

**H**olocaust survivor and Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel once famously observed that “the opposite of love is not hate but indifference”. I was reminded of this memorable quotation during the Christmas break as we listened to the words of Pope Francis. In his many addresses and homilies for the season, the Holy Father repeatedly stressed the dangers of a growing “globalization of indifference”. His January 1 message for the World Day of Peace, for example, called upon all of us to “build a culture of solidarity and mercy to overcome indifference” during the coming year. As Principal,



**Br. Kennedy Mwangi, O.Carm.**

## *Starting a New Year with Hope*

I want to extend the same invitation to the whole Tangaza community as we begin 2016.

At Tangaza we are deeply committed to personal and social transformation. But the challenges are many and we know significant change takes time and energy. Experts warn of the risks of “compassion fatigue” or “burnout” when we become overwhelmed by the needs confronting us or frustrated at our lack of progress. We discover that we have not saved the world, despite our best efforts! Even our tireless preparations to become a university have not yet born fruit in the granting of a charter. Far worse, the Tangaza family is once again in profound shock and mourning over the sudden loss of one of our members, Br. Kennedy Mwangi, O.Carm., another victim of senseless violence. When will we see the transformation we all long for? We can easily become weary and discouraged.

At such moments it is important to keep working and praying together, supporting each other, re-

membering that the future is in God’s hands, not ours. Our call is simply to commit ourselves to the great task he has set before us, “teaching minds, touching hearts, and transforming lives”. If we are faithful, the results will surely come, but in God’s time, and perhaps when we least expect. I am convinced that Tangaza’s best days are still ahead.

And so I want to wish all of you a wonderful 2016! By the end of this semester Tangaza will have completed 30 years of its existence. May this Jubilee Year of Mercy be a year of grace for us all, a year of “building a culture of solidarity and mercy” among the members of the Tangaza family and beyond, a year of re-energizing and re-committing ourselves to the great mission and vision of Tangaza. Heri ya mwaka mpya!

**Steven Payne, OCD**  
**Principal, Tangaza University College**



## *Celebrating Generosity*



On September 13th, 1986, a baby boy was born to Mr. Gabriel Njoroge and Mrs. Lucy Wamuyu. They named him Kennedy Mwangi. He was the third born of four children, Faith Wanja, George Kamau and Alex Kanyonga. Kennedy grew up as a very jovial boy. From his early childhood Ken was always happy to meet and interact with his friends. He is fondly remembered as the boy with the brightest smile, and a peaceful, generous heart.

### **Religious Formation**

Kennedy Mwangi joined the Order of the Carmelites on the August 8th, 2006. After his postulancy in the years 2006-2007. He enrolled at Consolata Institute of Philosophy where he undertook Philosophical Studies. He successfully graduated with a bachelors' degree in Philosophy 2011. Upon finishing his philosophical studies, Ken did pastoral experience in the St Mary's hospital Langata with his set-mate brothers Januarius and Joseph up to 2012. They then



went for novitiate in Zimbabwe from 2012-2013. Brother Kennedy took his temporary vows on the August 18th, 2013. He was a member of the Bustani ya Karmeli community, Nkoroi, Kenya. Until he met his sudden death, he was a 3rd year student of Theology in Tangaza University College, Langata, He was known by the Tangaza community as a man full of life!



### Demise

Brother Kennedy met his unexpected death on the night of December 27th, 2015 at his family’s home at Nkoroi where he went for Christmas holidays. On this fateful night, thieves broke into the home. The robbers shot brother Kennedy when they realized he had sent an SMS to his brothers, alerting them not to come home and instead go and come with the police. This heroic act saved the lives of his brothers at the expense of his own. He was taken to Nairobi Women’s Hospital in Ongata Rongai, where he was pronounced dead.

As Carmelites we have lost a very outgoing, humble and active member. One always present in all community activities and above all who loved prayer. Our beloved brother, Kennedy Mwangi, O.Carm, rest in eternal peace in the loving and merciful embrace of God our Father.

**From top left, clockwise, Brother Kenney Mwangi with his parents, on the day of his first profession, with confreres and during a visit to an outstation.**







## *Excellence Award*

The Administration Police has had a long lasting relationship with the Institute of Social Ministry. Over the years, many programs have been developed together, like the Peace Initiative among the people of the Rift Valley. That initiative proved how important community policing is to limit tribal violence in times of

tension. The Administration Police (AP) send several officers and servicemen/women to ISMM for training. They are present from diploma to PhD studies.

Every year, the AP celebrates its best men and women during an Annual Excellence Awards ceremony. The awards are given to officers who acted

bravely in defence of the public or to avert tragedies. On December 17th, 2015, The Deputy Inspector General of the Administration Police Service, Mr. S. M. Arachi, invited members of the Tangaza community to the Annual Excellence Awards Ceremony and End of Year Dinner at Laico Regency Hotel in Nairobi. A group of ISMM lecturers attended the ceremony.

Fr. Francesco Pierli, founder of ISMM, was called to hand over the awards in a number of cases. Not only that, he was also called to receive a Certificate of Appreciation for the efforts and dedication displayed in support of the Administration Police Service. The award came unexpected, yet was much appreciated. Ambassador





Monica Juma, Principal Secretary of Interior, handed out the Award before a large crowd of participants. This award is an important recognition to the work done by ISMM in training AP officers and servicemen for a better work amongst Kenyans.

Opening page, participants at the AP Excellence Awards Ceremony. Fr. Pierli handing over rewards and, top right, the Certificate of Appreciation awarded to ISMM.

## ISMM

# Rediscovering the Roots



ISMM lecturers following the workshop on ISMM's charism.

ISMM lecturers met on January Thursday 7th to revisit the charism of the institute. Sister Patricia Lanigan Father Francesco Pierli and Mr. Aloys Ojore guided the group in rediscovering Comboni's vision of church and society; his vision of an Africa saved through Africans; the church's call for a deep involvement in social justice. Time was also given to the Pastoral Cycle, an important tool of learning and action for social ministers.

The afternoon was devoted to the development and improvement of course outlines. Lecturers were asked to identify the strengths and weaknesses of their course programs. The exercise helped all to appreciate the importance of planning well in advance for lectures, identifying the core texts that can help students to go deeper in the themes presented in class, and the importance of electronic sources in today's teaching practices.