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FROM THE PROVINCIAL

“How does it help, my brothers, when someone who has never done a single good act claims to have faith? Will that faith bring salvation? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? In the same way, faith, if good deeds do not go with it, is quite dead. But someone may say: So you have faith and I have good deeds? Show me this faith of yours without deeds, then! It is by my deeds that I will show you my faith”. (*James 2:14 - 18*)

Dear Confreres, for your good work and strong faith let me thank you for the following:

1. Thanks for the well-attended Provincial Assembly. I was really touched by the good response and for the way we handled the whole Assembly in a very peaceful way without any tension. I wish all assemblies of this year would be like that. Thanks for all the decisions you took during the assembly. I pray to God so that we may little by little be able to realize them. As we approved the Total common Fund and Clustering, I want to assure you that there is no big hurry. My wish would be “to be slow but sure.” The Postulancy and the New Parish need a little more attention due to the situation we are in. The Provincial Council having paid attention to the Provincial Assembly has approved the four mentioned motions which came up during the Provincial Assembly.
2. I would like to recommend to the Finance Committee to move fast to take up seriously the commitment which has been requested by the Provincial Assembly and confirmed by the Provincial Council. Please, in case there is any problem, alert the Provincial in order to save the situation. We all look forward to good results from this Committee in the course of this year. I also request you to be a bit active as we know very well that this Committee is very important, as financial matters are involved
3. Special thanks to all of you for the good welcome to the Assistant General when we were visiting the communities. I was very happy to see your openness in sharing. Fr. Tesfaye has written the following: “Dear Fr. Joseph Maina, greetings from Rome. Please receive my words of gratitude and appreciation for all you have done in facilitating my visit to the Province of Kenya. The purpose of the visit which is contemplated in accordance with our Rules (RL 136) and the indications which exist in the Vademcum of Provincials and their Councils (No 177-178) is seriously accomplished, so I want to thank you. Thanks also for your kind and brotherly care and sharing with a lot of appreciation. ASANTENI. THANKS also to all our confreres in the Province who have welcomed us (you and me) and shared with us their life and mission.”

During our Provincial Council meeting, some points came up in connection with our communities and finances, and so allow me to mention them because they need some serious attention:

- Some communities do not present their accounts at the end of the year and their budgets for the following year. All these should be presented at the latest by the 5th of January in

order for the Provincial Bursar to have time to prepare the report to present at the Provincial Assembly and to send to Rome as well.

- All projects should be sent to the Financial Committee two weeks before the Provincial Council in order to enable the Committee to go through them and give the Provincial Council their views.
- Projects to be presented with clarity, stating clearly where you intend to get the funds from.
- There are many things which are going on in the Province and yet the right authority is not informed, e.g. buying of cars, new constructions, giving out a lot of money to people who have nothing to do with us, yet no word is said. It is sad when you come to see or hear about all these things. I would request that dialogue takes centre stage in our communities.

Let us be people of Faith always, in action, as our Founder St. Daniel was. It was faith which pushed him to be in action in order to be in love with Africa. Keep his words in mind, "Africa or death." These words should be the motivation of our being as Comboni Missionaries who are following in the footsteps of our Founder. We should serve and love the people entrusted to us, whole heartedly.

May God bless all of you and protect you from all evil so that His people may enjoy our service of Faith in Action.

Fr. Joseph Maina Mwariri.

MINUTES OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

NAIROBI, 23 - 26 FEBRUARY 2012

ABRIDGED VERSION

The Provincial Council meets in Nairobi, at the Provincial House, from 23 to 26 February.

Present: Fr. Joseph Maina, Fr. Raphael Wokorach, Fr. Filipe Resende, Fr. Stefano Giudici, Bro. Dario Laurencig. Fr. Tesfaye Tadesse, Assistant General, participates in the meeting, at the end of his official visit to the Kenya Province.

On request of the PC, Bro. Alberto Parise and Fr. Romeo are invited to the PC on Friday 24 February in the afternoon and Saturday 25 February, in the morning, respectively.

The meeting begins with a moment of prayer led by Bro. Dario. He underlines the meaning of the Lenten Season, as a time of taking up one's own cross and following Jesus, something challenging today's culture of success and competition. We all need to go back to the sources of our Comboni spirituality.

The PS welcomes the Councillors and especially Fr. Tesfaye. He explains that he decided to postpone the Provincial Council, usually held immediately after the Provincial Assembly, until the end of Fr. Tesfaye's visit of the communities, so as to give him a full picture of our Province.

MIN. 1/2012 READING OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting of the PC are read and approved.

Matters arising

Min. 48/2011.3 Some confreres did not present the final financial report and the new budget because they did not receive the final corrections made by the Secretariat of Finances. The financial report should begin from the correct balance of the previous year.

MIN. 2/2012 REPORT FROM FR. TEFAYE, ASSISTANT GENERAL

Min. 2.1 Fr. Tesfaye presents his own report after the visit to the Province. He is grateful to the confreres in each community of the Province, to the PS and the PC "for the hospitality, brotherhood, sharing and more than anything else, for the life witness to Jesus and for their being Comboni Missionaries at the service of the People of God". He shared his own

impressions, reflections and remarks on the life of the Province, our communities and our commitments. Everything will be part of the official letter to the Province which he will write after sharing his visit with the Superior General and the GC.

Min. 2.2 The PS and the whole PC are also very grateful to Fr. Tesfaye for his visit, the good sharing, and his attendance in the Provincial Council. It was a good experience of communion with the Superior General, the GC and the whole Institute. May the Lord continue to bless him abundantly in his important service to the Institute.

MIN. 3/2012 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Min. 3.1 General Council

December 2011. Acknowledge receipt of the Notes of the Consulta of December 2012. The sub-continental notes and particular notes for Kenya are read.

6 January 2012. Letter from the Superior General to Convene the Intercapitular Assembly 2012. Acknowledge receipt of the “Guide for the gathering of information from Provincials in preparation for the reflection on Intercontinentality.”

16 October 2011. Letter of admission of Deacon Isaiah Nyakundi to perpetual vows and Holy Orders.

16 December 2011. Letter of appointment of Deacon Isaiah Nyakundi to the Province of Ethiopia from 1.1.2012.

10 November 2011 Letter from the PS to the Superior General recommending three projects presented by the Superior General of The Apostles of Jesus.

January 2012. Communications between the PS and Fr. Tesfaye, Assistant General, concerning the plan of his official visit to the Province.

16 December 2011. Letter from the Superior General on “Normative guidelines for Treasurers of Provinces and Delegations when handing over their office.”

Min. 3.2 Secretary General

Acknowledge receipt of the particular liturgical calendar 2011-2012 of the Comboni Missionaries.

Acknowledge receipt of the last issue of *Familia Comboniana*.

12 october 2011. Communication to the Provincial Superiors and Delegates about the Booklet of departed Comboni Missionaries *In Pace Christi*.

Min. 3.3 General Treasury

Acknowledge receipt of the information about a Course of formation for Provincial Bursars, to be held in Rome from 15 to 27 October 2012.

Acknowledge receipt of "EUR News – Information Newsletter from the General Treasury."

Min. 3.4 Secretariat of Basic Formation

Acknowledge receipt of the Final document of the General Assembly of Formators of Novitiates, Scholasticates and International Brothers' Centres (Palencia, July 10-30, 2011).

16 November 2011. Acknowledge receipt of "A Summary of the resolutions of Palencia 2011."

Acknowledge receipt of the situation of Scholasticates and CBCs for the school year 2011-2012.

31 December 2011. Vote of thanks from the Secretary General of Formation to the PS for the organization of the Formation Assembly held in Nairobi in August 2011.

4 December 2011. Letter from the Secretary General of Formation seeking information about candidates to brotherhood in early stages of formation (postulancy and pre-postulancy).

7 November 2011. Letter from the Secretary General of Formation on the Introductory Course for Formators and Vocation Promoters to be held in Rome from 15 October to 15 December 2012.

Min. 3.5 Central Commission of On Going Formation

Acknowledge receipt of different articles for On Going Formation.

Min. 3.6 Secretariat of Evangelization

Communication between the Secretary of Evangelization and the PS.

MIN. 4/2012 LOCAL CHURCH AND INSTITUTIONS

Min. 4.1 Diocese of Kitale.

9 November 2011. Letter of the PS to the Bishop concerning the handing over of Kapenguria Parish.

Min. 4.2 Diocese of Marsabit.

14 October 2011. Letter of the Bishop to Fr. Alazar appointing him Coordinator of the Diocesan Pastoral Office.

16 November 2011. Letter of the Bishop to Fr. Ampelio welcoming him to the Diocese and to the Diocesan Pastoral Office.

16 November 2011. Letter of the Bishop to Fr. Alazar appointing him to Vocations' Office.

9 December 2011. Letter of the PS to the Bishop concerning financial issues.

1 February 2012. Acknowledge receipt of a letter of the Bishop to the Fidei Donum and Religious Clergy informing about the increment of monthly allowances.

Min. 4.3 Diocese of Lodwar.

4 November 2011. Letter from the PS to the Bishop informing of the approval of a grant to be given to the Office of Apostolate to the Nomads.

Letter from the Office of Apostolate to the Nomads thanking for the financial assistance given to the office.

Min. 4.4 Diocese of Nyeri.

23 November 2011. Letter from the PS to the Bishop informing him about the financial assistance given by the Comboni Missionaries.

Min. 4.5 Diocese of Ngong.

16 January 2012. Letter of the PS to the Vicar General of Ngong Diocese requesting to allow the activities of the team of Mission Promotion for the Local Church.

Min. 4.6 Apostles of Jesus.

Correspondence between the Superior General of Apostles of Jesus and the PS concerning the endorsement of some projects presented to different Comboni Provinces in Europe.

14 February 2012. Acknowledge receipt of a copy of the letter from the Superior General of Apostles of Jesus to the Superior General MCCJ thanking him for a scholarship offered to AJ.

Min. 4.7 Religious Superiors' Conference of Kenya (RSCK).

11 November 2011. Communication about the Brothers' Annual Meeting in Nakuru.

19 December 2011. Acknowledge receipt of the copy of a statement from Rome regarding the Church's commitment to the protection of children, from the RSCK Formation Committee.

Acknowledge receipt of the Pope's Message for Lent 2012, "Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works."

Min. 4.8 Catholic Scholarship Program for East Africa.

Acknowledge receipt of the General Yearly Programme 2012.

Min. 4.9 Tangaza College.

6 January 2012. Information from the BOT Chairperson about the Workshop on Corporate Governance.

Min. 4.10 Evangelizing Sisters of Mary.

2 January 2012. Letter from the Secretary General to the PS informing on the newly elected Superior General and her Council.

Min. 4.11 Brothers of Christian Schools.

8 February 2012. Letter of the PS of Brothers of Christian School informing of the death of Bro. Dominic Jordan FSC.

Min. 4.12 Servant of God Maurice Cardinal Otunga Committee.

Communication from the Committee updating about the process of beatification and setting the planning meeting for 8/2/2012. The PC agrees to give the Committee a contribution of 100,000 Ksh. for the cause of Beatification of Card. Otunga.

Min. 4.13 Ukarimu retreat and Conference Centre.

Information about the opening of a new Retreat centre at Baraka, Molo.

Min. 4.14 Kutoka Network

Acknowledge receipt of the last two issues of the magazine *Maisha ya Ghetto*.

Min. 4.15 Institute of Social Ministry.

The PC receives the draft of the Statutes of the Board of Directors (BoD), which are read and commented as follows:

- 1) As far as the names proposed for the BoD, the PC agrees on Fr. Pierli and Sr. Margo. The remaining two members should not be Comboni; the PC agrees on Bro. Paulos Welday's candidature and suggests the name of the DPF of TC.
- 2) Concerning point 3.3, the PC suggests that special meetings of the BoD may be called at any time by any *three* members of BoD.
- 3) Concerning point 4.2, the PC suggests that, in case of refusal to act of the Chairperson, the Deputy can perform the duties of the Chairperson only after formal agreement from the BoD.
- 4) Concerning point 5.5, the PC suggests to eliminate the clause "without cause".

MIN. 5/2012 COMBONI PROVINCES

Min. 5.1 Delegation of Asia. Acknowledge receipt of the bulletin *Fen Xiang News* (October 2011 and February 2012 issues).

Min. 5.2 DSP. Communication between Bro. Friedbert Tremmel and the PS.

Min. 5.3 Province of Italy.

Communications between the PS of Italy and the PS.

12 November 2011. Acknowledge receipt of a “Guide to how to present a project” from Missionari Comboniani, Mondo Aperto - ONLUS

Min. 5.4 NAP. Communication from Fr. Brian Quigley, Provincial Bursar, on his visit to Kenya.

Min. 5.5 Province of Portugal. Communication between the PS and Fr. Alberto Silva, PS of Portugal, requesting him to direct the Provincial Retreat at the end of June this year. Fr. Alberto has declined the invitation due to several other commitments.

Min. 5.6 Province of South Africa. Communications from Fr. Jeremias Dos Santos Martins, PS of South Africa, on the agenda of the next APDESAM meeting and NMPC BOG meeting.

Min. 5.7 Province of Spain. Communications between Fr. Ramón Eguíluz, PS of Spain, and the PS on personnel.

Min. 5.8 Province of South Sudan.

Several communications between Fr. Daniele Moschetti, PS of South Sudan, and the PS.

Acknowledge receipt of the Acta of the SS Provincial Assembly and the SS Six Year Plan.

Min. 5.9 Province of Uganda. Christmas greetings from Fr. Sylvester Hategek’Imana, PS of Uganda.

Min. 5.10 Delegation of Egypt. Communication from Fr. Paul Annis, Delegate of Egypt, to the PS.

Min. 5.11 Comboni Lay Missionaries.

Communication about the First Meeting of the Coordinators of the Comboni Lay Missionaries of Africa, held in Layibi (Uganda) from 10th to 16th December 2012.

27 January 2012. Information on the next V CLM International Assembly, to be held in Maia (Portugal), from 2nd to 9th December 2012.

MIN. 6/2012 MISSION ANIMATION AND VOCATION PROMOTION

Min. 6.1 Acknowledge receipt of the 2011 Report on the work of Vocation Promotion.

Min. 6.2 Acknowledge receipt of a letter from Fr. Austin to the PS on the sharing funds ceremony due on 27th November 2011.

MIN. 7/2012 BASIC FORMATION

Min. 7.1 Building of the new Postulancy. The present postulancy is built on a land of the Diocese, attached to a Parish which used to be ours, but was handed over to the Diocese. The Parish is

expanding quickly, and sooner or later it will need the land of the postulancy. From our side, the PC believes it is better to have a formative structure on our own land. Considering the proposal voted during the 2012 Provincial Assembly, the opinion of the confreres involved in formation and in the postulancy in particular, and after discussing the issue during the Provincial Council, the PC agrees and decides to move out from the present structure and build a new postulancy. The concrete timeline will have to be agreed upon, involving all the stakeholders, especially the Secretariat of Formation and the Secretariat of Finances. The PC asks the Secretariat of Formation to make the first reflection on the project, drawing a first plan and asking the Secretariat of Finances for an approximate quotation; Fr. Raphael will report back to the next PC in May. The PS will contact the new Bishop of Ngong Diocese soon after his consecration, in order to make him aware of the decision and to discuss with him a possible financial involvement in the construction from the side of the Diocese/Parish.

Min. 7.2 Meeting of the Secretariat. The minutes of the last two meetings of the Secretariat (8.11.2011 and 7.02.2012) are read. The following comments are made:

- 1) Fr. Pino Glannini, who was supposed to go to Asmara to visit the scholasticate following a specific request from the GC, was not given the necessary visa.
- 2) The normal policy of the Kenya Province is that a candidate for postulancy should be under 24 years of age and should not be an ex-seminarian. All exceptions have to be referred to the PC for discernment and final decision.
- 3) The PS also reminds that, according to the document of the Institute "Examination of our Formation" (Rome, 2000), the candidates to postulancy should be admitted by the PC, under presentation by the Secretary of Formation, in dialogue with the promoters and formators of the postulancy (pag. 16, point b).

Min. 7.3 Workshop on the New Roman Missal. Acknowledge receipt of the invitation from the KEC to a workshop on the New Roman Missal.

Min. 7.4 Final evaluation of Sch. Teddy Njaya. The evaluation of Sch. Teddy presented by the community of Lokichar, the self-evaluation of Teddy himself and his application for perpetual vows and Holy Orders are read. The PC is happy for the positive journey made by Teddy, both in the different phases of formation and now in Turkana during the missionary service. The PC is unanimously in favour to present Teddy to the GC to be admitted to Perpetual Vows and Holy Orders, supporting his missionary options.

Min. 7.5 Application for renewal of the vows of Sch. Charles Macharia. Having read the application of Charles and listened to some opinions of the community of Amakuriat given to the PS, the PC unanimously admits Charles to the renewal of the religious vows.

- Min. 7.6 Evaluation of Sch. Abraham Sereu Ang'irotum (Lima).** The evaluation of Abraham by his formators and his application for the renewal of temporary vows are read. After voting the PC unanimously accepts him for the renewal of temporary vows.
- Min. 7.7 Evaluation of Sch. David Khayesi Ahiro (Lima).** The evaluation of David by his formators and his application to renew the temporary vows are read. The evaluation is positive and the PC unanimously accepts him for the renewal of temporary vows.
- Min. 7.8 Final evaluation of Novice Kelly Maino Wamalwa (Namugongo).** Having read the evaluation of the formators about Kelly, the PC unanimously agrees to admit him to the First Profession.
- Min. 7.9 Report from Vice Provincial of the short visit to the Noviciate of Namugongo.** Fr. Raphael went to Namugongo to visit our novice Kelly and has the possibility to meet and talk with the formators. He reports back to the PC underlines the generally good atmosphere in the community and the good commitment of the novices.
- Min. 7.10 Communication from the Novitiate of Lusaka** thanking for the medicines the PS sent and giving a general positive impression on the first months of Novitiate of the Kenyan candidates.
- Min. 7.11 Chrisantus Mose (former novice).** He wrote to the PS and the PC asking to be readmitted to the novitiate. He left in 2010 due to family problems, which now seem to have been solved. Considering the journey made by Chrisantus in this past year, having heard the opinion of the PS who had four encounters with him, the PC is in favour of starting the process of readmission, after a three months experience in a Comboni community.
- Min. 7.12 Evaluation of the postulants to be admitted to the Novitiate: Daniel Wathome Ngao and William Odhiambo Moyi.** Having read the evaluation written by the formator, the PC admits them to the Novitiate.
- Min. 7.13 Evaluation of postulant Collins Mark Barasa, after the year of experience in Korogocho.** The evaluation written by Fr. Stefano is read and commented. The PC sees no obstacles; it is grateful for the positive journey made by Collins and admits him to the Novitiate.

MIN. 8/2012 EVANGELIZATION AND ONGOING FORMATION

- Min. 8.1 Feedback from the Provincial Assembly.** The Provincial Assembly has asked the PC to reflect and decide on some concrete issues: Total Common Fund, clustering of Provinces, Second Pastoral Commitment in Nairobi Zone, Comboni Woks of Human Promotion, New Postulancy, Handing over of Kapenguria. The PC acknowledges the proposals and it supports them. As far as

the Six Year Plan is concerned, it will be effective only after getting the official approval from the GC.

The PC makes the following remarks on particular issues concerning Evangelization and Governance/Structure:

- a) *Clustering of Provinces.* The Provincial Assembly left to the PC to start the process of merging with the Province of South Sudan. After being contacted by the PS, the PS of South Sudan suggests the two PC to meet in November 2012, which seems to be the only possible date for this year.
- b) *Provincial commitment in the area of JPIC and civic education.* The PC is in favour of this type of Comboni commitment. However there is the need to clarify the collaboration with ISSM, which, on its own, has already planned a course for formation for leaders in Kariobangi by August 2012. The PC proposes the creation of an *ad hoc* committee, formed by Bro. Alberto (director of ISSM), Bro. Gilbert (Coordinator of JPIC), Fr. John Webootsa (Coordinator of Kutoka Network), Fr. Paulino (Parish priest of Kariobangi Parish) or somebody delegated by him. The committee will specify the concrete implementation of the proposal and the type and level of collaboration with ISSM. The Committee will report to the next PC in May.

Min. 8.2 Acknowledge receipt from the Secretary of EOGF of the Themes for Zone Reflection Day as planned in the Six Year Plan.

Min. 8.3 Provincial Assembly 2012. Acknowledge receipt of different communications concerning the preparation (programme, zone reports) and the Acta of the Provincial Assembly. The final version of the Acta has been sent to all confreres by the PS.

MIN. 9/2012 FINANCES

Min. 9.1 Feedback from the Provincial Assembly. Concerning the proposals coming from the 2012 Provincial Assembly on Finances, the PC makes the following remarks and decisions:

- a) *To separate the accounts of the Province from the services given by our Procure to other Provinces and Institutions.* The separation of the accounts in the Procure is already clear; probably it is a matter of presenting in a clear way, during the Provincial Assemblies, what is the financial situation of the Kenya Province, and what are the services (and the income from them) rendered by our Procure to other Institutions and Provinces. The PC thinks that in future there might be the need of having an assistant bursar.
- b) *To have a Provincial Bursar by the end of 2012.* Having considered the health situation of Fr. Romeo and the clear proposal from the Provincial Assembly, the PS is already in advanced dialogue with Fr. Paolo Latorre to introduce him to the office by Fr. Romeo, and hopefully to

appoint him as new Provincial Bursar by the end of 2012. The PS has asked the GC not to reassign Fr. Paolo to other Provinces after the Comboni Year of On Going Formation.

- c) *Second Pastoral Commitment in Nairobi in Rangau and new Postulancy in Ongata Rongai.*
The PC agrees to begin the process of drilling boreholes in both places, after having checked that we are already in possess of the title deeds of the two plots (Rangau and Fatima).

Min. 9.2 Secretariat of Finances. A new Secretariat of Finances has been appointed (letter of appointment from the PS dated 24.11.2012) and the members are: Fr. Romeo De Berti (Provincial Bursar – Secretary), Bro. Alberto Parise, Fr. Pino Giannini, Bro. Gilbert Pettersen, Fr. Austine Odhiambo, Bro. Dario Laurencig as representative of the PC, with no right to vote. The Secretariat meets always before each Provincial Council.

Min. 9.3 Total Common Fund. Bro. Alberto Parise is invited to the PC to give a report on the steps taken so far in preparing the proposal on how to structure the TCF, according to the proposal of the Provincial Assembly. He gives the following report:

- 1) An abstract of the Provincial Directory of the Province of Malawi-Zambia has been prepared and circulated among the members of the Secretariat of Finances.
- 2) A form for the evaluation and assessment of the projects going on in the Province has also been prepared and shared in the Secretariat.
- 3) So far there has been no feedback from the members.
- 4) Bro. Alberto points out that he has no mandate to circulate this material to other members of the Secretariat of Finances; the chairman should do it, or the PS.
- 5) The PS agrees, for the time being, to receive the material and circulate it to the Secretariat of Finances.

Min. 9.4 Report of the Provincial Bursar. Fr. Romeo is invited to the PC and gives the following report:

- 1) The final annual report is still being prepared, but the overall financial situation is quite good, we managed to remain within the budget 2011. [...]
- 2) The contracts with the people or Institutions we serve through the office of the Procure, allow us to deal with their money, keeping the bank interests [...]. The investment of this money is up to the office of the Procure. It would be good to have these conditions of collaboration on paper.
- 3) [...]
- 4) There is high appreciation for the work done by Fr. Romeo. The investments, though they are meant to be supplementary and not for increasing capital, are giving a good income for the

sustenance of the Province. Our investments are only through banks, never through shares or Treasury Bills; before investing money in one bank, there is always a gathering of information on the type of investments the bank is doing, and the social finality of our money and investments is always taken into consideration.

- 5) There is still money we received for the Emergency Drought and which is kept for future emergencies.
- 6) It is proposed to have a booklet attached to the Kenya Provincial Directory with the presentation and explanation of the different Funds in the Province. The PC asks the Secretariat of Finances to revise and specify the guidelines already presented in the Kenya Provincial Directory concerning the Funds of the Province.

Min. 9.5 Allocation to the Funds of the Province. Having heard the proposals from the Provincial Bursar and the Secretariat of Finances, the PC decides to allocate the following money to the different Funds of the Province and to particular contributions:

a. Provincial Funds (fed through the Sharing Fund):

- i. Students and Seminarians Fund: proposed to be closed.
- ii. Maintenance Fund: 20,000 USD.
- iii. First Formation Special Fund: to be closed when the money is finished.
- iv. First Formation Fund: 100,000 USD.
- v. On-Going Formation Fund: 10,000 USD.
- vi. Translation Fund: to be closed when the money is finished.
- vii. Needy Children Fund: to be closed when the money is finished.
- viii. Future Development Fund: 30,000 USD.
- ix. Vehicles Fund: 30,000 USD.
- x. Language Fund: 10,000 USD.
- xi. Inalienable Assets Fund: 60,000 USD (the target is 500,000 USD).
- xii. Kenya Radical Members Fund: 20,000 USD.

b. Procure Funds (Funds for the running of the Procure):

- i. Emergency Fund: 13,000 USD.
 - ii. Procure Vehicles: 0,00 USD.
 - iii. Employees – Reserve Fund: 10,000 USD.
- c. Contribution to General Administration: 40,000 USD (from the Sharing Fund).
 - d. Contribution to Vocation Promotion: 70% of the presented budget (from the Sharing Fund).

- e. Contribution to Mission Animation: 50% of the presented budget (from the Sharing Fund).

Min. 9.5 Projects and requests for assistance.

- 1) **Our Lady Consolata Mission, Marsabit.** The construction of a playground for youth sport activities, also in view of peace building, is approved. The Diocese has to be involved and the Parish has to get a written approval from the Bishop.
- 2) **Pastoral Centre, Marsabit.** The project for media equipment for the Pastoral Office of Marsabit is approved.
- 3) **Pastoral Centre, Marsabit.** The project for formation of catechists and youth is approved.
- 4) **Pastoral Centre, Marsabit.** The project for the purchase of a new vehicle for the activities of the Pastoral Office is approved.
- 5) **Our Lady Consolata Mission, Marsabit.** The project to buy food to fight hunger in the Diocese is approved.
- 6) **Nakwamekwi Projects for 2012.** The PC receives the budget of the Nakwamekwi Community and has some reservations on the sustainability and the continuity of the management of the projects (who will carry on them in future?). The PC invites the community to reflect about these points, setting a clear vision for the future.
- 7) **Lokichar Works and Projects 2012.** The PC receives the plan for the projects supported by Lokichar Mission for 2012. There are no objections.
- 8) **Kacheliba.** The community of Kacheliba presents the budget for projects for 2012. The PC has no objections.
- 9) **Evangelizing Sisters.** Their request is kindly declined.
- 10) **Brothers of St. Joseph.** Their request is kindly declined.
- 11) **Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi.** Their request is kindly declined.

Min. 9.6 Guidelines for presentation of projects. The PC reminds the communities that all projects have to reach the Secretariat of Finances well before the PC to be evaluated. After receiving the approval from the PC for any presented project, the sources sponsoring the project itself have to be specified and the full report of the project has to be presented after the completion of the project.

Min. 9.7 Marist Stella House, Mombasa. The PC is ready to continue the contract, with the condition of reaching a clear agreement on the term of payment. Concerning the proposal of further development of the house sent to the PC by the tenant, at the moment the PC is not in favor.

- Min. 9.8 Retreats.** The PC reminds that each confrere pays for his own personal retreat, through his community, while the participation in the retreat organized by the Province is sponsored by the On Going Formation Fund.
- Min. 9.9 New generator of the Procure.** At the request of the Provincial Bursar, the PC agrees to purchase a generator to serve the Provincial House. The Provincial Bursar will enquire on the cost.
- Min. 9.10 Cars in the Procure.** The PC agrees to keep the car which was used by Fr. Oliana as a second “people’s car in the Procure.
- Min. 9.11 Amalgamation of the two plots of New People.** New People Media Centre is built on two plots, which we want to make one. The process is already concluded in the City Council, and it is in process in the offices of the Government (Ministry of Land).
- Min. 9.12 Agreement with Dioceses on allowances for missionaries.** In all Dioceses there is still an agreement for a yearly allowance for two confreres in each community. The agreement has to be checked and eventually renewed.
- Min. 9.13 Assessment of Comboni properties in the Province.** The PC mandates the Secretariat of Finances to carry out a full assessment of all properties which are under the name of Comboni Missionaries/Verona Fathers. The PC also reminds all confreres that no transaction or purchase or selling of properties can be done without the prior consent of the PS and his Council.

MIN. 10/2012 PERSONNEL

Min. 10.1 Assignments to communities and appointments

- 1)Fr. Giuseppe Ceriani is assigned to the community of Mission Animation from 1.1.2012.
- 2)Fr. Felipe Castrejana is assigned to the community of New People Media Centre from 1.12.2011.
- 3)Deacon Isaiah is assigned to the community of Kapenguria from 1.1.2012. He will be ordained in his home parish on May 18th. He has been already assigned to the Province of Ethiopia from 1.1.2012.

Min. 10.2 Communication from sc. Abraham Sireu to the PS on his formative journey.

Min. 10.3 The PS wrote a letter to Bro. Alberto Parise thanking him for his temporary service in the Procure and the assistance given to Fr. Santiago. We also thanks Fr. Santiago for helping us during the absence of Fr. Romeo.

Min. 10.4 Fr. Guido Oliana. After his sabbatical year he has opted for South Sudan Province and he has already written to the GC. The PC agrees.

Min. 10.5 Fr. Giovanni Battista Antonini. He has written a letter to PS informing him on his health situation. He has been officially assigned to the Italian Province from 1.1.2012. The PC is grateful to Fr. Antonini for the good and valuable services he has given to the Kenya Province and wishes him to get well soon and all the best in his new assignment in Italy.

Min. 10.6 Fr. Romeo De Berti. He wrote a letter to the PS informing him on his health situation and requesting to find someone ready to learn how to run the office of the Procurator so as to avoid any new emergency in the future.

Min. 10.7 Fr. John Bosco Nambasi. He went back to his Province out of his own decision.

Min. 10.8 Fr. Carlo Pasinetti is back in the community of the Provincial House and he will go for holidays after Easter.

MIN. 11/2012 COMMUNITIES

Min. 11.1 Appointments

- 1)Fr. Austine Radol is appointed as the coordinator of CLM Kenya from 9.11.2011.
- 2)Fr. Giancarlo Guiducci is appointed acting bursar of the community of Amakuriat from 24.11.2011.
- 3)Fr. Felipe Castrejana is appointed bursar of the community of NPMC and administrator of New People from 1.1.2012.
- 4)Fr. Alazar is appointed superior of Marsabit Pastoral Centre from 1.3.2012.
- 5)Fr. Ampelio Cavinato is appointed bursar of Marsabit Pastoral Centre from 1.3.2012.
- 6)Fr. Santiago Jimenez is appointed acting bursar of the community of Kariobangi from 1.3.2012.

Min. 11.2 Kariobangi. The PS will consult the Superior and the acting Bursar concerning the proper handing over of the office of bursar.

Min. 11.3 Kariobangi, St. Martin's School (Brothers of Charles Lwanga). The PC acknowledges the request from the Parish Priest concerning some issues of the School of St. Martin, run by the Brothers of Charles Lwanga. The PC thinks that the proper body for any decision concerning the issues is the Parish of Kariobangi itself, or the Pastoral Team working in the Parish.

Min. 11.4 Procure. Many confreres express dissatisfaction concerning the services rendered by the garage in our Procure. The PS will talk with the Procurator on the issue, especially on the lack of a specialized mechanic, on the vision for the future of this garage, and on the inventory of tools in the garage.

Min. 11.5 Amakuriat. Acknowledge receipt of the Charter of the community. The process of writing or reviewing the Charters of all communities will be facilitated by the Secretariat of Evangelization and On Going Formation.

Min. 11.6 Marsabit Cathedral. Acknowledge receipt of the minutes of the Community Council held on 17/11/2011 with the presence of the PS.

MIN. 12/2012 CONTINENTALITY

MIN. 13/2012 A. O. B.

Min. 13.1 Code of Conduct. The Code was given to the lawyer to be studied and contextualized according to the Kenyan Law. The Provincial Bursar will inquire how far we have gone each in this process.

GENERAL COUNCIL

GENERAL NOTES FROM THE CONSULTA

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCE

TOTAL COMMON FUND

FROM THE ACTA OF THE 2012 PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY

The Secretariat of Finances presents the road-map for the implementation of the TCF:

1. Basic training in accounting
 - a. For all confrères and community bursars
 - b. 30th July – 3rd August
2. Mapping of community and provincial enterprises
 - a. Design and send a form for registering all the projects to the community by the end of January;
 - b. The communities will have until the end of February to fill and send back the report to the Secretariat;
 - c. The Secretariat will study the data and produce a report concerning the Comboni projects in the Province by the end of May. This report will be sent to the communities for familiarization.
3. Steps towards having a working directory
 - a. We will send to all confrères and communities the directories of some provinces to acquaint themselves with how TCF is implemented, by the end of January;
 - b. These directories are to enhance reflection at community and zone levels. Each zone is to send to the secretariat a written report (questions, comments, suggestions) by April 2012.
 - c. The secretariat will prepare the reports from the zone and send a tentative TCF directory draft by the end of May 2012.
 - d. This draft will be sent back to the zone for further reflection and study in preparation of PA 2013.

The first point of the proposal is voted: in favour: 14; against (meaning for the bursars and those willing) 17. The rest of the proposal is accepted (in favour: 33; against: 0; abstained: 2). The date of the course will be agreed upon when we set the calendar for the year 2012.

FROM THE DIRECTORY OF THE PROVINCE OF MALAWI-ZAMBIA (EDITED)

Ordinary and Extraordinary Administration

120. In the Province, ordinary and extraordinary administration are defined in the following terms:

120.1. Ordinary administration refers to all that may be considered necessary for daily life and the normal running of a community or sector.

120.2. Provincial extraordinary administration concerns that which is not included in the community budget and as such is the responsibility of the Province. This includes: means of transport, major repairs, air travels, taxes, courses organized by the Province, medical expenses, meetings, special donations etc.

120.3. (...)

120.4. Emergencies refer to situations in a community or sector requiring unforeseen and unexpected financial expenditures.

120.5. (...)

120.6. The money of the Community Fund is to be forwarded to the communities concerned, in dialogue with the Provincial Bursar.

121. The TOTAL COMMON FUND is administered through a system of budgets (...)

121.1. At community, sector (i.e. Formation, Missionary Animation, different Secretariats) and provincial levels, budgets are prepared each year. Income as well as expenditure is included in the budget. At provincial level some provision is made for emergencies, as defined in no.

121.2. The basic foundation of the budget is the financial report of the previous year. Consideration is given to the following: the balance brought forward from the previous year, the number of persons in the community, the participation of the diocese and parish, inflation-devaluation, foreseen income and flexibility. Credit brought forward from the previous year is included in the new budget.

121.2.1. In order to deal with foreseeable inflation and price rises and to retain a certain flexibility, when making a budget 10% is added to the total for administration. If necessary, before the second instalment is given, the Secretariat for Finance may propose an adjustment of all budgets to the Provincial Council.

121.3. Since the term Common Fund implies common consultation, budgets are prepared and approved in communities and sectors, with due consideration being given to the particular circumstances of the place. The proper form is to be used.

121.3.1. The members of the local community or sector, before presenting a budget to the Secretariat for Finance, which will discuss it and make an initial evaluation in the light of the general financial situation, will also present in written form, details of how the community or sector proposes to raise funds for the project. At the meeting of the local treasures and sectors the evaluation of the Secretariat for Finance is explained and the comments and suggestions of the meeting noted. The Secretariat for Finance then presents the budget to the Provincial Council for final approval.

121.3.2. In the event of a budget being rejected or altered, the reasons for this are given.

121.3.3. The Local Treasurer will give an accurate statement of the accounts of the community each month (...) to the Provincial Bursar

121.4. The PS may approve a grant to a community for extraordinary expenses which were not foreseen at the time of making the budget for a sum not exceeding \$5,000. Requests for such grants are presented to the PS after community discernment.

121.5. The Province may engage in expenditures beyond a certain sum fixed by the General Chapter, only with the permission of the General Council.

Projects

122. A project is a work, which establishes, improves or embellishes any undertaking which is not the property or responsibility of the Institute. Works which establish, improve or embellish structures belonging to the Institute are considered as ordinary or extraordinary administration (...). One exception to this concerns the houses in which we live. Maintenance is considered as ordinary or extraordinary administration. Extensions or exceptional maintenance are considered as projects according to the above definition.

122.1. Each project requires the consent of the community and is in accordance with the plans and policy of the Province, the dioceses and the local authorities.

122.2. Each year, at the time established by the competent authority, all projects of communities and sectors are presented to the Secretariat for Finance which, after consultation with the Local Treasurers and sectors, presents them to the PC for final approval.

122.3. Once a project is approved it is carried out with the resources of the Common Fund. Before approval, all the necessary technical expert advice must be obtained and considered. Such projects are considered as commitments of the Province

122.4. Donations for specific projects may be requested only when the project has been approved by the Provincial Council. All such donations enter into the Common Fund and are administered through the same.

122.5. Confreres are encouraged to seek funds for general projects such as schools, hospitals, churches and development.

122.6. The integral salvation of man, without detriment to the spiritual or physical well-being of our members, demands that we undertake and carry out projects only in such a manner that assures the growth of the people of God and their evangelization.

122.7. In order to ensure the cooperation of the people in the planning and execution of projects, they should originate at the grass root level.

122.8. (...)

122.9. Participation in projects financed (...) through a national or diocesan agency which require a grant from the Common Fund in money or materials, requires that the procedure for projects, as outlined above, be followed. Maintenance is considered as ordinary or extraordinary administration. Extensions or exceptional maintenance are considered as projects according to the above definition.

122.10. On the completion of every project, the local treasurer gives an exact account of the income and expenditure to the Provincial Treasurer.

122.11. Money left over on the completion of a project returns to the Common Fund for use in a similar project.

MEETINGS PLANNED AT SUB-CONTINENTAL LEVEL 2012-2013

- **RIO:** 20-25 June, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. We decided that Fr. Daniele Moschetti (SS) and Fr. Herivelto (MO) will participate in this meeting on behalf of the APDESAM group.
- **ISLAM:** 17-22 April, in Layibi – Uganda. The meeting starts on the 19. Arrival in Kampla on the 17; travel to Layibi on the 18th; 19.20.21 meeting; 22 return to Kampala and flight back to the provinces. **Participants:** 1 from each province in continuation with the first meeting in 2010.
- **JUSTICE AND PEACE:** 12-17 May 2012, in Cairo, Egypt: arrival on the 12th, departure on the 17th. **Participants:** responsible for Justice and Peace in the provinces.
- **MISSIONARY ANIMATION:** 26 Nov. - 7 Dec. 2012, in Maputo, Mozambique. Further information will be sent by the responsible for the Sector and the General Secretary of Missionary Animation. **Participants:** heads of secretariat + one/2 members from each province.
- **COMBONI LAY MISSIONARIES:** 3-8 Dec. 2012, Maia, Portugal. This meeting is the intercontinental assembly of the CLM, planned by the General Administration. **Participants:** There will be representatives from each continent or subcontinent. More information will be sent by the responsible of the sector at sub-continental level.
- **EVANGELIZATION:** 28 Jan.- 2 Feb. 2013, in Nairobi, Kenya. Participants: heads of secretariats. It is the meeting of the subcontinental Council.
- **APDESAM:** 2th/4th - 8th February 2013, in Nairobi, Kenya. **Participants:** Provincials and Delegates of Circumscriptions and Assistant General of the subcontinent. On the 2nd they will meet with the sub-continental Council of Evangelization.
- **BROTHERS' MEETING:** It will take place in 2013, on a date to decide by the Brothers of the sub-continent.

CONFRETES AWAY FROM THE PROVINCE

The following confreres are on holidays or on medical treatment:

Fr. Bruno Tinazzi, *holidays*

Fr. Karloli Mwambi, *medical treatment*

**Fr. Karoli, we remember you; we keep you in our prayers and wait for you
back to the Province!**

BIRTHDAYS

January	
02 - 1 - 1970	Fr. Hubert J. GRABMANN
06 - 1 - 1979	Sch. Charles MACHARIA
16 - 1 - 1975	Fr. John WEBOOTSA
17 - 1 - 1968	Fr. Fred AHIRO
21 - 1 - 1961	Fr. Raphael WOKORACH
February	
01 - 2 - 1981	Sch. Teddy NJAYA
04 - 2 - 1967	Bro. Alberto PARISE
06 - 2 - 1947	Fr. Pino GIANNINI
25 - 2 - 1931	Fr. Elia CIAPETTI
26 - 2 - 1984	Sch. Avoga Benjamin
27 - 2 - 1963	Fr. Rafael RICO H.
27 - 2 - 1975	Fr. Michael OGUZU
March	
02 - 3 - 1942	Fr. Francesco PIERLI
03 - 3 - 1933	Fr. Dino REBELLATO
06 - 3 - 1941	Fr. Giancarlo GUIDUCCI

08 - 03 - 1971	Fr. Eutiquio MULA
17 - 3 - 1951	Bro. Dario LAURENCIG
20 - 3 - 1934	Fr. Bruno TINAZZI
April	
05 - 4 - 1950	Fr. Felipe CASTREJANA
07 - 4 - 1923	Fr. Luigi COCCHI
09 - 4 - 1972	Fr. Andrew WANJOHI
10 - 4 - 1964	Fr. Paul NYAHANGA
15 - 4 - 1943	Fr. Antonio DOLZAN

*Happy birthday to all confreres, whose
birthday will fall in these months!!*

CALENDAR OF THE PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR

JANUARY

16 – 21 Provincial Assembly
22 – 31 Nairobi office
27 Meeting Tangaza

FEBRUARY

1 – 22 Visit with Ass. General
23 – 26 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
27 – 4/3 Provincials Meeting Nairobi

MARCH

5 – 18 Nairobi office
15 Birth of Comboni - scholasticate
20 – 24 Postulancy
24 Postulancy Day

APRIL

10 – Visiting Bp. Kisii & Eldoret & organizing
Teddy's "Perpetual" day.

15 Teddy's Perpetual at Matunda Parish

16 – 20 Under 40's

21 – 24 Nakwamekwi

25 – 29 Lokichar

28 TEDDY DEACONATE

MAY

30/4 – 4/5 Namugongo Novitiate

1 Renew of Vows Brothers

8 – 10 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

11 – 15 Office Nairobi

18 ISAIAH'S P. ORDINATION

29 – 2/6 Kariobangi

JUNE

6 – 11 Marsabit

15 Sacred Heart - Postulancy