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ESNAS OONDO MIHESO



Jesuit high school photographers capture life in Kenya

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Fr. J. Donald Monan, SJ

Jesuit Students' Photos Illustrate Life in Kenya

Esnas Oondo Miheso, a student at St. Aloysius Gonzaga, a Jesuit high school in Kibera, Kenya, took this photo of two girls carrying water on the train tracks that run through the Kibera slum as part of a journalism club project at the school.

The school offers free education for over 250 students whose families are affected by HIV/AIDS. Miheso's photo was included in an exhibit of 30 photographs taken by students that depict life in Kibera.

Before the budding photographers could start shooting, they had to buy a digital camera. They wrote newspaper articles about the project and sold

English-Kiswahili vocabulary books to raise the money.

"After seeing the quality of the pictures the students had taken, we felt that their work should reach a larger audience," said Megan Norris, a Holy Cross student volunteering at St. Aloysius. She, fellow Holy Cross student Sean Fitzpatrick, and St. Aloysius teacher Paul O'Callaghan facilitated the project.

The photo exhibit garnered local and regional press interest and raised over \$500 in print sales.

More student photos and a link to all the photos are at www.company-magazine.org/media/alloysius.html.

Jesuit Serves as Principal Celebrant at Kennedy Funeral

Boston College chancellor Fr. J. Donald Monan, SJ, was principal celebrant of the funeral Mass for Sen. Edward Kennedy at Boston's Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on August 29. Boston's Cardinal Sean O'Malley presided at the funeral.

Monan was Boston College's president from 1972 to 1996. Kennedy received an honorary law degree from BC in 1966 and served as a university trustee from 1976 to 1991. JFK also received an honorary degree from BC, in 1956, and RFK received an honorary degree from there in 1960.

—Boston College

What's In a Name: Restaurant Honors Jesuit

When Jim Pandl, a '73 alum of Marquette University High, decided to open a restaurant in Milwaukee, he named it Eagan's. The namesake was Fr. John Eagan, SJ, who had taught him at Marquette High. The sign outside the restaurant recreates Eagan's signature.

Eagan's opened in 1993, five years after the Jesuit's death. "Both his brothers, Fr. Joe Eagan, SJ, and Eugene Eagan, came to the dedication when the restaurant opened," said Pandl.

A plaque in the restaurant relates how Fr. Eagan inspired so many in the community as a friend and teacher.

"He got me out of some jams in high school and was my advocate. He meant a lot to a lot of people," said Pandl. www.eagansonwater.com



Milwaukee restaurant named after a Jesuit

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Wampum Belts Given to French Jesuits Exhibited in the United States

Two Native American wampum belts given to the French Jesuits in the seventeenth century were recently on display in the United States for the first time.

The Shelbourne Museum in Shelbourne, Vermont, exhibited a Huron belt, made in 1678, and an Abenaki belt, made in 1691 or earlier. The belts, masterpieces of

Native American art and culture, are housed at the Treasury of Chartres Cathedral in France.

Wampum belts recorded important events such as engagements, marriage, and treaties. The beads would be strung together with natural fibers or animal hide. More than 12,000 handcrafted beads were used on the two belts.

Law School Centennial

Loyola University Chicago's law school marked its 100th anniversary with a year that included academic programs, conferences, a group admission to the Supreme Court, regional events in eleven cities, and a centennial gala with over 600 alumni and friends held at Chicago's Field Museum.

Professor Thomas Haney wrote *The First 100 Years*, the story of Loyola's School of Law over the last century, available online: www.luc.edu/law_eupdate/pdfs/lawhistorybook_100yrs.pdf.

Loyola University Chicago
Law's class of 1979



LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO



Jesuit High Schools in *Sports Illustrated*

Several Jesuit high schools were cited by *Sports Illustrated's* web site, *SI.com*, on its 2008–09 ranking of the country's best high school athletic programs.

SI named Jesuit High (Portland, Oregon) the second-best high school program in the nation. More than 75 percent of its students participate in sports. In 2008–09, it won state championships in men's and women's tennis, women's volleyball, men's basketball, women's swimming, and men's and women's cross-country.

Rockhurst High (Kansas City) was number five on the list. Last year the school won its fifteenth state tennis title; its golf, soccer, swimming, and diving teams were also state champs.

SI recognized three other Jesuit schools as having the top programs in their states. St. Ignatius in Cleveland was state champ in football. The men's and women's basketball teams at Regis Jesuit High (Denver) were state champs, as were the school's men's swimming and hockey teams. Gonzaga College High's (Washington, D.C.) soccer, cross-country, and track and field teams were conference champs.

Jesuit High (Portland, Oregon) women's cross country—state champs

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Jesuit's short stories an Oprah Winfrey book club choice

Oprah Winfrey's latest book club selection is *Say You're One of Them*, by Nigerian Jesuit Uwem Akpan. Winfrey revealed her choice September 18, and Akpan's debut is the first time she has chosen a book of short stories.

"These stories left me stunned and profoundly moved," Winfrey said.

According to oprah.com, Winfrey's is the biggest book club in the world, with nearly 2 million online members. Each of its selections has become a bestseller.

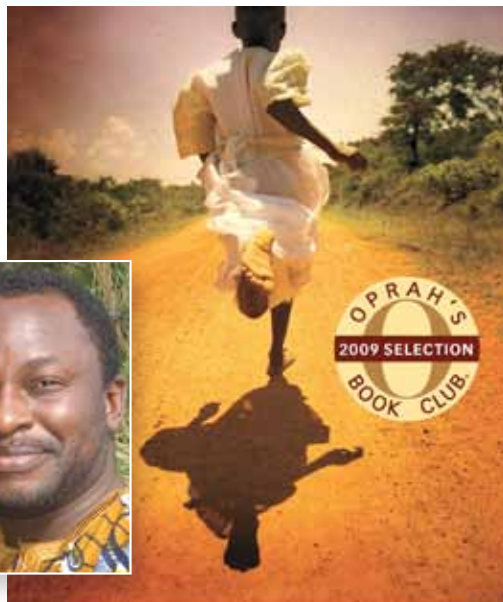
Akpan's book, published in 2008, includes five stories, each set in an African country and narrated by a child.

Akpan, who studied at Creighton University in Omaha and Gonzaga University in Spokane, was ordained in 2003. He earned an MFA in creative writing from the University of Michigan in 2006.

He says he began writing fiction during his seminary days: "I wrote at night, when the community computers were free. Computer viruses ate much of my work. Finally, my friend Wes Harris believed in me enough to get me a laptop . . . The stories on that first laptop are the core of *Say You're One of Them*."

Akpan, who won the 2009 Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best First Book, African Region, serves at Christ the King Church, Ilasamaja-Lagos, Nigeria.

To read along with Oprah's Book Club, visit www.oprah.com. Akpan's web site for his book is at www.hachettebookgroup.com/features/sayyoureoneofthem/content/index.asp



Baghdad College Reunion

Jesuit teachers and alumni from Baghdad College and Al Hikma University in Baghdad gathered for the sixteenth reunion this summer in Detroit. The New England Province Jesuits founded and ran the two schools in Iraq from 1932 to 1969.

The four-day reunion was a chance for the 400 in attendance to share news and renew friendships; participants came from 36 states and 24 countries. Ten Jesuits who taught at Baghdad College attended the event, which also had discussions on plans for the rebirth of Baghdad College and how to support Iraqi refugees.

Former Baghdad College teachers Fr. Denis Como, SJ, and Fr. Clarence Burby, SJ, concelebrated the reunion Mass with Bishop Bawai Soro of the Chaldean Catholic Church and Deacon Thamer Abouna. Fr. Thomas Regan, SJ, provincial of the Jesuits' New England Province, celebrated the closing liturgy.

Responsible Investing

The National Jesuit Committee on Investment Responsibility (NJ CIR) lobbies for corporate behavior consistent with Catholic social teaching through shareholder resolutions and proxy voting. Its 2009 report on socially responsible investing is available on *Company's* web site at www.companymagazine.org/media/responsibleinvesting.pdf.

web sites of interest



www.jesuitsocialapostolate.org

The Jesuit Social Apostolate web site provides a listing of Jesuit social centers, programs, and institutions. The projects are categorized into three areas: Direct Service/Solidarity and Accompaniment, Justice Research and Education, and Advocacy/Social Change/Empowerment.



www.jrsusa.org/voice/rv200908/refvoicev3.html

The Refugee Voice is Jesuit Refugee Service/USA's online publication that offers articles, images, and videos on issues in which JRS is involved in the United States and abroad.

Jesuit Conference Appoints Director of National Vocation Promotion

The Jesuit Conference in Washington, D.C., has appointed Fr. Robert Ballecer, SJ, to the newly created position of Director of National Vocation Promotion.



*Fr. Robert Ballecer, SJ
national director of vocations*

Ballecer will work with all the U.S. Jesuit provinces to implement the recommendations of "Weaving a New Net," a document prepared by the Task Force on Vocations. He will work to expand the Society's presence on the internet and will

coordinate and share "best practices" among the province's vocation promoters.

He served as director of the California Province's Center for Apostolic Technology, which creates internet content.

Fordham President Throws First Pitch

When Fordham University president Fr. Joseph McShane, SJ, threw out the first pitch at Yankee Stadium on July 1, he was helping his school commemorate the 150th anniversary of baseball at Fordham. The school's baseball history includes Hall of Famer Frankie Frisch; Esteban Bellán, the first Latin American to play pro ball in the States; coach Jack Coffey, who played on the same teams with Ty Cobb (Tigers) and Babe Ruth (Red Sox) in the 1918 season; Vin Scully, who went on to become the legendary voice of the Dodgers; and Michael Kay, Yankee announcer on the YES Network.



Fordham president Fr. Joseph McShane, SJ



St. Ignatius College Prep (Chicago) seniors inspect a clump of moss at the Harms Woods Forest Preserve in Glenview, Illinois.

Science Teacher and Students Help Preserve Chicago River

Science teacher John Balaban gets students involved with the environment in a variety of ways. Each fall, he and students join other volunteers at the Emily Oaks Nature Center in Skokie, just north of Chicago, to process seeds that they'll return to the soil. In all, the project supplies about 100 gallons of seed to volunteer stewards who tend lands along the Chicago River's North Branch.

Balaban, a master steward with the Cook County forest preserves and a St. Ignatius alumnus ('64), explained, "Seed distribution is an important part of preserving biodiversity and the rich variety of biological life that promotes healthy ecosystems."

In addition to the seed processing day, the restoration project has workdays throughout the year, when the group cuts brush, pulls weeds, and collects seeds.

www.northbranchrestoration.org