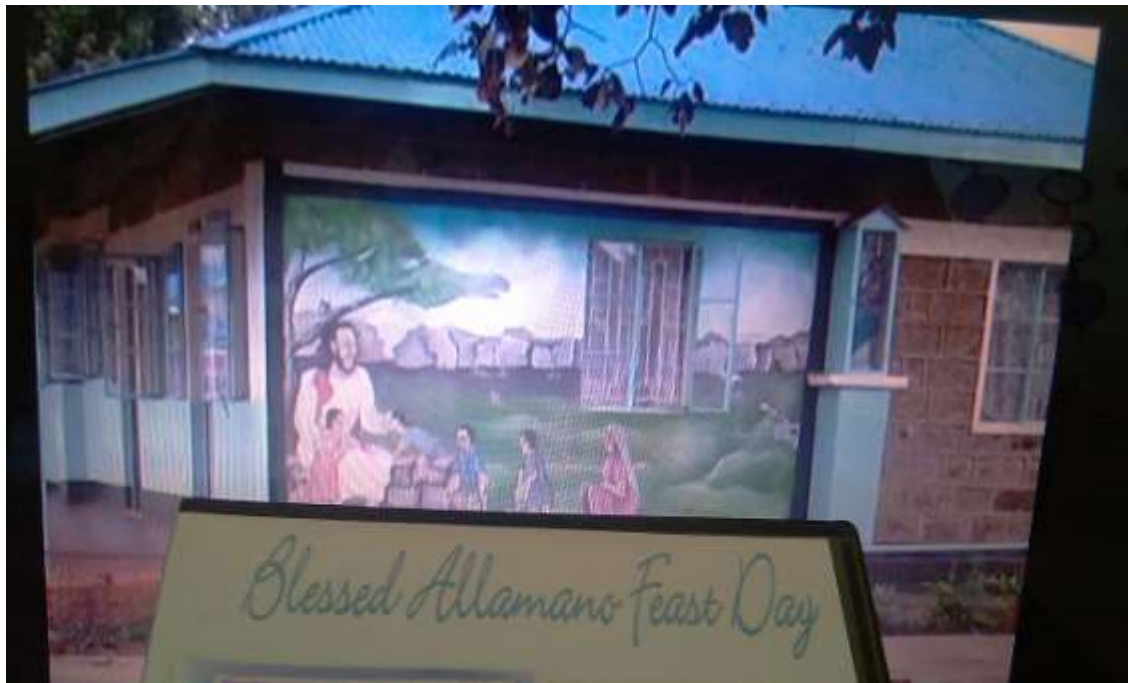


**COMMEMORATING ALLAMANO FEAST DAY @ALLAMANO SPECIAL SCHOOL:
MEMORIAL DAY :- at Allamano Special School for the Mentally Challenged.**



One of the most effective tools of communication for the mentally challenged children at Allamano Special school are works of **ART, murals, photos, pictures paintings, colors and images**. The **"SOUND OF MUSIC"** stirs them up into some of the most exciting and humorous dance moves. The Choir under one of the pioneering , long serving, passionate and dedicated member of the Support Staff Team Jane Wamahiga is in a class of its own. And not least **SPORTS**, the children of the Wamagana Allamano special school have effectively participated in Special Olympics at an international level among other local *sports events*. The other most effective tool- **"KEEP IT SIMPLE"**-was evident during the **Allamano Feast Day** was used by Archbishop Peter Kairu of the Archdiocese of Nyeri , he did not engage in long winded dialectics or theological and philosophical expositions on this occasion when addressing the Mentally handicapped/challenged/...*/ children and effectively used a simple language and symbols. The lessons learned by all present , from the- "Children of Father Gianelli"-, was humbling, sparkling and contagious as instant communication ignited the assembly hall, one of the hallmark gifts from the Friends of Allamano and the late Fr Antonio Gianelli IMC:- **The Last of the Consolata Missionaries.**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Y1wtgLAYtA&feature=related>- ONE DAY AT A TIME

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THE CHILDREN OF FATHER ANTONIO GIANELLI and HIS DEATHWISH

IN THE BEGINNING--IMAGES THAT TELL A STORY



Wamagana 1988 to Early 1990s

Allamano 1996 to Early 2000s



‘ONCE UPON A TIME AT WAMAGANA and ALLAMANO SCHOOL’

ALLAMANO SPECIAL SCHOOL IN THE EARLY DAYS



During the funeral of the late Mother Teresa of Calcutta, at 87 in 1997, the then Vatican Secretary of State under Pope John Paul II - who awarded Mother Teresa the 'Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice' award in 1993, had the following memorable words in honor of the founder of the Missionaries of Charity organization. *"The beggar, the leper, the victim of AIDS do not need discussions and theories. They need love," Sodano, the Vatican's secretary of state, said. "The hungry cannot wait for the rest of the world to come up with the perfect answer."* <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/inatl/longterm/teresa/stories/funeral0915.htm> 6/14/2011 5:33:44 PM

Such is the case for the Allamano Special School for the mentally and physically challenged Children and other similar institutions addressing similar humanitarian issues in contemporary society.

A CODE OF HONOUR & A PROMISE- ***“WILL YOU TAKE CARE OF MY CHILDREN WHEN AM GONE”***



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COMMEMORATING ALLAMANO SPECIAL SCHOOL FEAST DAY

GRANTING A MAN'S LAST WISH --: A DEATHWISH --:THE LAST GOODBYE--:



When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say,
For Their Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today.
circa WWI by John Maxwell Edmonds (1875 -1958)



They'd promised their families they'd come back soon. They more than kept their word. Went as mere men. Came back as heroes. In coffins."



Kohima Epitaph in the Kohima War Cemetery <http://www.burmastar.org.uk/epitaph.htm>

GRANTING A MAN'S LAST WISH--: A DEATHWISH--:&--:THE LAST GOODBYE--:is part of our culture:-
Who will take care of my children when I am no More?-[Fr Antonio Gianelli- Sunday August 10th 1996]-
God will not abandon you in your hour of need. Sunday August 10th 1996-[DJSJ/JPKW/9-19-1999/PEEP]-
It was a simple tearful exchange, and finally after over 14years, that day came and passed--: the commemoration of the **"Allamano Feast Day"** on February 16th 2011 at the Allamano Special School for mentally handicapped Children by Archbishop Peter Kairu who had succeeded the late Archbishop Nicodemus Kirima. Worldwide, others had celebrated the same day, a day that commemorated the day the Founder of the Consolata Missionaries transitioned in 1926, on February 16th.

Kenya was their first destination in 1902-others followed:- in Europe, Africa, United States Of America, Canada, South America and are going on after over 110 years.

*But Allamano was in a class of its own, it was a project that invited all and sundry, people of diverse cultures and faiths, to **"COME and SEE"**- the Mentally and physically handicapped/*retarded*/ Challenged/disabled/children at Allamanos- they came, they saw and they came back, some in tears.*

Any observer could tell that “THE CHILDREN OF FATHER GIANELLI”- known as “FAATHA GENEERII” to the local residents of Wamagana, were one big happy lot. *If Rev Father Antonio Gianelli’s mentally and physically handicapped children at Allamano Special School had been born at a different period of time in history in the early 20th century, they would not have seen the sun-light and would have been lucky to see the LIGHT of day. They would have been commissioned elsewhere, in body bags or sent on a one way mysterious mission, never to return. But today they can sing and dance, and play soccer/football.*

BUT WHY and HOW?> Read more on> WWW.FriendsOfallamano.Org



Until recently, in the late 20th century, the disabilities road was one least traveled in public. It was part of the secret world of esoteric disciplines involving shamans, witchdoctors medicine men, mystics , spiritualists and one to one advocacy among friends travelling on the same road. The rest of the world had no business chipping in. The second world War 11 produced the first heavily published public crisis with the systematic targeting and eliminating persons with mental disabilities under the T4 Program authorized by the head of a Nation at the request of a father who sought help from Hitler. It was a tragedy that once perfected for persons with disabilities led to the mass genocide of millions of able bodied people in concentration camps. The case for Kenya in East Africa is chronicled in a 2003 report and a recent CNN documentary “LOCKED AND FORGOTTEN”- which in May 2011 received the Amnesty international award.

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COMMEMORATING ALLAMANO DAY: Archbishop Peter Kairu “KEPT IT SIMPLE”

IT WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST LESSONS FROM and TO THE CHILDREN on ALLAMANO Day

Jesus Loves Me (This I Know) Song | Worship Song for Kids & Children by Cullen's Abc's

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LU3xatin1yY&NR=1&feature=fvwp>



“On this day, these scriptures have been fulfilled in your presence”-

“Who sinned, this man or his parents that he was born blind?”

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hig_GJB5N2I&feature=related

Whitney Houston - Yes Jesus Loves Me

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHm9Ggdanyo&feature=related>



COMMEMORATING OVER 110 years of Community based and Missionary initiatives and a history of cultural transformation and education at the **Allamano special school** for mentally challenged children.

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FAQ- Who are the Consolata Missionaries and what, or who is Allamano?

Consolata is a Missionary Congregation for Priests and Brothers founded by Blessed Joseph Allamano in 1901 in Turin, Italy and placed by him under the Patronage of Our Lady Consolata.

The Consolata Missionaries (two Priests and two Brothers) reached Kenya in 1902 and began their apostolic presence in Tuthu, Kangema. During the first ten years they spread their activity to Murang'a, Nyeri and Meru. *Over the coming 100 years the presence of the Congregation took roots in central, and north-eastern Kenya, and the little seed of faith soon became a majestic tree whose branches encompass the Dioceses of Nyeri, Meru, Marsabit, Garissa, Murang'a, Embu, Isiolo, Malindi, Maralal, and Nyahururu.*

Today the Consolata Missionaries are present in 11 Dioceses in Kenya and 3 in Uganda. They look after 25 Parishes, 3 Seminaries, one Novitiate, and 3 Missionary Animation Centres. *They render specialized services in several Dioceses and look after the elderly the orphaned and the needy.*

Since their arrival in Kenya *the Consolata Missionaries gave great emphasis to human development establishing schools, centres for arts and crafts, dispensaries and other structures.* The two carpenteries at Tuthu in Kangema and at Mujwa in Meru as well as the printing press in Nyeri are among the first human development structures established in Kenya by the early missionaries.

The number of Consolata Missionaries worldwide is about 1000, and out of those 95 Priests, 9 Brothers, and 60 Professed Students are Kenyans. Nowadays about 165 Consolata Missionaries work in Kenya and Uganda: 4 Bishops, 100 Priests, 11 Brothers and 50 students to the priesthood and the brotherhood.

FAQ-But who was Fr Antonio Gianelli and what was his relationship with one Joseph Allamano born in Turin Italy in 1851?

Simply, "Fatha Generii" was **"THE LAST OF THE CONSOLATA MISSIONARIES"**: at Wamagana Parish Kenya . He was to some, *a rebel with a course and a mission*, to not only transform the landscape, but alter the plight of the mentally challenged, by invoking and giving the name of the Consolata missionaries founder, **Blessed Joseph Allamano**, to the iconic Allamano Special School, and leaving them his last few remaining resources and the **"Friends Of Allamano"**.

FAQ-And WHO ARE THE Friends Of Allamano? -U- are one of the Friends Of Allamano Special School.

FATHER ANTONIO GIANNELLI 1923 – 2001:- He had an acute social conscience and built a school for handicapped children – one of the few in Kenya. In a letter he wrote to Father Piero Trabucco, the Superior General, to thank him for his financial help, he said: "On the same day the school was inaugurated we established the **"Friends of Allamano."** This association will sponsor and support the school, as well as spread knowledge of and devotion to our Founder is highly esteemed by all the Christians at Wamagana.

"With this work I believe I have fulfilled my obligation towards him who made it possible for me to become a missionary. Next year I will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of my ordination; in these fifty years my greatest accomplishment has been this school for the handicapped. For this I thank God, Our Lady and our Founder" (December 11, 1996).

His health was in decline – the first signs of cancer had appeared in 1988 and cancer would eventually take him to his grave. In 1999 he returned to Italy and began his long Calvary in the Motherhouse infirmary.

<http://en.ismico.org/content/view/332/3/>



A portrait of Blessed Joseph Allamano is lifted up by Archbishop Peter Kairu, at the **Allamano special school**, on 16th February 2011-Allamano Feast Day , 88 years since Joseph Allamano's transition-110 years since he founded the **Consolata Missionary Institute** on 29th January 1901. The Archbishop Peter Kairu, of **Nyeri Archdiocese** is assisted by a nun from the congregation of **"Sisters of Mary Immaculate"** which was founded by Bishop Philip Pello IMC , of the **Consolata Missionaries** in 1937. The Archdiocese as the Manager designated by the **Government of the Republic of Kenya** has entrusted the administration of the school's boarding facility and the welfare of the mentally challenged children to the **"Sisters of Mary Immaculate"** a congregation founded by a **Consolata missionary**.

Fr Antonio Gianelli:-For over 10Ten years Father Antonio Gianelli had crisscrossed the ridges around Mount Kenya, changing Hearts and Minds, building structures for places of worship and assembly, and finally fulfilled his lifetime dream after over 50 years, by serving the mentally challenged. ***"With this work I believe I have fulfilled my obligation towards him who made it possible for me to become a missionary...."***

"His big heart, unshakable faith, slightly rebellious and playful spirit made him a formidable channel of charity and love. He created two important centers of hospitality in a very short time in 1950's Kenya: a house for abandoned old people and a refuge for children with serious motor and psychological problems. They were two stars in a constellation of goodness. He gave himself unstintingly to others regardless of their race, religion or political beliefs."

.....*: and then he left for his motherland, where he passed away on 23rd January 2001 and his last remains were interred, on January 26th 2001 alongside his ancestors.

"Hours before his death he was still thinking about the handicapped children at Wamagana – he left them his few possessions."

It was left on one Father Rossi Ricardo, as he spent his last few days at the Nairobi Hospital, at the Nazareth Hospital in Kenya and at Alpignano in Italy; to sum it up for those left behind ***"They are your Children, we have done our part"*** Then he too, left for "HOME". ***It had been for Antonio and Rossi a long ,arduous and tedious trip.*** Read More on> WWW.FriendsOfAllamano.Org

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NEW BEGINNINGS--ALLAMANOS BEYOND 2011

THE SISTERS OF MARY IMMACULATE



The Allamano special school has had a tradition started by Father Antonio Gianelli **IMC** with the nuns taking care of the Boarding facility and the wholistic welfare of the Mentally challenged children. They work alongside the Support Staff and the Special Education Teachers, trained and provided by the Government of the Republic of Kenya. The nuns/sisters from the congregation of *"Daughters of Saint Anne"* came in 1996 and were later succeeded by the *"Sisters of Mary immaculate"*, in 1999, under the pupilage of the late Archbishop Nicodemus kirima. WWW.FriendsOfAllamano.Org

THE ROLE OF CHURCHES AND FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WELFARE OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
Archbishop Peter Kairu of Nyeri Archdiocese during the 2011 Allamano Special school celebrations



Archbishop Peter Kairu of Nyeri Archdiocese arriving for the Allamano Feast Day celebrations



The annual commemoration of Allamano Day on February 16th is a highlight in the life of the Mentally Challenged children at allamano special school. It is a day which the Archbishop has consistently placed on his annual calendar of events in the Archdiocese of Nyeri, a testament of the church's commitment in promoting the welfare of the mentally and physically handicapped. During the tenure of the late Archbishop Nicodemus Kirima, the present day Cardinal John Njue, then in the Nyeri Archdiocese served as a member of the Board of Governors at the Allamano special school and was instrumental in addressing critical issues necessary to protect the welfare of the mentally handicapped children at Allamanos.

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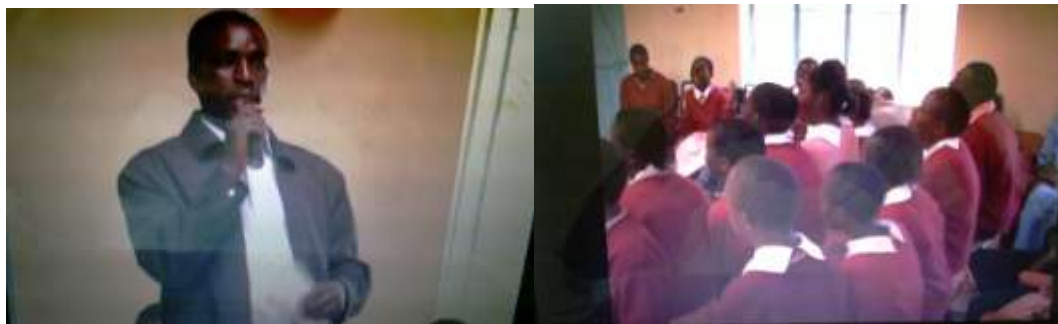


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Moments during the Allamano Day



A word from the Chairman and the hosting Priest Fr James wangai as they welcomed guests@Allamanos



Above: Deputy Head Teacher Mr Wangai is one of the pioneering members of the Allamano Special School team



The “Chapati”- or “Chapo”-is a delicacy that calls for combined efforts to prepare,[<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chapati>] the immediate BOG Chairman Mr Gitahi joins the Kitchen team in preparing part of the festive dish for the children of Allamano special school and their guests on Allamano Feast Day



AllamanoDay.

Something is always **“under construction”** at Allamano Special School-It is an ongoing **“WORK IN PROGRESS”**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jD4oLmy6bU> IMAGES THAT TELL A STORY WWW.FriendsOfallamano.Org

FRIENDS OF ALLAMANO FRATERNITY: OUR PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

Government of the Republic of Kenya***



[*Office of the Provincial commissioner: Office of the district Commissioner--Office of the Provincial Education: Office of the District officers--Office of the chief: Ministry of Education...*]

Consolata Missionaries Kenya

Instituto Missioni consolata Rome ,Turin -Italy

Archdiocese of Nyeri Kenya

Wamagana Catholic Church

Wamagana PCEA Church

Wamagana Primary School [*formerly Wamagana CCM-Mission school]

Wamagana Girls secondary school

Manos Unidas Madrid Spain

OPAM Foundation.

Embassy of the United States of America

Red Cross Society of Norway and Nyeri Kenya

Friends of Father Antonio Gianelli Italy

Kamwenja teachers training college

Kenya Institute of Special Education- (KISE)

Nyeri Moi Complex Primary school

Saint Paul's Seminary Nyeri-Kenya

Kagumo High School Kiganjo- Kenya

Nyeri High School Kenya

Mangu High school

SOS Children's Home Nairobi Kenya

Coca Cola Bottling Company

Hindu Council society

Society of Saint Vincent De Paul-Holy Family Basilica Nairobi

International Rotary Foundation

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Kenya commercial bank

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Special Olympics

Best buddies international

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Kenya Charity sweepstake

Kenya society for the physically handicapped

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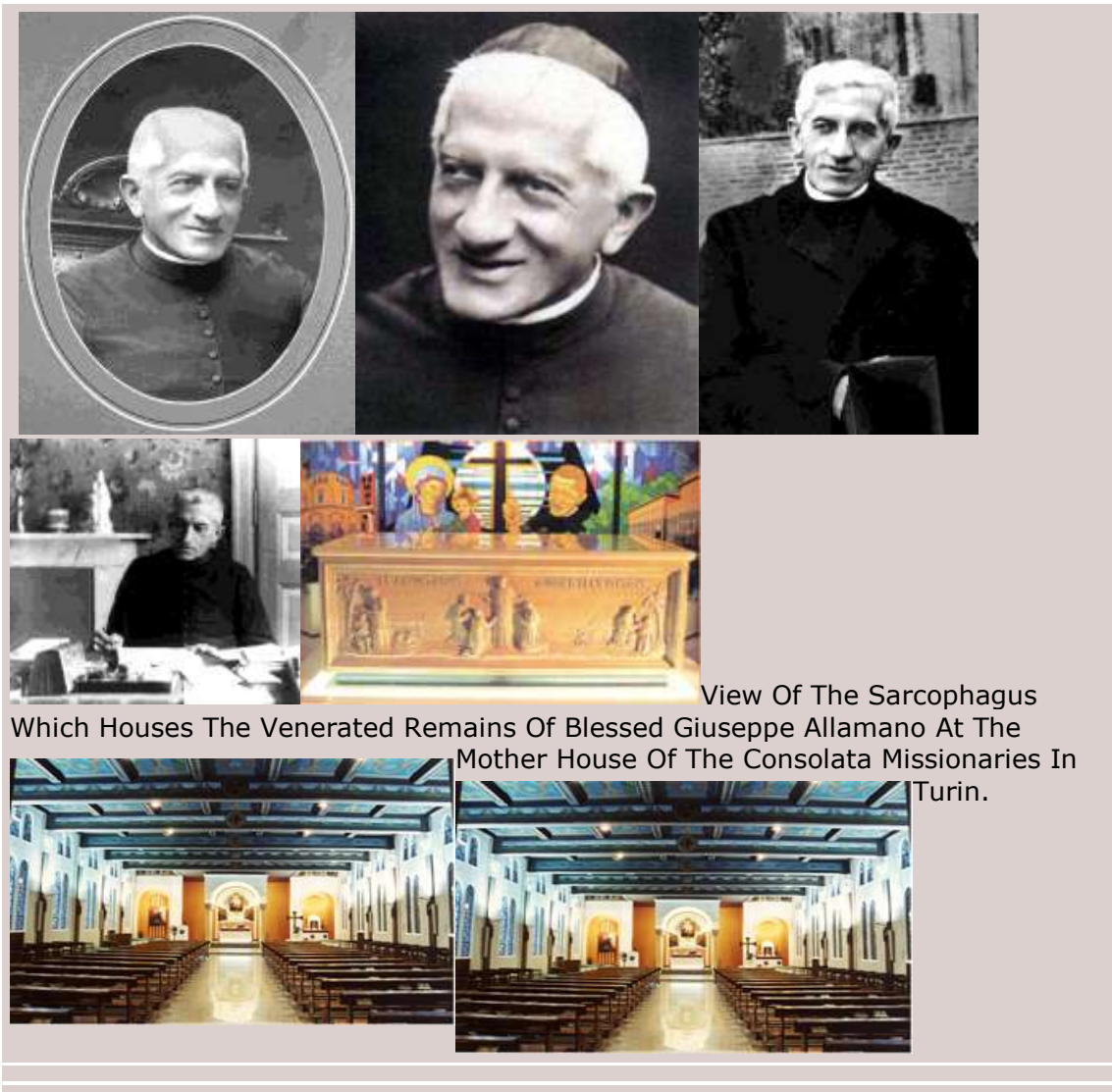
LIST NOT CONCLUSIVE

Joseph Allamano and The Children of Father Antonio Gianelli

Blessed Giuseppe Allamano :- After a near death experience following a ***"SICKNESS IN THE ATTIC, A HEALING & A PROMISE"***- he made following his healing and recovery ,he was led to reach out , first to Africa and later to other continents. [READ ON>](#)



Portrait Of Blessed Giuseppe Allamano (1851 - 1926), Founder Of The Consolata Missionaries.



View Of The Sarcophagus

Which Houses The Venerated Remains Of Blessed Giuseppe Allamano At The Mother House Of The Consolata Missionaries In Turin.

Oasis of Peace and Prayer

The public church of the Consolata Missionaries in Turin, 18 Corso Ferrucci, is named "The Founder's Church", because in a lateral chapel there is the tomb of Blessed Giuseppe Allamano. It is a holy place, object of pilgrimage, an invitation to prayer and meditation, as in a oasis.

<http://en.ismico.org/content/view/73/13/>

JOSEPH ALLAMANO, Founder of the Consolata Missionaries institute

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THE CHILDREN OF FATHER ANTONIO GIANELLI

Some could not speak, and some could not walk, and yet some appeared to struggle with coordinated breath, some could not control salivating, and still some could not feed themselves, as their limbs had failed them: AND: there was one young girl on a makeshift wooden wheel chair that could not see: AND: then one John Kiongo who had cerebral palsy, he sat cowed and fear-full on one corner even as Fr Antonio Gianelli introduced him. But John Kiongo had lost faith in the goodness of humanity and had lived through it all, he just could not trust anymore. These are all graces and faculties most of us take for granted until we lose them. These are the images that I saw on that **Sunday August 10th 1996**

Some of those who were born in, or live in "developed or developing"- countries or cultures may find the above scenario difficult to comprehend. **Society has protected us from such shocking IMAGES.**



Late1980s and Early 1990s Late1990s and Early2000s

The Vatican Declared him "Blessed Pope John Paul 11" on Sunday May 1st 2011.

During his tenure as Pope John Paul 11, he initiated a major review of Vatican and Church guidelines and commemorated a special event-a Jubilee day for persons with disabilities during the commemoration of the Jubilee year celebrations 2000. Read more>-

-: http://www.vatican.va/jubilee_2000/jubilevents/events_jubildisabled_en.htm

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Pope John Paul 11 awarded the- "Pro ecclesia Et Pontifice"- Gold medal to the Allamano Special school project for mentally challenged children in 1999. Pope John Paul 11 acknowledged the special role the allamano Special school was playing in steering the course for the mentally and physically handicapped children after periods of historical persecution ,neglect and social stigma for persons with disabilities in various parts of the world, a subject over which he addressed the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

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THE ROLE OF THE KENYA GOVERNMENT IN THE EDUCATION and WELFARE OF PERSONS MENTAL and PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.



A VOTE OF THANKS



During his concluding remarks, Archbishop Peter Kairu of Nyeri Archdiocese expressed great appreciation for the role the Kenya Government has played at Allamano Special School by providing Teachers, paying for staff, school fees supplements for the mentally challenged children; also for the donations of food and other materials received through the Offices of the Provincial Commissioner and District Commissioner among other independent donors. He also thanked the handicapped children, the community, Teachers and support Staff, University and other students who visit the school and volunteer or assist in many other ways thereby creating more awareness, elevating and promoting the welfare of the mentally and physically challenged children and integrating them in the community and larger society.

THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA and THE UNITED NATIONS on PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

*PS: On 3rd December 2008, the **'United Nations Day for Persons with Disabilities'** - in the Republic of Kenya was commemorated at the Wamagana sports field starting with a demonstration from the Allamano Special school to the field and thereafter a post events reception at the school for the Allamano school for the mentally handicapped children. In attendance were the Cabinet Minister incharge of Disabilities, an assistant minister for health, The permanent secretary, members of the provincial and District administration and National officials representing various organizations involved in promoting the welfare of persons with various disabilities in the country and at the United Nations. The government encouraged parents and members of the community to spread the word and bring out children into the open instead of hiding them away from public view. A recent documentary titled **"LOCKED AND FORGOTTEN"** was aired on the CNN international television Network in 2011 highlighting the plight of persons with mental disabilities and their families. In the month of May of 2011 the documentary was awarded the Amnesty international Award. It is an ongoing crusade with the government and advocacy organizations working together to alleviate the situation that negatively impacts on the life of over 3.5 million persons with disabilities, their next of kin and communities.



A CNN (Cable news Network)-AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AWARD

DOCUMENTARY ON THE STATE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

When a crew from the International CNN made a concerted effort to highlight the plight of the mentally challenged in the documentary "LOCKED and FORGOTTEN", they ultimately found themselves locked up behind closed doors. Threats to call the American Embassy, and some intervention from the Prime Minister's office earned them their freedom from temporary incarceration against their will. In 2011 the crew was awarded the Amnesty international award for their efforts. 6/6/2011 9:53:27 AM

Kenya's mentally ill locked up and forgotten-February 25, 2011|By David McKenzie and Ingrid Formanek, CNN

The tin shack looks like any other in a patch of small plots on the dusty outskirts of Nairobi. It's the haunting sound that grabs you, the awful moaning and cries coming from within. It's Thomas Matoke's home. But it's more like a cell. Matoke, 33, is tied to a steel bedframe with a piece of blue rope. He's surrounded by pools of his urine, his mattress soiled and ripped to shreds.

His moans are interrupted when he chews his hand or the bedframe. He can't speak to tell his mother what he wants or feels. He's alone in his world of screams and agony. He's been like this for 30 years.

Matoke got ill when he was a toddler and lost much of his high-level functioning. So his mother ties him up to prevent him from running away or hurting himself.

Countless trips to doctors and hospitals haven't helped him. And poverty means there isn't much medical help his family can afford.

"His siblings ask whether we wronged God, because we are really suffering," said his mom, ... *"I can't even hang his clothes outside because of the stink. The neighbors complain."* *Shunned by the community*, Moraa does what little she can to ease his agony. *Her life is consumed by trying to take care of her sick son.* But Matoke is not alone.

There are an estimated 3 million, mostly poor, Kenyans living with intellectual and mental disabilities, according to NGO and United Nations figures.

As part of a special investigation, CNN found that families are struggling to cope with their loved ones, receiving little help from the state and facing *massive stigma from society*.

CNN's team filmed *families locking up their loved ones, children discarded by institutions*, cases of suspected sexual abuse. Kenya faces an epidemic of neglect. *"It is such a huge problem,"* said Edah Maina, head of the Kenya Society for the Mentally Handicapped. *"If somebody would understand the extent it is huge, then I think someone can begin to act."*

.....: autistic children chained in chicken coops, epileptic adults sealed in filthy shacks, daughters raped by their fathers. They are overwhelmed. Dr. Frank Njenga, president of the African Association of Psychiatrists and a leading expert in the field, believes the scale is "catastrophic."

http://articles.cnn.com/2011-02-25/world/kenya.forgotten.health_1_neglect-kenyans-autistic-children?_s=PM:WORLD
Retrieved June 6, 2011

ALLAMANO SPECIAL SCHOOL: A MOMENT DURING THE ALLAMANO FEAST DAY



Moments in the compound of the Allamano Special school during the Allamano Day celebrations



The flowerbeds, flora and fauna at Allamano Special School for mentally challenged are one of the reflective hallmarks. They are a reflection of works carried out over the years to improve the ecosystem.



The paved walkways essential for use with wheelchairs for the physically and mentally challenged students were nonexistent in those early years and are still a “WORK IN PROGRESS”.



Most of the major construction works, modifications, painting, repairs and ongoing renovations, is carried out during the school vacations /holidays. Volunteers who work with the children are a regular feature at the Allamano Special School and help with the seasonal activities, maintenance of gardens, flowerbeds etc.



Water is harvested during the rainy seasons in large plastic drums, the pathways are necessary as the red volcanic soil is muddy enough to make it impassable on wheelchairs, not least ,messy after the rains.



The Physiotherapy building above and on the following pages was one of the earlier projects carried out through the efforts and donations sent through the Consolata Missionaries and friends of Allamano and Father Antonio Gianelli from Italy and elsewhere. The equipment are basic and the school could benefit from benefactors as most of the children hail from economically challenged environs having been rescued through the generous efforts of volunteers in the communities and the continuing efforts of the government, NGO's and Church based organizations who work together in the continuing efforts of transforming a culture that has for long been hostile towards persons with mental disabilities.



THE MISSIONARY FACTOR & INFLUENCE <http://www.statehousekenya.go.ke/presidents/kenyatta/profile.htm> Mzee JOMO KENYATTA 1ST PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA



A recent construction at Allamano Special school from the Friends of Allamano concerted efforts have been made to house volunteers who render professional services to the handicapped children, students on attachment or internship, Doctors, nutritionists, etc. It is still a long walk/journey down the road and uphill in this “WORK IN PROGRESS”.



A moment during the commemoration of Allamano Feast Day celebrated yearly on February 16th.



Another “WORK IN PROGRESS” at Allamano Special school for mentally challenged children



A past event at Allamano special School in which the late founders Fr Rossi Ricardo, Fr Antonio Gianelli, Fr Anthony Mathenge, Mr Sisto Wanjohi and the then Provincial Director of Special Education Mr warema participated . WWW.FriendsOfAllamano.Org



Over the years the kitchen has seen much renovations, innovations and dietary creations plus the team work required to make them ready for the many mentally handicapped/challenged students some of whom required special dietary and nutritional arrangements. It is noteworthy that some of the disabilities in the children accepted in the school are directly attributable to malnourishment. Miracles of transformation have occurred with proper feeding and balanced diets. In the above photo the immediate former chairman of the Board of Governors offers a helping hand in kitchen work.



Roti, Chapati (Flat Indian Bread) Recipe by Manjula

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jD4o_Lmy6bU

“COWTIME”@ at Allamano Special School:- Preparing for Milk production



Part of the training at Allamanos involves taking care of livestock at home. It is an art some of the mentally challenged children have perfected and are able to work alongside others at home during their school holidays/vacations. In the past such children would have been locked up in dark chicken or animal pens by their next of kin, tied up or chained, hidden away from the public scrutiny.

APPRECIATING LIVING and LIFE AT ALLAMANOS: ONE DAY AT A TIME as TOMORROW MAY NOT BE OURS

"One Day At A Time" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Y1wtgLAYtA&feature=related>

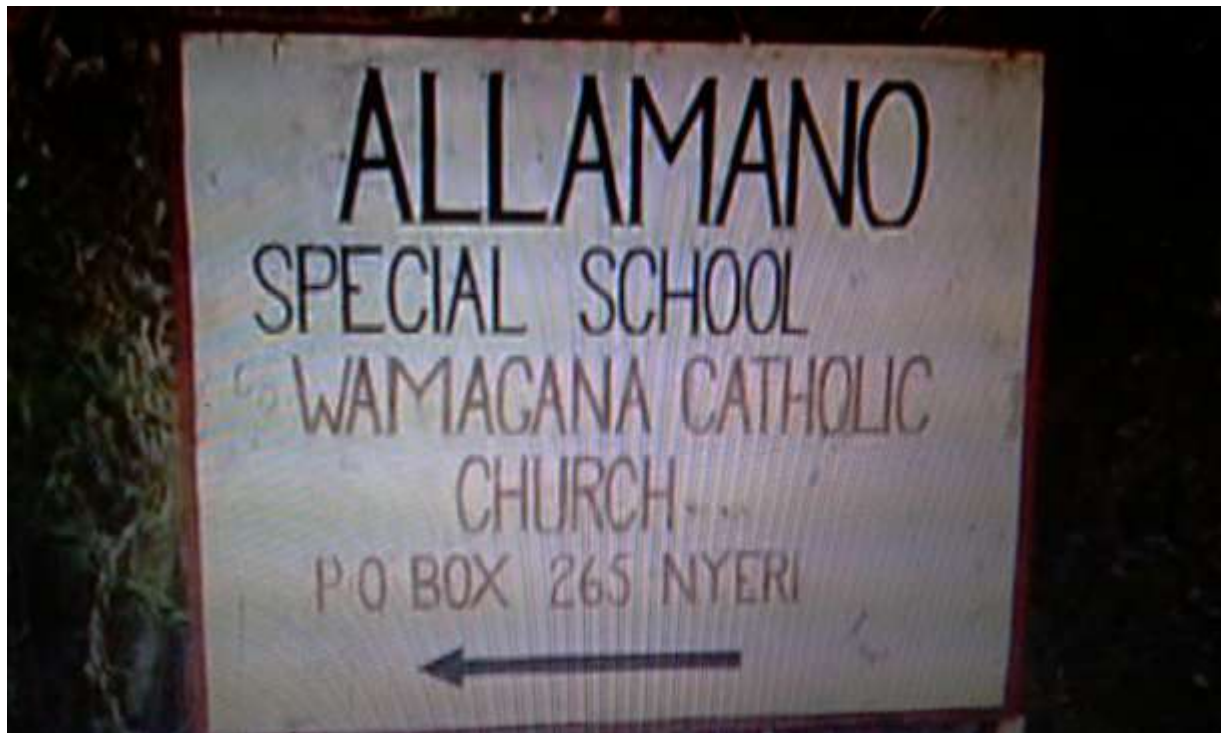
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THE CREW THAT HELPED ORGANIZE AND HOST ALLAMANO FEAST DAY ON FEBRUARY 16th 2011

ONE DAY AT A TIME SWEET JESUS

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7DbpaHgxPI>



His Eye Is On The Sparrow - ... : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvvq955PVyY&feature=related>

Gaither Homecoming - God of the Mountain - live with Lynda Randle

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CM8PaZQg3ww&feature=related>



The role of the Head teacher as the Administrator is a delicate balancing act, a trained teacher by profession, a religious nun of the congregation of Sisters of Mary Immaculate by vocation, the head teacher oversees a wide range of professional teachers and support staff who take daily responsibility on the welfare of the children at Allamano special school for the mentally challenged children. The head teacher's office coordinates public relations activities, government affairs, donors and benefactors, parents and their children, children's sponsors, among other activities that fall within the realm of the government's designated Manager for the school, the Archdiocese of Nyeri Kenya.

A Moment during the Allamano feast day DVD update session: Its been a long journey:ONE DAY AT A TIME: for the Children of Allamano special school and the entire team. FAITH,LOVE and CHARITY and the greatest among theses is LOVE>:



His Eye Is On The Sparrow ...: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvvg955PVyY&feature=related>

The hosting minister/chaplain/priest maintains a close liason and attends to the wholistic nature of the childrens welfare by maintaining open communication with all parties in the school and in the community which was left behind by the founding missionaries of the wamagana Parish, the Consolata missionary institute who through Father Antonio Gianelli IMC and Fr Rossi Ricardo IMC played a major role in shaping the future destiny of the school for mentally handicapped children. Most of the original buildings and infrastructure have been made possible courtesy of the Consolata missionaries and various Friends of Allamano Special School..



The Chairman BOG and Deputy Head teacher during the Allamano Feast Day event on 16th February 2011.

JUST A MOMENT PLEASE--NEWS TIME

When the CNN documentary “LOCKED and FORGOTTEN”- hit the television screens worldwide in February 2011. The world expressed shock. Three months latter in May 2011, Amnesty international awarded the producer an award in recognition of the insights provided on the state of mental health and persons with physical and mental disabilities in Kenya East Africa.

It is too early to celebrate any accomplishments in the field of persons with mental disabilities, but such is the beauty of technology and media outreach that events happening on one corner of the world can be simultaneously communicated and corrective action taken, with little or no collateral damage.

During the second world war, the death of one handicapped child, unchecked, ultimately led to the elimination of over 200,000 mentally and physically challenged in the T4 program. Once the tools were perfected millions of others were eliminated, just because they were different. This is part of the tragic story behind the treatment and handling of persons with disabilities.....●

This website is a work in progress, whilst we forget, that what happens to the handicapped today sets the playground for what happens to us all tomorrow.”The quality of a society is determined by how we treat the weakest in our midst.

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COMMEMORATING ALLAMANO DAY 16th February



The late Fr Anthony Mathenge and the late Fr Antonio Gianelli in ceremonial robe after being conferred the honour of an Elder in the African community where he founded the Allamano Special school in Kenya East Africa.

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COMMEMORATING ALLAMANO DAY AT ALLAMANO SPECIAL SCHOOL

A special note of gratitude and salutation is extended to the Consolata missionaries and **Fr Francesco Viotto IMC** of the **Consolata Missionaries** now in his 80s who from those early days when he served as **Regional Superior of the Consolata Missionaries** has continued to tirelessly execute his role as one of the original 'TRUSTEES'. **THANK YOU**. The Church through the congregation of **Sisters of Mary Immaculate*** continues with the tradition [*] of taking care of the mentally handicapped children. *For the Nuns it is part of their extended Spiritual vocation of service to the community. For the Teachers and Support staff it is more than an income generating career opportunity, it is more than a daily sacrifice, a passion, a way of life. And for all at Allamano Special School it is a special calling.* They are highly qualified and could have elected to serve in other professional areas. And for the many volunteers from the community, schools, persons of various religious affiliations and churches, members of various charitable organizations, the ELDERLY and the YOUTH it is a response to a noble call of "SERVICE ABOVE SELF". **THANK YOU**. And to all those who have traveled from afar, from Europe, the United States, Asia and other African Countries as volunteers or as students on attachment.

THANK YOU

We continue to appreciate your continued support and contribution.

Saturday, June 18, 2011

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