

No Guns No Knives

It's a beautiful thing



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Baptism of the Child

"Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, 'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God'" (Luke 18:15-16).

Catholic Nuns chase armed gunman

A man robbed a house then ran near an Independence Sisters of St. Francis in the US, where he ended up being chased from the building by one of the nuns. The man with a shotgun acting suspiciously was seen by sisters Connie and Catarina as he walked in a bean field behind the convent. They approached him and saw he was armed with a shotgun. When they began to question him he ran into a nearby wooded area. Sister Catarina gave chase until police arrived and arrested the 17-year-old. "Knowing Sister Catarina, I thought she might have caught him and tackled him," Sister Connie said. "I reacted because that was on our property," Sister Catarina said.

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In Faith We Grow

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Let me Explain Life To You

On the first day, God created the dog and said: "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said: "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?" So God agreed.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said: "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said: "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the Dog did?" And God agreed.

On the third day, God created the cow and said: "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said: "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?" And God agreed again.

On the fourth day, God created man and said: "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life.. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But man said: "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?" "Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why the first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

Fr. Gerard M. Balunyga

UMCC Chaplain.

POPE BENEDICT XVI ALBUM!

For all music lovers, this Christmas' Music Charts may be topped by Pope Benedict's album. The pontiff will sing and recite prayers to the Virgin Mary. He will be accompanied by the Choir of the Philharmonic Academy of Rome, as recorded in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. Proceeds from the as-yet-untitled album will help fund music education for underprivileged children around the world. It's due for release 30th November 2009. At a time when the Catholic faith is under siege from all corners, the Album will help soothe our Catholic souls through the festive season.



Let us reflect on "the Holy Father's words: In so many areas of life the most fundamental principles of our Christian life are not only questioned, but ridiculed and threatened with sanction."

Let us now remember Wednesday, 24 June 2009 in Saint Peter's Square, Pope Benedict XVI's **Year of the Priest** message, a Day traditionally dedicated to prayer for the sanctification of priests... Why a Year for Priests? St John Mary Vianney used to like to repeat: "if we had faith, we would see God hidden in the priest ...". The purpose of this Year for Priests is to encourage every priest in this striving for spiritual perfection.... Today we are celebrating the Feast of the birth of St John the Baptist, sent by God to bear witness to the light and to



prepare a people well disposed to the Lord. I hope that you, dear young people, may find in friendship with Jesus the necessary strength always to be equal to the responsibilities that await you. I urge you, dear sick people, to consider your suffering and daily trials as an opportunity that God offers you to cooperate in the salvation of souls. And I ask you, dear newlyweds, to express the Lord's love in reciprocal faithfulness and in generous openness to life.



Uganda Martyrs Day 2009

In true UMCC fashion, once again, Uganda Martyrs Day 2009 was well attended, and this year, the community was blessed with an entourage of visitors from the Kingdom of Buganda and also, the main Celebrant was Bishop Adrian Kivumbi Ddungu, Bishop Emeritus of Masaka. As is always the case on Martyrs day, the



Church was filled to capacity with Church goers.

Celebrations of Uganda Martyrs day were held in many locations around the world, notably in Uganda. The UMCC website received

emails from Catholics around the world wanting to pay pilgrimage to Uganda for the celebrations.

On 28th June 2009, UMCC hosted the Katikkiro of Buganda, (Prime Minister, Chief Executive and Chairman of the Buganda Cabinet) Engineer J. B. Walusimbi, 1st Deputy Prime Minister, Head of Administration and Minister for Buganda Affairs Abroad, Amb. Emmanuel L. Ssendaula, former Katikkiro, Joseph Mulwanyamuli Ssemwogerere, minister of state for youth in Buganda Kingdom, Mathias Mpuuga Nsamba and Minister for Special Buganda Projects, Mr. Edward Katimbo Mugwanya



After celebrating Holy Mass, the guests were treated to traditional dinner in the UMCC Hall. The Katikkiro of Buganda and the Bishop Emeritus of Masaka addressed the community, thanking the Executive for such a wonderful and well organised ceremony. Later that evening, Mr. Joseph Kibuuka, the UMCC resident DJ entertained the guests to music fit for a King. The new executive is again preparing for the next community days



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The 2009 “O” and “A” Level Results are out

Once again, it is that time of year when we congratulate all those children of ours who took their final year exams this year. As parents, some of us will jubilate with the grades our children have got, while with other parents, we may have to counsel our children. However, let us also remember, pray and support those parents, whose children have opted to follow the wrong path, dropped out of school, are unemployed and probably engaged in criminal activity.



UMCC Chair’ Message to August 2009 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our Community Day Celebrations for August 2009. This time of the year sees many of our friends joining us from all over the world. We were blessed by the presence of Bishop Adrian Kivumbi Ddungu, Emeritus of Masaka Diocese, as the main celebrant at the Uganda Martyrs’ Day Celebrations Mass and assisted by Fr. Anthony Musaala, Fr. Mark Ssajjabb. Our chaplain Fr. Gerard Balinnya was on a short break abroad.

On 12 July 2009, the UMCC held its AGM, at which annual reports from the Chair, the Secretary and the Treasurer were presented. These were followed by elections of the Executive Committee, whose results and reports will be published on our website www.ugandamartyrs.org and I urge you to logon and catch-up with what your community was up to last year.

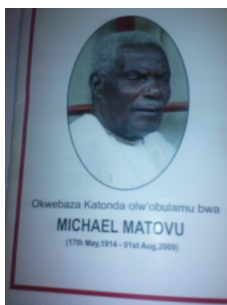
The new committee wishes to thank you all for the confidence you’ve shown by asking them to serve the community for the period July 2009 – June 2010.

On another note I wish to request you to put Bishop Ddungu in your prayers. He has had ill health and has been to a few hospitals for treatment. He is still undergoing treatment and observations. I will endeavour to keep you posted on progress. I would also request all those friends that had pledged their financial support towards Bishop Ddungu’s visit, and have not returned their pledges to do so. These funds are needed, especially with regards to the hospital bills for the Bishop.

Let me end by congratulating the new committee members upon their election, and wishing them all a success.

God bless you all. *Robert Mukibi* Chairman

Bereavement



It is with great sorrow that the beloved father of Mr. Kizito Bukenya. Mr. Michael Matovu passed away on the 1st of August 2009. Omukama amuwe ekiwumulo ekiruungi, ekitangaala ekyolubelera, kimwakire, atebenkere, Emirembe n'emirembe. Amiina.