



# Peace and Education:

## *The Way to a Transformed Community*

**Father Hilary Muheezangango**

**Thursday, April 25**

**7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**with a reception at 6:30 p.m.**

**Illini Union Room B**

Growing up in a country that was at the time characterized by domestic violence, illiteracy, poverty, and civil wars, it makes a lot of sense to talk about these two variables: Peace and Education. Worldwide we talk about peace many times, but less do we think how much peace is needed for our own existence. The moment one talks about peace, it means there is violence on the other hand. Absence of peace has penetrated every country, race, culture, political structures, religious affiliations, and families. And each one of us has a stake in the creation of peace. While Education is a fundamental right entitled to every person, it is also a tool for peace building in a society. I will share my own experience and views on how violence and high rates of illiteracy have shielded the development of communities. I will also highlight the importance of education and how it is "the" tool that can bring about peace and transform the communities in which we live.

### **About the Speaker**

Fr. Hilary Muheezangango is a Roman Catholic Priest serving in the Diocese of Kasana-Luweero, Uganda, where he is the Director for Development and Social Services. He is also the Director of the Mulungyomu Agro-Training and Research Center and the Executive Director of COVE Alliance (Children's Outreach and Vocational Education). Born in Uganda, he lived during the dictatorial times of President Idi Amin, and civil war prevented him from going to school until he was 12 years of age. After years of wandering the jungle for safety and living in a refugee camp in Kap-eeka, he received sponsorship for his education and earned degrees at universities in Uganda and the U.S.

