued certificates to those who have successfully completed their program. Additionally, various students received awards either for their academic performances or for their outstanding services that they gave to the College. The Registrar gave a closing speech in which he thanked those who were present at the closing assembly and invited us to allow ourselves to dream.

The closing assembly was followed by a thanksgiving mass celebrated by the Secretary General of the Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops Conference, Father Frederick Chiromba and concelebrated by the Rector, the Dean and the Principal. At the end of the mass, the Rector solemnly announced the end of the academic year 2016-2017.

Akakpo Selom Ghislain, SJ.

Academic year Closing assembly - 2017



Visit of the SSAAS of UZ to Arrupe College

On the 8th of May, the Senate Sub-Committee on Affiliate and Associate Status (SSAAS) from the University of Zimbabwe visited the college. The aim of the visit is twofold. These are quality assurance and the renewal of our associate relationship with the UZ. The UZ delegation was led by Prof. I. Muwati, Dean, Faculty of Education. Other members of the delegation includes Dr. A. Mamvuto, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Education, Prof. N.T. Taringa, Chairman, Religious Studies, Classics and Philosophy, Dr. M. Hove, Faculty of Arts Representative, Dr. N. Ndlovu, Chairman, Radiology Department, Dr. F. Mapanda, Chairman, Department of Soil, Science and Agricultural Engineering and Mrs. G. R. Mangwiro, Assistant Registrar, Faculty of Education.

One would notice that the areas of the specialties of the UZ delegation is quite diversified. This is not by accident. It is to ensure that proper attention and inspection is given to the various departments of an academic institution. For example, the delegate from the faculty of education will raise issues concerning modern techniques and methodology of learning, and will also ensure that Arrupe College complies with the UZ relations and requirements. The representative from the radiology ensures that health and hygiene issues are taken seriously at the college.

The Arrupe team was led by Dr. Kizito Kiyimba, SJ. (Principal); Dr. Evaristus Ekwueme, SJ (Dean); Dr. Gilbert Mardai, SJ. (Registrar); Fr. Gibson Munyoro, SJ. (Rector); Mr. Francis Koshoffa, SJ. (Asst. Dean Academics); and Mr. Mayamiko Kachipapa, SJ. (Asst. Dean Student Life). As I have pointed out already, the purpose of the visit is to ensure the quality assurance and to renew our relationship. The renewal is done every five years, and it is always preceded by a visit from the SSAAS. With respect to quality assurance, what is of concern here includes the qualification of teachers, teaching and learning facilities, quality of library and student welfare.

The visit began at about 9am with some introductory remarks from Prof. Muwati. In his remarks, he was impressed by the work being done

at Arrupe. He described the administrative structure of the college as “well organized and inclusive”. The college administrative structure is decentralized so that people have various responsibilities. Prof. Muwati holds such a decentralization as vital for any academic institution. He also observed that the college has a good number of committees which are functional and meet at regular intervals.

In his response to Prof. Muwati’s remarks, Dr. Kizito expressed his gratitude for the continued mentorship Arrupe continues to receive from the UZ. He highlighted some of the new initiatives that the college has taken to improve teaching and learning processes. For example, mention was made of the curriculum review process that has just been completed and the rationale behind it. The Principal spoke about the language laboratory, media center, our relationship with other institutions around, and the appointment of substantive officers in the college. It was also mentioned that one of the major dreams the college has is to acquire the status of an independent degree awarding institution. The Principal’s remarks were followed by a tour of the college. The following places were visited: admin block/strong room, library, student center, staff room, sick bay/first aid staff/student offices,

AFCAST, seminar rooms, students’ gym room, audio-visual room, lecture room 1, language laboratory, computer laboratory/media center, chapel, workshop/fuel station/sports field, student residences, Loyola hall/dining room and kitchen. The primary objective of this tour, is to confirm what has been said on paper and to see the state of affairs of things in the college.

After the tour, the UZ team was satisfied with the state of affairs of the college. They encouraged us to pursue our dream so that we can become an independent degree institute of learning. The meeting ended on a light note with a sumptuous meal prepared by our able Mr. Marko.



Francis Koshoffa, SJ.

President's keynote address

Greetings to you all my dear comrades, the Arrupeans and the Arrupe Insider readers. I hope that everyone continues to be blessed by this special Eastertide season. This time is a very fruitful time for our salvation.

I write to you at such a time when we celebrate our past and take decisive actions to create our future as a college. I would like to pass my congratulation message to all our 2017 finalists. *Makorokoto, amphlope*, well done!! You fought a good fight. Now that you are fully armed with arsenal, go out there and fire out the arsons from the barrel of wisdom and intelligence with which Arrupe College has equipped you. After going through such a rigorous process of study at Arrupe, a place of excellence, a place where lives are transformed, talents groomed and where raw diamonds as rough as they may become shining gems of success, I challenge you to go out to the world and bear fruit, fruit that will last; fruit that is presentable before the Lord. Transform and edify lives. According to Rene Descartes, "it is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well". Philosophy at Arrupe has taught you to be critical thinkers, you now have the good mind. Put it to good use and make a positive impact to the society, to the African continent and to the world at large. "It is every person's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it" (Albert Einstein). Therefore, since you have received so much from Arrupe College, also give back to the world that you drew out of it. I wish you all the best in your future commitments.

To the rest of my dear comrades who are still at Arrupe, I would like to express my gratitude to you all for your continued support you render to the Students' Association activities. Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming. We succeeded in the last academic year because we remained resonant and focused as a team. I strongly feel that we all contributed our best to become the best that we are as Ar-

rupe College. I also think that we have the capacity to excel and do even much greater things in future than before. This applies both to our academic achievements and many other facets of our student life.

To the Administrators, teaching and non-teaching staff of Arrupe College, we, as students, are grateful for your tireless and unwavering support that you showed us in the previous year and we look forward to enjoying more from your edifying efforts and love next year.

As the holidays have begun, I urge all of us to enjoy this long break worthily within our communities and with our families, relatives and friends at home. As we do so, let us not forget to continue praying for our college's plans one of which is that of becoming an independent degree-awarding university. I call upon all of us to dream this dream together with Arrupe College. This is a dream towards the institute's mission, core values and management values that culminate in an overall strategic integrative goal to become a pillar of academic excellence. We all plan but God fulfils the plans. Arrupe College needs our prayers.

Once more, I thank my colleagues, the Students' Association Council for your indefatigable and inexorable help. I wish all the Arrupeans very restful and enjoyable holidays filled with God's love. Remember to live as the people who are redeemed. Thank you!



Shelton Sylvester Zimondi, O. Carm.,
President of Student Association 2017/2018.

Proud of having us!

Dear and beloved companions and comrades,

May the mercy and peace of Jesus, the Christ and our Lord, be always upon us and guide us.

The academic year 2016/2017 has finally come to the end. On Saturday, 20th of May, each one of us, moved and was filled with emotion, expectation and gratitude, came to thank and support our Senior brothers and sisters, those who have successfully and brilliantly trodden the path that we are still treading.

Each departure and goodbye is, of course, a moment of joy, praise and communion. But, it is also a time of reflection and of great challenge. As our fellow friends are leaving, they entrust to us the destiny of Arrupe College. They have tried, as far as they could, to give their own inputs in the construction of the huge edifice. Now, it belongs to us to continue keeping the flame and to bring it higher than ever. There are two ways whereby we can achieve this. Either we can opt for the way of “resolution” or for that of “r-evolution”.

By the way of “resolution”, we can decide to stand back from ourselves, to look back in order to identify what did not work out very well during the last academic year. Having made this retrospective movement, we may be able to suggest elements that might be more efficient for the upcoming year.

By the way of “r-evolution” (in the sense of keeping up growing), we decide rather to shift focus on the present, the time and instance that are giving to us “*hic et nunc*”, that is, “here and now”. With this path, there is no need to go back in the past, for the past has passed out. This second way is much more innovative, challenging and exciting as well, for it

calls us out to see and consider each single day as an opportunity for acting, whereby one constantly re-creates not only oneself, but also the “college self”.

The “two ways” are significant and worthy enough to be followed, given that they, both, lead us to our common purpose, which is “to make Arrupe College proud of having us”.

There are many challenges ahead of us. In so doing, there are also a lot of convictions and expectations at stake. Those expectations and convictions shall give room to concrete and “factual” actions, for it is rather by actions (and not by convictions and expectations) that one builds and erects the present.

Knowing that we, Arrupeans, are the actors and authors of our own history and story, let us, with a cheerful and grateful heart, give praise to the Lord for what he achieved for us and in us in the past! Let us, in an open and generous will, count on Him for the present! And, lastly, let us, with hope, commit to Him our fate!

Today is not only “Our Time”... Instead, today is as well “The Time of Our Time”. May Arrupe College be proud of having us!!!



Yves TASSI, SJ.

Secretary of Students Association 2017/2018.

Centre for African Studies

Book Discussion

During this academic year (2016/2017), the Centre for African Studies held a series of book discussions. The last one was on Monday, 10th April and Mr Thierry Manirambona led the discussion. This last gathering marked the end of three series of presentation on the book *Dead Aid*, by Dambisa Moyo. The central theme of the part presented by Thierry was 'let's trade'.

In continuation of her criticism of aids in Africa, Moyo makes the point that a good trading environment is the best strategy that can ensure the development of Africa. She argues that African leadership has to open the possibility of trade within Africa. Indeed, Africa should not rely only on other foreign countries such as China, there should be an internal form of self-reliance as far as African trading system is concerned. In addition, Moyo affirms that Africans should enhance the system of 'Banking the unbankable'. This system implies that countries build a financial system capable of helping people save money, bringing hidden money into the financial system through transparent legal framework and encouraging microfinance. Moyo emphasises the adoption of microfinances as the key element of rural development. Another way of getting money is to encourage Africans in the diaspora to send money to Africa and not to live beyond one's means. Concerning leadership, she affirms that rules of prudence have to be reinforced (strengthen structures) and education supported. These remittances can help in economic growth. However, the system of encouraging Africans in the diaspora to send money to Africa has its challenges such as the

high taxation on money that are sent to Africa.

After Thierry's presentation, the audience was invited to participate in the second part of the gathering which was the question-answer and discussion session. Some participant showed dissatisfaction regarding how Moyo argued the issue of aid in Africa. They affirmed that the problem with Dambisa Moyo's argument on aids in Africa is that she fails to consider the diversity of Africa.

Therefore, among the comments that were mentioned in this session one can mention the fact that some people did not agree with the assertion that aid is the problem. A remark was made that the problem is how aid has been used and managed. In addition, some people affirmed that Moyo provided insufficient arguments in her book.

On the other hand, there were other participants who backed Moyo's position and saw in the solution that she gave a way for the independence of Africa vis-à-vis aids. Thus, her strategy was seen as a call to put force in other means that can boost economic growth. Additionally, they stated that Dambisa Moyo is raising a kind of self-consciousness, that can bring the feel that Africa really owns its resources.

This discussion marked the end of the activities organized by the Centre of African Studies in 2016 - 2017 academic year. We look forward to your participations in the events that the Center will organise in the next academic year. Do have a pleasant break.

Compiled by NIYONKURU Hubert, SJ.

SHINE FOR EVERMORE ARRUPE COLLEGE



When I got the news of my mission to Arrupe College for my philosophy studies, I wondered what philosophy would do to me or vice versa. Presently, I can say that it was not so much of philosophy that really left a mark on me as encountering Jesuits from across Africa and the world at large. Experiencing Jesuits from different cultural backgrounds and languages has broadened my awareness of *being*. Every Arrupean that I encountered was a story about the richness and profundity of *being* as manifested in the lives of each of us. It was these stories that inspired me to write about the “Meaningful Presence” of being

as manifested in the mode of being of humans, in my dissertation.

We humans are meaningful presences in relation to the world because we manifest our interpretative ability to make meaning of the world and apply such meaningful understanding in our everyday activities in the world. The sciences, literature, arts, languages, culture, music, religion, philosophy, theology, and other disciplines of human endeavor speak to the interpretative disposition of humans. Furthermore, of vital importance is not just that we can create meaning to our world, but we can share our meaningful presences with one another, thereby creating a world where can understand one another and live harmoniously with one another and the world at large.

So I say thanks to Arrupe College for this wonderful experience of encountering the world in a more diverse and profound manner. Arrupe College, continue to instruct and guide the minds of the world with your deep cultural, and linguistic diversities, and your profound philosophical insights. Arrupe College, continue to shine for evermore.

ONYEDIKACHUKWU PIUS NDEKILE, SJ.

YOUTH EASTER CONFERENCE IN BULAWAYO

The nature of our Jesuit apostolate is that it should help us transform the people we serve and by so doing help us transform ourselves. In order for this to happen, one has to give himself fully to the apostolate and let God's spirit be the lead and guide in everything that we do. It is in letting God be the guide that helps us see him in all the people we work with and for.

Having spent some time doing my apostolate with the students at the University of Zimbabwe, I have come to realize that God has a special place in the hearts of the many young people that I have interacted with. This was vividly seen when I went with the Catholic Society of University of Zimbabwe to Bulawayo for their Easter Conference. Besides the Easter message being the centre of the whole gathering, this conference ran under the theme **"Yes we can"**. The students professed that 'yes they can suffer, die and resurrect with Christ' and in so doing help in the rebuilding of a conducive society for everyone, given the difficult circumstances that young people find themselves in. The issues raised were those of corruption, unemployment just to mention but few.

The students participated actively in all the Easter Liturgies, from the table on Holy Thursday to the road to Emmaus on Easter Monday. The Good Friday Liturgies saw all the students gathered follow Christ more closely on the way of the cross. The conference had close to six hundred students, but on this day we were divided into smaller groups for our way of the cross.

As mentioned earlier, our apostolates are meant to transform us as we help transform the people we serve, how was I then transformed working with these beautiful young men and women? My transformation this Easter came in a way that gave me the opportunity to have deep spiritual conversations with the students, and it was in so doing that I realized the importance of ongoing catechesis. I noticed that many young people after baptism or first communion, they put aside the learning of catechism just like most do after graduation with a degree at the University. I was asked by Mr. Tinotenda Wakabikwa, the President of the National Movement for Catholic Students, to give a talk/reflection on the Profession of our Faith-The Creed and since it was fitting, my reflection was centered on the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. This reflection helped me in such a way that in as much as I shared it with the students, I also on the other hand was able to journey with Christ in his suffering, death and resurrection which in a way brought to perfection my Lenten preparation for Easter.

Contemplating on the paschal mysteries has been something that these Tertiary Students have always been looking forward and this year its importance was emphasized to them by His Grace, The Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Bulawayo, Most Rev Alex Thomas who celebrated with the students the Easter Monday Mass. In his homily and exaltation to the students, he encouraged them to be steadfast in their faith and guard it jealously.

Kelvin Munkuli, SJ.

Conversation avec le Père Jean Fleurys Zezika, SJ., bibliothécaire du collège Saint Paul à Madagascar

Ghislain: Que, pensez-vous, pourra aider les étudiants à avoir un intérêt dans l'outil bibliothécaire?

P. Zezika: Premièrement, il faut savoir ce qu'est une bibliothèque. La bibliothèque n'est pas seulement une place où on collecte des livres. Mais, spécialement pour nous jésuites, c'est une mission comme le président du JESAM nous l'a rappelé pendant la réunion. C'est une mission apostolique. Et pour paraphraser un caractère de la série *Game of Thrones* qui disait «on a besoin d'une pierre pour bien aiguiser une épée», nous, nous avons besoin d'un livre pour bien aiguiser notre esprit. Il faut donc lire en tant que philosophe, théologien, et même en tant que jésuite; le livre est notre deuxième compagnon.

Ghislain: Vu que le livre est notre deuxième compagnon, nous pouvons voir son importance dans la vie d'un jésuite et, par là, l'intérêt de nous rapprocher des livres.

Du point de vue général, la bibliothèque est considérée comme une place de connaissance qui attend seulement à être explorée, car la bibliothèque ne pourra venir à nous, mais c'est à nous d'aller à elle. Quels pourraient être vos conseils et maximes pour les étudiants afin de les motiver à utiliser la bibliothèque?

P. Zezika: Il y a beaucoup de maximes, mais un livre c'est un lien; un lien du lecteur avec les écrivains ou auteurs. Nous avons beaucoup de livres à Arrupe par exemple pour mieux connaître l'intention, la connaissance et la pensée de l'auteur. Par exemple Kant, Simone Brelle, Anna Arendt. Ces gens ont quelque chose à nous transmettre. Le seul moyen de les connaître, c'est de lire leur livres. Il faut lire ce qu'ils ont écrit. Le livre est donc un lien, le seul lien par lequel nous pouvons avoir accès à la connaissance d'un au-

teur. De fait, nous (qui vivons aujourd'hui) n'avons pas vu Platon ou Aristote par exemple; le seul moyen de connaître leur pensée c'est à travers les livres.

Ghislain: Le prérequis pour accéder à une bibliothèque c'est d'avoir soif de connaissance, soif de connaître la pensée ou l'intention de tel ou tel auteur.

Supposons qu'un individu ne voit aucun intérêt à visiter une bibliothèque et qu'il n'a aucune soif de connaissance. Que pourriez-vous dire à cette personne pour qu'elle voie la bibliothèque autrement?

P. Zezika: L'amour des bibliothèques est un esprit à cultiver. Prenant l'exemple de Madagascar où la lecture ne fait pas parti de la culture, c'est après ma philosophie et ma théologie que j'ai découvert qu'il était important pour nous étudiants de cultiver cet esprit. Personne ne peut nous obliger de lire. Une fois encore, seule notre soif de connaissance peut nous aider à cultiver cet esprit. Il faudra donc débiter avec un livre que nous aimons. Ensuite de là, on se rend compte du manque de connaissance dans tel ou tel autre domaine que touche ce livre. Ce qui nous mène alors à chercher plus.

Ghislain: Nous sommes dans un monde où le numérique a pris de l'ampleur et où le livre physique semble obsolète. De fait, il s'agit seulement d'un clic pour télécharger un livre dont on a besoin. En tant que bibliothécaire, avez-vous l'impression d'être devenus moins utiles à la société?

P. Zezika: La réponse à cette question dépendra de la génération que nous considérons. Il y a par exemple des parents qui éduquent leurs enfants à lire des livres physiques. Mais avec le temps, avec l'utilisation des gadgets électroniques, seule

la personne décidera de continuer sur cette lancée. Mais si on a la possibilité d'avoir une bibliothèque entière dans un de ses gadgets pour arriver à la connaissance tant mieux. De fait, le but est d'arriver à la connaissance et de respecter les idées de l'auteur.

Ghislain: Vous êtes donc plus pour la connaissance que pour le livre en lui-même?

P. Zezika: C'est cela. Mais on ne peut fuir le monde de la technologie auquel nous faisons face de nos jours. Cela ne veut pas dire que nous devons rejeter le monde physique. Par exemple, il y a plein de livres qu'il est impossible de trouver dans le monde électronique. Il faut donc viser un certain équilibre entre le monde physique et le monde électronique. Il y avait la tradition avec le monde physique et la nouvelle réalité avec le monde digital. Il s'agit d'utiliser ce monde digital sans oublier la tradition.

Ghislain: Quel est votre plus grande consolation en tant que bibliothécaire?

P. Zezika: Mon plus grand plaisir c'est de protéger les livres mais aussi de voir des personnes assoiffées de connaissances. Voir la joie sur leurs visages après qu'ils aient trouvé un livre longtemps cherché.

Ghislain: Les bibliothèques semblent être une place de solitude où le silence est de rigueur. A force de rester dans cette atmosphère, ne ressentez-vous pas un sentiment de solitude où vous vous sentez éloignés du reste du monde ?

P. Zezika: La bibliothèque peut être appelée lieu de solitude ou de silence, mais je préférerais l'appeler lieu de recueillement. Dans nos prières, comme jésuites, pour pouvoir avoir une belle rencontre avec le Seigneur, il faut du recueillement. C'est de cette même façon qu'il faut se recueillir pour rencontrer l'auteur et sa pensée.

Ghislain: Pour un grand nombre d'étudiants, les études peuvent être ennuyantes et difficiles tout simplement parce que cela demande beaucoup de lectures. En tant que bibliothécaire, avez-vous une formule pour aider les étudiants à aimer les

livres.

P. Zezika: Il nous faudra alors parler de la méthode de lecture. De fait, lorsqu'on a beaucoup de livres à lire, il ne s'agit pas de tout lire mais de trouver où se trouve l'idée principale de l'auteur. Pour cela, il faudra connaître la méthodologie.

Ghislain: Vu que le temps ne nous le permet pas, nous reviendrons prochainement sur cette méthodologie.

Dans la compagnie de Jésus, quel est le rôle des bibliothécaires dans le Ratio Studiorum?

P. Zezika: Prenant l'exemple du collège Saint Paul à Madagascar, il s'agit pour nous de rendre service aux étudiants et aux lecteurs afin qu'ils soient à même de trouver le trésor qu'ils cherchent. C'est dans ce contexte que le président du JESAM dira que la bibliothèque est une mission apostolique.

Ghislain: Merci mon Père. Auriez-vous un dernier mot à l'endroit des étudiants?

P. Zezika: Dans la spiritualité Ignacienne, il est dit de trouver Dieu en toute chose. Dans cette même ligne, cherchons à trouver Dieu dans les lectures et dans la pensée des autres.

Ghislain: Nous vous remercions beaucoup pour le temps que vous nous avez donné. Nous vous souhaitons un bon retour à Saint Paul.



Akakpo Selom Ghislain, SJ.

A Dialogue with Fr. Jocelyn Rabeson, Sj, the Librarian of Hekima College

Etim: What do you think is a process in facilitating an interest in Library studies and how can you access its relevance?

Fr. Rabeson: I have been librarian since 2004. I never expected to become librarian until when my provincial came to visit me. Three months after his visit, I received a letter from my provincial to go for studies in USA and at the same time study to become a librarian. It was never in my mind to study library science, but I had to accept the mission and I did not have a background in library science. I was admitted to study library science and I have been librarian now for twelve years. People think library is boring, but as a Jesuit, I look at the library as part of the intellectual apostolate of the society and a mission, because it is a centre of knowledge. A librarian should bring all the information people need through books. Library is not all about storing books. If you got library studies, there is more you can learn and do. The work of a librarian is to select information in terms of books, organize them and disseminate this information. The librarian is connected to our intellectual apostolate of the society. It is difficult these days to convince young people to become librarians, but my suggestion is, we can ask somebody who is studying philosophy to also study library science at the same time. We need to take the work of the librarian seriously. The philosopher can be teaching and still be the librarian at the same time.

Etim: The library is a house of knowledge waiting to be explored. What would be your advice to students motivating their interest in using the library? Is there an important maxim that does convince one to use the Fr. Rabeson library?

Fr. Rabeson: This is a challenging question because it comes in a certain concept. The life of Jesuits these days is different because of the in-

ternet. Jesuits go to google to get information. Library books are still relevant despite the presence of internet. Because when we go to the Library we have access not only to books but we can see the books, read the books, and it makes the research very easy. Library is our primary resource center because we will have access to different authors. If you go alone to the library it may be difficult to access and explore these books that is why the librarian is very important to assist you get all the books you need for research. The library is a place of research learning, where you can be familiar with authors and their topics. In the library you can get many authors at the same time. We should avoid the temptation of neglecting the library because of the internet. If you are in a place where online resources are available it is good you explore them and the E Books. But it is not enough because being in touch with the books helps us. In the library you can discover the history of the theme you are working on because of the books and series of books talking about the same theme. Our laptops cannot be our library because we need a conducive place like the library.

Etim: With increased access to the internet, the use of a physical structure such as a library building seems to be going obsolete. As a librarian, does this seeming reality make you feel less relevant? If so, any ideas on improving the relevance of librarians today? If not, how so?

Fr. Rabeson: The library is not all about shelves and arrangement of books. Library and librarians go along with the technological development today. The library does not just provide access to physical books but also online books, journals and articles due to technology. The librarians are the people who are more familiar with online resources. The librarians are still useful because they have experience and are also able to access

and analyze information. A skilled librarian is able to analyze the kind of information we need for our research and this makes them very useful. The work of the librarian has increased over the years. The librarian has to be aware of the different sources of information and needs to be familiar with the ethics of information and placing books online. With these, the library will improve.

Etim: What would you consider your greatest consolation and treasure as a Librarian?

Fr. Rabeson: As I do my best to work in the library, I feel I am at the service of others. I realize that as I enter this job I need to be open to academic reality, to be aware of what is going on and new books and publications. As a librarian I learn along the lane and I'm consoled. I'm consoled in terms of knowledge, academic life and service. Working in the library has made me participate in the intellectual formation of Jesuits and I am consoled for this. When I search for books for people, I become fulfilled by helping to fulfill what God wants them to do, and as I'm serving my brothers I believe I'm also serving God. I'm open and it helps me to listen to others. Library as a treasure of knowledge helps me. I get satisfaction when I serve people and I find God in them.

Etim: Thank you very much Father for giving us this time.



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Jokes Jokes Jokes

At a planning meeting at my college, I congratulated a colleague on producing some superb student-guidance notes explaining how to combat plagiarism.

"How long did it take you to write them?" I asked.

"Not long," he said. "I copied them from another university's website."

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Arrupe Insider

Nyamirima in anger! Once upon a time ...

After failing to take Nzitonda and Nabusage with them back to the King, the servants went to see Nyamirima, and narrated what had happened in the forest. The King Nyamirima was angered by the report of the servants. He was disappointed to hear rebellious words from Nzitonda and Nabusage. Nyamirima did not imagine that Nzitonda and Nabusage could disobey the King. Just for curiosity, Nyamirima asked the servants if they found the two armed with weapons. The servants responded saying that Nzitonda and Nabusage have only one weapon, and that weapon was their tongue.

The king did not want to give up. Having listened to the report given by the servants, Nyamirima asked his wife, the Queen, if he could kill the lovebirds for defying his orders. The queen, Banga, refused to allow the king to execute his plan, and declared that the lovebirds are innocent. The queen advised the king, "Your majesty, don't kill Nzitonda and Nabusage. All villagers within and around the kingdom talk about them as peacekeepers of the kingdom. If the people get to know that you slaughtered them, peace will cease to exist in this kingdom." The king did not take heed to the words of his wife. Nyamirima ordered ten men of his royal army to go and look for Nzitonda and Nabusage for the second time.

The ten royal guards went first to Samvura's house to look for Nabusage. They did not find her there. They asked Samvura where her daughter was. Samvura replied, "it is almost three weeks now, she has not come back home. I don't know where she is." She narrated to the guards how Nyamirima forcefully wanted the hand of her daughter, and how her daughter ran away. She told them that she was somewhere with a boy named Nzitonda. The guards then went to the top of the mountain to look for Nzitonda and Nabusage.

On their way, they met a young boy called Nzobibona who was on his way back home from the fields. They asked him if he knew Nzitonda and his friend, Nabusage. Nzobibona jokingly replied saying that Nzitonda and Nabusage were very well-known by the people, because they disobeyed the King Nyamirima, for he wanted to forcefully marry off Nabusage to his eldest son. Their mutual love inspires other young men and women within and around the kingdom. Then, the guards inquired to Nzobibona where they could find these famous lovebirds. Nzobibona told them that they had moved from the top of the mountain to another kingdom called Butasira. The guards

were frightened after hearing that Nzitonda and Nabusage were in Butasira kingdom, because they were from Buhutira. The two kingdoms are bitter rivals and the people from these kingdoms have no kind relationship towards each other. They decided to go back and tell Nyamirima that the war was going and had to be declared. They thanked Nzobibona; and, they headed back to meet the king Nyamirima in his palace.

To be continued.



Nsabimana Jean Claude, SJ

Jokes Jokes Jokes

Student: I don't understand why my grade was so low. How did I do on my research paper?

Teacher: Actually, you didn't turn in a research paper. You turned in a random assemblage of sentences. In fact, the sentences you apparently kidnapped in the dead of night and forced into this violent and arbitrary plan of yours clearly seemed to be placed on the pages against their will. Reading your paper was like watching unfamiliar, uncomfortable people interacting at a cocktail party that no one wanted to attend in the first place. You didn't submit a research paper. You submitted a hostage situation.

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Happy birthday



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