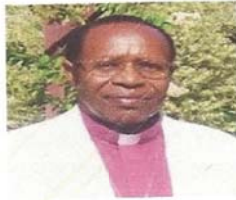


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In Lent season, we commemorate how our Lord was in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. I admired a student who whenever he had to talk about the devil, start with: "Satan is so foolish." Ironically, Satan is both foolish and crafty. Foolish because he uses that same formula and the end he is conquered by the power of the Holy Spirit. He basically uses people and things which are very

dear to us to attack us- our children, relative and property. He does that at opportune time. Particularly when we are preparing and taking off for mission. As we were preparing for mission to Philadelphia, Kenya and Tanzania, he used our property to steal the money we had set aside for the mission. A Tenant vacated and left the water running. We received a bill from the City in amount of \$1900.00. The devil is so foolish because he had done thing like this several times. He forgets that in the end God blesses our mission and also restore what the devil has stolen.

The mission to Philadelphia was characterized by amazing grace and mutual impartation. The main thing was graduation of Anne Mwangi and Cecilia Kariuki, two sisters who are also my cousins. They both received Master of Divinity. The ceremony included reception which was full of laughter and delicacies. Due to the heavy snow, we stayed with the graduates for nine days. The two sisters have diversity of gifts. Anne is a comedian and so she kept us laughing. Cecilia is a Gospel singer and so we sung a lot. Anne who is a physician assistant found that I had congestion and so she put me under medication and as I write this message I am well and feeling great! And they also gave us a book entitled *All Saints: Daily Reflection on Saints, Prophets and Witnesses of our Time* by Robert Ellsberg. We are using this book for daily reflection of the Saints. We were also invited for lunch by a Jewish neurologist, Dr Deborah Roifer and had a great time with her and her friends. We praise God for His goodness. We most grateful to Anne , Cecilia and Dr Roifer for their hospitality.

The great lesson about fighting a good fight of faith and wilderness experience is that we must face everything in the power of the Holy Spirit. He went to the wilderness full of the Holy Spirit and returned to returned to Galilee in the power of the Holy Spirit. Then in the power of the Holy Spirit we will move from glory to glory and in His fullness, we receive grace after grace.

May the peace of God be with you.

Patriarch John XIII