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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

We continue to be most grateful for all of our sponsors and benefactors who make our mission possible. Currently, there are over 125 students sponsored in schools by COHF ranging from kindergarten to college and seminary. One of our strengths is that we try to help children reach their full potential, whether they have learning disabilities or they are among the brightest in their class. In this issue, we continue to highlight our kindergarten programs. Pictured above is Sr. Justina with students at St. Bonaventure School.

COHF is thankful for our extremely generous contributors who support our vital projects. This newsletter reports on the progress of the dormitories for kindergarteners at St. Peter Claver School as well as an update on our health care initiatives.

Congratulations to Bishop Almachius Rweyongeza and the Kayanga Diocese as they celebrate their 10th Anniversary of Inauguration on November 6th.

There will be a COHF mission trip to Tanzania this November. We look forward to visiting with our sponsored students, seeing the benefits of our realized projects and assessing the needs of the people we serve. Sponsors may send me a letter or card and picture to give to their sponsored student. Please keep COHF in your prayers.

May Our Lord Jesus abundantly bless you and your families for your generosity!

St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us!

Sincerely in Christ,

Jane Walsh

Congratulations to Bishop Almachius and the Kayanga Diocese on Their 10th Anniversary

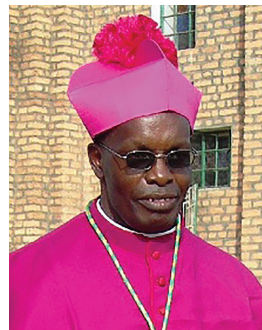
Pope Benedict XVI formed the Kayanga Diocese in 2008 from the very large Rulenge Diocese. Congratulations to Bishop Almachius and the Kayanga Diocese on their 10th Anniversary. Bishop Severine of the Rulenge Diocese assigned Fr. Johndamaseni Zilimu, co-founder of COHF, to the new Diocese. COHF has been helping the newly formed Kayanga Diocese from the beginning.

Below are excerpts from a letter from Rt. Rev. Almachius Rweyongeza, Bishop of Kayanga Diocese

RE: Appreciation for support from Children of Hope and Faith...

"I avail myself of this opportunity to greet you in Christ's name. May I also take this occasion to thank you... for the love and efforts you are showing in supporting my young Diocese of Kayanga. In fact, I lack sweet and appropriate words that can suffice to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to you as you have devoted yourselves to support my young Diocese especially for the education and health of orphans, vulnerable children, widows and pregnant women who surely lack environment for quality and better education and health provision.

I accompany you with prayers and blessings for current and future plans you have set for my young Diocese. I believe



that through your efforts and love to the work of evangelization, while supporting the efforts to educate children, the Holy Spirit will always continue to guide every step you make in serving the Church of Christ. I surely appreciate the work being done for the young in education and health institutions and in a special way St. Peter Claver Kindergarten School which has begun already while dormitories'

construction has begun, tuition for seminarians and other assistances rendered to my young Diocese of Kayanga.

May God's abundant blessings remain with you as you praise and bear witness to His merciful love." ■

HEALTH CARE UPDATE

COHF truly appreciates the generosity of our health care donors. We are very grateful to the donor who provided funding for the operating room equipment for St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center. This equipment consists of an operating table, lamps and surgical supplies. The health care personnel are very grateful for our assistance.

Medical equipment and supplies were also obtained for St. Vincent Businde Dispensary through your generosity.

Excerpt from a letter from the Director, Fr. Erick Muganyizi

“On behalf of the entire community of Businde Dispensary; we are really very grateful, and with appreciation and acknowledgement for your support which has helped us to reach a certain stage of giving good service to our people.

We thank the Almighty God for this great gift and also kindly give thanks to you our beloved donor for hearing our cry and being ready to support us without hesitation. Thanks a lot! May the Good Lord bless you and be with you in all that you do...”

The medical supplies purchased through your generosity are very basic in our health centers and even in our homes. However, they are precious commodities for our brothers and sisters in Tanzania. Thank you for helping those in great need! ■

TRAINING OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL

A very important way that COHF supports health care is by the education of health care professionals. In May, Br. Edward Gaspar, a member of the St. Charles Lwanga Congregation, and Revina Revelian graduated from St. Magdalene and Sengerema Nursing Schools, respectively. Congratulations to both of them for their wonderful accomplishment. Br. Edward and Revina will be able to serve their communities by providing much needed medical care.

We currently have two students at Sengerema School of Medicine. Br. John Bosco Mwemezi, also with St. Charles Lwanga Congregation, is in advanced studies for Assistant Medical Officer and Adeltha Zilimu is in her first year.

A tremendous thank you to all their sponsors who make their education in health care possible! ■

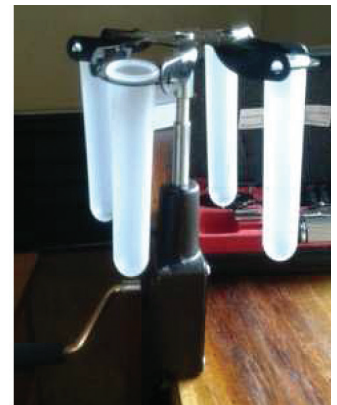


Br. Edward Gaspar providing medical care while in nursing school.

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Showing the purchased medical equipment for St. Vincent Businde Catholic Dispensary, Kayanga Catholic Diocese.



F.A.S.T. EVENT BENEFITTED ANGEL HOME ORPHANAGE

Many thanks to the 5th -8th grade students and their teachers at St. Matthew School for the 8th Annual Festival of Art, Service and Talent (F.A.S.T.)! The 8th grade students had the opportunity to both write the skits and perform in “The Road”. The performance depicted the two roads in life between being who God created you to be versus trying to fit in with others. The students were very creative with scenes including Zumba and Karate classes. Students in 5th -8th grade sang to accompany the skits. Beautiful artwork created by the students was available for purchase.

The proceeds from F.A.S.T. provided basic care for the children at Angel Home Orphanage including food, clothing and medicine. A special thank you to Sr. Mary George and Mr. Bill Geerdes for giving St. Matthew students the opportunity to use their time and talent to help children most in need. ■

PROJECTS AND UPDATES



ST. PETER CLAVER KINDERGARTEN PROJECT ON IT'S WAY TO BEING FINISHED...

A huge THANK YOU to all who have generously supported the St. Peter Claver Kindergarten project! We are most grateful for three very generous donors who contributed \$5,000 each; one of the major donors obtained a charitable matching gift from Exelon and one of the donations is a grant from the Dominican Sisters. Many thanks to those who contributed to this project through the Lenten Project: "Building-up God's Little Ones." The dormitories are on their way to being finished. This work has been very challenging, but a necessary project for us and we greatly appreciate all of your support! ■



(Left) Sr. Justina and students at St. Bonaventure School.

(Below) Solar energy panel being installed at St. Bonaventure.



ST. BONAVENTURE ENGLISH MEDIUM PRE AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

St. Bonaventure School is a new grade school owned and operated by the Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette in the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese. It opened January 8, 2018 with 25 students in preschool and Year 1 kindergarten. There are 6 children from Angel Home Orphanage and COHF is currently sponsoring 5 students.

Sr. Justina Ekibenda helped to found St. Bonaventure School and is the Assistant Principal. She is Fr. John's biological sister and a Franciscan Sister of St. Bernadette. Sr. Justina did her undergraduate studies in the U.S. and earned a Masters Degree in Education from St. Leo University in Florida.

She very much enjoys the young children. Sr. Justina asked Fr. John and COHF for help when the children were afraid of the dark and crying in the night. We funded a small solar energy project to provide electricity for lighting. Sr. Justina reports that everyone is very happy! ■

END OF YEAR GIVING AND EMPLOYER MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM

Please consider Children of Hope and Faith for your end of the year giving! Please inquire whether your employer has a matching gift program for charities.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. AUGUSTINE KAISHO SECONDARY SCHOOL

The school was ranked 1st in the nation for Catholic Advanced Schools (Form Six National Exams 2018). Congratulations on their wonderful achievement! We especially acknowledge the principal and teachers for all of their hard work and dedication. They are thankful for COHF's contribution in helping them to be one of the best secondary schools in the country (Solar Energy project for electricity for lighting). ■



Amos Charles and Pendo Blasio with Fr. Robert Kimbaleba at graduation from St. Augustine Secondary School Form IV



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IN GRATITUDE FOR VITAL SUPPORT

A special thank you to St. Matthew Church for the opportunity of a Mission Appeal. We are also most grateful to Holy Cross Parish for hosting the Arts & Crafts Bazaar.

ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR 2018

Holy Cross Parish Center, Champaign, IL
Saturday, October 13, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 14, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

For more information about the Bazaar, or to volunteer, please contact Tracy Duchinsky at (217) 721-2524



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