

**Letter from the Apostleship of Prayer (AP)  
and the Eucharistic Youth Movement (EYM)  
to the Jesuit Provincials and Regional Superiors  
of Africa and Madagascar**

---

+ Dear Fathers, Peace of Christ!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the National Secretaries for the Apostleship of Prayer and the Eucharistic Youth Movement of the JESAM countries was held in Dar es-Salam (Tanzania), from 14-21 May 2009.

Representatives of 15 countries of Africa and Madagascar came together in the presence of Fr. Claudio Barriga, Fr. General's Delegate for the Apostleship of Prayer (AP) and the Eucharistic Youth Movement (EYM).

During our meetings and discussions we had a very enriching experience about the reality of the AP and the EYM in our different countries and provinces. We consecrated time to consider the challenges and problems in our ministry and reflected about a more efficient approach in the promotion and growth of the AP and the EYM.

We write to share with you the fruits and the reflections of our meeting. We identified the five main reasons why each Jesuit should engage himself as promoter of the AP and the EYM, in collaboration with the diocesan clergy, the religious and the lay collaborators.

1. The AP concerns a mission fully rooted in the Ignatian spirituality, from the Principle and Foundation and the Contemplation to obtain Love (Ex.Sp.23 and 234) until Decree 2 of GC.35 on our Charism (nr.8): *"To find divine life at the depth of the reality is a mission of hope given to us Jesuits... we are able to see the world as a place where God is at work and which is full of his appeals and of his presence..."*
2. The AP is entrusted to the Society of Jesus, from Pope Leo XIII until Benedict XVI. It links us to the mission of the Universal Church, by asking us to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father and the missions.
3. The AP is a powerful instrument of evangelization and helps each Christian (even the sick, the prisoner and the elderly) to be a missionary and to make his life a continuous prayer, finding God in all things.
4. The AP is that way to a deep interior spiritual life, our world is searching for, the efficient and simple answer to a world astray, the way of holiness of the individual and of sanctification of the society. The simple monthly leaflets are the "breviaries of the poor" as Father Kolvenbach said, helping to:
  - a/ make your life a missionary life by the daily morning offering
  - b/ in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus
  - c/ who offers himself daily in the Eucharist
  - d/ in union with the Universal Church and the Holy Father.
5. It is a profound spirituality that can help us as a formation program to face the challenges posed by inculturation, reconciliation, justice and peace that the Second Synod for Africa will address.

Therefore we suggest to you, as our Superiors, the following points as fruits of our discernment:

1. Initiation of all Jesuits, even from the time of the noviciate, in the spirituality of the AP and the EYM.
2. Renewal of the ministry of the AP and the EYM in all our countries and provinces, and the elaboration of a concrete Province Plan, especially concerning our apostolate among the youth.
3. Regular redaction of news about the AP and the EYM in our Province and Jesam News.

May the Holy Spirit, in this time of preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Synod of Bishops for Africa, - with its theme: "in service to reconciliation, justice and peace" – and in this novena of preparation for Pentecost, conduct the Society of Jesus in our different provinces and ministries in Africa, on the way of the construction of God's Kingdom of reconciliation and peace.

Dar es-Salam, in the Solemnity of Ascension Day, May 21, 2009.

#### Participants

1. Angola	P. JARDIM, Estevão, sj
2. Burundi	P. NDAYISHIMIYE, Guillaume, sj
3. Burundi	A. REMESHA, Désiré Sept
4. Cameroun	P. HOUNNOUGBO, Bernard, sj
5. R D Congo	Mme BONGONGO, Margo
6. R D Congo	Mme EKETEBI, Lydia
7. R D Congo	Mr IPUNGU, Jean-Claude
8. R D Congo	P. KYUNGU, Rigobert, sj
9. Ethiopie	Sr RASOANIRANA, Viviane, d.h.m
10. Kenya	Miss MACHARIA, Agnes W.
11. Kenya	Sr MACHARIA, Rose, r.s.m.
12. Italie (Rome)	P. BARRIGA, Claudio, sj
13. Madagascar	P. ANDRIANARISOA Odon, sj
14. Ile Maurice	P. BABOORAM, Steves, sj
15. Mozambique	P. MUCANE, Afonso, sj
16. Afrique du Sud	P. CHATTERIS, Chris, sj
17. Sudan	P. PUTMAN, Hans, sj
18. Tanzanie	Mrs FERNANDES, Balbina E.P.
19. Tanzanie	P. KIHIO, Martin
20. Tanzanie	P. MCHOPA, Emmanuel, sj
21. Tanzanie	P. MWIPOPO, Charles
22. Tanzanie	Mr TURUKU, Martin
23. Uganda	P. UKKEN George, sj
24. Zambie	Mr HAMPONGO, Pious
25. Zambie	Miss PHIRI, Letesiya
26. Zambie-Malawi	P. SEARSON, Charlie, sj
27. Zimbabwe	P. LANDSBERG, Konrad, sj