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Encountering God in Nature

Most of us live in communities with varied ministries, therefore, each day we set off to work till evening. In this way, each person has a responsibility to pay attention to things she/he passes by. Knowing the life of rush we live in these days, I wonder how many of us take notice of the beauty around us!

While in Rome for the General Chapter one of the outings we made was to visit a garden. How could we spend money visiting just a garden? I wondered. But when we reached this garden, Castel Gandolfo, my mouth became agape.

This is a place where the Popes take their summer holidays. I guess, it is where they have space to meditate, breath fresh air since most of the time they are having audiences, visiting countries, leading liturgies or giving blessings. Formally this garden was entirely private; it was only for Popes. But Pope Francis, in his simplicity and generosity of heart has opened it to the public so that other people can share in the natural beauty of this garden. I found in it a path of attraction to God which is revealed through its nature. This experience taught me not to judge the situation before we see it.

Its first part is full of woods and the insects in these woods seemed to know we were around. They sang and sang and sang. The noise they made was like that of crickets but I am not sure! This garden is just exquisite.



It is creatively designed and its colors are artistically blending to bring out the beauty. experience called me to stop, observe, and digest what I was seeing. I saw God in the many people who worked there, I saw him in colors, birds, and its artistic landscaping. experience taught me not to judge the situation before we see it.

Alex Osborn affirms this beauty when he writes, “a garden of flowers blooming is a beautiful sight to see. Through the green leaves, we see hints of yellow, or pink or red. Each day the flowers greet us with their radiant beautiful colors. Each time we create something new with our talents like the flower garden we are like a young flower opening.”By the way, it is rare to see a flower opening but if one happens to practically see it, it is amazing and beautiful!...Alex continues to say, “appreciation from those around us is like sunshine for the flowers. ...We all need warm encouragement for our endeavors and we can give as well as receive it. In this way, creativity can bloom in our homes and our friendships, bringing a garden full of color and delight into our lives.” May we be for each other a beautiful flower garden that reflects the presence of God for others. Blessings
Hilda Bamwine. rscj.

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Nakato Mary Grace and Nalubega Resty participated in the Spanish assembly and shared a bit of their own experiences with them. We continue praying for you Restie and Nakato, as your time for probation is getting closer, that your international experience continues to be fruitful.

Jane Frances Nabulya is grateful with the chance she was given to do the renewal course at Uganda Spiritual Formation Centre, Namugongo and for the 30 days retreat she has just finished. We are happy to break the good news also that Jane has received the posting letter from the Ministry of Education and Sports to teach at Kyato S.S. Kyato is a government school and in Kalungu District. She will be in Kyamusamsala Community. Congratulations Jane for this achievement. Jane Francis, we pray for you as you begin your new ministry.

Evangelista Busingye's graduation: Eva graduated with a PhD on 4th August, 2017 from Kenyatta University and she is inviting us for her thanksgiving Mass on 2nd September, 2017 at Gaba. Congratulations, Eva, and we join you in thanking God and may your success contribute to the good of your ministry/our mission.

Flora Osamong Inusu, a Kenyan interested woman has written her letter applying for aspirancy. She has given in her papers and will work in Kangole SSS attached to Kangole community. She has finished her BA in Social Work studies.

Capacitar Info: Dr. Genevieve got a grant from Hilton foundation to train the nuclear group at Mbiko. The workshop will be from 27th- 29th October, 2017. We thank Mbikko community which has continued to open doors to all the people.

GOING AND COMINGS:

Nancy Koke, welcome back from home to your home, Uganda/Kenya Province! We hope you enjoyed your holiday.

JoWright is coming back on 23rd August, 2017. Jo, we hope you have had a good time among your people. We pray for your safe journey back to Uganda. We are waiting for you and we missed you!

Claudia is coming back to Uganda on August 28th and **Hermine** on 17th August, 2017. Hermine and Claudia you are welcome back to Uganda. You are both welcome back and feel at home.

Jessie Muñoz Nakut. She is finishing her international experience among us. She is grateful and happy for all that she experienced here. She said “I felt deeply accompanied by Madeleine Sophie Barat and Philippine Duchesne; especially Philippine. I now understand more her life and how difficult it is to learn a new language and communicate (especially in Karamojong). I started my trip to Africa a year ago. Now I know not only about their pain and injustice, but also their joy and the generosity that characterizes the African people. I feel lucky for what I have lived here and I go with the desire to join forever this group of women who consecrate their life to the Heart of Jesus. Soon I will take my Rebecca to prepare my life to serve and to love better. For sure this tremendous experience will be my background during my probation time.

I thank my province Chile for accepting my proposal to come to Uganda/Kenya Province. It has helped me to grow in my choice and to live in difficulties. I thank the Uganda/Kenya province for believing in me, for accepting me and for teaching me a completely different reality. I will carry you all in my heart”.

Prayers

We pray for Gichangi Rose and Nabulya Maria Gorettie who at the moment are reflecting on their final evaluations in preparation for the final commitment in the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Kenyan’s elections that are over but there are some unsettled areas.

We pray for Liz’s father who died this week. We thank all those who went to be with Liz at her father’s funeral. May his soul rest in peace.

Annet Muhiriza, an OG of Kalungu and who was in the first set of girls when we started the A-level class. Annet has died of cancer leaving very young children. The last child is one year old.

Venezuela politically is having problems. May the Lord change the hearts of the government leaders there to work for justice.

Sr. Cecilia from the Assumption sisters of Eldoret who died on 13th August, 2017. Cecilia is a great friend of many rscj. She is from Chekalini community. She will be missed greatly. May her soul rest in peace.

